



# THE WARBLER

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

**DEADLINE** for next issue  
(February) of the Warbler:  
**20th January 2020, 5pm**

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

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Hello!

It is really nice to see that the Past and Present book for the village has been updated - so much interesting information that I always worry will be forgotten is contained within (I have had a sneaky peak!).

There is a very interesting article written about what happens at Top Dawkins - I am sure I am not alone in wondering about the neatly sectioned crops and polytunnels.

Congratulations need to go to Denise Stear for her impressive and money raising wing walk: it is not everybody who would be up for that. Well done!

Sadly the events page remains woefully empty (and rightly so) but I remain ever hopeful.... Please stay safe and well.

Lexi

## Recipe

*This issue's recipe is supplied out of my own recipe book*

### Quick and Easy Flatbread

150g bread flour (I use white)  
1tsp yeast (dry active or instant)  
1/2tsp salt  
230ml warm water (about 40degC)  
2tsps olive oils

*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.*

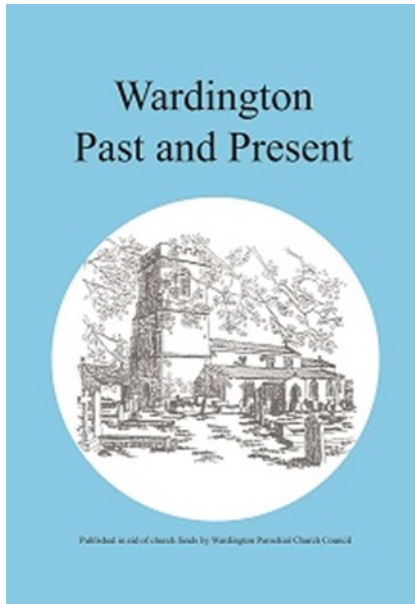
1. Place the sifted flour yeast and salt into a mixing bowl.
2. Add the water and oil, mix by hand and knead for 1 minute.
3. Place the dough (it will be sticky) on a floured surface and cover with a towel. Let it rest for 10 mins.
4. After 10 mins, preheat a skillet or a heavy based frying pan over a medium-high heat.
5. Divide the dough into four and shape each piece into a ball.
6. Roll each ball into a 6" circle.
7. Cook in the ungreased hot pan for about 1 min per side.

This is quick, simple and versatile—it can be used to make your own gyros, pizza, sliced and dipped into hummus or used as an emergency bread to have with soup on a cold winter's day. Good luck!



# Wardington Past and Present

Good News. The brand new revised and updated 4th Edition of this popular booklet will be available from the beginning of November.



Many of you will already know it is an ideal point of reference for people who live in Wardington, Williamscot and Coton. Visitors love it as well.

It covers the history of the Parish of Wardington, its people and its buildings. There are also sections on Wardington as it is today.

It is the first edition to include colour photographs.

As with previous editions it is published in aid of church funds by Wardington Parochial Church Council. The launch price is just £3. Copies are available in the Church, from the Church Wardens and the Parish Council. (see below)



Contact details for copies from the Church Wardens:

Clive Hunt [clippa.comms@btinternet.com](mailto:clippa.comms@btinternet.com) and Nigel Banks **01295 750500**

Contact details for copies from the Parish Council:

Malcolm Patterson **01295 750014** or [theoldgranary5@gmail.com](mailto:theoldgranary5@gmail.com)

# NEWS FROM ST MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH

## OUR CHURCH IN THIS STRANGE YEAR

Since March life for the Church in the broadest sense and in our own Church building itself has been different to anything almost anyone has experienced before. During WW2 the Church was of course a central focus point for many but this year we have had to experience for the first time in living memory when visiting a church was forbidden.

Fortunately in July we were able to open the Church once again for individual visiting and private prayer and in August two services were held. Then fortunately Harvest Festival at the beginning of last month brought our Church back to life for all those who attended the service. Sadly singing is currently not permitted and so we missed all the old favourites such as "We plough the fields and scatter" but the beautifully decorated Church made up for it.

Our Act of Remembrance will take place with a slightly longer gathering around the War Memorial starting at 10.55am but with no service following in the Church.

