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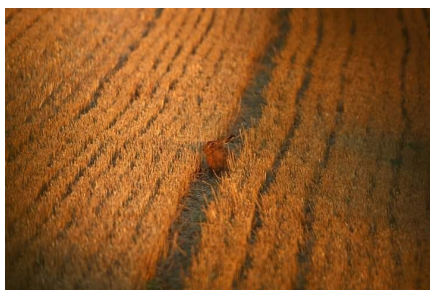
A newsletter for the Parish of Wardington, Williamscot and Coton

DEADLINE for next issue
(May) of the Warbler:
20th April 2020, 5pm

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

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WARDINGTON VILLAGE ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN

4-5th April 2020

Look out for more details closer to the time on noticeboards, facebook and the village website.

Happy New Year!

We hope the new decade finds you well? I wanted to say a huge thank you to all contributors for this issue for being so prompt with their submissions after the deadline was brought forward - thank you!

Roderick Stell is to thank for the lovely frosty Teasel pictures on the front cover; the rabbit is curtesy of Sam Young; the last is one of my favourite views from a dog walk.

You will have noticed the deadline for submissions has altered and will stay altered – this is due to printing timings so will be much stricter in future. Thank you in advance.

This year's spring clean is an excellent chance to shape the beautiful place we share - all help is gratefully received and the more the merrier.

Lexi

Recipe

This issue's recipe is kindly supplied by Lexi Gordon-Finlayson!

Pearl Barley and Vegetable Soup

1 1/2 tbsp oil
1 onion, peeled and finely chopped
2 large carrots, peeled and finely chopped
2 celery sticks, finely chopped
Pinch of salt
175g pearl barley
1 x 400g tin of tinned tomatoes
1 1/4 L stock
125g petit pois
1 tbsp finely chopped parsley

1. Heat the oil over a medium heat then add the onion, carrots, celery and salt, sweating them for 5-6 mins until soft.
2. Stir in the pearl barley, tomatoes and stock and bring to the boil over a moderate heat. Once boiling, cover and cook over a low heat for 40-45 mins until the pearl barley is tender.
3. Stir in the peas and the parsley and season to taste. Cook for 2 mins until the peas are tender.
4. Ladle into bowls and serve with a wedge of bread for lunch, or as a smaller portion for a starter.

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.



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NEWS FROM ST MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH

JEAN BUTLER

It is with great sorrow that we record the death of Jean Butler on 23rd December after an illness so bravely borne. Jean was a very faithful and loyal member of our congregation over many years.. She also served the Church in many practical ways including as a bell ringer and leader of the Church flower arranging team. On the more formal side Jean was a member of the PCC and managed the floodlighting sponsorship scheme.

The high esteem in which Jean was held was demonstrated by the large number of friends, from the village, Banbury and further afield, who packed the Church for her funeral service. She will be missed by many and our deep sympathy goes to Bryan and all Jean's family.



LOOKING BACK TO CHRISTMAS

As always all our three principal services, the Carol Service, Crib Service and Midnight Mass, were very well attended with many from within the village as well as friends and relations staying here for Christmas. Thank you to everyone for your support and especially to those who participated in decorating the Church and in the actual services.

A PEAL FOR MRS EVELYN PHILLIPS

The first peal for over thirty years was rung in Wardington just before Christmas by a group of ringers mostly drawn from the Banbury area. As tower captain I was excited by the prospect, but there is always a worry; no matter how expert the band things can go wrong, so we all did our best not to allow our hopes to get too high. The ringing started very promptly at 9.30 a.m. and the bells were stood 2 hours 57minutes later by six tired but triumphant ringers. We were allowed to help with the ring-down (two of the ringers had blisters and were glad to hand us their ropes) after which they all joined us for lunch and to meet the lady for whom they had been ringing. Evelyn Phillips has always liked to hear the bells and had been listening to the peal from her own home, and several villagers asked us to pass on their compliments to the band. We hope that eventually there will be a peal-board in the tower recording the occasion.

We are planning an open-day at the tower later in the year, when anyone who would like to know more about the bells, or would like to learn to ring them, can come and find out more about them.

Nicola Stell



Left: Left to Right - Barry Davies, Colin M. Lee (conductor), Catherine Lane, Rosemary Hemmings, Graham Clifton, Sue Burchell.

Right: The Ringers and Mrs Phillips



CHURCH FLOODLIGHTING

Once again 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: Andrew & Ginny Steven, Elsie Smith, Peter Mackenzie and Nigel & Juliet Banks.

The sponsorship fee had been only £10 per week since 2003 but, being realistic, we increased it to £15 per week last year given the huge increase in the cost of electricity over fifteen years. Once again why not consider marking a family anniversary or birthday by sponsoring the floodlighting 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).

EASTER SERVICES

For your diary Easter services are planned as below:

Palm Sunday	April	5 th	10.00am	Family Service
Monday	April	6 th	7.00pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)
Easter Day	April	12 th	8.30am	Easter Holy Communion

For other services in our benefice, please see the Church noticeboards or <https://wardington.net/st-mary-magdalene/shires-edge-benefice/> in April.

