

VILLAGE DIARY

Regular Meetings

In the Village Hall

- **Gardening Club**
3rd Monday 8.00pm (not Aug/Dec)
- **Pilates classes**
Thursdays 7pm-8pm & 8pm-9pm
- **Ladies Group**
Last Wednesday (not Aug/Dec)
- **Women's Institute**
2nd Tuesday 7.45pm
- **Worton Toddler Group**
Wednesday 10.00 am - Noon
- **1st Worton & Marston Brownies**
Alternate Tuesdays (term time only)
- **Worton Parish Council Meeting**
1st Monday (not Aug) or as shown on notice boards

In the Chapel at Marston

- **Marston Parish Council Meeting**
Last Tuesday (every odd month)

In the Rose & Crown

- **Neighbourhood Plan Meeting**
Second Sunday 7pm (not Aug)

Various Venues

Announced Monthly

- **Book Swap**
2nd Saturday 10.00 - Noon

Mobile Library

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Next Date

- Monday 3rd February

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Forthcoming Events

- 6th Marston PC meeting
- 8th Village Hall Bingo
- 8th Book Swap
- 11th WI meeting
- 14th Crafts
- 17th Gardening club

Devizes Farmers' Market

Next: Saturday 1st February

Kerbside Collections

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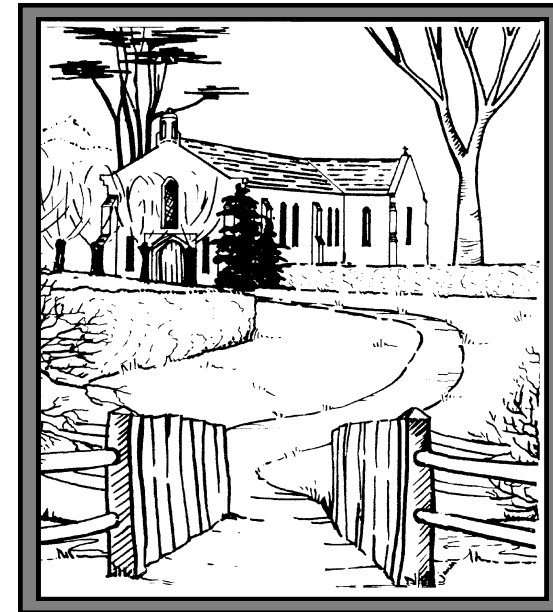
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Having taken part in the 2019 International Musicians Seminars at Prussia Cove, partly with the benefit of an Edington Arts bursary donation, this duo come to Edington Priory Church to 'repay the favour'. Elder pianist brother Jun is already making a name for himself as a soloist on the international concert platform, while cellist Yuuki, now in his final year at the Royal Academy, is likewise becoming increasingly sought after as a recitalist. Both multiple prize winners, they have performed together from their childhood in New Zealand, and have a special understanding of each other's musicality that produces memorable performances.

There will be a chance to chat to them afterwards over a cup of tea and home made cakes; the confirmed programme will be uploaded onto the Edington Arts website at www.edingtonarts.org as soon as we have it, but will include Beethoven's Cello Sonata No 2 in honour of his 250th birthday.

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V E and V J Day Event

May 8th - 10th 2020

A chance to celebrate peace in Europe

May 8th "Street Party" Church Walk

May 9th - 10th Exhibition in Village Hall

We need your family stories, photographs or war time artefacts to help us record this event.



Was anyone in your family a member of the Armed forces, Land Army, Home Guard? Were they evacuated or in a reserved occupation? Share your family stories. People are interested.

Please book your place for the street party as soon as possible.

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SERVICE CALENDAR

February

Sun 2nd CANDLEMAS
 8.00am CHRIST CHURCH
 Holy Communion
 9.30am CHRIST CHURCH
 Morning Praise
 6.00pm *Marston Chapel*
Rev Gary Gotham

Sun 9th 3 BEFORE LENT
 9.30am CHRIST CHURCH
 Holy Communion
 6.00pm *Marston Chapel*
No Service

Sun 16th 2 BEFORE LENT
 9.30am CHRIST CHURCH
 Matins
 6.00pm *Marston Chapel*
Rev Wendy Tucker

Sun 23rd NEXT BEFORE LENT
 9.30am CHRIST CHURCH
 Holy Communion
 6.00pm *Marston Chapel*
No Service

A service to celebrate the life of Peter Clack was held at Christ Church in December.