Christmas services are currently in the planning but, with social distancing and probably no collective carol singing, we are looking at further ways to celebrate this coming festive season.

The Church will continue to be open for individual visiting and private prayer on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays throughout the winter.



## DONATIONS

The PCC would like to take this opportunity of thanking those in the village who have made voluntary donations to the Church during the year. Clearly the months without Church services have led to a reduction in income through there being no collections and so the extra donations, both large and small, have been much appreciated.

## PEAL BOARD

A Peal Board to record the ringing of a full peal to mark Evelyn Phillips' 101<sup>st</sup> birthday last year has been installed in the ringing room.

This is the traditional method of recording the ringing of a full peal in a church tower and will be a familiar site in many churches around the country. Only three other full peals have been rung at Wardington in the past sixty years although none of these are recorded with a board. Let's hope in years to come there will be more.



## FRIENDS OF WARDINGTON CHURCH

Sadly, with the Covid-19 restrictions applying to social gatherings ever since March, the Friends have not been able to run any of their fundraising events such as the Safari Supper, Call My Wine Bluff and others. Hopefully with easier times in 2021 these will be returning to the routine village calendar.

## CHURCH FLOODLIGHTING

As always we continue to be 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 three months include: Clive & Philippa Hunt, Elsie Smith, Roderick & Nikki Stell, Malcolm Patterson, Linda Matthews and Andrew Steven.

Please consider joining the scheme. 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.

# **ST MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH:**

## **Services: August 2020 - September 2020**

Please check Church notice board or <https://wardington.net/st-mary-magdalene/church-services/> for further information and confirmation of these times.

### **SUNDAY SERVICES**

November	1 <sup>st</sup>	10.00am	Family Service	
November	8 <sup>th</sup>	10.55am	Remembrance Service at the War Memorial	
November	15 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Family Communion	
November	22 <sup>nd</sup>		No service at Wardington	
November	29 <sup>th</sup>		No service at Wardington	
December	6 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Christingle Service	
December	13 <sup>th</sup>		No service at Wardington	
December	20 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Christmas music and readings	PROVISIONAL
Christmas Eve	24 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Christmas Holy Communion	PROVISIONAL
Christmas Day	25 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Holy Communion – Claydon	
Christmas Day	25 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Holy Communion – Great Bourton	
January	3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00am	Epiphany Family Service	
January	10 <sup>th</sup>		No service at Wardington	
January	17 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Family Communion	
January	24 <sup>th</sup>		No service at Wardington	
January	31 <sup>st</sup>		No service at Wardington	

### **Wardington Neighbourhood Groups and Covid-19**

As we head towards the winter months and listen to the news it seems appropriate to remind everyone that the village neighbourhood groups and their individual co-ordinators are here to help if required. Every household was contacted in March, asked if they had specific needs and given the contact details of their local co-ordinator; a near neighbour who could provide assistance as and when required. In the past few months help has been provided with shopping, medicine collection, friendly phone calls during lockdown and more.

If you are unwell, shielding or isolating and have need of assistance, please let us know. If you are new to the village or no longer have the name and contact details of your local co-ordinator, contact me and I will put you in touch.

Hilary Patterson

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Telephone 750014

# FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY AND THE SAFETY OF OTHERS

## Guidance for Families using this Play Area

To ensure you are ready to use this Play Area safely please read these simple instructions and plan ahead for safe fun this summer.

