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## Dates for your Diary - June 2026

Date	Event	Time	Page	Location
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Liddington Coffee Morning	10am		Liddington Village Hall
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> & Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Wanborough Beer Festival	12 noon	Page 11	Calley Arms Pub
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Wellspring Pilgrimage Walk		Page 5	Starting at St Andrew's Church
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Gardening Club	7pm	Page 15	Bishopstone Village Hall
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> June	WI	7pm	Page 11	Bishopstone Village Hall
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Liddington Summer Fete	12 noon	Page 9	Liddington Playing Field
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Deadline for Lyden articles			
Sat 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Farmer's Market & Community Café	9am	Page 5	Wanborough Village Hall
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Wanborough PC meeting	7pm	Page 6	Wanborough Village Hall
Tues 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Liddington Village Hall AGM	7pm	Page 9	Liddington Village Hall
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Liddington PC meeting	7pm	Page 8	Liddington 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
18 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	World Championship Motorcross		Foxhill
Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> August 2026	Wanborough Show		Church Meadow
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> September 2026	Swindon Half Marathon		<a href="http://www.swindonhalf.co.uk">www.swindonhalf.co.uk</a>

*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](mailto:lydenmagazine@gmail.com).*

### Church Services June 2026

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

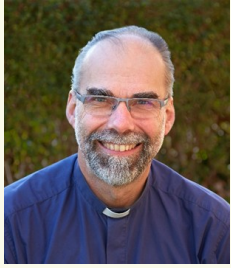
*Website: [www.wellspringvillages.co.uk](http://www.wellspringvillages.co.uk)*

Date	Time	Church	Service
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	10.30am	All Saints' Liddington	Morning Worship & Holy Communion
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	10.30am	St Mary's Church, Bishopstone	Morning Worship & Holy Communion
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	4pm	Hinton Parva Village Hall	Informal Afternoon Service
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	10.30am	St Andrew's Church, Wanborough	Morning Worship & Holy Communion
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	8.30am	St Andrew's Church, Wanborough	Holy Communion Book of Common Prayer (1662)
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	10.30am	St Swithun's, Hinton Parva	Morning Worship

*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 – June 2026

*Dear Friends*



It is not every day you get an invitation to join the monarch for afternoon tea at Buckingham Palace.

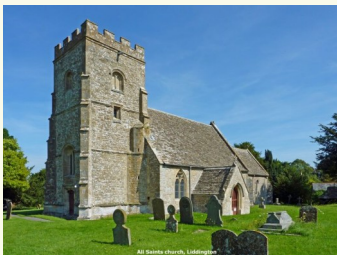


After an initial email exchange in which we indicated we would be minded to accept such an invitation we received a

formal invitation which said “The Lord Chamberlain is commanded by His Majesty to invite The Reverend Stephen and Mrs Paynter to a garden party at Buckingham Palace on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2026, from 4pm to 6pm”. Naturally enough we accepted this invitation and duly attended.

It was a happy, relaxed and very enjoyable occasion. I believe this invitation was due to the fact that the patron of the parish here in our villages is the Lord Chancellor. We mingled cheerfully with the eight thousand or so other guests present. It was very nice to be a part of what is a bit of a British institution. It was noticeable that no egos seemed to be on display. Dress was modest, even quite functional on the most part. Conversation was friendly and easy. Everyone there I think were volunteers, or servants of their local communities in some way. I think most of us were mildly amused to find ourselves at such an occasion, but enjoying it very much none the less.

The delivery of the afternoon tea to so many was handled with ease and sense and, as you would expect, the sandwiches and cake delicious, quality items, even if the tea was cold almost as soon as it was in the cup (another British institution).



We saw the King and Queen step out from the Palace at about 100 yards distance and then disappear into the

throng. Their precise location at any given moment given away by the staffs of the Yeoman of the Guard and a forest of arms raised with phones to take a picture.

We walked gradually around the lake and enjoyed the beautiful gardens in full spring growth and tried to master the art of a selfie – fortunately people were very ready to offer to capture the moment for us on our phones. It was a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon and we were very grateful for the opportunity to experience it for ourselves.

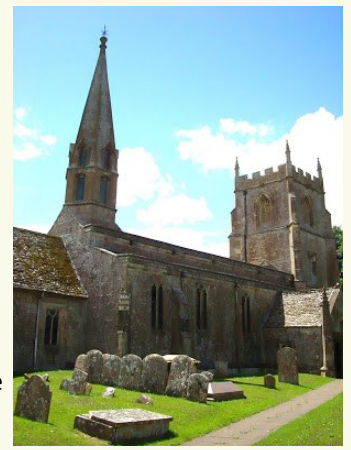
Of course, in the Christian faith we each receive a far more extraordinary invitation from the King of Kings and Lords of Lords, from Jesus Christ himself, to come into his dwelling place and share food at his table. We each receive an invitation to enter the Kingdom of God as his children and choose to become his subjects. What a priceless invitation this is. As John says in his gospel **to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God**, and then again in his Revelation 3:20 **Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me**. We have all been invited, but the question for each of us is this, have I responded to this extraordinary invitation from the creator and redeemer of the whole universe to enter into fellowship with him and live each day in communion with him and under His loving rule in my life?

**Kind regards**

**Revd, Steve Paynter**

**Stevedpaynter@gmail.com**

**01793 296870**



### **Prayer:**

Heavenly Father, thank you for loving us and through the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, inviting us into your Kingdom, to know you in our hearts through faith and to live for you in our lives through the strength of your Holy Spirit. Enable me know to accept your invitation and live with you for **evermore. Amen**

To catch up on all the news from Wellspring Villages, please go to your website: **[www.wellspringvillages.co.uk](http://www.wellspringvillages.co.uk)**

If you were unable to attend our latest meeting about the proposed plans at St Andrew's Church then these can be found on our website.

### **Front Cover**

This month's front cover is a picture was taken by Mark Woodman, A couple of Roe Deer in the Woodland Trust land. Please send photos (in landscape format) that you would like to see on the front cover to - [Lydenmagazine@gmail.com](mailto:Lydenmagazine@gmail.com)

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**Everyone Welcome**  
Join us for the full journey or part of the route - every step is welcome.



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Reflect.  
Connect.



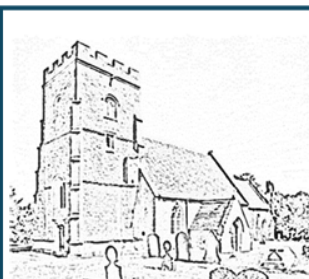
Full itinerary, route details and joining information:

[wellspringvillages.co.uk/pilgrimage-walk](http://wellspringvillages.co.uk/pilgrimage-walk)

Bring suitable footwear, water and a packed lunch.

