

# The Bridge



## Worton and Marston Parish Magazine

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# THE BRIDGE

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## A Note From the Editor

This month's Bridge is chock-full of exciting summer events. June looks to be a very busy month in the villages. With Open Gardens, Fetes in the surrounding villages, choral events...really, there is so much happening it's hard to even consider going away on a holiday.

Some people have asked me what brought us to the area. My initial response is the surrounding beauty of the countryside. And that may have been what drew us here; however, it's really the community that sealed it for us. During our house hunting expedition in the melting heat of 2022, we visited Devizes and fell in love with the beautiful town. Then, we were fortunate in finding the only house on the market in the quiet little village of Marston.

Upon meeting the owners who were so friendly and complimentary of the neighbours and the village, we just couldn't resist. Having lived in England previously (in a small village in the Cotswolds), I was looking forward to getting back to a quiet life in the country.

Little did I know just how active these villages are. There is something happening nearly every day and every weekend. Neighbors stop by for a chat over a cup of tea. Garden lovers gathers for a gander at local botanical wonders. The village pub is bustling on Friday for fish and chips and a pint or three. There are always plenty of volunteers for community events. Children laugh and play at the village fete. The churches call. Horses and dogs (with their people) pass along the lanes. Donkeys bray and chickens cluck while the sheep baa in the fields.

I honestly couldn't think of a more idyllic place to call home. The sense of community is heartwarming and reminds me of what it means to be a good neighbor and feel connected.

Catherine  
07984 301 258

*PS—Thank you to the anonymous poet for being the first to submit your work. I look forward to receiving more poems for inclusion in the Poetry Page from you and others*

## An ‘Other’ Place June ‘24

I’ve been lucky enough to do a bit of travelling recently, some of it related to my academic work, some of it for leisure. One striking thing is how airports, only ever variations on a theme at any time, have become nearly the same all over the world. Not only do they contain the same signs and follow the same rules, with the shops and the same brands, but often a highly mobile workforce that crosses continents regularly.

The 21st Century has had a tendency to flatten everything. All over the world, even in places with very different political systems or religious allegiances. People wear the same clothes and listen to the same music. From buses in Armenia to trains in Zambia, I have witnessed people glued to the same smartphones are dominated by the same apps – the red and white of YouTube, blue and white of Facebook, orange and purple of Instagram. I see the same on the number 49 from Devizes to Trowbridge.

It can feel like everywhere has become like anywhere, yet we know that some places simply feel different, in some undefinable and timeless way. I often sense that at Avebury, especially in the quieter sites away from the village centre. Stonehenge can have this sense too, at least if one can manage to visit when the crowds aren’t around. Perhaps this is because of what happened there in the past, what intense emotions were felt there; from what little we genuinely know about those who built them, these were sites of intense devotion.

The great Christian places of pilgrimage often have that same, ineffable, sense of being somehow other. My most profound experience of this was at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem. At first, I found it an irritating place. I had hoped that getting there at 5.30 pm would dodge the crowds—but no such luck! Then out of the blue, something made the hair stand on the back of my neck, and I was moved almost to tears.

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We don't need to go as far as the Holy Land to find Christian holy places that overwhelm us with their sense of sanctity. Wells is somewhere that can, in the right light, feel like another world; its Cathedral is a place of great antiquity and holiness. It is a place where people often find rest from what troubles them and healing from what wounds them.

The Wellsprings Benefice is organising a pilgrimage to Wells on Wednesday 29 May, during half-term week. All are welcome to join us, whether or not they are churchgoers, whether or not they are Christians. We will have time for a picnic and to enjoy the city centre on market day, and a guided tour of the Cathedral, as well as time to pray together. The cost is £13.

Please contact the Benefice Administrator, Sarah Leckie, on 07516 224057 or [contact@wellspringsbenefice.co.uk](mailto:contact@wellspringsbenefice.co.uk) to book your place.

The Rev'd Gerry Lynch  
Rector

Wells Cathedral, Somerset





## WELLSPRINGS BENEFICE SERVICES

### JUNE 2024

#### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> (Trinity 1)

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Potterne
9:30am	Holy Communion	Worton
9:30am	Matins	Poulshot
11am	Holy Communion	Seend
11am	Morning Praise	Bulkington

#### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> (Trinity 2)

9:30am	Morning Praise	Worton
9:30am	Morning Praise	Bulkington
9:30am	Holy Communion	Poulshot
11am	Holy Communion	Potterne
6pm	Evensong	Seend

#### Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> (Trinity 3)

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Seend
9:30am	Holy Communion	Poulshot
9:30am	Holy Communion	Worton
11am	Holy Communion	Bulkington
11am	Holy Communion (with baptism)	Potterne

#### Friday 21<sup>st</sup>

3:30pm	Messy Church	Potterne Village Hall
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#### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> (Trinity 4)

9:30am	Family Service	Worton
11am	Holy Communion	Potterne
11am	Holy Communion	Seend
4pm	Evensong	Poulshot
6pm	Holy Communion	Bulkington

#### Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>

5pm	Celtic Service	Poulshot
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#### Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> (Trinity 5)

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Potterne
10:30am	Benefice Service on the Green	Poulshot Village Green
6pm	Deanery Choral Evensong	Potterne

#### Every Tuesday, 9am Said Matins at Poulshot

Churches are open for private prayer during the week.