Visit the church website: www.christchurchworton.org.uk

Extracts from *The Bridge* (February 1990),
 kindly provided by Tony Walker

OBITUARY TO A BICYCLE

*Today I said a fond farewell
 To someone who has served me well
 My trusty steed has carried me
 For many years so faithfully
 Its not my age, though that is part
 But many say I'm stout of heart
 My hearing's not quite what it was
 But that's not the reason cos'
 I've had a hearing aid some years
 And that has helped to quell the fears
 My sight is not so good I know
 But I see quite well enough to go
 Up and down the village street
 Acknowledging everyone I meet
 I ride to church on Sunday too
 To Holy Communion, one in two
 No, it's the traffic on the road
 That rush about with heavy load
 They screech and honk and with great speed
 Whiz past my bike and pay no heed
 And so it is with great regret
 I have to call a halt and yet
 The only way I'll get along
 Is shank's pony from now on.*

I. Hale

I am glad of this further opportunity of writing in the Bridge. It is extremely useful, as its name implies, in bringing people together.

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We are pleased to tell you that the cost of your Parish Magazine will not increase this year. It will remain at £1.60 for the third year running. Your magazine deliverer may have already asked you for your subscription, if not, we hope that they will collect it during this month.



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Sidesmen – February 2020

Sun 2 nd	8.00am	Robin Shercliff	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Ali Cross, Tony Brewer	Morning Praise
Sun 9 th	9.30am	Ali Pratt, June Mason	Holy Communion
Sun 16 th	9.30am	Tom Harwood, Tony Walker	Matins
Sun 23 rd	9.30am	Mark Lewis, Peter Witcher	Holy Communion

Sidesmen – March 2020

Sun 1 st	8.00am	Robin Shercliff	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Ali Cross, Ali Pratt	Morning Praise

Altar Flowers

Church Flowers

February 2 nd	Francine Smith	Mrs A Gill
February 9 th	Dot Francis	Mrs A Darling
February 16 th	Jill Duckworth	Mrs L Phillips
February 23 rd	Margaret Charlton	Mrs P Woods

Church Cleaning

February 2 nd	Mrs Purchas and Mr Mitchell
February 16 th	Mrs Leggat and Mrs Sperring

Brass Cleaning

February 16 th	Mrs Lane
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Marston Parish Council

Due to other commitments we have had to move the date of our next meeting to Thursday the 6th February 2020. The meeting will take place at 7.30pm in the Chapel.

Over the Christmas period maintenance work has begun on the common land in order to clear the water courses. Charlie Howard has kindly spent a considerable amount of time clearing the Grip and the pond, alongside the work of clearing the New Farm ditches and relaying hedges, which run adjacent to the common land. We would like to take this opportunity to thank him for his work on behalf of the village.

The work replacing hardcore on the Horse path has been postponed until the weather improves. The path between Plough Lane and Close Lane, ROW 11, has now been cleared and we would like to thank the Dudman Family for doing this work.

The signs for the first phase of the footpath project have been ordered and will be erected in late February and early March, while tree felling and maintenance work will be undertaken by Conservation Contractors on behalf of the Parish before Spring.

At the next meeting we will be starting to formulate a plan to graze livestock on the common Land, below the Grip. The rationale behind this idea is threefold; the land will be used as was intended, maintenance costs will be greatly reduced and our environmental footprint will be improved. Input from parishioners will be appreciated on this, so please come along.

Steven Bennett - for Marston Parish Council

A Message from Richard Gamble

Wiltshire Councillor for The Lavingtons & Erlestoke Division

I don't need to tell you that, at this time of year, the weather is at its coldest and bleakest. Traditionally, this is when food stores were running out and our forebears faced the privations of Lent for 40 days until Easter heralded the joys of spring. Indeed, there were good reasons why bleak February was a time to just cuddle up and stay in bed. It may be no coincidence that Valentine's Day is on the 14th February.

