



# THE WARBLER

*A newsletter for the Parish of Wardington, Williamscoth and Coton*

**DEADLINE** for next issue  
(May) of the Warbler: **28th**  
**April 2018, 5 pm**

Contact your editorial team with any news, articles or items for  
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All proceeds go towards  
playground maintenance  
and inspections.



This beautiful picture of the snowdrops in the churchyard  
came from Nikki Stell—thank you!

Have you got a brilliant photo taken in and around  
Wardington? We'd love to see it!

Since the last issue there has been a lot going on in Wardington: snow, wild weather and more snow. It has given plenty of scope for photo opportunities—please see below for some of our favourites. Now that we are approaching spring, though perhaps not as fast as some may wish, thoughts may be turning to the garden and, as ever, Craig at Barn Farm Plants has offered some excellent pearls of wisdom for the coming months.

This quarter your editorial team felt that it was their duty to sample a couple of local cafés and report back to you. Please see our critique further on in the magazine.

I understand that there is still some wood left from the playground fencing that has been replaced: it is free to anyone who wishes to removed it for burning.

This month's recipe comes courtesy of Nikki Stell:

# Vegetable Tagine

Serves 4

1 tbsp cold-pressed rapeseed oil  
1 onion, roughly chopped  
2 plump cloves garlic, finely chopped or crushed  
500gm sweet potatoes, peeled & diced  
500gm courgettes, diced  
1 red or yellow pepper, roughly chopped  
1 tin chickpeas, drained & rinsed  
1 tin chopped tomatoes  
Water or stock  
A handful of dried apricots, halved or quartered if necessary  
1-2 tsp ground cinnamon  
1-2 tsp ground ginger  
½ - 1 tsp mild chilli powder  
Bunch of coriander, chopped  
2 tsp rose petals – last time I made it I had run out so replaced them with a couple of drops of rosewater, about ¼ tsp max.  
1-2 drops Tabasco  
Salt and pepper to season if necessary  
Toasted almonds to serve

*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.*

- 1.) Chop all the vegetables into approximately 2cm chunks. Sweat the onion and garlic in the oil over a low to moderate heat in a covered pan for 5-10 minutes, stirring occasionally so that they don't singe.
- 2.) Add the other fresh vegetables and cook with the onions for 5 minutes or so, then add the tomatoes and chickpeas and about a can-full of water or stock – if commercial stock is used adjust the seasoning.
- 3.) Bring up to a simmer then add the spices to taste – quantities given are merely an indication. Cook for 15 minutes or so then add the apricots and cook until the vegetables are tender.
- 4.) Either crush the almonds roughly and sprinkle them over the top, or serve them separately – approx. 15gm per person.
- 5.) Serve with rice or couscous, Tabasco (for anyone who wants a bit more heat)



**The Friends  
of  
St. Mary Magdalene**

In association with



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# Call My Wine Bluff

An evening of light-hearted entertainment, good wine,  
good food and good company.

Saturday 17th March 2018

at

7pm for 7:30pm start

in

Wardington Memorial Hall

Tickets at £18 are available from Andrew Steven on 01295 750765  
or Steve Mackenzie-Lawrie on 01295 758369

Places are limited, please book early.

**All proceeds go to support your church**  
**Discounted wine available to buy on the night**

**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.



# **NEWS FROM ST MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH**

## **CAROL SINGING**

The Friends of St. Mary Magdalene would like to thank everyone who came to sing Christmas Carols on The Green in Upper Wardington on Wednesday 20th December. We all had great fun, singing along to the Wardington Hand Bell Ringers who once again generously came out for us. There were over 70 people and a net total of just over £150 was raised for the church.

We look forward to seeing even more of you next year for mulled wine, mince pies, stollen, hot chocolate and lots of good cheer!



## **NEW TREE IN THE CHURCHYARD**

A new Red Oak tree has been planted in the churchyard. The *Quercus Rubra* will ultimately grow to 12 metres tall and will be a spectacular addition to the churchyard. It was bought to replace a lime tree which was diseased and had to be felled. The Red Oak leaves go a deep red in autumn and should stand out most beautifully.

The tree was kindly donated to St Mary Magdalene Church by Hazel Steven and she supervised the planting with Clive Hunt doing much of the digging on behalf of the PCC! You can find out more about the Red Oak on the Woodland Trust website.



A Red Oak at 20 years

## **CHURCH FLOODLIGHTING**

As previously reported 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 first four months of this year include: Gilly Turl, Andrew Steven, Elsie Smith, Peter Mackenzie, Nigel & Juliet Banks and Lin Turnock.

However our desire is to have the floodlighting switched on throughout the year but clearly there is an increased cost, especially in the winter. So 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 CLEANING – THANK YOU TO LIN!**

It is not known by many that Lin Turnock has quietly been cleaning the Church on a weekly basis for over twenty years – or over 1000 occasions! But to quote from a letter from Lin just before Christmas, “It is with much sadness that I have made the decision to hang up my duster and bid farewell to Henry”.

The PCC is extremely grateful to Lin for her dedication to the task over so many years. An old Church such as ours is not an easy building to keep clean and cobwebs can abound everywhere very quickly. However many people have often passed very complimentary comments about how clean the Church always is, Thank you very much, Lin.

Amanda Thompson took on the role in mid-January.

## EASTER SERVICES

Easter is early this year and now less than two months away – the Services over the Easter period in Wardington are planned as below. Please also see the Church noticeboards for services elsewhere in the other Churches in the Benefice – Claydon, Cropredy, Great Bourton and Mollington.

