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Dates for your Diary - May 2026

Date	Event	Time	Page	Location
Sat 25 th April to Sun 10 th May 2026	Wanborough Scarecrow Trail – The World of Theatre and Musicals		Page 14	Around Wanborough Village
Sun 3 rd May	Park Yoga starts	9.30am	Page 12	Hooper's Field
Mon 4 th May	Liddington Coffee Morning	10am		Liddington Village Hall
Sat 9 th May	Ridgeway Gardening Club – Plant Sale	9.30am	Page 15	Bishopstone Village Hall
Wed 13 th May	Gardening Club	7pm	Page 15	Bishopstone Village Hall
Thurs 14 th May	WI - AGM	7pm	Page 14	Hinton Parva Village Hall
Thurs 14 th May	Deadline for Lyden articles			
Sat 16 th May	Farmer's Market & Community Café	9am	Page 5	Wanborough Village Hall
Sat 16 th May	Liddington Plant Sale	10am	Page 8	Liddington Village Hall
Wed 20 th May	Liddington Parish Council Meeting	7pm	Page 7	Liddington Village Hall
Fri 22 nd May	Musical Evening	7pm	Page 10	Liddington Village Hall
Sat 23 rd May	Hooper's Field Clubs Open Day	10am	Page 13	Hooper's Field
Mon 25 th May	Wanborough Beer Run	12.30pm	Page 11	The Brewer's Pub

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
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 13 th June 2026	Liddington Summer Fete	12 noon	Liddington playing field
Tues 30 th June 2026	Liddington Village Hall AGM	7pm	Liddington 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.

Church Services. Full details on
www.achurchnearyou.com

Church Services May 2026

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

Date	Time	Church	Service
Sunday 3 rd May	10.30am	All Saints' Liddington	Holy Communion
Sunday 10 th May	10.30am	St Mary's Church, Bishopstone	Holy Communion
Sunday 10 th May	4pm	St Swithun's, Hinton Parva	Informal Afternoon Service
Sunday 17 th May	10.30am	St Andrew's Church, Wanborough	Holy Communion
Sunday 24 th May	10.30am	St Swithun's, Hinton Parva	Holy Communion
Sunday 31 st May	8.30am	St Mary's Church, Bishopstone	Holy Communion Book of Common Prayer (1662)
Sunday 31 st May	10.30am	All Saints', Liddington	Morning Worship
Sunday 7 th June	10.30am	All Saints', Liddington	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.

A letter from the Vicar – May 2026

Dear Friends



On Friday 15th May I will be walking from St. Andrew's, Wanborough, to St. Mary's, Purton, through the middle of Swindon town centre. Please join me if you would like to do so. Why on earth, you may well ask, is he doing that? Here's the story.



This year the day of Pentecost falls on Sunday 24th May. [Coincidentally, Jennie and I will be celebrating our 40th wedding anniversary that day and will be absent from the Parish but Archdeacon Adam Beaumont will be leading our Holy Communion Service for Pentecost that morning at St. Swithun's, Hinton Parva. Please do join him for this special service.]

In the Gospel accounts, after His resurrection, Jesus appears to the disciples over a period of 40 days, in a wide variety of places and circumstances.

He shows himself to them alive and continues to teach them about the coming Kingdom of God. Then he visibly ascends back into His Father's presence and the resurrection appearances come to an end. 10 days later, on the Festival of Pentecost, the promised Holy Spirit is poured out on the gathered band of about 120 disciples and the fledgling church is born. It spills out from behind locked doors onto the streets of Jerusalem, with joyful praise and exuberant worship. Acts 2 verse 5

“At this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, ‘Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that



we hear, each of us, in our own native language?”

The coming of the Spirit included the strange gift of tongues which enabled the good news of Jesus, which is for all people, to be

Prayer for Pentecost:

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, may the seeds of the Kingdom; seeds of faith, hope and love, take route in our lives and in our communities, to the glory of your name and for the healing of the divisions in our world. Amen.

communicated to all people groups on earth.

The divisions and curse of the tower of babel is reversed in the saving work of Christ. So, Pentecost is another incredibly important day in the life of the church. We cannot fulfil our calling as the gathered people of God, sent out in His name, to make Christ known to all nations, without the indwelling, empowering presence of the Holy Spirit.

Between the day Jesus Ascended and Pentecost, the disciples spent their time worshipping in the temple and in prayer in their homes. Therefore, each year in the 10 days leading up to Pentecost, the Church of England has a week of prayer for the mission of the church, called 'Thy Kingdom Come'. This year the Bristol Diocese is holding a Pilgrim Walk from St. Andrew's, Wanborough, to Bristol Cathedral over nine days. See here: <https://www.bristol.anglican.org/>.

The first day, Friday 15th May, will start at St. Andrew's at 9am and walkers will make their way through Swindon to St. Mary's Purton, 15 miles away. I will be on this leg and would be delighted to have anyone else join the group who would like to participate.

On the way we will be praying for Kingdom Seeds in Local Soils. It's a call to pray that the seeds of God's kingdom may be sown in every corner of our Diocese. You can join us for as much, or little, of the journey as you are able - even if that's simply saying hello as we pass through!

Along the way we will carry seeds from place to place, planting them as we go—a simple, powerful sign of the growth that God brings. These seeds will mark our route and remind us that the kingdom of God is always taking root, often quietly, but always with promise.

Our route is rich with history and alive with present-day faith. We'll hear stories of Christians—past and present—whose lives witness to God's faithful presence. As we walk, we hope you will be encouraged, inspired, and renewed. If you would like to join, sign up here: <https://www.bristol.anglican.org/>.

Kind regards

Revd, Steve Paynter

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Front Cover

This month's front cover is a picture was taken by Fiona Da Silva-Adams

Please send photos (in landscape format) that you would like to see on the front cover to - Lydenmagazine@gmail.com

The Easter Monday Charity tractor run

starting from the Harrow turned out to be on the sunniest day of Easter. 14 classic machines attended the meet and subsequent run through the Wiltshire and Oxfordshire countryside.



Richard and Charlotte prepared an excellent breakfast much enjoyed by all for which we are grateful.

£235 was raised for our nominated charity Pennyhooks Farm Trust at Shrivenham who provide cutting edge work-based opportunities for adults with complex autism. It is a local independent charity which has to rely on fundraising to carry out their work.

Many thanks to all the owners and drivers who supported the event despite fuel prices having risen due to world events of late.

Colin & Dena Hatch

Dates for your diary

Two events at **Pennyhooks.**

Saturday 16th May

2026: Plant Sale – 10.30am to 1.30pm.

Bedding plants, planters, homemade cake, refreshments, meet the animals and enjoy a farm walk!

Saturday 27th June 2026: Summer Open Day – 11.30am to 4.30pm. Activities, face and tee shirt painting, children's activities, Students products for sale, woodwork display, farm walks in conservation meadows, raffle, treasure hunt, tombola, animal petting, refreshments. Dogs on leads welcome.

Bring your outdoor footwear for either event and enjoy some time on this 100 acre farm!

www.pennyhooks.com



Wanborough Farmer's Market & Community Café - Saturday 16th May 2026

We are preparing for our next Farmers Market on the 16th May, at Wanborough Village hall, SN4 OAD.

The charity we will be supporting this month is Prospect Hospice.

Come and support this great charity and try the home made cakes and hot drinks.

There are 20 traders booked to come and this could be interesting, as some have not been at our market before! We are here from 9am to noon .

Park across the road in The Harrow Car Park , thank you to the landlords.