In these modern times, however, cold weather is not the main subject of interest. Whatever the frost and snow may bring, we are really worried about global warming. Climate change is now so evident that, even in benign, temperate Wiltshire, the Council has declared a Climate Emergency.

To deal with this challenge, the Council has established a Global Warming and Climate Emergency task group to consider Renewable energy generation, Energy use and efficiency, Planning, Transport and air quality, Waste, Land use, Business and industry, the Carbon baseline and the Renewable Energy baseline.

The Council is now making an investment of £5.2m on energy efficiency and energy generation on the Council's buildings etc. It is also investing £3.5m for solar panels and £12m to convert street lights to LED lighting. Already, waste to landfill has reduced from 56% in 2008-09 to 16% in 2018-19 and greenhouse gas emissions from the Council's operations have reduced from 26k tCO₂e in 2014-15 to 16k tCO₂e in 2018-19. Indeed, Friends of the Earth found Wiltshire Council to be the best performing local authority in England and Wales. Really!

The aim now is to ensure that Wiltshire is carbon-neutral by 2030. That's not long! You can do your bit to help by taking the **Green Pledge**. Suggestions are:

- Leave the car at home and walk more
- Take shorter showers and turn off taps when brushing teeth

Pastoral Letter

Thou art dust!


We all share at times a fragile life and we become vulnerable. A temporality of life suddenly overwhelms us. Being reminded on Ash Wednesday, the committed Christians are ready to face any suddenness or realities of pain and suffering along with the joy and peace that come to everyone's life. The priest says by putting ashes on a forehead "Remember thou art dust, and unto dust thou shalt return." (Gen. 3:19) on Ash Wednesday.

This statement reminds us of a few things. First, it reminds us of death and the vulnerable life that we have. This does not create fear or guilt in us. Rather this prepares us to face it and work through it with faith and courage. We Christians see the cross not as the symbol of a cruel death rather a victory over death. Though death is real, and pain and suffering are part of our lives, there is not only hope but the assurances of life through death as Jesus had defeated death through the cross and resurrection. It is not that we look forward to death, rather with faith we become stronger in facing death and realities of life

here and now along with the promise of the life in God after death. This reminds us that we have a beautiful life to live; celebrate and be joyful. I can live life in the abundance that Christ has promised to each one of us. This teaches us that there is a dignity to each one of our lives; some disciplines can enhance the joy of this life and some duties may extend our lives. This may be one of the reasons that we celebrate the forty days of Lent in the church. Using ashes we ask people for self-discipline (at times some people do not drink alcohol or they try to give up smoking), some take up special duties (such as fasting or praying or meditating or reading the Bible) and some look at reflecting on themselves in order to recognise, appreciate and talk about their dignity and that of others. Therefore, Ashes on our forehead on Ash Wednesday remind us that in spite of our vulnerability and temporal life, we can enjoy the best part of our life together with God. Jesus uses the parable of the rich fool in order to highlight this by saying, God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life

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Our January meeting was our New Year meal at the Rose and Crown, Worton. Thank you to Jackie and John for their hospitality, to Bill and Jerry for their delicious catering, to the waiting ladies and to Rosemary for the organising. A good crowd of us had a wonderful evening of eating and drinking and of getting to know each other better. What's not to like?

On Tuesday February 11th at 8:00pm we meet at Worton and Marston Village hall for our AGM. Business is kept to a minimum, and then we will enjoy a Quiz evening with wine and nibbles to help or hinder the "little grey cells"! We hope some recent contacts will bring along several interested ladies and that 2020 will see us grow in numbers. The new programme is nearly complete and includes good speakers, an outing, garden meeting and times of socialising together in our smashing Village Hall. Hope to see you soon.

Jean lane 722069

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will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself (Luke 12:20}.

Secondly, this statement reminds us that we have connections to the earth and its beings. We are interconnected, interrelated and interdependent on earth for our lives and resources. Human beings are given the power of caretakers to serve, maintain and manage the earth as a place for continued life. We as human beings are interconnected, interrelated and interdependent. The purpose of our lives is complete only when we love other beings as we love ourselves. During the Lent season, we give special time for prayers, do charity work and support the church. When there is fire in Australia, we pray and help people and nature. When there is a climate of war in the Middle East, we are concerned about peace because we are interrelated, interconnected and interdependent on each other.

