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Dates for your Diary - March 2026

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Mon 23 rd March	Wanborough Parish Council Meeting	7pm		Wanborough Village Hall

In addition to the above dates

Wanborough Coffee morning every Thursday at 10.30am at The Brewer's Arms

Wanborough Toddler Group every Tuesday at 9.30am at Wanborough Village Hall

Liddington Art Club every Friday 2-4pm at Liddington Village Hall

Freedom Church 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month at 10.30am at Wanborough Village Hall

Save the Date - Future events in the Villages

Date	Event	Time	Location
Sat 25 th April to Sun 10 th May 2026	Wanborough Scarecrow Trail		Wanborough Village
Wed 8 th April 2026	Gardening Club	7pm	Bishopstone Village Hall
Friday 18 th April 2026	Wanborough Tennis Club AGM	8pm	Hooper's Field
Fri 5 th & Sat 6 th June 2026	Old Boilers – Beer Festival		Calley Arms
Thurs 11 th June 2026	WI	7pm	Bishopstone Village Hall
Sat 22 nd August 2026	Wanborough Show		Church Meadow

If you have a village event that you would like to advertise so that we can all save the date e-mail details to lydenmagazine@gmail.com.

Wanborough Farmer's Market & Community Café

On Saturday **21st March** we will be supporting Wanborough Primary School PTA for our charity.

For a donation you can enjoy homemade cakes and hot drinks.

Then you can browse the stalls some new, some regular and enjoy your morning .We have several new traders in March including:-

Goodness Gracious Ginger, selling exotic healthy drinks.

Jacqueline Marchant, homemade, handcrafted soaps and candles, Willow and Moss fresh flowers, lots of interesting things to look at and buy .Meat ,cakes chocolates

We look forward to seeing you there from **9am to 12 noon**.

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A letter from the Vicar – February 2026

Dear Friends

The Parish of the Wellspring Villages has the joyful event this month of a **Confirmation Service at St. Andrew's, Wanborough, at 4pm on Sunday 22nd March** conducted by the Bishop of Swindon. All are welcome to join us for this tremendous service of personal commitment and renewal.



One of the very attractive aspects of Christianity is that God's love can be and is received into each human heart personally. We are not born into the Christian faith because of our national or family heritage.

Each one of us needs to personally respond to Christ's invitation to believe and trust in him, and thus to receive His personal presence into our heart and life. God respects our individuality and freedom of will and doesn't simply barge his way in against our will. God loves us and gave himself for us but we do need to respond to that love, to open the door of our hearts and invite him to come in.

For Christian people faith is a personal walk with God each day. Isaiah says God calls us by name "I have called you by name, you are mine" and Jesus talks about the hairs of our head being numbered, the love sick Father running to welcome his returning prodigal son and the shepherd leaving the 99 sheep alone on the hillside while he goes off looking for the one lost sheep that had gone astray. And of course, when he finds it, great is His rejoicing, as it is in heaven, says Jesus, over each returning soul. Hence a Confirmation Service is a very personal moment with God for each candidate. In it we can make our individual response of faith to Jesus' invitation to come to him to have life in all its fullness. If we were baptised as an infant others made that decision for us but in Confirmation, we make it our own personal response.

It is not too late to be Confirmed at the end of the month if that is something you would like to consider for yourself? Do contact me and we can explore this further. Or do just come along to the service and see what it is all about.



Kind regards

Revd, Steve Paynter

Stevedpaynter@gmail.com

01793 296870

Church Services. Full details on www.achurchnearyou.com

Prayer:

O God,

You created me to enjoy a relationship with you. At the beginning of Lent, I admit that I'm sinful, and often fall away.

You're the God of holiness, love, and justice. In your mercy, you draw near to me. Thank you that you planned a way that I might return to you through Jesus.

Draw me into a deeper understanding of your plan for salvation this Lenten Season, so that I would grow my trust in you

Amen

Church Services March / April 2026

For the villages of Liddington and Wanborough in The Parish of Wellspring Villages

Date	Time	Church	Service
Sunday 1 st March	10.30am	All Saints' Liddington	Holy Communion
Sunday 8 th March	10.30am	St Mary's Church, Bishopstone	Holy Communion
Sunday 15 ^h March	10.30am	St Andrew's Church, Wanborough	Holy Communion
Sunday 22 nd March	4pm	St Andrew's Church, Wanborough	Confirmation Service
Sunday 22 nd March	10.30am	St Swithun's, Hinton Parva	Holy Communion
Thursday 2 nd April	7pm	St Andrew's Church, Wanborough	Maundy Thursday Seder
Friday 3 rd April	2-3pm	St Mary's Church, Bishopstone	Good Friday Walk
Sunday 5 th April	10.30am	All Saints' Liddington	Easter Day Family Holy Communion

There are Books of Remembrance in All Saints', Liddington and St. Andrew's, Wanborough. If anyone wishes to have a name recorded there, please contact a Churchwarden.

Electoral Roll Revision 2026

What is the Church Electoral Roll?

It is your parish church's register of electors. In the same way that being on the civic Electoral Roll allows you to vote in parliamentary and local elections and referenda, joining the Church Electoral Roll means that you can vote on Church matters, attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) and stand for election to the PCC.

Do I have to join?

You can, of course, be a full and active member of Wellspring Villages without joining the Roll. Being on the Electoral Roll does not entail signing up to any additional commitments, however, it does help the Church show its strength. Representation on the governing bodies of the church depends on the number on the Electoral Roll.

Joining the Roll is compulsory if you wish to:

- Stand for election to the PCC or other synodical council (such as the Deanery, Diocesan or General Synod)
- Attend the APCM and participate in votes

Who can be included on the Electoral Roll?


To be entitled to be included on the Electoral Roll, a lay person must have been Baptised, and attained their sixteenth birthday on or before the date of the annual parochial church meeting, and submitted a signed application form for enrolment, and must be one of the following:

- ◇ a member of the Church of England, or of a Church in communion with the Church of England, and resident in the parish; or
- ◇ a member of the Church of England and, not being resident in the parish, to have habitually attended public worship in the parish during a period of six months prior to enrolment; or
- ◇ a member in good standing of a Church which subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity (not being a Church in communion with the Church of England) and also prepared to declare himself to be a member of the Church of England having habitually attended public worship in the parish during a period of six months prior to enrolment.

The electoral roll is fully renewed every 6 years (everyone needs to reapply). The current cycle started on 15 March 2025.

Liddington 100 Club

The winner for January is Mr Vic pound - congratulations - Caroline Tams



Front Cover

This month's front cover is a picture was taken by Paul Robson.