Palm Sunday	March	25 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Family Communion
Monday	March	26 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)
Easter Day	April	1 <sup>st</sup>	8.30am	Easter Holy Communion

### **ST MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH: Services: February 2018 – April 2018**

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

#### **SUNDAY SERVICES**

February	4 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Family Service
February	11 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	United Benefice Communion - Claydon
February	18 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Family Communion
February	25 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
March	4 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Family Service
March	11 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Mothering Sunday Service
March	18 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	United Benefice Communion & Lent Lunch – Bourton
Palm Sunday	25 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Family Communion
Easter Day	1 <sup>st</sup>	8.30am	Holy Communion (said)
April	8 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	United Benefice Communion - Cropredy
April	15 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Family Communion
April	22 <sup>nd</sup>	8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
April	29 <sup>th</sup>		Service to be confirmed

#### **OTHER SERVICES**

February	14 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Holy Communion with Ashing – Great Bourton
March	21 <sup>st</sup>	9.00am	Morning Prayer

#### **HOLY WEEK SERVICES**

March	26 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Evening Prayer (BCP) - Wardington
March	27 <sup>th</sup>	noon	Iona Communion – Cropredy
March	28 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Lenten Reflections – Claydon
March	29 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Commemoration of Last Supper – Great Bourton
Good Friday	30 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Reflections on the Cross – Mollington

*OTHER WEEKDAY SERVICES - See Church noticeboards*

# Gardener's Diary

## February

February's weather can be cold and hard but gain enthusiasm from the fact that the nights are drawing out and spring is on its way. Here are some jobs that can be done in the garden weather permitting.

### The Coming Season

If you haven't already done so, make a list and purchase seeds that you require, buying early means stock availability is good. Purchase composts and fertilizers before the season begins to take advantage of the best priced offers. Some bedding plants such as impatiens (Busy Lizzy), begonia sempervirens and geraniums benefit from early sowings but require heat to survive. Gladioli, dahlia and freesia corms will soon be available to purchase and you can plant sweet pea seeds with a little warmth and protection. Grow potatoes on your patio! You will be amazed at how many new potatoes you will get from just one root. Buy yourself some potato bags and give it a go, the bags have a side flap so you can harvest them easily and you can reuse them year after year. Two or three spuds in each bag will provide you with many meals. So purchase your early seed potatoes now, choose varieties such as Charlotte, rocket, Pentland javelin or Arran pilot and chit them somewhere cool and dark but frost free for planting into the bags around the end of April.

### Birds

The birds exhausted the supply of natural berries from holly, pyracantha and cotoneaster bushes when we had the cold spell before Christmas so it is necessary to provide them with nutritious food. Certain seed mixes contain mealworm, suet and some even insects. Peanuts are good too as they contain natural oils. Hang out suet balls or blocks and don't forget to provide them with a fresh supply of water daily.

### Lawns

Keep off frozen lawns or if they become water logged aid drainage by aerating them with a garden fork. Look out for increased mole activity due to February being mating and nesting season, tread down raised areas and reseed in the spring. Get your mower serviced for the coming season.

### Garden Maintenance

Remember to gently knock any freshly fallen

snow from greenhouses and conservatories, also from any trees, shrubs and particularly conifers to stop the weight from splitting the foliage or freezing the plant.

Check that all fibre fleece is securely covering any tender plants and that those in pots and containers are raised off the ground either by pot feet or bricks.

Improve drainage of heavy soils by working in lots of organic matter and coarse grit. Top dress beds and borders with bonemeal, and vegetable plots with growmore. Add new grit to your rockery and remove any leaves or debris that have gathered around the plants and trim back any autumn flowering varieties. Cut leaves from helleborus to expose the flowers. At the end of the month divide clumps of snow drops .

### Pruning & Planting

Purchase primroses and potted spring flowering bulbs to cheer up existing pots and baskets, especially those close to your front door or back patio. Prune back your rose bushes, cut out any dead or diseased wood or weak growth. Cut back late summer to autumn flowering clematis to about 12 inches, it may seem severe but it will soon regrow to its original height and flower freely. Prune deciduous shrubs which are grown for their stem colour such as dogwood (cornus) this will ensure a better display this coming autumn, and cut back winter flowering shrubs that have finished flowering. Also prune hardy evergreen hedges, wisteria, buddleja, lavatera and hardy fuchsias and trim back deciduous grasses such as miscanthus that were left uncut over winter. Force rhubarb stems by placing large upturned pots over the corm to encourage early growth.

### Plant Recommended for this Month

February is very much about the potted bulb! We have many varieties of bulbs which will flower over the next month or two here are some suggestions:

Anemone blanda- Windflower: Pink, blue or white flowers appear before the foliage emerges, good for shady areas such as under trees.

Winter aconite: Beautiful yellow flowers again appear before the leaf.

Cyclamen coum- Hardy cyclamen: the true hardy variety which is great for naturalising is shaded areas of your garden.

Snakes head fritillary: An unusual bulb which has an attractive mauve speckled flower hanging downwards.

Also not forgetting the multi flowered narcissi tete a tete, British bluebells, and double flowered frilly tulips.



### Monthly suggestion;

We are holding a half term activity for children, this year it is Paint Your Own Terracotta Pot. For £5 per child they will get a generous size pot and will be able to decorate with their own design, they can then either take the pot home or leave with us with an invitation to return on the Saturday before Mother's day to plant up the pot with a complementary plant. No need to pre book just turn up any day between Monday 12<sup>th</sup> and Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February between 11am- 3pm.

Best wishes from Craig and all of the Barn Farm Plants Team

## The Greenhouse Café At Barn Farm Plants, Wardington

We visited this perennial village favourite in January and found the usual friendly service.

The café offers everything from a cooked breakfast and light lunches to cake and coffee. If you fancy a glass of wine with your smoked salmon bagel (just one of the items available on the regular lunch menu) then this is the place for you as they have a liquor license. There is also a specials board with a lovely selection of more seasonal dishes.

