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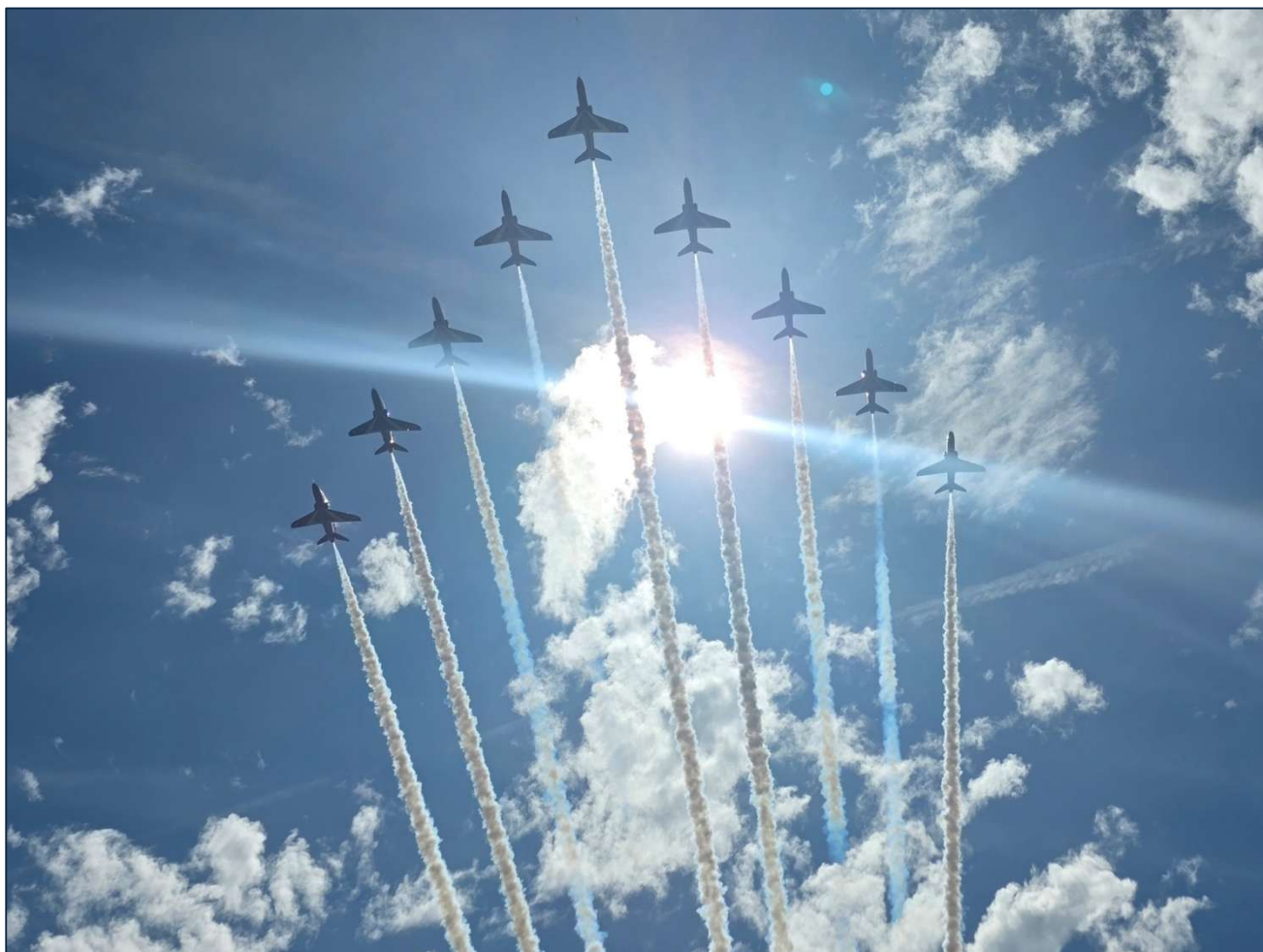
A newsletter for the Parish of Wardington, Williamscot and Coton

Next edition November 2026

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Wardington Fete – It's a Wrap!

In the aftermath of our Memorial Hall Centenary Fete on the 30th May, can I take this opportunity to thank publicly all those who gave so much of their time, energy and indeed money, in making the Fete the success I hope you might agree it was.

Our committee of volunteers worked incredibly hard for months prior to the event, raising money, organising stalls, events, marquees, bands, bins, etc etc etc to ensure the afternoon gave something to everyone be it eating, drinking, running, bouncing, listening to music and all the while, being part of our small community. There were also many other people who gave freely of their time and skills who were not on the Committee but without them, the Fete could not have happened. You know who you are!

There are of course too many people and organisations to thank in person, but if I may single out a few?

The Cricket Club worked relentlessly to ensure the whole playing field (and Playground), was in the immaculate condition it was. Also, in allowing us to park as many cars as we did on the playing field it made accessibility to the event so much easier and reduced markedly what could have been severe congestion in the village itself.

On that note, can I also take this opportunity to thank **HS2** for their speedy and helpful responses to every request we made. Be it money for the bouncy castles, the vast numbers of barriers or the last-minute request for parking cones and high viz jackets, the team at HS2 were quick to react and always positive.

Can I also thank **DSV** for their provision of furniture and gazebos; **Wardington Nursing Home** for financial support and, invaluable, multiple gazebos and a small marquee with a whole team under Sheamus's guidance to put up and take the various bits and pieces down afterwards; **Tuthill Porsche** again for their financial support, the ill-named 'easy-ups', and a car for display; The **Honourable Jay Jopling and his wife, Hikari**, for their generous financial support; **Culworth Garage** for their very generous financial support. And of course, how could I miss out **O-Sport Design Limited** for their very generous financial backing and without question, the best advert in the Fete's Programme!