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THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT
ON THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL OF THE PARISH OF:
Wellspring Villages



WELLSPRING Villages

Full name: _____

Preferred title (if any): _____

Postal Address _____

Postcode: _____

Email address (optional): _____

I declare that –

1. I am baptised, am a lay person and am aged 16 or over (or become 16* on _____)

* A person who is going to become 16 during the next 12 months may complete this Form and will then be eligible to have his or her name entered on the Roll on his or her 16th birthday.

**** 2A.** I am a member of the Church of England or of a Church in communion with the Church of England and am resident in the parish.

OR

2B. I am a member of the Church of England or of a Church in communion with the Church of England, am not resident in the parish,

[but have habitually attended public worship in the parish during the preceding six months]

[and would have habitually attended public worship in the parish during the preceding six months but was prevented from doing so because _____]***

** Tick only one of 2A and 2B

*** If you tick 2B in circumstances where a new Roll is being prepared, you must delete either the first set of words in square brackets or the second set. If you delete the first set, you must complete the second set by filling in the space at the end. See Note 3 for further information. If completing the form in a digital format, use the tick boxes, where provided to indicate which set of words is true.

I declare that the above answers are true and I apply for inclusion on the Church Electoral Roll of the parish.

Signed _____

Date _____



Wanborough Parish Council

Wanborough Parish Council and its committees met during January to consider the parish budget for 2026/27, planning matters, Hooper's Field facilities and a range of community issues. Key updates are summarised below.

Budget and Precept 2026/27

The Parish Council agreed a precept of £171,407 for 2026/27, representing a 7% increase, which equates to £114.83 for a Band D household. The budget supports ongoing village services, community facilities and planned improvements at Hooper's Field.

The Council also agreed a 5% increase in club licence fees for the coming year. Hall hire charges at Hooper's Field will remain unchanged at £12 per hour.

Hooper's Field and Sports Facilities

Hooper's Field continues to be a well-used and valued community asset. The recently installed cricket nets are now in place, and an interim access policy has been agreed while updated club licences are progressed. These licences are being reviewed to ensure appropriate governance, safeguarding and shared-use arrangements.

The Council also approved a £500 contribution towards electrical works at the Bowls Club, provided as match funding.

Sports Club Updates

Village sports clubs reported positive activity:

- Wanborough Bowls Club enjoyed a successful 2025 season and is planning a Charity Open Weekend from 24–26 May 2026
- Wanborough Tennis Club confirmed the installation of new court lighting as part of ongoing improvements

Cricket and Pétanque clubs continue to see good engagement, with discussions taking place about holding a joint open day at Hooper's Field later in the year

Planning Matters

A number of planning applications were considered during January, including householder developments within the village and an appeal relating to a dropped kerb on the High Street. Decisions made by Swindon Borough Council were also noted, including refusal of a proposed replacement dwelling at The Marsh due to its countryside impact.

Community Safety and Environment

- Replacement defibrillator pads have been ordered, and further defibrillator training sessions are planned for the summer due to strong demand

Ongoing issues including potholes, flooding, fly-tipping and highways matters have been raised with Swindon Borough Council by the Ward Councillor.

Full minutes of all meetings are available on the Parish Council website at www.wanborough.info. Residents are always welcome to contact the Parish Clerk with any questions or concerns.

Village Handyperson Vacancy

Wanborough Parish Council is seeking to appoint a **skilled, self-employed Village Handyperson** to support the ongoing care and maintenance of public spaces and facilities throughout the Parish.

This important role helps keep Wanborough's footpaths, play areas, green spaces and community facilities safe, tidy and welcoming for residents and visitors alike. The work is largely outdoors and will be carried out under the direction of the Parish Council via the Parish Clerk.

The Handyperson will be responsible for a wide range of tasks, including regular inspections and minor maintenance of play areas, bus shelters and footpaths, litter picking in key public spaces, and general upkeep of Parish land and facilities. Seasonal duties include strimming, shrub and path maintenance, painting and varnishing of Parish furniture, and assisting with seasonal preparation such as leaf clearing or snow clearance.

The role is offered on a **self-employed basis**, with approximately **28 hours per week**. Applicants must hold **public liability insurance** and provide their **own equipment**, including a strimmer, hedge cutter and lawnmower. Previous experience using petrol-powered machinery is essential. The successful applicant will be reliable, flexible, able to complete basic inspection checklists, and comfortable interacting courteously with members of the public.

Anyone interested in this opportunity, or who would like further details, is invited to contact the Parish Clerk.

Contact details:

Email: clerk@wanborough.info

Phone: **07588 769829**

Closing date: Friday 13th March 2026

The Parish Council encourages anyone with the right skills and experience to apply.

Joint Statement: Securing the Future of Wanborough Village Hall

Wanborough Village Hall, also known as St Andrew's Hall, has been at the heart of village life for over a century. Established in 1924, it has long provided a welcoming space for meetings, events, classes and social activities for residents of all ages.

The current lease has only six years remaining, which further emphasises the importance of securing the Hall's long-term future.

The Hall currently operates under a long-standing and successful lease arrangement.

Ownership rests with the Diocese of Bristol, with local responsibility exercised through the Parochial Church Council. Day-to-day management is overseen by the trustees of the Wanborough Village Hall charity, and Wanborough Parish Council acts as tenant and custodian trustee. All helping to ensure that the Hall remains available as a valuable community asset.

In 2023, the Village Hall charity received a generous legacy from the late Mrs I J Masters of Wanborough. This gift was made specifically to further the Hall's charitable objectives: providing a meeting place and facilities for the benefit of the whole community.

Following careful consideration and professional advice, the trustees believe this legacy creates a rare opportunity to secure the Hall's long-term future by purchasing the building. Local ownership would remove uncertainty and help ensure that the Hall remains a protected community asset for generations to come.

Discussions between the Village Hall trustees, Wanborough Parish Council and the Parochial Church Council have been positive, collaborative and shaped by a shared commitment to the amenity of the village. All parties agree that any proposed purchase must be financially sustainable and must safeguard the Hall's continued use for the community.

The charity is confident that a purchase could be undertaken prudently, while retaining sufficient reserves for ongoing maintenance and some future improvements. No immediate financial contribution would be required from parish residents or the Parish Council in order to complete a purchase.

If the purchase proceeds, steps would be taken to strengthen long-term governance and protection of the Hall. These may include updating the charity's legal arrangements so it can hold property directly, retaining a formal custodian or trustee role for the Parish Council, and registering the Hall as an Asset of Community Value.

Wanborough Village Hall has always been a shared endeavour between church, council and community. This proposal represents a proactive and collaborative step to secure its future and ensure it continues to serve the village for many years to come.

The proposed purchase is likely to take several months while all parties go through the required legal and regulatory processes.