We took it upon ourselves one morning to sample the coffee and cake on offer: I enjoyed a slice of apple and blackcurrant cake and my esteemed colleague ordered coffee and a toasted teacake, which was judged to be very good.

Whilst only assistance dogs are allowed in the café, babies and small children are welcome, with high chairs available. There is free wifi for those who like to stay connected.

## Garden Centre, Café and Antiques



**Seed Potatoes**  
Now in stock



**Grow Your Own**



**Paint a  
FLOWER POT**

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> - Friday 16<sup>th</sup>  
February

**£5** per person  
11am – 3pm

You can leave your pot  
and return on  
**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March**  
and plant with a  
complimentary plant  
for Mother's Day



**Pancakes**  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February



**Gifts**



**FREE  
Easter Bunny Hunt**  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April



**Greenhouse Café**  
**Sunday Roast**  
2 Courses for £14.95



**Opening Hours**  
Monday to Saturday 9.00am-5.00pm  
Sunday 10.00am-4.00pm

[www.barnfarmplants.co.uk](http://www.barnfarmplants.co.uk)

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## **"Victoria & Abdul"**

### **Wardington Village Cinema**

The Wardington Village Cinema is screening **"Victoria & Abdul"**

**Friday 9th February**

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

Oscar winner Judi Dench stars as Queen Victoria in this incredible true story of the unlikely friendship between the renowned British monarch and a young Indian clerk. The film recounts Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee celebration, during which the venerable Queen befriends Abdul Karim, a young man visiting from India.



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

**Sam Young - 01295 750871**

**Paul Bimson - 01295 758855**

**Email: [wardingtoncinema@hotmail.com](mailto:wardingtoncinema@hotmail.com)**

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



## Need a tutor?

Tutoring in all three sciences up to GCSE and A level Biology offered. Experience of teaching ages 8-18. References available and flexible hours possible.

Please contact Lexi on 07743895054  
or email [lexihgf@gmail.com](mailto:lexihgf@gmail.com)



## Wardington Memorial Hall Volunteers Required!!!

Following its refurbishment and re-opening in 2013, the Memorial Hall has once again become a key venue within the Parish, used almost daily for a range of activities including exercise classes, family parties, dinner dances, film nights and wedding receptions. Without the help and assistance from a team of volunteers, it would not be possible to manage bookings as well as ensuring that the hall and Lady Wardington Room are maintained in good order and the facilities kept up to date.

Clive Hunt, a key member of the management team, has for the past few years been actively involved in the running of the hall. Initially overseeing the refurbishment, then acting as Chair of the management committee followed by Treasurer, Clive will be standing down effectively from this July. A volunteer is required to take over from Clive as Treasurer and member of the Memorial Hall Management Committee.

***If you are interested in taking on the role of Treasurer effective from July 2018, or are interested in helping with the running of the hall and meeting room please contact Paul Bimson (Chair): 01295 758855 or email [paul.bimson@bt.com](mailto:paul.bimson@bt.com)***



*We would like to thank the Banbury History Society for permission to reproduce this extract from Cake & Cockhorse [issue number and Spring 1966].*

## **Wardington—Memories and Hearsay, part I**

My father, George, was the 2nd son of Arthur Loveday, both father and son were Proctors in Doctors Commons and lived in Hampstead.

The rode daily down through the green fields to St. Giles' Church and from here went on the stable their horse in the Strang; When the Corporation was abolished in 1857, my grandfather, the youngest brother of John Loveday of Williamscot, bought the house now called Wardington House and settled there.

Eight years later my father bought "Ivy Cottage", on is marriage to Caroline Ward. She died in 1867 of tuberculosis, six months after my half-sister was born. The child grew up under the shadow of the then current belief that she could not escape the infection, as her mother has nursed her, and that she would not live to grow up. She died in her ninety-fifth year.

My father bought the Manor House, when Dr. Harris, who had live there for many years, died, and extensive repairs were carried out. It was then that the round red chimney-pots were taken off and replaced with square stone ones. Indoor sanitation was put in by building a porch out the back with a large water– tank on top, which was filled daily by pumping from a well under the scullery floor.

When a figured white paper was taken off the walls of a downstairs room, it was found to cover panelling, the pilasters and cornice of which together with the overmantel had been removed. These were found lying in the loft over the stables and only a small piece of cornice was missing. When a new piece had been made, all was put back in place. It was the finest panelling in the house.

The east wing was in a ruined state inside and shut off by red baize-covered doors. It was not until the roof fell in about 1890 that it was restored.

In 1875 my mother, Magdalene Turner, and my father were married. They lived in the Manor House until 1900, when it was sold to Mr Shaw.

They had a family of 10 children , of whom I was the sixth, born in 1883. The first two babies were carried out to take the air in the arms of the nurse and nursemaid; after the third was born, the older ones sat in basket-work panniers hung on the donkey's sides, with the stable-boy in attendance. As the number of children grew, a low trap with basket-work body painted white was made to my father's design in Banbury, which would take five and then nurse. It was not until the two youngest of the family were born, that there was a perambulator, four-wheeled with yellow wood-slatted sides, made in the factory at Banbury in the Middleton Road, near to where the "Blacklock Arms" now stands.

Only a man and boy were kept for the stable work during the time that I can remember, but there may have been a second man in the family's more affluent says.

Five cows, two pigs, and fowl were kept. There was a big vegetable garden and a good orchard, so the house-keeping was largely independent of outside supplies.

Bread was baked in the large built in brick oven, which took three faggots to heat. Yeast was bought in Banbury. At first it was the brewers' kind carried in a milk can and liable to foam over on a very hot day; the German variety was a great improvement. Groceries were ordered in bulk from the Army and Navy Stores in London and came in large packing-cases, which the older children helped to unpack. They were rewarded with raisins! Bars of scrubbing soap were cut up and put on shelves upstairs to dry. Everything else went into the large wall-cupboard beside the hall fire-place. From this my mother would give out anything necessary after breakfast,

joyfully helped by a child not yet in the schoolroom. I believe in the early days sacks of flour came from Wardington Mill and only later from Huscot Mill.