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# FARMERS MARKET

## & COMMUNITY CAFE

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9AM-NOON  
THIRD SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH

**Wanborough Farmers Market,**

**Saturday 20th June from 9am to 12 noon**

Many of the traders will be outside in the garden of the village hall, under the cover of our wide terrace, a wonderful array of interesting goods to buy. Tables for coffee and home made cake for a donation to The Big Breakfast Plus, who are our charity for the month. Gary's Garden Metal work will be in the garden.

The hall will be full of amazing traders , Hinton Farm meats , Helen Browning organic products and organic locally grown vegetables, home made cakes from Rural Bean, Hand made greetings cards , Joanna Hefer potter, who gives demonstrations of her work, Terrific Truffles and local honey from Braeside bees, silver and unusual jewellery from Helon Shilton with Pete's artisan organic bread and many more interesting stalls, too many to mention , check out our Facebook page!

Parking is available in the Harrow car park , opposite the hall, SN4 OAD.



### 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](mailto:Lydenmagazine@gmail.com). We are always keen to hear from you.



## Wanborough Parish Council

### Parish Council News – Update

Wanborough Parish Council met on Monday 27 April at the Village Hall, covering a wide range of village matters including finances, local facilities, planning issues and upcoming community events.

The Council are pleased to welcome new councillor Nathan Morse, who has recently been elected to join the Parish Council. Councillors look forward to working with Nathan and thank him for putting himself forward to support the village and its residents.

The Council also wished to thank former Councillor Omar Mirza, who chose not to stand for re-election this year, for his hard work and valuable contribution to the Parish Council. Omar will be sadly missed. The Council is grateful for the time and commitment he gave to supporting the village.

#### Listening to residents

Councillors appreciated feedback from allotment holders, who thanked the Council for arranging skips at the allotments, which were quickly put to good use. A concern was raised about historic waste at the far end of the site, and the Parish Clerk will now liaise with the relevant plot holder and contractor to look at safe removal.

#### Council finances

Payments for April were approved and councillors reviewed the latest financial report. The Council also confirmed the end of year bank reconciliation, with total funds of £219,138.18 at 31 March 2026. Work is continuing to clearly earmark reserves for future projects, ensuring transparency and good financial planning.

Support for community groups remains a priority. A £400 grant was awarded to the Coffee, Cake and Chat group, and councillors received a positive grant report from the Wanborough Toddlers Library, with thanks expressed for their work within the village.

There is still grant funding available. If your organisation would like to apply, please contact the Clerk.

#### Footpaths and village maintenance

Several everyday but important maintenance issues were discussed:

- Footpath 6 has been reported following concerns that access has been blocked by a chain and lock.
- A broken stile near The Plough will be repaired by the Council's contractor.

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### Updates around the village

Residents of Redland Groves will be pleased to hear that developers confirmed the play area is expected to open before the summer, with bridge works currently underway. The proposed shop unit has yet to attract interest and will be referred back to Swindon Borough Council.

#### Hooper's Field and sports facilities

Councillors approved funding to support shared use of Hooper's Field:

- **£2,500 for key tennis court maintenance**
  - **£500 for cricket club mower services**
- The new cricket nets were officially opened as part of Hooper's Open Day on 23 May.

Park Yoga was very successful on its first session of the year with more in the diary, every Sunday, until September.

#### Road closures

Approval has also been granted by Swindon Borough Council for the Foxhill Road closure to support the motocross event. The Parish Council has asked for clearer signage and satnav warnings to minimise disruption.

#### Planning matters

Councillors considered recent planning applications. No objection was raised to a householder extension at Callas Rise. However, the Council raised concerns over an application at Foxhill Motor Park, requesting clearer information around toilet waste arrangements and public health provision.

#### Looking ahead

Pond sampling for great crested newts took place in early May, with a councillor David Hayward present, and we look forward to the results.

The next Full Parish Council meeting will be held on **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2026** at the Village Hall starting at 7pm.

Residents are encouraged to contact the Clerk with any questions, concerns, or issues they wish to raise. The Clerk is the first point of contact and can provide information or direct enquiries to the appropriate council body.

**E-mail - [clerk@wanborough.info](mailto:clerk@wanborough.info)**

For all further information, dates of meetings, agendas & minutes please go to our website:

**Website: - [www.wanborough.info](http://www.wanborough.info)**

## Your Ridgeway Ward update from Gary Sumner & Matt Hinton from your Borough councillors for Chiseldon & Ridgeway Ward

Ridgeway Ward Surgery is 30<sup>th</sup> May at Wanborough Village Hall 9-10am

**Elections:** Matt and I were incredibly grateful to be elected as the Ward councillors for the new Borough Ward of Chiseldon & Ridgeway. We are your representatives for the next four years. I was re-elected to Wanborough Parish Council and Matt to Chiseldon Parish Council. If you need any help or support, then our contact details are below.

**Wanborough Road:** Works will take place on Wanborough Road as part of the Lotmead development later this year as part of the S.278 agreement to pavements and drainage (hopefully to see the end of the Lotmead lake on Wanborough Road which we all experience in bad weather). We will update nearer the time – but no road closures.

**Inlands Farm:** We joined the SSPG meeting in the village hall and it was great to have around 100 residents join us. A revised consultation is now ongoing as the agents for the owners have submitted rebuttals of some of the objections. We don't think these in any way address the glaring inadequacies of the site but will submit our objections and encourage you to continue to do so. The planning reference is **S/26/0173** and you can email comments to [sbcdv@swindon.gov.uk](mailto:sbcdv@swindon.gov.uk).

**Southern Connector Road:** Repair works are planned for the summer with a view to initially opening the road to construction traffic in the autumn to get the HGV's off our

village roads.

**Redlands Grove:** We had a meeting with Vistry & Bellway in April and made considerable progress. Three play areas will be opened before the summer holidays and although there is one piece of accessible play equipment, we have requested more. Landscaping & bridges continue to be delivered. Awaiting timelines for the school.

**Liddington:** The hedge & tree planting was completed at Purley Road and we were honoured to join some of the planting sessions. Well done to Maurice Spillane, Andrew Poppleton, Simon Hayter and the team for everything they did to get this done. We got the funding worth over £11,000 but the hard yards were done by the team in Liddington. Additional planting is planned working with Wiltshire Wildlife. On highways matters we continue to report potholes and have a commitment from Highways to clear the accumulated soil at the edge of Purley Road to find the long-lost kerbs.