Couldn't resist this AI image for Steve - editors

What pleased me the most though (apart from the Spitfire and The Red Arrows!), was that we were able to put together a programme of events that so many of the village and beyond willingly attended, contributed to and seemed to enjoy. That we were able to raise money for our own Memorial Hall, Banbury Young Homeless and Dementia Active was quite a bonus too.

Thank you one and all.

Steve Skinner, Chair of Trustees, Wardington Memorial Hall

Winners Wardington Centenary Fete 2026



CUPS AND TROPHIES:

Margaret Dillon Memorial Cup awarded to the Overall winner of Classes:

Julie Campbell

Wardington Rose Bowl for overall winner of Floral Classes:

Deborah Page

Baker Bowl for the winner of the Baking Classes:

Jeanette Brown

Memorial Shield for the best in Art Classes:

Chris Moulds

Wardington Hipflask to be awarded to the Men's Bakery winner:

Peter Cockrill

Margaret Dillon Memorial Junior Cup awarded to the Overall Children's Classes' winner

Margot Coleman

The Wardington Children's Cup for the Best Baker in the children's classes:

William & Edward Patey



THE WARDINGTON CENTENARY FETE

£6,400 RAISED!

A big thank you to everyone who helped on the day of the fete and in the build-up; thanks to those who ran stalls, lent time and equipment, muscle, their expertise, their tea and cake making skills, and their bbq-ing finesse, to our bartenders, to those who ran games, To our very gifted musicians, to all who ran and helped in the Produce Tent, our judges (of course!), to [Taylor Vets](#)... the list is almost endless!

And above all, thank you to everyone who came and just enjoyed being with us on the day. And what a fabulous day it was! Evidence below:



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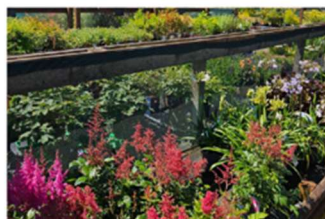
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counties, recently winning the Milton Keynes Irish Tournament in May. (See picture)

We are seeking players of all abilities to increase the size of our club and although we are particularly short of experienced players in the 50 - 60 age range we welcome players of all ages and abilities. Whether you want to play for one of our teams or just have a game of football at our practice sessions, either is fine with us. So come and give it go at The Dewey Sports Centre in Bloxham.



If you are interested or want further information, please contact Stan Horlock stan@thehorlocks.com or 07889 315069

Wardington Cricket Club



A mixed start to the season with 3 wins, 4 losses and one wash out (I know - weird innit?). The highlight has to be our away fixture against Crown CC - a team based in Buckinghamshire, but who play their home games in Eydon. A notable knock from Charlie Case ensured we posted a respectable 184 off our 40 overs. Crown needed 2 runs off the final over with 2 wickets in hand. Undeterred by the unfavourable odds, a double wicket maiden from Angus Danby (later to be paraded off the pitch shoulder high by his teammates) gave Wardington CC the victory by 1 run.

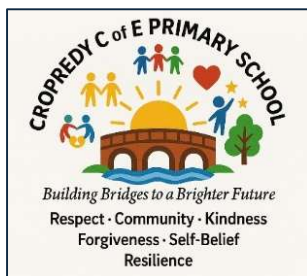
Sometimes the cricket is good, and sometimes it's distinctly average - but Wardington's brand of sporting drama is always watchable. So, while we are having this heatwave, why not come over and watch the cricket one Saturday? All are welcome. We have a licensed bar, cool drinks at a reasonable price, and a relaxed atmosphere.

Finally, an appeal for help -

- *We always welcome new players* - anyone of any age, but we are particularly keen to attract younger members who can keep the club going well into the future!! If you fancy pulling on the whites for Wardington's Cricket Club, then please get in touch.
- Like all village clubs *we need support from the local community* to help run the club. For example -
 - Sponsorship - if you can help financially (big or small), or know someone who can, please let us know.
 - Serving behind the bar - our licensed bar needs to be manned during home matches and events.
 - Preparing a tea for a match - our current volunteers do a wonderful job, but we're always on the lookout for talented caterers!!
 - Helping us with grounds and clubhouse maintenance - there are jobs aplenty to go around.

We look forward to seeing you soon! Jon Owen Chairman - Wardington Cricket Club
Contact - 07867 821163 or Jpowen9382@gmail.com

Date for your diary on Saturday 22nd August we are holding an "End of Season Social" starting at 7pm. The bar will be open, we will have a barbecue and fun darts competition. We would love to see all our supporters there



Cropredy C of E Primary School

Summer Term Update for Our Community

It has been another exciting and enriching term at Cropredy C of E Primary School, filled with memorable experiences and opportunities that have brought learning to life for our children.

One of the highlights of the term has been the wide range of educational visits across the school. Our youngest pupils in Cygnets

enjoyed a magical trip to Tumblestone Hollow, immersing themselves in imaginative play and exploration. Year 2 visited Cotswold Wildlife Park, where they experienced African wildlife up close, deepening their understanding of animals and habitats. Year 3's visit to the Ashmolean Museum provided a fascinating insight into Egyptian history and artefacts, while Year 5 stepped back in time during their visit to Sulgrave Manor, bringing their historical learning vividly to life. Our Year 6 pupils rounded off their SATs journey with a fantastic residential visit to Torquay, where they demonstrated independence, teamwork and resilience while creating lasting memories with their peers.

