



THE WARBLER

A newsletter for the Parish of Wardington, Williamscoth and Coton

DEADLINE for next issue
(February) of the Warbler:
28th January 2018, 5 pm

Contact your editorial team with any news, articles or items for
the next issue, everything welcome:-

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Thank You!

We would like to say a massive thank you to
Elaine Norriss
Dick Norriss
and
Lauren Norriss
for their excellent editorship of The Warbler.

Hello!

Amanda and I would like to introduce our-
selves as your new editorial team



Did you know that Wardington now has a welcome pack?

The village's communication committee
has been working hard to put together a
pack of information for newcomers to the
village—though I'm sure it could be
useful for all residents. It contains
information on local amenities, places to
eat and maps of the village.

It can be found on the website
(wardington.net > information > about
wardington > welcome pack)

Have you any ideas about what might benefit the village?
HS2 have made a fund available to villages in the vicinity to help
improve their facilities. All ideas welcome - contact a member of
the Parish council. See p.19 for more details.

A word from the editors....

Autumn whizzing by as usual and Winter is nearly upon us—excellent news for Christmas-ophiles like me! In the mean time, I have really been enjoying some gorgeous autumnal weather on my dog walks first thing. Please see below for a couple of photos I've taken in the last couple of weeks.

In this month's issue you can find some interesting gardening tips in **Gardener's Diary** (curtasy of Barn Farm Plants); a little bit of history in the form of an article about our council houses; and a lovely recipe on the opposite page to get you in a festive mood! There are several adverts from businesses and plenty of events coming up in the next couple of months to keep you busy. If it's the Parish Council minutes you're looking for, then head to the back (p.22-23) and the back page is now dedicated to the Events Diary.

If you have something you would like to contribute for the next issue, please don't hesitate to get in touch - we look forward to hearing from you!



Do you like to take
photographs of
Wardington and the
surrounding countryside?
We would love to have a
look!



This issue, with the festive with the festive season rapidly approaching, we thought you might like something seasonal that the children could help to bake:

Spicy Christmas Biscuits

6 oz dark muscovado sugar
3 oz golden syrup
4 oz butter
1/2 tsp mixed spice
1 tsp ground cinnamon
12 oz plain flour, plus extra for dusting
1 tsp bicarbonate of soda
1 egg, lightly beaten
To finish
4 oz white chocolate
edible silver balls

If you have a favourite recipe that you would like to share, we'd love to hear from you! Please send it to the warbler email address on the front page, or drop it in to Cobweb Cottage.

Heat the sugar, golden syrup and butter until melted. Mix the spices and flour in a large bowl. Dissolve the bicarbonate of soda in 1 tsp cold water. Make a well in the centre of the dry ingredients, add the melted sugar mix, egg and bicarbonate of soda. Mix well. At this stage the mix will be soft but will firm up on cooling.

Cover the surface of the biscuit mix with cling film and leave to cool, then put in the fridge for at least 1 hr to become firm enough to roll out.

Heat oven to 190C/170C fan/gas 5. Turn the dough out onto a lightly floured surface and knead briefly. (At this stage the dough can be put into a food bag and kept in the fridge for up to a week.) Cut the dough in half. Thinly roll out one half on a lightly floured surface. Cut into shapes with cutters, such as gifts, trees and hearts, then transfer to baking sheets, leaving a little room for them to spread. If you plan to hang the biscuits up, make a small hole in the top of each one using a skewer. Repeat with remaining dough.

Bake for 12-15 mins until they darken slightly. If the holes you have made have closed up, remake them while the biscuits are warm and soft using a skewer. Cool for a few mins on the baking sheets, then transfer to a wire rack to cool and harden up completely.

Break up the chocolate and melt in the microwave on Medium for 1-2 mins, or in a small heatproof bowl over simmering water. Drizzle the chocolate over the biscuits, or pipe on shapes or names, then stick a few silver balls into the chocolate. If hung up on the tree, the biscuits will be edible for about a week, but will last a lot longer as decorations.

Happy Baking!

ST MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH

Services: November 2017 – January 2018

Please check Church notice board for further information and confirmation of these times.

SUNDAY SERVICES

November	5 th	10.00am	Family Service
November	12 th	10.50am	Remembrance Service
November	19 th	10.00am	Family Communion
November	26 th	10.00am	United Benefice Communion – Great Bourton
December	3 rd	10.00am	Christingle Service
December	10 th	10.00am	United Benefice Communion – Mollington
December	17 th	8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
December	17 th	6.00pm	Carol Service
Christmas Eve	24 th	4.00pm	Crib Service
Christmas Eve	24 th	11.00pm	Midnight Mass
Christmas Day	25 th	10.00am	Holy Communion – Claydon
Christmas Day	25 th	10.00am	Holy Communion – Great Bourton
December	31 st	9.30am	Holy Communion - Cropredy
January	7 th	10.00am	Family Service
January	14 th	10.00am	United Benefice Communion - Wardington
January	21 st	10.00am	Family Communion
January	28 th	No service. See Noticeboard for other services	

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Every Tuesday	12.00noon	Holy Communion (Iona Liturgy) – Cropredy	
		No service: 21 Nov, 26 Dec or through January	
November	1 st	9.00am	Morning Prayer
December	13 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer
January	24 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer

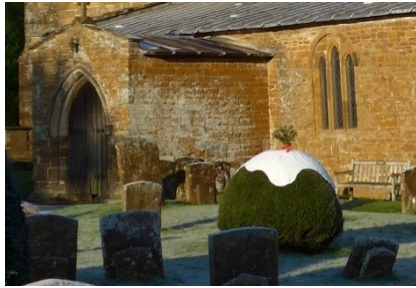
Do you need any wood to burn on you stove this winter?

The second half of the fencing around the playground behind the Village Hall is being replaced on 4th December. The old fencing being taken down will be left for the benefit of the villagers and can be taken for burning.



