



# THE WARBLER

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

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**EVELYN PHILLIPS**

**1918 - 2020**

*Turn to page 3 to read a tribute*

Well, well! We are living in some very strange times at the moment and the contents of this Warbler issue somewhat reflects this. There are no community events and advertising is down but we have some excellent puzzles, some lovely pictures and extra yummy recipes to hopefully ease some lockdown cabin fever.

I can only speak for myself, but I have really enjoyed going on a bear hunt with my daughter these past few weeks. For the eagle eyed of you: there is a quiz on the bears that have been found in our village.

I am sure that I will not be the only person who was saddened by the news of Evelyn Phillips' passing. The picture below is her holding my 3 day old daughter: for a short period of time, the youngest and oldest member of the villager were both called Evelyn and nearly a full 100 years apart.

I'm very much looking forward to having a good old party with our village community once every goes back to normal. In the mean time: stay well, stay safe and a big thank you to all the key workers.



## Recipe

This recipe comes from Nigel Bankes, who says: "What's not to like with this delicious, quick and easy pasta recipe with sprouting broccoli now in season."

### **FUSILLI WITH SPROUTING BROCCOLI, CHILLI AND GARLIC**

**Serves four**

#### **Ingredients**

250g sprouting broccoli broken into small florets with stalks removed  
375g dried fusilli or any other pasta in the cupboard  
4 tbsps olive oil  
1 tsp finely chopped chilli  
2 garlic cloves, finely sliced  
A handful of grated Parmesan cheese  
Salt and freshly ground black pepper

*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.*

#### **Method**

1. Bring a large pan of salted water to the boil and cook the broccoli florets until tender. Remove the broccoli but keep the boiling water in the pan.
2. Add the pasta to the pan, stir and cook according to instructions on the packet.
3. Heat two tablespoons of the olive oil in a frying pan and sauté the chilli and garlic without browning. Add the cooked broccoli, season and set aside.
4. Drain the pasta, return it to the pan and toss with the broccoli and sauce.
5. Finish with grated Parmesan and a splash of olive oil





## EVELYN PHILLIPS

### “Wardington’s Dancing Queen”

It is with great sadness that we record the death of Evelyn Phillips in her 102<sup>nd</sup> year. She died in the Horton General Hospital on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 following a stroke. Our sincerest sympathy goes to Shirley, Carol and Mick.



“Mrs Phillips”, as she was known to almost everyone, had been as active as ever until very recently, out and about in the village regularly and attending the Tuesday coffee morning at the Hare & Hounds as recently as in March, just prior to “lockdown”.

Evelyn Mary was born on 5<sup>th</sup> August 1918 towards the end of the First World War and was brought up in Swalcliffe. Evelyn married her beloved “Abbie” in 1941 when he was serving in the army and they both lived with her parents in Swalcliffe. Here in Wardington, The Greensward was built in 1950 and it was to No 2 that the Phillips’s moved in that year – seventy years ago!

So began Evelyn’s great love for and loyalty to Wardington. Shirley, Carol and Mick all grew up here and went to the school. Abbie worked in Banbury whilst Evelyn soon made many new friends and joined in all the village activities. Needless to say this included dancing. In those days there were often at least two dances a month at the Memorial Hall and so Evelyn was in her element right away!

Over the many years to come Evelyn would be seen at every possible village function ranging from the Fête, Cricket Club dinner, Harvest Supper, Quiz nights, Over 60’s parties and many more. Somehow she made sure, that as soon as the music started, everyone was on the floor dancing. She was always the heart and soul of any party and, even in recent years, practically the last to leave as late as midnight thus keeping her escort up even later!

Evelyn was a regular churchgoer, especially the carol service when she would enjoy a glass of wine and a mince pie afterwards. She loved listening to the bells and last year a full Peal was rung in her honour to mark her 101<sup>st</sup> birthday.

The Hare & Hounds was Evelyn’s favourite place every Tuesday morning for coffee and a good gossip with all her friends along with similar monthly afternoon teas in the Memorial Hall on Thursdays. She never missed an opportunity to hold court at the end of the Greensward or chat over her garden gate – she loved her little garden too.

