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Dates for your Diary - August 2026

Date	Event	Time	Page	Location
Mon 3 rd August	Liddington Coffee Morning	10am		Liddington Village Hall
Sun 9 th August	Gardening Club – Open Gardens	2.30pm	Page 14	The Gables, High Street, Wanborough
Fri 14 th August	Deadline for Lyden articles			
Sat 22 nd August	Wanborough Show	12 noon	Page 5	Church Meadow, off Lynch Field
Sat 30 th August	Cricket Club Race Night	7pm	Page 11	The Harrow Pub
Sun 31 st August	Deadline for the completion of Well Spring Villages Survey		Page 4	

In addition to the above dates

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

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

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
Wed 2 nd September 2026	Liddington Parish Council Meeting	7pm	Liddington Village Hall
Wed 9 th September 2026	Gardening Club	7pm	Bishopstone Village Hall
Sat 19 th September 2026	Wanborough Farmers Market	9am	Wanborough Village Hall
Sun 27 th September 2026	Swindon Half Marathon		www.swindonhalf.co.uk
Sun 27 th September 2026	Wellspring Villages – Community Open Afternoon	3pm	St Andrew's Church
Fri 11 th & Sat 12 th June 2027	The 9 th Wanborough Beer & Cider Festival		The Calley Arms

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 August 2026

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

Website: www.wellspringvillages.co.uk

Date	Time	Church	Service
Sunday 2 nd August	10.30am	All Saints' Liddington	Morning Worship & Holy Communion
Sunday 9 th August	10.30am	St Mary's Church, Bishopstone	Morning Worship & Holy Communion
Sunday 9 th August	4pm	Hinton Parva Village Hall	Informal Afternoon Service
Sunday 16 th August	10.30am	St Andrew's Church, Wanborough	Morning Worship & Holy Communion
Sunday 23 rd August	8.30am	St Andrew's Church, Wanborough	Holy Communion Book of Common Prayer (1662)
Sunday 23 rd August	10.30am	St Swithun's, Hinton Parva	Morning Worship
Sunday 30 th August	10.30am	St Mary's Church, Bishopstone	Morning Worship & Holy Communion

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

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 5pm (by 14th August for September's magazine): Lydenmagazine@gmail.com. We are always keen to hear from you.

A letter from the Vicar – August 2026

Dear Friends



August is a great time of year to pause, to reflect and look ahead too.

This year at St. Andrew's, Wanborough, we have committed ourselves to do this and we would very much like to request your help and assistance. As we apply ourselves to shaping a vision for the future, we

realise it is important to gather the thoughts and reflections of as wide a spectrum of Wanborough plus Redlands residents as possible, as a crucially important step in helping to inform and shape our vision.

So, we would very much like to hear from you if you would be kind enough to spend ten to twenty minutes completing one of our community questionnaires, please. There is also one for Wanborough Community Organisations too. Questions include things like "What makes Wanborough, plus Redlands, such a special place to live?" "What are the major opportunities and challenges we face as a community at the moment?" "What role does the church and community of St Andrew's play in village life today?" "How do you think the church could best continue to support and serve our community in the years ahead?" We would genuinely like to know your thoughts.

Therefore, those of us on the leadership team at St. Andrew's would be enormously grateful to you if you would take the time and trouble to complete one of the community questionnaires, and an organisations questionnaire also, if that is appropriate to you;

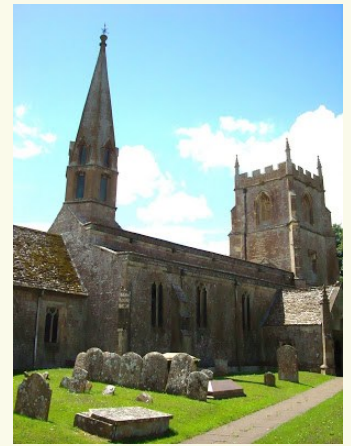
- Either through the questionnaires accessible online at <https://wellspringvillages.co.uk/helping-st-andrews-serve-wanborough-better/>
- Or via a paper copy which can be picked up from St. Andrew's church or from our doctors' surgery.
- Or simply knock on the Vicarage door and share your thoughts in person with me.

Wanborough plus Redlands is a wonderful place to live, work and belong. As our village continues to grow and change, we want to ensure that St Andrew's Church continues to play a positive part in the life of our community in the years ahead. As a church, we want to ensure that St Andrew's continues to serve not only those who worship here, but also the wider community. So, this is a listening exercise. We haven't reached any conclusions yet—we simply want to understand what matters most to our community. Whether you've lived in Wanborough all your life, are new to the village, attend St



Andrew's regularly, or have never been inside the church, your views are important to us. There are no right or wrong answers. We simply want to understand what matters most to the people and organisations that make Wanborough plus Redlands such a vibrant community.

The surveys will remain open until **31 August 2026**. During September we will carefully review all the responses to identify the themes, ideas and opportunities that emerge from the consultation. **Thank You.** We will be sharing these findings at a Community Open Afternoon. Details below.



Community Open Afternoon

Sunday 27 September 2026

3-5.00pm

St Andrew's Church, Wanborough

Join us for afternoon tea as we share the consultation findings and our developing vision for St Andrew's.

If you're wondering where and when our services take place, please take a look at our website www.wellspringvillages.co.uk for the monthly service times and locations across Wellspring Villages. We offer a variety of services, from traditional to more informal, so there's something for everyone. We'd love to welcome you. Come and join us—we look forward to worshipping with you. Have a restful and restorative summer.

Kind regards

Revd, Steve Paynter

Stavedpaynter@gmail.com 01793 296870

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Prayer:

Dear God, thank you for our local community, our friends and neighbours, and the local amenities and services accessible to us in this part of your creation. Grant us discernment to fully appreciate and value what we have and the awareness of what can be done to further strengthen and develop our community life together to your glory. Amen.

News from the Bell Towers

Tower Tours at Wanborough Show

Saturday 22 August 2026



The tower of St Andrews Church, Wanborough, will be open for Tower Tours as far as the ringing chamber and the belfry on the day of Wanborough Show.