Simon James, Treasurer of Wanborough Village Hall charity, said

The Trustees of the charity are grateful to Mrs Masters for her generous gift, which has created the opportunity for the charity to secure the Hall's future. We are confident that this is the best way to further the charity's objectives of providing a meeting place to improve the conditions of life for the inhabitants of the Parish.

As the charity moves forward, we would welcome more people to get involved in the work of the trustees and the committee in managing, maintaining and developing the Hall's facilities. Please contact the Secretary, Sarah Ingram (sarahingram@btinternet.com) if you would like to get involved.

Wanborough Parish Council spokesperson said:

The Parish Council expressed strong support for the proposals. Members highlighted that the Village Hall is a much-valued and well-used community asset, and ensuring its long-term safeguarding is a priority. It was noted that any future arrangements must include appropriate protections, including a clear backstop or wind-up clause.

Wellspring Villages PCC said:

Wellspring Villages PCC has indicated that the intent is for the proceeds to remain within Wanborough and be reinvested locally in support of St Andrew's Church and its facilities, helping to ensure that the wider benefit of the transaction stays within the village.

Plans are currently being developed with the support of a conservation architect and will be made available for people to view in the church and shared more widely in due course.



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Liddington Parish Council

As we move into early spring, the Parish Council would like to share a brief update on recent activity and ongoing work across the village.

Council Meetings and Local Issues

The Council has continued to address a range of matters raised by residents, including highway concerns and general village upkeep. We are very grateful to those who take the time to report issues — your observations help us act quickly and liaise effectively with Swindon Borough Council and other agencies.

Highways and Traffic

Speeding remains a key concern for many residents. The Council is currently exploring further options to support the road safety team, including additional monitoring and engagement with the relevant authorities. We will keep the community updated as discussions progress. The work undertaken by those village residents involved is much appreciated.

Road Sweeping

The contractor carried out road sweeping across the village on 19th January. This annual maintenance helps keep our roads clean and safe and we appreciate the positive feedback this received from residents noticing how much smarter the village looked after the sweep.

Purley Road Verges Clean Up

We have a team of village volunteers of circa 20, and their work has been tremendous in clearing a lot of the brush and brambles, creating a much safer route for walkers.

We expect to plant a hedge, which will be kept to a reasonable height over the years, in conjunction with Wiltshire Wildlife Trust, and the volunteers will be very much needed to assist! We also look forward to seeing the impact of the significant bulb planting that was undertaken in the autumn, down this stretch of road.

Village Clean-Up – Saturday 21st March 2026

Our next Village Clean-Up is on Saturday 21st March from 9.30am to 11.30am. We will meet at Jubilee Gardens at 9.30am. Materials will be provided. There will be refreshments at The Village Inn afterwards.

Community Engagement

We are always keen to hear from residents who wish to become more involved in village life. Whether through volunteering, sharing ideas, or attending Council meetings, your participation strengthens our community and helps shape future priorities.

Upcoming Meetings

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Wednesday 4th March 2026 at 7pm in the village hall. As always, members of the public are welcome to attend. If you have a matter, you would like the Council to consider, please contact the Clerk ahead of the meeting.

And Finally

With spring just around the corner, we hope residents enjoy the lighter evenings and the first signs of the season emerging around the village. Thank you for your continued support and engagement.

Laura Evans, Clerk to Liddington Parish Council

Liddington Book Club

The Liddington Book Club met on Tuesday 20 January to discuss their latest read – *Wild* by Kristin Hannah.

This book tells the story of a little girl found in a small town with no voice. The story unfolds as she grows in confidence and builds relationships with her therapist, who becomes her main caregiver. A book with some great twists and an unexpected ending.

Rated 4.17 on Goodreads, members of the bookclub were mostly in agreement that this was a good story. With great character development and beautifully descriptive writing, it also seems to have got a few tears. But the best bookclubs are when there is disagreement! Some felt that there was needless description that didn't add to the story and some sub-storylines not needed.

However, overall most attendees said that they would reach for another book by this author. I recommend *The Women* – a brilliant read about the women that served in the Vietnam war.

Our next book will be *The Names* which we will discuss in February. A debut novel by Florence Knapp. The group meets on the third Tuesday of each month in The Village Inn, Liddington.

Lesley O'Keeffe



Your Ridgeway Borough Councillor update from Gary Sumner

Ridgeway Ward Surgery is 7th March at Wanborough Village Hall.

Wanborough Road: The lake in the road outside Lotmead has caused great problems for many and I've been speaking with the Streetworks team and Highways and a permit has been issued to deal with the drainage works following which the remaining highways and pavement improvement works can get under way. I have had several site meetings with existing residents at Lotmead.

Inlands Farm: On the 11th February a formal planning application was submitted (**S/26/0173**) for up to 275 homes in countryside in the 'Area of Non Coalescence'. I'm sure residents will join us in opposing this speculative application. From an initial look at the documents they claim that it is a sustainable site as for education purposes Wanborough Primary School is within a 15 minute walk and apparently the site is at a low risk of flooding. Anyone who drives into The Marsh at this time of year will see large areas under water.

We already have some 9,300 homes coming forward in the 'New Eastern Villages' (so far with only one primary school) and this site is both highly visible from the 'National Landscape' where Pack Hill is the boundary. And the owners want to retain the surrounding land for 'farming' which will undoubtedly lead to mission creep in the future if this were approved. As your Ward Councillor I have already called in the application should officers consider approving. **We will fight this all the way!**

Southern Connector Road: I have a meeting with the Corporate Director at Swindon Borough Council in the next week to receive an update and a timeline for remedial works.

Redlands Grove: We had a meeting for Redlands Grove residents at the Cross Keys on the 7th February to listen to their concerns and provide a few updates. The developers are going to be submitting an application to vary the planning consent to try to remove the shop. The primary school is now definitely going ahead but Swindon Borough Council have submitted an appeal against the funding being withdrawn for the Great Stall East secondary school and the Lotmead Primary School.

Liddington: I hope we will all get involved in the tree planting on Purley Road which is likely to extend into March. I had a lovely message thanking me for the introduction to Wiltshire Wildlife which has saved the Parish Council some £11,000 in terms of the cost of plants and the planting and analysis support received would have cost a lot more than that. Potholes – what can I say – we all report them, but the standard of repair appears poor and they break up very quickly. I'm told this is due to the weather.

Please call me on 07855957133 or email: gary@ridgewayvillages.co.uk

Ridgeway Villages website: www.ridgewayvillages.co.uk

Inlands Farm Planning Application

SBC Planning Reference - S/26/0173 - Outline planning application with all matters reserved (except for access into the site) for the proposed development of up to 275 residential dwellings, a new community building (mixed use Class E and F2), open space, vehicular and pedestrian accesses, landscaping, drainage measures and all other associated works.