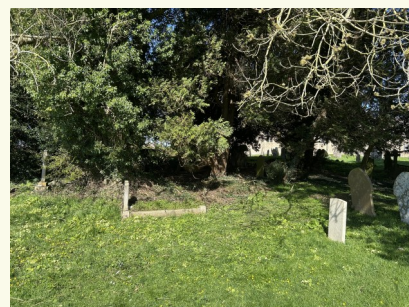
See you on 16th May

Lorna Naseem, 07903 210 505



St Andrew's Churchyard Clean Up

A big thank you to everyone who came and helped with the Churchyard clean up on **Saturday 21st March**. It was great to see so many people. Jobs completed included strimming and clearing brambles from old graves, removing ivy from the historic church wall, planting additional snowdrops in the green, clearing overgrown shrubbery. So much was completed in a couple of hours which all helps to keep the cost of maintaining the churchyard down for the PCC. Please keep an eye out for the next clean up in the autumn.





Wanborough Parish Council

Meeting Highlights (23rd March 2026)

Hello everyone,
Here's a friendly round up of what your Parish Council has been working on following our meeting on **Monday 23rd March 2026**.

As always, thank you to the residents who came along and those who continue to raise concerns, ideas, and improvements for our village.

Village Maintenance & Footpaths

We continue to progress work around the village:

- **Foxhill–Gallops Verge:** Cutting is ongoing while we await a contractor's full assessment.
- **Kite Hill Footpath:** A one-hour clearance has been arranged to improve access.

Manor Orchard to Chapel Lane: A resident reported a fall due to the steep gradient and lack of a handrail. This will be taken to the next FVMA Committee meeting to explore reinstating a handrail.

Allotments & Village Cleanliness

- Allotment holders can expect a skip on site soon, arranged by the Assistant Clerk. We'll notify plot holders once the delivery date is confirmed.

We'll be sending letters to residents in Warnage Green to address recent verge damage and parking issues, after vans were seen causing damage while trying to get through the narrow parts of the green.

Community Safety

- Concerns about drug use near the church car park have been passed to the PSCO. Residents are reminded they can report anonymously via Crimestoppers.
- Parking on pavements—especially in Manor Orchard—continues to be a concern. Keeping pavements clear helps ensure safe access for wheelchair users and pedestrians throughout the village.

Highways & Local Issues

- Speeding issues on Church Road were raised. SID (Speed Indicator Device) data will be downloaded to support further action.
- The Ward Councillor provided updates on:
 - ◆ Lotmead pothole repairs
 - ◆ Progress on Footpath 44
 - ◆ Temporary lane closures at Commonhead, scheduled for 25th–27th March (overnight)
 - ◆ A large tree removed from Kings Lane following resident reports

Parks, Play, and Trails

- Recent playpark inspections identified mostly low-risk items, though the Church Meadow bouncer springs require further review. The Clerk will contact the manufacturer. Wanborough will be in the Swindon Active Trails programme. The proposed route is the "blue route" and will be called the Kite Hill trail. The booklet reminds those walking the route to take extra care as there is no pavement for part of the route.

Wanborough Parish Council – Strategic Plan Consultation

Wanborough Parish Council has published its draft Strategic Plan for 2026, and we're inviting all residents to share their views. This plan sets out our vision for the future of the parish and the key priorities for keeping Wanborough a thriving rural community.

Our Vision

A welcoming, inclusive parish where residents feel connected, facilities are accessible, and the natural and historic character of Wanborough is protected.

Key Priorities

- Protecting rural character and safeguarding green spaces
- Improving community facilities, especially Hooper's Field
- Promoting health and wellbeing through sports and open spaces.
- Maintaining a clean, attractive village.
- Enhancing footpaths, cycling routes and connectivity.
- Strengthening communication and engagement through a new website, Lyden updates and community events.
- Improving allotment facilities in partnership with Covingham PC.
- Ensuring strong governance and responsible use of public funds.

Have Your Say

The consultation runs from: **1st May – 31st May 2026**

You can respond by:

- **Emailing:** Clerk@wanborough.info

Viewing the documents online at www.wanborough.info

Request a copy by emailing the Clerk

Thank You

A big thank you to everyone who continues to support the work we do—whether by asking questions, raising concerns, or volunteering. Our village thrives when the community plays an active role.

If you ever have questions or would like to attend a future meeting, please do get in touch.

Annual Parish Assembly – Coming Soon!

Our Annual Parish Assembly will take place in **May**.

The date will be advertised shortly – watch the noticeboards and Facebook for updates

Warm regards,

Laura Evans *Parish Clerk — Wanborough Parish Council*

Notice of Uncontested Election - There will therefore be no election on 7th May for Wanborough Parish Council

NOTICE OF UNCONTESTED ELECTION

Borough of Swindon

Election of Parish Councillors for Wanborough

on
Thursday 7 May 2026

I, being the Returning Officer at the above election, report that the persons whose names appear below were duly elected Parish Councillors for Wanborough.

Name of Candidate	Home Address	Description (if any)
BELLAMY Richard John	(address in Swindon)	Working to retain village character
EMMINS John Howard	8 Manor Orchard, Wanborough, Swindon, SN4 0AL	
GLANVILLE Kathy	(address in Swindon)	
HAYWARD David John	(address in Swindon)	
MORSE Nathan	7 Manor Orchard, Wanborough, Swindon, SN4 0AL	
OFFER Colin David	3 Oakapple Close, Wanborough, Swindon, SN4 0EW	
SUMNER Gary	(address in Swindon)	
WARR John Roger	Ducksbridge, 12 Burycroft, Wanborough, Swindon, Wiltshire, SN4 0AP	

STATEMENT OF PERSONS NOMINATED

Borough of Swindon

Election of Councillors

The following is a statement of the persons nominated for election as a Councillor for
Chiseldon & Ridgeway

Name of Candidate	Home Address	Description (if any)	Reason why no longer nominated*
ALLSOPP Steve	(address in Swindon)	Labour Party	
DAVIS Bryan Charles	(address in Swindon)	Reform UK	
HINTON Matt	(address in Swindon)	Conservative Party Candidate	
MEARNS Liz	1 Mayfield, Wanborough, Wiltshire, SN4 0ED	Liberal Democrats	
MURPHY Calum James Andrew	(address in Swindon)	Liberal Democrats	
NOUREEN Ayesha	(address in Swindon)	Reform UK	
PACCI Haydar	(address in Swindon)	Labour Party	
ROGERS Adrian Mark	(address in Swindon)	Green Party	
SUMNER Gary	(address in Swindon)	Conservative Party Candidate	

*Decision of the Returning Officer that the nomination is invalid or other reason why a person nominated no longer stands nominated.

The persons above against whose name no entry is made in the last column have been and stand validly nominated.

Swindon Borough Councillor Elections - Thursday 7th May 2026

Chiseldon & Ridgeway Ward

A list of all nominations for the upcoming Borough Councillor Elections.

As the ward boundaries have changed so that now the Ridgeway Ward (Wanborough, Liddington, Hinton Parva, Bishopstone & New Eastern Villages) includes Chiseldon & Badbury, there will now be 2 Borough Councillors covering this area and therefore you will have two votes.

Further information can be found on SBC's website www.swindon.gov.uk, search on "upcoming elections"



Liddington Parish Council

The April Parish Council meeting was on Wednesday 1st April. Full details of the meeting can be found in the minutes available on the Parish Council website.