- Climb the 75 spiral steps up to the belfry
- Visit the ringing chamber where the bells are rung from
- Visit the belfry to see the magnificent peal of 8 bells, the oldest dating from 1662, and the newest from 1997

There is no charge for this Tower Tour but donations are greatly appreciated.

In addition there will be one Tower Tour to the Roof at 5.00 pm on Show Day, weather permitting.

The number of people will be limited, so first come first served.

- Cost: £5.00 Adults. Sorry, children are not permitted on the roof.
- Both tours will be led by experienced local bell ringers.
- Please wear soft soled shoes and bring a camera.



All monies received will go to church funds for the upkeep of our magnificent peal of 8 bells.



Saturday 22nd August 2026 - 12 noon to 6pm

It's not long now until this year's Wanborough Show and we are looking forward to seeing you all there.

There's still time to enter this year's Flower & Produce Show, there is a wide choice of categories for you to choose from, including - Vegetables, Fruit, Flowers, Pot Plants, Foral Art and Art & Crafts. A full list is shown in the programme and can be downloaded from our website -

www.wanboroughshow.org

To enter you need to either e-mail to Sue Ripley - sueripley58@hotmail.com or you can post the entry form to 1 Palmers Way by Thursday 20th August 2026

We are also keen to see some more entries for the Children's section. Please take a look at all the categories and encourage your children to enter, there are some really fun things to make which would make a great summer activity for them.

To enter the Children's section please either e-mail Beth Hoyer - bethanhoyer@gmail.com or you can post your entries to

28 Warneage Green, by Thursday 20th August 2026.

It's FREE to enter in both the Flower & Produce Show and The Children's Section. We are looking forward to seeing everyone's work and creations on show day.

On the Day!

There is so much to see and do on Show day.

Family Fun Dog Show

This year's dog show will be run by Alison Abbott owner of Abbey Dog Training Company. She has several categories to enter your lovely dog into, look at the schedule and choose a category to enter.

We have a busy **main arena schedule** as follows:-

Time	Event
12.00	Pan Delight Steel Band
12.30	Historic Car Display
13.00	Paws for Thought—Dog display
14.00	The Mighty Smith Show
14.30	Morris Dancers
15.00	Black Eagles - Acrobatics
15.00	Razamatazz (corner of arena)
16.00	Motorcycles & Scooters
16.15	Black Eagles - Acrobatics
16.45	The Mighty Smith—Tug of War

In addition we have the following entertainment included in your entry fee:-

- Climbing Wall
- 3 x Inflatables - Football darts, Helter-skelter, bouncy castle
- Animal petting
- Classic car display
- Music in the refreshment tent
- Trade & community stands for you to browse around.

Check out our website www.wanboroughshow.org.uk for further information.



Wanborough Parish Council

June Meeting Update

Hello everyone,

Here's a quick update from the Parish Council meeting held on 22nd June, keeping you informed about some of the work taking place across the parish.

Looking After Our Local Environment

It was lovely to hear a resident thank the Parish Council for our efforts in asking Swindon Borough Council to protect the wildflowers at the bottom of Pack Hill. These small areas of natural beauty are important to many residents and wildlife alike.

Concerns were also raised about flooding near the gateway on Green Lane leading to Burycroft. The Parish Council has agreed to investigate the issue to see what improvements may be possible.

Residents will also be pleased to know that the contractor has now cut the footpaths that were recently reported to the Parish Council. The remaining footpaths across the parish are scheduled to be cut in due course as part of the ongoing maintenance programme.

In addition, the Clerk will continue working with Swindon Borough Council's Tree Team to better understand ownership and responsibility for trees across the parish, helping us plan future maintenance and management.

The Parish Council would also like to remind residents to check and maintain any hedges, trees, shrubs, and other vegetation growing within their property boundaries. Overgrown vegetation can obstruct footpaths, reduce visibility for road users, and make access difficult for pedestrians, wheelchair users, and those with pushchairs. Keeping vegetation trimmed back helps ensure the parish remains safe, accessible, and attractive for everyone.

Road Safety and Local Infrastructure

Following a recent speed survey on Church Road, larger 30mph speed limit signs will be installed to help improve

road safety. The Parish Council is also arranging for the vehicle-activated speed sign to be relocated to encourage drivers to slow down when leaving the village

Residents may also be pleased to hear that repairs to the bridge are expected to be carried out shortly, and discussions continue regarding maintenance of grass verges around the parish.

Dog Waste Bag Dispensers

The Parish Council was pleased to approve a request from the Cubs to replace the village dog waste bag dispensers. These are well used by residents and visitors and help keep our footpaths and open spaces clean and enjoyable for everyone.

Allotment Improvements

Councillors recently met with the owner of the adjoining track to discuss proposed fencing improvements at the allotments. Positive discussions took place and the Parish Council is awaiting written confirmation before progressing the project further.

Community Grant Support

The Parish Council was pleased to approve a grant of £1,500 to St Andrew's Church, supporting the valuable contribution the church continues to make to village life and the wider community.

Website Project

Improving the Parish Council website remains a priority. Councillors agreed that a meeting of the website working group should be arranged to help move the project forward and improve access to information for residents.

And finally, a reminder that councillors regularly hold a **Coffee and Chat** session at the Farmers' Market on the third Saturday of each month. It is a great opportunity to raise concerns, ask questions, or simply have an informal chat about village matters.

As ever, if there's something you'd like to bring to our attention, please do get in touch.

Laura Evans
Parish Clerk

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

Stopping Construction Traffic on Pack Hill: We now have agreement to install A-frame signs on the roundabout to deter construction traffic from using the village as a short cut to the construction sites. The security teams at SCR will do a daily check as previous signs were laid down by persons unknown.

Rural Verge Cuts: The tender has closed and the contractors are being instructed to go ahead with the verge cuts.

Footpath 44: Works from Swindon Borough Council will finally take place in August to re-open this long closed public footpath.

Damaged bridge: The Parish Council reported this to Matt and it has now been repaired by Swindon Borough Council.

Ward work: Fly tipping, white lining and road edges have all

been reported to Swindon Borough Council and we are having a Ward Walk with a director and the Chief Exec at SBC to highlight what is outstanding.