1. Parents must read this guidance and ensure their families follow it carefully for the safety of their children and others.
2. This equipment is checked for damage, wear and tear, and is in safe working order as of June 2020 (any damage or concerns should be reported to the Parish Clerk at [wardingtonparishcouncil@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:wardingtonparishcouncil@hotmail.co.uk)) **WARDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL DOES NOT TAKE ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CLEANING OR HYGIENE OF THE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT.**
3. This is shared equipment, used at your own risk.
4. Do not use this equipment if you or any member of your household has coronavirus symptoms, or are self-isolating.
5. Ensure you have hand sanitiser with you before entering this play area.
6. Encourage everyone in your family to use hand sanitiser regularly and as a minimum before and after using the play area.
7. Encourage children to avoid touching their faces.
8. No food or drink is to be consumed within the playground
9. Enter through the IN gate and exit through the OUT gate.
10. You **MUST** maintain social distancing from others unless they are from the same household – it is the playground users responsibility to be up to date and adhere the most current government advice.
11. There is a limit to 2 children per piece of equipment and a total of 10 children in the playground at a time. Please ensure your family waits at a safe distance if equipment is in use or return later to use the equipment.
12. We ask that you clean the playground equipment before and after use.
13. If your family chose to wear disposable PPE and you chose to clean the equipment yourself prior to children playing, please take it home with you – **DO NOT LITTER.**
14. If the playground is being used as part of the village hall hire, then hirers need to abide by the above and operate a waiting area if necessary.
15. Wash your hands when you get home.

We hope you enjoy using this play area and thank you for helping to keep everyone safe by following these simple instructions.

***Thank you for your co-operation.***

This is based upon a risk assessment undertaken by Wardington Parish Council.

# WARDINGTON PLAYGROUND



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if you have any further questions

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maintenance and inspections.

**Are you a parent or  
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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](mailto:wardingtonparishcouncil@hotmail.co.uk)  
or 758117 or any of the  
village councillors for more  
information.



# "THANKS TO ALL" SAYS WARDINGTON RESIDENT DENISE STEAR AFTER HER WING WALK SUCCESS

High above the beautiful Cotswolds, frothy white clouds scudding across a bright sky, a patchwork of fields studded with mellow stone houses below, tied to the outside, yes the outside, of a plane its engines drumming beneath me, yelling at the top of my voice, "I can't believe I am doing this!"

Wing walking is sheer, wonderful, awe- inspiring lunacy.

My face literally flapping, air rushing towards me as we bank round to the right and then, stomach lurching, into a nose dive.

It was over all too soon, but the sense of exhilaration will remain with me for a very long time.

Katharine House Hospice is the most amazing place, giving wonderful care to people at their most vulnerable.

I am so glad to have been able to raise funds to support its ongoing work and would like to thank everyone who sponsored and encouraged me.

This experience has demonstrated to me that, with the power of people behind you, it really is possible to achieve more than you imagined possible.

My fund stands at over £2000 and people are still donating. If you didn't get round to doing so, my Just Giving page <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/denise-stear> is still open, so it is not too late.





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or Paul Bimson (01295 758855) or Hugo Terry (07789 553540)



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# WARDINGTON GARDEN CLUB

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**Friday 13 November at 7.30**

**Speaker from The Woodland Trust**

**Sorry to say the November meeting is cancelled**

Extraordinary and difficult year for the Garden Club and our members closes with a cancellation. Not a surprise but sad.

It is ironic that a good year for gardening and an increased interest in gardening, growing things and the natural world generally has been the worst possible year for group visits to gardens. I know the gardeners we had planned to visit were very disappointed we couldn't come. Most had spent many hours outside and said their gardens were looking better than ever. They hope we will be able to see them next year.

Let's hope we are able to do so as part of a full programme of visits and events in 2021 and that everyone stays fit and well in the meantime.

For information about Wardington Garden Club please contact Malcolm Patterson (01295 750014) or [theoldgranary5@gmail.com](mailto:theoldgranary5@gmail.com)

Visitors and guests are welcome to all our meetings.  
Malcolm

**[Latest News on HS2/Fusion Work in Wardington](#)**

# The Hare and Hounds

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



## 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.

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## Did you know...?

Normally Village Teas are held in Wardington Memorial Hall on the last Thursday of each month. Jan is hoping to restart these up again when circumstances. Please keep an eye on the Village News section of the Banbury Guardian updates on this.



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?

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

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



### **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

Jonathan Meredith for all his sign cleaning help

Rodderick Stell has kindly taken on the maintenance & repair of the bus shelter opposite Greensward

### **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).

You may have noticed some wheat sheaves appearing around the village as part of the decoration for harvest festival - these were very kindly provided by Dr Matthew Kerton who works up at Top Dawkins for DSV. Dr Kerton, at the request of Roderick Stell, has written a few words about what goes on there.