A climax to her long life was to open the last two year’s village fêtes at the Manor. To use her own words: “I never I thought I’d be taking over from Lady Wardington opening fêtes and so on!” And last year she danced with the Morris Dancers ending up making headlines in the Banbury Guardian.

Most of Evelyn’s time was spent in the village or nearby but, for many years, she would stay with her brother on the Isle of Wight for a quick holiday. She even went there last year for a week although this time with Shirley and Carol.

Evelyn, along with her zest for life, is going to be greatly missed by, not only her family, but the whole Wardington village family. She was a very special friend to us all and we were all immensely fond of her.

# **NEWS FROM ST MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH**

## **EASTER**

No Church services were possible during Holy Week or on Easter Day but the joy of Easter was symbolised by this magnificent floral arrangement outside the porch.

A big thank you to everyone in the village who made a special Easter donation to the Church. It is very much appreciated and has so far raised over £1,000.

Regrettably we have to abide by the Government's legislation which does not permit the Church to be open even for private prayer. Nevertheless the Church is there and alive – the flag was flown throughout Easter Week and more recently for the Queen's birthday and St George's Day. The floodlighting continues to be on and the clock continues to strike spot on time.



## **ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

This meeting (Church AGM), at which is the Churchwardens and lay members of the PCC are elected, normally takes place in April. In view of the current restrictions it has been postponed until at least October. It is planned this year to hold it after a Sunday service which hopefully will be a more convenient time than a midweek evening as in the past.

## **CHURCHYARD**

The maintenance of the Churchyard is carried out by an entirely voluntary team which, for various reasons, has recently reduced in size. Any able bodied parishioner who would like to assist with the mowing and strimming, either on a regular or ad hoc basis, please contact Roderick Stell (758301).

## **CHURCH FLOODLIGHTING**

As always 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 next four months include: Lin Turnock, Jim & Lorraine Wadland, Tom Rutherford and Caroline Wild.

The sponsorship fee is only £15 per week 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 contact Clive Hunt (758087).

## **ST MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH SERVICES**

Every Sunday at 10.00am one of our Bishops celebrates Holy Communion from his or her home. This is being livestreamed and, if you want to tune in, more details can be found at: <https://www.oxford.anglican.org/livestream>.

Every Tuesday at 12noon our Vicar, Hilary Campbell, is saying midday prayers from the vicarage. To join in with her on Zoom use the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/669088863?pwd=NUhEUTJFWTZ0TjA5cmlyYWJFbXhBaQT09>.





This excellent photograph of a European Green Woodpecker (*Picus viridis*) was taken in the middle of March this year by Nikki Stell when she was looking over her garden wall in the field behind her house.



Thank you to Hilary Patterson for this brain teaser.



## 21st April - Birthday blossom fit for the Queen



*Thank you to Nikki Stell for this lovely photo.*

## A few more pictures of Mrs Phillips

*Thank you to John Rourke for this lovely photos.*



# RIDDLE ME THAT!

1. Forwards I'm heavy, but backwards I'm not.  
What am i?
2. Which word in the dictionary is always spelt in-  
correctly?
3. If I drink, I die. If I eat, I'm fine. What am i?
4. What's full of holes but can still hold liquid?
5. Before Mt Everest was discovered, what was the  
highest mountain in the world?
6. If two's company, and three's a crowd, what does  
four and five make?
7. What has one eye but can't see anything at all?
8. What is always coming, but never arrives?
9. What gets bigger and bigger the more you take  
away from it?
10. How many 6"x6" books can you put in a 2'x2'  
container, so that it's not empty anymore?
11. On which side of a chicken are there more feath-  
ers?
12. What goes up and down but still remains in the  
same place?
13. And how long is the answer to this question?



# We're going on a Bear Hunt...

1.



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4.



5.



6.



7.



8.



9.



10.



11.