These trips are a vital part of our curriculum. We firmly believe that learning extends beyond the classroom, and these real-world experiences enrich children's understanding, spark curiosity, and help to embed knowledge in a meaningful and memorable way. The enthusiasm and engagement we see following these visits reinforces just how important they are in supporting both academic development and personal growth.

We would also like to congratulate our Year 6 pupils for their hard work and dedication during the aforementioned SATs in May. They approached this important milestone with determination and maturity, and we are incredibly proud of their effort, perseverance and positive attitude. As they move into their final weeks at primary school, we wish them a heartfelt well done and every success for the future.

Looking ahead, we are incredibly excited for the summer, where Years 4 and 6 will take to the stage at the world-famous Fairport's Cropredy Convention. After a year of dedicated practice, they will be opening the show on Friday 14th August – a truly special opportunity and one we are very proud to be part of. Do look out for them if you are attending!

Finally, I would like to recognise the outstanding work of our SENCO, Miss Godsell, in championing inclusion across the school. A recent review highlighted the strength of our provision, noting the *"clear and consistent use of adaptive strategies"* and *"very strong behaviour, with all pupils engaged in purposeful learning."* The report also praised the *"particularly effective use of colourful semantics and task management,"* alongside the fact that *"all SEND children are included and supported within whole-class learning."*

It was especially pleasing to see recognition of the *"strong and purposeful leadership"* driving rapid improvements, the *"evident impact of CPD in changing classroom practice,"* and the *"very positive relationships between staff and children"* which underpin our school community. We are incredibly proud of this feedback and the inclusive ethos it reflects.

As always, we are grateful to our pupils, staff and families for making Cropredy such a vibrant, supportive and inspiring place to learn

Will Reeves

Headteacher
Cropredy Church of England Primary School





Harvest Supper

Saturday 10th October 2026

6:00pm

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Wardington Garden Club 2026

It has been a bumper year for the Garden Club, with membership now well over forty following a well-attended AGM in March, which included a fascinating talk on bees by Chris Paxford. Our visits this year took in:

- April – Ashby Manor House, as featured in the Channel 4 programme 'Saving Historic Houses'
- May – Brackley Grange
- June – Bruern Abbey, Bledlow Manor, and Anna Brown Flowers, Wardington



We were also delighted that our plant stall at the Memorial Hall fete raised an excellent £780, half of which went to the fete organisers' chosen charities, a fantastic result and a real credit to everyone who contributed plants and helped run the stall.

Some of the gardens we visited are not normally open to the public, and on several occasions, we were fortunate enough to be shown around by the designers themselves.

Our final outing of the year will be in the autumn: a visit to The Old Vicarage, Adderbury, a wonderful arboretum with over 500 trees and spectacular autumn colour.

Community Speed Watch

Thames Valley Police & Community Speedwatch

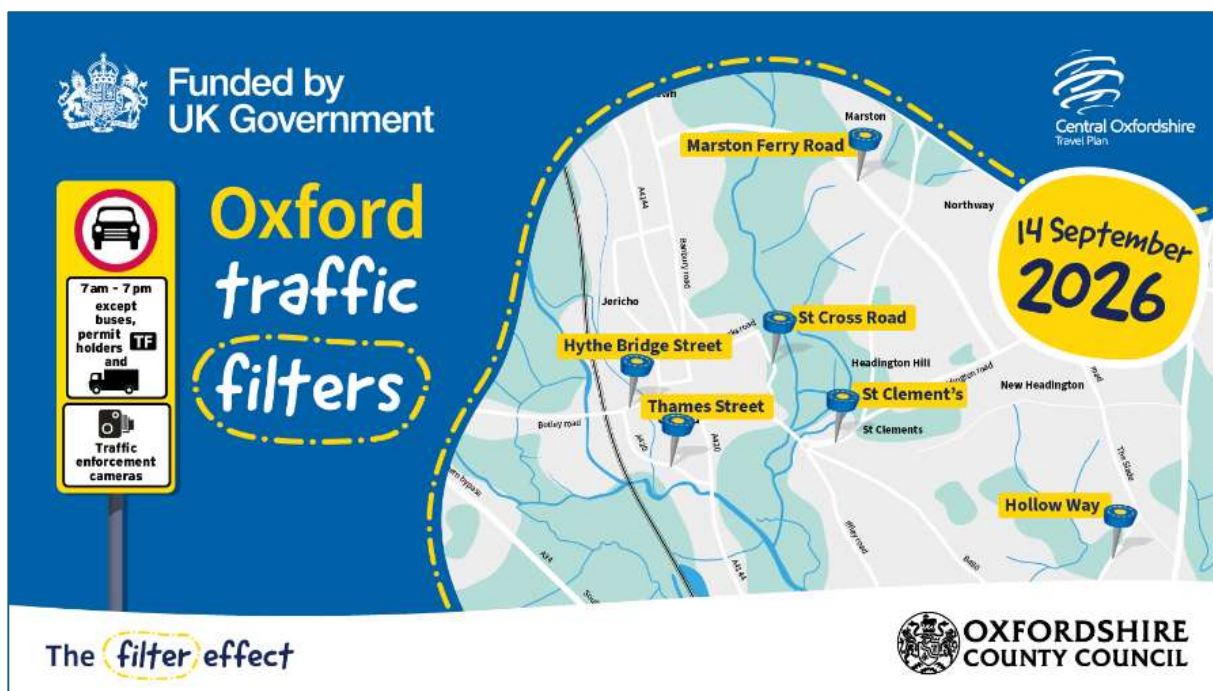
Join our existing Wardington Volunteers

Community Speed Watch (CSW) is a national initiative where proactive members of local communities, with the support from Thames Valley Police, record details of speeding vehicles.