Plans and supporting documents can be viewed on Swindon Borough Council's website

<http://pa.swindon.gov.uk/publicaccess>

by searching on planning application using the above reference number or use the QR code below.

Comments need to be submitted to Swindon Borough Council via the online portal or

E-mail - SBCDC@swindon.gov.uk or

Write to: FOA Mr Ralph Chakadya (Planning Officer)

Civic Offices Euclid Street Swindon Wiltshire, SN1 2JH

Always quote reference
S/26/0173



Support your local pubs if you can

Excuse the intrusion but several Liddington residents wanted to make a plea to the wider audience about the importance of our local pubs and supporting them, hence my plea.

As Liddington residents this is specifically regarding The Village Inn, but equally applies to the 5 pubs in Wanborough, and on a personal level The Calley, which I have been to numerous times, brilliantly run by John and his team.

Adam and Emma, and all landlords, I have absolutely no doubt, work tirelessly and long hours to provide a hub for village life.

For example, The Village Inn provides:

- A venue for several clubs and organisations, eg Bellringers, Diviners, Dog walkers, Flying club, Old Codgers group, Stargazers to name but a few
- Quiz, first Thursday every month 7pm
- Open Mic night, second Thursday every month
- Themed nights, eg Burns night recently
- Most recently a Poker night was very successfully hosted

So, if you are part of a club or organisation, consider whether they could be held in one of the local pubs maybe, or perhaps go for a drink after the activity has completed.

Another creative approach. Maurice Spillane ran a talk on his unbelievable trip to Nepal in January. No less than 70 people turned up. Are there other similar type talks that might be of interest to others?

We also have a Whats App group in The Village, imaginatively called Liddington Chat. We meet up, usually the last Wednesday of the month, everyone is very welcome, typically a 6.30 pm start.

Lunchtimes can be incredibly busy, and regardless of your personal preference on drinking, it is not necessarily restricted to alcoholic drinks, with plenty of 0% options, as well as the more obvious soft drinks and of course teas and coffees.

A small number of us, with Adams' total buy in, have offered help and support to the Village Inn, beyond the above. We have a series of events planned, but we are testing the water first on Saturday 7th March with 'A game night', no not monopoly, but local produce!

Pheasant being the main attraction on this menu. We are restricting this to 40 tickets initially, and we think they will be well over subscribed.

It cannot be stressed the difference supporting events such as this makes. Costs for all small businesses are up so much, and it is difficult when we know many people are also struggling on a personal level.

However, if you do have the ability to support any of the 6 pubs, perhaps making a concerted effort to have a meal once pm extra, or just pop in for a drink with friends, it would be so appreciated.

I can personally speak for The Plough, The Calley, The Cross Keys and of course The Village Inn, where the food has been of a high standard, when I have visited, and very reasonably priced. I know times are hard but a personal plea. If we could get say just 10% of the readership of this publication to go and attend any of the pubs just once pm extra, it would go a long way to ensure they stay open so we may continue to enjoy them for years to come.

Many thanks for reading it is appreciated.

Simon Hayter



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Wanborough Scarecrow Trail

Saturday 25th April to Sunday 10th May 2026

Theme – The World of Theatre & Musicals

Follow the trail of over 35 scarecrows around Wanborough Village

£3.00 per trail sheet / £1.50 per Children's activity sheet

Buy your entry forms and children's activity sheets from The Brewer's Arms, The Harrow and The Plough Inn or the refreshment stands during the weekends

Refreshments, toilets and trail sheets available at Wanborough Village Hall / The Harrow (start) and Wanborough Primary School (half way point) every Sat, Sun and BH Monday 10am to 4pm

A great family day out

For further details go to www.wanborough.info
Or e-mail: wanboroughscarecrow@yahoo.com

Raising money for Wanborough Primary School PTA (Charity No.1102818)
And The Big Breakfast Plus (Charity No.1197825)



Wanborough Scarecrow Trail 2026

We are pleased to confirm that the theme of this year's scarecrow trail is "The World of Theatre & Musicals".

We are looking for some more volunteers to make a scarecrow, please get in touch if you are able to help. You don't need to live on the route you can still make one and we will find a place for it to go somewhere on the trail.

E-mail - wanboroughscarecrow@yahoo.com

Many thanks to all our sponsors who have already come forward and offered to cover the cost of either a prize or hall hire or stationery. There's still time if your company would like to help please get in touch via the above e-mail. Sponsorship means that all the money raised during the scarecrow trail can be split evenly between the two charities. Many thanks



Wanborough Bowls Club

Your friendly local community club Welcomes new members - Come and have a go!

We believe everybody should realise the joy and benefit of playing sport, and there are so many reasons why bowls is ideally placed to unlock these fantastic advantages.

Here are some reasons to give bowls a try:

Playing bowls is very doable.

Whatever your physique, bowls is a sport for everybody, and it will help improve your fitness levels and mental wellbeing.

Bowls is not expensive.

To get going you don't need lots of new kit, just come along with a flat pair of shoes or trainers. We have bowls available for practice to suit everyone.

Even when you get the bug and want to join us, a set of bowls and joining our club is not expensive.

Bowling is not just for the 'older' generation, it is Open to All, any age and any ability.

So, it's a perfect sport to spend time and enjoy a bit of friendly competition amongst like-minded people.

Bowls clubs are sociable places full of people looking to have fun.

So, bowls is a great way to relax, make new friends, join in and feel part of your local community.

For more info, please call Martin – 07753 743996

Wanborough Bowls Club, Hooper's Field, Rotten Row, Wanborough, Swindon SN4 0AN



Wanborough Tennis Club



QUIZ TIME

We are holding a Quiz night on Friday 13th March. Do put a team together and join us for a fun, competitive evening. Details:

Quiz: Friday 13th March

Venue: Wanborough Village Hall

Time: Doors open 7pm for prompt start at 7.30pm

Quizmaster: Martin Hook

Price per team member: £10 per person

Maximum 6 members per team

Licensed Bar (cash/card) and Raffle

Snacks and nibbles will be provided on the table but feel free to bring your own supplies

Raising money for Wanborough Tennis Club



UPDATES

Tournament

The Tennis Club held its first tournament of the year on Saturday 17th January. Sixteen players were skilfully organised, by club coach Becky Watts, into various pairs to play four matches. Each player kept a score of the games they won, those who won the most were the tournament winners. The matches featured some excellent friendly but competitive tennis for all. With balanced teams, everyone enjoyed themselves and regardless of age and experience felt they had played well.

The ladies had joint winners – Di Christie and Henrietta Parry and the men's winner was Glenn Castle.

The tournament is one of many club events that regularly take place so keep an eye out for the next one.

Floodlights

The new floodlights for Courts 3 and 4 have now been installed so all four courts can be used for evening play. There are short videos on the Club website to show you how to set them up.