Liddington: Purley Road in terms of highways marking, speeding and its use when the M4 is closed. During a recent overnight closure of the M4 an unacceptable amount of traffic was using the road despite us having it removed as a designated route during M4 closures. Going forward our Streetworks teams have insisted that National Highways improve signage at Hungerford or Jn15 to signpost the designated routes. Sadly they cannot stop people following their SatNav's.

Speeding: We have been asking residents from Foxhill, Hinton Parva and Badbury to let us know if they would support any

reduction in speed limits or improved signage. Following a residents complaint we have a commitment from Highways to improve signage reinforcing the 30mph limit on Church Road, between Ham Road and Callas Hill. The speed strips requested showed average speeds of 40mph!

Redlands Grove: Finally Matt & I had some good news on the shop. Bellway have confirmed that they have an offer to purchase the shop and that is now proceeding.

The primary school funding still requires some additional information from Swindon Borough Council on pupil yield (how many are expected in the next few years).

We are also told that one play area as you go into Phase 2 should be open for the summer holidays.

Gary & Matt

Ridgeway Villages website: www.ridgewayvillages.co.uk

Wanborough Village Hall and "Simpler Recycling"



The UK Government's new Simpler Recycling legislation is designed to make recycling consistent across England. Every household, business and community building will now follow the same core system, making it easier for everyone to know what goes where. This consistency aims to reduce contamination, which is the biggest reason recyclable materials end up being thrown away.

The new legislation means that businesses, including Wanborough Village Hall, must sort their waste at the point it's thrown away. Businesses can be fined heavily for failure to sort their waste or for contamination of different waste types.

Under Simpler Recycling, the following materials must be collected separately:

- Recyclable materials (eg paper, card, metals and plastic packaging)
- Glass
- Food waste

Changes to bins at Wanborough Village Hall

To ensure Wanborough Village Hall follows the new rules and make recycling easier for everyone who uses the hall, the committee has introduced **four clearly labelled bins** to replace the previous single mixed-waste bin:

1. Mixed Recycling

- **paper** and card, newspapers, leaflets, cardboard sleeves, envelopes and clean packaging
- **plastics** such as bottles, pots, trays and tubs
- **metals** drink cans, food tins and clean foil.

2. Food waste

3. Glass Bin for bottles and jars of any colour.

A smaller **general waste** bin will remain for anything that can't be recycled.

Why it is important

By sorting waste at the hall, we:

- Ensure that the Hall and its Trustees follow the law and avoid any penalties that can be imposed on businesses for any failures to implement the new system or failure to correctly separate waste streams
- Reduce the amount of recyclable material going to landfill

Make the hall a greener, more responsible community space.

How You Can Help

When you next use the hall, whether for a club meeting, a party or a community event, please be sure to place your waste in the correct bin (or take it home!).

A few seconds of sorting makes a big difference to what happens to our waste once it leaves the village.

This new system is a trial. If it proves difficult or costly to ensure waste is correctly recycled, it may be necessary to remove bins from the hall completely. We will be amending the Hall's booking conditions to make sure users are aware of the need to use the correct bins. Please bear with us as we adapt to the new system and tweak the frequency of collections etc with Hills, our waste management contractor.

Wanborough Village Hall Committee



Wanborough Farmers Market

There will not be a market in August as Wanborough Show Society will be holding their show.

We hope you can all make it to the show in Church Meadow, 12 noon to 6pm. It looks as if it is going to be well worth a visit, check out your programme which you should have received with your July Lyden magazine.

We will see you for another Farmers Market on the 19th September 9am to 12 noon.



Liddington Parish Council

The most recent Parish Council meeting was held on 24th June rather than the usual first

Wednesday of the month due to Councillor availability. The draft minutes are available on the Parish Council website. Key points to highlight are:

Road Safety

The Road Safety team presented a set of proposals for reducing traffic speed on the B4192. These include:

- 'Narrowing' the road through the village using road markings or a cycle lane
- Reducing speed limits from Commonhead to the 30mph sign
- Extending the 40mph section as you come out of the village up the hill travelling towards the motorway
- Creating central refuges at crossing points

Using planters to create a visible entrance to the village.

These, and other ideas will be discussed with the SBC Highways Officer at a meeting on 30th July. Thanks to the Road Safety team for progressing this topic.

Footpaths

Thanks to those of you who are keeping footpaths clear. For those that aren't (and you know who you are!) please can you attend to any overgrown areas to allow people to pass safely.

Work continues along the Purley Road verge to prevent weeds and brambles from smothering the newly planted

hedge. Thanks to Glenn Hickman for donating a load of wood chippings to suppress weeds and keep what little moisture there is there. We have also found a solution to keeping the grass slope outside Hillside Cottages cut and hope that is making a difference to residents.

In other news.....

- **First Aid** - We are investigating the options for running First Aid training for a group of residents later in the year. This would include training on how to use the defibrillators as well as basic first aid training. More details to follow
- **Sheep** - We are aware of the ongoing frustration with escaping sheep. It is taking time to sort the situation out with the farmer and shepherd but it is something we will resolve over the next few months

Parish Plan - We are going to update the Parish Plan that was produced about 10 years ago. We will be seeking input from residents as part of the update process. This will be a September - December activity.

The next Parish Council meeting is on Wednesday 2nd September at 6.30pm in the Liddington Village Hall.

Residents are welcome to attend. Please note that the section where the public can speak is to be held at 7.00pm. 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



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Milestones in Liddington

We found a Milestone along Purley Road during the Volunteer brush cutting this past year. It hadn't been seen for twenty-four years according to the elders in the village. It's a listed building, number: 1185254. Then east of the village on the same road, the B4192, we have another which is not listed. It didn't seem like a mile between the two, but back then the road wasn't straight. It rambled through the village and past the old Toll House which is in front of the Village Inn. It must have been a mile at some stage.



started a debate. What happened to all the other Milestones from Liddington to London?

Missing Milestones

On the Historic England database there's a milestone listed east of the entrance to Liddington Hill, number 1023398. Further east on the B4192, beyond Liddington Warren Farm, there is another listed milestone, number 1299750. Apparently, both are within the Liddington village boundary. Now we have to find the physical milestones themselves, clear the verge and ask Paul Bishop to professionally clean and paint them.