Tuesday Group meets each week at 10am in Potterne. Call 723289 for details.

Please visit our website [www.wellspringsbenefice.co.uk](http://www.wellspringsbenefice.co.uk) for more details of all our services, latest updates and to keep in touch.

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**Ministry Team**

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Benefice Administrator:	Sarah Leckie	07516 224057

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**Church Registers**

**Weddings**

Shannen Palk and Ashley Olson on 10<sup>th</sup> May at Christ Church, Worton.

No baptisms or funerals this month.

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**KEITH (YORKIE) WRIGHT**

It's with great sadness Keith passed away peacefully at home on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2024 aged 85.

Keith along with his late wife Prim lived in the village for over 50 years and was known to everyone as someone who was always involved in village life, organizing, and helping wherever needed.

Along with Tony Walker and others no longer with us the Annual Flower Show was born, now known as the Annual Village Show it celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> this year.

Over the years he was involved with running the Swimming Club at Dauntsey School, Bingo in the Village Hall, a Speed Watch volunteer, pub Quiz Master and many other rolls. One being Master of Ceremonies at the Rose & Crown for Burns Night and St Georges Day evenings, he and Prim liked to dress up for these occasions, many will remember his Burns Night attire! Particularly the large paint brush used as his 'sporrán' —those were the days.

There is so much more he has given to this village over the years, a great social character, enjoyed life to the full, particularly a pint of Black Rat at the Rose & Crown.

He will be sorely missed by all who knew him. The end of an era.

From Mike and I, thanks for the memories x

Funeral arrangements: Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2024, Christ Church, Worton at 1.30pm

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## FROM CHRIST CHURCH

Our monthly Family Service is going well, with parents helping with the planning and presentation of the service together with the Minister for the day. The children all take an active part, and interact well with the adult congregation, and enjoy the refreshments after the service, always a very happy morning.

The Joint Christ Church and Five Lanes School Fete was a great success on a beautiful day, such a good Community get together. Thank you to all who helped and contributed in any way. A total of £ 1,160.74 was raised and shared evenly between the two organisations.

We have a very good relationship with the school with our Open The Book team doing the Collective Worship every other Friday, acting out Bible stories with some children joining the cast most times. They enjoy it and give some very enlightening answers at question time at the end.

The school also holds several services a year in church, including Easter, Christmas, Harvest, Remembrance and coming up soon, their leaver's service.

On the weekend of June 8/9<sup>th</sup>, the Village Gardens will be Open. This is always very popular, with so many visitors to the Village. We at Christ Church are hosting the teas, hopefully it will be a lovely weekend weatherwise as it was two years ago.

We would be very grateful for offers of cakes, and if you wish to go on a rota serving tea (and washing up!) that would be very welcome as well.

Looking forward a while, our next Community Café will be on Saturday 27th July.

If you remember last year we played croquet in the churchyard, weather permitting it may happen again!!

Heather and Jean, Churchwardens



## SERVICE CALENDAR

### June 2024

<b>Sun June 2nd</b>	TRINITY 1 9.30am.	CHRIST CHURCH Holy Communion
<b>Sun June 9th</b>	TRINITY 2 9.30am  6.00pm	CHRIST CHURCH Morning Praise <i>MARSTON CHAPEL</i> <i>Rev'd Gary Gotham</i>
<b>Sun June 16th</b>	TRINITY 3 9.30am	CHRIST CHURCH Holy Communion
<b>Sun June 23rd</b>	TRINITY 4 9.30am  6.00pm	CHRIST CHURCH Family Service <i>MARSTON CHAPEL</i> <i>Rev'd Gary Gotham</i>
<b>Sun June 30th</b>	TRINITY 5 No Service—Benefice Service is on The Green at Poulshot	CHRIST CHURCH

### July 2024

<b>Sun July 7th</b>	TRINITY 6 9.30am  6.00pm	CHRIST CHURCH Holy Communion <i>MARSTON CHAPEL</i> <i>Rev'd Gary Gotham</i>
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There were no weddings, funerals or baptisms at Christ Church during April

Visit the church website: [www.christchurchworton.org.uk](http://www.christchurchworton.org.uk)

### Worton United Charities

**REMINDER:** The Charity is able to offer some financial support to residents of Worton or Marston who are facing times of hardship. Please contact one of the Trustees named below.