March Village Clean-Up – Thank You



We had a fine morning for our spring clean-up. The 18 volunteers who turned out spent a couple of productive hours litter picking, cutting back vegetation, clearing the churchyard and generally making the village looked loved. Thanks again to everyone involved and The Village Inn for hosting post clean-up refreshments.

Purley Road down towards Commonhead

The hedge planting is now complete. Volunteers have planted more than 3,500 saplings which are now starting to show signs of growth. Thanks to everyone involved.

Parish Council Election – 7 May 2026

For the first time in at least 40 years, there will be a Parish Council election on 7 May 2026! There are 7 seats on the Parish Council but they are split across 2 wards - Liddington Village (4 seats) and Badbury Wick (3 seats).

There are 6 people willing to stand in Liddington Village so there will be an election. Look out for a separate communication regarding the candidates but please use your votes on 7th May.

In other news.....

- The replacement fingerpost sign opposite The Village Inn has been completed and is ready for installation – it may even already have been installed by the time you read this. Thanks to Clive Bunney for his work on this
- There is still one allotment available in the village if anyone is interested

In Closing....

Due to the election on 7th May 2026. the next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 20 May at 7.00pm in the Village Hall. Residents are welcome to attend. Alternatively if you would like to raise an issue or ask a question, please contact the Clerk via

parishclerk@liddingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Laura Evans, Clerk to Liddington Parish Council

STATEMENT OF PERSONS NOMINATED

Borough of Swindon

Election of Parish Councillors

The following is a statement of the persons nominated for election as a Parish Councillor for
Liddington Parish - Liddington ward

Name of Candidate	Home Address	Description (if any)	Reason why no longer nominated*
BABINGTON David Stuart	10 The Street, Liddington, Swindon, Wiltshire, SN4 0HD		
BUNNEY Clive John	(address in Swindon)		
HAYTER Simon Miles	Parsonage House, Church Road, Liddington, Swindon, SN4 0HB		
POPPLETON Andrew David	The Old Rectory, Church Road, Liddington, Swindon, SN4 0HB		
ROGERS Adrian Mark	(address in Swindon)	Green Party	
WILSON Gordon Arthur	7 Lidenbrook, Liddington, Swindon, SN4 0HL		

*Decision of the Returning Officer that the nomination is invalid or other reason why a person nominated no longer stands nominated.

The persons above against whose name no entry is made in the last column have been and stand validly nominated.

Liddington Parish Council Elections - Thursday 7th May 2026

List of nominated candidates for Liddington Ward, there are 6 nominations and 4 seats so there will be an election on 7th May 2026.

However Badbury Park Ward there are 3 seats but there are no nominations for this ward and therefore no election.

Further information on upcoming elections can be found on SBC's website - www.swindon.gov.uk

£3 Entry Fee **Kids entry free**

LIDDINGTON SUMMER FETE

**Saturday 13th June
12 noon till 4pm**
Liddington Playing Field
and All Saints Church

Arkells Beer Cabin
Supplied by The Village Inn

LIVE MUSIC BBQ
GAMES Cakes and Cream Teas
Fairground Rides Ice Cream Van

Many Craft Stalls & Activities

Liddington.fete@btinternet.com
Contact Andrew on 07973 655613

PARTY AT THE PUB
from 5pm till late,
music, drinks & food

Liddington Plant Sale

Saturday 16th May 2026

10am

At

Liddington Village Hall



Liddington Village Hall AGM

On Tuesday 30th June 2026

At 7pm

At Liddington Village Hall

Liddington 100 Club

The winner for March is Heather Hickman - congratulations Heather.

Caroline Tams



Mrs Barbara Owen

Many of you will remember Mrs Barbara Owen who lived in Liddington for many years and always took such an active part in village affairs serving on the Parish Council and was also one of those responsible for setting up the Nosh and Natter group.

Sadly, Barbara passed away peacefully at her home in Chichester on 21st January 2026 aged 95.

Her ashes are going to be brought back to All Saints and buried privately, alongside her husband, on the 19th May. This will be followed afterwards by a social gathering to celebrate Barbara's life at The Village Inn.

Anyone who knew her well and would like to share their memories of Barbara will be very welcome to join her son, Mark and his family and friends who live locally at **The Village Inn on the 19th May at 1:30pm** where light refreshments will be served.

Liddington Walkers Group

The village of Liddington is situated near the North Wessex Downs and the Ridgeway and is surrounded by beautiful countryside just a few miles outside Swindon. Liddington is ideally placed for a Walkers Group.

Walking is an easy and inexpensive way to promote the health and the social well-being of all ages, particularly Senior Citizens.

All walks start and finish at The Village Inn Liddington. Walkers meet at the Village Inn from 10am on each walking day. Walks of 3 to 5 miles start at 10.30am and will finish by 13.00pm. There is time for refreshments before you drive, walk or catch a bus home.

All ages/abilities are welcome- No fees are required. Free Parking.

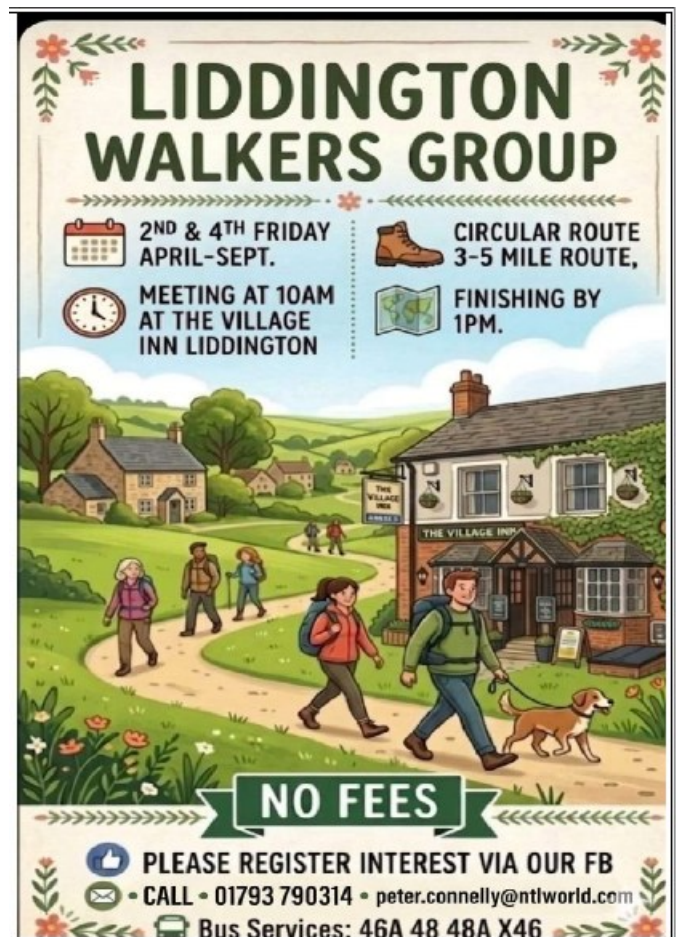
Bus Services to/from Liddington are 46A, 48, 48A and X46. These buses provide links before and after walks from/to Swindon, Wanborough, Hungerford, Ramsbury and Aldbourne.

Walks are scheduled to take place each 2nd and 4th Friday each month from April to September.

Walks are currently planned for 10th and 24th April, 8th and 22nd May, 12th and 26th June, 10th and 24th July, 14th and 28th August and 11th and 25th September.

Walks taking into account the weather and conditions will be notified a week before each walk.

Please Register via our Facebook Page "Liddington Walkers Group" where you can also find further information, or The Village Inn Liddington 01793 790314 or email peter.connelly@ntlworld.com



LIDDINGTON WALKERS GROUP

2ND & 4TH FRIDAY
APRIL-SEPT.