History of Milestones

From 1767 onwards, milestones were compulsory by law on all turnpike roads. They helped mail coaches keep to strict schedules, calculated the hiring costs for horses, and determined postal charges.

Fearing an imminent German invasion, in 1939 the British government ordered the removal, defacement, or burying of all milestones, signposts, and way-markers to disorientate enemy forces. Of the thousands of milestones that once lined the 20,000 miles of turnpike roads, an estimated 3,000 survive today. A voluntary group, Milestone Association, is working to recover those that were buried.

Toll Buildings

As an aside, I looked up the Heritage database on Toll buildings. The one in Liddington opposite the pub is not listed. We'll get that and the unlisted milestone registered with Heritage England in due course.

Andrew Poppleton

Chair, Liddington Parish Council



Sid Bishop, now over ninety and the longest serving member ever to sit on the Parish Council, told us he used to paint these Milestones back in the days. His son, Paul, offered to keep up the tradition. The photos show his final work, the markings in black against a white background. Paul did a fabulous job.

Now we know how far we are from London!

I suppose we are recovering history, and it



Old Boiler News

We were pleased to support a new attraction to this year's Wanborough Village and Country Show, Saturday 22nd August, Church Meadow, Upper Wanborough.

Well worth the sponsorship of £750, Daniel Cordell - Wood Sculpture. Photos here..

And the added bonus will be, whatever Dan produces, will be auctioned off at the end of the show in the beer tent.

Miss it, miss out.

Best regards Barry Hillier



Liddington 100 Club

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The winner for June is Aly Clay - congratulations

Caroline Tams

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Updates from Hooper's Field Sports Clubs



WANBOROUGH PETANQUE CLUB UPDATE

Bienvenue to Hooper's Field Terrain

Our club is affiliated with Pétanque England and we are now recruiting members for the new season running through to 31 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 we can add to the membership database. Thank you so much - please use the following email address ; treasurer@wanboroughhpc.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 to 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 until **1 September 2026**.

Team Update

Our third Cotswold League game against league leaders Cheltenham resulted in a convincing win 5-0 with some great debut performances.

Western Cup Quarter Final was a significant win over Cricklade where we won 4-1 and now await our Semi-Final opposition from Bath or Bristol. This would be a real giant killing cup story with the final at Royal Wootton Bassett.

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)

August

Cotswold League Cheltenham away
Western Cup SF tba

Quiz Night Hoopers Fundraiser 2026 TBC

For those using the terrain and unsure of the rules they can be found on the Club website www.wanboroughhpc.com
Vince Witts (Chair)



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



Wanborough Cricket Club to Host Charity Race Night at The Harrow

The village cricket club invites the whole community to an evening of fun horse racing, sweepstakes and prizes at a local pub fundraiser on Saturday 30th August.

Wanborough Cricket Club (WCC) is pleased to announce its forthcoming Race Night fundraiser, to be held on **Saturday 30th August 2025 at The Harrow pub, Wanborough, running from 7:00pm to 11:00pm.**

Admission tickets are priced at just £4 per person, making it an affordable and entertaining evening for the whole community.

The event will feature a full card of horse races screened on the night, with guests able to place bets, participate in a raffle, and enjoy prizes throughout the evening.

"This is going to be a brilliant evening, and we'd love to see as many familiar faces there as possible. It's a fantastic opportunity for the whole village to get together, have a lot of fun, and help support the cricket club. You don't need to know anything about horse racing to enjoy it - that's the beauty of a race night!" Paul, Wanborough CC Chairman.

All proceeds raised on the night will go directly towards Wanborough Cricket Club, contributing to the development and upkeep of facilities, junior development, and the general running of cricket in the village. The club, founded in 1931, is one of the longest-standing sporting institutions in the local

area and relies on community fundraising to continue its work.

The Harrow pub will provide bar facilities throughout the evening. Organisers are encouraging early ticket purchases as spaces are expected to be limited.

Tickets can be obtained by contacting Wanborough Cricket Club directly via email at Wanboroughcricketclub.org.uk or Facebook/Instagram.

With the summer bank holiday weekend providing the perfect backdrop, Race Night promises to be one of the highlights of the summer social calendar for Wanborough and the surrounding community.

- Contact: Wanboroughcricketclub@gmail.com,
- Event: Wanborough Cricket Club Race Night
- Date: Saturday 30th August 2025
- Time: 7:00pm – 11:00pm
- Venue: The Harrow, Wanborough, Wiltshire
- Tickets: £4 per person — from WCC and via social media

If you would like to sponsor a race or discuss other ways to support the event, please do not hesitate to get in touch. We would be delighted to have you involved.

Thank you for your continued support of sport in our community.

U12 WANBOROUGH WASPS NEW PLAYERS



WANBOROUGH WASPS ARE LOOKING FOR SOME EXTRA PLAYERS TO JOIN A FRIENDLY, DEVELOPMENT TEAM.

IF YOU ARE STARTING IN YEAR 7 THIS SEPTEMBER WITH A LOVE FOR FOOTBALL.

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WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU. PLEASE CONTACT US ON 07810 503007 OR CHAIR@WANBOROUGHWASPS.COM

Wanborough Bowls Club

Interested in Playing ,

Come Along and Have a Go.

Bowling is a fun sport that can be played at a social or competitive level.

Wanborough Bowls Club is a really friendly club set in beautiful woodland surroundings.

New members are always welcome and also those returning to bowls, no matter what ability or age you will always find a warm welcome at our club.

Come along to the club, all you will need to bring is a flat soled shoes without a heel (to protect the green). Equipment will be provided to use.

Bring the whole family and tell your friends to come along with you!

The club has Qualified coaches available and also any of our members are happy to help and to give you an insight into the game of bowls

If you would like more details

please contact **Martin (07753 743996)**





WANBOROUGH TENNIS CLUB

HUGE ACHIEVEMENT FOR BECKY WATTS -
Wanborough Tennis Club Appointed as **LTA U10**
Performance Centre.

Following a rigorous selection process, Wanborough Tennis Club has been appointed by the LTA as an LTA U10 Performance Centre, with the programme led by Head Coach Becky Watts. One of only 13 clubs in England and Wales.