Players of the Month

Glenn Castle and Henrietta Parry. Glenn and Henrietta are both active and key members of the Club making the most of all the opportunities on offer including Wednesday night coaching with club coach, Becky and social play. They also both play regularly in the league games and are members of the Committee. They were winners of the recent tournament (Henrietta jointly with Di Christie) – particularly impressive for Glenn whose agility on the court doesn't seem to be hampered with a massive knee brace.

Coming up

EASTER CAMP DATES

Camps are back for Easter. The dates are 30th, 31st March and 1st April and then, note a slight date change: the 8th, 9th and 10th April. 10-3pm with drop off from 9.30am optional. Cost is £26 pp per day for members and £28 pp for non members.

AGM

The AGM will be held on Friday 18th April at 8pm in Hoopers Field Pavilion. All members are welcome .

If you have played tennis or would like to take up this fantastic sport and meet some new friends please make contact and come and join us. All the information is here : <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/WanboroughTennisClub/Membership/Join>. We are looking forward to seeing past, present and new members on court.

BISHOPSTONE WITH HINTON PARVA WI

The WI have had a busy couple of months with their meetings and planning for future events. In January Lyn Blyth came to talk to us. She is a Medical Herbalist and holds clinics locally. Lyn shared how she gave up studying medicine to become a physiotherapist and then later became a medical herbalist.



Lyn explained that herbal medicine is made from a wide range of plants such as Echinacea, Ginkgo and St. John's Wort and that it has been used for thousands of years. Medical herbalists are trained to combine the benefits of this traditional use with information emerging from modern scientific research.

Lyn told us that medical herbalists see people with a wide range of conditions ranging from short term to long term issues. These could be heart and circulation problems, respiratory problems, women's health, skin problems, digestion problems and many more.

A herbalist aims to identify and address the cause of the symptoms. A prescription of herbs is tailored to each individual, so two people with the same condition are unlikely to be given the same combination of herbs. Often there are many herbs which may address the problem. The medicines and preparations that are prescribed are made using the whole plant rather than isolated and processed constituents.

Lyn explained that medical herbalists are trained to recognise when it is necessary or beneficial to refer a patient to their GP or another healthcare practitioner

In February we were very fortunate to have a talk about an organisation called Action for the River Kennet (ARK). James Hubbard a project officer with the organisation gave a very informative and interesting talk. ARK is a group of people who care about the Rivers Kennet and Pang and their tributaries. Many of you will have seen their director Charlotte Hitchmough on television recently.

ARK is a membership organisation and the members include local people who enjoy having a healthy river as part of their local environment, and also tourists and visitors who enjoy walking by, and fishing in, the Kennet. Environmentalists who want to see a valuable chalk stream protected also get involved

ARK have a strong volunteer team who monitor the health of the river and take practical action to improve and restore habitats. The organisation welcomes volunteers who would be keen to get involved with practical volunteering activities.....there are opportunities during the week and the weekend. No previous experience is required and equipment and waders are provided.

ARK provides information by organising open days and educational events, distributing newsletters and reports and giving talks and presentations. They also, importantly provide opportunities for people to get involved with looking after their local river.

As an organisation it also monitors the health of the river and works hard to improve the physical habitat. This is done by running physical habitat restoration projects and running volunteer teams to maintain river reaches. Working with farmers and the local community to improve the health of the catchment is an important aspect of their work.

FUTURE DATES

Thursday 12th March at Bishopstone Village Hall: 20 Favourite Garden Plants for local village soils with Rebecca Brain. Doors open at 7 p.m. for 7:30 p.m.

Visitors are very welcome.

Thursday 11th June at Bishopstone Village Hall: Handicraft and Flower Show. Starts at 7:00.

Everybody welcome. Refreshments, a raffle and an auction.



Why Join a Male Voice Choir? You Might Surprise Yourself

Have you ever felt a harmony so powerful it sent a shiver down your spine? That's the magic of a male voice choir – and you don't need to be a trained singer to be part of it.

A male voice choir is built on four-part harmony: Tenor 1, Tenor 2, Baritone and Bass. Each section sings a different line of music, but when those notes come together something remarkable happens. The higher voices add brightness, the baritones provide warmth, and the basses give depth and strength. Individually the parts are simple enough to learn, but together they create a rich, uplifting sound that's far bigger than the sum of its parts. It's a sound you don't just hear – you feel it deep within.

One of the biggest myths about choirs is that you have to be "able to sing". In reality, many men who join have little or no previous experience. You don't need to read music or perform solos. Voices develop naturally with practice and encouragement, and new members are supported all the way. If you can hold a tune – or even if you're not sure you can – there's almost certainly a place for you.

Of course, singing is only part of the story. Male voice choirs are famously sociable. Weekly rehearsals are friendly, relaxed and full of laughter, and they often end with a well-earned pint (or soft drink) and a chat. Friendships form quickly, and concerts, trips away and social events become highlights of the year. Many members say the choir is really important to their wellbeing and mental health.

There are other health benefits too: singing improves breathing, posture and confidence, reduces stress and provides a real sense of belonging. It's hard to beat the feeling of standing shoulder to shoulder with others, working towards a shared goal and then presenting that sound to an audience.

Swindon Male Voice Choir has been part of the Swindon community since 1919. We're a welcoming group of around 30 men who enjoy performing at concerts and events across the area, and we're always keen to welcome new voices. Whether you sang years ago or have never sung in a group before, you'll find encouragement, humour and friendship from the very first rehearsal.

Curious? Why not come along and try it for yourself? No pressure, no commitment – just the chance to experience the joy of singing together. You might even leave wondering why you didn't do it years ago.

If this article has interested you, please give me a ring and we can have a chat. Alternatively you can send me an email and I'll get back to you.

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Lyden Magazine

If you would like to submit an article to be included in next month's Lyden, then please e-mail your contribution to the Lyden by the 14th of the month prior to the publication month (by 14th March for April's magazine).

Lydenmagazine@gmail.com We are always keen to hear from you.

A Perfect Poetry Evening



We'd a cracking poetry evening in the Pulpit Pub in Old Town a few weeks ago to kick off Swinterfest, a weekend celebration of poetry and music in Swindon's pubs. Lovely Landlady Linda hosted us – what a gem she is. And there lies my anxiety about poetry evenings.

We wanted it to be a success with a good audience, for Tony Hillier and myself as MCs, the Swindon Town poet and the Ridgeway poet respectively - nothing like titles to put you in a box. But also for the organiser of the festival, Jamie Hill, and the landlady of the pub. There are so many people involved in these events, as we know from volunteering in our villages.