ST MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH: **Services: February 2020 - April 2020**

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

SUNDAY SERVICES

February	2 nd	10.00am	Family Service
February	9 th	10.00am	United Benefice Communion – Cropredy
February	16 th	10.00am	Family Communion
February	23 rd	8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
March	1 st	10.00am	Family Service
March	8 th	11.00am	United Benefice Communion & Lent Lunch – Claydon
March	15 th	10.00am	Family Communion
March	22 th	10.00am	Mothering Sunday Family Service
March	29 th		No service – see noticeboard for other services
April	5 th	10.00am	Family Service
Easter Day	12 th	8.30am	Holy Communion
April	19 th	10.00am	United Benefice Communion
April	26 th		No service – see noticeboard for other services

OTHER SERVICES

February	5 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer
February	26 th	10.00am	Holy Communion with Ashing – Claydon
February	26 th	7.00pm	Holy Communion with Ashing – Great Bourton
March	18 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer
April	29 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer
April	15 th	7.00pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

April	6 th	7.00pm	Evening Prayer (BCP) - Wardington
April	7 th	12.00noon	Iona Communion – Cropredy
April	8 th	7.00pm	Lenten Reflections – Claydon
April	9 th	7.00pm	Commemoration of Last Supper – Great Bourton
Good Friday	10 th	2.00pm	Reflections on the Cross – Mollington

OTHER WEEKDAY SERVICES

See Church noticeboards

Latest News on HS2/Fusion Work in Wardington

You are probably aware of the road widening taking place on the A361 near Old Bonhams corner. Other work on road widening will be carried out in February. This will result in single lane road closures controlled by traffic lights

In the Spring there will be further work on the A361 at the North and South entrances to the village and by the Bus Stop. These will involve complete road closures. There will also be road closures at Chipping Warden at about the same time.

Wardington Parish Council demanded a meeting with HS2/Fusion to discuss the impact of these closures. There were even rumours of the Stagecoach 200 bus service being suspended.

At the meeting HS2/Fusion confirmed (subject to Oxfordshire and Northampton County Council approval):

- The weekday bus service will continue to operate but there may be problems with the Saturday service on specific dates. We will be notified about these.
- The road closures on the A361 in Wardington will be during the evening and night.
- Residents on the A361 will be kept fully informed in advance of closure dates and dates when night time working will be taking place near their homes.
- The contractors do not expect these residents to lose access to their properties. If this is likely to occur at any time special arrangements will be agreed with them individually.
- Emergency services will be able to get through.
- Notification of the closures will be in place well before the village. Ten miles back and at all main junctions is normal apparently.
- There will be diversion routes for HGV's.

Nicky Haigh, Community Engagement Manager, Fusion, who are working on behalf of HS2, has given us the following statement for The Warbler:

Work on widening of the A361 at the southern end of the village is taking place in January and February 2020. Works will then progress to the northern end and to the installation of the new pedestrian crossing adjacent to the bus stop. This will be carried out using single lane closures controlled by traffic lights. These will be in operation for 24 hours although, when possible, traffic management will be removed to allow free flow of traffic.

During this period work will also be carried out by BT to locally relocate their apparatus located on the traffic island junction next to the Hare & Hounds to allow the northern widening works to take place. Residents will be notified directly by BT when this will take place.

In early spring we will begin works on the north and south gateway entrances to the village. This will require road closures due to the need to resurface the road. These closures will be undertaken in the evening or overnight to limit disruption to the traveling public. The timings of these closures are also planned to prevent disruption to the local nr 200 bus service.

The Parish Council will keep in close touch with HS2/Fusion and try and make sure everyone in the village, including Williamscot and Coton, has the latest information. There may be last minute changes. Those of you who are on [facebook](#), have access to [wardington.net](#), spot Parish Council notices on village [noticeboards](#) and at [bus stops](#), please be a good neighbour and pass the information on. Better to hear it twice than not at all.

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**Do you think that the
playground is an important
village asset that need to be
maintained and developed?**

Then perhaps you would be interested in helping us keep this excellent village facility in tip-top working order? Perhaps you might be interested in forming part of a working group to do some fund raising; give feedback about damages and repair work that might be required; provide input about what equipment might need replacing and perhaps what to replace it with?

Please get in touch with our Parish Clerk (Lexi) using wardingtonparishcouncil@hotmail.co.uk or 758117 or any of the village councillors for more information.

Using what3words

Oxfordshire Fire & Rescue are now using what3words. This means if you need to contact the police and are having trouble describing where you are, you can use the app to tell them your exact location.

what3words has labelled every 3m x 3m square in the world with an address made of three random words from the dictionary. For example, the 3 word address of Nelson's Column in Trafalgar Square is this.fantastic.notes

All you need to do is download the free what3words app. You'll be able to see and share the 3 word address of your current location and also find out the 3 word address of your home (by typing in your address and selecting the square containing your front door).