Please contact:-

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**Matt on 07553337540 - [Matt@ridgewayvillages.co.uk](mailto:Matt@ridgewayvillages.co.uk)**

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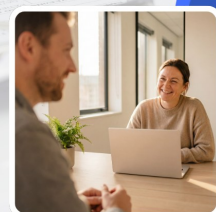
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## Ramsbury and Wanborough Surgery

### Our GP Practice: Supporting the Community

Our GP Practice continues to work hard to provide safe, accessible, and compassionate care at a time when the NHS is under significant pressure. Like many practices across England, we are balancing rising demand, workforce and contract challenges, and the ongoing need to protect our vulnerable patients — all while striving to maintain the personal, community-focused service that matters so much to our patients. We love being part of a fantastic, rural community and strive to maintain our personal touch.

### Charities

Our two nominated Charities for 2026 are Walking with the Wounded and the Stroke Association and we aim to hold a few Charity Fundraisers through the year. We have just raised over £600 from two cake sales in our Covid Clinics — there will be more to come!!

### Our PPG

We would welcome any patients joining our Patient Representative Group — we're a very friendly group and we only meet a handful of times through the year — please do contact the Surgery if you would be willing to join us (we'd love some youngsters to join!)

Thank you for your continued support and understanding. Your patience, kindness, and feedback make a real difference to our team.



## Liddington Parish Council

Given the recent election, the May Parish Council meeting was postponed until 20<sup>th</sup> May which was after the deadline for this month's Lyden Magazine. A full update on the meeting, which included the annual Parish Assembly will be published in next month's Lyden. Minutes of the May meeting will be posted to the Parish Council website before the end of the month.

The Parish Council election happened on 7<sup>th</sup> May. Thank you to everyone who turned out to vote. We had a 57% turn-out which was fantastic. The following people were elected to form the Parish Council going forward:

- David Babington
- Simon Hayter
- Andrew Poppleton
- Gordon Wilson

Plans for the future will be shared as soon as possible.

The Parish Council, on behalf of the village, would like to say a huge thank you to Clive Bunney for everything he has

done for Liddington during his time on the Parish Council. He has made a big difference in the village be it with the two signposts he has made, the speed indicators he has installed or his monthly checks of the play equipment on the field to make sure it is safe – not to mention his broader responsibilities as Chair for the last two years. Thanks Clive for everything you have done.

In closing, as this is the time of year that trees, shrubs and hedging are growing fast, please can residents ensure that they are not causing problems for pedestrians using the public footpaths alongside their property. It would be great to have the village looking at its best for the Village Fete on 13<sup>th</sup> June when we expect to welcome a lot of visitors to Liddington.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July** at 7pm 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](mailto:parishclerk@liddingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk)

**Laura Evans, Clerk to Liddington Parish Council**

### Book of the Month Review: Educated by Tara Westover

In April, the Liddington Book Club met to discuss "Educated", the powerhouse memoir by Tara Westover.

The book chronicles Tara's journey from a childhood spent in a strict, survivalist Mormon family in Idaho to earning a PhD from Cambridge University. Despite having no formal schooling and enduring abusive family dynamics, she taught herself enough to pass the ACT, eventually using education to redefine her identity and secure her independence.

#### Our Group's Impressions

The consensus was that the opening of the book is utterly fascinating. Westover's writing is vivid and sensory, offering a visceral look at an isolated, survivalist upbringing. Many of our members were shocked to be reminded that this childhood took place in the 1990s, rather than the 19th century. Recalled incidents included terrible workplace accidents experienced by Tara and her siblings as children, and the complete isolation in which they were raised - not only by the rural location, but by being unaware of current affairs and world history.

Interestingly, some readers felt the book read more like a novel than a traditional account of true-life experiences, likely due to her incredibly detailed sensory recollections.

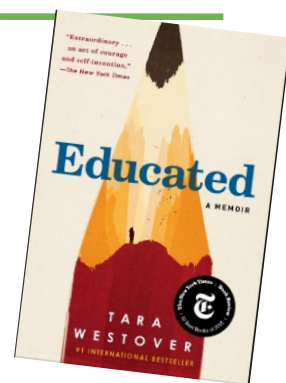
#### The Complexity of Memory

The middle section, which details harrowing accounts of sibling abuse, sparked a deep discussion about psychological health and memory:

- The Sibling Dynamic: Readers wondered if her brother's behaviour pointed toward a personality disorder or perhaps schizophrenia.
- The "Salt Path" Effect: Some members noted that (even without looking into the external family disputes

regarding the book) the narrative felt subject to "Salt Path" syndrome—where the author's truth is contested by the community and family members who stand by very different accounts.

- Selective Recall: We discussed how close-knit, rural religious communities often protect their own, but also how a child's memory can be distorted or selective over time, especially when dealing with trauma.



#### The Meaning of "Educated"

We felt the title became most relevant in the final third of the book as Tara rises through the formal education system. However, we noticed a distinct shift in tone:

- Vibrant vs. Encyclopedic: While the beginning of her life was described with animated detail, the later years—the ones with clear, verifiable records of her achievements—read more like an encyclopedia.
- The Shift: Some felt this part was "bogged down" by the accomplishments themselves, making the narrative feel less about Tara the person and more about her CV. Could this be losing part of herself as that "wild" child and becoming a civilised adult as she advanced through her formal education?

#### Join Us Next Time!

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 19th (3rd Tuesday of the month)

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: The Village Inn, Liddington

May Book of the Month: "You Are Here" by David Nicholls

New members are always welcome to join us in person, or you can read along with us from home!

**Liddington Summer Fete – Saturday 13th June 2026**  
**12 noon – 4pm on Liddington Playing Field and at All Saints Church**  
**From 5pm onwards for the After Party at The Village Inn**

We would like to invite everyone to this year's Liddington Summer Fete on Saturday 13th June. It promises to be a fantastic afternoon of fun, entertainment, food and community spirit, with plenty for all ages to enjoy.

There will be all the much-loved attractions that make up a traditional village fete, including fairground rides, traditional games, a bouncy castle, tombola and raffle, an ice cream van, BBQ, homemade cakes and refreshments, and a fully stocked bar serving Arkell's and Ramsbury beer, cider, wine and soft drinks.