- Speeding motorists will receive a letter from the police explaining the potential risks and consequences of their behaviour.
- People standing at the roadside are the heart and soul of the scheme; being seen by drivers at the roadside sends the message that antisocial and dangerous driving is not acceptable and is reinforced by the police warning letters.
- Parishioners repeatedly tell the Parish Councils and Police that speeding is one of their biggest concerns. and as we know from Speed Indicator Devices that speeding is at unacceptable levels on some of our roads.
- We have established a CSW group to tackle the problems in Wardington with the first session held early July, BUT we always need more volunteers. Full training is provided.
- We need volunteers aged over 18.

If you are interested, want to make a difference to the 20mph zone on roads around the village including (but NOT just) the A361 and can spare just an hour or more a month please email:

wardingtoncommunityspeedwatch@gmail.com OR visit www.communityspeedwatch.org to find out more



What's happening? *In the words of OCC Not the editors!!*

The temporary congestion charge was introduced to help manage traffic during Network Rail's extended closure of Botley Road. As Botley Road reopens, Oxford will move ahead with the traffic filter trial it had planned. You will still be able to get by car to where you need to go, **but you may need to use a different route if you do not have a permit for your car.**

When is it happening?

The traffic filters trial **will start on Monday 14 September 2026**. Only cars with permits will be able to pass through the traffic filters.

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Locations and operating times

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Wardington Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 12th May 2026 at 7:30pm in the Lady Wardington Room at Wardington Village Hall

Present: Cllr R Jarrett (Chairman), Cllr M Patterson, Cllr M Chivers, Cllr G Page, Cllr E Batchelor, Cllr N Bankes.

In attendance: Clerk, 0 members of the public.

86.Apologies for absence - Apologies received - Cllr Sarah Meek. Apologies accepted – None.

87.Members’ declarations of interest for items on the agenda – None.

88.Public participation session – None.

89.To approve the minutes of the Parish Council (PC) meeting held on 17th March 2026 - The minutes were proposed, agreed, and duly signed.

90.Outstanding matters/actions from previous meetings

- 90.1 Update re flooding on Thorpe Road outside Sabins – The Manor has put in a diverter pipe so it is hoped that the problem may now be resolved. **Clerk to stop chasing Cherwell District Council (CDC) and Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) unless councillors advise that the flooding has returned.** Concerns were raised by a councillor that National Grid have laid a conduit pipe to put in an electrical cable, around 2 metres in on the field behind The Manor wall, and they are hoping it hasn’t damaged the pipe that has been put in to divert the water. **Clerk to inform Cllr Chris Brant about the National Grid pipe.**
- 90.2 HS2 update – None.
- 90.3 Update re concerns raised about the state of the A361 through Wardington – Despite chasing OCC for information about plans for repair, no further update has been obtained. OCC has responded advising that it is unlikely that the HS2 road repair fund could be used to repair the road. It was agreed that the **Clerk should send photos of the problems on the road to the MP and ask him to help get this sorted asap** as it is a significant safety issue, particularly on the bend where there is a large pothole.
- 90.4 Update re flooding issues in Williamscoth – OCC advised the Clerk that the issue is not theirs and that Thames Water should be contacted. Cllr Batchelor contacted Thames Water who sent someone out to have a look at the issue and they advised that it is not their responsibility and they have e-mailed OCC to explain why it is their responsibility. **Cllr Batchelor and his neighbours will continue to chase OCC about this.**

91.Play Area

- 91.1 Update re play equipment safety inspections and repairs - The April inspection has taken place and no issues have been found on the equipment, but the person who completed the inspection did ask whether it would be worth moving one of the litter bins further away from the fence due to people using it for dog waste. After some discussion it was agreed to leave the bin where it is. The minor playground repairs still haven’t taken place. It was agreed that **Cllr Page should chase up the contractor** but if the repairs are not completed by the next annual inspection, a new contractor should be instructed.

92.Concerns raised about the state of the pavements in the parish – Resident to report on Fixmystreet.

93.Planning applications received

26/00666/TCA – The Croft, Banbury Road through Wardington. T1 Hazel Coppice - reduce height by 3 metres back to growth points, shape and remove selected stems. **No objection.** (Response made using delegated powers). **APPROVED.**

26/00923/TCA - West Wing, Williamscot House, Street From Centre To North West, Williamscot. T003 - Beech - crown is within 0.5m of the property. reduce by 2m to give sufficient clearance. T006 – Ash – Class 3 ash dieback over prow – reduce to a 10m monolith. T007 – Ash- inonotus x2 with a leantowards a residential property – fell to ground level. T008 – Bird cheryy – decay at 5-6m on the main stem with a lean over the egress route around the estate – fell to ground level. T009 - unidentified tree covered in ivy partially failed and hung up over the egress track. T010- Ash – multiple cavities on the southern stem with a significant lean over the path. Reduce by 4m at 10m to a suitable growth point to reduce appropriate weight and to retain the tree. T013- Hornbeam – tree is still rooted but partially failed towards the egress track and is hung up in an adjacent tree. Sheer bomb crack at the base and another tree hung up in it. Fell to ground level. T014- Hornbeam – failed tree in T013. Fell to ground level. T015 – Ash- Class 3 ash die back with historic visual evidence of limb failure over the main highway. Fell to ground level. T016 - Ash – Class 2 ash dieback. Remove all deadwood over the highway in excess of 25mm and reduce the crown % affected with dieback to live growth in line with the Tree Council Best Practice. T020 – Ash - T015 – Ash- Class 3 ash die back with historic visual evidence of limb failure over the main highway. Fell to ground level. **No objection.**

