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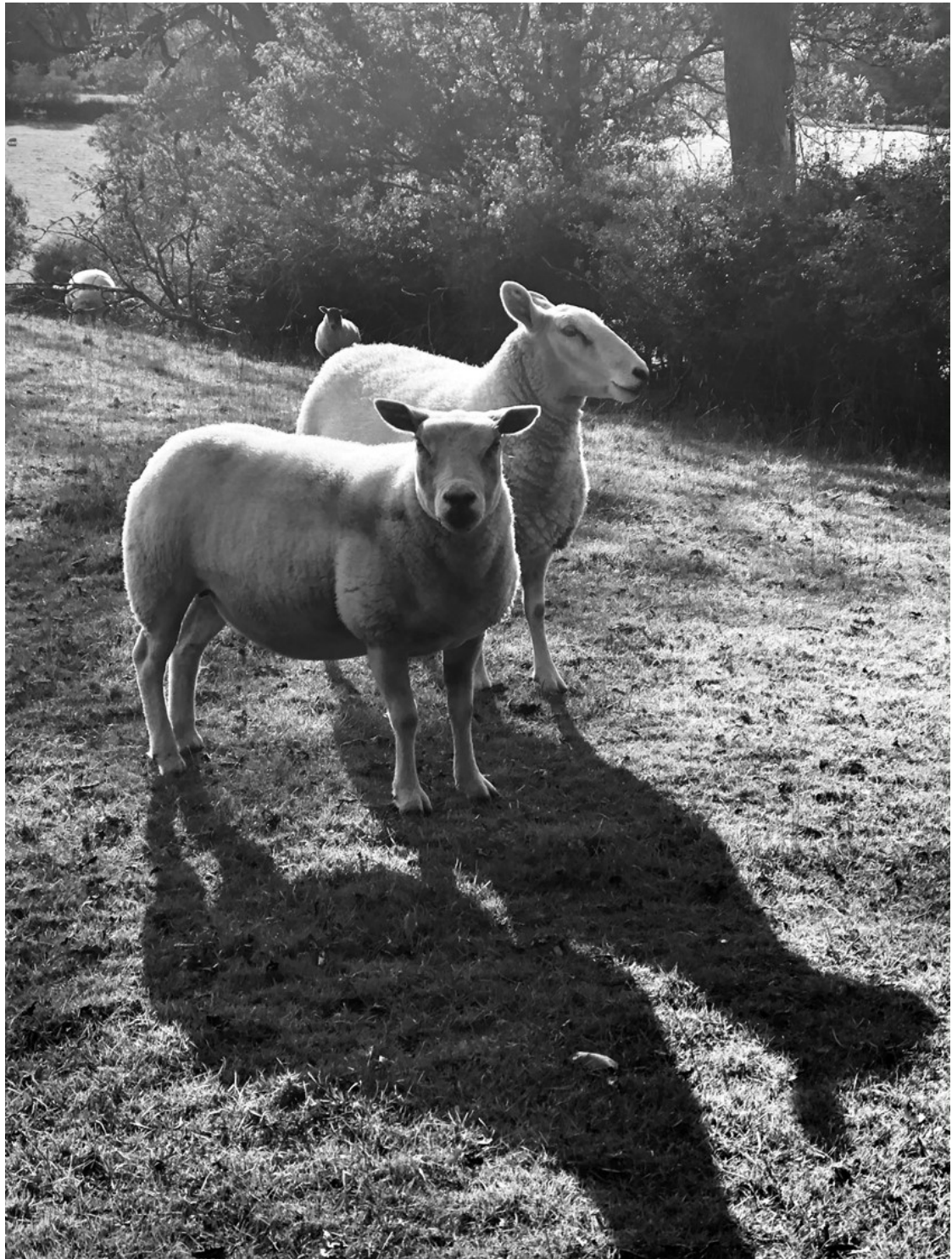
*A newsletter for the Parish of Wardington, Williamsot and Coton*

**DEADLINE** for next issue  
(May) of the Warbler:  
**20th April 2021, 5pm**

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

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*This photograph was taken by Esme Colligan on one of her walks around Wardington.*

A belated Happy New Year to all!

I hope this finds every one as safe and well as can be expected given the current circumstances. I made a plea for photographs and other articles and I am pleased to say that the residents of Wardington did not disappoint - there are plenty of lovely photographs to have a look at in this issue.