*Thank you to  
Charlie  
Dobbs for  
compiling  
this quiz.*

# COVID-19 - THE WARDINGTON COMMUNITY PULLS TOGETHER

## The Opening Steps

On Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> March, within twenty-four hours of the Prime Minister announcing the “lockdown” requirements, a small task group of four had put together an outline plan that would ensure that everyone in the village could be kept touch with and be provided with assistance if or when required. The principles were agreed at a meeting of the Parish Council that evening.

The following day twenty one neighbourhood groups, each of only some fifteen houses, were identified, maps were produced and proposed volunteer group co-ordinators identified. At a Skype conference that evening (unheard of within the village before now!) the task group agreed the details.

Over the next two days all the volunteer co-ordinators were contacted and briefed along with an exchange of contact details (within GDPR provisions) and providing contact forms for every household.

On Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> March the final details were published to all volunteer co-ordinators, as well as on the village website and Facebook pages. From that point on Hilary Patterson took over as the Central Co-ordinator.

## An Update from Hilary

Over the next few days the co-ordinators distributed the contact forms to houses within their neighbourhood groups. They then organised their group in a way that worked best for them all. Some set up WhatsApp groups to enable them to keep in touch and work together when shopping. Other groups use phone and email. Shopping, collecting prescriptions and phone calls were offered and have all been taken up - even a mercy dash to an optician in Banbury! Luckily, the glasses were broken just before they closed for the duration.

It was important to identify those who may need help through age or illness and those living alone without support. Although some have their own support networks or did not have an immediate need, they know they can ask for help if their situation changes. Most encouragingly, many of those who returned the forms were themselves offering to help.

As the “lockdown” continues into May if you, or anyone in the village you know, requires help please let me know. Tel: 750014 Email [theoldgranary4@gmail.com](mailto:theoldgranary4@gmail.com)

## The Williamscot story

On March 21st, a letter was circulated to every villager giving details of the Williamscot WhatsApp group and contact details of Parish Councillors and other useful contacts. We have experienced a very strong response and we even had a virtual quiz on Easter Sunday, which was much enjoyed by those who took part. Informal neighbour to neighbour groupings have been established and the wide range of videos circulating through the WhatsApp group has kept us all entertained. This has been a very positive exercise for the village with fresh contacts formed which will undoubtedly outlast the epidemic.

## Support from the Parish Council

The Parish Council is enthusiastically behind the initiative and will continue to give it full support. In addition to the defined neighbourhood groups the Council hopes everyone will adopt a ‘neighbour look after neighbour’ policy. Help to ensure people are not short of something they need, not neglected or lonely. The other sentiment expressed at the meeting was, once the worst is over, wouldn’t it be a wonderful legacy if looking out for friends and neighbours continued to be a normal part of village life. .



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



## Getting out and about in the nice weather...?

With all the lovely weather we have been having in the last couple of weeks - and hopefully it is set to continue - it is a great time to get out and enjoy the countryside, but we should all keep in mind The Countryside Code.

The Country Code is a standard set of guidelines for members of the public, to ensure respect and enjoyment in the countryside. The five main points can be found in the next column.

These points are valid whether you're going for a quick walk, or are taking part in the National, Yorkshire or Welsh Three Peak Challenges.