The popular games area will once again be packed with fun activities and prizes, while visitors can also browse a wide range of stalls featuring local independent businesses, crafts, wellbeing and charity stalls offering gifts, treats and more.

Music will be playing throughout the afternoon on the field, with live performances from Old Friends, Fran Daisy and Brandon Clarke helping to create a lively summer atmosphere.

For anyone interested in local history, All Saints Church will be open during the fete with flower displays and tower tours available throughout the afternoon.

We are also delighted to welcome local cycling educator and cycle mechanic Adrian Rogers, who will be running the "Dr Bike" tent at this year's fete. Bring your bike along for free safety checks, advice and minor repairs, with demonstrations during the afternoon on how to fix a puncture and keep your bike roadworthy. No need to book – just turn up with your bike and Adrian will be happy to help.

Once the fete finishes on the field, everyone is invited to continue the celebrations at The Village Inn for the After Party from 5pm onwards, with live music, food and drinks available throughout the evening.

Parking is available on the playing field via Church Road, at the Village Hall car park (SN4 OHB), and at The Village Inn car park (SN4 OHE), which is approximately a five-minute walk from the fete site. Entry to the fete is £3 per adult, with children admitted free.



This is a fundraising event in support of repairs and maintenance to our historic village church, All Saints. If you are unable to attend but would still like to support this worthwhile cause, details of our fundraising page can be found via the QR code on our fete posters and flyers.

We hope you will come along and join us for what promises to be a wonderful afternoon and evening for the whole community.

**Liddington 100 Club**

The winner for April is Mrs Gail Kosidowski - congratulations Gail .

Caroline Tams



**Liddington Village Hall AGM**

On Tuesday 30th June 2026

At 7pm

At Liddington Village Hall

**Lyden Magazine**

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## Liddington Volunteers Celebrate First Anniversary Milestone

12 months ago, a shout out for volunteers to help support the village resulted in 34 villagers stepping forward to offer their time and energy. On 5<sup>th</sup> May, many of the group got together in The Village Inn to celebrate the achievements of the first year and discuss plans for the next 12 months.

Under the leadership and drive of Maurice Spillane and with the support of the Parish Council the group has:

- Cleared the verge alongside the Purley Road towards Commonhead and planted bulbs and foxgloves
- Planted a new 700m native hedge along the length of the verge together with 15 native trees. Huge thanks to Wiltshire Wildlife for providing the plants and supervising our work!
- Cleared the footpath of overhanging vegetation beside the Purley Road going out of the village up towards the Ridgeway
- Made the case to the Parish Council for providing rubbish bins on the Ridgeway Road laybys which has reduced the amount of litter
- Provided and arranged flowers for the tables in the pub each week

Everyone agreed that the village has never looked so good!

Going forward the team will continue to maintain what has already been done and will also work to make it easier to walk up to the Ridgeway and open up more circular paths. They will also work with the Parish Council to sort out other areas of the village. Many thanks to everyone who has helped out. If anyone else would like to join the group then please contact Maurice ([mspillane@appligenics.com](mailto:mspillane@appligenics.com)).



**Andrew Poppleton**  
Liddington Parish Councillor and one of the volunteers!



### Join us for Marlborough Open Gardens 2026

**Sunday, 28th June 1-5pm**

Take a stroll through beautiful gardens and hidden floral gems on our Open Gardens trail - all within easy walking distance of Marlborough High Street.

One of the most important fundraising events in The Merchant's House calendar, Marlborough Open Gardens helps support the ongoing care and restoration of this remarkable historic house.

Enjoy sweeping lawns, vibrant flowerbeds, and charming courtyards while helping to preserve one of Marlborough's treasured heritage buildings.

Tickets: £10 in advance or £12 on the day.

To secure your ticket in advance book via our website:

<https://themerchantshouse.co.uk/book-now/>

or purchase your ticket at the visitor desk in the House.

**BISHOPSTONE WITH HINTON PARVA WI**

Our meeting in May was our AGM, where elections are held for Officers and Committee members. Our President for the past 4 years has been Jan Chapple, who has done an amazing job of keeping us all under control and inspiring us to participate in WI activities. Under her leadership, member numbers have increased, so that we are now one of the largest and most successful WI groups in Wiltshire. She leads the group with great skill and humour, and it was therefore unsurprising that she was reelected to the role! Jan was delighted that her hard-working committee members also agreed to remain in their roles, and all look forward to working together over the coming year to ensure we continue to provide educational and social opportunities for our members.



**FUTURE DATES**

**Thursday 11th June at Bishopstone Village Hall: Handicraft and Flower Show. Starts at 7:30.** Doors open at 7pm. There will be refreshments, a raffle and an auction.

Everybody is welcome to attend and this event is an opportunity to see and appreciate all the talent that our WI members have!

New members are always welcome. If you are interested in joining our WI please email Jan Chapple. [janatwan@icloud.com](mailto:janatwan@icloud.com)



**Old Boiler News**

Our chosen local charity for this year was the Swindon Food Collective based at Westlea, in Swindon.



The Old Boilers presenting a big cheque for £1,000.00 to the Swindon Food Collective.

Swindon Food Collective, which distributed more than 90,000 meals in 2025, is facing increasing demand as it heads into 2026.

The charity provides three to five-day food parcels for families and individuals, as well as emergency 'Home from Hospital' parcels in collaboration with the NHS.

Despite residents generously donating food at supermarket points, the gap between supply and demand is widening, making financial contributions more crucial.

The Old Boilers £1k contribution was used to purchase 75 'Home from Hospital' food parcels for patience in need.

Earlier in the year, we were able to support the Wanborough surgery by purchasing sound proof panels for their surgery, to the tune of £1,915.

We were pleased to see so many tastefully designed panels, with local views such as

Liddington Hill, and Foxhill. Our favourite has to be however, the thank you, we received from the surgery.

Finally, do you have your weekend tickets for the 8th Wanborough Beer and Cider Festival yet? On sale online, or at the New Calley Arms.

**Barry Hillier**

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

**lawson GROUP**

**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](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/the-old-boilers) (Or Use QR Code Above)

**muffle**

We would like to thank "The Old Boilers" who have very kindly funded all the acoustic pinboards and artwork created by [www.muffle.co.uk](http://www.muffle.co.uk) throughout the Surgery. We hope you enjoy the photos of our beautiful, local countryside taken mostly by Staff at the Practice on various dog walks and hikes.

