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Dates for your Diary - September 2026

Date	Event	Time	Page	Location
Wed 2 nd September	Liddington Parish Council Meeting	7pm	Page 8	Liddington Village Hall
Wed 9 th September	Gardening Club	7pm	Page 21	Bishopstone Village Hall
Sat 12 th September	Bishopstone & Hinton Parva Fete	12noon	Page 15	Winding Wood Field, Bishopstone
Mon 14 th September	Deadline for submission of Lyden articles	5pm		
Sat 19 th September	Wanborough Farmers Market	9am	Page 5	Wanborough Village Hall
Sat 19 th & 20 th Sept	Swindon Open Studios		Page 16&17	Wanborough & Bishopstone Village
Sat 26 th September	Ploughing Match	9am to 6pm	Page 20	Ashbury Farm
Sun 27 th September	Swindon Half Marathon		Page 13	www.swindonhalf.co.uk
Sun 27 th September	Wellspring Villages – Community Open Afternoon	3pm	Page 4	St Andrew's Church

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 14 th October 2026	Gardening Club		Bishopstone Village Hall
Friday 16 th October 2026	Gardening Club Quiz & Chili		Bishopstone Village Hall
Sat 14 th November 2026	Letter's Live		Liddington Village Hall
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 September 2026

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

Website: www.wellspringvillages.co.uk

Date	Time	Church	Service
Sunday 6 th Sept	10.30am	All Saints' Liddington	Morning Worship & Holy Communion
Sunday 13 th Sept	10.30am	St Mary's Church, Bishopstone	Morning Worship & Holy Communion - Harvest
Sunday 13 th Sept	4pm	Hinton Parva Village Hall	Informal Afternoon Service
Sunday 20 th Sept	10.30am	St Andrew's Church, Wanborough	Morning Worship & Holy Communion
Sunday 27 th Sept	8.30am	St Andrew's Church, Wanborough	Holy Communion Book of Common Prayer (1662)
Sunday 27 th Sept	10.30am	St Swithun's, Hinton Parva	Morning Worship
Sunday 27 th Sept	3-5pm	St Andrew's Church, Wanborough	Open church drop-in & survey results

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 – September 2026

Dear Friends



In recent years the period in the church calendar from 1st September to 4th October has become a season dedicated to the worship of God as Creator and Sustainer of all life – the giver of the gift of our stunning planet, ourselves and all life on it.

Please do join us for our Harvest

Thanksgiving Service this year which will be on Sunday 13th September at St. Mary's, Bishopstone at 10.30am.

But the beautiful, glorious weather this summer has come with a deeper more troubling message. Never before have issues around food security, environment and climate seemed so viscerally urgent as they do this year, following the devastating floods, record breaking heat and wild fires across the world. After hundreds of thousands of years of stable, benign climatic conditions around the earth in which human civilisations and culture has been able to flourish, we are now engaged in a rapid destabilisation of the complex weather patterns connected to the carbon cycle in our atmosphere. So far, we have only experienced about 1.4C of warming above pre-industrial levels but we are heading for 2.8C and more in the near future. What then and how should we respond? Clearly, we cannot spend every day in a state of eco anxiety about something we as individuals cannot solve single handedly. We have a life to live and things to do and it would not be good for our mental health or wellbeing. But, equally clearly, it is an area that needs urgent attention and action, today, not tomorrow! So somehow, it seems to me, we must resist the collective shrug of the shoulders that talks weakly in our media about our warming climate and how are we going to adapt to it, and face firmly what is coming down the line, while actions to lessen the extreme severity of those inevitable consequences, are still possible. A window which is closing.

To this end I am organising a showing of the 50minute film **"A Nation Emergency Briefing"** at the Bishopstone Village Hall on Tuesday evening **22nd September from 7pm**. On 27 November 2025, leading experts set out the evidence on the climate and nature crisis in a formal briefing to national



decision-makers. This film presents a summary of their findings and you would have thought, would be greatly in the public interest for us all to know! But apparently not. Has this summary been aired on national TV? No! I am troubled and mystified by this. But it doesn't stop us meeting and considering what we currently know and sharing and discussing together our reaction to this and exploring any actions we might like to take in response. I therefore cordially extend to everyone one of you an invitation to a showing and discussion of the short film **"The National Emergency Briefing"** at Bishopstone Village Hall on 22nd September from 7pm (Free entry). I look forward to meeting many of you there.

After all that you may need some hope so here is a trailer for our Autumn Course this year entitled "Hope Explored." The sessions are being held at the Village Inn in Liddington on Monday evenings 21st, 28th September and 5th October from 7pm – 9pm. **Over three sessions, Hope Explored presents the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, and provides an opportunity to discover how he fulfils three great longings we all experience: the longing for hope, peace, and purpose.** The structure of each session is simple: a film in two parts, a discussion based on the film and a chance to explore Luke's gospel. These evenings are for everyone who has a longing for hope, peace and purpose in their lives, regardless of whether you have been a Christian for years or you are not even sure whether there is a God or not? All welcome. If you would like to know more or sign up for the course, which is free, please contact Steve at stevedpaynter@gmail.com or on 01793296870.

Thank you to everyone who has filled in a Community Engagement questionnaire. Much appreciated. Results will be available at our Open Church drop-in with refreshments at St. Andrew's on Sunday 27th September between 3-5pm.

Regards

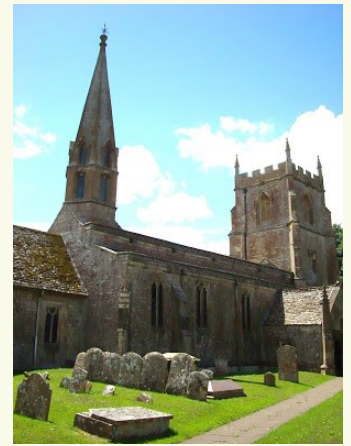
Revd, Steve Paynter Stevedpaynter@gmail.com

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Prayer:

Living and blessed Lord,
who in the abundance of your love
established this green world;
and furnished it so richly
that in it, life might flourish
in a myriad manifestations of beauty.
Enable us so to put aside all
reckless exploitation of its resources,
that, in new humbleness and generosity of heart,
we might recover the fertile garden
of your holy dream
from which the whole world will be fed,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



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.

FARMERS MARKET & COMMUNITY CAFE WANBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL

9AM-NOON
THIRD SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH

We have had August off and now we are getting ready for our September Wanborough Farmers Market. Our community cafe will be ready to offer homemade cakes and drinks for a donation to our September charity, Westie Rehoming.