## The Hare and Hounds

Village Pub

01295750645



## The Countryside Code

1. Be safe, plan ahead and follow any signs
  - Take maps/guidebooks
  - Be prepared for changes in weather
  - Check the weather so you know what to expect
  - Let someone know where you are going, how long you plan to be
  - Learn signs and symbols used in the countryside
2. Leave gates and property as you find them
  - Farmers may leave gates open to allow their animals to move - so leave an open gate open, and a closed gate closed
  - Contact the local authority if you see a sign which may be misleading or illegal (e.g. Private, no entry - on a public footpath)
  - Follow paths where crops are growing
  - Use gates or stiles if possible, rather than climbing walls or fences, to avoid damage
  - Don't disturb ruins or historic sites
  - Don't interfere with machinery or livestock
3. Protect plants and animals and take your litter home
  - Litter and leftover food spoils the beauty of the countryside
  - Don't damage, destroy or remove features such as rocks, plants and trees
  - Give wild animals and farm animals plenty of space as they can behave unpredictably
  - Be careful not to drop matches or smouldering cigarettes.
4. Keep dogs under close control
  - By law, you must control your dog so that it does not disturb or scare farm animals or wildlife—this generally means on the lead
  - Farmers are, by law, entitled to destroy a dog that injures or worries their animals
  - Always clean up after your dog and get rid of the mess responsibly
5. Consider other people
  - Respect the needs of local people
  - When riding a bike or driving a vehicle, slow down for horses, walkers and livestock and give them plenty of room
  - By law, cyclists must give way to walkers and horse-riders on bridleways
  - Support the rural economy - for example, buy your supplies from local shops

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# WARDINGTON GARDEN CLUB

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## 2020 PROGRAMME

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**Wednesday 25 March at 7.30**

AGM in the Village Hall

**Wednesday 22 April at 7.30**

An invitation to a talk at **Wardington Manor** courtesy of Bridget and Forbes Elworthy

**Wednesday 20 May at 6.00**

Meet at Village Hall at 5.40

Visit to 2 gardens in Byfield starting with  
**No 28 Church Street, Byfield, NN11 6XN** courtesy of  
Meriel Gardner and Liz Kemp

**Wednesday 17 June at 6.30**

Meet at Village Hall 6.00

Visit to **Mill Hollow Barn, Stockwell Lane,  
Sulgrave, OX17 2RS** courtesy of David Thompson

**Wednesday 22 July at 6.30**

Meet at Village Hall at 6.00

Visit to **Hardwick Hill, Priors Hardwick, CV47 7SP**  
courtesy of Candy Kelly

**Friday 13 November at 7.30**

Village Hall

**Speaker from The Woodland Trust**

Potential Members and Guests welcome to come to any of our meetings  
For further information contact Malcolm Patterson (750014)

**The 2020 Programme is a real team effort this year. There are some very interesting gardens to see. I'm sure you will enjoy them. Many thanks to those members who came up with ideas. Because of the coronavirus emergency it is impossible to say at the moment when we will be able to begin visiting gardens. To double check please ring or email me.**

**Malcolm  
01295 750014**

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# Wood Burning Stoves

## Reassurance from our MP about their future use

Please see the communications below between Wardington Parish Council Chairman and our local MP on the above topic.

Dear Victoria  
Congratulations on the election result

*I know the Government wants to be seen to be moving forward and decisive. Everyone I speak to applauds this.*

*However when it comes to wood-burning stoves I, and most people I have talked to who live in rural communities, are nervous.*

*The Government is absolutely correct to say we should not burn wet or green wood. It is inefficient, polluting and gums up the chimney.*

*The announcement last week referred only to wet and green wood. That's fine. It makes sense.*

*The worrying question is, are the rest of us simply being softened up for the next initiative which will ban burning wood altogether.*

*I very much hope not*

*Most of us wood-burning stove enthusiasts feel we are helping the environment by using a renewable source of energy available on our doorsteps.*

*We all hope the Government doesn't rush blindly at this one.*

*As you know living in the country is different to living in town.*

Best wishes  
Thank you for all you do for us

Malcolm Patterson  
Chair, Wardington Parish Council



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Mr Malcolm Patterson  
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Our ref: POCON2020/04456/JB

6 April 2020

Dear Malcolm,

Thank you for your email of 23 February about wood burning. I am replying as your Member of Parliament and as a Defra Minister and I apologise for the delay in responding. Defra is currently dealing with high volumes of correspondence due to COVID-19. Thank you for your understanding during this challenging time.

I am glad that you support our proposal to phase out the sale of wet wood for domestic burning. Domestic wood and coal burning are the single largest contributors to harmful particulate matter emissions in the UK and burning wet wood, in particular, can result in at least twice the amount of smoke emissions compared to burning seasoned, dry wood.