This prestigious appointment recognises Becky's outstanding coaching and the club's commitment to developing young players. It also reflects the strength and success of the club's talented junior members.

The two-year programme begins in September and will raise the profile of both the club and the village, creating new opportunities for young players across Wiltshire while supporting the club's continued growth and development.

Many congratulations to Becky!

Becky pictured with Samridhi (on the right), recent winner at the National tennis centre and now officially No 1 in her age group in the country



WIMBLEDON TOURNAMENT

To coincide with Wimbledon, the club held a fun, competitive tournament in perfect English weather. All four courts were used and Becky's skills were put to the test arranging for each player to have four matches partnered with a different player each time.

Huge congratulations to Matt Elson who won the most men's games - he said one of the reasons he joined the Club was for



these kind of things – and to Diane McEntee who won the most ladies' games.

And many thanks to Mel and Celia who kept everyone refreshed with

strawberries and cream and Pimms in true Wimbledon style.

EXCITING NEW DEVELOPMENT

Coming This September: Pickleball at Wanborough Tennis Club!

Wanborough Tennis Club is excited to open two new pickleball courts this September, available for booking.

Interested in playing? To register your interest and help us organise playing sessions, email wanboroughsecretary@gmail.com or use the contact form on our website. Please, if you can, let us know your preferred day of the week and time (AM/PM/EVE) to play.

Contact: <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/WanboroughTennisClub/Contact>

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.

Three thousand, three hundred and thirty-three

Are you thinking of holidaying in Ireland this year – a staycation with a foreign lilt. Forty minutes from Bristol Airport and costs around £50 return. Cheaper than a train to London!

Dublin is special, then head west to Kerry, Clare, Connemara or Donegal, four totally different landscapes and just lose yourself - though you'll never get lost. Everyone speaks English and everyone's friendly.

However, we have language and behavioural quirks that'll make you smile. Here are a few.

Those who converse with me, know I say *Three* and it sounds like *Tree*. There's no *TH* sound in Irish, so the pronunciation has morphed into how we speak English. However, Irish people don't think it's that funny when asked to pronounce 3,333 for a laugh. Mind you, we find it odd that you don't pronounce the *TH* in River Thames, or Thailand. So there!

Don't say "Top of the morning!" or "Sure and Begorrah" –

those are irritating Hollywood fabrications.

Greet people as you pass on country walks and expect "Where are you from?" as a conversation opener. It's normal to ask for directions if you're lost rather than faff about with a mobile phone. However, watch out, as "not far" can mean 10m or 300m.

Knowing some words is helpful. I use *Grand* all the time. Everything is grand. It drives my wife mad as she doesn't get the subtleties of emphasis or elongation, so she'd know just how grand it really is. Do you see what I mean?

You'll hear the word *Craic* a lot. It sounds like *crack*, an Irishism for fun, excitement as in "It was great craic." It got me into trouble at the end of a conference speech in Boston many years back: "Enough talking," I said, "let's go and have some craic" which was followed by deathly silence.



And on that note our F-word is *Feck*, which is not a curse. It comes from the Irish word *Feicim*, which means *I see*. It's been distorted into all sorts of uses: "That Fecker, It's Fecking cold, What the Feck?" A very useful word that can be used in church if the feckin' priest gives a long sermon when it's past time for a pint.

You'll hear *Thing* (actually *Ting*) when we can't remember the correct word – a good filler at my age. And you'll hear *Sláinte* (slawn-che) meaning *Good Health* when tapping glasses.

Always say *Thanks* to the bus driver when you're alighting. It's amusing when a dozen passengers say it, even little children, a custom I like and it's very much appreciated.

Don't ask about Leprechauns as views are still divided on whether they exist. Yet ghosts exist and everyone, everyone has a ghost story. And everyone has a poem and

a song, so prepare!

We love quirkiness so look out for examples. Here's one, a 6th century Druidic poem, prophesising the coming of Christianity:

*Across the sea will come Adze-head,
Crazed in the head,
His cloak with a hole for the head,
His stick bent in the head.*

*He will chant impiety
From a table in front of his house;
All his people will answer:
Be it thus. Be it thus.*

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For your info: We issue a monthly email Newsletter and your input would be most welcome should you wish to contribute.
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Lyden Magazine

If you would like to submit an article to be included in next month's Lyden, then please e-mail your contribution (Word documents preferred) to the Lyden by the 14th of the month by 5pm prior to the publication month (by 14th August for September's magazine): Lydenmagazine@gmail.com. We are always keen to hear from you.



The Ridgeway Gardening Club

Hidcote Manor Gardens Outing



Instead of our usual evening meeting and speaker, the Ridgeway Garden Club organised a day trip to Hidcote Manor Gardens in Gloucestershire.

On a bright June morning, twenty members and friends set off for a long-awaited visit to these beautiful National Trust Gardens in the Cotswolds. Famous for its pioneering series of outdoor 'garden rooms', each with its own distinct character, planting style and atmosphere. Hidcote offered plenty to explore and enjoy. Many of our trippers couldn't resist stopping by the plant centre and shop, keen to bring a little piece of Hidcote home. Fortunately, the coach had ample space for everyone's new treasures.



This was our first organised outing in several years, and judging by the enthusiastic feedback, it certainly won't be our last.

Diary Dates

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!

Non-members are also welcome to join us please contact the club on 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.

Sunday 9th August : 2.30 pm Open Garden : The Gables, High Street, Wanborough.

Byron and Jean Carron will be once again opening their beautiful garden in aid of the Swindon Stroke Support Group.

Wednesday 9th September: Richard Rickets: Bishopstone Village Hall 7.pm

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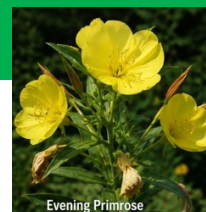
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Happy Gardens by Jane Pearson

There is a local and national box caterpillar infestation, this is ongoing and I would like to thank everyone who is helping to control the caterpillars. I've invested in some moth pheromone traps and I'm pleased to say that they are now working. Initially I *didn't* think they had, there *wasn't* a moth in sight for the first couple of weeks because the male moths work in cycles and swoop in and mass every month or so. The two traps in our garden are fully operational and doing their job and I hope to soon invest in a couple more for the hedgerow. As well as addressing concerns to Swindon Council I am approaching our local council. My fingers *are crossed* that they can provide funding for hedgerow traps and further control methods, update to follow.