NEWS FROM ST MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH

LOOKING AHEAD TO CHRISTMAS.....



CHURCH SERVICES & CAROL SINGING

Sunday, 17th December – Carol Service – 6.00pm

Wednesday, 20th December – Carol Singing – 6.00pm – Upper Pool

Christmas Eve – Crib Service – 4.00pm

Christmas Eve – Midnight Mass – 11.00pm

CHRISTMAS DRAW

Tickets will soon be on sale for the annual Grand Christmas Draw with its usual host of prizes. The star prize will be a 'Cottage in Yorkshire Dales for long week-end' donated by Roderick & Nikki Stell. The actual draw will be taking place on Tuesday, 28th November at the Christmas Charity Evening at Barn Farm Plants. The Church will also have its usual Tombola and Cake & Preserves stalls there. Contributions for the Tombola will be gratefully received by Roderick Stell (758301). The Cake stall will be co-ordinated by Nigel Bankes (750500).

CHURCH FLOODLIGHTING

We are very grateful to those in the village who routinely sponsor a week or weeks at a time. For the record the sponsors for the remaining weeks of this year are: Gilly Turl, Peter Tinker, Roderick & Nikki Stell, Elsie Smith, Malcom Patterson and Mark Abbiss

In the last issue we referred to our desire to move to having the floodlighting switched on throughout the year but clearly there would be an increased cost, especially in the winter. We are delighted to say that, as a result of one very generous donation, this is now possible for the balance of this year and at least until Easter 2018.

However we must plan further ahead! The cost is only £10 per week – why not consider marking a family anniversary or birthday by having the Church specially floodlit for that week?

Full details and an application form can be found at <http://www.wardington.net/st-mary-magdalene/> or on the table adjacent to the south door of the Church or contact Clive Hunt (758087).

CHURCH & CHURCHYARD

Everyone is most welcome to visit the Church and the Churchyard at all times. The Church is open every day from 9.00am until 5.00pm or dusk whichever is the earlier.

We do however ask that the solemnity of the place is respected at all times. In the Churchyard we do please ask that dogs are always kept on the lead and to the footpaths.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Thank you to everyone who supported the Church Flowers team with the lovely decorations in the Church for the Harvest Festival service. A donation of £65 from the collection has been made to The Farming Community Network, the charity which specifically supports the spiritual and financial needs of farmers and the farming community.



REMEMBRANCE SERVICE
Act of Remembrance at the Memorial
SUNDAY 12th NOVEMBER
10.50 am
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Led by: The Revd Canon Christopher Hall

Garden Centre, Café and Antiques



Plants
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Christmas Lights
and Decorations



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Gifts
Inspiring Ideas

Christmas
Charity
Evening

Tuesday 28th
November

6.30pm – 8.30pm

£2 entry (under 16s FREE)

Come and enjoy a festive evening with special offers, gift stalls, Father Christmas and wreaths

An Evening not to miss!

*In aid of Katharine House Hospice,
Dogs for Good and
St Mary Magdalene, Waddington*



FREE visits to
Father Christmas
Sat 9th and Sun 10th December
1.30pm - 3.30pm



Greenhouse Café
Festive Treats



Opening Hours
Monday to Saturday 9.00am-5.00pm
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www.barnfarmplants.co.uk

Upper Waddington
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Hare and Hounds



What's on at the Hare and Hounds in the run up to Christmas?

- ♦ Saturday 11th November at 7.00pm is Quiz Night
- ♦ Tuesday 21st November at 11.00am is Christmas Fair at the Ladies Coffee Morning. There will be cards, cakes, raffle, mince pies and coffee. All welcome!
- ♦ Tuesday 12th December at 11.00 am. Coffee morning for the Ladies (and Gents) - coffee and mince pies £1. Christmas Lunch and Pudding: £6.50. Bingo to follow. Bookings now being taken.
- ♦ Christmas Eve at 7.00 pm. Free Buffet and Christmas Jumper Competition.
- ♦ Christmas Day: Open 11.30 am—2.00 pm. Everyone welcome for a free drink with Jamie and Carol.
- ♦ Wednesday 27th December from 12 noon onwards: open house and free buffet. Friends, family and customers, old and new, all welcome. Live music by Pete Watkins 3.00-8.00 pm.
- ♦ Thursday 28th December at 7.00 pm is the Dave Wainwright Memorial Cup Domino Competition. Players and none players welcome.
- ♦ New Year's Eve at 7.00 pm: free buffet and firework display at midnight

Reliable cleaner available for domestic cleaning. Excellent references. Please contact Amanda on 07790035227 (please note correct phone number)



Gardener's Diary

November

We have had a vast mix of weather over the last month but take advantage of the ground still being warm and moist, as this is an ideal time for planting either bedding or hardy shrubs, trees, conifers and perennials.

Planting

Pot up Amaryllis bulbs for Christmas, these make ideal gifts either planted or in boxes. We have some lovely 'shade collection' packets of bulbs which team shades of blues, pinks, whites or yellows together with contrasting heights and varieties of bulbs perfect for planting in borders or naturalizing in lawns. Pansies, violas or colourful foliage plants can be used to spruce up existing pots with winter colour. Rose bushes, fruit and ornamental trees, fruit bushes such as raspberries, blackberries and gooseberries and hedging plants like hawthorn, beech or hazel also benefit from being planted now.

Garden Maintenance

Remove the foliage of any perennials or bedding plants that have died down. Give all your garden plants a teaspoon full of bone meal, gently sprinkle around the roots and let the rain wash it in, this is an ideal tonic before they hibernate for the winter. Make sure your rockery has enough grit around the surface this will help drainage and stop the plants rotting over winter. Purchase fleece to protect any frost tender plants, such as cordylines and olives and your camellias buds. Dig over borders and vegetable plots adding organic manure to invigorate the soil, the cold weather will then break down any large clumps for you. If you haven't already done so give your greenhouse a good clean out, you can fumigate your greenhouse with a suitable product, please check the packaging to see if plants need removing during fumigation. Clear away fallen leaves making sure that you burn any diseased ones to avoid the problem spreading throughout the garden. Check that all your pots and containers are not sitting in saucers and lift them off the ground to aid circulation and prevent frost damage. Make sure all trees and large shrubs have sufficient support and that stakes are decent and not rotten.