We hope you will all come and meet our wonderful traders and browse their amazing products.

Looking forward to seeing you all on **19th September, 9am to noon** at Wanborough Village Hall, SN4 0AD, any queries call **Lorna on 07903 210 505**

Open Gardens

On Sunday 9th August Byron and Joan Carron held an open garden event at their house on the High Street, Wanborough.

Many people came to look around, to view the beautiful garden and to partake of the lovely refreshments and to chat with the other visitors.

Such a wonderful array of plants and the Pimms was gorgeous too.

This event was held to support Swindon Stroke Association, a charity close to our hosts' heart.

£ 1,360 was collected as a donation for this charity, such a wonderful event and a great result.



Congratulations to **John Sreeves** who completed a 4,586 mile cycle ride from Nordkapp to Tarifa, the most northerly and southerly points of Europe respectively.

As an organised race, his position was 34 out of 63 starters with a time of 48 days 13 hours 32 minutes. The set route passed through 15 countries and included high passes in the Alps, Pyrenees and Sierra Nevada, the highest being Pico del Veleta, altitude 3,398m (11,148ft).

The photo to the left shows his arrival in Tarifa.

The Robson - Bell Wedding:

It was a true village celebration when the Bell and Robson families were recently united for the marriage of Nicholas and Sophie by the Revd Steve Paynter at St Andrews Church. The Bride and Groom were born in the village and baptised in the Church, so it was very special that they returned here to be married.

Guests came from near and far with some staying in local accommodation so everyone could enjoy a full weekend of festivities including Friday evening pizza in The Calley Arms, wedding morning Yoga on Hoopers Field, a 5km local run and Sunday lunch in The Brewers.

Grateful thanks go to the Church Flower Club ladies who made the Church come to life with pretty arrangements, to Wanborough's own Kelly Tuck (KA Boutique Florist) for her stunning creations using vintage milk churns and traditional wicker baskets and to the great team of bell ringers who completed the quintessentially English village wedding.

Many thanks also to all our wonderful friends and family who helped - from making the stunning wedding cake, beautiful bridal bouquets and button holes, decorating the marquee, loaning of garden furniture plus many other items - all your kindness helped made this a wonderful and memorable occasion.

Paul, Jean, Adrian and Amanda





Wanborough Parish Council

The July Parish Council meeting was another busy one, with councillors discussing everything from planning applications and village facilities to allotments, noticeboards and community events.

Learning from the Foxhill Motocross Event

Community events were also high on the agenda. Councillors discussed the recent Foxhill Motocross event and agreed that feedback should be provided to Swindon Borough Council following concerns raised about traffic management, parking and road closures.

While recognising the additional impact caused by an unrelated incident on the M4, members felt there were lessons to be learned for future events and that improvements could be made to help minimise disruption for local residents.

Improving Communication with Residents

The Parish Council is looking ahead to a number of improvements in how information is shared with residents.

Work continues on the development of the new Parish Council website, and IT training sessions for councillors are being planned for September. Councillors also agreed to seek quotations for replacement noticeboards, helping ensure residents can continue to access important local information easily.

Supporting Allotments and Green Spaces

Allotments remain a key focus, and the Council has approved membership of the National Allotment Society, giving access to specialist advice, guidance and best practice.

Discussions are also continuing with a neighbouring parish regarding future allotment provision. Meanwhile,

attention has been drawn to overgrown brambles around the Church Meadow trampoline area, and maintenance work will be carried out in the coming weeks.

Planning for the Future

HAVE YOUR SAY

Looking ahead, residents have an opportunity to help shape the future direction of the Parish Council. A public consultation on the Council's strategy will run **until 30 September** and is available online as well as in paper format at local community events

including the Farmers Market and the Coffee and Chat morning. Or you can scan the QR code above.



The Council is keen to hear from as many residents as possible and encourages everyone to take part and share their views during the consultation period.

Stay in Touch

As always, if there is an issue you would like to raise with the Parish Council, please do get in touch. We are always pleased to hear from residents and welcome your ideas, feedback and suggestions for making Wanborough an even better place to live.

Laura Evans

Parish Clerk, Wanborough Parish Council

Our Ward Update from Cllrs Matt Hinton & Gary Sumner

Inlands Farm: after campaigning hard alongside residents, Wanborough Parish Council and the South Swindon Protection Group, we are relieved that Swindon Borough Council has refused permission for the development of hundreds of homes on Inlands Farm. This is a significant victory for everyone who values the Area of Non-Coalescence that separates Wanborough, as a village, from urban Swindon. An appeal is possible, so we must be ready to spring back into action if necessary.

National Landscape Sign Installed on Pack Hill: Matt worked with Richard Broadhead from the North Wessex National Landscape Trust to secure an extra sign that another village

did not want. This means that Wanborough's protected position in the National Landscape is now rightly recognised alongside Chiseldon, which received a sign earlier in the year.

Rural verge cuts: these are progressing nicely, but some residents have got in touch with queries about what the Borough does and does not cut as part of the rural verge-cutting programme. We are seeking clarification.

Southern Connector Road and Redlands Grove: we continue to work with Swindon Borough Council officers to ensure developers fulfil the commitments they made when

Redlands Grove was built and sold, as well as to secure the opening of the SCR as soon as possible.

Foxhill MotoX: we have had an early meeting with the Council's Street Works Team about the disruption caused this year and will continue having these conversations to ensure lessons are learned and next year's event runs more smoothly.

Swindon Borough Council: at the first full meeting of the Council since the Mayor Making Ceremony in May, councillors voted to explore changing the Borough's street

naming policy to give priority to our war dead; accelerate efforts to achieve Armed Forces Silver Accreditation and thereby improve our support for Swindon's Armed Forces community; and review the changes to Commercial Road, which we believe have made the road more dangerous, while protecting the principle of limited free parking.

Gary Sumner & Matt Hinton

Our website: www.ridgewayvillages.co.uk

Update from Ramsbury & Wanborough Surgery

Staff Update – our new Triage Nurse Practitioner Melanie King joined us in August.

Covid and Flu Clinics – coming in October – please support us by coming for your vaccinations at the Surgery – we will be sending out booking texts to those patients who are eligible.