Encouraging beneficial moths:

I'd hate the box caterpillar moth to give all our moths a bad name! I've become curious to learn a little more about our beneficial moths and the habitats we can create to encourage them. Here's a list of Night-Scented Nectar Plants that night flying moths like to feed from: Tobacco plant, Evening Primrose, Common Jasmine, Honeysuckle, Night-scented stock.



Evening Primrose



Tobacco



Night-scented stock

Day flying moths like the Hummingbird Hawk moth and Silver Y love nectar rich flowers with long narrow tubes such as Buddleja, lavender, Red Valerian and verbena.

Go a little wild! Create egg laying and larvae nourishing environment with:

Native trees (Oak, Birch, Hazel etc). Hawthorn and all native mixed hedging

Wild patches of nettles, dandelions and Lady's and hedge bedstraw and wild madder, these don't have to be vast, a small corner of your garden is perfect.

Add water, a pond is great but even a shallow bowl will do, a cork or two floating in it makes a great landing raft not just for moths but also butterflies, bees and other pollinators.



Next months garden tasks:

- Prune Wisteria. Why? To improve next year's flowering display. Wisteria can be pruned twice yearly, in July/August and January/February. How? Cut back whippy side shoots of this year's growth to five or six leaves.
- Summer prune trained (restricted forms) of apples and pears. Why? To allow sunlight in to ripen the fruit and ensure good cropping next year. How? Visit <https://www.rhs.org.uk/fruit/apples/summer-pruning>
- Deadhead flowering plants regularly. Why? To encourage new blooms. How? Pinch of the faded blooms with your finger and thumb or snip back to the first leaf below the flower. On longer multi-flowering stems, snip the entire stem.
- Collect seeds from your garden plants. For more info, visit: <https://www.rhs.org.uk/propagation/seed-collecting-storing>

But most of all, enjoy your garden. Happy Gardening!

Planning Application in Wanborough

S/26/0825 - Land off Kite Hill - Erection of 3 no. self build dwellings (Class C3), garages and associated works.

An application has recently been submitted to Swindon Borough Council to build three 4 bedroom dwellings on the field behind the houses on the west side of Kite Hill. The site is outside the settlement boundary for Wanborough and is not an allocated site within Swindon Borough Council's Local Plan. The application is proposing to use two access points:-

- The entrance road to the existing house (in between Thornhill & Borrowdale on Kite Hill);
- Track to Kings Lane (in between Autumn View & Ashview on Kite Hill)

The track to Kings Lane has been used by residents as a footpath for many years, however it is not shown on the definitive map. In July 2023 an Application for a Modification to the Definitive Map was submitted to Swindon Borough Council's Rights of Way Officer by the Parish Clerk at the time and although it has not been processed yet by SBC, it is still a live application showing on SBC's website under reference WA45.

The track will therefore need to retain a footpath along this route, but the current proposed plans do not show a separate footpath.

You can submit your comments in relation to this planning application to SBC by e-mailing:-

sbcd@swindon.gov.uk



FAO: Helen Benbow (Planning Officer)

Quoting reference: **S/26/0825**

The plan to the left shows the proposed layout of the 3 dwellings, there are further plans and supporting documents for this application and these can be viewed on SBC's website

www.swindon.gov.uk

Search on "planning applications" and then search using the planning reference.

Wanborough during WW2

John Christian

After last month's article about Desmond Adams, the second reference to Wanborough found by Tony Honeyman at the GRO is John Christian who lost his life on 7th June 1941 when an Anson airplane crashed after hitting a tree in thick fog near Manor Farm, Lew near Brize Norton, Oxfordshire, killing four of the five crew on board.

From Army service records John's immediate ancestry is easier to trace than Desmond Adams. His grandfather John was born in 1817 at Douglas, Isle of Man, and joined the Royal Regiment of Artillery. He was stationed at the RRA Barracks at Woolwich when he married Ellen McLeod from Plumstead, the daughter of a fellow soldier. While posted in Ontario, Canada, John and Ellen had two children, a daughter Ellen in 1848 and a son John in 1851. Grandfather John and Ellen returned to England and had four more children before John retired from the Army.

John's father John followed his grandfather in the Royal Artillery and while stationed at the barracks in Woolwich in 1897 married Amy Powell from Meriden, Warwickshire. During duty at Alderney, Channel Islands, John and Amy had their only child John in 1899. Father John rose to rank of Major by the time he retired and lived with Amy and son John at Horndean, Hampshire. John and Amy later moved to Waterlooville where John died in 1913.

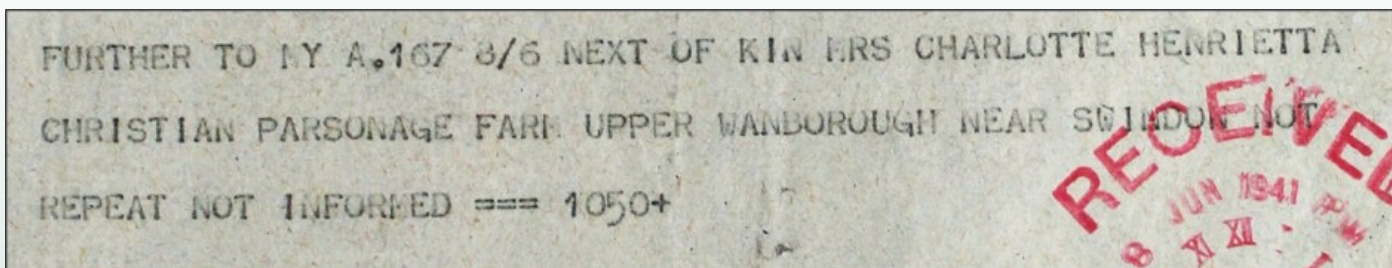
And so we come, via John (b. 1817) of Isle of Man and John (b. 1851) of Canada, to John (b. 1899) of the Channel Islands who did not follow his father and grandfather into the Army and instead, after school in Hampshire, in June 1916 he joined the Royal Navy Reserve during WW1.