26/01019/LB - Lower Lodge, Williamscot. Erection of two extensions and associated engineering work. **No objection.**

26/01046/TCA - Wardington House, Banbury Road Through Wardington, Wardington. T1 Yew - Crown reduce by 2 metres all round to relieve end weight on structure. Deadwood and general crown clean to improve appearance. **No objection.**

94.Planning decisions received

24/00807/F - OS Parcel 0927 East Of And Adjoining, Wardington Road, Wardington. New offices and agricultural buildings for a new agricultural seed facility, including access road, parking, landscaping, and associated facilities - re-submission of 23/01164/F. **Approved.**

25/02634/F and 25/02635/LB – Wisteria Cottage, Wardington. Rear single storey extension to form shower room and snug. **Approved.**

26/00044/OUT – Tuthill Park, Banbury Road Through Wardington, Wardington. Car storage, workshop and offices. **Approved.**

26/00571/TCA – Old School House, Street from centre to north west, Williamscot. T1. Taxus baccata Fastigiata - Height reduction by 4 metres approx. in order to lower to the same level of adjacent hedge (Taxus baccata). **Approved.**

95.To consider a response to the consultation regarding the reduction of the speed limit on the A361 near Williamscot – It was agreed to object to the proposals for the following reasons:

- While Oxfordshire County Council suggests that a lower speed limit will improve safety for cyclists, Wardington Parish Council remains deeply concerned. Given the road's history of

significant accidents, we believe it remains inherently unsafe for cycling even at 40 mph. Our primary fear is that a reduced limit may create a 'false sense of security,' encouraging cyclists to use a high-risk route and potentially leading to an increase in serious incidents.

- The recently installed Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) are already proving effective. By providing real-time 'slow down' warnings at key approach points, these signs successfully moderate driver speed exactly where it is needed most. We believe this targeted intervention is a more than sufficient solution for managing safety through the bends.
- Local precedents, such as the B4525 junction near Helmdon, demonstrate that lowering speed limits to 40 mph does not inherently prevent accidents. In practice, these changes often incite driver frustration; motorists accustomed to the previous 50 mph limit frequently engage in tailgating or dangerous overtaking when encountering slower traffic. While we do not condone such aggression, we must account for human psychology. A lower speed limit alone cannot override established driving habits, and ignoring this behavioural reality may inadvertently increase the risk of collisions.
- Research into driver behaviour indicates that compliance is highest when speed limits are perceived as credible and consistent with road conditions. When limits are viewed as arbitrary or disconnected from the reality of the environment, motorists often default to their own 'comfortable' speed. Local sentiment already reflects this disconnect; many regular users believe the current proposals ignore personal accountability and road geometry. Implementing a limit that lacks local buy-in risks eroding general respect for traffic regulations, leading to lower compliance and increased safety risks for all road users.

96. Proposal to renew the annual parish insurance with Zurich at a cost of £599 (same price as previous year) – Proposed and agreed. Clerk to arrange payment.

97. Finance

- 97.1 To confirm completion of the final quarterly (Jan to Mar) Internal Control Check for the 2025-26 financial year – Cllr Bob Jarrett Confirmed the check has taken place and all was found to be in order.
- 97.2 To note the bank balances and cashbook balances as at 06.05.2026 – Noted.

Bank balances

PC Current	£960.24
PC Savings	£30,626.19
Total	£31,586.43

	WPC Main	Williamscot	Total
Cashbook balances as at 06.05.2026	£22,778.15	£8,808.28	£31,586.43

97.3 To note and approve payment of the following invoices already paid using delegated powers: Proposed and agreed.

28.04.26	Wardington Memorial Hall	Hall hire May to Nov 2025	£106.56
28.04.26	CDC	Half yearly dog bin emptying	£492.49
28.04.26	Parish Magazine Printing	Warbler printing May	£438.70
28.04.26	N J Chadwick	Internal Audit 25-26	£100.00
28.04.26	Kirsty Buttle	Salary Apr 26	£416.82
28.04.26	HMRC	Tax and NI Apr	£121.58
30.04.26	NEST	Pension Apr	£20.00
30.04.26	Unity Bank	Account fee	£7.00

97.4 To note the following receipts: Noted.

31.03.26	Unity Bank	Interest	£134.26
08.04.26	HMRC	VAT refund	£801.46
14.04.26	CDC	Precept	£7,050.00

97.5 To approve payment of the following invoices: Proposed and agreed.

NR Prickett	Grass cutting 14th and 30th Apr	£948.00
Zurich Municipal	Annual parish insurance	£599.00

97.6 To agree the following regular payments list from the 2026/27 agreed budget delegating authority to the clerk to make payments to relevant suppliers up to the budget total. All payments will need to be authorised online by 2 councillors in order for the payment to be made – Proposed and agreed.