I am always looking for articles and photographs - if you are up to anything exciting, made a cake you're proud of, walked a distance that you are proud of, or just snapped a great photograph then please do send it to me.

Stay safe!

Lexi

## Recipe

*This issue's recipe is supplied out of my own recipe book - I love a carrot cake but I am a little bit picky about which recipe I use. This is a BBC GoodFood recipe where the actual cake is actually almost savoury in taste but it is balanced out wonderfully with the sweeter icing. I tend to use fairy cake tins (rather than muffin tins) so you get twice as many, but oddly I think it only needs half of the icing (in my opinion, depends on personal taste!).*

### Carrot and Soft Cheese Cupcakes

175g light muscovado sugar  
100g wholemeal self-raising flour  
100g self raising flour  
1tsp bicarbonate of soda  
2tsp mixed spice  
1 orange, zested  
2 eggs  
150ml sunflower oil  
200g carrots, grated  
For the icing:  
100g butter  
300g soft cheese  
100g icing sugar  
1 tsp vanilla extract

*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.*

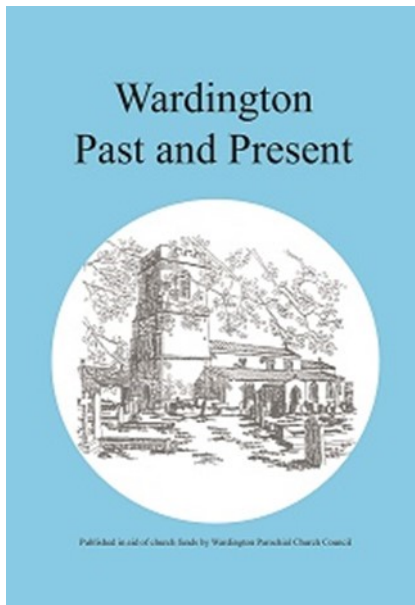
### Method:

1. Heat the oven to 180C and line a 12-hole muffin tin with cases.
2. In a large mixing bowl, mix the sugar, flour, bicarbonate of soda, mixed spice, and orange zest.
3. Whisk together the eggs and oil, then stir into the dry ingredients with the grated carrots.
4. Divide the mixture between the cases and bake for 20-22mins until a skewer poked in comes out clean. Cool on a wire rack before icing.
5. For the icing, beat the butter until really soft then beat in the soft cheese, icing sugar and vanilla. Using a palette knife, swirl the icing on top of the cakes. Enjoy!



# Wardington Past and Present

Good News. The brand new revised and updated 4th Edition of this popular booklet is available now.



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 Barn Farm Plants, 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 Bankes **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

## LOOKING BACK TO CHRISTMAS

Thank you very much to everyone in the village who supported the Carols in the Churchyard on Christmas Eve. A splendid turnout of almost 100 gave a joyful start to the Christmas celebrations. A special thank you to the three young readers, Alex Steven, Flora Patey and Lizzie Laughton who braved the cold to read and also Fiona Laughton on the keyboard to play for us.

## CANDLEMAS – MOVING ON FROM CHRISTMAS – THE VICAR WRITES....

*If Candlemas be fair and bright,  
Come winter, have another flight.  
If Candlemas bring clouds and rain,  
Go winter, and come not again.*



*Candlemas is an intriguing little festival that has attracted a range of traditions and customs along the way. It is a time for wondering and seeking to predict when the seasons will change. Is spring really coming (or even already here) or are we in for more winter? Is change coming, or will the days remain the same? Once again, these questions take on deeper meaning in these Covid 19 affected days.*

*In between the winter solstice and the spring equinox, Candlemas comes. In the earth new life is stirring, seeds are tentatively making their way through the cold, dark earth into the light. It is time for wondering about what might be coming, emerging. It is time for noticing and attending to new possibilities. Candlemas is a turning point. In the church's calendar it is time to turn away from the seasons of Christmas and Epiphany and turn towards Lent and Easter. We hear a wonderful intergenerational story and take inspiration from wise and holy ones – Simeon and Anna, who kept up a faithful way of listening and hoping, looking out for God, and who recognised the light of God's love in the child brought to the Temple to be blessed, surrounded by love and thanks.*

*May Candlemas hope, wisdom and wonder continue to guide and bless us.*

*Revd Hilary Campbell*

## A NOTE ABOUT WORSHIP IN OUR CHURCH BUILDINGS

In the Shires' Edge Benefice (Claydon, Cropredy, the Bourtons, Mollington, Wardington) we are continuing to pause holding communal worship in our church buildings. We will keep this under review as hopefully conditions improve. Where possible our buildings remain open for individuals to attend, and also for funerals. Online worship opportunities are available and you can contact me for details, and written resources are also available from me. Please feel free to be in touch and I know our communities will continue to be generous and supportive and hopeful. Thank you and keep taking care, Hilary.