Birds

Clean and disinfect your bird houses and feeders ready for use, use high fat content feeds, peanuts, dried mealworms and suet treats throughout the coldest months and make sure a fresh supply of drinking water is always available.

Lawns

Scarify and spike lawns to aid drainage and apply an autumn feed and moss killer if you haven't already done so. Avoid walking on your lawns if it is either water logged or frozen.

Fruit and Vegetables

Pick any remaining tomatoes and ripen on the kitchen windowsill, make sure all potatoes are dug up and stored. Use grease bands around trunks of fruit trees to prevent winter moth damage. Apple and pear trees can be pruned back thinning out the centre of the tree allowing air to circulate which helps avoid pests and disease. Use a prune and seal compound on any large cuts. Plant garlic corms and broad bean aquadulce seed now for overwintering in the ground.

Plants of the Month:

Helleborus - the traditional Christmas rose as it is known is the lovely white flowered variety which flowers from October and throughout winter, it is ideal for shaded areas for example under trees or in mixed herbaceous borders.

Camellia - these plants are showing tight bud above glossy evergreen leaves, they make excellent gifts and will brighten up any garden.

Skimmia Rubella - this plant holds its white flower buds for practically all winter and beyond making it popular for use in borders or the centre of containers and hanging baskets.

Erica Carne - winter flowering heathers that tolerate any soil type. They are popular for use in borders or planted grave arrangements.

Wallflowers Sugar Rush - this hardy biannual dwarf wallflower has fragrant blooms during Autumn and again late Spring.

Nandina (Poor man's bamboo) - these compact evergreen shrubs have attractive leaf colours and make an ideal choice for borders or larger pots.

Tip of the Month

Purchase your Christmas tree early and either keep it outside or allow us to store it securely in our barn. This will avoid disappointment come the usual rush. All trees are cut at the same time and are fine left outside in your garden until required indoors, so take my advice and choose your perfect tree early. Then when you take the tree indoors cut 2 inches off the main stem and display in a water holding stand keeping it healthy and fresh. Freshly cut and Pot grown trees will be available from around the 21st of November.

Don't forget to come and support our charity evening on Tuesday 28th November, in aid of two worthwhile charities, Katharine House Hospice and Dogs for Good. Take a look at our lovely Christmas display and various craft stalls, there is also a complimentary glass of mulled wine and free visits to Father Christmas. Entry fee for adults is £2 children 16 and under are free.

We are also holding our Loyalty card holders evening on Wednesday 8th November from 7-9pm. Entry is Free and you will be able to enjoy Christmas demonstrations and sample various delights as well as getting some wonderful gift ideas. You are welcome to bring a friend and you will earn Double Loyalty points on purchases made on the evening.

We look forward to seeing you all at either or both events...

Gardener's Diary

December

I hope you are all feeling festive?! Here at Barn Farm Plants we have a reputation for good quality Christmas trees at affordable prices which means they sell out quickly, don't panic though call in and choose your tree, pay for it and we will reserve it until you are ready to collect. This way you won't be disappointed and get a tree of exactly the right shape and size of your choice.

Decorating your home:

Make use of the evergreen foliage that you have available in your garden to decorate your home. You can cut berried holly for vases, and use plants such as laurel, eucalyptus, euonymus and ivy in wreaths or table decorations. If you would like us to make a holly or spruce wreath then please call in and choose your fruits, nuts and ribbon, then collect your custom made wreath on a date to suit you. A hurricane vase with cones, baubles and lights in would make an attractive table centrepiece. We have battery operated and low voltage electric lights which are great for indoor or outdoor use, choose either clear white or from the exciting coloured bulb options.

Planting & Pruning

Cut down any dead autumn flowering perennials marking their whereabouts with a cane. Prune stems of autumn fruiting raspberries. Carry out the winter pruning of your apple and pear trees and apply a pruning compound to the cut afterwards to stop disease getting into the tree. Continue planting fruit and ornamental trees, fruit bushes and roses, transplant any existing shrubs and conifers making sure that you tread in well when replanting and support with a cane or stake, add a sprinkling of bone meal to the hole for instant feed.

Garden Maintenance

Use bubble polythene or hessian sacks to wrap your outside tap, this will stop it freezing up and remember to drain hosepipes of water. Clear pathways and decking of moss, lichen and leaves as damp conditions increase slip hazards dramatically. A good decking brush and scraper will lift the surface dirt and then scrub with a stiff broom to remove surplus debris. Fleece all tender plants and terracotta pots to protect them from frost damage. Raise pots off the floor with either pot feet or bricks which allows the air to circulate around the pot and avoid it sitting in water thus cutting down the chance of the pot cracking. Do not use bubble polythene to protect plants as it makes them sweat and they become more susceptible to frost damage, fleece is great because it allows the plants to breathe. Sharpen blades on secateurs, loppers, hoes and other garden tools and wipe with an oily rag before packing away.

Birds

Make sure a fresh supply of water is available daily and increase the feeding of high fat foods such as suet treats. Peanuts, seed and mealworms should be made available. Why not treat someone to a wild bird dining station or make up a gift hamper of bird feeders and treats, we will gift wrap purchases made from Barn Farm Plants free of charge.

Lawns

It is advisable to keep off the lawns when they are frosty, constant walking on the grass will damage it. If areas are waterlogged aerate it with a garden fork.