I do not remember tradesmen coming from Banbury. When we had fish, my father or the carrier brought it out.

We children had to help in fruit picking and marmalade making, for which we were given a holiday, unappreciated as the job might last all day.

Mr Cave, who was nearly blind, lived in Cropredy. With a boy he used to drive round in a pony cart selling cakes and various biscuits, those shaped like letters of the alphabet were his great speciality.

No washing was sent out. There was a large laundry room above the scullery wash-house. It had an iron stove for heating irons, which was perfect for making popcorn from maize out of the hen food, but we had to be tactful with the laundry maid.

Until after the tenth baby was born, there was a household staff of seven. Nurse and nurserymaid, cook and kitchenmaid, parlourmaid, housemaid and the laundrymaid. The cook drew the beer allowance from the cellar. I remember her, because on one occasion she fell down the steps.

When the nurse and nurserymaid left, we had a German maid instead and there were no more nursery meals.

My mother gave the eldest ones their first lessons in reading and writing and my father taught the boys Latin and arithmetic to prepare them for their boarding school at Dunchurch. I was four when we had our first governess. She was German, Arriving on a winter's evening, she came into the dining-room, where four of us were sitting round the table, drawing and painting by the light of two tall candles, watched by my mother with the baby on her lap.

Candlelight was replaced by "Princess Lamps" a year or two later, their round glass containers being fitted into the slicer candlesticks.

Our German governess was with us for twelve years and remained a friend for life.

While being taught at home, before going away to school, our pocket-money started at 1d a week rising according to age to 1/- a month. When Christmas time came we had an expedition to Banbury and went to Brummits in Parsons Street to buy presents with our year's savings. 3d for lucky-bags and small Chinese lanterns were the most expensive, and the 1d counter supplied the rest. Needlework presents were made for our parents with the help of our German governess.

No house could have been more perfect for children and their games. From the four corners of the main hall stairways led up the first floor and connecting passages. We were told that the house had been built over a right of way and that during the time Dr Harris lived there a certain man in the village walked through the house once a year to keep up the right, which would otherwise lapse. We were led to believe that a right of way could be created anywhere by carrying a corpse along a desired route. Another tale told us by our nurse was that snakes fed on milfoil.

We loved the house and were very proud that it has had a ghost. His name was George Chamberlayne and his initials are on the lead pipe-head with the date 1666. The story was that he married Anne Denton, whose family lived at Hillesdon in Bucks. On his death his expressed wish to be buried at Wardington was ignored and his body was taken to lie among his wife's family. Thereafter at night he was heard to drive round past the Manor House, until the inmates could bear it no longer and his remains were brought back to Wardington.

When the church roof was being repaired, my father, responsible for the side chancel, decided to have the floor relaid at the same time. When this was done, the vault below was opened and the coffin with the name plate of George Chamberlayne was found to be there. We believed that the parish registers confirmed the story.



## **Have you ever considered joining the WI?**

It is the largest voluntary organisation for women in England and Wales, and has an important voice on issues and campaigns at the national and local levels of government.

Do you think the WI is not for you? Are we still stuck in "jam and Jerusalem"? Is it only for the older woman? The answer is: No! Come and find out! We are still grounded in the basic concepts of our founding members 100 years ago: we care for the environment, education, our community and the welfare of those who cannot speak up for themselves.

In Cropredy we have interesting speakers, learn new skills and can go on trips to historic houses, museums and London tours. We organise recycling events; at Fairport in August we hold a scarecrow competition and a garden display in aid of Oxford Children's Hospital; we've cleared our drawers of old spectacles to be recycled in Africa; we litter pick; we run initiatives that can make a difference to others. Denman College offers exclusive WI craft workshops and cookery classes.

Cropredy WI already has members from Wardington – going back to the days when Wardington had its own institute – and we would love to invite you to one of our meetings. We meet in the attractive surroundings of Cropredy Village Hall on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:20 p.m. with refreshments.

If you'd like to know more, please don't hesitate to get in touch with Brenda Day (758782), Rachel McLoughlin (750918) or Frances Whitaker, (758448) all committee members.

## **BLOXHAM SCHOOL CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA**

### **PROUDLY PRESENT**

### **A CONCERT OF POPULAR CLASSICAL AND CONTEMPORARY MUSIC**

### **WARDINGTON CHURCH**

**FRIDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2018 at 7.00 p.m**

**in aid of the Church Fabric Fund**

**Tickets £10, concessions £5  
from Nigel Bankes 01295 750500 [nigelbankes23@gmail.com](mailto:nigelbankes23@gmail.com)  
or at the door**

**Wine, soft drinks served after the concert**

# WARDINGTON GARDEN CLUB



## AGM 2018

The Club visits gardens and other places of interest locally through the summer. We take part in the Fete at The Manor and have a visiting speaker in November.

Our members represent all sizes and types of garden. Some are keen gardeners. Some just enjoy looking at gardens. Some just like spending an evening with local friends. All are welcome.

Our year starts with the AGM on Thursday March 29

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**AGM: Thursday March 29**

**Time: 7.30pm**

**Venue: The Memorial Hall**

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Come and collect your Programme and Discount Cards

Wine & Soft drinks provided

Potential Members and Guests welcome

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Further information from

Secretary Jane Pearson (01295) 750316

Treasurer Malcolm Patterson (01295) 750014

## Did you know...?

On the last Thursday of every month at **2pm** there is a village tea held at **The Memorial Hall**. So if you would like a cup of tea, a slice of cake and to meet some new people, please come along as you would be very welcome!