## MARY GRIFFIN

It is with great sadness that we record the death of Mary Griffin on 4<sup>th</sup> January in Wardington House at the age of 95 years.

Mary, née Elkington, was no stranger to Wardington when she married John Jarvis Griffin, one of the four Griffin brothers, in September 1987. Mary had been brought up at Culworth Grounds and so already knew the area well.



John was still running the butchers' shop full time and so Mary became fully involved in almost every organisation in the village. The most significant of these was the Church where Mary, not only a very regular attendee, but also secretary for eighteen years. Nothing was ever too much for Mary as she acted as Clerk to the Wardington Charities, hosted the annual bellringers' and churchyard mowers' suppers, assisted with the annual church bazaar. The list was endless – if in doubt, ask Mary Griffin was always the answer! Mary was strict and firm when necessary but she was much loved by everyone.

When John died unexpectedly in 2006 Mary stayed on at Post Box Cottage for a few years and then, after a short time in Green Pastures Home, spent her later years in the wonderful care of the staff at Wardington House.

Our sympathy goes out at this time, not only to Mary's own wider family, but also to John's family, Ken, Philip and Liz, to whom Mary was a very caring step-mother when they sadly lost their own mother at an early age.

## **KINDLING**

There is a stack of dead wood suitable for kindling in the centre of the Churchyard. Most of it is very dead if not a little wet but it is there for anyone to collect some.

## **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 Steven, Jonathan Meredith, Paul & Christine Hornby, Peter Mackenzie, Elsie Smith, Nigel & Juliet Bankes, Andy & Gemma Crossley and Jane Pearson.

The sponsorship fee is £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 on the table adjacent to the south door of the Church or contact Clive Hunt (758087).

# **ST MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH:** **Services:**

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

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

### **Covid-19 and Village Support in Lockdown**

If anyone in the village needs help due to illness, or because they are shielding or self-isolating, the Wardington Neighbourhood Groups set up last March are here to help. Each group has a local coordinator, who will help near neighbours with shopping, medicine collection or just by keeping in touch.

Please let us know if you, or anyone you know, has need of assistance. I can provide the contact details of your local coordinator if needed.

Hilary Patterson

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# **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)) **BUT IS NOT SANITISED OR DISINFECTED – 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.



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All proceeds go towards playground  
maintenance and inspections.

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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.

Sally Manning took these lovely photos on 9th December of this beautiful buzzard. He is often seen at the cricket pitch, but she spotted him in his usual spot on the hedgerow just driving out of the village.



This is another photograph taken by Esme Colligan around Wardington.



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## & WARDINGTON

As the opening paragraph of “Wardington Past & Present” says: “Wardington is an inviting and pleasing stone-built, tile, slate and thatch roofed village in the extreme north-east corner of Oxfordshire.....” This part of the county and north-eastwards into Northamptonshire is probably still one of the most rural areas in the centre of England. However modern day developments continue to bring increased risks to this situation, whether they be more housing, roads, HS2, warehousing or just the pressures of population growth generally.



*Photo: Mike Pollard*

This is where the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) comes into play. In summary:

- CPRE Oxfordshire works to improve, protect and preserve the landscape of Oxfordshire and its towns and villages for the benefit of everyone.
- **CPRE’s vision is that development should be well planned and sensitively executed to protect and enhance Oxfordshire’s countryside so that anyone living in Oxfordshire in 2050 can experience the rural character of Oxfordshire which exists today.**

Our guiding principles, and means of realising our vision, are that:

- The amount of development, and its timescale, should be based on natural growth and migration;
- Brownfield land should be developed first. Green Belt and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs) should be developed as a last resort under proven exceptional circumstances;
- Genuinely affordable housing should be made available, in perpetuity, to address local need;
- High densities of development should become standard, to avoid losing more land than necessary;
- Any new communities must be sustainable and existing rural communities need investment to support services and infrastructure;
- Job creation should reflect Oxfordshire’s existing skill base while addressing areas of need to reduce unsustainable commuting.