Plant Looking Good This Month:

Poinsettia - every living room should have one! This plant simply shouts Christmas... the traditional red bract variety is still by far the best, but other colours are available too.

Planted Hyacinth Arrangements - we have a selection of wooden or tin bowls and containers that are planted with prepared hyacinths for Christmas flowering and top dressed with fresh moss and make attractive table centres or gifts.

Topiary Buxus Pyramid & Balls - these popular evergreen shrubs make ideal statements by your entrance door and decorating them with tasteful warm white lights take them to that extra level. Alternatively add some lights to a lovely blue spruce conifer if you prefer.

Camellia - the most popular gift line in shrubs is by far the Camellia, with its attractive glossy foliage and profusion of coloured buds, no wonder it's a favourite!

Tip of the Month;

Just before taking your Christmas tree indoors cut off two inches from the bottom of the main stem, then position and secure the tree inside, away from radiators and open fires. Add some water to the stand then gently remove netting from bottom to top. Leave your tree for a few hours to allow the foliage to sit down before decorating. Regardless of which variety of tree you choose it tree will drink water each day which helps avoid the dreaded needle drop and also stops the branches from turning brittle, top up the water every day and never let it run dry. We recommend that you choose a needle holding variety such as Nordmanniana, which are available cut from 4ft to 10ft or smaller pot grown.

Father Christmas will be with us on Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th Dec from 1.30pm.-3.30pm, visits are free with children receiving a small gift, he would love to see you if you can make it.

Remember we are closed from 12noon Christmas Eve reopening on Tuesday 2nd January, so make sure you stock up on bird feeds, logs and coal before then to avoid shortfalls. From early January we will have seed potatoes, vegetable and flower seeds, propagation products, composts, feeds and all the free advice you may need, so be sure to pay us a visit.

I thank everyone for their custom this year and wish everyone a Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year...



"The Light Between Oceans" **Wardington Village Cinema**

The Wardington Village Cinema is screening **"The Light Between Oceans"**

Friday 8th December

Doors open at 7.15, **£4.50** for concessions and **£6.50** standard.

Featuring an incredible cast including Michael Fassbender, Alicia Vikander and Rachel Weisz, **The Light Between Oceans** is the story of Tom Sherbourne, a lighthouse keeper and his adored wife Isabel (Alicia Vikander) who discover a baby adrift in a boat off the remote coast off Western Australia, they must make a choice. When they decide to raise the child as their own, the shattering consequences of this choice change their lives forever.



Based on the Sunday Times best selling novel of the same name:

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Please inform us as soon as possible if you plan to attend:

Sam Young - 01295 750871

Paul Bimson - 01295 758855

Email: wardingtoncinema@hotmail.com

Website: <http://www.wardington.net>

**Are you signed up to receive email updates from the
Wardington Village website?**

To find out information about the Cinema Club, upcoming events and other things happening in the Village, go online and subscribe to email updates.

WARDINGTON GARDEN CLUB



November is not too early to start thinking about next Spring

Robert Longstaff, well known speaker and founder of the Oxford Garden Project, is coming to Wardington to talk about Community Garden Projects.

They are a community activity for people of all ages

They promote the value of fresh fruit and vegetables

They give young people in particular hands on experience of nature at work

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 16

7.30PM

WARDINGTON MEMORIAL HALL

Do come and join us

Wine & Soft Drinks provided

Garden Club Members free

Visitors & Guests £2

You will be very welcome

Further Information: Malcolm Patterson 01295 750014

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CAROL SINGING IN WARDINGTON

The Friends of St. Mary Magdalene, Wardington,
are pleased to announce that we will once again be
staging our festive sing-song:

**In Upper Wardington
on the Old Pool Green**

on

**Wednesday 20th December 2017
6.00 – 6.45pm**

Carols around the brazier
Mulled wine, mince pies and hot sausage rolls.

We will be accompanied by the Wardington Hand-Bell Ringers and song sheets
of well-known carols will be available.

Please bring along a torch and join us in celebrating the festive season.

We will be collecting money for the Friends of St Mary Magdalene
to help look after our beautiful church.

Please give generously.

*For further information contact Philippa Hunt on 01295 758 087.
Or see www.wardington.net*

Wardington Over 60's

This September we enjoyed a day out to Wicksteed Park for lunch and were entertained by the show "Hooray for Hollywood". An enjoyable day was had by all those who came along and it was agreed that this would be worth doing again for another show sometime.

The next bingo is our Christmas bingo on Friday 24th November. As usual, doors open at 7.00 pm for start at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. Lots of seasonal prizes and free refreshments at this festive evening. Everyone is welcome, young and old.

Our Christmas party this year will be on Saturday 6th January. Invitations will be delivered soon. Anyone who is resident in Wardington, Williamsote or Coton, who is over 60, and their partners are eligible to come along to this lovely social event. There will be a three course meal with drinks and entertainment. Booking is essential so please let us know if you or anyone you know would like to be invited.

Contacts: Anne Wilkins: 758167 Ian Franklin: 750347 Jane Pearson: 750316

Evelyn's Thank You

31st August 2017

Dear all,

This is to say thank you very much for giving me such a lovely birthday party. To my family who worked so hard to plan and prepare it, and my friends for coming, some from many years ago, and some new ones.

Thank you to every one for my lovely flowers, pot plants, etc. My granddaughter came today and told me the donations have all been collected. The collection has been made up to £300, this will go to my chosen charity which is Wardington House nursing home. I am so pleased about that, so thank you for all of your donations.

Well, bye bye, see you next year.

Yours always,
Evelyn Phillips

The History of the Bearsted Family

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At 7:30 p.m.

on Wednesday 15th November

At Cropredy Village Hall

EVERYONE WELCOME

Annual membership only £10

Non members £3 per meeting

Have you been on the Wardington website?

www.wardington.net

The village website contains lots of information about the village, including church services, up and coming events, and the new welcome pack.