After three voyages on SS Palermo, John was posted as Temporary Midshipman to HMS Excellent, a shore-based gunnery school at Portsmouth. The final posting was as Temporary Sub Lieutenant on HMS Research. In 1919 he was granted leave to sit for the Board of Trade Certificate prior to demobilisation in May 1919, and later was issued with a First Mate Certificate in 1920. At the time of the 1921 Census John was a Visitor on a collier "Stonehenge" (73735) at Alexandra Dock, Liverpool.

John married Charlotte Henrietta Newbury in 1925 at Plymouth and by 1930's the couple were living at Dovercourt, Harwich, Essex.

During WW2 the Air Ministry recruited experienced merchant mariners to teach basic air navigation and at the time of the fatal crash on 7th June 1941 John was a Civilian Navigation Instructor at the No. 11 Air Observers Navigation School, part of No. 2 Service Flying Training School based at RAF Watchfield.

The unexpected link with Wanborough starts with a message from No. 2 SFTS at RAF Watchfield to the Casualty Section at Whitehall the day after the accident showing Charlotte's address as "Parsonage Farm, Upper Wanborough."



The following year probate was issued to Charlotte and the couple's address is shown as "The Firs, Wanborough, Wiltshire". Later, Charlotte moved back to Dovercourt in Essex and remarried.

CHRISTIAN John. of The Firs Wanborough Wiltshire died 7 June 1941 at Lew. Oxfordshire. Probate Winchester 23 February to Charlotte Henrietta Christian widow. Effects £1046 18s. 4d.

After its construction in 1940, RAF Wanborough was used as a Relief Landing Ground by several Training Schools including Elementary Flying Training School at RAF Watchfield. The memoir of a Flight Lieutenant stationed at RAF Watchfield recalls “part of the tuition was being ferried around in ageing Anson’s using a satellite airfield at Wanborough which had no facilities greater than a toilet and tea making machine. Classroom instruction would be exercises in navigation and anything which might assist in doing their future Control job”. It wasn’t until 1942 that that RAF Wanborough was prepared for permanent occupation by building accommodation, Officer’s mess and several blister hangers. Previously Officers may have been billeted in the village and during the war wives often followed their husbands based at UK sites. There are no other records of John and Charlotte living in Wanborough so could John have been billeted at Parsonage Farm while organising the “exercises in navigation” and later moved to The Firs? Was Charlotte just visiting at the time of the fatal crash?

The final part of the mystery is that while the Operations Record Book for No. 11 AONS has an entry on 11th June stating that John was buried at Wanborough (Wilts) but no gravestone can be found.

WATCHFIELD 11.6.41.	No flying during previous three days owing to poor visibility. Anson K.6291 allotted to No.43 Group Deposit Account as beyond capacity of Unit to repair. Mr. Christian buried at Wanborough (Wilts.)
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Records at The Commonwealth War Graves Commission include John on a list of six civilian casualties during WW2 buried or commemorated in the Rural District of Witney. For John, CWGC advise that “the CWGC commemorates Commonwealth civilian casualties of World War II in the Roll of Honour held at Westminster Abbey, our remit does not extend to marking or caring for their graves.” and unfortunately they “do not record where civilian casualties are buried”.

If, as recorded in the RAF Log John was buried at St. Andrew’s, and the grave marked with a wooden cross, did Charlotte return to their house in Dovercourt in Essex before a gravestone had been added to John’s grave? The burial records for St. Andrew’s for 1940’s might provide an answer.

Please get in touch if you have any family memories of John and Charlotte which would help explain why and when they were living in Wanborough.



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This month’s front cover is a picture of the beautiful planter at the Bowls Club, Hooper’s Field, taken by John Errington. Please send photos (in landscape format) that you would like to see on the front cover to - Lydenmagazine@gmail.com

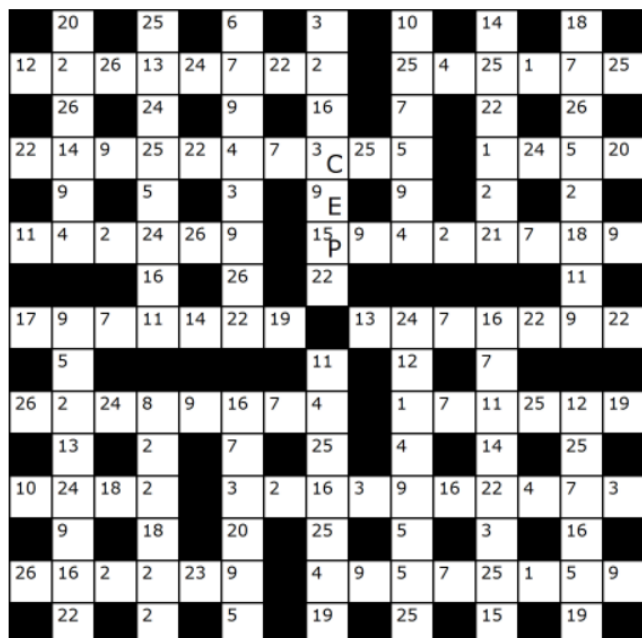
Puzzle of the Month - August 2026

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 August 2026**. In the event of more than 1 correct answer received, the winner will be drawn out of a hat - good luck!

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

This month's puzzle is a Codeword

THE BREWERS ARMS
WANBOROUGH



Three letters have been given to you as a starting point

3 = C 9 = E 15 = P, each number is a different letter

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

August's Winner

Liz Bone

Well Done!

Solutions for July's puzzle

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

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

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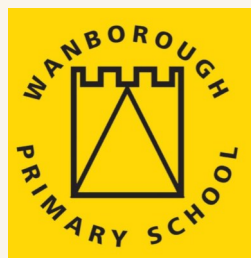
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Wanborough Primary School

Reception: This term our topic has been 'Under the Sea' and what fun we have had! We have created some fantastic artwork: under the sea scenes on Purple Mash, collage fish and paper plate jellyfish to name a few. In Drawing Club our favourite books this term have been: *The Singing Mermaid*, *Pirates love Underpants* and *Tiddler*. Not only have we produced some fantastic drawings based on these texts but we have also written lots of independent sentences using our phonics to help us with spelling, and acted out scenes from these stories in groups. To cope with the heat this term we have had lots of water play, rescuing sea creatures from ice, pouring and mixing in the mud kitchen and creating our very own spa. We put our feet in our trays with water to cool us down! We also competed in our first Sports Day at school. All of the children showed fantastic resilience and great team spirit, cheering everyone on - well done, Acorns!