# CROPREDY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## 24 SQUARE MILES

A British Film Institute film (1946)

Commentary by John Arlott

*An impression of life in rural Oxfordshire in the mid-40s, featuring  
villages between  
Banbury and Chipping Norton*

Remember elm trees? Boys in short trousers? Train services?  
Pig clubs? See how much has changed!  
Come and add your memories of a post-war countryside after we  
have seen the film.

At 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday February 21

Cropredy Village Hall

EVERYONE WELCOME : REFRESHMENTS

Annual membership only £10

### CROPREDY HISTORICAL SOCIETY Spring 2018

#### **24 Square Miles**

**Wednesday February 21**

A 1946 film about North Oxfordshire, made for the Central Office of Information,  
with commentary by John Arlott.

#### **“Winston Churchill’s Toyshop”**

**Wednesday March 21**

Top secret wartime weapon development with Gordon Rogers

#### **Parish Churches - Blessings or Burdens? Wednesday April 18**

with the Rt. Hon Sir Tony Baldry DL, held over from 2017. .

Annual Subscription: £10 Visitors £3

Meetings in Cropredy Village Hall at 7:30

Queries to Frances Whitaker [f.61whitaker@btinternet](mailto:f.61whitaker@btinternet) or 01295 758448



# The Hare and Hounds

## Village Pub

01295750645



Already this year we have had Burns Night where over 30 people had Haggis, Neeps and Tatties. This, along with a raffle, raised £125. We have also held our first quiz of the year which raised £106.00.

### What's on at The Hare and Hounds

- Every Tuesday we have a coffee morning at 11.00 am followed by a lunch for £3.95. Come and meet people and have a laugh and a chat with good company.
- We hold a quiz every 1st Saturday of the month (unless it is not convenient when it will be put on the following Saturday instead!).
- 14th February - Valentine's Raffle
- 17th March - St Patrick's Day Raffle with a Bacon and Cabbage Supper
- 1st April - Easter Sunday Raffle
- 6th May - Famous Bicycle Day—get on your bike for charity
- 13th May - Kitty Crisp Darts K.O.

Our new charity for this year is:



Last year we raised

**£7,752.70**

for the  
British Heart  
Foundation



At the start of November Wardington was visited by a traction engine—a 1913 Fowler A6 Road Locomotive to be precise. It's owner, Michael Davies along with his son, Jeremy and friend Richard Playdon, decided to take it on a trundle over here from Avon Dasset to call in on Carol at the Hare and Hounds for a spot of lunch—we all know how good Carol's pies are! Michael, who celebrated his 87th birthday this year, has owned the 104 year old engine for the better part of 30 years: "long enough that I've only got myself to blame if something goes wrong with it!" he told me. They boys in blue overalls and their big friendly machine can be seen at various steam rally's throughout the course of the year, including Banbury Steam Rally at Bloxham if you fancy popping over to have a better look.





Did you know that Wardington has a Facebook Group?



### Wardington Villagers

These pictures were shared on facebook of Wardington in times gone by. Do you know where they were taken?



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## The Mulberry Café in Cropredy

Taking the place of the old antiques shop, The Mulberry Café is a welcome addition to Cropredy. We went in for morning coffee early in the New Year and found it cosy and welcoming, due in no small part to Carl the waiter's wonderfully cheerful and helpful demeanour. Our initial cups of coffee barely touched the sides and we decided to have another (it was a Friday, after all). I accompanied mine with a couple a sausages and a pair of perfectly poached eggs; and my esteemed co-editor sampled the tasty, toasted fruit loaf.

There was a good selection of items on the regular menu and an even better selection on the specials menu, which appears to changes regularly. We were both impressed by the range of organic foods included at reasonable prices. The cook and proprietor, Jo, is locally sourced from Mollington and Carl is from Cropredy.

What I liked was that it was both baby and dog friendly, though for some reason my co-editor was reluctant to bring her slightly hyperactive terrier to our coffee morning. My nine month old daughter did come with us and made full use of the high chair provided to throw food on the floor...

There is free wifi and there is a loyalty card in operation. They also offer a monthly supper club and food and drink to take away.



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## Wanted: Bell Ringers!

Wardington Church tower is equipped with six bells, the oldest dating back to the late seventeenth Century, which are rung for church services twice a month and also for major festivals and weddings.

At present we do not have enough ringers in Wardington and depend upon ringers from Cropredy and other villages nearby, however there are occasions when we are unable to ring all six bells – or even to ring at all. We would welcome anyone who may be interested in joining us, whether they are churchgoers or not.

Ringers can be of any age, and strength is not a requirement for being able to ring. We would be delighted to have the opportunity to introduce anyone interested to the tradition of English church bell ringing and the principles involved.

Wardington Tower does not have the facilities to be able to teach new ringers from scratch, but we can arrange for anyone who is interested to be taught the basics at a local tower, probably Cropredy, before coming back to join us as Sunday ringers. Weekly practice is held most Thursday evenings at 7.30 p.m. and anyone interested would be very welcome.

It would be a shame if the Wardington bells were to fall silent after centuries of ringing.

Please contact Rachel McLoughlin (Tower Captain) 01295 750918  
or Roderick and Nikki Stell 01295 758301

# Over 60's News

## Bingo

Our next Bingo sessions will be on the following dates:

Easter Bingo Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March

Spring Bingo Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May

Doors open at 7pm and “eyes down” 7.30 pm. Anyone is welcome to join in the fun. You don't have to be over 60 to come along. We use these events to raise funds for the Annual Outing and the Christmas Party.

## Christmas Party

The Party this year was held on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January. Over 40 people enjoyed a three course meal with drinks and were entertained by Paul Turnock playing his guitar and singing, The Wardington Handbell ringers and a display of Scottish country dancing.

Many thanks to all our helpers who made the whole event possible and to all those who come along to our fundraising bingo throughout the year.