If you're renting your property on Airbnb or any other accommodation sites, you can also use it to make sure guests don't get lost by just sending them the 3 word address of the front door/property entrance (especially if your postcode goes to the wrong place!).

Visit what3words.com or download the app to find out more.



Cropredy Tots

... will be meeting on these Mondays:

February 3rd and 24th

March 9th and 23rd

April 20th and 27th

in the Chapel School Room, [10.30 a.m. to 12 noon](#).

Come and join in the fun for the under 5s and those who love and care for them. There are lots of things to take part in: making craft items, singing, painting and lots more while learning to play and share with others.

There is no charge for Cropredy Tots.

For more information please ring Helen on [01295 758759](tel:01295758759).

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.

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Are you a handy-Andy? A fix-it Fred? Or a mend it Mandy? Then Wardington is looking for your help! If you fancy putting any DIY skills you have to good use in the village on the odd occasion then please get in touch with the Parish Clerk (Lexi) on 758117 or wardingtonparishcouncil@hotmail.co.uk

Your home affects your health



Find out what support is available to help keep you safe and well in your home.
www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/homerepairs



Get help with home repairs

There are services and funds available to help people (owners and private tenants) stay independent, safe and well in their homes, and Oxfordshire County Council has developed a referral service to help residents (or carers) access the right organisations in their area, to get the help they need.

The type of help that can be provided are services such as new boilers, repairs to boilers, loft or cavity wall insulation, access to a local and trustworthy repairs service and general advice on how to stay safe, well and affordably warm in your home.

The Hare and Hounds

Village Pub

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Christmas, New Year and a New decade at the Hare and Hounds

It was lovely to welcome so many of you into your local pub over the Christmas & New Year period.

We have had many customers who ventured into the pub for the first time, or for the first time in a long time over the last couple of months. If you haven't been to the pub since it was refurbished, please pop down to say Hello, you can be sure of a warm welcome from the Hare Family and also from our regular customers.

In December we had several visits from Santa, who delighted our younger diners with gifts and banter. We love to see our younger customers, our kids menu offers smaller portions of the adult menu at a smaller price, and we also have lots of games to keep the kids entertained whilst you are here.

Lots of you enjoyed a festive meal with us in December, on Christmas Day our dining room was fully booked for Christmas lunch, it was very popular, so if you missed out, it's not too early to start thinking about this year, and booking your place early.

Our Free entry New Years Eve 1920's Fancy dress party was a great success, and our "Hangover breakfast" on New Year's Day was enjoyed by many.

The pub really appreciates the support the village has shown us, we really would like to meet more of you! So come down and meet your neighbours, and make some new friends.

We have lots going on for everyone. Every Tuesday morning we have a coffee morning, and on Tuesday evenings we have either a Games or Quiz night, where you can enjoy playing traditional pub games such as bar skittles, cribbage, and dominoes - if you don't know how to play we can teach you. The Quiz is not too taxing, we even have a special "Local round" to give you an advantage over the professional Quizzers who do the quiz circuit. There are free nibbles on the night to give you some extra brain food, it's free to enter, but donations are welcome for charity. If you were at the Decembers quiz night, you would know that Wardington used to have 5 pubs in the village, and now has only one! How many can you remember?

We are a dog friendly pub, so don't be afraid to bring in your pooch. Our own pub dog, aptly named "Tipsy" loves to spend some time enjoying the warmth of our roaring log burning fire, especially when she gets some attention from the customers.

Every evening from Wednesday to Saturday our restaurant offers home cooked food, with a special offer each night such as a free starter or desert with every main meal on a Wednesday, or discounted fish and homemade chips every Friday. Lighter appetite portions are available for everything on the menu.

Due to popular demand we are now extending our Sunday restaurant opening hours. We are usually busy, so it's best to book beforehand.

On the first Friday of each month our new Gin club members can enjoy any gin and tonic for £4.50 or a double for £6.50 On the night we showcase our "Gin of the Month", which is a special, unusual gin that you might not of tried before, it's at a special price for the whole of the month. Once your are in the club you can collect a stamp for every gin you have until you have 6 stamps, and then then next gin and tonic is on us! It's easy to join the club, just ask at the bar for your free membership card.

OUR pub is YOUR pub, so please let us know if you have any new suggestions or ideas you would like us to try. As always, Thank you for making the pub a great place to be!



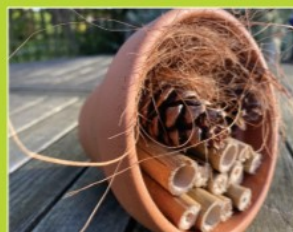
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WARDINGTON GARDEN CLUB



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AGM

WEDNESDAY MARCH 25 7.30pm

WARDINGTON MEMORIAL HALL

The Club visits local gardens in May, June and July. Visits begin at 6.00pm or 6.30 pm. Plenty of summer daylight remaining.

Indoor speaker meetings in April and November.