CIRCULAR ROUTE
3-5 MILE ROUTE.

MEETING AT 10AM
AT THE VILLAGE
INN LIDDINGTON

FINISHING BY
1PM.

NO FEES

PLEASE REGISTER INTEREST VIA OUR FB
- CALL - 01793 790314 - peter.connelly@ntlworld.com
Bus Services: 46A 48 48A X46

The poster features a central illustration of a group of people walking on a path through a green landscape towards a building labeled 'THE VILLAGE INN'. Icons include a calendar, a clock, a boot, and a map. A green banner with 'NO FEES' is prominently displayed.

Liddington Book Club: Book of the Month

This month's book club read was historic novel "**The Red Hill**" by **David Penny**, the first installment of the **Thomas Berrington** series.

Set in the opulent yet dangerous **Moorish Granada**, this murder mystery follows Thomas, an English Surgeon who has adopted Islam and serves the Sultan.

When a series of attacks occur within the Sultan's **Harem**, Thomas is called upon to find the culprit. The unusual setting highlights the traditional, yet cosmopolitan nature of the **Alhambra Palace**.

Group Discussion & Feedback

The Characters : The dynamic between the serious, logical **Thomas** and his sidekick, the flamboyant and pampered eunuch **Jorge** provided great entertainment. However, whilst the inquisitive **Lubna** (sister-in-law) stood out, the vast number of minor characters were felt to be too vaguely sketched. It was revealed in our discussion that Lubna becomes a bigger character in future books in the series.

The Mystery: Due to character vagueness, the mystery was felt to be underdeveloped. The conclusion received mixed reviews—surprising for some, disappointing for others.

Writing Style: Some of our group appreciated the writer's perspective on the **Moorish-Christian conflict and the descriptions of life in and around the Sultan's Palace**.

However many struggled with the writing style. Some sections were felt to be a bit too drawn out and our readers struggled with the pace and content.

As discussed before, it was felt that the majority of the characters were too vaguely described and there were too many to keep track of

This led to a lack of engagement with the story.

This is just a summary of our book club discussion and many of us aren't usually readers of historic fiction. We still feel like part of the fun of a book club is trying out books that you otherwise wouldn't pick up.

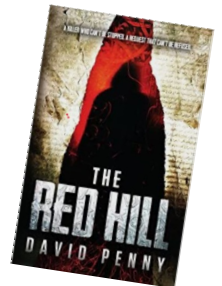
Next Month's Book: "Educated" by Tara Westover

When: 3rd Tuesday of the month

Time: 7:00 PM

Where: The Village Inn, Liddington

New members are always welcome! Come share your thoughts and enjoy a drink with fellow book lovers.



Lyden Magazine

If you would like to submit an article to be included in next month's Lyden, then please e-mail your contribution (Word documents preferred) to the Lyden by the 14th of the month prior to the publication month (by 14th May for June's magazine): Lydenmagazine@gmail.com. We are always keen to hear from you.

Upcoming musical evening at Liddington Village Hall on Friday May 22nd.

Come and enjoy a double bill of sensational a cappella harmonies with the Blue Belles and the Bebington Bittermen.

Liddington Village Hall

Friday 22nd May 7.30pm Bar open from 7pm

The Blue Belles are an eight strong a cappella group from Pewsey who will delight you with a range of musical styles.

The Bittermen, from Bebington on the Wirral, are described as a vocal collective of ordinary blokes who make an extraordinary sound. They are equally at home singing on the concert stage, at festivals, or in the pub. They provided the vocals for the Guinness ad campaign "Always on Your Mind."

Tickets £7.50

Contact: Matthew 07943 279638

Steve 07789 348275

lvhbooking@liddington.org

or any LVH Committee member

This charity concert is in aid of St Peter's and St Paul's Marlborough Trust.

LIDDINGTON VILLAGE HALL

Friday
22nd May 7.30pm

The Blue Belles

Sensational a cappella vocals
In aid of St Peter's Marlborough Trust

& The Bebington Bittermen

Tickets £7.50 Licensed Bar 7pm

Contact : lvhbooking@liddington.org
or phone: 07943 279638 or 07789 348275

Wanborough Cubs Need YOU!



We're looking for local adults to join the team
and help give young people aged 8-10.5
amazing opportunities

No experience needed
Just a little time can make a big difference

Contact - meL.woolley@scouts.org.uk for more info!



Wanborough Scout Group Needs Adult Volunteers

Wanborough Scout Group is looking for adults who can spare a little time to help local young people have fun, learn new skills and grow in confidence. You don't need to be an expert in camping or knots — just someone who's happy to get involved and support the group.

We have four sections, each for a different age group, so you can choose the one that suits you best:

Squirrels (4–6 years) – lots of play, imagination and simple activities

Beavers (6–8 years) – curious kids who love trying new things

Cubs (8–10½ years) – full of energy and always ready for adventure

Scouts (10½–14 years) – more independent and keen for bigger challenges

With such a range of ages, there's something for everyone. Whether you enjoy working with little ones or prefer helping older children become more confident and capable, there's a place for you here.

And if you can't volunteer every week, that's absolutely fine. Maybe you have a skill, hobby or talent you could share — anything from cooking to crafts, first aid to photography, music to mechanics. Even popping in once to run a short activity or talk about something you're passionate about can make a huge difference.

Volunteering with Wanborough Scouts is a great way to meet people, learn new skills and feel more connected to the village. Even giving a small amount of time can have a big impact.

If you'd like to help out, try something new or support young people in your community, Wanborough Scout Group would love to hear from you.

contact@1stwanborough.org.uk



Wanborough Beer Run 2026

is scheduled for the Spring Bank Holiday – **12:30pm Monday 25th May**, with the start & finish at **The Brewers Arms**, on the High Street this year.



As usual, entrants will travel on foot between all the village Pubs and drink half a pint of ale at each stop, so this year participants will go between The Brewers Arms, Cross Keys, New Calley Arms, Plough Inn, The Harrow, then back to The Brewers Arms.

As per last year, this year's route will again follow the original course & take entrants via the Old Black Horse for a beer

stop, in between the Calley & Plough, with the kind support of the Old Boilers and the owners of the Old Black Horse, which is now a private residence

This year's run will be the 70th annual run, with the event having



officially taken place every year since 1955 (1 year missing due to a global pandemic).

The event started following a bet between a few local friends who were long term residents of the village, including Gerald Saddler & Gerald Aubrey who became long standing landlords of the Brewers Arms & Black Horse respectively, and Mick Jenner who was first home in the event each year, over many years, and was a long term supporter of the run.

If you are planning on taking part this year, entry forms will be available from each of the Wanborough Pubs from Friday 1st May. The entry cost is £15 per entrant. Spaces are limited, with no entries available on the day of the run. Entries will close on Wednesday 20th May, or when all spaces are filled. You must be over 18 years of age on the day to take part.

Alternatively, come and cheer on the "athletes" through the village or enjoy Wanborough's wonderful pubs on the day. Any surplus funds are donated to support local village organisations and charities each year.

For more information and further updates, keep an eye on "Wanborough Beer Race" page on Facebook, and posters around the village & in the pubs.

Event organised by Wanborough Beer Run C.I.C.