If anyone would like more information on our activities  
Our contact numbers are as follows:

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Some pictures from the Christmas party:

Wardington Handbell Ringers (The originals) Guests enjoying the Party

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**or Clive Hunt (01295 758087)**

## **Have you been on the Wardington website?**

**[www.wardington.net](http://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.

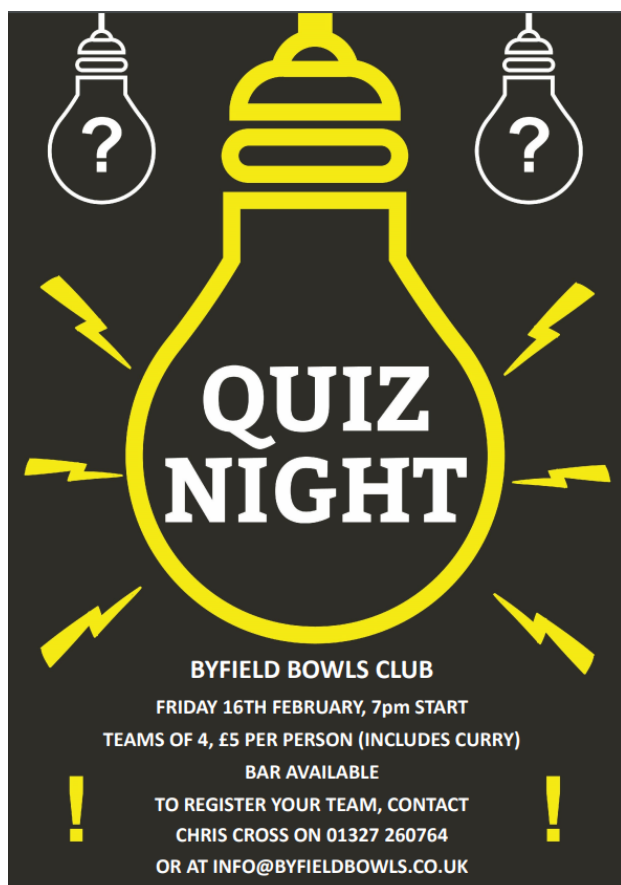
You can also sign up to receive emails when new information is posted.





Picture to illustrate points made at Parish meetings:

(Left) picture of the graffiti in on the playground climbing wall;  
(Right) picture of the oil tank on Chelmscote Row.



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**Location: Wardington Memorial Hall**

**Date: Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2017, (7.30 pm)**

**In Attendance: Mr N Bankes (Chairman), Mr M Patterson (Vice Chair), Mrs A Gordon-Finlayson (Clerk), Mr G Page, Mrs A Pascoe, Mr G Martin, Mr A Crossley (left at 8.15 pm), Mr R Jarrett, Cllr G Reynolds**

**Agenda Items**

**1. Minutes of previous meeting** - 10<sup>th</sup> October 2017 signed and approved

**2. Matters arising from previous minutes**

**2.1** The PC discussed the letter received from the Land Registry addressed to the PC. This letter requested notification of any objections to the registration by adverse possession by Rosalind and George Page of a small plot of land adjacent to the pond. Mr. M Patterson asked if there was still access to the pond, Mr G Page confirmed the plans showed there was still full access to the pond. The PC confirmed unanimously there was no objection to this application.

**2.2** HS2 action group meeting update – Mr R Jarrett to circulate informal minutes of the meeting to the PC whilst waiting for the formal minutes from Richard Warrener. Formal minutes to be published in the Feb issue of the Warbler and on the website. The consultants who will be responsible for the design of widening the road at the bends attended the meeting. The main priority is to keep the A361 flowing – concerns were raised about side roads becoming rat runs and who has responsibility for road surface maintenance. OCC seemed reluctant to put up weight limit signs on side roads and this will be pursued. Quite a positive meeting on the whole.

**2.3** HS2 fund – none of the councillors have had any contact from parishioners regarding this. Mr Holbeach's summary previously printed in The Warbler were thought to have been rather negative – possibly that was why? WPC is keen to pursue an application for playground improvements and encourages the Cricket Club to do the same.

**2.4** Playground noticeboard quote – Mr R Jarrett obtained a quote from David Adshead for a small board: £848 + £190 for installation. This was agreed. To be paid on completion out of the playground fund depending on funds, WPC account to loan interest free otherwise.

**3. Planning**

**3.1 New**

**3.1a 17/00361/TCA** Mrs Virginia Price, Pettifers Street from Banbury Rd to Mount Pleasant. T1, T2 x Lime – Fell; T3 x Lime – crown think by 15 % and Crown height by 30 %. **WPC NO OBJECTION**

**3.1b 17/00359/TCA** Mr Phillip Chapman, Blaize House Street. T1 x Ash – Pollard. **WPC NO OBJECTION**

**3.1c 17/02025/LB and 17/01034/LB** Williamscot Estate Regularising historic internal and external works to the East Wing or Williamscot House. **WPC NO OBJECTION**

**3.1d 17/00366/TCA** Mr Robert Harwood, Cricket Field, Thorpe Road, Wardington. G1 x self setting seccours – fell. **WPC NO OBJECTION**

**3.1e 17/00391/TCA** Mrs Andrew Pearson, Inglewood street. T1 x apple – crown reduce up to 10 %. **WPC NO OBJECTION**

**3.1f 17/02109/F** Pubstuff, Williamscot Road Industrial Estate, Cropredy. For the proposed refurbishment and extension including roof replacement of existing ware-