You can also sign up to receive emails when new information is posted.



CROPREDY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

You are invited to a Silk Flower Workshop at
Cropredy Village Hall on Tuesday November 14
At 7:20 p.m.

Expert tuition and materials provided

Why not join us, for evenings of fun, entertainment and information – and
absolutely no jam, although we do sometimes sing Jerusalem and we always
have cake!

Meetings throughout the year

For more information call Brenda on 01295 75872

CROPREDY PAINTING GROUP

WINTER EXHIBITION

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 19

11.00 am – 4.00 pm

CROPREDY VILLAGE HALL

FREE ENTRY*REFRESHMENTS

CRAFT STALLS

Framed and unframed paintings for sale

Raffle for Christmas hamper

Donations for BBC Children In Need

Did you know that Wardington has a
Facebook Group?

Wardington Villagers



MEMORIAL HALL NEWS

HALL ACTIVITIES

In the past month two new community activities have commenced:

- ⇒ Gym Classes - Every Monday (term time) 9.00am – Contact Hermione Crawford – 01295 711950
- ⇒ Pound Fitness Class – Every Tuesday 6.15pm – Contact Debbie Young – 07796 427703

HALL COMMITTEE

Quoting from the last issue of *The Warbler*: “Anyone in the village who is interested in taking on the role of Hall Treasurer with effect from July 2018 should contact Paul Bimson (758855 or paul.bimson@bt.com) in the first instance. Additionally anyone interested in joining the committee now and, by doing so, bringing new ideas to the hall should also contact Paul Bimson”.

TO BOOK THE HALL

E-mail: wardington.hall@btinternet.com or call Paul Bimson: 01295 758855 or Clive Hunt: 01295 758087

NEW!!

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TO BOOK: wardington.hall@btinternet.com

or Paul Bimson (01295 758855) or Clive Hunt (01295 758087)



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A Little Bit Of Local History

We were sent an article by Jane Kilsby on the history of North Oxfordshire's Council housing post the First World War. We thought you might find it interesting.

Banbury Rural District Council (BRDC) in North Oxfordshire did not build any council houses before 1914. With the Addison Act of 1919 to spur them on and in the space of 18 months, they built 170 houses for the benefit of local farmworkers and returning soldiers. BRDC's first council houses are only a fraction of the 170,000 or so completed in the early tranche under Addison, but they were described at that time as 'the best and cheapest houses in any rural district in the country'.

BRDC had clear ideas about the type of houses they wanted to build. They wanted to see stone, not bricks, and local Hornton stone at that. They wanted the houses to be in or very close to each village with attractive views over the countryside and large gardens. High ground was their preference for 'healthy homes'.

The council decided to approach the Architect's War Committee – set up by RIBA to find work for architects returning from the War – and received 'the names of four gentlemen recently demobilised to carry out the architect's work'. Mr T Lawrence Dale of Richmond produced his drawings and testimonials at interview. Very impressed, the Council appointed him with the proviso that he could start at once and would open an office in Banbury. The Council agreed to pay him the RIBA-recommended fees (£2500) and reimbursed him his first class rail fare from London. Dale opened an office at 6 Horse Fair and took on an assistant at £6 a week.

The summer of 1919 was a whirl of activity. The Housing Committee met fortnightly with an earlier start time of 10.30AM. Mr Dale's plans were approved by the Local Government Board, BRDC appointed a Housing Clerk and land deals were done across the district.

The council had an initial loan of £122,270 for the building work and the land. Terms of repayment were variable; a 60 year repayment period at 6 per cent interest was typical. The Council needed temporary loans from its own banker, however, pending the raising of permanent loans, indicating the pace and extent of their activity. Rents needed the Ministry's approval; in 1920 the rent for a parlour type house was 7s 6d a week, non-parlour houses were 6s a week.

Lawrence Dale designed at least two distinct types of houses for BRDC: the 'A1 south' type and the 'Cropredy' type. The A1 south type has 'a parlour, large living room, kitchen range grate, cement-floored scullery, a washhouse with a boiler and space for a bath and a shed for fuel and potatoes.' There were rainwater tanks with a capacity of 200 gallons outside at the back of each house. The Cropredy type has a larger entrance hall and steel window frames.

Every house had a garden of not less than a quarter of an acre, double the Ministry of Health's requirement for new rural houses. Council-built housing was a brand new concept in these villages: there was a concern that a lot of people thought that they would not be allowed to build pig sties.

By August 1922, all 170 houses (106 parlour type and 64 non parlour) were complete and let. Notices were put up in the villages asking anyone who was interested in a tenancy to get in touch with the Clerk to the Council, Mr Fisher. The council tried to offer the houses to local people from the same villages, with preference given to people who had served in the War.



The ten houses in Upper Wardington were the first to be completed. They were let by Christmas 1920. Photograph June 2017

For the full article, please go to: <https://municipaldreams.wordpress.com/2017/09/26/north-oxfordshire-the-foxhunters-farmers-and-parsons-and-their-first-council-houses-part-ii/>



WARDINGTON.—Completed Houses and Members of the District Council Housing Committee.

The Housing Committee had made a tour of these houses in August 1920

HS2 Community Fund - more information

Summarised for ease by Charles Holbech

The Government has established two funding programmes to offset the disruption caused by the construction of Phase One of HS2 on local communities over and above other mitigation schemes. £15m has been allocated for the Central area, which includes Oxfordshire, in respect of the two funds. The fund we would be interested in is the Community and Environment Fund (CEF).

Capital and revenue grants are available to cover capital infrastructure costs, including refurbishment of existing facilities, the installation of fixed equipment, new buildings and structures, enhanced access and landscaping.

The project must contribute a “meaningful legacy” from HS2 for local people and communities.