Within this one life let us face and continue to fight the realities of life with faith in resurrected Christ and show our solidarity with those who are affected by natural disasters and conflicts in their country. We pray for the sick and vulnerable people and please do not hesitate to give any names for prayers. At times some people may get better through our prayers and some may get comforted by our prayers. We will be happy to welcome you all to the church for our Ash Wednesday services on 26th February.

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U14 A couple of games against top 2 teams in league were unsuccessful, but another victory has pushed the team up to 4th in the league. New kit with sponsors Elleteq has been delivered and worn with pride.

Our men's team have had great start to season so far and are now sitting clear at the top of the Chippenham & District Premier League.

There is still opportunity to join the teams for this year – if interested in developing your football and teamwork skills then please contact any of the managers below who will be able to assist.

Teams are always looking for more parents to get involved with helping teams in supporting roles or in coaching roles, the club will enable training for those who wish to get involved. Please speak to your managers to help support them.

Teams are looking out for sponsors so if interested in publicity by sponsoring a team then contact Dave. If any companies would be interested in advertising at Davis Field then please contact Dave.

Contacts

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U8/9/12 – Mark Goddard – 01380 813160

U10 - Sharon Black 01380 818193

U11 – Paul Miller – 07917 582873

U13 – Dave Kiddle – 07843 678781

U14 – Neil Black – 01380 818193

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(No other pages are approved by the club)

WORTON & MARSTON LADIES GROUP

We started the New Year on the 8th January with our annual meal at The Raven, Poulshot. 16 members enjoyed a very pleasant evening.

February will be a visit to Potterne Panto; always a good evening. Those interested please contact Teresa.

Our next meeting in the hall should be 25th March; more on that next month.

Pam Woods



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Despite the horrible weather, some good news to come from the club over the last month.

The club have been re-accredited for Charter Standard which is effectively English football's equivalent to the Kitemark, with well-run, sustainable clubs with a commitment to quality coaching and the FA Respect initiative being recognised and implemented.

More good news that Harry Drewitt of the U13 team has been invited to join Bristol Rovers Academy.

The club held a holiday training day where players could come along for a couple of hours football coaching during the long Christmas break. It was very successful and may be repeated during other holiday periods.

Badger Cubs have continued indoors at Lavington School on Saturday mornings for 3-5 year olds. They are enjoying new skills and having fun! We have just entered a U7 team into Mid-Wilts league and have now had a few matches and are doing well.

U8 and U9 playing matches and progressing through training and having fun!

U10 team continue to play well with some excellent performances. Looking for players to join now ahead of increased match squad size for next season.

U11 continue to train and play well.

U12 Badgers playing well, still 2nd in league and U12 Wizards lost thrilling 6-5 match vs Larkhall Ospreys after Christmas, but great improvement since start of season. U12 played an 11-a-side match in practice for next season beating Devizes 3-1. Also Looking for players to join ahead of increased match squad size for next season.

U13 continue their excellent season and still sit in 1st place in top league. They are also through to quarter finals of League Cup vs Trowbridge Town.

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Worton and Marston Gardening Club

First of all, a happy New Year to all. I haven't been doing too much in the garden since Christmas and New Year except for digging vegetables as needed. I did plant a couple of rows of broad beans just before the holiday, which was a bit later than I intended. The seeds were some I saved from last year's excellent crop, but I have high hopes for them! I shall finish spreading my load of farmyard manure around all our roses by the end of this weekend so hopefully they will respond with some lovely flowers all through the coming summer. I must also say that our newly refurbished pond is now full to the brim thanks to the excellent work done by my daughter and her fiancé, and plenty of rain. It has never filled right up before and it looks much better now. By spreading the manure copiously around the roses, I am hoping to improve moisture retention. Our sandy soil is really easy to work with but dries out very quickly whenever we have hot sunny weather. Jane and I are reluctant to use the hosepipe too often so by putting plenty of manure and compost around our flowers we save on watering. Over the last few years we do seem to have had some spells of really hot sunshine, which is often accompanied by a constant strong breeze which seems to dry our soil very quickly. Jane and I will be opening our garden for this year's 'Open Garden' weekend, so we want it looking tip top. Therefore I am hoping for kind, seasonal weather. Early spring drought is not what we need, but we shall enjoy the challenge of managing our garden to cope with whatever weather comes our way.