Mental Health Support Available Without a GP Referral – really important local resources for all our patients

BSW Recovery College

Open to anyone aged 18 or over, the Recovery College offers free online and face-to-face courses covering topics such as: managing anxiety, improving sleep, building resilience & mindfulness and wellbeing. Courses are available to people experiencing mental health difficulties. <https://tinyurl.com/3zsw5hjx>

Access Community Mental Health Service

This service supports people aged 16 and over who are experiencing moderate to severe mental health difficulties alongside additional social or emotional challenges. Support may include up to six sessions using wellbeing and recovery tools, personalised plans and help accessing other suitable community or mental health services. <https://tinyurl.com/9ywdfrb4>

Wiltshire Talking Therapies

Did you know that WTT offers a range of free online courses designed to help with low mood, worry and anxiety? Courses are delivered weekly in a supportive group setting using Microsoft Teams. Topics include insomnia, anxiety, OCD, depression and phobias, coping with the emotional impact of long-term conditions, menopause and wellbeing, support during pregnancy and after having a baby, & employment support, including applying for jobs. <https://tinyurl.com/6h77hw35>

Village Defibrillators

We are fortunate to have a number of defibrillators located around the village including:-

- Hooper's Field
- Village Hall
- The Plough
- Doctors Surgery
- Foxhill phone box.

Each of the defibrillators are checked and maintained by a small number of volunteers in the village who will carry out weekly checks and also complete a monthly return to make sure they are ready for anyone who needs them in an emergency.



they will provide you with the code and confirm which defibrillator to go to, usually it will be the closest.

Polite Request

The defibrillator cabinets are opened with a combination access code given to you by the emergency services, similar to that shown in the picture to the left.

Unfortunately there have been a few occasions when someone has tried to access the cabinet at the Village Hall, pressing and fiddling with the numbers resulting in them getting stuck. The consequence of this is that if someone tried to access the cabinet with the correct code it would not have worked for them.

Can we therefore please politely ask that you do not touch or press the numbers on the cabinet unless you have an emergency and have been given the code. Please can you all remind your children to also not to touch or play with them. Many thanks for your co-operation.

Wanborough Village Defib Volunteers



If for any reason you do need to use a defibrillator, you must first ring 999 to obtain an access code and



Liddington Parish Council

There was no Parish Council meeting in August but councillors

have been progressing a number of initiatives over the summer including road safety, planning playing field equipment upgrades and general village maintenance.

We were delighted that the resurfacing of The Street happened on plan and would like to thank Gary and Matt for supporting the case for doing the work and to SBC and the resurfacing team for doing an excellent job. It has definitely smartened things up and should be safer for all.

Road Safety

The proposals outlined in last month's Lyden update were discussed with Gary, Matt and a Highways Officer from Swindon Borough Council at a short meeting in Liddington on 30 July. The Highways Officer has agreed to consider them and will hopefully come back to us before the next Parish Council meeting with a response.

In the meantime, we are continuing to progress tactical options which will hopefully help in reminding drivers that we care about the speed that they drive down the B4192.

We are aware that the recent multiple M4 closures have created chaos for many residents and that there are lots of opinions of what should and shouldn't happen to improve

the situation. A discussion on this topic has been scheduled for the September Parish Council meeting to which all residents are invited to attend. We will communicate the conclusions of the discussion next month.

Footpaths

The focus of the volunteer group over the last few weeks has been clearing weeds from the recently planted hedge and watering the young plants and trees. Thanks to everyone who has helped with this task. Other activities are being planned from September.

Please can residents ensure that footpaths are not obstructed either by overgrown vegetation or by cars being parked on them. There have been several issues recently where people have not been able to walk on footpaths as they have been blocked by cars. Whilst the cars may not be owned by residents, you may know who owns them and be able to help.

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

Lobster Supper evening at the Village Inn, Liddington

On Saturday 8th August, 35 guests enjoyed a special pop-up 'Lobster Supper' at the Village Inn in Liddington. This event followed on from the successful 'Game Supper' and 'Gourmet Burger' nights run earlier in the year, all part of a village initiative to help support the village pub.

David Babington and Maurice Spillane, assisted by several other volunteers, served up a four - course meal alongside matching wines. Guests started off with a mini prawn cocktail which was served in a shot glass. The starter was smoked salmon and prawns served on malted toast with a lemon & dill creme fraiche. The star of the show was half a grilled lobster with a garlic, lemon & herb butter. This was cooked on the BBQ and served with a shell-on prawn, crispy crushed new potatoes and a mixed salad. To finish off the supper, we all enjoyed Maurice's superb Tarte au Citron.

There was a lot of laughter during the supper and everyone enjoyed meeting up on a lovely summers evening. Further gourmet events are being planned, so watch out for the latest news.



Letters Live – 14 November 19:30

Liddington Village Hall



I was in the Albert Hall recently for a reading of letters that were humorous, amazing and downright shocking. Actors Cumberbatch and Coleman and others read which enhanced the delivery. It was very good.

As our group left, we bemoaned the letters we'd never saved. Nothing like a house move to destroy history.

Conversation since has been interesting. One friend said her husband insisted she destroy love letters from previous entanglements. Why would he do that? I don't want to know the detail about my wife's trysts more than the minimum. The precious beyond that is hers.

When my first wife was an au pair in France, I wrote every day when we were courting. She wrote once a month! She did keep my letters after separation. I wonder if she still has them.

I moved continents too many times over my career and I've no regrets about clearances - except for two bundles.

When I was twelve in 1961, I spent three months in the Irish-speaking Gaeltacht. Letters from my mother (I can only spare ten shillings this month) and my grandfather (you're brave and it'll stand to you) and special letters in Irish to a headmaster (it was read to all the classes). Precious - but they're lost, probably by accident in a black bin.

My other regret is the loss of an eight-page letter from my eldest daughter when she was an Erasmus student in Italy. I know the theme and sentiment - marriage breakup. I can't recollect the detail, but I published a poem about it (the full poem is on my web site):

Your letter was like the first draft of a poem,
running with flushes, tripping around buttresses,
bouncing with subplot and mixed tenses;
glass-splashed like rushed varnish on a window-frame.
You were in a hurry.

And the last stanza:

It was such a letter,
And only such a letter could leap from you
And burst brazen like water up a swallow hole
And drench us both.

Mathew Bowman and I will host the concept as a local event in Liddington Village Hall on 14 November. We have some interesting local and international letters already. However, if you have one with a special story, let us know. You can read it or we'll ask someone else to read it. Email us:

matthewbowman56@gmail.com

mspillane@appligenics.com

www.mauricespillane.co.uk



Fun - Fitness - Friendship

Do you fancy learning something new, meeting new people and having a few laughs, all while doing some exercise. Liddington Scottish Country Dancing Club meets on a **Thursday** evening in Liddington **Village Hall between 7.45 and 10pm** - dancing starts again after our summer break on **10th September**. We'd love to see you whether you're a beginner or an experienced Scottish dancer.