I would like to reassure you that the Government has no intention to completely ban domestic burning of wood. We recognise that some households are reliant on the use of solid fuels for heating and cooking. Our proposals are therefore aimed at protecting health by phasing out the most polluting fuels used for domestic combustion in England and encouraging a transition to less polluting fuels. As well as phasing out the sale of smaller quantities of wet wood and coal, we are also developing a dedicated communications campaign targeted at domestic burners and ensuring that only the cleanest stoves are available for sale by 2022.

Thank you once again for taking the time to contact me about this important issue. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you need further information.

Yours sincerely,

Victoria Prentis

Word 2016

## 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.

## Toddler activities for rainy days .....

Need some ideas to entertain your toddler in lockdown? Here's some activities recommended by our very own Waddington children.

*Create a numbered car park with cars numbered to match*



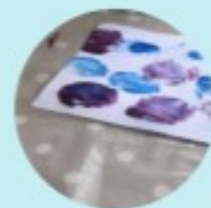
### VIRTUAL TOURS

Take your kids to visit some of the most amazing places on earth via some live webcams. Some of our residents have visited the following in just the last few weeks:

- The Great Wall of China
- Deep Sea Dives
- San Diego Zoo
- The Northern Lights
- Volcanoes National Park
- Monterey Bay Aquarium
- Bryce Canyon



A rummage through the recycling bin is often a source of inspiration for arts and crafts!



*Make potatoes into paint stamps*

### Toddler Playdough Recipe

- 2 cups flour
- 2 cups water
- 1 cup salt
- 2 tbsp oil
- 2 tps cream of tartar
- Food colouring

Put all ingredients into a pan and stir over a low heat until combined. Keep in an airtight container.



Pretend baking. No need for flour - we used crushed cornflakes and dried rice. This oven is much easier to clean!



Threading cereal through spaghetti



The great bug escape! Some sticky tape, plastic bugs and a tray - at least 10 mins of activity!



## ..... and summer haze

*Recycle all that mail order packaging by making it into a farm!*



Practice counting and reading numbers with chalking them on the patio.



Painting on cling film.

Play animal/ toy hide and seek in the garden.



*Get the parallel parking tuition in early with some homemade car park bays.*



Make your own racetrack with duck tape.

*Thank you to Claire Dalbeck for this child friendly spread.*



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](mailto:wardingtonparishcouncil@hotmail.co.uk) OR [wardingtonwarbler@gmail.com](mailto: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).



## Need a tutor?

Tutoring in all three sciences and maths 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)

## 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.

## 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 will be looking for ideas of how to celebrate this monumental day at a later date in the year. Got an idea? Then please get in touch with any of the Parish Councillors or email [wardingtonparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:wardingtonparishcouncil@gmail.com)

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# Over 60's News

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

Ian Franklin 758347  
Jane Pearson 750316  
Anne Wilkins 758167

## NAME

## THAT

## BIRD!

## Answers

1. Pheasant
2. Curlew
3. Corn Bunting
4. Nightingale
5. Spoonbill
6. Kittiwake
7. Toucan
8. Kingfisher
9. Nightjar
10. Waxwing
11. Nuthatch
12. Magpie

## RIDDLE

## ME

## THAT!

## Answers

1. A ton.
2. Incorrectly
3. A fire
4. A sponge
5. Mt Everest
6. Nine
7. A needle
8. Tomorrow
9. A hole
10. One
11. Outside
12. Stairs
13. How long

## We're Going On A Bear Hunt

## Answers

1. Long Cottage
2. The Malthouse
3. Tite Cottage
4. Home Farm House
5. The Bishops House
6. Stone Cottage
7. Cobweb Cottage
8. Corner House
9. Chapel Cottages
10. Inglewood
11. Chapel Cottages)





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## Did you know...?

Usually 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 - when we recommence after lockdown ends!