Budget Line	Total budget value
Clerk's Salary & Tax	£6,528.00
Room Hire	£250.00
Insurance	£650.00
Administration	£170.00
Bank Charges	£80.00
Audit	£100.00
Training	£200.00
S137	£50.00
Subscriptions and donations	£350.00
Playground Inspection and Maintenance	£750.00
Dog Bin Emptying	£800.00
Grass Cutting	£3,948.00
Village Maintenance	£300.00
Warbler Printing	£1,650.00

98. Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2025-26

- 98.1 To receive the Internal auditor's report, agree any actions to be taken and to appoint an internal auditor for the current financial year - The Internal Auditor's Report was received with no issues raised. It was proposed and agreed to appoint Nick Chadwick as the Internal Auditor for the 26-27 financial year.
- 98.2 To complete and approve the annual governance statement for the 25/26 audit - It was proposed and agreed to tick 'yes' to all statements except statement 9 which is 'not applicable' and for the Chairman and Clerk to sign the document.
- 98.3 To approve the accounting statements for the 25/26 audit - It was proposed and agreed to approve the Accounting Statements and for the Chairman to sign the document.
- 98.4 To approve completion and signing of the AGAR Certificate of Exemption for 25/26 - It was proposed and agreed to complete and sign the Certificate of Exemption.
- 98.5 To agree the dates for the notice of public rights – proposed dates are Wednesday 3rd June to Tuesday 14th July 2026 - Proposed and agreed.

99. To re-adopt the following policies/documents with no changes made: Proposed and agreed.

- 99.1 Biodiversity Policy
- 99.2 Code of Conduct
- 99.3 Complaints Procedure
- 99.4 Data Breach Policy
- 99.5 Data Protection Policy
- 99.6 Disciplinary Policy
- 99.7 Financial Regulations
- 99.8 Freedom of Information Policy
- 99.9 GDPR Privacy Notice
- 99.10 Grievance Policy
- 99.11 IT Policy
- 99.12 Records Retention Policy
- 99.13 Risk Assessment
- 99.14 Role Holder Privacy Notice
- 99.15 Scheme of Delegation
- 99.16 Sexual and General Harassment Policy
- 99.17 Standing Orders
- 99.18 Subject Access Request Procedure

100. To approve the following updated policies: Proposed and agreed.

- 100.1 Financial Control and Internal Audit Procedure
- 100.2 Publication Scheme

101. Information exchange – A meeting has been held with the Chair of Trustees of Wardington Memorial Hall and he advised that they are struggling to get the new lease for the play area sorted due to changes they are working on in relation to the deeds, and the change to the status of the charity that is currently in progress. It was agreed that the PC would accept a letter stating that the current agreement will continue for the time being but this letter is needed within the next month so the PC know whether to instruct the annual play inspection or whether this will be taken on by the Memorial Hall Trustees, and

the PC would like the final confirmed lease within 6 months. **Cllr Bob Jarrett to inform the Trustees of the PC's decision.**

Williamscot residents have asked why the white road markings were repainted and then the road resurfaced a day later resulting in the white markings no longer being visible, and they are concerned about the waste of public funds spent on getting the lines repainted. It is believed that this was an error caused by the two teams (line markings, and road resurfacing) not communicating their timetables. **Clerk to e-mail Highways to ask them to get the road markings repainted asap as them not being there is a safety issue, and to advise them that the stones laid on the road are now starting to block the drains in the area.**

Meeting closed @ 8:59pm

Wardington Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 23rd June 2026 at 7:30pm in the Lady Wardington Room at Wardington Village Hall

Present: Cllr R Jarrett (Chairman), Cllr M Patterson, Cllr M Chivers, Cllr G Page, Cllr N Bankes.

In attendance: Clerk, 0 members of the public, District Cllr Borkmann.

102.Apologies for absence –Apologies were received from County and District Cllr Brant.

103.Members' declarations of interest for items on the agenda – None.

104.To note the resignation of Cllr Sarah Meek and confirm the timescales for election/co-option of a new councillor – The resignation of Cllr Meek was noted. The Notice of Vacancy has been published, and Cherwell District Council (CDC) will inform the Clerk soon after 29th June whether an election has been called or if the council is able to co-opt a new member. If co-option is approved the Clerk will publish details of the vacancy with expressions of interest to be submitted by 5pm on 17th July.

105.Public participation session - None.

106.To approve the minutes of the Parish Council (PC) meeting held on 12th May 2026 – The minutes were proposed, agreed, and duly signed.

107.Outstanding matters/actions from previous meetings

107.1 HS2 update – HS2 are now on the final stage of the works for the Edgcote Viaduct. They expect to be able to open the road by the end of June. However, West Northants Council are beginning a 10 week program of repair work to Trafford Bridge on the Welsh Road so the Welsh Road will be closed at the Welsh Road/Wardington Road junction from mid-July until the end of September, So it is likely that Wardington will have additional traffic going through it during that time.

107.2 Update re concerns raised about the state of the A361 through Wardington – Cllr Brant has written to HS2 and OCC to meet with Cllr Brant and a representative from the PC. Dates are being discussed. Tony Brummell at CDC is now aware of the spring that drains into the road and is going to do (if not already completed) a site visit. The Clerk has e-mailed the MP but has not had a response yet other than to ask for confirmation that we are within his constituency.