It's one of the most social forms of exercise - good for the body and the brain. No need for a partner or any special equipment - just a pair of flat soft soled shoes and comfortable clothes.

Please feel free to come along to watch on a Thursday evening if you're keen to see the club in action before you join.

If you're a newcomer to Scottish Country Dancing we'll be running a beginners course between 7.30 and 8.30pm for 9 weeks from 8th October (excluding 29th October). The cost is just £45 payable in advance for all 9 classes.

To find out more or book your place please email

LSCD.sec@gmail.com

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Liddington 100 Club

The winner for July is David Starky - congratulations - Caroline Tams

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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 prior to the publication month by 5pm (by 14th Sept for October's magazine): Lydenmagazine@gmail.com. We are always keen to hear from you.

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 still 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 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 to 30 September 2026**



Team Update

Our Cotswold League game away against Cheltenham resulted in a 1-4 defeat.

#		P	W	L
1	Bassett Boulers	5	4	1
2	Cricklade Ravens	5	3	2
3	Cheltenham U3A	6	3	3
4	Wanborough	6	2	4
5	Cricklade Petanque Woodpeckers	6	2	4
6	BYE	0	0	0

Western Cup Semi Final is against GC51, who normally play at Lansdown Cricket Club, Bath. The finals day will take place at Biddestone Boules Club.

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)

September

Cotswold League Royal Wootton Bassett away

Western Cup Semi Final GC51 away

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.wanboroughpc.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 Tennis Club Update

NEWS: PICKLEBALL at Wanborough Tennis Club!

Have you tried Pickleball? Come to Wanborough Tennis Club where two new courts have just opened. All the equipment you need will be provided.

Pickleball is a fun sport that combines elements of badminton, tennis, and table tennis. You do not need to be fit to play pickleball. The sport is very easy to learn, uses a small court, and lets you control your own pace. Beginners (children and adults) of all ages can play right away.

If you are interested, the Club is holding an introductory session in September – probably on Sunday 13th September 2-4pm so keep an eye on the website and do get in touch to register interest.

And The Club is happy to organise ongoing playing sessions – just email wanboroughsecretary@gmail.com or use the contact form on our website to register your interest or just book a court.

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

WALKING TENNIS SESSION - FREE TRIAL

Thursdays 2 to 4 pm. All welcome

Walking tennis is proving popular at The Club and is accessible for all. It's still tennis – but with a few simple modifications: you can't run or jump; you use slightly

different balls, and you can let the ball bounce twice for extra time. If you would like a free trial session, contact Wendy at wanboroughmembers@gmail.com

Or just come along and join in a friendly social session on a Thursday.

CLUB SESSIONS

If you're looking for social club tennis and/or coaching, a reminder of what's on offer: Pay and play is also available for non members.

- Tuesday Beginners doubles coaching group session 6.30pm - 7.30pm
- Wednesday Doubles coaching sessions from 6.30 -sign up with coach Becky Watts for Tuesdays and Wednesdays
- Cardio tennis Friday 9am – 9.45am – fun session with music and lots of hitting practice – contact Becky Watts
- Friday social tennis from 6pm – all welcome
- Sunday morning social tennis from 10am – all welcome
- Rusty Rackets Sunday 2 pm-4pm – all welcome
- Walking Tennis Thursday 2 pm-4pm - all welcome

Swindon Half Marathon - Sunday 27th September 2026

My name is Sammy Hiscocks and I have lived in Redlands for just over two years. This September, I will be taking on the Swindon Half Marathon dressed as Rockin' Robin to raise vital funds for the SEND groups at Swindon Town Community Foundation. The Foundation provides invaluable opportunities, support, inclusion, and experiences for children and adults with special educational needs and disabilities across our local community.

As a local resident, I would greatly appreciate your support by sponsoring me, all donations will make a real difference to the people who benefit from the Foundation's SEND provision.

JustGiving Page: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/rockinrobinstfc>



SAMMY HISCOCKS IS RUNNING THE SWINDON HALF MARATHON AS... 'ROCKIN' ROBIN!'

What started as a silly idea in a conversation has somehow become reality. This September, Sammy Hiscocks will be taking on the Swindon Half Marathon dressed as Rockin Robin!

For reasons we're still trying to understand, 13.1 miles in a Robin suit seemed like a good idea at the time, and now there's no backing out!

But behind the feathers, sweat and questionable life choices is a fantastic cause.

13.1 MILES OF ROBIN-POWERED RUNNING!

EVERY POUND DONATED WILL MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE. EVERY SHARE HELPS SPREAD THE WORD. EVERY CHECK WILL HELP GET ROCKIN ROBIN ACROSS THE FINISH LINE!

TRAINING HAS ALREADY STARTED, SO WISH SAMMY LUCK AS SHE SWAPS COMFORT FOR KILOMETRES AND STARTS PREPARING FOR 13.1 MILES OF ROBIN-POWERED RUNNING!

PLEASE DONATE WHATEVER YOU CAN AND HELP SUPPORT THIS AMAZING CAUSE.

Sammy is running to raise money for the disability groups at Swindon Town FC Community Foundation helping us continue to provide opportunities, support, inclusion and unforgettable experiences for people with disabilities across our community.

SCAN ME! DONATE HERE!

#RockinRobinRuns #SwindonHalfMarathon #STCF #CommunityFoundation #RunningForACause #DisabilitySport #CharityChallenge #TrainingStartsNow

Wanborough Toddlers

Wanborough Toddlers stay and play sessions have been lots of fun this summer, especially water play in the village hall garden! We had a go at lots of crafts for the Wanborough show, and anyone who wasn't fully worn out by 11.30am enjoyed a play in the park afterwards too!

Just before the school year was finishing in July, we had a trip to Roves Farm, with over 50 children, babies and adults taking part. One said, "Mummy, there are Toddlers friends everywhere, all over the farm!". Tractor rides, feeding the goats, and water play in the discovery play area were all highlights of the day.

We enjoyed welcoming older siblings along during the school holidays, and plan to repeat this at October half term and even Christmas. It's nice that we can keep the group going when lots of other younger children's activities stop for the holidays, leaving families wondering what to do!