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**3.2 CDC decisions**

**3.2a 17/00359/TCA** Mr Phillip Chapman, Blaize House Street, Williamscot. T1 x Ash – pollard. **PERMISSION GRANTED**

**4. Finance**

**4.1 Invoices**

100909	Emptying dog bins (CDC)	£288.29
100910	Clerk's Pay (AGF) (Oct 2017)	£346.74
100911	P.A.Y.E. (Oct 2017)	£86.60
100912	Clerk's Pay (AGF) (Nov 2017)	£346.74
100913	P.A.Y.E. (Nov 2017)	£86.60
100914	Parish Magazine Printing	£251.00
100915	N R Prickett (Grass Cutting)	£360.00
100916	Clerk's expenses	£20.87

**4.2 Playground 200 club draw**

100658	Mrs T Gill (1 <sup>st</sup> Prize)	£20.00
100659	Mr A Crossley (2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize)	£10.00

**5. New Business**

**5.1** Any new people to the village – five identified, welcome packs to be printed and delivered.

**5.2** Broken bin next to the phone box in Upper Wardington – responsibility for replacing it to be clarified:

**5.3** Grass cutting – WPC feels satisfied with this year's grass cutting and will ask N R Prickett to quote to continue with the cutting with the option of a two year contract

**6. Parish business**

**6.1** Mr I Franklin's resignation – the Council accepted his resignation with regret and would like to thank him for his sterling service.

**6.2** The council discussed whether anyone else might like to join, though it needs to be checked how many councillors WPC is allowed. Now confirmed as seven, so no vacancies at present.

**6.3** Dates for WPC meetings in 2018: 10<sup>th</sup> Jan; 13th Feb; 20th Mar; 17th Apr; 22nd May (plus AGM); 19th Jun; 24th Jul; 4th Sept; 9th Oct; 20th Nov.

**6.4** Playground fencing – the remaining fencing around the playground will be replaced starting 4<sup>th</sup> Dec by Cherwell Fencing. Warbler has published the availability of the removed fencing to villagers for firewood.

**6.5** Insurance – still awaiting response from new company regarding price fix.

**6.6** Byfield medical centre – letter of support requested. WPC reluctant, though clerk to find out how many people are registered there from Wardington.

**6.7** Oil tank at 2 Chelmscot Row (see pic below) – a complaint has been made regarding a replacement oil tank being put at the front of a Sanctuary Housing Home (previously at the back). This is not within the conservation area but Cllr Reynolds to check whether planning required before WPC will decide on tone of further action.

**6.8** M40 service station planning application – Cllr Reynolds has advised that this is moving again and there is a new transport assessment taking place.

**6.9** Bench painting – R Altham has rescheduled this work for Mar/Apr next year due to bad weather

**6.10** Post/emails – ITV grandparents show; High sheriff's awards; external auditor appointments; planning policy changes.

Meeting closed at 8.30 pm

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 7.30pm.

## Wardington Parish Council Meeting – Agenda

**Location:** Wardington Memorial Hall

**Date:** Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018 (7.30 pm)

**In Attendance:** Mr N Bankes (Chair), Mr M Patterson, Mr G Page, Mr R Jarrett, Mrs A Gordon-Finlayson (Clerk)

**Apologies:** Mr G Martin, Mrs A Pascoe, Mr A Crossley, Cllr G Reynolds

### Agenda Items

#### **1. Minutes of previous meeting signed**

#### **2. Matters arising from previous minutes**

**2.1** WPC council numbers – George Reynolds had confirmed that a parish of Wardington's size is allowed a maximum of 7 councillors.

**2.2** Insurance – new insurers (BHIB) intend to honour price fixed in May of last year; the only change is the increase of the insurance premium tax levied by the government from 10% to 12%

**2.3** WPC meetings in 2018 date confirmation – as per previous meeting notes

**2.4** Oil tank at 2, Chelmscote Row – Cllr Reynolds said that the planners have no objection. Mr Bankes to write to Sanctuary Housing with regards to its unsightliness.

**2.5** Notice board for the playground – email received from Caroline Wilde stating that noticeboard responsibility is with the village hall due to a shift in boundaries. This information has been passed on to the Village Hall Committee, along with the quote we have received.

**2.6** Grass Cutting – WPC think that N Prickett has done a good job in 2017 and propose offering a two year contract. Mr Page to speak to N Prickett.

**2.7** Zumba noise during WPC meetings – Clive Hunt has spoke with Debbie and it has been agreed that the music will be turned down and all doors and hatches between the rooms closed. WPC are grateful to the Village Hall Committee for their help on this matter.

#### **3. Planning**

##### **3.1 New**

**3.1a 17/00428/TCA** Mr Tim Batchelor, 2 The Old Vicarage, Banbury Road. T1 x Beech, T3 x Sycamore – fell; T2 x Beech – Remove eastern extended lowest limb.

**3.1b 17/02405/LB** Mr Dean Cox, Wardington Grange Replacement of leaded glass windows with leaded light effect slim line sealed units

**3.1c 17/02472/LB** Mr Dean Cox, Wardington Grange Erection of cow byre agricultural building.  
NO OBJECTIONS

##### **3.2 CDC decisions**

**3.2a 17/01034/LB** Mr David Harris, Williamscot Estate Regularising historic internal and external works to the West Wing of Williamscot House. **PERMISSION GRANTED**

**3.2b 17/01645/LB** Mr & Mrs N Douglas, Postbox Cottage Demolition of conservatory. Construction of new dining room extension and hall to provide link to existing annexe. **PERMISSION GRANTED**

**3.2c 17/01644/F** Mr & Mrs N Douglas, Postbox Cottage Demolition of conservatory. Construction of new dining room extension and hall to provide link to existing annexe. **PERMISSION GRANTED**

**3.2d 17/02025/LB** Mr David Harris, Williamscot Estate Regularising historic internal and external work to the East Wing of Williamscot House. **PERMISSION GRANTED**

**3.2e 17/00391/TCA** Mr Andrew Pearson, Inglewood Street from Banbury Road to Mount Pleasant. T1 x Apple – crown reduction up to 10 %. **PERMISSION GRANTED**