108.Play Area

108.1 Update re play equipment safety inspections and repairs – The contractor has advised that he is too busy to do the work so it was suggested that a new contractor is found. The annual professional inspection is due next month so it was agreed to **wait to see what issues are raised in that report and then the Clerk should obtain quotes for the work required.**

109.Planning applications received

26/01023/LB – The Last Straw, Wardington. Like-for-like replacement of rear window (existing unauthorised). **No objection. (Response made using delegated powers).**

26/01251/F – Williamscot Hill Farm, Williamscot Hill, Williamscot. Replacement Conservatory. **No objection. (Response made using delegated powers).**

110.Planning decisions received

26/00923/TCA - West Wing, Williamscot House, Street From Centre To North West, Williamscot. T003 - Beech - crown is within 0.5m of the property. reduce by 2m to give sufficient clearance. T006 – Ash – Class 3 ash dieback over prow – reduce to a 10m monolith. T007 – Ash- inonotus x2 with a leantowards a residential property – fell to ground level. T008 – Bird cheryy – decay at 5-6m on the main stem with a lean over the egress route around the estate – fell to ground level. T009 - unidentified tree covered in ivy partially failed and hung up over the egress track. T010- Ash – multiple cavities on the southern stem with a significant lean over the path. Reduce by 4m at 10m to a suitable growth point to reduce appropriate weight and to retain the tree. T013- Hornbeam – tree is still rooted but partially failed towards the egress track and is hung up in an adjacent tree. Sheer bomb crack at the base and another tree hung up in it. Fell to ground level. T014- Hornbeam – failed tree in T013. Fell to ground level. T015 – Ash- Class 3 ash die back with historic visual evidence of limb failure over the main highway. Fell to ground level. T016 - Ash – Class 2 ash dieback. Remove all deadwood over the highway in excess of 25mm and reduce the crown % affected with dieback to live growth in line with the Tree Council Best Practice. T020 – Ash - T015 – Ash- Class 3 ash die back with historic visual evidence of limb failure over the main highway. Fell to ground level. **Approved.**

26/01046/TCA - Wardington House, Banbury Road Through Wardington, Wardington. T1 Yew - Crown reduce by 2 metres all round to relieve end weight on structure. Deadwood and general crown clean to improve appearance. **Approved.**

111.Finance

111.1 To note the bank balances and cashbook balances as at 17.06.2026 – Noted.

Bank balances

PC Current	£701.84
PC Savings	£28,826.19
Total	£29,528.03

	WPC Main	Williamscot	Total
Cashbook balances as at 17.06.2026	£20,719.75	£8,808.28	£29,528.03

111.2 To note and approve payment of the following invoices already paid using delegated powers: Proposed and agreed.

27.05.26	Kirsty Buttle	Salary and expenses May	£422.82
27.05.26	HMRC	Tax and NI May	£121.58
29.05.26	NEST	Pension May	£20.00
29.05.26	Jack Goode	Repair spur broken post	£60.00
31.05.26	Unity Bank	Account fee	£7.00

111.3 To note the following receipts: Noted.

01.06.26	Sylvan Shack	Warbler advertising	£120.00
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111.4 To approve payment of the following invoices:

N R Prickett	Grass cutting 15th May and 1st June	£948.00
Kirsty Buttle	Salary Jun 26	£416.82
HMRC	Tax & NI Jun 26	£121.58
NEST	Pension Jun 26	£20.00
Unity Bank	Account fee	£7.00
Nigel Bankes	Reimbursement re Williamscoth event	£50.00

112.Information exchange – The interim agreement with the Play Area trustees has now been signed and they have advised that the formal lease will be received within six months.

Thanks were noted to the outgoing District Cllr Phil Chapman who recently stood down after many years as a District Cllr. His efforts are very much appreciated.

Meeting closed @ 8:27pm

Date of next meeting – 28th July 2026

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Your parish church is a unique treasure which seeks to serve all villagers at their point of pastoral need and request. We do very much need the support of villagers to sustain regular worship and pastoral presence.

With my best wishes for a safe and happy summertime

All enquiries regarding baptism, weddings or funerals, or any pastoral request, or conversation about the Christian faith, do please be in touch:

Tel: 01295 750486 Mob: 07747181868 vicar.shiresedge@outlook.com



An exciting new view of the Church and Churchyard

SAFARI SUPPER The Friends of St Mary Magdalene Church organised the annual Safari Supper which took place, as usual, on midsummer's day. The weather was excellent for the pre-supper Pimms (an excellent brew produced by Nigel Bankes) and canapés reception in the churchyard. This was followed by supper at various houses hosted by five generous hostesses.

By 9.30pm everyone was back at the Memorial Hall for puddings, cheese and further liquid refreshment. Such was the merriment that closing time had to be called with many still enjoying a very jolly evening.

A big thank you to all those who supported the occasion and very special thanks must go to Andrew and Ginny Steven who spearheaded the organisation which led to over £700 being raised for future church projects.

We all need to remember that the church is over seven hundred years old and is the only Grade 1 Listed Building in the village. As such the overall cost of maintaining it in good condition is significant – not only for us but for future generations to come.

CELEBRATORY EVENSONG

Earlier this month a special Evensong to celebrate Bishop Jonathan Merrick's fifty years of ordained ministry was held in Claydon church to mark this special point in his ministry.

Although Bishop Jonathan was ordained in Bicester, he has served the church in many parts of the UK ranging from Berkshire, Wiltshire, Rochester, Exeter and finally as Bishop of Lynn in Norfolk, he "retired" five years ago, and he and Rebecca came to live in Claydon. Whilst the Bishop still has much involvement with other appointments including in Papua New Guinea and the Caribbean and as Provost of Lancing College, he has committed much energy to the Shires' Edge Benefice of churches including, of course, Wardington.

Claydon church was full of many churchgoers from all our five churches for a traditional and very happy evensong service followed by much appreciated refreshments in the churchyard on a lovely fine evening. During the service the Bishop was presented with some Burgundy wines – understood to be favourites – by Clive Hunt on behalf of our five churches. We thank and appreciate Bishop Jonathan very much for all his support for our churches.