We're saying goodbye to several of our older ones as they start school this month. We've seen them grow, learn new skills and make friends during the last few years. Some have been coming since they were tiny! They've enjoyed our special weeks like ArtVentures, a Fire engine visit, launching our library, and the farm trip. And doing their bit to help, such as putting the snack plates out, washing

up, and tidying. We wish them all the best for their next chapter!

This September we have plenty for all age groups to do, from newborns right up to the just-turned 4 year olds who have to wait a whole year for their turn to start school!

Everyone welcome!

Tuesdays 9.30am - 11.30am - pop in whenever it suits you around naps etc, no need to book. It's £2.50 per child, contactless payments please. Includes snack for the little ones, and a hot drink and sweet treat for the parents / grandparents / carers. Bring a change of clothes as we often have messy play or water play. The Harrow kindly agreed that we can park at the far end of their car park if needed. Message us if you have any questions!




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(don't let your family stories and memories get forgotten)

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and we also hold monthly Zoom meetings

Please contact swindon@wiltshirefhs.co.uk or ring 01793 822310

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BISHOPSTONE WITH HINTON PARVA WI

On one of the (many) hot evenings this year, WI members gathered at Hinton Parva Hall for their July meeting. This month's talk was Pride and Patronage: The Craven Family and Jane Austen



The talk was given by Nicola Cornick, a local author and historian who writes historical romantic novels and time slip mysteries. Nicola has researched Ashdown House and the Craven family, which has revealed unexpectedly strong links to the Austen family. The novels of Jane Austen appear to echo various characters within the Craven family.

We thought that the July meeting was on a hot evening but the August meeting was even hotter!. The topic for the evening was Financial Planning and the speakers were Jonathan Miller, a chartered financial planner, and his colleague Alec Baker. Both speakers were from a local company (Miller James Financial Planning) and they provided us with details to help us plan to enjoy our retirement.

Despite the weather, a good number of members attended for what proved to be a very informative evening. The audience all had questions to contribute, and the speakers managed to cover a wide range of topics during their presentation.

The talk finished with delicious refreshments, which ensured all attendees had an enjoyable evening.

Swindon Half Marathon - Sunday 27th September 2026

Starting from Coate Water the Swindon half marathon is a closed road race.

The route as shown on the map to the right, goes through Wanborough, first along Wanborough Road to the Horpit/Burycroft crossroads, along Burycroft & The Marsh before then going up Pack Hill to Upper Wanborough, along Church Road and then up The Hollow.

Please note the road closure times in the village are shown below. Last year the roads re-opened very promptly.

There are many great places to watch the runners go through the village and I'm sure they would appreciate your support, especially after running up Pack Hill.

Good luck to all the runners taking part this year!

Swindon Half Marathon | Presented by Voltarol

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ROAD	CLOSED FROM	REOPENS AT
Marlborough Road	09:00	09:15
Dorcan Way (Southbound)	09:00	09:45
Kingfisher Drive	09:00	09:50
Wanborough Road	09:00	10:15
Burycroft, The Marsh	09:00	10:30
Pack Hill, Church Road	09:00	10:45
King Edwards Road	09:00	11:15
The Ridgeway, Aldbourne Road	09:00	11:45
Badbury Lane, Medbourne Road	09:00	12:00
Medbourne Lane, Meadow Way, Homington Avenue	09:00	12:15

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 September for October's magazine): Lydenmagazine@gmail.com. We are always keen to hear from you.

Wanborough during WW2 - Home Guard Update

Flame Fougasse.

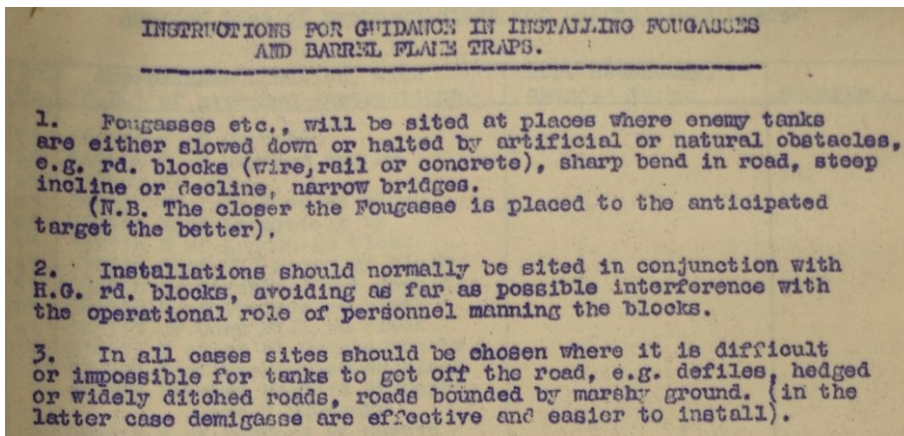
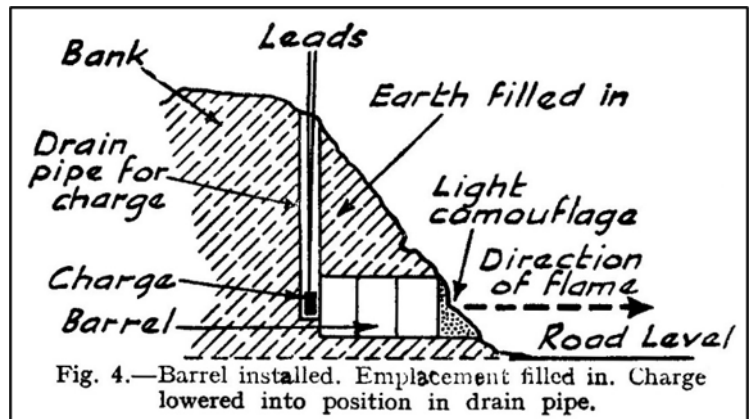
The October 2024 edition of the Lyden magazine included an article about the Wanborough War Book and listed one of the Home Guard's tasks as "Man barricades in village." but the book doesn't give any details of what or where the barricades were, possibly those details were considered sensitive with restricted distribution. No details of barricades in or around the village have come to light but details of another form of defence has recently been discovered.

After the Allied Forces withdrew from Europe at Dunkirk, and with the perceived threat that Germany were preparing to invade Britain, defensive lines were constructed known as General Headquarters Stop Lines, using existing barriers such as canals and rivers to delay the advance of invading forces while allowing British forces to mobilise and organise a counter attack.