Examples of recent campaigning involving local issues have included:

- ◇ Successfully objecting, on grounds of lack of need, to a Motorway Service Area at J11 on the M40
- ◇ Unsuccessfully objecting to new warehouses/offices (now being constructed) east of J11 on the M40 which, as the first development on our side of the M40, will be the thin end of the wedge for the future
- ◇ Successfully supporting The Bourtons Parish Council in objecting to an application for a new permanent gypsy caravan site in the open countryside between Cropredy and Great Bourton
- ◇ Successfully supporting Hornton Parish Council in objecting to an application for a fuel depot in a dis-used quarry at Hornton
- ◇ Reviewing the latest draft of Cherwell DC’s Local Plan 2040 which makes special mention of protecting “valued landscapes” and “areas of tranquillity” from development with examples such as Otmoor and the Ironstone Downs. Further areas have now been included, specifically “the villages of Claydon, Cropredy and Wardington”.

The Campaign for Rural England, which is a registered charity, celebrated its centenary in 2020 and has over 40,000 members nationally. The Oxfordshire branch is made up of four district committees operating in line with the four district councils together Oxford city. New members – either individuals or organisations - are always welcome. Wardington Parish Council recently became a member.

For more information visit <http://www.cpreoxon.org.uk/> or contact Clive Hunt on 01295 758087.

# The Hare and Hounds Village Pub

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



*Above:* Sam Young took this picture of one of the red kites that can be found round Wardington on New Year's Day at Fox Hill.

## 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.





### **New Playground Jungle Den**

Wardington Parish Council were lucky enough to secure a grant for some new playground equipment. After some research, a Jungle Den was settled on and I am pleased to report that it is a big hit with the children of Wardington, and further afar I'm sure!

Pictured: Flora, Will, Ned, Arthur, Edwin, Poesy and Jude.



Whilst every effort is made to ensure the accuracy of the information printed in this newsletter, the editors cannot accept responsibility for the consequences of any errors that may occur. The editors reserve the right to edit and amend any articles submitted for publication.

## Latest News on HS2/Fusion Work in Wardington

There has been a hotline set up for those wanting information or having concerns about the HS2 works:

08081 434 434

or

[hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk](mailto:hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk).

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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).

*I sent out a request for articles and Ruth Tuthill kindly responded with this account of the amazing running she has been doing. Well done!*

## MY MARATHON

On Christmas Eve I managed to complete 'my marathon' around the local lanes, on my own. It was a cold but beautiful morning. It had rained heavily the day before and when I woke I drove to check out the first half the route. Knowing the roads were just about clear I set off running at 9.15, unfortunately the second half was badly flooded. This meant I had to change my route mid run. The brought (another) extra mental challenge to overcome.

The support from my family was wonderful, seeing them every 10k or so to start with and more towards the end really helped. The final 12k was hard, hills and wind against me and not knowing exactly where the finish line would be was tough.

Knowing the donations were still coming in, thinking about everyone's virtual support and thinking of the charities for whom I was running for, kept me motivated.

The sense of relief when I stopped was overwhelming, my body had reached its limit. It was so good to get into a nice warm bath!

A huge thank you to all the villagers who donated, I've raised just over £7000 to be split between Breast Cancer Now and Mind Charity. If anyone else would like to donate please visit my virgin giving page. Search Ruth Tuthill.

Challenge complete, what have I learnt? Life continues to bring challenges, keep being determined and you will overcome them, it might take time but never give up hope.

I've decided to run another marathon in the spring, ideally in a race or with friends or just on my own. Any villagers who would like to join me in the spring or just to go for a local run or would like to follow me please connect via Strava or Instagram.

### Horses in fields

Members of the public are politely requested not to feed the horses in the fields around Wardington. The fields that they are in are private and the public should not be entering unless there is public right of way through. This is as much for the safety of members of the public as horses are unpredictable animals; as well as they may be on restricted diets.

# 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?

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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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### Wardington Parish Clerk

Lexi Gordon-Finlayson, our Parish Clerk, is taking maternity leave from the end of March. Congratulations and Best Wishes to Lexi and Harry.

The Parish Council will be appointing someone to take over the role for the six months or so while Lexi is on leave.

It is a part time position requiring experience of administration. An internet connection and reasonable IT skills are essential.

For more information and/or to apply please contact Malcolm Patterson, Chair of the Parish Council, The Old Granary, Church Close, Wardington, OX17 1RS.