Dave

The February 17th Meeting is a talk by members of Wiltshire Wildlife on how to make our gardens even more wildlife friendly, doors open 7:30pm.

Advance Notice – On March 16th we have a talk by Stephen Hackett, head gardener of Horatio's Garden at Salisbury Hospital. Horatio's Garden creates and nurtures beautiful gardens in NHS spinal injury centres to support everyone affected by spinal injury. Stephen will be telling us about the charity and the Salisbury garden and will bring plants and merchandise to sell.

This will be an OPEN MEETING so do spread the word – all welcome.

Rosemary and Sally

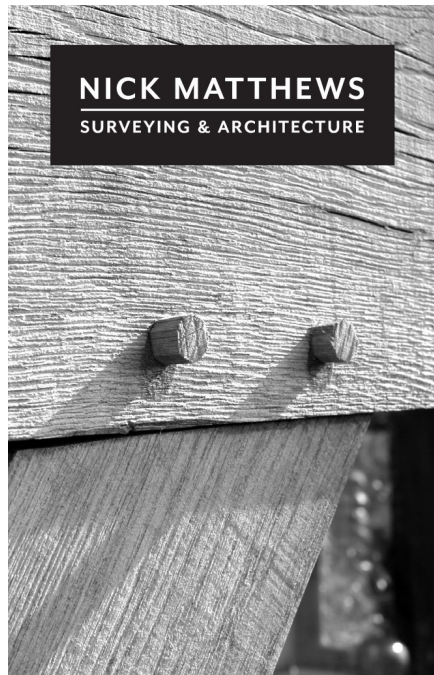
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Thought for February:

'It is a golden maxim to cultivate the garden for the nose, and the eyes will take care of themselves.'

Robert Louis Stevenson



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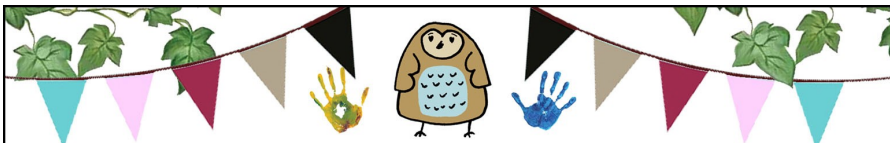
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We've been meeting for some months now and the overall pursuits of our "crafters" tend to centre around needlework – cross-stitching, knitting and so forth but we're open to extending our knowledge and skills. At our last meeting (22nd January) we were introduced to Silkcraft – each bringing away a sample of our work, which was beautiful and very easy to do! Don't know where to start? Why not come along and learn? Not only are we making items for ourselves, but we are also producing them for charity – tiny vests for premature babies, balaclavas and beanies for Missions to Seafarers (or Alabaré/homeless people), kangaroo pouches for Australia, "twiddle muffs" for patients suffering from dementia and so on. Or you can bring any other table-top pursuit that you enjoy – board games, jigsaws, etc. And if you can teach others a craft that you enjoy, that would be great!

Meetings normally take place **2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month, 2-4 pm**, in the **Lounge Bar, Potterne Social Club** (please note change of venue). Donations of £2 per session per person welcome, for use of the social club, and light refreshments. Everyone welcome, even if you would just like to join us for a chat in a warm, comfortable environment. We are always pleased to receive donations of materials (wool, needles, patterns, etc) for use by members.

Meetings this month: **12th and 26th February**

Contact Renée (725208) or Pam (724297) for further details

From Christ Church

Thank you to John & Mandy Fielding for the gift of the Christmas tree which the Toddlers decorated during their morning in Church, and also to Padfield Porkies from Seend who kindly donated the sausages for the Breakfast Church on January 5th; very much enjoyed by all.