# Updates from Hooper's Field Sports Clubs



## WANBOROUGH PETANQUE CLUB

Bienvenue to Hooper's Field Terrain

Our club is affiliated with Pétanque England and we are now ready to start recruiting members for the new season running through to 31st March 2027.

The yearly subs are **£20 for a single player** and **£40 for all members of a household**. If you could please pay using the bank details below and enter your name as the reference.

Bank details as follows : Wanborough Pétanque Club , 50784386 , 23-05-80.

If you could then email Mark the names and contact details of the players you have paid for I can start to build a membership database. Thank you so much - please use the following email address ; treasurer@wanboroughpc.co.uk

Petanque can be played by **ALL ages and physical ability**. At Wanborough PC it is primarily a FUN social activity, light exercise and an environment to improve wellbeing.

### Wanborough Pétanque Summer Doubles Ladder – Rules & Information

**Season Dates:** Up o 1 September 2026

**Entry Fee:** £5 per player (£10 per team)

#### Prize Fund Distribution:

**Winners:** 80% of total entry money

**Runners-up:** 20% of total entry money

#### General Format

- The Summer Doubles Ladder is open to all players registered with Wanborough Pétanque.
- Each team consists of **TWO players**. Substitutes are **not** permitted once the season begins unless agreed by

committee, having not played a fixture for another Doubles Team.

- The ladder runs continuously between **1/4/26** and **1/9/26**.

#### Team Update

Our second Cotswold League game against Cricklade Woodpeckers resulted in a very good win after a narrow defeat by Royal Wootton Bassett. However in the Western Cup we achieved a shock win against the Northey Arms from Box. For this season we are undefeated at Home at Hoopers.



#### Diary Dates (latest news will be posted on social media)

Tues 4pm Coaching

Thurs 10am Melee (Doubles/Triples turn up and play)

Sat 9:30 am Coaching

Sat 10:30 am Melee (Doubles/Triples turn up and play)

#### June

Cotswold League Cricklade Ravens

Western Cup Round 3

Quiz Night Fundraiser 2026 TBC

For those using the terrain and unsure of the rules they can be found on the Club website [www.wanboroughpc.com](http://www.wanboroughpc.com)

**Vince Witts (Chair)**



## Wanborough BOWLS Club

**NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME OF ANY AGE AND ANY ABILITY**

We are a well-established and friendly local bowling club in a village location within a beautiful and tranquil community woodland setting.



Whether you have played before, currently playing elsewhere and fancy a change or just want to try something new, just come along, join in and give it a go, you may even surprise yourself. It's a game for everyone, of all ages and any ability.

So, whether you are in your Teens, 20's, 30's, 40's, 50's or 60+ give it a go.

You will be made to feel very welcome and it's a great chance to get outdoors, enjoy the game and to meet others and make new friends in a relaxed and friendly environment.



Join us!

All equipment is available for beginners to try; you just need flat shoes or trainers.

**BE HEALTHY, BE ACTIVE AND SOCIALISE WITH US**

**Just come along or for more info, please call Martin - 07753 743996**

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



## Wanborough Tennis Club

ushered in a new era at its AGM last week.

**Gordon Heyward** who has been Chairman for 3 years and a committee member for several years, completed his tenure on a high with an excellent inter-club tournament organised by club coach, Becky Watts, which showcased the strength and depth of the Club. Full report below.

Gordon leaves the club in a very strong position, with new floodlights on courts 3 and 4, meaning all courts can be used throughout the Winter months so now members' sessions, coaching and matches can all be accommodated. We've also seen membership grow during this period.

**Ron Carter** after an impressive 15 years on the committee has also resigned but will remain a member and regular player. During this time he has been responsible for the maintenance of the club and match secretary. Ron has overseen the upkeep of the clubhouse and courts much of which he has done himself with a few helpers! A full repair and re-painting programme is in place for the summer. Glenn Castle will be taking over as match secretary and Glyn Davies will be in charge of maintenance. Many thanks to them both for volunteering.

All members of the Club are very grateful to Gordon and Ron for their huge contributions.

We're excited to announce that **Tim Thurston** has been appointed as the new Chairman of the Club. Tim has been a member for several years and has had extensive experience of running sports clubs. He has been Captain of Faringdon Cricket Club for several years and Treasurer of Faringdon

Town Football Club. He is a very active club member, is one of the most regular players in the league matches, attends the coaching sessions and social events. Not to mention Lucy and Chris, his daughter and son in law, and his grandchildren who are all key members of the Club!



**Tim said of his appointment: " I am very much looking forward to**

**building on the great work Gordon and the Committee have done, as we aim to build a sustainable club that engages its members and our community; and is both inclusive and sustainable."**

### Best ever Tournament

On 25<sup>th</sup> April we held the most well attended tournament ever held by the Club. In total there were 32 players using all four courts. Players were skillfully organised by our coach Becky Watts into various pairs. Each player kept a score of

the games they won and 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 in the glorious sunshine! It was great to have the support of families and pets and special thanks to **Mel and Simon** for organising the very welcome Pimm's and refreshments.



Huge congratulations to **Emma Kinderman** who won the ladies and **Gordon Walker**, the men's winner. This is the second tournament we have held this year. We are planning future events so do keep an eye out.

The next one will be a **Family Tournament** to coincide with Wimbledon on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July. Members will be welcome to partner with someone from their family/friend even if they are not members. More details to follow.

### Swindon and District Summer League 2026

We have entered 2 mens, 1 ladies and 1 mixed team for the summer season and games are already under way. Many thanks to all the captains for organising the players for each team – Doug, Becky and Angela. Do contact the club if you would like to take part in any of the matches – we are keen for as many people as possible to participate and hope to field two teams for each group going forward.

### Coming up

Open Morning with refreshments on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – 10am to 12pm

Family Tournament Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July

### Summer Camps

Becky will be holding Summer Camps every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday starting on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July. The cost will be £26 per day for members and £28 for non members. Please get in touch with Becky for further information and to register.

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.



## Park Yoga - Wanborough

Free outdoor yoga every Sunday from 9.30am to 10.30am

From 3rd May to 13th September 2026

No need to book just turn up with a towel or mat. All abilities welcome



## 1st Wanborough Scout Group

A Weekend in the Wild: Scouts Take on Fire, Forest, and Friendship

1st Wanborough Scout Group went on their first ever Group camp with all four Sections; Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs & Scouts!

Over 30 young people pitched up in the beautiful Chilterns and the weather was sublime.

A weekend designed to test their sense of adventure, their grit and determination, and their ability to overcome the stage fright of singing around a fire in front of their peers!