Applications can be made now (online). It is first necessary to complete an “eligibility checker”. Recommendations are made by a Panel appointed by HS2 comprising four “independent” members. The final decision will be made by a civil servant in the Dept of Transport. There are no deadlines for submission, as there is a rolling grants programme linked to quarterly planning meetings. The next meeting of the Panel will be on 14 December 2017.

The Parish Council will be eligible to make an application. The applicant organization must be established for “public benefit”, and not for profit. I assume that the PC satisfies that test. “Public benefit” includes the advancement of environmental protection or improvement. Eligible organizations include public sector organizations established by statute, such as parish councils. In the case of an application under £75,000, the PC would not be required to provide any partnership funding or matching contribution.

I am not sure, however, that an application would succeed:

(1) For any capital funding over £10,000, the applicant organization must be able to demonstrate that, by the time the project starts, it owns the freehold, or has a sufficient leasehold interest, over “the project site”. A 5-year lease is required in the case where capital funding of £10,000 to £75,000 is sought; a 10-year lease between £75,000 and £200,000. The permission of the landlord or landowner is also be required.

If the funding sought is below £10,000, all that is required is a statement by the landowner giving permission, and guaranteeing public access to the project for a minimum of 2 years.

Does the PC actually own any land? If it, or any other organization, wished to develop, say, the sports pavilion at a cost of more than £10,000, it would have to acquire a lease over the site. Presumably, the Parish Council does not own the Church, or have any leasehold interest therein, and would not be able to acquire one.

(2) Projects or activities that are primarily for the promotion of religion or religious belief are not eligible for funding.

This would probably rule out applications for grants to improve the Church’s structure or facilities.

(3) Priority is given to projects within 1 km of the railway line itself, although it is possible to apply where the distance is more than 5 km.

Wardington is, of course, more than 1km from the railway line. It is affected by construction traffic (temporarily) than by the line itself. The Panel may take the view that HS2 is funding mitigation measures to address the impact of increased traffic, and that the Fund should be directed towards communities affected by the railway line itself.

In any event, it would be necessary to demonstrate that:

(a) The project is needed in the local community, in the sense that that the proposed project will improve the quality of life and environment of the community experiencing disruption.

(b) There has been community consultation.

(c) There is a demonstrable level of disruption from the construction of HS2 on the community – it should be possible to show this.

(d) Proper planning is in place to ensure that the project is sustainable and successful, e.g. evidence as to how the project will be overseen, managed, and financed in years to come.

A lot of work would be needed to be done before making an application, not only to demonstrate need, consultation etc. as above. In addition, it would be necessary to produce:

(a) a copy of the freehold or leasehold document evidence ownership, or evidence that this can be obtained before the project starts;

(b) relevant planning permission, building regulation approval etc, not necessarily at the date of the application, but before any funding can be drawn; and

(c) a detailed breakdown of the budget, including all non-recoverable VAT.

If you have any ideas regarding this, please get in touch with a parish councillor.

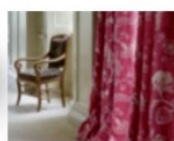
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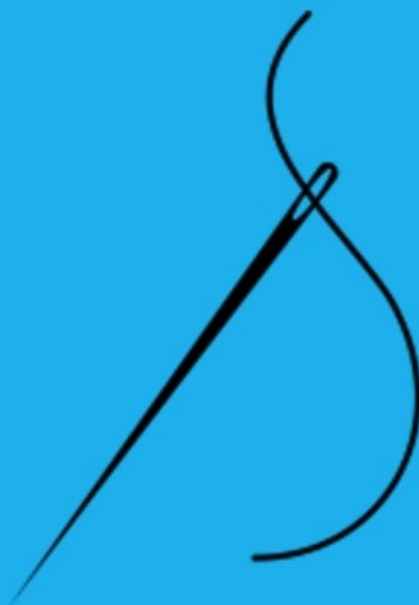
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Wardington Parish Council Meeting—Minutes

Location: Wardington Memorial Hall

Date: Tuesday, 5th September 2017, (7:30pm)

In Attendance: Mr G Page, Mr M Patterson, Mr G Martin, Mr A Crossley, Mr B Jarrett (Clerk), Mrs A Gordon-Finlayson

Apologies: Mr N Bankes, Mrs A Pascoe, Cllr G Reynolds, Mr I Franklin
In the absence of Mr Bankes, Mr Patterson chaired the meeting.

1. Minutes of previous meetings: 25th July 2017 approved and signed

2. Matters arising from previous minutes

2.1 HS2 Update: Meeting with OCC Highways & Police (full notes from the meeting available for perusal upon request)

The proposed 20 mph limit in the village has been deemed unenforceable and unnecessary due to low incident rate; speed cameras too expensive. Police will monitor average speed through the village at 4 key points.

Potential road widening at 3 points (Old Bonhams, Old Vicarage and Hare and Hounds) to ease HGV passage and reduce incursion on footways – concerns were raised about Old Vicarage corner relating to visibility when pulling out

Provision of a 'puffin' pedestrian crossing at the bus stop subject to a road safety audit; vehicle activated speed signage; chevron markers on the bend before entering the village. Impact of HS2 to be measured against mitigation measures mentioned in previous point. White lines also requested and under review

Concerns raised about air quality, road condition, noise and vibration – County Council to be consulted. WPC are concerned that the priority seems to be lorry access rather than pedestrian/village safety – HS2 informed OCC that WPC requested the road widening. This is not the case!

2.2 Village uptake and appearance

2.2a The quote for post insertion in the village was agreed to be reasonable and given the go ahead.

2.2b Rowan tree at the entrance to Greensward is dead – whether WPC or Highways responsible to be investigated: who would pay for a replacement?