To the south of Wanborough, Stop Line Blue branched east from Semington and followed the Kennet and Avon Canal eastwards to Theale. The canal was extensively fortified with pillboxes and other anti-tank obstacles. If the Stop Line Blue was breached the fall-back north of the Parish was Stop Line Red which ran east from Great Somerford and followed the course of River Thames to Oxford.

With defences concentrated at the Stop Lines there were no defensive structures between the two, except in and around Swindon to protect the railway works, so there is no sign of any defensive structures like pillboxes and anti-tank blocks along the whole length of Ermin Way which forms the spine of Wanborough Parish.

Local anti-tank measures were to be provided by the Home Guard. One way of delaying invading troops was Barrel Flame Traps, and one design was the Flame Fougasse as shown in this diagram using locally available materials to propel a large sheet of flame at enemy vehicles.



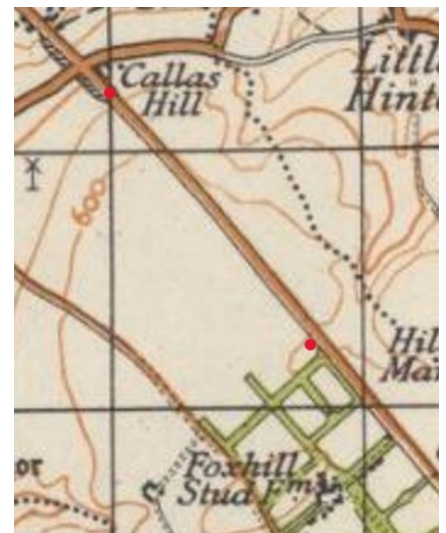
These instructions include a footnote which advises that: "THE MAP REFERENCES GIVEN FOR SITING FOUGASSES, ECT., IN ATTACHED APPENDIX ARE ONLY INTENDED TO BE A ROUGH GUIDE. The actual spot must be selected by an R.E. Officer in close consultation with the O.C. Home Guard Bn. concerned".

144	9	660032	Callas Hill
145	9	668022	SE of Wanborough

Using the grid references provided in

the Appendix extract above the locations are marked with red dots on the 1943 OS 1" map with the War Office grid. Since WW2 the area at the Callas Hill crossroads has changed considerably to improve sightlines and accommodate a sub-station but the map indicates a Fougasse was installed in the cutting as the road dropped north towards the village. The second Fougasse was built into the bank in the dip between the RAF airfield entrance and the northern boundary of King Edward's Place.

Nearly 50,000 Fougasses were installed nationally during WW2 but because of their temporary construction, a steel barrel sunk into a bank containing a sticky mixture of gas-oil and petrol ignited by a simple fuse, only about a handful still survive and there is no trace of the two on Ermin Way.



A mysterious tunnel.

While researching the story of the Flame Fougasses locally an entrance to a tunnel in the field behind the Black Horse (now a private house) was mentioned several times. Although the entrance didn't go very deep, during the 1950's and 60's children were told it was a tunnel leading to the church and used by smugglers!

Accepting there was a structure that appeared to be an entrance, the suggestion of a tunnel to the church seems highly unlikely, why go to all the trouble of building a tunnel along a quiet back road? Could the mischievous story of a tunnel have originated in the bar of The Black Horse and it simply was a shelter for animals or farm equipment? Or could it have been a shelter for drovers taking animals up to The Ridgeway, unlikely because the aptly named Shepherds Rest is only a stones-throw away? If it was towards the eastern edge of the field overlooking Ermin Way, could it have been a shelter for the Home Guard patrol in charge of the Flame Fougasse?

Today there is no trace of the mysterious entrance and neither the current owner nor previous landlord of The Black Horse remember seeing it. If you have any memories of the Flame fougasse or the afore-mentioned tunnel please get in touch so we can solve the mystery.

Bishopstone with Hinton Parva Fete, Saturday 12th

September, 12 – 4pm

We would love to see some of our near neighbours at this year's Bishopstone with Hinton Fete and we have lots to entertain you! The North Berks Radio Model Aircraft Society will be putting on a display of their small, but perfectly formed and highly aerobatic electric aircraft, including a helicopter! The group is passionate about their aircraft and will be bringing along some larger static models for us to admire too.

Our Fun Dog Show will once again be taking centre stage. Crufts this is not – as well as looking for the most polite and obedient dogs, there's prizes for the waggiest tail, floppiest ears and best child handler. Finally – there's a class for the dog that looks most like its owner –with the addition (if needed!) of props, clothes or fancy dress to owner or dog! The Dog Show will be kicking off at 12.30pm.

We have live music. Last year's wonderful duo 'Sweet Nightingale' will be performing again and will be joined by a local trio.

We have a number of stalls including two local beauty and wellness businesses in attendance who will be offering taster facials, massage (steady!) and foot massages on the day. Perhaps the latter could be enjoyed after taking part in the Pink Pistols' line dancing session? If you've recovered from the earlier salsa class! We also have an interesting Auction of Promises.

We'll have delicious food options for lunch – Casslow's Pizza as well as burgers and sausages. There will be cream teas, our Country Larder, a chocolate tombola, an ice cream van and a well-stocked bar, including local Ramsbury ales, cider, wine and soft drinks. Or you could get lucky on the Bottle Tombola!

Bishopstone School will be running face painting, skittles and a tug of war event and there will be traditional fete games to keep all ages amused. Our raffle has some amazing prizes including a glider flight, an organic hamper, Sunday lunch, a case of wine and luxury toiletries.

If you're interested in running a stall or need any further information or clarification, please get in touch with Christine on 07789 414147 or

littlecot2010@hotmail.co.uk.



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BISHOPSTONE CRAFT FAIR



It will be held on Thursday 26th November from 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm. £15.00 per table. Please ensure that you book early to avoid disappointment as I try to allocate just one table per product-type as this ensures that the fair is more interesting for its (and your) customers.

For more information and to reserve your space, please contact **Chris Thomas** on **07789 414147**.
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SWINDON OPEN STUDIOS

Local artists in Wanborough and Bishopstone are once again opening their studio doors over the last two weekends of September as part of Swindon Open Studios. This is a great local community event and a chance to see behind the scenes to find out how each artist works. It is free for visitors, and you will have the opportunity to buy affordable art direct from the artists. To find out more about the event and all participating artists across Swindon visit www.swindonopenstudios.org

The artists participating locally this year are listed below

In Wanborough over 19th and 20th September:

Maggie Errington

Venue 19

11am-5pm

Maggie works mainly in pastels, although has used other mediums including felting. Her pastel subjects range from portraits, landscapes to animals.