Tel 01295 750014. Email: [theoldgranary5@gmail.com](mailto:theoldgranary5@gmail.com)



**Wardington Parish Council Meeting**  
**November Minutes**

**Location:** Zoom, online

**Date:** Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> November 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 Banks, Mrs J Burnett

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

**Agenda Items**

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

**2. Matters arising from previous minutes**

**2.1** Banking – all the appropriately signed forms for the switchover to UNITY from Barclay's for the WPC current account have been sent off, along with a cheque to open the account with. We are now waiting for UNITY to inform us that the whole process has been completed.

**2.2** Manhole/storm drain covers –awaiting update from the OCC. Clerk to contact Thames Water.

**2.3** Vegetation obscuring signs 1 & 4 – sign 1 is not, as we thought, on highways land so the owner of the land has been contacted regarding this. Sign 4 – the farmer who owns the trees in questions has been very obliging and the trees will be trimmed accordingly.

**2.4** Wardington Layby – the problem of the mess has sadly returned, though not as bad as before. Cllr Chapman has sent plans of the proposed signs that will be put up in the layby but unsure when these signs will be put up.

**2.5** Minutes from the Extraordinary meeting held on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2020. "Spruce Meadows: It was agreed to split the cost of the professional fees of Peter Frampton to oppose the appeal between Wardington Parish Council and the Williamscot Fund 50/50. It was also agreed to search for a satisfactory long-term solution to the use of the land." Further to this, a written submission was submitted on 17<sup>th</sup> November by Peter Frampton.

**3. Planning**

**3.1 New**

**3.1a 20/02510/TCA** Mrs Frances Fisher, 1, Church Close, Wardington

T1 x Rowan tree – fell. The tree is coming to the end of its life. I don't want to replace it because in an inappropriate place. **NO OBJECTIONS**

**3.1b 20/02908/TCA** Mr Peter MacKenzie, Fferm Cariad, Thorpe Road

T1 x Ornamental Cherry tree in front garden - fell as too close to house and roots now interfering with foundations and damp course. T2 x self-seeded Ash tree in walled garden – fell has roots causing damage to retaining wall. **NO OBJECTIONS**

**3.1c 20/03069/TCA** Mrs Tuthill, Sutherlands, Wardington House, Banbury Road

T1, T2 x Beech – crown raise by up to 4.0m over grass and tennis court. T3 x Birch, T4 x Cherry – fell. T5, T6 x Holm Oak – repollard as previously pollarded with hedge line. G1 x Lawson – fell 6 nos stems. G2 x Leylandii – fell approx. 11 nos stems as outgrown screening plants and replace. **NO OBJECTIONS**

**3.1d 20/03181/TCA** Mr Banks, Os Parcel 0060

Village Spinney adjoining and North West of Babbington Barn, Cropredy Lane, Williamscot  
T1 x Ash (Fraxinus excelsior) – removal to monolith due to excessive signs of decay, fungal bracket and high target risk area. T2 x Hornbeam (Carpinus Betula) – reduction of one lateral limb overhanging the road to minimise risk of failure. **NO**

**OBJECTIONS**

**3.1e 20/02793/AGN** Archers House, Thorpe Road  
Replacement agricultural storage building **NO OBJECTIONS**

**3.2 CDC decisions**

**3.2a 20/02510/TCA** Mrs Frances Fisher, 1, Church Close, Wardington

T1 x Rowan tree – fell. The tree is coming to the end of its life. I don't want to replace it because in an inappropriate place. **NO FURTHER COMMENTS OR OBJECTIONS.**

**3.2b 20/00570/LB and 20/00570/F** Lower Lodge, Williamscot

Variation of condition 2 (plans) of 19/01400/LB – removal of 2 no. windows withing East Elevation and removal of 2 no. windows in the West Elevation. Inclusion of 2 no windows within the East Elevation. **PERMITTED.**

**4. Finance**

**4.1 Invoices**

101080	B R Harris	£582.17
101081	Schoolscapes	£4,200.00
101082	WPC (UNITY)	£500.00
101083	Poppy Appeal	£50.00
101084	N R Prickett	£370.80

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101085	WPPC (p & p printing)	£150.00
101086	DM Payroll Services	£40.50
101087	Mrs G-F (Clerk's Pay – Oct)	£346.74
101088	HMRC (PAYE – Oct)	£86.60
101089	Mrs G-F (Clerk's Pay – Nov)	£346.74
101090	HMRC (PAYE – Nov)	£86.60
<b>4.2 Playground 200 club draw</b>		
100723	PJ & CJ Worthington	£20.00
100724	Andy Crossley	£10.00

## 5. Parish business

**5.1** DM Payroll services rates – these will increase from £81 per year to £120 per year. This was deemed reasonable by the WPC.