Our members represent all sizes and types of garden. Some are keen gardeners. Some just enjoy looking at different gardens. Some just like spending an evening with local friends. Some join to make new friends and see new places. New members and guests are always welcome.

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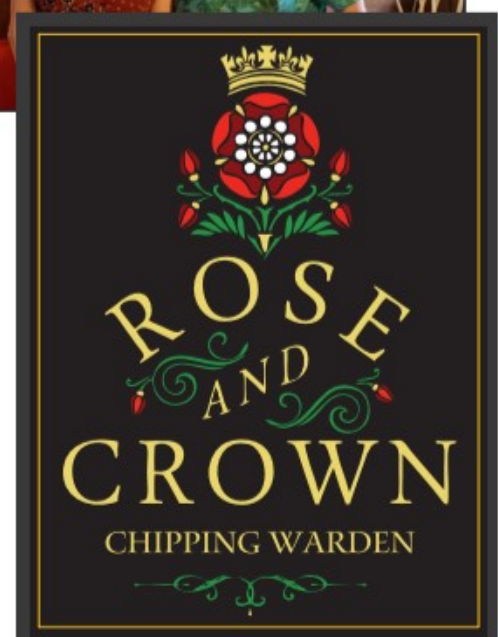
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Gardener's Diary

February

February's weather can be cold and hard but fear not, as Spring is just around the corner. 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, and this year Johnsons seeds have kindly put 25% extra seed in many of their popular vegetable lines including beetroot, carrot and radish. You can plant sweet pea seeds with a little warmth and protection [and](#) some bedding plants such as impatiens (busy lizzy), lobelia, begonia sempervirens and geraniums benefit from early sowings but do require a heated propagator or greenhouse initially, to survive.

Gladioli, dahlia and freesia corms will soon be available to purchase, plant early spring and they will flower throughout the summer.

Grow potatoes on your patio! You will be amazed at how many new potatoes you will get from just one root. Buy yourself 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. Purchase your early seed potatoes now, as popular varieties such as charlotte, rocket, pentland javelin and aaron pilot sell out early. Chit them somewhere cool and dark but frost free for planting around the end of April.

Purchase composts and fertilizers before the season begins to take advantage of the best priced offers, we are pleased to be able to hold our prices on all such product lines.

Birds

The birds will have exhausted the supply of natural berries from holly, pyracantha and cotoneaster bushes by now, 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 the mating and nesting season, tread down raised areas and reseed in the spring. Get your mower serviced for the coming season.

Garden Maintenance

If it snows 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 are raised off the ground either by pot feet or bricks, this will stop any frosts damaging plants and cracking their containers.

Improve drainage of heavy soils by working in lots of organic matter and coarse grit. Top dress beds and borders with

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bonemeal, and vegetable plots with growmore this will add nutrients into the soil and help feed plants. 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. Divide clumps of snow drops once they have finished flowering.

Pruning & Planting

Prune back your rose bushes, cut out any dead or diseased wood or weak growth, you will need to prune again, back to a healthy shoot once they have started putting on new 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. Trim back deciduous grasses such as miscanthus that were left uncut over winter. We have 20% off all Darlac pruning implements whilst stocks last. If you haven't already place large upturned pots over rhubarb corms to encourage early growth.

Plants Recommended for this Month

Add some cheer to your garden with one of our ready planted primrose or viola bowls or why not buy some primroses, polyanthus & violas to give existing borders/pots/baskets a lift. Potted spring flowering bulbs are now in stock including...

Multi flowered **narcissi tete a tete**, the delightful little daffodil that produces blooms over several weeks and it is a must for every garden.

British bluebells, and double flowered **tulips**, will both flower over the next month or two, as will:

Anemone blanda (Windflower) which have pink, blue or white flowers that appear before the foliage emerges, good for shady areas such as under trees.

Winter aconite has beautiful yellow flowers again appearing before the leaf.

Cyclamen coum is the hardy spring flowering cyclamen variety and **snakes head fritillary** with its unusual but attractive mauve speckled flower are both great for naturalising in shaded areas of your garden.

Other plants arriving and looking fresh include: hardy evergreen ferns, euphorbia, evergreen clematis armandii, magnolia, prunus (flowering cherry) and aubretia.

Monthly suggestion:

We will again be holding a half term activity for children, this year we intend to have a theme of encouraging beneficial wildlife into the garden, please check our website or instore for more specific details on days, times and cost per child. Whilst here you will find plenty of other ideas to attract wildlife and birds into your garden.

We look forward to seeing you all soon.

Regards

Craig

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Gardener's Diary

March

March sees the arrival of spring which for us at the garden centre also means we are busy with incoming deliveries of new season herbaceous perennials, rockery plants, herbs, shrubs and climbing plants to name but a few. All can be planted out straight away, so now is an ideal time to rediscover your garden after a long winter.