3. Planning

3.1 New:

3.1a 17/01606/LB Mr Simon Paxton, Sadies Cottage, Williamscoth Damp proofing works to the cellar. - **WPC NO OBJECTION**

3.1b 17/00261/TCA

Mr William Pease, The Bishops House, Wardington, Reduce crown on 2 Beech trees by up to 3m - **WPC NO OBJECTION**

3.1c 17/00269/TCA – 17/00278/TCA

via. Western Power Distribution, to cut back, prune, reshape and pollard several trees, in 10 locations of Upper Wardington.

WPC NO OBJECTION

3.2 CDC Decisions

3.2a 16/02041/F

Cooper 1949 Trust, Back Cottage, Wardington House. Emergency repairs to chimney stack and re-roofing.

PERMISSION GRANTED

3.2b 17/00225/TCA Mr Clayton, Wardington Lodge, Wardington 1 * Hazel Coppice – reduce height by 50% and shape

PERMISSION GRANTED

3.2c 17/00226/TCA Mr Clayton, Wardington Lodge, Wardington Unknown species, Crown Raise, northern crown by 6.0m. reduce upper northern crown by up to 4.0m - **PERMISSION GRANTED.**

3.2d 17/01033/LB East Wing Williamscoth House - **WITHDRAWN**

4. Finance

4.1 External Audit - Annual return approved and accepted and certificate circulated

4.2 OCC Grass cutting agreement - Process for claiming the grass cutting grant has changed with an agreement specifying minimum requirements. The agreement has been signed and returned.

4.3 Invoices – cheques for authorisation

100897 N R Prickett – Grass Cutting (July) £360.00

100898 BDO External Audit Charge £240.00

100899 DM Payroll Services £40.50

100900 Clerk's Pay (Aug 2017) £350.02

100901 HMRC - PAYE (Aug 2017) £87.60

100902 N R Prickett – Grass Cutting (Aug) £360.00

100903 Parish Magazine Printing – Warbler £212.00

100653 Playsafety Ltd – RoSPA Inspection £105.00

4.4 Playground donation - Clive Hunt advised that Mrs Gillian Turl donated £250 to the playground fund (a further £250 was donated towards the church lighting). Council would like to thank Mrs Turl for her most generous donation.

4.5 Playground 200 draw - September Draw

100651 £20 Sandra Attack

100652 £10 Maggie Wilkinson

5. New business

5.1 RoSPA - Play Area Safety Inspection report (full report visible on request). Overall Risk = HIGH due to stilt next to wobble board being broken below ground. Other low risk problem to be fixed All will be attended to. Litter bin responsibility is CDC but they might need reminding or perhaps increased frequency or more litter bins.

5.2 Play Area use and disclaimer

Complaint about an adult using the playground. Appropriate signage drafted – one for each gate and the noticeboard New board to be purchased out of the playground fund and moved to within the playground bounds (small and weatherproof). Suggested that it would be good to find someone to organise the checking and maintenance of the playground – perhaps place an advert in the warbler and announce at harvest supper? Suggested that playground raffle draws should be done at village events (harvest supper, village cinemas) to raise profile. Potentially responsibility for it could be added on to the Village Hall Committee or the Sport's Field Committee? Certainly seems feasible that the cricket club could take over the grass cutting. The quote for the remaining old fence replacement was agreed to be a little high and another quote for comparison will be sought. A requote will also be sought for fencing with metal spike as bases (as suggested by RoSPA)

6. Parish Business.

6.1 Correspondence - Letter written in support of Cropredy Surgery's Controlled locality determination (their ability to have a pharmacy on site) at their request. This was deemed important by WPC especially in the light of the ageing population in the village and the bus service cuts. Letter received from charity Cleanslate (Victims of Abuse in Oxfordshire) regarding a £100 donation – declined as WPC would rather support more local charities

6.2 Broadband update for Wardington Parish - outlying farms (near Thorpe Mandeville) and Williamscoth still not sorted – several postcodes partially complete – in process up to December 2018. To be checked and OCC emailed.

6.3 Road signs available to be erected - Various speed check signs available for distribution in the village. Decided that they would have most effect closer to commencement of HS2 traffic.

6.4 Williamscoth conservation area - What was the outcome of the conservation area change meeting? Outcome to be investigated.

6.5 Benches renovation - Metal benches to be painted and wooden ones to be varnished in the Autumn.

6.6 Warbler—Mrs Lexi Gordon-Finlayson and Mrs Amanda Thompson have volunteered a partnership to take over the editing of the Warbler – Mr Patterson to speak to Mr Steve MacKenzie-Laurie

6.7 Bob Jarrett - The WPC wish to thank Mr Bob Jarrett for his work as clerk – for being so organised and willing. Mr Jarrett will remain part of the HS2 action group and was co-opted as a WPC councillor.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, 10th October, 2017 at 7:30pm

Wardington Parish Council Meeting – Minutes

Location: Wardington Memorial Hall

Date: Tuesday, 10th October 2017 (7.30 pm)

In Attendance: Mr N Bankes (Chairman), Mr M Patterson, Mr G Page, Mr G Martin, Mr B Jarrett, Mrs A Gordon-Finlayson (Clerk), Cllr G Reynolds.

Apologies: A. Crossley, A. Pascoe, I. Franklin

1. Minutes of previous meeting (5th September 2017) approved and signed.

2. Matters arising from previous minutes

2.1 Greensward entrance rowan tree is dead – reported to ‘fix my street’; awaiting response.

2.3 Playground work – Cherwell Fencing Ltd quote of £2,546.66 to replace the remaining old fencing around the playground accepted. Wood to be left for villagers to burn or for bonfire night. Mr Jarrett to contact Dr Wood regarding new noticeboard. Notice to appear in Warbler regarding playground responsibilities.

2.4 Broadband check – ongoing; should be done by 2018. Encouraging letter to be written.

2.5 HS2 – letter written after August meeting and response received indicating possible work programme. Meeting 10.30am 14th Nov at Wardington Lodge. Safety issue to be pushed as no considerations at present. Corner widening not WPC idea – Cllr Reynold to take this up.