### Into the Woods: Bushcraft Comes Alive

Scouts were tasked with carrying tree rounds and splitting them to provide fuel for 3 (often stubborn!) fires that burned through the weekend to cook every meal for themselves - ranging from homemade pesto, pizzas, steak tacos and of course fried breakfast.

Cubs learned how to keep tents tidy and build survival shelters in the woods.

Beavers and Squirrels spent their first nights under canvas and made beautiful fairy gardens from natural resources.

### The Four Hour Hike: Mud, Maps, and Moments

The hike was at the heart of this weekend, ranging from 2 hours for little legs to over 4 hours - joining Scouts and Guides around the world in hiking on the same day as part of an international event known as Trailjam.

Navigation was led by the young people themselves, maps held proudly (and occasionally upside-down). Wildlife spotting became a competition — deer tracks, birds of prey, and one very opinionated white peacock! The only slight letdown was the promised chippy at the mid hike lunch break was closed for maintenance.

### Why This Weekend Mattered

A camp like this does more than teach outdoor skills. It builds:

- ◆ Resilience through challenge
- ◆ Teamwork through shared tasks
- ◆ Independence through responsibility
- ◆ Community through song, story, and firelight

These weekends shape young people in ways that last long after the tents are packed away.

If this sounds like something you and/or your young person would like to be a part of then please get in touch

[contact@1stwanborough.org.uk](mailto:contact@1stwanborough.org.uk)



## The Ridgeway Gardening Club

Keith, our chairman, welcomed everyone, especially our new members, to the May meeting. He thanked all those who had been involved in the very successful Annual Plant Sale and went on to remind everyone

of the Hidcote trip in June and also announced a **Special Event** in July, a guided tour at **Home Farm** in Bishopstone, instead of our regular meeting, see **Diary Dates** for more information.

Firstly, our **ANNUAL PLANT SALE** on 9th May was once again a great success. A queue of eager customers waiting, carrier bags and boxes at the ready, to browse and select the plants of their choice.

As always we had a wonderful array of plants, house plants, perennials, annuals, shrubs, vegetables, herbs and even trees! We were spoiled for



choice. A big **THANK YOU** to our organisers, helpers, all those who provided plants and to our customers who were so very generous in their donations, raising over £600 for the club's much needed funds to ensure we can continue to have excellent speakers.

Keith then introduced **Jane Pearson**, who lives locally in Bishopstone, who came to tell us about "**Creating a New Border from Scratch**"

She began by telling us a little about her background, from a child who hated the idea of gardening in the cold of Yorkshire, to becoming a fully qualified **Horticulturist and Garden Designer**, having been inspired by her grandmother in Sussex where the climate was far more welcoming!

Jane then talked through the various considerations when planning a new border and the questions she would ask a client. Why do you want a border? What is its purpose? Maybe to hide something, create privacy, be a focal point, or frame a view, there can be so many possible functions.





With that in mind we have to be aware of other factors:- Firstly the environment ie the soil type, situation shade, exposure to the elements are just some of the things to think about, plants can be very fussy! Then there's the aesthetics, size and shape, formal or informal.

Of course we also have to consider future maintenance requirements, irrigation, who will be using the garden, planting for wildlife and not least the available budget.

It's then time to get out the books, look online and research the plants that you like and whether they would be suitable. Colour, texture, size and leaf shape are all important remembering that it is essential to have the RIGHT PLANT in the RIGHT PLACE!

Such a lot to think about and plan, but all part of the enjoyment and satisfaction of gardening. Another very interesting and thought provoking evening.

**Diary Dates**

**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 also be bringing along a selection of plants for sale on the night.

**Thursday 18th June ; Trip to HIDCOTE :** see details on our website, or contact by email.

**Saturday 25th July : 2pm : Guided tour of Lower Farm, Bishopstone.**

The Garden club have been offered a wonderful opportunity to visit the Eastbrook No-Dig organic vegetable beds and Agroforestry project at Lower Farm on the edge of Bishopstone. Helen Browning will give a tour of the Agroforestry and Pete Richardson will show the vegetable growing operation. The whole site at Lower Farm is a haven for wildlife and a pioneering project of national acclaim, right on our doorstep.. prepare to be inspired!

Save the date : Saturday 25th July 2 p.m. Non-members are also welcome to join us please contact the club on [info@ridgewaygardeners.co.uk](mailto:info@ridgewaygardeners.co.uk) to let us know you would like to join. Lower Farm is 30 minutes walk from the village centre, and we will also set up a car sharing pool as parking on site is limited

**Marion Peck 01793791001**

**Lydiard Park Run**

I ran my first Park Run in Lydiard recently. A lovely Saturday, blue skies to bring out smiles, a chill in the shadows that turned bare shoulders inwards and warm breaths into cusped hands. Colour pervaded like a carnival, the exuberance of 514 runners shuffling like a herd around the Run Director who orchestrated clapping for 52 volunteers, first timers, visitors.



I ran with my eldest daughter, Niamh. She's completed 141 Park Runs, 65 volunteer roles, brags the 100 milestone on her shirt, tells chatterboxes it's my first Park Run. Later the Park Run app morphed the day into a numbers game. I want that 100 shirt and the 250!

We ran slowly which was fine. It's hard to come back to training as one gets older, but

Hey-Ho, I'm focused now on Valenzia in December, my sixteenth marathon. And I'll have support from my international marathon friends.

Three of us met first in 2017 in Greenland after a marathon on the ice cap: Hanna from Sweden, Peter from New Zealand, Marti from America. Truth be told I heard Marti before I saw her. She made some point that needed correction. Obviously, we disagreed, argued all evening and became friends.

I'll be reading at her wedding in LA next year.

We all met again for a marathon in Petra desert. Then to Bhutan for my seventieth birthday, and Rowan from Scotland joined us, her fortieth birthday as it happened.

Since then we've done Tromso, Bologna and Tokyo. It's a special group.

I tell my daughters I'll do my last marathon when I'm a hundred. They roll their eyes. Secretly, I tell my grandchildren I'm not that stupid, I'll probably only run a half-marathon!

Running has given me a great deal, especially a euphony of poetic lines that I mull over and over as I run. In training, I stop to write them down, reflections on life and the what-if that rides the conscious like a surfer. Pure joy! This poem is an example where poetry and running merge:

**The Lark in Spring**

He's been waiting again this morning  
his excitement is my adrenaline  
the trills and slurs like a stream of consciousness  
as I run by the ploughed field to Aldbourne.  
He mimics the rhythm of my step, my early smile  
confounding the angst of a troubled night,  
faster downhill as he soars pressuring me to align  
and at the summit, bent over, he mocks my stop.