The Old Boilers in association with Lawson Group and The New Calley Arms present:

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The 8th Wanborough BEER & CIDER FESTIVAL

At The New Calley Arms on Friday & Saturday
5th & 6th June 2026
12 noon - 11pm each day

On offer: 20 Cask Ales & 10 Craft Ciders & Perrys

Tickets are **£10** At the New Calley Arms
£11* online & **£12** On the door
(*Includes Booking Fee)

Includes entry, a **souvenir glass**, a programme and 2 free half pint tokens.
CAMRA Members will get an additional free half pint voucher upon production of membership. Tickets are valid for any session, please retain your wristband and glass as proof of entry

Tickets available at www.ticketsource.co.uk/the-old-boilers (Or Use QR Code Above)



Old Boiler News

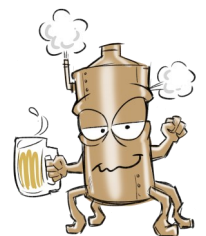
We were delighted to price match to the value of £750, to the Wanborough Tennis Club's quiz night. Fundraising toward new LED lighting on courts 3 & 4 at Hooper's Field.

Double delighted to help the Toddlers Group by adding sand trays and stands, to the value of £110, so the toddlers can spend more time outdoors this spring and summertime.

We have started to source beers from around the country. Here is one from the Pennines, north Yorkshire, to wet your appetite.

Tickets are available online and at the New Calley Arms. Please see poster to the left for further details.

Cheers & beers, Barry





WANBOROUGH TENNIS CLUB UPDATE

Club Quiz 13th March, 2026

Thank you to everyone who attended the Wanborough Tennis Club fund raising quiz on 13th March. It was such an enjoyable

evening and we raised an amazing £1,700 on the night. Huge thanks too to the Old Boilers who have agreed to match fund an additional £750. So in total the evening raised £2,450. Well done to the winning team 'Bjorn to Win'.

Special thanks to Martin Hook, quiz master, ably assisted by Mark Hitchmough, for his enjoyable quiz. Thank you to Barry Hillier and the Old Boilers for sorting out the Ramsbury Gold beer for the evening.

Thank you to Celia, Sally, Christine and Pam who ran a busy bar on the night and helped sell raffle tickets.

We were donated some very generous raffle prizes from The Plough Inn, The Harrow Inn, The Brewers, Yoga with Nickie, Lil Beauty based in Old Town, tb cycles, Nuffield Health Club, Ridgeway Barn so many thanks to all and also to Richard of The Harrow Inn for allowing attendees to use their car park.

It was an amazing effort by all including Steph, Wendy, Mel and Karen to make the whole thing happen and run so smoothly on the night and lastly thanks to all those who helped tidy up the hall at the end of the evening.

All money raised will go towards Wanborough Tennis Club.

COMING UP

There will be a Hooper's Field Open Day in May.

Hooper's Field and Tennis Club Open Morning!

Ever thought about picking up a racket or getting back into the swing of things? Now's your chance! We're opening our courts to the community and would love to see you there.

When: Saturday 23rd May

Time: 10am to 12.30pm

- Try Tennis:
- Families Welcome: Everyone is invited!
- Refreshments: Enjoy light snacks and drinks on us.

Whether you're a seasoned pro or have never held a racket, come down and give us a try.

Important: Please ensure you wear suitable court footwear (non-marking trainers) to help us look after our courts.

EASTER CAMPS

Becky will be holding Half Term Camps on 27/28 and 29th May. 10-3pm with drop off from 9.30am optional. Cost is £25 pp per day for members and £27 pp for non members. Please contact Becky if you will be attending.

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](https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/WanboroughTennisClub/Membership/Join). We are looking

Wanborough Bowls Club

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



**Saturday 23rd to Sunday 24th May
(11:00am – 4:00pm)**

A family-friendly event which is designed as a fun, inclusive day out for individuals, families and friends, with the opportunity to learn and play bowls in a beautiful woodland setting and with full support and encouragement from our members.

Come along and join in and have an enjoyable experience, it's free and it's suitable for all ages, young or old and of any ability.

For more info, please call Martin – 07753 743996

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




Park Yoga Wanborough

We're thrilled to welcome back Park Yoga Wanborough this season. Sessions are an hour and **start at 9.30am on 3rd May** and run every **Sunday morning for 20 weeks**.

- ◆ If you have not experienced Park Yoga, it is a great way to try yoga for the first time. You don't have to take part in the whole session, many people take moments of rest and enjoy the fresh air while watching the clouds go by.
- ◆ There's no need to book.
- ◆ Bring a yoga mat if you have one, but if you don't, a towel or blanket is perfect.

Wanborough Cricket Club

 As the new cricket season gets underway, **Wanborough Cricket Club** is looking forward to another competitive and enjoyable summer in the **Wiltshire Cricket League Division 2 and 8**. After a productive indoor season, the players are ready to get back out in the middle.

Club News

- Pre-season training starting on Tuesday.
- We have a fabulous new net facility.
- We have a new U14 girls section for girls in year 7,8 and 9.
- The square is looking good thanks to the continued hard work of our groundsman.

Upcoming Fixtures

Our opening Home league fixtures are as follows:

- **2nd May** – Wanborough CC 2nd vs Devises 2nds
- **9th May** – Wanborough CC 1st vs Swindon NALGO
- **16th May** – Wanborough CC vs Lacock

Supporters are very welcome — bring a chair, enjoy the cricket, and cheer on the team.

Junior Cricket

Our junior section continues to grow, with coaching sessions for Year 5 to Year 8 age group, feeding our U13 team, running every Monday evening from beginning of May. New players of all abilities are encouraged to come along and give cricket a try. The girls section will be playing soft-ball cricket with games running through May and June mainly on Tuesday evenings. For more information, please contact **Will Smith** at wasmith80@hotmail.com.

Join Us

Whether you're an experienced cricketer, someone returning to the game, or a complete beginner, Wanborough CC is always keen to welcome new members.

Contact

For membership, fixtures, or general enquiries: Email: markbaldwin330@yahoo.co.uk

Website: www.wanboroughcc.org

Or search for us on facebook

We look forward to seeing many of you around the boundary this season.

Wanborough Cricket Club Committee



WANBOROUGH
CRICKET CLUB
EST. 1931

UNDER 14 GIRLS CRICKET

Calling all girls in Year 7, 8 & 9!

TASTER INDOOR SESSION:
WEDNESDAY APRIL 29TH
7:00-8:15PM
AT SWINDON ACADEMY

FREE TASTER SESSION!

TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFORMATION:
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WANBOROUGH
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UNDER 13 BOYS CRICKET

Calling all students in Year 7 & 8!

Outdoor Nets and Matches Starting in May

MONDAY
6:00-7:30PM AT
HOOPERS FIELD

£50
MEMBERSHIP
FOR THE YEAR

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Hoopers Open Days – Come and Have a Go!

Saturday 23rd & Sunday 24th May 2026

Local sports clubs will be holding **open days at Hoopers**, giving residents the chance to **meet members, try the sports, and find out about membership**. Everyone is welcome — just come along and give it a go!

Saturday 23rd May 10:00am-12:30pm - All Clubs

Sunday 24th May - Bowls Club only

Members of each club will be present throughout the open days to answer questions and welcome new faces.

Come along, get involved, and support our local sports clubs!

BISHOPSTONE WITH HINTON PARVA WI

At our March meeting we had a fascinating talk from Rebecca Brain entitled '20 Favourite Garden Plants for Local Soils.' Rebecca introduced us to 20 garden plants which grow well in the Ridgeway villages, chosen to provide interest and colour across the growing season.

It was a hugely entertaining and informative talk, benefitting as it did from Rebecca's extensive knowledge and infectious enthusiasm for plants and sustainable horticulture.