She looks forward to welcoming you to her studio, where a short demo of felted pictures will be shown along with refreshments.



Sheryll K Fox

Venue 20

10.30am – 4.30pm

Sheryll's art is inspired by her love of theatre and landscapes, reflecting her degree in Fine Art and Dance. Her paintings are built on a foundation of drawing and observation from life, which you can enjoy in her sketchbooks.

Visit her home and studio to see locally inspired views and pieces from her solo exhibition and residency at Swindon Dance.



Hilary Sinclair

Venue 21

11am-5pm

Oil and watercolour paintings exploring the nature of skies and water but also featuring florals and still life. Hilary will have a range of work from plein air sketches made locally or further afield. Hilary has been working towards painting on a larger scale, developing smaller studies into larger studio works. There will also be smaller all prima oils and watercolours on display.



Bishopstone venues - open on various dates:

Cristina Jordan

Venue 15

**11-5pm 19th & 20th, 26th & 27th
September**

In her work, Cristina Jordan explores the interplay of texture and abstraction, creating pieces that invite contemplation and dialogue. She aims to express the complexities of human experience rooted in a personal narrative. Ultimately, inviting others to reflect on their own stepping stones through the chaos found in everyday life.



Jane Le Coyte

Venue 16

**10-5pm 19th & 26th
September**

Colourful and impressionistic artwork in oils and acrylics. Jane strives to embody life and light with exuberant application of colour using paintbrush and palette



Bishopstone Pottery

Venue 17

**11 – 5pm 19th & 20th
September**

The pottery studio is in a cottage garden in the village of Bishopstone. Here, Sue and Adrian indulge their passion for clay, producing brightly coloured slip-decorated earthenware and raku ceramics. The slip-decorated pots reflect the potters' interests in geometric and natural forms. Raku pots are glazed with crackle glazes, producing black and coloured designs.



The Barn at Great Moorleaze Farm, The Marsh

Artist - Stephen Gilmore

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Venue 22

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Front Cover

This month's front cover is taken by Susan Chapman, a picture of the field near the Woodland Trust Land, behind Kite Hill. Please send photos (in landscape format) that you would like to see on the front cover to - Lydenmagazine@gmail.com

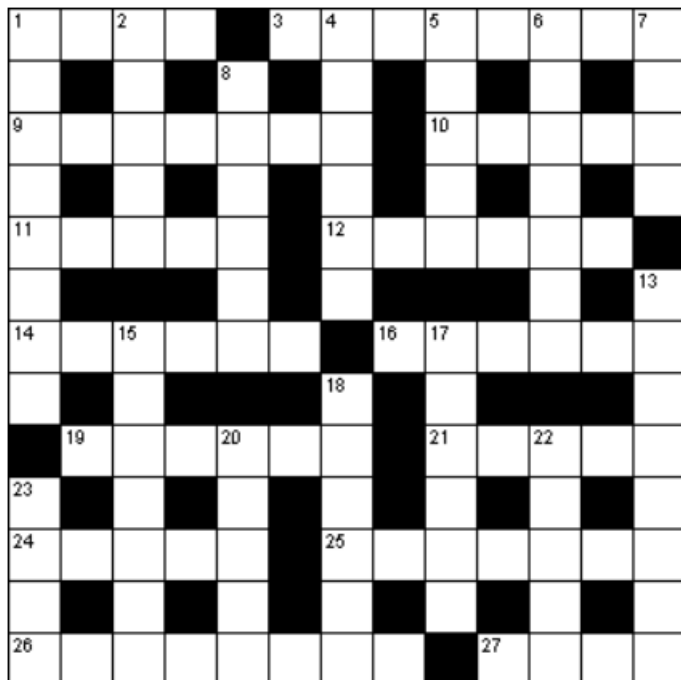
Puzzle of the Month - September 2026

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

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

This month's puzzle is a Coffee Break Cryptic



Across

- 1 Only flat fish (4)
- 3 Attacked animal was unwell (8)
- 9 Old tragedian initially greeting play (7)
- 10 Tool that flies through the air (5)
- 11 Resident in Bangor seeing moorland growth (5)
- 12 Little Tommy's Australian grub (6)
- 14 Old man gets others round for a meal (6)
- 16 Unfortunately King Arthur's first state (6)
- 19 Poorly, I'd come for doctor (6)
- 21 Sailor a foot nearer the stern (5)
- 24 Crowd you may hear in store (5)
- 25 Daring Charlie's predecessor to capture a duke (7)
- 26 Nice lady's head held by boor (8)
- 27 Green Gables girl in Johannesburg (4)

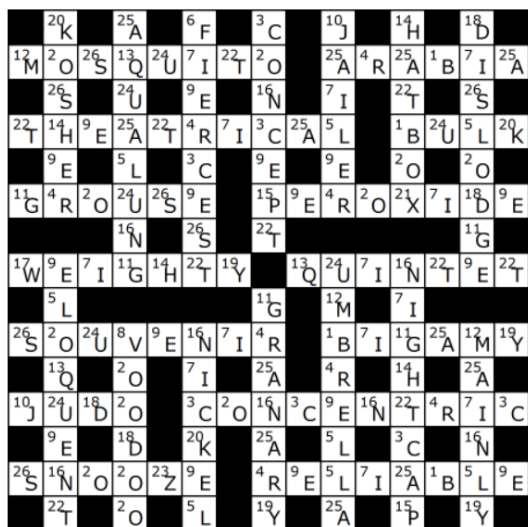
Down

- 1 His growl confused a dancer (8)
- 2 Composer providing some simple harmony (5)
- 4 Point to nuts appearing mottled (6)
- 5 Snake one caught with jelly (5)
- 6 For sale - new footwear (7)
- 7 Composition expected on time (4)
- 8 Audible signals by side of bed disturbed sleep (6)
- 13 Don't proceed with flower in supermarket (8)
- 15 Lords look mature (7)
- 17 Little rising area enclosed for animals (6)
- 18 Sweet twice as good in France? (6)
- 20 A flower in Asia some find useful (5)
- 22 Election success for party once more? (5)
- 23 Nick may be official in parliament (4)

September's Winner

Glyn Davies
Well Done!

Solutions for August's puzzle



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

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Get ready for a full day of countryside tradition when the FFF&B Ploughing Match and Country Show comes back for another year. Set against sweeping views across the Ridgeway, it's a proper showground setting that makes the day feel special

before you've even reached the gate. Whether you're a lifelong local or visiting for the first time, there's plenty packed into the programme to keep every generation entertained from morning to evening.