I know, I know I say and off we go again,  
my wave to the hazy blue where he hides  
in plain sight beyond the tremulous pane  
gyrating in high pitch when my pace declines  
like a coach conjoined in a joyful game.

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# Wanborough Scarecrow

This year's theme was "The World of Theatre and...". Creations around the route for everyone to view... made a scarecrow this year, clearly a lot of work... we received from those taking part there were m...

The best scarecrow voted by those taking part w... "Mousetrap". There were also many others scor... Frozen and Romeo & Juliet to name a few, many... which one was their favourite, showing what a g... year.

## Wanborough Scarecrow Trail - Answers

Scarecrow Number	Scarecrow Name	Scarecrow Number	Scarecrow Name
1	Grease	25	Wizard of Oz
2	Sound of Music	26	Tina The Musical
3	The Book of Mormon	27	The Spongebob Musical
4	Midsummer Nights Dream	28	Mrs Doubtfire
5	Fame	29	Chitty Chitty Bang Bang
6	Evita	30	The Devil Wears Prada
7	Sister Act	31	War of the Worlds
8	Heather's Musical	32	Shrek
9	Oliver	33	The Little Shop of Horrors
10	Seven Brides for Seven Brothers	34	Wicked
11	Mouse Trap	35	Bat out of Hell
12	Frozen	36	Dog Man
13	Joseph Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat	37	Les Miserables
14	Phantom of the Opera	38	Waitress
15	Legally Blond	39	Matilda
16	Billy Elliot	40	Romeo & Juliet
17	Macbeth	41	Hamilton
18	Lion King	42	Run for Your Wife
19	Six	43	Paddington
20	12 Angry Men	44	Mamma Mia
21	Cats	45	The Greatest Showman
22	Charlie & the Chocolate Factory	46	Mary Poppins
23	Peter Pan	47	Beetlejuice
24	School of Rock	48	Beauty and the Beast



With thanks to all our Sponsors, who cover the cost of the prizes, hall hire and stationery, allowing all funds raised to be distributed to the charities



# Scarecrow Trail 2026

and Musicals” and there were 48 wonderful  
and guess. A big thank you to everyone who  
had gone into them and from the feedback  
many who were very impressed with them.

as “Wizard of Oz”, closely followed by  
ing a lot of votes including Shrek, Lion King,  
stated they found it difficult to decide on  
reat display of scarecrows there were this



The total raised was **£3,100** which is absolutely fantastic. The funds will be distributed to the two main charities:-

The Wanborough Primary School PTA & The Big Breakfast Plus. We were also able to donate £200 to the Parent & Toddler group.



Many thanks to everyone who supported the event by purchasing a trail sheet, it was great to see so many families out and about enjoying the trail. All the money received from the sale of the trail sheets is distributed to the charities.



Out of the 635 trail sheets that we sold there were 110 that were returned completely 100% correct; this is the most we have ever had in terms of correct answers. We put all the correct answer sheets in a hat and drew the winners out at the start of the Farmer’s Market.



Winners:-

- 1st Prize - £150 Amazon Voucher - Fiona & Jill
- 2nd Prize - £100 Amazon Voucher - The Parkes Family
- 3rd Prize - £50 Amazon Voucher - Sophie-Anne Smith
- Children’s activity sheet - £50 Smyth’s voucher - Naya Dowling

We would also like to thank everyone who volunteered and helped on the refreshment stand, the pubs who sold the trail sheets during the week and to Lorna who collected the answer sheets for us.

Next year it will be the 20th year of the trail and we are keen to find a theme that will celebrate this milestone. Please send us a message if you have any ideas - [wanboroughscarecrow@yahoo.com](mailto:wanboroughscarecrow@yahoo.com).

Thanks - Natalie, Angela, Natasha & Mark (Scarecrow Trail Team)



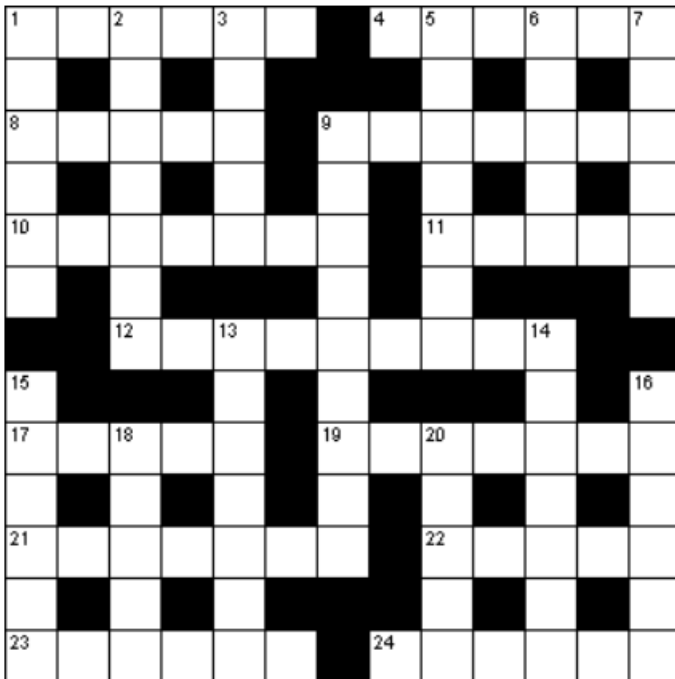
# Puzzle of the Month - June 2026

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](mailto:Lydenmagazine@gmail.com) by **14th June 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 quick crossword**



### Down

- 1 Remembrance (6)
- 2 Made fun of (7)
- 3 Story or scene of happy innocence (5)
- 5 Dozens (7)
- 6 Thoughts (5)
- 7 Fourscore (6)
- 9 Police officer (9)
- 13 Short moral story (7)
- 14 Certificate (7)
- 15 Tight-fitting undergarment (6)
- 16 Remained (6)
- 18 Pastry covering (5)
- 20 Not rural (5)

### Across

- 1 Spanish capital (6)
- 4 Walk with long steps (6)
- 8 Wed (5)
- 9 Type of lettuce (7)
- 10 Puzzling questions (7)
- 11 Call upon (5)
- 12 Dispirited, downcast (9)
- 17 Happen (5)
- 19 Wind instrument (7)
- 21 Sleep (7)
- 22 Plunder (5)
- 23 Be unsteady on one's feet (6)
- 24 Away from the coast (6)

**May's Winner**

**Susan Braddock**

**Well Done!**

### Solutions for May'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!



### THE BREWERS ARMS

WORLD CUP... IS IT COMING HOME???? Find out with us at the Brewers Arms this June.