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



**Wardington Parish Council Meeting**  
**February Minutes**

**Location: Wardington Memorial Hall**

**Date: Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2020, (7.30 pm)**

**In Attendance: Mr M Patterson (Chairman), Mr G Martin (Vice Chairman), MRs A Gordon-Finlayson (Clerk), Mr R Jarrett, Mr G Page, Mr N Bankes, Cllr G Reynolds**

**Apologies: Mrs J Burnett, Cllr P Chapman**

**Agenda Items**

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

**2. Matters arising from previous minutes**

**2.1** Stage coach bus service – Stagecoach contacted for further information and to request notices to be put him on the bus stops (which have gone up).

Dates of disrupted bus service to be circulated.

**2.2** VE Day – there is a group of people planning some celebrations (tea party etc at the Manor or on the cricket pitch and using the village hall), details to be confirmed (WPC to potentially contribute towards costs). Williamscoth to hold a street party.

**2.3** Spring Clean – weekend of 4<sup>th</sup> April. Equipment to be requested as per last year. Barn Farm Plants have agreed to be the staging point again – the WPC would like to thank them for their assistance.

**2.4** Handyman – quotes have been requested for several small items to be repaired.

**2.5** Williamscoth broadband – progress slow and delayed.

**2.6** Fixmystreet issues – various things have been reported and are at stages of being fixed. Cllr G Reynolds offered assistance with this.

**2.7** HS2 – Mr R Jarrett to attend meeting with HS2. Drop-in meetings for Wardington to resume.

**3. Planning**

**3.1 New** – nothing to report

**3.2 CDC decisions** – nothing to report

**4. Finance**

**4.1 Invoices**

101038	Mrs G-F (clerk's pay – Jan)	£346.74
101039	HMRC (PAYE – Jan)	£86.60
101040	CFO sub	£55.00

**4.2 Playground 200 club draw**

100707	Mrs A G-F (1 <sup>st</sup> Prize – Feb)	£20.00
100708	Mrs Crossley (2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize – Feb)	£10.00

**5. Parish business**

**5.1** Wonderful village hall photograph competition –

information to be distributed

**5.2** Clerk's Salary – 2020/2021. This has been evaluated and deemed appropriate. To be reassessed in May when the rates are evaluated.

**5.3** WPC and Operation London Bridge – consultation throughout the benefice (as there are 5 other parishes) and potentially nominate one church for it to centre on. Still up for discussion and WPC to take the lead.

**5.4** Abandoned white van – notice of removal has been served by the council.

**5.5** Tree planting – the WPC would like to plant some trees but where to plant, what to plant, how to fund? Perhaps we could have initiative for the children to grow trees from conkers/acorns/hazelnuts and then plant these out. Ask in next Warbler for ideas.

**5.6** Certificate of Lawfulness for 2 planters either side of the Millennium bench in Williamscoth – requested.

**5.7** May meeting and AGM to be moved forward to May 12<sup>th</sup> AGM.

**5.8** Information from Cllr G Reynolds:

- County council tax to increase by 4%
- Cropredy bridge in need of repairs, will potentially need to be closed for a period of time
- There is a fund available for village projects – to be discussed further at next meeting– and speak to Cllr G Reynolds

**6. AOB**

Meeting closed at 8.30 pm. The next meeting will be held on 17<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm.

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**Wardington Parish Council Meeting**  
**March Minutes**

**Location: Wardington Memorial Hall**

**Date: Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> March 2020 (7.30 pm)**

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

**Apologies: Cllr G Reynolds, Cllr P Chapman**

**Agenda Items**

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

**2. Matters arising from previous minutes**

**2.1** Brent Harris has quoted to carry out some maintenance work around the village (bus shelter...

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...Perspex replacement; poo bin fixing; playground gate fixing; noticeboard lock) and has been asked to carry out the work.

**2.2** HS2 – drop-in meetings are continuing at the Hare and Hounds. *POST MEETING EDIT: these have now been cancelled until further notice due to Covid-19, but we will seek to have them reinstated when appropriate.*

**2.3** Health and Safety related to the road widening – complaint made by Mr Andrew Price due to the narrowness of his driveway being increased by the road widening. OCC and Fusion are very sympathetic.