Poetry has its own catchment sector in England and it's relatively small. I know the reason. Most students drop English after GCSE. Only 6% take English at A levels. I've been hammering away at that for years now, a losing battle. Though I did get Rishi Sunak as Prime Minister to publicly say that A Levels were no longer fit for purpose and an English Baccalaureate should be considered. I'd three minutes of fame on that one before he got lashed by his own MPs. I won't give up.

Poetry is the loser. I've lost count of the number of times I've travelled long journeys to a literary event where I was guest poet to find an audience of ten. And worse, to be told that was a better turnout than expected.

But not this time at Swinterfest. It was a full house, standing room all evening in the pub, a lovely audience that listened and applauded and laughed and went 'aaagh' at the sad bits.

The highlight was open mike. Several came prepared and read a favourite poem. What a joy. And then Aggie got up, a lovely young woman, petite and shy, sweet as they come and read a poem that was anything but. No spoilers, all I'll say is that she brought the house down. I want to hear more from her!

We'd a few serious poems. One that hit nerves at this time with sixty-one wars around the world, an unpredictable American president, and very few strong leaders to stand up to him, was WB Yeats's *The Second Coming*.

It's a poem from 1921 written by WB Yeats prophesising the rise of fascism in the following decades and the breakdown of society which fomented into World War II. It's not surprising the number of times international leaders have quoted from it in the past year:

Turning and turning in the widening gyre
The falcon cannot hear the falconer;
Things fall apart; the centre cannot hold;
Mere anarchy is loosed upon the world,
The blood-dimmed tide is loosed, and everywhere
The ceremony of innocence is drowned;
The best lack all conviction, while the worst
Are full of passionate intensity.

Surely some revelation is at hand;
Surely the Second Coming is at hand.

It's well worth reading the full poem on the internet.
www.mauricespillane.co.uk

St Andrew's Church - Graveyard Clear Up

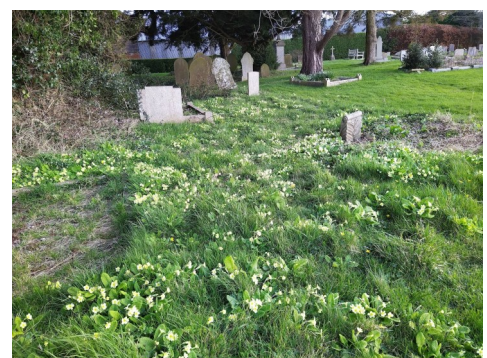
The next Wanborough Churchyard Clear-up session will be on Saturday morning on **March 21st from 10 am till about 12 midday.**

All welcome, especially newcomers and children with families, even if just to come and look round our lovely Churchyard. Please do bring snowdrop bulbs 'in the green' if you'd like to plant some more. If conditions allow, we may have a fire to burn brash. And there is pruning, ivy clearing, etc, please bring your own equipment if you have it.

This additional work in the churchyard helps keep the running cost of the maintenance of the churchyard down and adds a little extra care, so please spare a bit of time to help.

Look forward to seeing you there, thanks

David Birley Tel. 790438. Mobile. 07989 189331



The Ridgeway Gardening Club

Well what a start to the season!

Keith, our Chairman, warmly welcomed everybody, in particular all those new faces from around the local villages as well as our existing members.

It was a record turnout to hear Rebecca Brain and her talk on how to establish and maintain a 'No Dig' vegetable garden from scratch.

Keith also brought our attention to the proposed club outing to Hidcote Gardens on June 18th. There will be a mini bus for the trip so if you are interested please contact the club secretary via our email: info@ridgewaygardeners.co.uk for more information.

Rebecca, who lives in Bishopstone, is a keen organic based gardener specialising in propagation of plants which she then sells in her nursery. She is also very much involved with her husband in growing organic vegetables in their "No Dig" allotment.

So why 'no dig'? Apart from the advantage of not having to break your back digging there are numerous benefits for the soil and plants. The infrastructure of the soil is not disturbed so the natural ecosystem can thrive. It is Biologically active, the Mycelium Network remains intact, the worms multiply distributing the compost and organic matter as well as maintaining drainage and aerating the soil.

In a 'no dig' garden it is possible to grow crops much closer together, increasing the yield, there are fewer weeds, better water retention and drainage as well as helping with carbon 'capture' rather than carbon 'release'. All good for the environment.

Rebecca explained the process of setting up a 'no dig' bed firstly involves digging to rid the patch of those perennial weeds, bindweed, dandelions, docks and nettles etc.. Then a layer of cardboard (from a large roll is best so there aren't any gaps for the weed to regrow through) a 5-10cm layer of organic compost and left for a season. Surround the beds with wood chip paths to deter the ingress of grass and you are all set!

However for more in-depth guidance Rebecca recommended a book called No-Dig by Charles Dowding, a pioneer in no-dig gardening, which she refers to as her 'Bible', for anyone wanting to create such a plot.

She then went on to advise about growing vegetables, sowing the seeds, the best containers, the right conditions, timing and compost, planting out, crop care as well as watering regime and crop rotation where necessary to avoid diseases.

Rebecca had brought along numerous handouts with more information and guidance for us to peruse.

Thank you Rebecca for such an informative and enlightening evening.

We look forward to seeing you all again at the next meeting in March (details below in 'Diary Dates') Everyone is welcome whether you are a first time gardener or an 'old hand' or simply looking for new ideas.

Diary Dates

Wednesday March 11th - Paul Green : Bishopstone Village Hall : 7.00pm

"The Best Thing Since Sliced Bread"

Paul is from Green Leaves specialist plant nursery in Newent. He will be comparing old vs new varieties and the thinking in new plant development.

He will also be bringing along a selection plants for sale from his Gloucestershire nursery.

Wednesday April 8th - Hannah Mycroft : Bishopstone Village Hall : 7.00pm

"Pots for Hot Spots and Shady Characters"

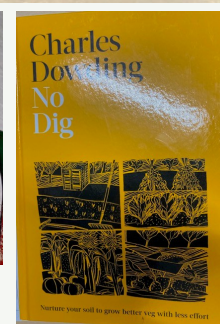
Harriet Rycroft spent 14 years as head gardener at Whichford Pottery and is author of 'Pots' a comprehensive handbook covering everything you need to know about growing plants in pots all year round. Harriet will be delivering an informative talk accompanied with a practical demonstration. Copies of her book will be available on the night at a discount price of £10 cash.

Wednesday 13th May - Jane Pearson : Bishopstone Village Hall : 7.00pm

"A New bed from Scratch"

Jane, a qualified horticulturist and garden designer, will share her extensive experience in creating beautiful borders from scratch. This session promises practical, adaptable ideas you can confidently apply to your own space.

Marion Peck 01793791001





Monthly Musings: Uncertain Weather!

I don't think I can ever remember such a wet February! After the scorching summer of last year, many gardens are now waterlogged. I've been giving thought to how we can help our gardens, and the plants in them to become more weather resilient and I've been making notes of the plants in my own garden and my clients, to see which ones are coping the best.