Heather & Jean, Churchwardens

Worton Parish Council

As we move into a new decade, your Parish Council is keeping itself busy looking at ways we can make the most of opportunities that come our way whilst maintaining the supportive community we enjoy living in. This was particularly the case over the holiday period where the seasonal singing at the Rose and Crown on Christmas eve (whilst perhaps not quite as tuneful as that at the church that had preceded it) was certainly “harmonious” in the true sense and further evidence of just how important both are to the village - and here I must give thanks to Jackie, John, the Reverend Ali and the myriad helpers who make these things happen for us to enjoy.

Linked to this, we have agreed to set up a Village Maintenance group. Whilst under the auspices of the Parish council, this should provide a simple mechanism by which we can try to make sure that any of a range of activities that might take place would be covered by council insurance, thus protecting the, hopefully, large numbers who would be involved in any project; Sandlease Bank being one example.

You may be aware of speculation surrounding a small area of land near the entrance to Mill Head and I feel it would be sensible to establish the true picture before any rumours get out of hand.

In summary: Wiltshire Council have enquired as to whether your Parish Council would be interested in purchasing several small pieces of land within the village boundary at a nominal fee. We feel that this particular plot of land has much more potential to be of use than the other areas, due to its size and location. The others seem impractical and would be costly to maintain with no obvious benefit to the community.

The plot in Mill Head does, however, offer the potential to be of more use so we have been discussing what this could be and what the implications would be.

One possibility is that it could provide much needed extra car parking for the village hall and the church. Whilst this is not a new issue, it has recently come to the fore with problems created currently by cars parked on the main road using the village hall (see below).

It is important to understand that no decisions have been made with regard to this, though we have done some basic investigations into

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possible costs in order to ascertain whether any development of this nature would be viable. We are at a very early stage and would ensure that the community would be fully consulted before any commitment would be made. Indeed, there are other possible uses for that particular plot of land. We intend to provide more information on this in due course, probably at the annual village meeting which is likely to be in May.

The specific problem with regard to car parking has been the use of the road immediately in front of the village hall bus stop. We have discussed this with the local Wiltshire Council CATG group (which provides support and funding with regard to issues like this) and expect improved clarification to control parking by road markings. Whilst we await this change we are hoping to put some informative signage in place to deter those who currently park there. We have also been considering whether we can have road markings in place to deter parking in other locations in the village, at the entrance to Cedar Close for example.

Finally, a word of warning and a reminder to take care when using the footpaths around the village. Whilst we believe most to be usable, particular care is needed at this time of the year and we would not want anyone taking an early dip in Mill Race, for example!

Barry Devine








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A lot of damage can occur in a family. Parents can be hurt. Children can be hurt. But there is always hope in a home where forgiveness is present. John R. Aurelio, in his book “Colors” gives us a beautiful portrayal of this side of God.

On the sixth day, God created Father Adam and Mother Eve.

On the seventh day, as God was resting, they asked Him if He would give them something special to commemorate their birthday. So God reached into His treasure chest and took out a sacred coin. Written on it was the word "LOVE."

On the eighth day, Father Adam and Mother Eve sinned. As they left the Garden of Eden, they asked God for an assurance that He would not abandon them.

"You have the coin," He told them.

"But, the coin says LOVE," they answered. "We have lost love. How will we ever find it again?"

"Turn it over," God said.

On the other side of the coin was written the word "FORGIVENESS."

Aurelio goes on to say that there is no love without forgiveness and no forgiveness without love. They are the two sides of the same coin.

Happy Valentine’s Day.

(kindly sent in by mk)

Before we finished school for the Christmas break we had a fabulous Christmas dinner with the whole school, including the teachers and other staff. It was a full roast dinner with a Christmas muffin as our dessert. Before we ate our food we made our own place mats and had Christmas crackers. The tables were decorated with Christmas paper and it looked brilliant.

We performed our school play called 'All Around The World' on 17th and 18th December. We did two performances, one in the afternoon and one in evening so all the parents could get an opportunity to watch it. I was lucky enough to be the main angel - Gabriel. It was great that we could perform in the church. The audience really enjoyed both performances.

On 19th December, Father Christmas came to see us at school with lots of presents for all the children. Everyone was so excited to see him and really enjoyed their presents, which were books!

Later that day, we also had our Christmas party, we played lots of games and could win prizes! We enjoyed lots of food and drinks and really appreciated the school staff for cleaning up after us!