Year 1: This term, Conker Class have been learning about the Great Fire of London. We have compared life between 1666 and 2026, learned about the events of the fire and the lead up to it, as well as how the fire has shaped modern London and firefighting methods. This culminated in a fantastic WOW day, where we dressed up and had Christopher from 'Make the Classroom Disappear' come in to do a workshop with us all about the fire of 1666. The children got to "build" London, act out the events of September 1666, handle artefacts and learn more about life during that time. In English, we used Samuel Pepys' diary as inspiration to write our own diaries, pretending we were experiencing the Great Fire of London first-hand. We have also used our topic as inspiration for our DT project, where the class made their own Tudor house model! Science has been a real highlight in Conker class this term, as the children each planted Sunflower seeds at the beginning of term and have been recording their growth each week in plant diaries. We have also been doing drumming this term, which the children have hugely enjoyed! A wonderful end to another lovely year!

Year 2: This term, the children have continued their exciting learning journey about pirates, broadening their knowledge to include famous explorers and their adventures around the world. In Mathematics, they have completed a unit on fractions, learning about equal parts, halves, quarters and thirds, and have also been developing their skills in telling the time using analogue clocks. In English, the children have enjoyed studying *The Pirates of Scurvy Sands*, writing about the characters Matilda and Jim-Lad and creating their own imaginative endings to the story. Along the way, they have applied key writing skills, including the use of possessive apostrophes, subordinating conjunctions and contractions. To round off the term, they are exploring poetry, with a particular focus on creating acrostic poems. A highlight for Pinecone Class was a recent visit to Cotswold Wildlife Park, where they learned from plant experts about the wide variety of plants found in the park. They also delighted in seeing animals from around the world, both on foot and during a memorable train ride through the park grounds.

Year 3: In Maple Class this term the children have continued with their topic, The Vikings. The children had a Viking WOW Day, where they came to school dressed in Viking clothing, built Thor's hammer amulets out of clay, drew longship figure heads, made dragon pegs and played a Kubb and Mills (Viking board games). The children also had a visitor from the company, 'Make the classroom disappear', where they had built a Viking longship in the hall and acted out raids and trading scenarios. In Science, the children have dissected plants and researched how seeds are made and dispersed, and the importance of pollination. Finally, the children performed brilliantly during Sports Day, demonstrating excellent sporting behaviour and competing wonderfully!

Year 4: Willow Class have had a fantastic term, enjoying a wide range of exciting learning opportunities. In English, the children have explored ancient Greek mythology and used their knowledge and imagination to write their own Greek-inspired myths. In Maths, they have been learning about money, time and shape. In Science, the children have enjoyed studying animals, food chains and their habitats. The children have also enjoyed taking part in athletics this term, as well as their weekly coaching sessions with Swindon Town Football Club. In DT, they have been learning a range of sewing techniques, which they used to create their own money pouches.

Year 5: This term, Elm Class have continued their theme of 'The Natural World'. The children recently attended the Earth Summit at Coleshill Farm, where they undertook a range of different activities throughout the day. The children explored different forms of energy and learnt about renewable energy sources and they also explored some of the different plants growing around the estate. The children have also learnt about mountains, earthquakes, rivers and volcanoes. In English lessons, they have explored models and written explanation texts linked to the topic. In Science, the children have been thinking about themselves and how humans grow and change from a baby to old age. During this term, the children have joined in with Sports Day, where they have participated and cheered their peers in many different races. Towards the end of this term, the children have begun looking ahead and thinking about what to expect in Year 6.

Year 6: This term, in Oak Class, the children have been learning about The Maya, focusing on their way of life, religious beliefs, number and writing system, alongside their achievements and inventions. They used their information to complete their final piece of writing - a non-chronological report on The Maya. The children applied their maths and engineering skills to complete a



Taskmaster challenge set by Alex Horne himself. In their Science lessons, the children have been exploring the circulatory system - they now understand the different types of blood vessel and their job roles; additionally, they created their own blood model to show the different components of blood (it smelt lovely). At the end of June, all children attended the residential in Pembrokeshire, where they enjoyed challenging activities such as coasteering and rock-climbing on natural rockfaces in the beautiful countryside - a fantastic but hot time was had by all! Moving into July, the children have worked hard to prepare for their Year 6 Production - *The Wizard of Oz*. They performed brilliantly and they should all be extremely proud of themselves. On the penultimate Friday of term, the children enjoyed their Leavers' Service and a fun-filled party afterwards.

Young Carers: This term we have been on a Scavenger Hunt around the school, in teams, collecting items such as a green paper towel and a soft toy! The Young Carers were very enthusiastic and completed the challenge in record time. Our Annual Picnic in the Park was postponed due to the extreme heat but at the time of writing we are hoping to try again before the end of term to enjoy playing on the play equipment and enjoy some yummy food.

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

Music: This term we listened to World Cup Songs

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Thank you to everyone who helped set up on a ridiculously hot evening, those who arrived early in the morning and finished the set up, and to the absolute superstars who stayed behind after the fete to help clear up and pack away. Everyone forgets this bit but it always feels the hardest.

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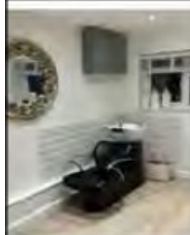
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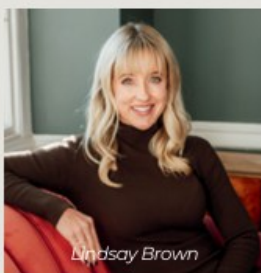
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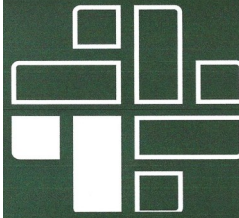
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