Pruning and Planting

Add colourful Primrose and Polyanthus to tubs and containers for some spring cheer, also potted bulbs such as double tulips multi headed narcissi and bluebells. Now is also the best time for planting roses, particularly in heavy soils or colder areas, avoid planting rose bushes where you have previously grown them. Feed roses with a granular rose food once they are showing growth. Trim winter flowering heathers as the blooms fade to keep the plants tight and compact. Cut back dogwood and willow that were grown for winter stem colour. Delay pruning tender evergreens or spring flowering shrubs until next month but you can cut back winter flowering jasmine clumps of perennials for example hostas and remove older leaves from helleborus to expose more flower and any overgrown climbers such as honeysuckle, ivy or Virginia creepers. Plant summer flowering bulbs like freesia and dahlias now. Remember to protect new spring growth of perennials from slugs.

Garden Maintenance

Make use of dry spells by giving the shed, playhouse and fence a fresh coat of paint, this will both enhance its appearance and help protect the wood from rotting. Remove algae from path ways by either pressure washing or applying a decent surface cleaner, and pull any early emerged weeds to stop them taking hold and multiplying. Keep on top of pests and disease by regularly checking plants and compost for infestations and address any problems immediately, pay particular attention to the possibility of vine weevil grubs as they kill off all your plants by eating through their roots. Open doors and ventilate greenhouses on warmer days. Check whether containers and pots require watering, keep them moist but not overly wet, you could add some primroses to pots for seasonal colour.

Lawns

When mowing your lawn keep the blade relatively high for the first few cuts. From the end of March onwards you can apply a high nitrogen fertiliser to encourage strong growth. Use a half moon edging iron to straighten the lawn edges.

Birds

Keep your garden birds fed with dried mealworm and seed mixes. Sunflower hearts and Niger seed appeal to smaller birds such as finches, tits and wrens. Why not put up a bird box and see if you can attract some birds to nest in it.

Fruit and Vegetables

Call in and have a chat and gain inspiration from our complementary Grow- Your- Own leaflets providing you with tips and advice on growing vegetables. We have all you need

from seed trays to grow bags, from grow houses to plant labels with many products on special offer and multi buys deals. Sow vegetable seeds when the weather turns warmer, broad beans, carrots, spinach, leeks and peas are just a few to get started. To encourage and retain wildlife in your garden Suttons seeds have put together two new seed ranges, Native British wildflower mixes and the pollinators and predator range which includes varieties of flower and vegetable seed, so why not grow some attractive plants beneficial to such things as bees, butterflies, ladybirds and garden birds. Garlic, onion sets and shallots also need to be planted out if mild. Early sowings of pepper, cucumber and tomatoes under glass is always a good idea, peppers in particular benefit from a head start, alternatively purchase established plants next month. First early potatoes, of which we have many varieties to choose from can be planted towards the end of March weather depending, and Main crop varieties should be purchased and left to chit for planting around the end of April.

Plant suggestions for this Month

Sweet Peas: We once again have several mixed colours and named individual colour varieties of this English classic plant. Why not grow some up an obelisk or plant a few against trellis on a sunny garden fence? They repeat flower and most have a gorgeous scent to them, making them ideal to cut and display in a vase indoors.

Aubretia: Early flowers coloured either, purple, red or blue cover this popular creeping plant. It can be grown in the smallest of crevices on top of dry stone walls or amongst rockeries or front of border.

Anemone Blanda: Tiny bulbs produce a mass of showy flowers of pink, blue or white before the feathery foliage appears, A great choice for planting in shaded areas such as under tree's or in woodland type areas.

Snake head Fritillaria: Another bulb that performs well in shaded areas. Down facing bell shaped speckled flowers in varying shades from white to magenta.

Plants for small spaces: A range of plants suitable for use in smaller gardens or container gardening, both flowering and foliage plants that perfectly compliment each other, all are fully frost hardy and relatively low maintenance so well worth looking out for.

Monthly suggestion

Houseplants are undoubtedly making a comeback and are finally fashionable again, so add some colour and ambience to your indoor rooms. We have created a new area within our garden room with various types of indoor plants from cactus to palms, orchids to air plants and succulents to ferns. With Mother's day coming up they would make an ideal gift, if not a plant we have a lovely range of both gifts and food and drink items to make their day extra special.

Warmest Regards from
Craig

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Did you know that Wardington has a new
Facebook Group?

[Wardington Village community page](#)

This is for anyone to post information or ask questions on by it will also be
used by Wardington Parish Council to disseminate information



We live in a beautiful part of the world and we are very lucky to live in such a pretty village. However, there are always things that can be done to make it look tidier and cleaner both for us and our visitors - signs are a big part of this. The signs on the way into the village are cleaned by OCC-Highways due to the dangerous nature of their position but the others dotted around the village are our responsibility.

Could you adopt a sign near you?

Lord Sugar's search for his next sign adopter continues...