Rebecca's talk was beautifully illustrated with photographs,

and she brought along samples of the plants for us to see and purchase, all grown organically in her nursery in Bishopstone

Our next meeting is on **14th May at Hinton Parva hall**. This is our Annual Meeting. The doors open at **7.00 p.m.** and the meeting starts at **7:30 p.m.**

On **June 11th** we are holding our annual **Flower and Handicraft Show**. This starts at **7:00 p.m.** As well as looking at all the exhibits there will be a raffle, an auction and refreshments. Everybody is welcome.



Wanborough Scarecrow Trail 2026

The World of Theatre and Musicals

Saturday 25th April to Sunday 10th May 2026

This year's scarecrow trail has now started, we have 48 wonderful scarecrows for you to guess what they are based on the theme of Theatre & Musicals. A big thank you to everyone who has made a scarecrow this year they all look amazing.

Please come and support this annual event in the village which is now in its 19th year. **Trail sheets cost £3.50** and you can also purchase a **children's trail sheet for £1.50**. Trail sheets can be purchased at one of the pubs on the High Street or the refreshment stands during the weekends.

We are raising funds for two very worthy charities:-

- Wanborough Primary School PTA (Charity no: 1102818)
- The Big Breakfast Plus (Charity no: 1197825).



A big thank you to all our sponsors who cover the cost of the prizes, hall hire and stationery costs which allows all funds raised to be given to our two charities.

- Lawson Group Ltd
- Mundy Groundworks Ltd
- Nationwide Property Lettings
- Terrific Truffles & Braeside Bees
- Rural Bean
- The Old Boilers

Refreshments will be available from the Village Hall and Wanborough Primary School. We also have the added bonus that Rural Bean will be joining us to provide their wonderful array of cakes and hot drinks.

To download a copy of the trail map scan the QR Code or visit our website www.wanborough.info for further information

We look forward to seeing you on the trail

Look out for a list of answers and winners in next months Lyden.

Natalie, Natasha, Angela & Mark





The Ridgeway Gardening Club

Firstly my apologies for the error in last months issue, the ANNUAL PLANT SALE is on Saturday 9th May not the 10th (which is a Sunday!) More details in Diary Dates.

Sarah opened April's meeting, reminding us of the Hidcote trip in June. There are still places available on this trip, see below for details and costs, it is open to everyone, not just members so if you are interested please get in touch. Information available on the website or contact via email, addresses below.

She went on to introduce Harriet Rycroft whose talk was entitled "Pots for Hot Spots and Shady Characters".



Harriet spent 14 years working at Wychford Pottery in the Cotswolds, planting up and displaying their pots. She has about 700 pots in her courtyard style garden at home, and

showed pictures of various displays in different corners, some in "Hot Spots" some in "Shady Corners" and some in a bit of both.

Harriet uses all types of containers from traditional terracotta to recycled tubs and bins, even milk crates. As long as it can hold soil and has a hole for drainage she will use it!

The secret to the "Hot Spots" is to use the largest pots possible creating a "border" with the tallest at the back, raised up on bricks or platforms to create a cascade of plants. The foliage and trailing plants then create shade for the roots of the ones behind, using heat tolerant plants, ones with narrow, grey, silvery or fleshy leaves at the front.

For the "Shady Spots" there are many plants with interesting foliage, different colours and shapes, which thrive in the shade. Hostas, Ferns and even Houseplants do well.

Watering is obviously important but care should be taken not to overwater, taking note of rain shadows from buildings and fences. A drooping plant may not be short of water, just waiting for the cooler evening to draw it up! Get to know your plants and their needs.

Harriet then demonstrated planting one of her unusual containers with a mixture of upright and trailing plants, using pebbles and rocks as a top dressing to enhance the planting and preserve moisture.

Another interesting and informative evening.



Reminder : Hidcote Trip : Reserve your place before they get snapped up

Thursday 18th June 09.30–15.00hrs

This trip is open to all, not just members

Trip Costs:-

- Garden Entry – National Trust (NT) members Free entry
- Garden Entry – Non NT members £19 per head
- Coach (Bishopstone Village Hall return) £20 per head
- Places allocated on a first come first served basis

Send an email to info@ridgewaygardeners.co.uk to register your interest.

DON'T FORGET the **ANNUAL PLANT SALE** coming up in May, (see Diary Dates). All contributions are welcome so when you are out and about in your gardens as the weather improves, and find any seedlings, or plants to be divided, pot them up, label them and bring them along. They may be just what another gardener wants to fill a space, start a new border or fill their greenhouse or veg plot.

All proceeds from the sale go towards the funding of speakers at the monthly meetings, these costs are rising all the time so this is a very important event for your club.

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

Diary Dates

Saturday 9th May - ANNUAL PLANT SALE : 9.30 to 11.30 : Bishopstone Village Hall

Please bring along any contributions to the sale between 8.30 and 9.15am. or contact us via

email info@ridgewaygardeners.co.uk to arrange collection.

We will not be pricing individual items but here will be a "bucket" by the door for donations for any plants 'bought', and remember all proceeds go your club to cover costs of speakers and hall rental.

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.

Wednesday 10th June : Ben Newman : Bishopstone Village Hall : 7.00pm

"Creating and Caring for Garden Ponds, Design, Plants and Wildlife."

Our very own water garden specialist from The Water Garden in Hinton Parva will share his vast experience on everything to do with creating and nurturing a garden pond. He will be bringing along a selection of plants for sale on the night.

Thursday 18th June ; Trip to HIDCOTE : see details above.

Marion Peck

01793791001

website : <https://ridgewaygardeners.co.uk/>

email : info@ridgewaygardeners.co.uk

Lyden Magazine

If you would like to submit an article to be included in next month's Lyden, then please e-mail your contribution (Word documents preferred) to the Lyden by the 14th of the month prior to the publication month (by 14th April for May's magazine): Lydenmagazine@gmail.com. We are always keen to hear from you.

BLACK HIVE JEWELLERY



Sabrina; is a silversmith, who makes a wide range of hand-made jewellery.

BRAESIDE BEES



Chris, produces a variety of honey and bees wax products, made from locally sourced bees.

AHK GREEN OLIVES



Assan, and her family business offers a range of foodstuffs from the mediterranean.

HELEN BROWNING ORGANIC



Lynn, from Helen Browning Organic Farm, brings a selection of the products from their farm shop.

HELEN SHILTON



Helen, produces a range of arts and craft items including chalk pastel framed artworks.

HINTON MARSH FARM



A local family farm in Bourton, offers a range of meats produced on the farm.

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FARMERS MARKET & COMMUNITY CAFE

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WANBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL

Third Saturday of every month

DATES TO SAVE IN YOUR CALENDAR

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Donna, produces original framed paintings, prints, cards and coasters.

TEXTILE CRAFTS



Lynette, offers a range of textiles made into handbags, purses, notebooks and noticeboards.

OSBOURNE BOOKS



Sarah, Independent Osbourne Partner selling their wide range of children's books.

PETE'S MICRO BAKERY



Pete, an artisan baker based in Chiseldon, offers freshly-baked loaves, rolls and doughnuts.



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COMMUNITY CAFE
 To come and meet-up,
 enjoy a tea or coffee,
 on your purchases.
 For an activity, it has
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 of organisations including:

- Breakfast
- Veterans
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- Centre for Deaf People
- St Andrew's Hospice
- Centre for the Disabled
- Wanborough Night Centre
- Wanborough Centre, Swindon
- Wanborough Primary School PTA
- Wanborough Tree House

PIP NATURAL BLENDS



Pippa, (and her dad) is a Beauty Therapist, who offers a range of natural skin care products.