Watch the ploughmen go head-to-head in the ploughing competitions, where vintage tractors work alongside heavy horses to carve out the straightest lines. It's a rare chance to see old and new farming methods side by side, and to appreciate just how much skill goes into a job that looks deceptively simple.

Over in the main ring, expect a packed schedule: a hound parade, gundog demonstration, the ever-popular Gateridge Suffolk heavy horses, and a falconry display overhead. Terrier racing always gets the crowd cheering, and the have-a-go tug of war never fails to spark some friendly rivalry between family members. A machinery demonstration and a parade of tractors through the ages will showcase the evolution of farming, from vintage classics to more recent workhorses of the land.

Beyond the ring, wander the craft tent for handmade goods from local makers, or head to the working area to see steam power and traditional rural skills in action. The homecraft competitions welcome all entries, whatever your experience level.

The bar and food stalls will be serving throughout the day, so you're never far from a bite to eat or a drink in hand.



Mobility scooters are available to hire on-site again this year, making it easier to explore the whole showground. Just be sure to pre-book yours through the website in advance.

With plenty of parking and facilities for all, and that unbeatable backdrop of the Oxfordshire and Wiltshire countryside, the FFF&B Ploughing Match and Country Show is shaping up to be a great day out for the whole family.

Full details, tickets and homecraft schedules can be found at www.ploughingmatch.co.uk. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for regular updates in the run up to the day.



The Ridgeway Gardening Club

Visit and guided tour of Lower Farm, Bishopstone Instead of our regular meeting in the village hall Members and friends of the Ridgeway Gardening Club gathered at Helen Browning's Lower Farm on a warm, but not too hot, July afternoon for a guided tour her Agroforestry project. She

explained that this is a long term project, over some 200 acres, to reintroduce and encourage farmers to plant trees not only for the benefit of the environment, wildlife and the farm animals, but also for commercial gain.

She has planted many varieties, for example Willow, Perry Pear, Apple, Apricot, Almond, and Sea Buckthorn, as well as Raspberries, Gooseberries and Chumbleberries tucked in under them.

"Lane" planting of the trees leaves wide areas of pasture in between for grazing as well as shady areas for the animals in our increasingly hot, dry summers. All the crops are harvested and supplied to the Royal Oak pub in Bishopstone for use in the kitchen.



After a few years when the trees are mature enough Helen will bring in the cattle, pigs and sheep to graze, enjoying the much needed nutrients from the trees, particularly Willow, not available in grass alone and so reducing the need for supplementary feeds, while benefitting from the cooler shady environment.

In a more traditional woodland area there are some British Saddleback pigs, a very natural environment for these very friendly animals to root around in the undergrowth with lots of trees (and human legs when available!) to rub against!

Our tour then took us to another large field, unsuitable for crops because of the wet, heavy clay soil in winter, hard to imagine during our current heatwave and drought, where Helen has plans to create a natural wetland area. This would involve the digging of "scrapes" and ponds in the clay where the water would naturally drain, creating a wildlife habitat for birds and animals. Piles of timber from fallen trees also provides an environment for bugs, beetles and other creatures.

We were then taken to the allotment where Pete talked us through all the fruit and vegetables he grows primarily to supply the Royal Oak. As with everything else on the farm it is all organic, using their home produced nitrogen rich compost created from the Cow "poo", wood chips and a small amount of seaweed extract. A wonderful array of courgettes, squash, a variety of brassicas, salad crops, beans and tomatoes and many more. To finish we were offered a selection of the produce to take home.

A really interesting and informative afternoon, opening our eyes to the complex relationship between nature, wildlife, farming and the climate which we should be nurturing to maintain the countryside and all who live there.

Also in early August Byron and Joan Carron opened their amazing garden in to raise funds for the Swindon Stroke Support Group. Several of our garden club members attended on a lovely afternoon where we wandered through the various 'rooms' in their garden, including a welcome shaded woodland area, and enjoying a cold drink or cup of tea or coffee. A lovely afternoon raising much needed funds for this vital support group run entirely by dedicated volunteers. Well done to them all.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 9th September: Richard Rickets: Bishopstone Village Hall [7.pm](#)
"Bees Knees"

Author of "Bee Keeping for Gardeners", Richard gives a fascinating and richly illustrated talk on the many species of bees and how we as gardeners can help to save them,
Back by popular demand.

Wednesday 14th October: Charlotte Howard : "Houseplants and How not to Kill them!"

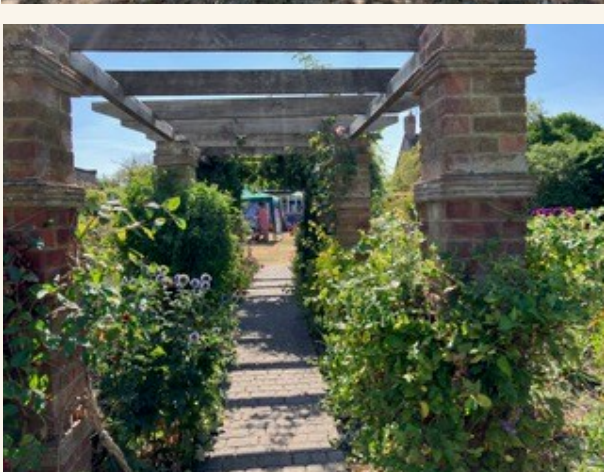
Charlotte is an RHS Master of Horticulture and is the owner of Capability Charlotte. She specialises in inspiring gardeners who love to plant both inside and out. This talk will provide an informative insight into the key elements to nurturing long living, healthy houseplants.

Friday 16th October : Quiz and Chilli Con Carne Night

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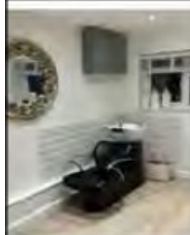
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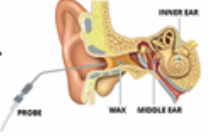
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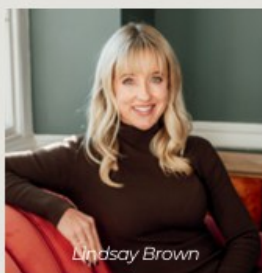
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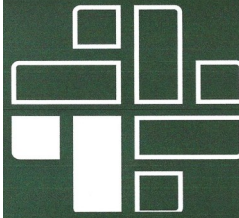
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