Paul's planning his usual .We have 4 x 75" tvs and an 85" tv. Come and bask in our sun trapped front garden for pre match drinks.

Join us for our usual pre match build up with atmospheric music and food .

We've had a bit of practise already with the weather and it's been great to see you all coming down enjoying the garden , trying our new ciders and enjoying our vintage football table . As always family & dog friendly .

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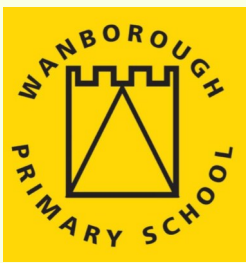
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## Wanborough Primary School

**Reception:** Acorn Class topic this term was 'All Creatures Great and Small'. They started with learning about minibeasts and their habitats. We went on a minibeast hunt around the school and enjoyed searching high and low to see which creatures we could spot. Our favourite story has been *Betsy Buglove Saves the Bees*, we learnt all about bees and how important they are. Then we

followed step by step instructions to create our own paper bees. We also had a fantastic school trip to Butterfly World where we got to see the life stages of a butterfly, hold minibeasts and listen to a talk on meerkats and otters from the keepers. The children represented the school beautifully. We have been fortunate to have our own caterpillars and watch them get bigger as they eat their food, make their chrysalis and then emerge as butterflies.



**Year 1:** Conker Class have been learning about the UK, finding out the countries that make up the UK and their capital cities. They have enjoyed looking at a variety of resources such as maps, atlases and globes to find the UK and understanding its place within the world. In English, we have been looking at narratives and used the classic tale *The Enormous Turnip* for our writing inspiration. The children have invented and written their own version of the story, changing the characters and which object was enormous! In Art, we have been learning about British sculptor and land artist, Andy Goldsworthy, who uses the natural world to create his works. In class and at home, the children made some creations inspired by his art, and our unit culminated in the children creating their final piece using sand.

**Year 2:** Pinecone Class. The children have shown great enthusiasm for our exciting new topic, *Pirates*. The children have enjoyed learning about famous pirates, including Blackbeard, and created detailed fact files to showcase their understanding. They have particularly enjoyed the story *The Pirates Next Door* in English, which has inspired their reading, writing and teamwork. In RE, we have been learning about the similarities and differences between Eid and Easter, encouraging thoughtful discussion and reflection. In PE, the children have impressed us with their focus and determination as they practise Pilates movements. Our learning in Maths saw the class become "measurement experts" as they learned to measure and compare mass using grams and kilograms. In Art, their creativity has shone through as they made sea creatures and carefully crafted 'pieces of eight', developing skills they will use in upcoming clay work. In Science, we concluded our 'Animals and Living Things' topic by learning about Steve Irwin and his important work protecting wildlife. More recently, we have begun investigating plant growth by carefully observing sunflowers growing in different conditions. At the end of term, children celebrated 'Pirate Day' with dressing up and lots of fun pirate activities.

**Year 3:** Maple Class have been learning about the Vikings. They have identified who they were and when and why they came to Britain. In Art, the children have been looking at Viking patterns and then imitating them using block and overlay printing techniques. The class have been lucky this term to have three external lessons. They have weekly drumming, football and swimming lessons, where they are developing a range of rhythms and skills.

**Year 4:** Willow Class have thoroughly enjoyed learning about the Ancient Greeks. The children have been especially engaged in researching the gods, goddesses and mythical creatures, showing great curiosity and enthusiasm. In Art, they have been experimenting with clay as they begin designing their own Greek-inspired pots, developing both their creativity and practical skills. During PE lessons, the children have been practising their tennis skills and always look forward to their weekly sessions with Swindon Town Foundation. In Science, the class have been learning about the digestive system, exploring how the human body processes food in a fun and interactive way.



**Year 5:** Elm Class. We completed our topic on the Tudors with a visit to Hampton Court Palace in Surrey. During the visit, the children explored the kitchens and learnt about what food they ate and how it was cooked. They also toured part of the palace and saw how the walls and ceilings had been decorated beautifully. The children even got to see a replica of Henry VIII's crown! Year 5 have now started their new topic called 'The Natural World'. They have revised the water cycle and begun looking at rivers around the world. In Science, they have been learning about plant and animal life cycles, including metamorphosis in butterflies. We welcomed 10 tiny caterpillars into our classroom and have been watching them intently as they have grown into much larger caterpillars and then formed chrysalides. We can't wait to see them emerge as butterflies. This term, we have been developing our swimming skills and techniques in PE. We are looking forward to attending the Year 5 Earth Summit at Coleshill Estate soon.

**Year 6:** Oak Class. This term, the children have been completing their work in their Topic and Science units from last term. The learning from last term on The Amazon has been applied to our new English focus for the term - narrative stories based in the Amazon Rainforest. In the *Evolution* unit of Science, the children have been looking at the concept of inheritance and considered both inherited characteristics and acquired characteristics. In Maths, we have been consolidating previous learning whilst looking at angles, shape, perimeter, area, volume, statistics and mean - it has been a very busy term in preparation for the SATs, which were sat in the penultimate week of term (the children should be extremely proud of how they approached these). In Art, we have been looking at Frida Kahlo and the beautiful warm and cool colours used by her in her pieces of

artwork, building up to the children creating their own Frida Kahlo inspired self-portrait. Additionally, UTurn delivered a very informative session on drugs and alcohol awareness focusing on how to keep safe.

**Young Carers:** This term we held our annual doughnut-eating contest which was tricky because the doughnuts were hanging up and hands weren't allowed - it caused a lot of laughter and many messy faces. At the request of the Young Carers we also had a session doing crafts and using iPads.

**Clubs:** This term the following have been running Swindon Town Football, Playdough, Mindfulness Colouring, Spanish, Gardening, Guitar, Book Club, Hama Beads, Garage Band, Rounders and Zumba

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**Music:** This term we are listening to 'Girl Power' music.

**Value of the Term** was: Perseverance.

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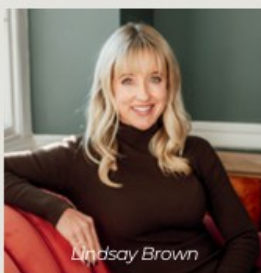
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