## What goes on at Top Dawkins Barn?

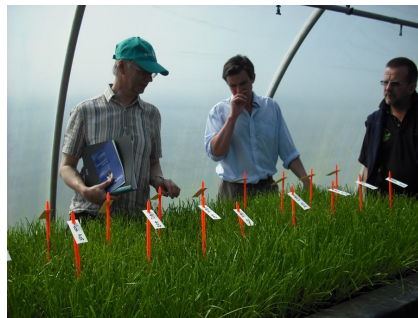
Some of you will have noticed the wheat and grass plots, neat little rectangles, cropping up around Wardington over the years. You may have seen the small harvesters busily driving up and down the fields and returning, after a long day, to Top Dawkins Barn. So what is going on behind the double gates at DSV United Kingdom on the Chacombe/Wardington junction?

DSV UK used to work from the Adams' farm over at Appletree and we moved to our current premises in 2008. We are a small team of plant breeders, researching and developing new varieties of forage grasses and winter wheat. We work closely with our local farmers George Page, Roy Hall and Dean Cox.

New varieties of crops are needed by farmers because existing varieties can become susceptible to pests and diseases. New varieties also provide better yields and can address changes in end-market requirements. Some varieties will grow well on certain soil types or in certain regions of the UK while others are suited elsewhere.

To develop new varieties, the team at DSV UK begin by crossing two plants together to combine their genetics. Then over many years of testing and artificial selection, we narrow down our options from thousands to just a handful. Selections include finding the plants which have resistance to diseases which might reduce reliance on chemical inputs. Selections for yield (mass of grass growth or grains of wheat) are measured using the green harvesters that you may have seen. These cut each plot in turn and weigh the product. They can also measure things such as how much moisture is in the sample, and how much sugar and protein is present. When we aren't out in the field, we are inside analysing the previous years' samples with laboratory equipment. All of this data and the many notes taken by the team are collated and used in selecting which plants go through to the following year.

Once we are happy that we have some potential new varieties, they are entered into the official trials. Further data is captured and the government decides which will become registered varieties in the UK. Our sales and marketing team then have the task of encouraging farmers to try the new varieties to see if they can benefit from the new, improved genetics.



## Need a tutor?

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

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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

## WHAT 3 WORDS

Over 80% of services in the UK now use what3words, so I thought this would be a good opportunity to encourage your community to download the what3words app on their phones in case they need to call 999.

You can find a full list of those services that accept what3words here: <https://what3words.com/news/emergency/three-words-for-a-faster-emergency-response>. Your community could also use what3words to report incidents with organisations like National Grid, Network Rail and the Environmental Agency: <https://what3words.com/report-incident-locations-efficiently>.



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The current cricket club, its members and supporters work tirelessly to maintain a high standard of cultivation and presentation for all to enjoy.

Therefore a periodic disclaimer is that :

All and any users whilst within the sports field boundary do so at entirely their own risk and no liability for damage to any property or vehicles, theft or personal injuries however caused will be accepted by the landowners nor their agent.

Robert Harwood  
Owner's Agent  
January 20th 2019



## Wardington Parish Council Meeting – Minutes

**Location:** Zoom, online

**Date:** Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> September 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, Mrs J Burnett, Cllr G Reynolds

**Apologies:** Mr G Page, Cllr P Chapman

### Agenda Items

**1. Minutes of previous meeting** approved and signed

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

**2.1** Banking – we are still working with Barclays to update our account mandates to enable us to make the current account switch.