**2.4** Spruce Meadows – an enforcement notice has been served. An appeal has been lodged.

**2.5** VE Day – plans have been made but likely to be cancelled.

**2.6** Spring Clean – cancelled. Looking to reschedule in September

**2.7** Williamscot broadband – ongoing.

### 3. Planning

#### 3.1 New

**3.1a 20/00545/F** Watts, 1 The Greensward, Wardington

Ground floor rear extension, first floor side extension, demolish fabricated concrete garage and replace with a ground floor attached side garage.

#### NO OBJECTIONS

**3.1b 20/00654/TCA** Mr Nigel Bankes, Os Parcel 0060 Village Spinney Adjoining and North West of Babbington Barn, Cropredy Lane, Williamscot  
T1 x Ash – pollard tree to remove crown leaving a clear stem up to 7.0m tall. **NO OBJECTIONS**

**3.1c 20/00551/F** Mrs Olivia Hazell, Wardington Barn, Chacombe Road, Wardington  
Change of use of an agricultural building to a dwelling house – re-submission of 19/01143/F. **NO OBJECTIONS**

**3.1d 20/00444/LB** Mr Nigel Bankes, Home Farm House, Cropredy Lane, Williamscot  
Retrospective – removal of a partition in the entrance hall, erection of a partition on the first floor and lowering of the windows on 2 No dormers. **NO OBJECTIONS**

**3.1e 20/00683/TCA** Mrs Hazel Steven, Fox Hill Gate, Thorpe Road, Wardington  
T1 x Leylandii type conifer – fell as tree is located 3.6m from SW corner of the house and the canopy is almost touching the property. There is a potential for the house foundations to be undermined, the tree is low amenity value and causes excessive

shade. **NO OBJECTIONS**

**3.1f 20/00471/F** Mr J Bernard, Lower Lodge, Williamscot

Variation of condition 2 (plans) of 19/01399/F – removal of 2 no. windows within East Elevation and removal of 2 no. windows in the West Elevation. Inclusion of 2 no. windows within East Elevation.

#### NO OBJECTIONS

**3.1g 20/00540/TCA** Mr Phillip Chapman, Blaize House, Street from Williamscot Hill to Centre, Williamscot, OX17 1AB

T1 x Crab Apple – fell and replace. **NO OBJECTIONS**

### 3.2 CDC decisions

### 4. Finance

#### 4.1 Invoices

101041	WMH (Nov/Jan/Feb/Mar)	£41.00
101042	Citizens Advice NOSN	£100.00
101043	OALC (subs)	£140.42
101044	OPFA (subs)	£42.00
101045	Mrs A G-F (Clerk's Pay - Feb)	£346.74
101046	HMRC (PAYE - Feb)	£86.60

#### 4.2 Playground 200 club draw

100709	M Wilkinson (1 <sup>st</sup> Prize – Mar)	£20.00
100710	Iain Franklin (2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize – Mar)	£10.00

### 5. Parish business

**5.1** Email from Becky Butler – want to put details of a free event at Carduss on website – no to website but can go on facebook. Cancelled.

**5.2** Notification of essential maintenance works: A43 Ardley Roundabout/M40 Junction 10

**5.3** Cllr G Reynolds fund – we will apply for £2500 to contribute towards improving and upgrading the Playground Equipment.

**5.4** Request from the vicar to combine support to the vulnerable parishioner re corona virus. There is a hotline and a community group for the village. The parish is divided into areas with an area coordinator. See [www.wardington.net](http://www.wardington.net) for more information.

### 6. AOB

**7. POST MEETING NOTE** - It is confirmed that the Wardington Community volunteers giving support to residents during the Coronavirus emergency, together to those in Williamscot, are operating under the jurisdiction of Wardington Parish Council.

The next meeting will be held on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2020 at 7.30pm. The Meeting closed at 8.30pm.