Let the WPC (and the world) know what you are doing for your community by contacting them on wardingtonparishcouncil@hotmail.co.uk OR wardingtonwarbler@gmail.com

- ◆ Keep an eye on it (make sure it doesn't run away)
- ◆ If it gets damaged, report it on [fixmystreet](https://www.fixmystreet.com) (instructions can be found to the back of this issue)
- ◆ Give it a good wash if the mould takes hold



A BIG THANK YOU TO:

Sarah and Stuart for clearing the path along the main road in Wardington
Malcolm Patterson for cleaning the bus stop glass
Jane Humber for cleaning the Williamscot Signs
Bob Jarrett for cleaning the sign next to Taylors Cottage on the A361
Lexi-Gordon-Finlayson for keeping the noticeboard opposite the Hare and Hounds tidy.

Fancy seeing your name in print here?

Let us what you are doing to help the village and community or perhaps get involved in one of the many projects and groups in the parish (see our sign cleaning push above, or the advert for help with the playground also in this issue).



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Over 60's News

The Christmas party this year was held on Saturday 4th January. In total 60 people sat down to a three course meal with accompanying drinks. Entertainment was provided by the Wardington hand bell ringers (seniors) and Paul Turnock who was ably assisted by Tony Baker and Ron Hale. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed all the music and we must thank them all for performing for us.

We have had many thank yous and would like to pass on our thanks to all our volunteer helpers as well. Carol Heritage and Claire Tucker for their cooking. Seamus Cunniffe, Chris Morgan and Jason Bell serving drinks and Sylvia and Molly Cunniffe, Natalie Reynolds, Shelley Newman, Jackie Prestidge, Marion Rowe and Martha Bell waiting at tables. Also for all the help setting up in the morning. It really is a team effort and it was good to have some new faces around this year. I think the helpers enjoy it almost as much as the guests!



The cooks and waitresses
enjoying their meal



The entertainment



The able bar staff

BINGO

The first bingo of 2020 is on **Friday 21st February**. As usual doors open at 7.00 pm for start at 7.30 pm. Following that we will be holding an **Easter Bingo on Friday 3rd April** with the usual seasonal theme. We look forward to seeing you all there.

If anyone would like more information on our activities, or would like to get involved, our contact numbers are as follows:

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VOLUNTEER LINK UP SCHEME - a note from Rosie White

I am offering support to set up a Good Neighbour Scheme in your area, or to those of you with a schemes already, to help possibly expand what you do. I am funded by AgeUK in partnership with Volunteer Link Up to help communities across Oxfordshire.

Cherwell District Council's 2018-2019 Business Plan set out three strategic priorities, one of which was to create 'Thriving Communities and Wellbeing'. One of three aims within this was to adopt *The 'Good Neighbour' model* to target social isolation and loneliness.

What is a Good Neighbour Scheme:

Good Neighbour Schemes are local voluntary groups which offer a service in their community e.g. transport, befriending and practical help, to older, vulnerable and isolated people in need of a little help and support. Each community decides what is needed locally.

Benefits:

- Reduces loneliness
- Enables people to stay independent and well
- Allows them to feel supported by their community
- Delays the need for more specialist care

What we offer:

We offer insurance cover, free DBS checks, access to a £500 set up grant (to cover for example a mobile phone and publicity materials) access to policies and procedures and a support network.

If you would like more information, or to talk through how a scheme would work in your community, please contact me.

Best wishes

Rosie White

Good Neighbour Scheme Support Coordinator (P/T) Oxfordshire - Volunteer Link-Up (West Oxfordshire)

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Helping The Homeless

I run a small group called BOSS - Bicester and Oxfordshire Street Smart which is essentially a few friends and myself who collect clothing and any other useful items to pass onto the homeless directly or via organisations such as the Salvation Army or the Gatehouse and O'Hanlon House in Oxford.

I am now starting to do what I can in Banbury after relocating to Wardington and getting my schedule in some sort of order. If you have anything that you would like to donate please contact me via Facebook or via docmark3007@yahoo.co.uk

We don't usually take cash, we'd rather people picked up socks or whatever instead. Underwear (mostly small and medium) we ask for new, but it can be the seasonal stuff or the multicoloured pair from a pack that you know that you won't wear.

Socks, preferably new, but good condition used are appreciated too. Other items we just ask to have some wearable life left in them.

Other items such as sleeping bags, tents, camping items such as mats and stoves are appreciated too. Even the less robust "festival" type, rather than those for up a mountain, are still better than no cover at all.

I can collect during some afternoons and evenings, or I am on Chelmscote Row.

Many thanks
Mark Chivers

VE Day

This year, the early May bank holiday is being moved from the 1st Monday of May to Friday 8th to coincide with the 75th anniversary of VE Day.

We are looking for ideas of how to celebrate this monumental day.