**5.2** Erection of warning signs for A361 post the horrible accidents – thanks to Cllr Chapman for his work on getting the signs erected on the A361 warning to take care. Some concern about their small size affecting visibility.

**5.3** Agreed dates for meetings in 2021:

January 5th	February 9th	March 16th
April 13th	May 25th	June 22nd
July 27th	September 7th	October 12th
November 23rd	January 4th (2022)	

**5.4** Clerk's salary – an increase based on £10.86 an hour in line with the current NALC guidelines has been approved and will come into force in December, backdated from April.

**5.5** Williamscoth dog bin – Clerk to ask Brent Harris to erect the bin, placed near the noticeboard in Williamscoth. Clerk to speak to CDC about adding it on to the emptying list, as well as asking about frequency of emptying and what happens if it does get full.

**5.6** Request to consider Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) membership – this is not only for people but for organisations. It has been suggested that WPC would benefit from being a member - £36 per year in subs. Cherwell has 79 parishes, 18 of which are members including Cropredy. AGREED. Local CPRE committee member Clive Hunt to be invited to come and talk to the WPC so we are all clear on what they do and what they can do for us.

**5.7** Green Space opposite the old Red Lion Pub in Upper Wardington: In 2004 WPC applied to register the space as a village green. Two frustrating years later Oxfordshire County Council turned it down on the basis that it had always been Highways land and there was no good reason for it not to remain so. In consultation with Neil Forbes, from Sundial House,

WPC is being asked to consider making a new application. One stumbling block is that parking is not permitted on village greens. Some residents do park there currently and are against a change. The Council asked whether there were other options such as the land being adopted for community use. Mr M Patterson to speak to Mr Forbes about this. Further discussion to take place at January's meeting.

## 6. AOB

**6.1** The WPC would like to congratulate all those involved in Remembrance Day service in the Churchyard – there was a good turn out and it ran very smoothly.

**6.2** Simon Constant has enquired about the signpost, or lack thereof, of a signpost at the triangle on the second junction on the way to Chacombe ([What Three Words Ref: departure.until.ponies](#)). This has been reported on FixMyStreet and Clerk will make other enquiries.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 7.30pm.

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## **Wardington Parish Council Meeting** **January Draft Minutes**

**Location: Zoom**

**Date: Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021 (7.30 pm)**

**In Attendance: Mr M Patterson (Chairman), Mr G Martin (Vice Chairman), Mrs A Gordon-Finlayson, 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** Unity banking – Clerk and Mr Bankes are set up to use the internet banking; Mr Patterson and Mr Martin should have received information but currently have not. This is to be chased. Paperwork for current account switching to be filled in and sent off.

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**2.2.** Village green proposal for Upper Wardington – this is an interesting proposal but needs to show it has general support. An open meeting would be ideal to gauge this but is not possible due to current Covid19 restrictions. Further consideration of this idea will be revisited when Covid19 restrictions have subsided. Mr Patterson to speak to Neil Forbes and other residents involved.

**2.3** Planning enforcement appeal hearing date – letter has been received suggesting that the hearing date will be 25<sup>th</sup> January, though this is subject to confirmation. WPC continues to support Peter Frampton attending the hearing.

**2.4** Williamscot dog bin – confirmation of its addition to the weekly emptying schedule has been attained (this usually happens on a Tuesday, unless there has been a bank holiday then it will be a day late). If there is a problem with overflowing bins then the customer service team can be contacted who would create a service order to sort it.

**2.5** CPRE Membership – WPC are now members of the Oxfordshire branch. Clive Hunt spoke to give an overview of their work: to improve, protect and conserve rural spaces. They function at government, county and district levels; so national and local approaches. They obtained a reduction in the area of Banbury15; objected to the motorway services; helped Gt Bourton with their objection to a camp site.