**Wardington Parish Council Meeting**  
**April Minutes**

**Location:** virtual meeting

**Date:** Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> April 2020 (7.30 pm)

**In Attendance:** Mr M Patterson (Chairman), Mr G Martin (Vice Chairman), Mrs A Gordon-Finlayson (Clerk), Mr R Jarrett, Mr G Page, Mrs J Burnett, Mr N Bankes, Cllr P Chapman, Cllr G Reynolds  
**Apologies:** none

**Agenda Items**

**1. Minutes of previous meeting** were approved and will be signed at a later date.

**2. Matters arising from previous minutes**

**2.1** Covid 19 – Wardington has been divided into 21 areas with a coordinator for each area to help support any vulnerable members and a central coordinator. Williamscot have set up as a self-sufficient area for the same purpose with a WhatsApp group.

**2.2** HS2 – at this current time, work on HS2 work has been suspended until social distancing can be incorporated into working practise. They are attempting to start up the bi-weekly liaison meeting, possibly virtually, to allow concerns about the works to still be voiced. *Post meeting edit: clerk spoke to a member of Chipping Warden Parish Council and understands that whilst HS2 work has ceased, the enabling work continues.*

**2.3** Brent Harris is still prepared to do the work around the village (handyman stuff) when he feels it is safe to do so. *Post meeting edit: Brent has completed this work.*

**3. Planning**

**3.1 New**

**3.1a 20/00637/LB** Mrs Julia Gill, Goviers Cottage, Wardington  
Demolish small low wall supporting a flower bed to the front right of the house.  
This was emailed in advance for the councillors to view. **NO OBJECTIONS.**

**3.2 CDC decisions**

**3.2a 20/00654/TCA** Mr Nigel Bankes, Os Parcel 0060 Village PSinney Adjoining and North West of Babbington Barn, Cropredy Lane, Williamscot  
T1 x Ash – pollard tree to remove crown leaving a clear stem up to 7.0m tall. **NO FURTHER COMMENTS OR OBJECTIONS.**

**3.2b 20/00540/TCA** Mr Phillip Chapman, Blaize

House, Street fromo Williamscot Hill to Centre, Williamscot

T1 x Crabapple – fell and replace. **NO FURTHER COMMENTS OR OBJECTIONS.**

**4. Finance**

**4.1 Invoices**

101047 Mr G-F (Clerk's Pay – Mar) £346.54

101048 HMRC (PAYE – Mar) £86.80

**4.2 Playground 200 club draw**

100711 A K Wilkins (1st prize - Apr) £20.00

100712 N Metcalfe (2nd prize - Apr) £10.00

**5. Parish business**

**5.1** Playground maintenance – Richard Altham who had accepted the commission to perform work on the playground is now in self-isolation and is uncertain of the date of his return to work. Concerns were raised about the work being done prior to the next RoSPA inspection (as these are ploughing on as per before). Consensus was to re-approach Simon Lawton – who also quoted for the playground repair – about carrying out this work as he is still working. It was agreed that even if the lockdown is lifted then the playground will remain closed until the work is completed. The closed sign needs refreshing – clerk to make a poster and send to Mr G Martin who will print and laminate in the hope of better longevity.

**5.2** The WPC were saddened to hear of Evelyn Phillips' passing.

**5.3** Contents of the Warbler – a plea for content to be sent out due to reduction in advertising and lack of village events. Suggestions for content included: increase in recipes; guess which teddy; perhaps a village based quiz; keeping kids entertained page; some words about Evelyn Phillips...

**5.4** AGM date – it has been agreed to postpone the AGM until present restrictions are lifted in line with the OALC guidelines. A normal WPC meeting will take place on 19<sup>th</sup> May

**5.5** Accounts – these are to be ready for the next meeting if possible.

**6. AOB**

**6.1** Mr M Patterson and Mr G Martin feel that the current system of banking could be improved. Mr G Martin and the Clerk to research some options.

The next meeting will be held on 19<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm on a virtual platform.

<b>Events Diary</b>		I am looking forward to putting something interesting back in this section!	
Date	Time	Event	Place



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