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Wardington Parish Council Meeting – Minutes

Location: Wardington Memorial Hall

Date: Tuesday, 19th November 2019 (7.30 pm)

In Attendance: Mr M Patterson (Chairman), Mrs A Gordon-Finlayson (Clerk), Mr G Page, Mr R Jarrett, Mrs J Burnett, Mr N Bankes, Cllr P Chapman

Also present: Camile and Nick Bond

Apologies: Mr G Martin (Vice Chairman), Cllr G Reynolds

Minute Items

1. Minutes of previous meeting - signed

2. Matters arising from previous minutes

2.1 Spruce Meadows was briefly discussed.

2.2 Volunteers for sign ownership – Bob Jarrett has kindly undertaken the adoption and cleaning of the sign next to Taylors Cottage on the A361. Lexi Gordon-Finlayson has undertaken to keep the notice-board opposite the Hare and Hounds Clean

2.3 Village Handyman advertisement – no response received.

2.4 Welcome pack – in the process of being updated and quote sought for printing. Updated copy to be put on the website.

3. Planning

3.1 New

3.1a 19/02205/TCA Mrs Elworthy, Wardington Manor, Wardington

T1 x Poplar – fell. T2 x Poplar – fell. T3 x Leylandii – fell.

3.1b 19/02148/F Mrs Gemma West, Bonita, Cropredy Lane, Williamscoth

Removal of existing garage and erection of two storey side extension; removal of part single storey section to rear and erection of single storey extension and internal alterations. **No comment or objections.**

3.2 CDC decisions

3.2a 19/02205/TCA Mrs Elworthy, Wardington Manor, Wardington

T1 x Poplar – fell. T2 x Poplar – fell. T3 x Leylandii – fell. **Passed.**

4. Finance

4.1 Invoices

101028	CDC (dog bins)	£329.47
101029	DM Payroll Services	£40.50
101030	N R Prickett	£370.80
101031	PMP (Warbler – Nov) - no invoice	
101032	Mrs G-F (Clerk's Pay – oct)	£346.74
101033	HMRC PAYE (oct)	£86.60
100048	Emma Reed (W-event)	£157.36
100049	WPCC	£500.00

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4.2 Playground 200 club draw

100703 Barbara Cochrane (1st – Nov) £20.00

100704 Nigel Bankes (2nd – Nov) £10.00

5. Parish business

5.1 Playground maintenance – two people have quoted for the repair of the playground in accordance with the RoSPA inspection. Richard Altham's quotation of £864 was accepted as long as he can complete the work by the end of May 2020. WPC decided to go with Richard Altham. The involvement of the village hall was discussed and WPC felt that the Village Hall committee could be approached to pay half of the repair bill due.

5.2 Parish Liaison Meeting Report – Cllr P Chapman reported back after attending

5.2a "Operation London Bridge" – think about a plan for when the Queen or Duke of Edinburgh dies. Should something go online from the WPC – have a few words ready if so? Should the WPC liaise with the WPC on this and if so how closely? Should there be a remembrance book? Should the church bells be rung or not? Should there be an event or commemoration? If so, what? What would be the dress code? To be thought about for the next meeting. Mr N Bankes to raise at the WPC meeting.

5.2b 'Volunteer link-up' is a charity that sets up community contacts to try and combat loneliness. They are offering to support an individual who wants to set up something like this in Wardington. Cllr P Chapman to send details for dissemination on the website/facebook/warbler.

5.2c Planning – it might appear that appeal inspectors have a different interpretation on applications due to local plan, particularly relating to new build approvals and allocation numbers. The local plan is being revised. Cllr P Chapman to keep us informed.

5.3 What3words is now being used by the emergency services for more accurate location pinpointing. Clerk to put information on website/facebook/warbler.

5.4 Don't disappear video about domestic violence to be shared on website/facebook/warbler.

5.5 VE Day plans – to be thought about before next meeting. Clerk to appeal to village for ideas using website/facebook/warbler.

5.6 New Perspex required in the Mount Pleasant bus shelter due to it going opaque (glass unsafe).

Mr M Patterson to sort out.

5.7 HS2/Fusion drop in sessions to be held 20th November 4-7pm and 4th December 4-7pm at the Hare and Hounds. (They are doing alternate weeks with Chipping Warden and further dates will be given for these in 2020.) Mr R Jarrett is to raise the issue of the bus with Fusion to ensure that the bus can make it through the village and perhaps the light timings can be altered to make sure the bus makes it through in good time? Clerk to communicate with Stagecoach about concerns raised of Mt Pleasant bus stop being missed out to save time when traffic lights in place.

6. AOB

6.1 Nick and Camile Bond attended the meeting to raise concerns regarding Fusion/HS2 related works and their house. They sought the continuing support of the WPC regarding: moving of the BT pole on the triangle and disruption it will cause; increased raised curbing to dissuade lorries from cutting the corner and reduce risk of their house being hit; concern about the potential of a forgotten cellar under the road causing problems. They would also like CCTV put on the house to give them peace of mind when they are away from home (in case of the house being hit) and a dilapidation survey to be done on the house to allow vibration effects to be noted. Moving forward the Bonds will seek to attend future fusion meetings and Mr R Jarrett will seek to keep them updated.

6.2 There is an abandoned white van on Mount Pleasant but as it is registered then the police will not do anything about it. Clerk to speak to CDC about this.