### 3. Planning

#### 3.1 New

**3.2a 20/03642/F** Mr and Mrs Hudson, High Wardington House, Thorpe Road

Extension to existing outbuilding and its conversion to create a dwelling. Associated works including amenity space, landscaping and access. *As this application was only received on the day of the meeting it was decided to call another meeting to allow the councillors time to have a proper look at the plans. Mr Norman Hudson to be invited to the meeting to help explain the plans.*

Post meeting note: a further meeting was held on 12<sup>th</sup> January to discuss this. Mr Norman Hudson was in attendance. The outcome was **NO OBJECTIONS** but an observation was made that it would be preferable if the 'L' shape extension started at the back edge of the property so as not to be so intrusive to the paddock.

#### 3.2 CDC decisions

**3.2a 20/03069/TCA** Mr Ben Acreman OBO

Sutherlands, Wardington House

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#### FURTHER COMMENTS OR OBJECTIONS

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T1 x Ornamental Cherry tree in front garden – fell as too close to house and roots now interfering with foundation and damp course. T2 x self-seeded Ash tree in walled garden – fell as roots causing damage to retaining wall. **APPLICATION PERMITTED**

**3.2c 20/02946/AGN** Fern Hill Farm, Thorpe Road

Erection of a steel framed agricultural livestock building with fibre cement roof, Yorkshire board cladding and concrete panel walls. The building will be open sided. **PLANNING PERMISSION REQUIRED.** *Full planning permission expected.*

**4.2d 20/02791/F** Archers House, Thorpe Road

Log Cabin providing ancillary annexe accommodation. **PERMITTED.**

### 4. Finance

#### 4.1 Invoices

101093	Parish Magazine Printing	£262.50
101094	Framptons	£780.00
101095	Mrs G-F (Clerk's Pay – Dec + back pay)	£614.97
101096	HMRC (PAYE – Dec)	£153.80
101097	E-type press (W—pack, est)	£89.00
101098	Mrs G-F (CPRE subs)	£36.00
100051	WPC Williamscot account to WPC main account	£325.00

#### 4.2 Playground 200 club draw

100725	Mrs Louise Jarrett	£20.00
100726	Mrs Claire Dalbeck	£10.00

### 5. Parish business

**5.1** Welcome pack – this is good to go and has been sent to e-type press in the village for a short run of 20 copies which will allow it to be updated and reprinted when needed.

**5.2** 2020/2021 precept - £12,000 received in 2020/2021 year; current bank balances were discussed at the meeting. Agreed precept request to stay the same

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Events Diary			
Date	Time	Event	Place

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**5.3** Damage to verges caused by wheels: 1.) by the Old Vicarage on A361 (Mr Jarrett to report on fixmystreet; 2.) Mt Pleasant – also to be reported on fixmystreet by clerk and clerk will seek quotes for posts to be put up to help prevent it.

**5.4** Cherwell Parish meeting bulletin (29 Dec 2020) – to be forwarded to Anne Wilkins and Jane Pearson (representing the over 60s club) and Steve MacKensie-Laurie for the village hall committee.

## 6. AOB

**6.1** Cllr Reynolds states that both OCC and Thames Water have been out to look at the drains/manholes on the A361. Check if improvement noticeable.

**6.2** Cllr Reynolds stated there is to be a predictable increase in Council Tax rates.

**6.3** Cllr Reynolds reports that all County Councillors have been invited to regular HS2 meetings so any problems then please report it to them and these can be passed on. For example, if HS2 lorries go through Williamscot it should be reported as all lorries are tracked. He is also pleased to report that HS2 seems to have a positive attitude and want to work together with local people. There is a helpline number of 08081 434 434, or [hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk](mailto:hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk).

**6.4** Question raised of when will the newly installed traffic lights on M40 roundabout be in use. Cllr Reynolds is unsure at the moment.

**6.5** Mr Page asked if a report on fixmystreet could be filed regarding the faded white lines on the Barn Farm Plants junction as he is worried there may be a crash soon due to people not respecting the junction.

**6.6** Many thanks to Roderick (only one d) Stell for fixing the bus shelter on Mt Pleasant.

**6.7** Clerk is pregnant and is currently planning on taking maternity leave in April. Mr Jarrett (previously done Clerk role) is willing to take on the accounts. WPC is seeking an existing clerk for the other responsibilities on a temporary basis assisted by WPC councillors as required.

**6.8** In answer to an enquiry the Clerk reported that WPC is not due a Parish election until 2023. Other elections will take place this year (2021), but this is all Covid19 dependent.

The next meeting will be held on 9<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm.

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