Sports

Towards the end of November on a Saturday morning, we played a hockey tournament at Dauntsey's School. Sadly, we didn't come in the top 3 but we still tried our best and stayed resilient.

We played a netball match against Seend which was very tough because they were all very tall and experienced but we played well and managed to win. Our next match will be on 5th February. We are in the top division and are, as yet, unbeaten!

Hazel class are going to a dance festival at Devizes School which they are very excited about. Also, Miss Webber is training a group of children ready for a dance festival at Dauntsey's School; they will be performing a street dance which looks fantastic.

Beech Class enjoyed a wellie walk around the village at the beginning of term and walked up to the park in Worton. They have also had their parents come into school to take part in 'Stay and Play' sessions where they made bird feeders and biscuits.

Since the beginning of term all the classes have been lucky enough to take part in Forest Schools in our lovely grounds. A lady comes in on a Friday afternoon and teaches us all about nature and outdoor learning; we think it's brilliant.

By Abbie and Khali (Elder Class)

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Bingo!!

Bingo is back by special request from several of you who attended the last event!! We are planning this for **Saturday February 8th** starting at **7.30pm**. We are hoping to have Barry and Douglas back with their unique style of calling but we have listened to those of you who found it hard to hear the numbers called and so we will also be writing them on the white board. Tickets are £5 in advance or £6 on the door to include one card for each game. Additional cards will be available to buy. There will be cash prizes and a bar. So come along and have some fun to brighten up this rather dreary winter!! Advance tickets can be purchased from any Trustee: Veronica/Jeff (Tel: 726845), Pauline (720248), Hilary (721963), Jane (729539) or Sarah (720244).

Hallmark

I am pleased to be able to announce that at a recent inspection the Village Hall was awarded level three Hallmark. This is a kite mark for village halls and is useful as a bench mark to see how ours compares with others. It is also very useful when applying for grants. We had asked to be considered for Hallmark level two but the assessors were so impressed they awarded us level three (the highest).

Jumble Sale

Just a heads up that the annual jumble sale will be held on **Saturday March 14th 2pm - 4pm** in the Village Hall. Entrance will be 50p for adults. More on this in next month's Bridge but please start saving your no-longer-wanted clothes, bric-a-brac, books and jigsaws.

Veronica Franklin, Chair of Trustees

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Letter sent to Marston Parish Council, Richard Gamble and The Bridge

Sir,

Eighteen months ago, I walked Long St, Marston with three members of the Parish Council to identify which areas of the common could be conserved for wildlife and which could be cut.

It was agreed that the right hand side hedges and thickets should be left as they are; the dew pond near the equestrian centre should be retained and the area towards the chicken farm entrance on the left hand side where flag irises flowered (up to 3 years ago) should also be spared cutting.

In the last three weeks contractors have completely destroyed the hedges on the right, the dew pond has had a ditch put across it and the flag iris area has had silt from a ditch spread on top.

I have three questions for you:

Firstly, did the Parish Council give permission for this work? If it did, it has presided over the destruction of habitat for many mammals, the destruction of forage for thousands of pollinating insects and the destruction of nesting sites for our declining bird populations.



Secondly, if the Parish Council did not give permission, will action be taken against the contractors for the damage caused on common land?

Thirdly, will you make sure that the dew pond and flag iris area are returned to their natural state?

Our flora and fauna are already in serious decline and actions like this add to the problem.

Yours faithfully,

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Community Led Housing

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- Run by a local, independent and not for profit organisation, often specially created for this purpose
- Building homes for sale or rent but, whatever the mix, it is about keeping them affordable now and in the future
- Ensuring key decisions on new homes are made by the community, from the most suitable site, through design, to who moves in.
- Democratic and accountable to the wider community

To be successful Community Led Housing needs to have meaningful community engagement and widespread community support. There needs to be a common vision, shared values and a group of volunteers to deliver the vision.

Worton Parish Council will be hosting an event in the Village Hall in early spring to provide more details about Community Led Housing and to discuss possible sites. The council is keen to see whether this initiative would get widespread community support and that sufficient volunteers are willing to make it happen.

Further details will be in next month's edition of The Bridge.

Malcolm Powell
Worton Parish Council

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