2.6 Williamscoth conservation area decision – report has been written and is out for review, decision unlikely to be known before the end of the year.

2.7 The Warbler – WPC would like to thank Elaine, Dick and Lauren Norriss for their excellent editing of the Warbler. WPC would like to welcome Amanda Thompson and Lexi Gordon-Finlayson as joint editors from here forward.

3. Planning

3.1 New

3.1a 17/01644/F

Mr & Mrs N Douglas, Postbox Cottage, Wardington
Demolition of conservatory. Construction of new dining room extension and hall to provide link to existing annexe.

WPC NO OBJECTIONS

3.1b 17/00305/TCA

Mrs Virginia Price, Pettifers Stree from Banbury Road to MountPleasant
T1 x Prunus Yedoensis – fell. **WPC NO OBJECTIONS**

3.2 CDC decisions

3.2a 17/00261/TCA – 17/00277/TCA Western Power distribution
Various tree and vegetation management. (details available)

PERMISSION GRANTED

3.2b 17/01606/LB

Mr Simon Paxton, Sadies Cottage, 4 Cropredy Lane, Williamscoth
Damp proofing works to cellar. **PERMISSION GRANTED**

4. Finance

4.1 Invoices – cheques for authorisation

100904 N R Prickett – grass cutting	£720.00
100905 Clerk's pay (Mr B Jarrett) (Sept 2017)	£350.22
100906 Clerk's pay (Mrs A G-F) (Sept 2017)	£313.66
100907 HMRC – PAYE (Spet 2017)	£165.80
110908 The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	£50.00

4.2 Playground 200 Club draw

100656 P Hornby	£20
100657 J Murray	£10

4.3 Parish council insurance – no longer being handled by Aon; new insurer BHIB Ltd. Due May 2018.

4.4 Potential welcome pack printing cost – hard copies to be printed as required to ensure most up to date information included. Printed by Clerk, distributed by Warbler deliverers

4.5 Cost of Wardington website domain – currently the website domain is owned and paid for by James Wild. Potentially to be transferred. Agreement with domain holder and WPC to be signed and WPC to pay for annual domain retention costs.

5. New Business

5.1 HS2 fund – it is possible to apply for money to pay for projects in villages affected by HS2 – WPC thinks Wardington would qualify. Main document summarised by C Holbeach can be seen on Wardington Website. Any projects must be submitted with planning applications and clear ideas, no deadline, and show consultation with the village. Current ideas suggested: revamp of the playground (soft surface, new equipment); playing field pavilion update; band stand or the like on The Green. Mr Page to raise idea at Playing Field Committee meeting. Any ideas to parish councillors. We can submit multiple projects for funding.

6. Parish Business

6.1 Sulgrave Manor HS2 meeting – Lucy Apperley organising a meeting a (Thursday 12th Oct, 4.30-7.30pm)

6.2 Poppy wreath – WPC to make a donation of £50 towards it.

6.3 Cherwell district peer review happening – WPC may or may not be contacted.

6.4 Post and emails received – The Ground Care company; Age UK AGM and dignity awards; Rights of way workshops; Curiosity Carnival; SENIDIASS workshops.

6.5 Changes to DIY at household waste recycling costs – rates can be checked on the CDC website

6.6 Playgroup in Wardington – A Gordon-Finlayson looking to set one up, suggested that other Parish councils should be contacted for promotion purposes.

6.7 Complaint about path by Chapel Cottages – Malcolm to speak to Robert Harwood

6.8 Grit bins to be checked and noted where in the village they are; to be filled.

6.9 A PCSO has been assigned to keep parking in Banbury under control

The next meeting will be held on **WEDNESDAY 22ND NOVEMBER 2017** at 7.30pm.

Events Diary			
Date	Time	Event	Place
8th November (Wednesday)	7.00-9.00 pm	Loyalty Card holder event	Barn Farm Plants
11th November (Saturday)	7.00 pm	Quiz Night	Hare and Hounds
14th November (Tuesday)	7.20 pm	Silk Flower Workshop (WI)	Cropredy Village Hall
15th November (Wednesday)	7.30 pm	A History of the Bearsted Family (Cropredy Historical Society)	Cropredy Village Hall
18th November (Saturday)	10.00am- 4.00pm	Carrdus Christmas Fair	Carrdus School
19th November (Sunday)	11.00am- 4.00pm	Winter Exhibition (Cropredy Painting Group)	Cropredy Village Hall
21st November (Tuesday)	11.00 am	Christmas Fair	Hare and Hounds
24th November (Friday)	7.00pm for 7.30pm	Bingo	Wardington Village Hall
28th November (Tuesday)	6.30-8.30 pm	Christmas Charity Evening	Barn Farm Plants
9th & 10th December (Saturday & Sunday)	1.30-3.30 pm	Free Visits to Father Christmas	Barn Farm Plants
12th December (Tuesday)	From 11.00 am	Coffee Morning and Christmas Lunch	Hare and Hounds
17th December (Sunday)	6.00pm	Carol Service	St Mary Magdalene, Wardington
20th December (Wednesday)	6.00-6.45pm	Carol Singing in Wardington	Old Pool Green
24th December (Sunday)	4.00pm	Crib Service	St Mary Magdalene, Wardington
24th December (Sunday)	7.00 pm	Free Buffet and Christmas Jumper Competition	Hare and Hounds
24th December (Sunday)	11.00pm	Midnight Mass	St Mary Magdalene, Wardington
Christmas Day	11.30 am—2.00 pm	Free drink with Jamie and Carol	Hare and Hounds
27th December (Wednesday)	12 noon on- wards	Open house with free buffet with music by Pete Watkins (3-8pm)	Hare and Hounds
31st December (Sunday)	From 7.00 pm	Free buffet, firework display at mid- night	Hare and Hounds
6th January (Saturday)	-	Wardington Over 60's Christmas Par- ty	

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