Luckily, this month's March Garden Answers magazine has an article all about "Designing in Beauty for Uncertain Weather." Greg Loades has lots of ideas to help us protect our soil, shelter plants and create a space that works in sunshine, storms and everything in between. In a nutshell, Greg divides this mammoth task into a few basic categories:

Improving your gardens wind resistance

Consider planting a hedge next to an existing fence or incorporating hedges within a larger garden to make rooms. Hedges don't just filter wind, they can also provide shade to lessen summer scorching, their roots uptake excessive rainfall and they make wonderful wildlife corridors. Alternatively, decorative grasses can create a sturdy but not impenetrable defence against gales and create the pockets of shade you need.



Photo: March Garden Answers Magazine subscription.

Protect your soil with plants.

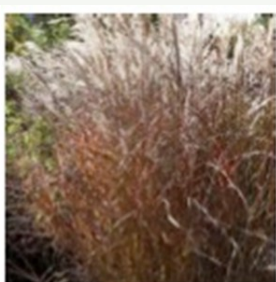
Strong winds and high rainfall can expose topsoil to erosion, which in turn, reduces the soil's fertility. Dense planting will protect the soil from being washed away by the impact of rain events and will slow down the flow of water, reducing flood risk. If your plants are still relatively small and newly planted, it's a good idea to mulch around them with well rotted compost or sow some hardy annuals directly onto the soil which will bring you a splash of colour whilst your new prize plants establish.

Finally, my favourite saying of all time! "Right plants, right place".

Well established plants put down strong roots because they love their growing conditions and are always more likely to be able to cope with harsher conditions than those that haven't. Growing plants that suit your soil and microclimate will help your garden become more resilient and save you heartache and a fortune in the long term. The tricky bit is, what plants to grow that can cope with both summer heat and drought but also won't give up the ghost when the garden floods or is faced with a deluge of heavy rain? I've mentioned a couple of hardy souls below, but if you would like more ideas, please don't hesitate to contact me and book an advice session.



Asplenium scolopendrium
(Hart's tongue fern)



Miscanthus sinensis 'Ferner
Osten' (Eulalia 'Ferner
Osten')



Rosa 'Lady of Shalott' (Rose
'Lady of Shalott')

Plant Spotlight: Three plants for "whatever the weather"

(Plant images: Shoot Gardening subscription)

The Potting Shed: Things to do in March.

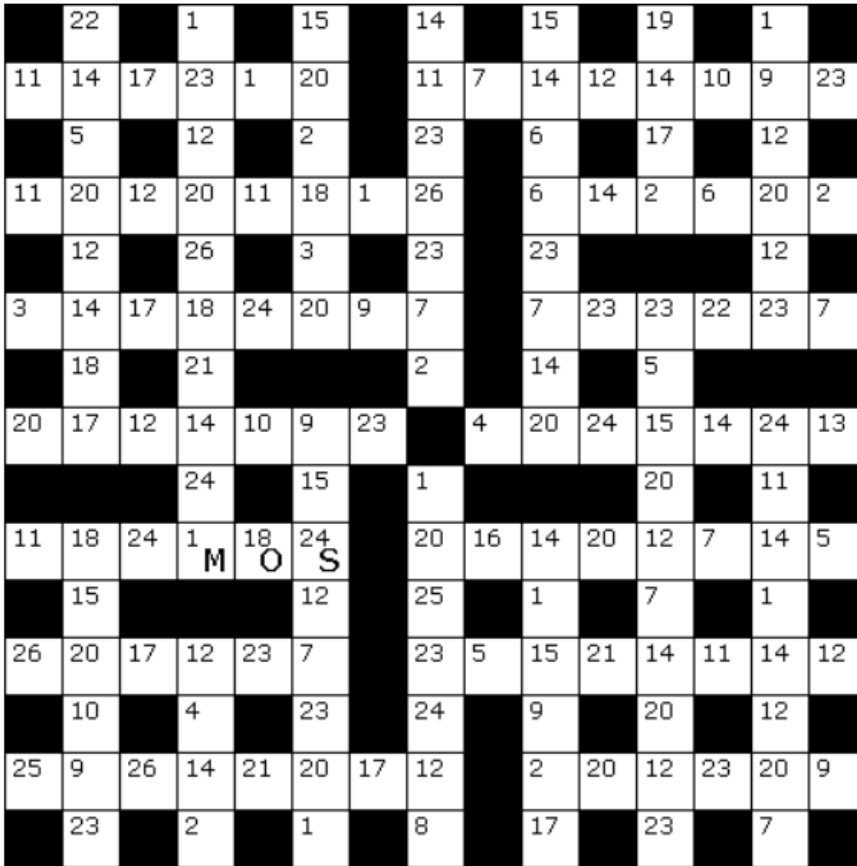
- Divide Perennials
- Start dahlia tubers off indoors or in a greenhouse
- Repot house plants
- Sow Hardy annuals from March directly outdoors
- Resume mowing (on a dry day!)
- Divide & plant Snow Drops 'in the green'

Happy Gardening!

Puzzle of the Month - March 2026

We are pleased to confirm that **The Brewer's Arms** Pub have agreed to sponsor the "Puzzle of the month" for 2026 and are offering a £25 Amazon voucher to the winning person each month. Please complete the puzzle below, take a picture of your answers and send them to Lydenmagazine@gmail.com by **14th March 2026**. In the event of more than 1 correct answer received, the winner will be drawn out of a hat - good luck!

Winner and answers will be provided in next month's Lyden



This month's puzzle is a Codeword Crossword

Each number represents a letter, three letters have already been given.

1 = M, 18 = O and 24 = S

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21

9	10	11	12	13
22	23	24	25	26



Solutions for February's puzzle



Well done to everyone who submitted correct answers. Winner was drawn out of a hat. If you didn't win this month please try again!

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Wanborough Primary School

Reception: Acorn Class' topic for this term has been 'Fabulous Food' and it has certainly been fabulous! We have explored the story of *Handa's Surprise* and completed lots of activities around it including ordering the story and writing simple sentences, acting out the story and even tasting some of the fruits. As a class, we all loved the pineapple and tangerines but didn't like the avocado or passion fruit. Another story we looked at was, *Supertato*. In that story Supertato is the hero and Evil Pea is the villain. We came into class one day to find that Evil Pea had taped up all our vegetables around the classroom! To try and catch him, we created our own 'Wanted' posters. We have also looked at how food is grown and where it comes from. We focused on fruits and vegetables first and how they are good for us, thinking about eating them as part of a balanced diet. Then we looked at pizza and how that is made. We also got to follow instructions to make our own pizzas and added some vegetable toppings (mushrooms, sweetcorn and peppers) that many of us had never tried before.