**3.2f 17/02109/F** Pubstuf, Williamscot Road Industrial Estate For the proposed refurbishment and extension

including roof replacement of existing warehouse/workshop. **PERMISSION DENIED**

#### **4. Finance**

##### **4.1 Invoices**

100919	Cherwell Fencing Ltd	£2337.86
100920	Clerk's pay (AGF)	£346.54
100921	HMRC (PAYE)	£86.80
100922	WMH (room hire Feb&Mar)	£40.00
100923	DM Payroll Services	£40.50

##### **4.2 Playground 200 club draw**

100660	N Metcalfe	£20
100662	B Cochrane	£10

#### **5. New Business**

**5.1** A discussion took place on the current make up of the PC, which encouragingly, was currently at full strength.

**5.2** It was agreed that at the appropriate time, representation would be sought from villagers who had more recently moved into the village. The benefit of having a Facebook presence was also discussed and the Clerk agreed to bring forward proposals for consideration.

#### **6. Parish business**

**6.1** Parish Precept Letter – WPC decided that there is no change to our requirements and will request £12,000 from Oxfordshire County Council as per the previous year.

**6.2** Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan – the second part of this plan (site allocation) is starting Further information to be circulated amongst the WPC and will be discussed in the next meeting.

**6.3** General Data Protection Regulations – these are changing and all parish councils are required to have a data protection officer. This is a role that the clerk cannot fulfil as the Clerk is the data holder. DM Payroll Services have offered to take on this role – more information needed: cost and necessity etc). Further information to be sought from the Data Protection Officer at Cherwell District Council and also from OALC.

**6.4** Chemscote Row parking – complaint received via email from S. O'Brian regarding car park being for Chelmscote Row residents only and NOT the residents living on the bank opposite. There is a sign; it is up to Sanctuary Housing to enforce this as WPC does not have the power.

**6.5** Churned up grass verge (opposite Laurasia/Tite Cottage) – someone has cut the corner. This is another potential site for bollards once planned bollards have been put in place

**6.6** Graffiti had been sprayed on the playground climbing wall facing the playing field – Mr Page to speak to Nigel Adams regarding its removal as he has been very helpful in the past.

**6.7** Grit bins – these need checking again after all this snow in case the bad weather returns.

**6.8** Warbler printing costs and advertising rates - E-type Press offered a quote in the region of £450 per issue which was nearly double the price of the current printer, the current printer will continue to be used. Advertising rates have been circulated and will be left as they are.

#### **7. A.O.B.**

**7.1** War memorial cleaning – A grant available but two quotes were needed to apply for it. It was only possible to get one quote due to the stone it is made of. Will ask if we can still get the grant with one quote and explain the problem.

**7.2** Overgrown pathways – information on responsibility for path maintenance to be sought

The next meeting will be held on 13<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm in Wardington Memorial Hall.

Events Diary			
Date	Time	Event	Place
9th February (Friday)	7.15pm for 8pm	Film night—Victoria and Abdul	Memorial Hall
14th February (Wednesday)		Valentine's Day Raffle	Hare and Hounds
12th-16th February		Paint a flowerpot	Barn Farm Plants
16th February	7pm	Byfield Bowls Club Quiz	
18th February (Sunday)	10-10.45am	Family Communion	St Mary Magdalene
21st February (Wednesday)	7.30pm	24 Square Miles (CHS talk)	Cropredy Village Hall
22nd February (Thursday)	2pm	Village Tea and Cake	Memorial Hall
25th February (Sunday)	8.30-9am	Holy Communion (BCP)	St Mary Magdalene
4th March (Sunday)	10-10.45am	Family Communion	St Mary Magdalene
4th March (Sunday)	10am-4pm	Charity Spring Gift Fair	The Core Zone, Burgess Farm
9th March	7pm for 7.30pm	Easter Bingo	Memorial Hall
9th March (Friday)	7pm	Concert	St Mary Magdalene
11th March (Sunday)	10-10.45am	Family Communion	St Mary Magdalene
17th March (Saturday)	7pm for 7.30pm	Call my wine bluff	Memorial Hall
17th March (Saturday)		St Patrick's Day Raffle & Bacon and Cabbage Supper	Hare and Hounds
21st March (Wednesday)	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Mary Magdalene
21st March (Wednesday)	TBC	Winston Churchill's Toyship (CHS talk)	Cropredy Village Hall
25th March (Palm Sunday)	10.00am	Family Communion	St Mary Magdalene
26th March (Monday)	7.00pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)	St Mary Magdalene
29th March (Thursday)	2pm	Village Tea and Cake	Memorial Hall
29th March (Thursday)	7.30pm	Garden Club AGM	Memorial Hall
1st April (Easter Sunday)	8.30am	Easter Holy Communion	St Mary Magdalene
1st April (Easter Sunday)		Easter Sunday Raffle	Hare and Hounds
3rd-6th April		Easter Bunny Hunt	Barn Farm Plants
15th April (Sunday)	10-10.45am	Family Communion	St Mary Magdalene
18th April (Wednesday)	TBC	Parish Churches—Blessings or Burdens? (CHS talk)	Cropredy Village Hall
22nd April (Sunday)	8.30-9am	Holy Communion (BCP)	St Mary Magdalene
26th April (Thursday)	2pm	Village Tea and Cake	Memorial Hall
29th April (Sunday)	TBC	A service TBC	St Mary Magdalene
30th April (Friday)	7.15pm for 8pm	Film night to be announced	Memorial Hall
6th May (Sunday)	TBC	The Famous Bicycle Day	Hare and Hounds
11th May	7pm for 7.30pm	Spring Bingo	Memorial Hall
13th May (Sunday)	TBC	Kitty Crisp Darts K.O.	Hare and Hounds