6.3 The hedge round Bank House is encroaching on the road and causing problems for high sided vehicles. Clerk to email CDC about this matter for concern on a junction.

6.4 The Puddle near Sabins house was discussed – multiple reports about this on fixmystreet has worked well and there have been workman out to look at it in a quick time.

6.5 Concerns have been expressed about the condition of the noticeboard by the old forge. Clerk to check.

Meeting closed at 9.15pm

The next meeting will be held on 7th Jan 2020 at 7.30pm.

Wardington Parish Council Meeting – Minutes

Location: Wardington Memorial Hall

Date: Tuesday, 7th January 2020 (7.30 pm)

In Attendance: Mr M Patterson (Chairman), Mr G Martin (Vice Chairman), Mrs A Gordon-Finlayson (Clerk), Mrs J Burnett, Mr R Jarrett, Mr N Banks, Cllr P Chapman, Cllr G Reynolds

Apologies: Mr G Page

Agenda Items

1. Minutes of previous meeting were signed.

2. Matters arising from previous minutes

2.1 Spruce Meadows was discussed.

2.2 Sign cleaning – nothing further to report.

Advert to run in February Warbler along with thank you list.

2.3 Village handyman – Mr G Martin has found a couple of individuals who may be able to fulfill this role. Clerk to make a list of the little things that need doing and contact them to get quotes.

2.4 Welcome pack – to be updated and 25 printed.

2.5 HS2 updates – no drop in meetings in January as not much due to happen, they will resume at a later date. There was some difficulty about these meetings taking place in the pub. Planned road closure likely to be pushed back.

3. Planning

3.1 New

3.2 CDC decisions

3.2a 19/02205/TCA Mrs Elworthy, Wardington Manor, Wardington

T1 x Poplar – Fell. T2 x Poplar – Fell. T3 x Lellandii – Fell. **NO FURTHER COMMENTS OR OBJECTIONS.**

3.2b 19/01770/TCA Mrs Robins, Hobbs Edge, Thorpe Road, Wardington

(T1) x Yew – Removal. (T2) x Hawthorne - Removal.

(T3) x Apple – Removal. **NO FURTHER COMMENTS OR OBJECTIONS.**

4. Finance

4.1 Invoices

100049	VOID	
100050	WPCC	£500.00
101031	PMP (warbler printing)	£297.00
101034	Mrs G-F (Clerk's Pay – Nov)	£346.74
101035	HMRC (PAYE -Nov)	£86.60
101036	Mrs G-F (Clerk's Pay – Dec)	£346.54
101037	HMRC (PAYE – Dec)	£86.80

4.2 Playground 200 club draw

100705 RJ Fenemore (1st prize – Jan) £20.00

100706 CR Morgan (2nd prize – Jan) £10.00

5. Parish business

5.1 Operation London Bridge – this is on the agenda for the WPCC for the end of the month. Church to take the lead.

5.2 VE Day plans – Friday 8th May (early May bank holiday moved to this day). Ideas requested from community.

5.3 The precept application was discussed. Clerk to apply for the same rate as before.

5.4 Charles Tyack – food truck procedure request.

There is no procedure but don't overlap with the fish and chip van!

5.5 Parish Council annual review – consent ascertained.

5.6 Parish Magazine printing – WPC happy to continue using existing printer despite added printing time restrictions. Deadline to be brought forward to 20th of the month.

5.7 Road closures planned – details to be put in the warbler/website/facebook.

5.8 Spring clean – details to be put in the warbler/website/facebook.

5.9 Citizen's advice donation request – letter received. Donation of £100 agreed.

6. AOB

6.1 Report of large tree roots making pavement uneven near Chelmscote row. Report on fixmystreet.

6.2 Mr G Martin chasing boardband speed improvements in Williamscot.

6.3 Discussion of worsening potholes on Edgcote Lane. Clerk registered interest as they slow traffic down. To be reported on fixmystreet.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

The next meeting will be held on 11th February at 7.30pm.

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Robert Harwood
Owner's Agent
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Date	Time	Event	Place
19th - 21st February (Wednesday - Friday)	10am - 1pm 2pm - 3.30pm	Make an insect house	Barn Farm Plants
21st February (Friday)	7pm for 7.30pm	Over 60s Bingo	Wardington Memorial Hall
27th February (Thursday)	2pm	Village Tea	Wardington Memorial Hall
25th March (Wednesday)	7.30pm	AGM and First Meeting of Gardening Club	Wardington Memorial Hall
26th March (Thursday)	2pm	Village Tea	Wardington Memorial Hall
3rd April (Friday)	7pm for 7.30pm	Over 60s Easter Bingo	Wardington Memorial Hall
4th April (Saturday)	7pm for 7.30pm	Call My Wine Bluff	Wardington Memorial Hall
6th - 9th April (Monday—Thursday)	10am - 3pm	Easter Bunny Hunt (Free)	Barn Farm Plants
30th April (Thursday)	2pm	Village Tea	Wardington Memorial Hall

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