**2.2** Playground - £2,500 grant approval & new equipment order for £3,500 has been placed.

### **3. Planning**

#### **3.1 New**

**3.1a 20/02225/F** Mr Jeff Pollock, 2 Mount Pleasant, Wardington

Single story rear extension. **NO OBJECTIONS**

**3.1b 20/01733/LB** Mr Nigel Bankes, Home Farm House, Cropredy Lane, Williamscoth

Alterations to dormer windows on south elevations (retrospective). **NO OBJECTIONS decision taken by the WPC in between meetings.**

#### **3.2 CDC decisions**

**3.2a 20/02043/TCA** Mr P Chapman, Blaize House, Street from Williamscoth Hill to Centre, Williamscoth T1 – remove young Sycamore. Self-seeded in fence right by out building. **NO FURTHER COMMENTS OR OBJECTIONS**

### **4. Finance**

#### **4.1 Invoices**

101065	N R Prickett (May)	£741.60
101066	N R Prickett (June)	£370.80
101067	N R Prickett (July)	£370.80
101068	DM Payroll Services	£40.50
101069	BHIB insurers (correction)	£6.85
101070	Mobile Caretaking Services (replacement cheque)	£2,247.60
101071	Mrs G-F (Clerk's pay – July)	£346.74
101072	HMRC (PAYE – July)	£86.60
101073	Mrs G-F (Clerk's pay – Aug)	£346.74
101074	HMRC (PAYE – Aug)	£86.60

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

100719	M & H Patterson (1 <sup>st</sup> Sep)	£20.00
100720	Andrew Steven (2 <sup>nd</sup> Sep)	£10.00

### **5. Parish business**

**5.1** Layby on A361 as you enter Wardington – complaints of littering and human fouling. Thanks offered to Cllr G Reynolds who helped get it all cleared up within days. The CDC employee who empties the bins in the village will also keep an eye on this. Discussion of a permanent sign to be put up, bins to be provided and public health officer involvement due to the nature of the problem.

**5.2** HS2 - Community service offer has been received from Fusion/HS2 and the village has asked for the bus shelters to be renovated. This has been accepted providing we provide the kit and this should happen mid to late September. All delighted to see safety railing at Old Bonhams corner erected. It looks like works should be completed in mid-September. In October and November planting will take place?

**5.3** Meeting in person at Memorial Hall – the current guidance from OALC is to stay online. WPC proposes putting the meeting agendas online and members of the public can contact Clerk if they wish to attend: their agenda item will be discussed first.

**5.4** Change of use application for land near Gt Bourton – concerns raised about flooding, sewage, change of land use and adverse visual effect. WPC concerned it is not our parish though the land is on our border and could affect rights of way etc. Gt Bourton Council have voiced opinions on matters of planning in Williamscoth before. (Post meeting note: following further consultation, no action to be taken)

**5.5** Brent Harris has quoted £638.17 to fix playground based on RoSPA report. Accepted.

**5.6** Storm bus shelter damage opposite the Greensward – Roderick Stell has very kindly offered to fix this. He also volunteered to look after the shelter in the future, keeping it clean and tidy as part of the Parish Volunteer scheme.

### **6. AOB**

**6.1** Manhole covers on the main road – these are still causing a problem and Clerk to speak to Thame Water. Cllr Reynolds to monitor the situation from the OCC Highways side of things.

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**6.2** Discussion of the latest fatal accident on A361. Cllr Reynolds has written to OCC Highways requesting a speed reduction to 40mph at accident black spots. He also said he was taking up concerns about lorries using inappropriate side roads when there are road closures.

**6.3** Cllr Reynolds complimented Mr R Jarrett on his ability to work so well with HS2Fusion and to get work done as a result.

**6.4** Mrs J Burnett had been in discussion with the Clerk about dog poo bags and bins. Following research the Clerk reported that CDC do not hand them out for free to WPC but there are various 'hubs' where they can be got from. Cllr Reynolds to ask Trafford about this. Williamscot have requested a dog poo bin – clerk to obtain quote for this.

**6.5** Williamscot have decided not to put planters in front of their village signs.

The meeting finished at 8.40pm.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday October 13 at 7.30pm.

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### **Wardington Parish Council Meeting – Minutes**

**Location:** Zoom, online

**Date:** Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> October 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, Mrs J Burnett, Cllr G Reynolds

**Apologies:** Cllr P Chapman

### **Agenda Items**

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

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

**2.1** Manhole covers down A361 – CDC have been and flushed the drains out and Thames Water have been unhelpful and will be chased up by the Clerk. Post Meeting Note: Cllr G Reynolds spoke with OCC highways and OCC highways were due to do some work but there was a mix up with the signalling so it did not happen. This will be followed up to see when it will be rescheduled.