Year 1: This term, in English, Conker Class have been looking at descriptions and writing in-role using the story 'Beegu' by Alexis Deacon. They wrote their own passage about what it was like to have crash-landed on Earth from Beegu's point of view. We have been learning Place Value to 20 in Maths, and in Science, we have been learning about the Winter season. The children particularly enjoyed using thermometers to measure the temperature each day during our weekly weather diary. In Art, we have been learning about Piet Mondrian and the children have created artwork inspired by his works through the mediums of paint and collage. Other events the children have enjoyed included PE lessons hosted by STFC and of course, practising our song for World Beat.

Year 2: Pinecone Class have enjoyed a wonderfully busy few weeks of learning. In English, the children planned and wrote their own sets of instructions, using imperative verbs and clear steps to help Mr Drury trap a stone giant. They even followed clues around the school grounds for inspiration. More recently, they designed imaginative creatures to support their writing and have now finished editing their final instruction pieces. We also began our new class book, *The One Hundred Decker Bus*, which has already sparked lots of excitement.

In Maths, the children explored 3D shapes, learning to identify vertices, edges and faces, before moving on to money. They have been practising how to recognise pounds and pence and how to count combinations of coins and notes.

In Art, the children studied Henri Matisse and designed colourful tiles to create prints inspired by *The Sheaf*. In RE, they learned about Shrove Tuesday and ordered steps for making a pancake, linking their learning back to instructional writing. In PSHE, the children thought about perseverance and set personal goals, as well as crafting bright, meaningful birds for our Dreams and Goals unit. In PE, they completed their Fundamentals unit with a fun focus on skipping, learning new moves and enjoying lively team games.

World Beat rehearsals have been a daily highlight. Year 2 learnt *Blumen*, a German version of *Flowers* by Miley Cyrus and were confident with both the words and the actions.

Year 3: This term, Maple Class have been learning about Ancient Egypt and the impact the country had around the world throughout its long history. They have studied different types of pyramids, understood why the River Nile was important to the civilization and written an explanation text about the mummification process. Year 3 even mummified a tomato to support their understanding. In Science, the children have been learning about animals and humans, recognising vertebrates and invertebrates and grouping animals based on their skeletons. They identified different skeleton types from endoskeletons and exoskeletons to a hydrostatic skeleton.

Year 4: This term, Willow Class have been exploring life in Victorian Britain, learning what it was like under Queen Victoria's reign and how that era still influences our lives today. In English, the children stepped back in time and wrote persuasive letters to the Prime Minister, arguing for better working conditions for Victorian children. In Science, the children have been exploring their new topic of electricity and have enjoyed hands-on activities building their own circuits. Meanwhile, in PE, the class have been developing their fitness through circuit training and putting their balance to the test in gymnastics.



Year 5: This term, Elm Class have begun learning about the Tudors. They have explored the reigns of the different Tudor monarchs and learnt about the changes they made. They have particularly enjoyed learning about the six wives of Henry VIII and singing the song from *Horrible Histories*. In Art, the children have been learning about two key artists who were portraitists during the Tudor period. Following this, the children have created their own self-portraits in the Tudor style. In PE lessons, the children have been putting some Pilates moves to music, and developing their co-ordination and teamwork skills in sessions led by a STFC coach. Their Science work this term has involved lots of practical activities sorting, mixing and separating different materials. They have been learning about reversible and irreversible changes when combining different materials. The children have also been learning to sing a popular song in Portuguese ready for a class performance in our school World Beat competition.



Year 6: In Oak Class, the children have started their learning of the new topic 'South America'. The children explored the map of South America, labelling the different countries within the continent, before focusing specifically on Brazil and its natural features. Building on their learning from Year 5, the children learnt about the different time zones within Central and South America before applying this knowledge to problems involving time zone differences. In Maths, the children have been exploring ratio, scale and proportion, alongside different unit measurements - converting between the two units. In Science, our topic has been '*Living Things and Their Habitat*', whereby the children have built upon previous learning about how living things are classified, looking particularly at The Linnean System of classification. Non-chronological reports have been the focus of our writing this term and the children researched different creatures of South America before writing an information text about a hybrid creature they developed. We have also been on a trip to *The Army Flying Museum*, which was a link back to the end of our previous topic '*Britain at War*'.



Dobbin Day: In February, the children in Reception and Year 6 attended church for the annual Dobbin Day Service. This is a long-standing tradition in Wanborough that honours William Stanley, who died in 1745 and left money to provide bread for the village's poor. The service at St. Andrew's Church marks the anniversary of his passing where 'Dobbin' (a local term for a loaf) is distributed to school children. During the service the children enjoy singing 'Doing the Dough' with actions!

Dance Festival: This term, a group of 20 students from years 3-6 made Wanborough Primary School history! They took part in the 'Wiltshire and Swindon Schools Dance Festival' which was held at the Wyvern Theatre on 9th February. The theme of the festival was 'It's a Kind of Magic' and Wanborough's piece was performed to 'Experience' by Ludovico Einaudi. The dancers performed as wind-up ballerinas, ragdolls, teddy bears, nutcrackers and Jack-in-the-box's, telling the story of toys magically coming to life after the children had gone to bed. They all worked extremely hard with infectious enthusiasm and were able to choreograph and rehearse this fantastic dance in only five hours! The children had a wonderful time performing on stage and getting the chance to watch and support the other schools at the festival too!

Young Carers At the end of term Wanborough Primary held their annual Young Carers Awareness Day. Ms Hingley showed a video and talked to the children in assembly about the roles and responsibilities of Young Carers and the skills that they may develop due to their caring role. Additionally, on the last day of term, the children and staff came to school wearing their brightest clothing (and hair) and voluntary donations were collected to help support Young Carer activities in Swindon and at school. There was a prize for the 'brightest' child too!

Whole School

World Beat: Arguably the best day in the whole school calendar, each class performed a song (with dance moves) in another language. Reception represented France, Year 1 represented Spain, Year 2 represented Germany, Year 3 represented Puerto Rico, Year 4 represented Italy, Year 5 represented Portugal and Year 6 represented Brazil.

Music: Before and after assembly we have listened to music by British artists.

Clubs: The clubs held this term were Hama Beads, Craft, Debate, Mindfulness Colouring, Mini Movers, Dance Festival, Football, Garage Band and Zumba

If you would like to know if we have places available in certain year groups, please contact the school office for further information on 01793 790269

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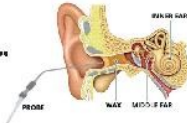
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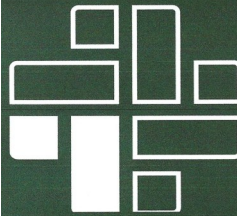
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