CHURCH SERVICES – AUGUST-OCTOBER

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

SUNDAY SERVICES:

August	2 nd		No service at Wardington
August	9 th	10.30am	Family Service
August	16 th		No service at Wardington
August	23 rd	9.30am	Family Communion
August	30 th	10.00am	Benefice Holy Communion at Gt Bourton
September	6 th		No service at Wardington
September	13 th	10.30am	Family Service
September	20 th		No service at Wardington
September	27 th	9.30am	Family Communion
October	4 th		No service at Wardington
October	11 th	10.30am	Harvest Festival
October	18 th		No service at Wardington
October	25 th	9.30am	Family Communion

When no Sunday service at Wardington is planned

Please see Church noticeboards for details of services at other Shires Edge Benefice churches.

WEEKDAY SERVICES:- *except August

Every Tuesday	12.00noon	Holy Communion – Cropredy
Every Friday*	9.00am	Morning Prayer (said) – Wardington

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YOUR Wardington Wildlife

through the lens of Sam Young



**Your local fields in June of this year.
Full of animal life for the observant and
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Recipe Time – Delicious Homemade Lemonade

Easy to make, child friendly, nothing beats the freshness of homemade lemonade, especially when it's simple to make

4 lemons, juiced (and sieved if preferred)

140g caster sugar

1 litre water



- Combine the juice, sugar and half the water in a jug and stir until the sugar is dissolved
- Top up with the remainder of the water and serve with ice, a slice of lemon and some elderflower cordial if liked
- This recipe can be adjusted to taste – adding extra lemon juice or sugar or sparkling water according to your own preferences.

CROPREDY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Wednesday 16 September 2026 Cropredy Village Hall 7:30pm

Free refreshments after the talk. Visitors welcome £5



Stephen Barker *Edgehill* – Sunday 23 October 1642

One of the first pitched battles of the English Civil War took place between Edgehill and Kineton on this date, marked by the memorial. The King, Charles I, had decided to march to London to force a decisive confrontation with Parliament's main army under the command of the Earl of Essex. On October 22 both armies unexpectedly found the enemy nearby. The next day the Royalist army descended down the hill to force battle. Both armies consisted of inexperienced and sometimes ill-equipped troops. Neither side was able to gain a decisive advantage.

Wednesday 21 October 2026 Cropredy Village Hall 7:30 pm

Free refreshments after the talk. Visitors welcome £5



The Commonwealth War Graves Commission looks after graves, memorials and cemeteries over the world, and the speaker tonight will inform us about its work. Five men from the village were lost in 1917 alone and are buried or remembered by the CWGC. Names on the Royal Navy memorial in Plymouth include those of two 19 year-old Cropredy boys killed when HMS Tornado was sunk in a minefield in December 1917

Final 2026 meeting on Wednesday November 18th

Free refreshments after the talk. Visitors welcome £5.

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Parish Council Meetings for 2026

28th July, 8th September, 20th October, 24th November

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What's on in Wardington

What	When	Where	Contact
Artery Art Group	Every Monday 10-	Memorial Hall	Barry Whitehouse theartery@hotmail.co.uk
Indoor Bowls	Every Monday 7-9pm	Memorial Hall	Tony Limb Tony.limb@tiscali.co.uk
Pilates	Every Wednesday 6.30-7.30pm	Memorial Hall	Tracey Trembl thepilatesplaceinfo@gmail.com
Ballet Workout	Every Friday 9-10am	Memorial Hall	Ginny Steven ginny@asteven.com
Pilates	Every Saturday 0830-0930	Memorial Hall	Tracey Trembl thepilatesplaceinfo@gmail.com
Quiz & Bingo Nights	Monthly, varies	Hare & Hounds	Niki & Steve 01295 760389 enquiries@hareandhoundswardington.co.uk
Garden Club			ginny@asteven.com
Cricket Fixtures <i>Home only</i>	July 25 th August 1 st	Wardington Cricket Pitch	Club Captain Tom Cuniffe 07985415863 Chairman Jon Owen 07867821163 Secretary Anne Wilkins 07951794994
Cricket Club End of Season Social	Saturday 22 nd August	Wardington Cricket Pitch	Bar, BBQ and fun darts competition. Open to all
Parish Council All at 7.30pm	September 8 th October 20 th , Nov 24 th ,	Memorial Hall	clerk@wardingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk
Cropredy Historical Society see p 26	Wednesday 16 th September 7.30pm	Cropredy Village Hall	Frances Whitaker , CHS Secretary f.61whitaker@btinternet.com
Film Night "Song Sung Blue" Kate Hudson & Hugh Jackman	Saturday September 19 th 6.30 pm. Food before film	Memorial Hall	NEW FORMAT Food (Chili) AND film £12.50 Tickets in advance ONLY by Wednesday 16th September ejuliecampbell@btinternet.com
Harvest Supper See p 10	Saturday 10 th October 6pm	Memorial Hall	Adults £18.00, 65+ £14, Child 7-16 - £8 Clive & Philippa Hunt on 07836 557098 Or email clippa.comms@btinternet.com
Cropredy Historical Society see p 26	Wednesday 21 st October 7.30pm	Cropredy Village Hall	£5 Frances Whitaker , CHS Secretary f.61whitaker@btinternet.com
Film Night "Life of Chuck" Tom Hiddleston & Mia Sara	Saturday October 24 6.30 pm. Food before film	Memorial Hall	NEW FORMAT Food (Lasagne, salad) AND film £12.50 Tickets in advance ONLY by Wednesday 21st October ejuliecampbell@btinternet.com
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Big Breakfast FREE 9-11.30am	Monday December 28 th (Bank Holiday)	Memorial Hall	FREE Donations received will go to the Memorial Hall and a nominated charity . More information available November edition