**2.2** Poo bin in Williamscot – previously there has been a bin opposite Lower Lodge but it was agreed that this seemed too far out of the village to be really useful. Potential to put it more central – Williamscot councillors to discuss and canvas resident opinion and report back. Mr G Page has a poo bin in storage from a previous occasion that is no longer allocated so that will be put up in due course once the Clerk has spoken to CDC regarding including it in the poo bin emptying service.

**2.3** Banking – much paperwork has been filled in and many hours spent on the telephone but it seems like this will be resolved with regards to Barclays shortly. Once this has been completed then WPC will proceed with the application for a current account with UNITY.

**2.4** AGM – having sought advice from OALC, as the council has no pressing issues to raise etc this meeting can be delayed until May 2021 if required.

**2.5** HS2 bus shelter make-over – this has hit some snags as apparently the bus shelter on Mt Pleasant is too close to the road for them to safely tidy it up. Further to this, they say there are similar problems with at least one of the other 2. Further discussions to take place.

**2.6** A361 lay-by litter and hazardous waste problem – this problem seems improved on previous conditions. There is the potential to put a sign up asking people to take their litter home. Cllr G Reynolds is checking to ensure it has now been included on the regular CDC litter picking route.

#### **3. Planning**

##### **3.1 New**

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

**3.2a 20/01632/F** Bramley House, Thorpe Road, Wardington

Lean-to carport to existing double garage.

**PERMITTED.**

**3.2b 20/02225/F** 2 Mount Pleasant, Wardington  
Single storey rear extension. **PERMITTED**

#### **4. Finance**

##### **4.1 Invoices**

101075	N R Prickett (August)	£370.80
101076	N R Prickett (September)	£370.80
101077	CDC (Dog bin emptying)	£329.47
101078	Mrs A G-F (clerk pay – Sept)	£346.54
101079	HMRC (PAYE – Sept)	£86.80

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

100721	Zoe Baldwin (1 <sup>st</sup> Oct)	£20.00
100722	Sylvia Cunliffe (2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct)	£10.00

#### **5. Parish business**

**5.1** Safety fence on old bonhams corner has made the driveway to Old Bonhams prohibitively tight for larger vehicles. HS2, in conjunction with OCC Highways, state the fence is required for safety reasons and cannot be moved. This is now open to further discussion regarding the best solution.

**5.2** Vegetation obscuring speed signs 1 and 4 – sign 1 is starting to be obscured by fir trees which is OCC responsibility to cut back: Cllr G Reynolds to check on this. Sign 4 is partially obscured by an oak and an ash tree on Richard Griffin's land – WPC to speak with him about this. These signs are linked to mains power meaning that WPC may receive a bill for this and WPC is responsible for the maintenance of them moving forwards.

**5.3** Wardington neighbourhood (covid) support groups – these are all still working and functional. WPC encourages people to use them for support if they need them. Information about to be put in the

Warbler for Wardington and Williamscot.

**5.4** New Wardington past and present – this is now been edited and is being reprinted. WPC would like to express their thanks to Mr M Patterson for his hard work on this. Copies will be provided free to new residents by the Parish Council but can be purchased by all others, including visitors. Please see the November Warbler and wardington.net for details

#### **6. AOB**

**6.1** The work being done on the M40 roundabout to be completed by December.

**6.2** My G Page wanted to raise the issue that please could all dog walkers who walk their dogs through fields with livestock pick up their dog's poo and also make a point of worming their dogs as otherwise this can be harmful to livestock. Information to go in Warbler and potentially signs put up on gates.

**6.3** Clerk asked to ensure WPC meeting agendas are published earlier and they include the procedure for members of the public wishing to attend.

The next meeting will be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020 at 7.30pm.

Rural crime is an issue for large areas of the Thames Valley and we know that it can have a huge impact on our rural communities.

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If you see something, report it on our website: <https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/>



Events Diary			
Date	Time	Event	Place

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## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY



**Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial**

**SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**

**10.55 am**

**ST MARY MAGDALENE  
CHURCH**

**Led by: Mrs Sue Upton**

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