REFILL STATION



Louise, sources and sells a wide-range of eco-friendly, and zero-waste household products.

SUGAR GARDEN BOUTIQUE



Danielle, offers retro-sweets suitable for vegetarians, with many vegan and gluten-free.

TERRIFIC TRUFFLES



Rachel, creates hand-made truffles with Belgian chocolate using only high-quality ingredients.

THE CARD PARLOUR



Elaine, offers hand-made greetings cards, made for all occasions, (including commissions).

THE FABULOUS FOOD CO.



Susanne, offer a range of jams, preserves and marmalades, that are 'packed full of fruit'.

THE RURAL BEAN



Home-made cakes which are vegan, gluten-free. They also have a mobile van that visits the village.

WANBOROUGH HERB NURSERY



Bob, a regular at any Wanborough event. The Herb Nursery offers one of the largest ranges of herbs species and plants, as well as garden design and landscaping services.

WILLOW & MOSS



Emma, is an eco-friendly sustainable florist, based at Studley Grange Garden Centre.

SATURDAY 21ST MARCH 2026

The Community Cafe raised funds for the Wanborough Primary School PTA.
A big thank you to all those who donated!

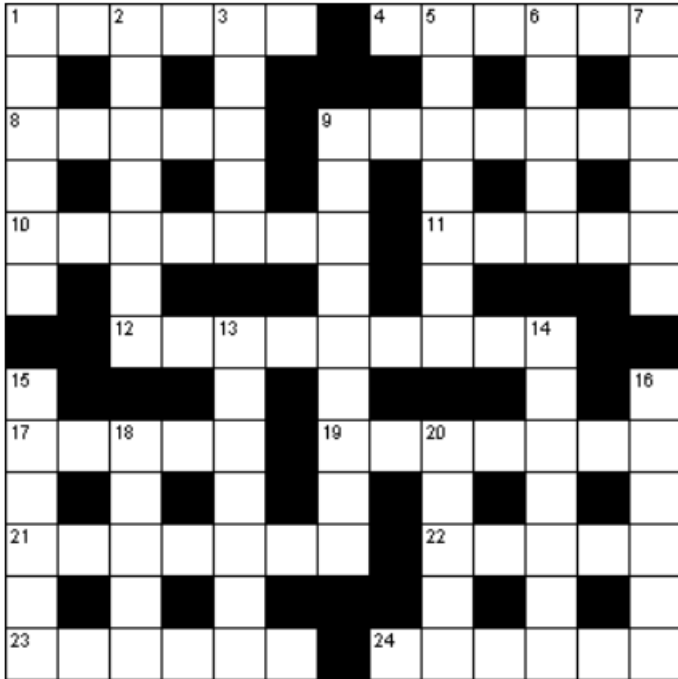
Puzzle of the Month - May 2026

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 May 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 Coffee Break Cryptic



Across

- 1 Where Marco Polo went abroad in a yacht (6)
- 4 Shock-absorber containing more moisture (6)
- 8 Don't touch and go (5)
- 9 Rotters breaking glass vessels in the lab (7)
- 10 King captured in revolutionary month is shown to be innocent (7)
- 11 Synthetic material - or any material? (5)
- 12 Paul McCartney song that was a big hit not long ago (9)
- 17 Quite near a pub (5)
- 19 Eastern ruler's wife coming in to consult an attorney (7)
- 21 Frightened by man carrying weapon? (7)
- 22 Steal a small amount (5)
- 23 The author of "Tristram Shandy" enters with a flourish (6)
- 24 Editorial chief (6)

Down

- 1 Material I found in 17 parts (6)
- 2 Attempt to take in old drama? (7)
- 3 Sounding like a simple Moslem leader (5)
- 5 Ted and Rita go out to get dressed (7)
- 6 Be nosy about the queen providing drink (5)
- 7 Uphill revolt? (6)
- 9 Compensated - with new clothes? (9)
- 13 Biblical king on his own one day? (7)
- 14 Longed for time to end badly? (7)
- 15 Conceals 150 trees (6)
- 16 Laundress used to be a woman (6)
- 18 A bird that's used for lifting? (5)
- 20 Scandinavians heard in the fall? (5)



Solutions for April's puzzle

8	1	6	9	3	5	2	4	7
5	4	3	1	7	2	8	9	6
9	2	7	4	8	6	5	3	1
6	3	4	2	5	7	9	1	8
1	9	2	8	6	4	3	7	5
7	8	5	3	9	1	6	2	4
4	5	1	6	2	3	7	8	9
2	7	9	5	4	8	1	6	3
3	6	8	7	1	9	4	5	2

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!



Book your party with us at The Brewers Arms . Big or small we have the spaces to cater for any occasion , intimate friends or family gatherings, a big birthday bash or even a wedding . We can put a package together for you and make your event memorable. Contact Amy on 790707. Come and join us at The Brewers for food the whole family will love. Our Eat Around The World menu has something for everyone, quite literally - burgers, tagines, hot pots, seabass, pasta, pizza, pies, steaks and more! Plus big tables and small tables in all the right places, whether it's a family get-together or a mid-week date-night. Takeaway also available. Call 01793 790707 to book.

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Wanborough Primary School

Reception: Acorn Class

This term our topic has been, 'Once Upon a Time' where we have looked at a different traditional tale each week. Our excitement began when we came in to discover our classroom was a crime scene with tables and chairs turned over, three bowls and spoons and porridge everywhere! We read the story of *Goldilocks and the three bears* and determined it must have been Goldilocks! As Goldilocks, we wrote apology letters to the three bears. The most exciting story was *Jack and the Beanstalk*. After reading it, we came in to find a packet of magic beans left on Miss Corbyn's desk. We planted them and the next day found a giant beanstalk in the classroom! We haven't dared to climb it...yet! We also planted our own beans and are checking on them every day to see if they have begun to grow.

Year 1: Conker Class

Our topic this term has been 'All About Space' where we have been learning about different astronauts and space flight in our history lessons. In DT, we have been learning how to cut fruit using the *bridge method*, taste-testing different fruits and researching the class favourite by making and using pictograms. This culminated in us making 'Fruit Rockets' (fruit kebabs) and then writing instructions on how to make them in English. In PE, Conker class have been lucky enough to have tennis lessons taught by Becky from Wiltshire Tennis which have been hugely enjoyable. In Science, we have been identifying and exploring signs of Spring as well as learning about everyday materials.



Year 2: Pinecone Class

In English, the children have been studying the story of *The Hundred Decker Bus* and they created their own imaginative ending to the book using progressive form and exclamation sentences. We have had some very imaginative stories about aliens and lands of sweets. In Maths, we've learnt more about the 2, 5 and 10 times tables and grouping and sharing.

This term our topic is 'Transport' and this has been linked to most of our curriculum as our project in DT was to design a vehicle with an axle, chassis and wheels. For homework, children have been constructing boats which will also be entered into the Wanborough Show.

In PE, we have finished our gymnastics unit and the children have enjoyed learning different stretches and balances and have linked this with healthy eating and exercise which they have been learning about in PSHE.

Year 3: Maple Class

This term, the children have been learning about rocks and the Egyptians. The children completed a range of investigations to test rock durability, water resistance, hardness, and how they react to acid. In Design Technology, the children researched stable structures and identified ways to make paper more stable. They then designed and made their own picture frames using the knowledge they accumulated. Finally, the class continued to develop their understanding of Ancient Egyptian and the how the River Nile played such a pivotal role in the civilization's growth.

Year 4: Willow Class

The highlight of the term has been the Year 4 visit to PGL Liddington, where the children had a fantastic time trying new activities and making lasting memories with their friends. They have also thoroughly enjoyed exploring portal stories in English, using their imagination to create their own exciting pieces of writing.



In History, the class has been learning about the Industrial Revolution and the significant impact it had on Great Britain.

Year 5: Elm Class

The children have had another busy term where they have been continuing to study the Tudors, focusing on Tudor Explorers and what life was like for people living in Tudor times. In DT, the children have been learning about bread, bread products and how bread is enjoyed as part of a healthy diet. They have tried and tasted some different bread products and have even designed and made their own bread, adding additional flavours of their choice such as cheese and olives. The children have learnt a Tudor dance in PE, dancing with a partner to some traditional Tudor music. The children are now looking forward to a visit to Hampton Court Palace.



Year 6: Oak Class

This term, in Oak Class, the children have continued their topic 'South America', learning about the Amazon rainforest - including who lives there and where it is located. After this, lessons have focused on the deforestation that is happening across the Amazon region; the children have explored the reasons why it is happening and the detrimental effects of this. In Science, the children started their new topic 'Evolution'. The children researched different plant and animals adaptations, considering how these allow them to survive in their habitat, before further considering the impact that natural disasters or environmental changes can have upon these animals. In our most recent lesson, the children modelled different beaks of *Darwin's finches* - using common equipment to replicate different shaped beaks. This demonstrated how closely-related species can have different characteristics due to their environments. Our DT unit this term was to explore bridges and the different structures used to support a bridge, before creating a scale model of a bridge themselves from card, paper, straws and lots of masking tape! Year 6 have also benefited from after-school Booster Sessions in preparation for SATs.



Young Carers This term, the Young Carers have been making Mother's Day cards and Easter cards. Additionally, the children took part in one of their most favourite activities - the annual Easter Egg Treasure Hunt around school, all going home with an Easter Egg to enjoy. We now have 12 Young Carers aged 4-11 who help look after a parent or sibling within their home.

Whole School

World Book Day:

The whole school got involved dressing up for World Book Day. The office staff dressed as Goldilocks and the Three Bears, Reception dressed as Fairytale Characters and Year 2 were characters from Roald Dahl books including a rather scary Miss Trunchball who terrorised the children. We also had characters from The Wizard of Oz, Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, Sleeping Beauty, and the Three Musketeers.

Science Week: We celebrated Science Week with a whole school theme this year with 'The Case of the Missing Biscuits'. On Friday, after school, a member of staff stole biscuits from the staff room! There were 8 suspects all seen in the area so the help of the school was needed to solve the crime. Each year-group conducted a different investigation and then Year 6 collected all the evidence to determine who it was.

Reception: Investigated crumbs left at the scene

Year 1: Investigated footprints left at the scene

Year 2: Investigated a mysterious powder found at the scene

Year 3: Investigated fingerprints



Year 4: Investigated clothing samples

Year 5: Investigated hair and fibre samples

There was so much science talk and use of equipment over the week and lots of speculations and questioning of staff by the children too but in the end, it was revealed that the thief was... Mr Large!

Red Nose Day: Children and adults raised funds for Comic Relief by having a non-uniform day and coming in with crazy hair. There were some fantastic creations including birds' nests, hair held up with helium balloons, Pot Noodles and all sorts of colours too!

Online Safety: During the term, children in Year 5 and 6 had a visit from Wiltshire Police, discussing the importance of online safety and how they should conduct themselves online.

Music: We have been listening to Rock Music this term

Value of the Term was Creativity

Clubs this term have been: Swindon Town Football, Mindfulness Colouring, Mini Movers, Craft Club, Hama Beads, Football, Garage Band, Zumba and Debate Club.

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Wanborough Toddlers

Wanborough Toddlers stay and play group had an exciting visit from Stratton firefighters! 🚒

The older children listened really well and some knew we have to call 999 if there is a fire. Everyone had the chance to see the huge fire engine, up close in the village hall car park! We have a new fire engine role play tent too, which is a lot of fun!

And with thanks to the Old Boilers, we have been able to buy tuff trays and stands to use in the village hall garden - we can enjoy lots of sand, water and other messy play throughout the summer. We've even had a dinosaur swamp tray and a pasta pouring tray already!

Our baby areas have had a 'glow up' too, with some lovely new mats and toys for tummy time and sitting practise.



We meet on **Tuesdays, 9.30-11.30am at the village hall, £2.50 per child/baby**, which includes snack, plus hot drinks and a sweet treat for the grown ups. **'Stay and play'** for babies up to starting school age, and older siblings are welcome during the school holidays.

We're just starting an extra group for the children who are starting school this September, as some can't make Tuesday mornings. We'll meet for an hour on a Friday afternoon so they can play and get to know each other! Let us know if you'd like more details.

Thank you to everyone who supports the group! Drop us a message if you have any questions.

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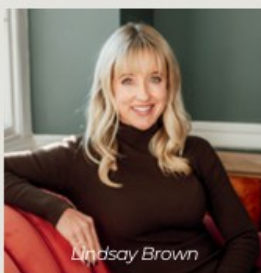
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Bolt Holes

I love the concept of a Bolt Hole. It has connotations of a sneaky escape to a cave of privacy, somewhere warm and safe and silent. Mine requires a desk, a coffee and whatever I'm working on: poem, book, things to do, update to the bucket list. There's no limit.

I'm hand-writing this article in a favourite Bolt Hole, The Forge in Aldbourne, a café with a couple of small rooms and several discrete tables in the yard. There are people in the café, an older couple lost for conversation as if they've used up every topic, and a middle-aged couple clearly having an affair, reaching for the other's fingers then pulling back quickly when someone enters. They mind their own business and I should mind mine.

The Post Office café in Aldbourne is great if I fancy food and the weather is good. I sit outside with Rocky, get him a bowl of water, open my rucksack, take out paper and pen and disgorge all the lines of poetry or thoughts I carried on my run from Liddington.

The Dark Room in Swindon is my Bolt Hole when in town, far enough away from the bustle. I take the window seat if it's vacant, spread the morning paper or my book and notes to infer silence and deter conversation.

When I lived in Dublin, the Bolt Hole was Bewley's Café on Grafton Street because it opened at 7am and had a warren of hidey-holes. I edited business plans and software designs and speeches there. It still rekindles lapsed memories of those busy days.

The British Library is a favourite in London. I even have a researcher's access card. It's the key to sources so vast they make me feel tiny.



My favourite in Dublin is the National Library. It's so old-fashioned, aligned comfortably with the old books and documents I preorder.

Getting membership is quaint and it's free. Somehow that simple card with my name and photo conveys a magical power of entrance. I've sat where Yeats, Joyce, Synge and Kavanagh have sat. Conversing with the staff is through whispers. Readers tiptoe to a desk, silence being paramount. My granddaughter, who is studying in Dublin university, became a member recently and we were giddy with excitement. We worked beside each other in silence, then ducked out for lunch and back again like errant students. Such pleasure.

I think silence should be explored more. Pablo Neruda has a few lines on the subject:

Let me speak to you as well with your syllables of silence,
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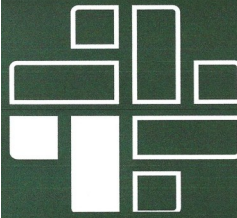
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