Bill Francis, 07775616901  
Alison Cross, June Mason, Chris Nixon, Rev Gerry Lynch

All contacts or requests are dealt with in strictest confidence.

## VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Hello all,

On the 1st of May we had our annual elections, where all Trustees step down and are newly elected for another year. The newly elected Trustees for 2024/25 are as follows:

Lionel Dawson - Chair

Pauline Crisp - Treasurer and Booking Secretary

Joe Kidd - Secretary (and lead on the kitchen upgrade)

Pam Woods - Events coordination and cleaning oversight

Dave Pilbeam - Maintenance

Brian Badge - Trustee

Veronica Franklin stepped down as a co-opted trustee for grant funding, but she kindly agreed to remain as a volunteer to help with grant funding for the kitchen renewal.

Samatha Turk also kindly agreed to provide some volunteer help for social media posting around the various local FaceBook groups.

### EVENTS

In early May we ran a Rummage Sale with tea/coffee and some amazing home-made cakes. It was a beautiful day and drew more than we expected. We even had to put out some extra tables and chairs. This raised £140 towards the kitchen fund. Thank you, everything helps!

We also ran a rather special Bingo Night on the 18th. What an event! The hall was packed to the gills, and I experienced one of the things I envisaged when we moved back to the UK; thriving village communities, which can come together and have fun. It seems to be quite unique these days and something to enjoy and protect.

At the end everyone, unexpectedly, pitched in to clear up leaving the Trustees with little to do!

Special thanks to the people who made it happen: The callers Douglas, and Barry with his musical bingo and entertainment (he had the place rocking!), plus helpers Pauline (numbers recorder) and Sarah (card check runner). The main prize at the end was won by Sally Collins; BINGO on the song Mustang Sally! How fitting! 😊

Tallying up the finances, I'm told that at just over £346.00 net profit, it was the most we ever made on a Bingo Night. Given the fun had by all, we'll look to hold another before the end of the year!

### MAINTENANCE

As noted above, Dave Pilbeam has transitioned from maintenance volunteer, to being a full Trustee. He has started on the list of items on hand. Remember, he has a dedicated maintenance email to communicate any issues to him: [wmvhmaintenance@yahoo.com](mailto:wmvhmaintenance@yahoo.com).

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### GENERAL IMPROVEMENT PLANS

We will, over the course of the next few months, start to improve some of the outside look of the building, including things like repainting the railings. At this point, I'd like to thank Alison Parker from the Gardening Club for replanting the wooden tubs on the front, they look great. Also, the grass cutting rota has kicked in again and it looks very trim!

In order to provide a better entertainment space, we are looking at installing a drop-down screen and ceiling projector. This will be much better for group presentations and potentially some film nights - watch this space!

Having attended some Village Hall networking events, we are probably the only hall that doesn't have internet and WiFi service. At this time the funding for this is in question, but we will look into the options for low cost or sponsored internet service.

### KITCHEN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The project had stalled for a couple of months while we got the scaled down plans drawn up and re-tendered for the new work. As of this report, we are expecting to review the new tender responses on the 27th and hopefully we can then make some better progress.

### WEBSITE HELP

The Village Hall website (<https://www.wortonmarstonvillagehall.org.uk/>) has been updated with some of the basics, but I am personally in need of some help to upload and link all the new legal documents. For example, the hiring pack and statutory safety information, etc.

So, if you are web build savvy and are willing to volunteer a little of your time, I would be very grateful to hear from you. Please contact [wmvhchair@yahoo.com](mailto:wmvhchair@yahoo.com) or call me on 07385 162999

Once again thank you to all for your support. For bookings please connect with Pauline Crisp at [dpcrisp@uwclub.net](mailto:dpcrisp@uwclub.net), or myself at [wmvhchair@yahoo.com](mailto:wmvhchair@yahoo.com)

Thank you for your support

*Lionel Dawson*

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*on behalf of the Trustees*



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Pauline (720248) or any other Trustee

### POLITE REQUEST

Please could we kindly request those villagers who use the parking spaces outside the village hall, which have historically been used for the users of the Village Hall and Church, to park vertically to the hedge rather than horizontally, especially on a Tuesday when there is a double booking in the hall.

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# Worton and Marston Open Gardens

8th & 9th June 2024

12pm - 5pm

Tickets available from Worton Village Hall, SN10 5SE

Suggested donation of £5 per adult

Children free

Teas at the Church in Worton

Market Stalls

Plant Stall





# The West Lavington Village Fete

## SATURDAY 6th JULY

### from 2pm

The West Lavington Village Fete is back on **Saturday July 6th**, from 2pm on the Village Playing Field. There will be all the popular attractions at the Fete, including the **Fun Family Dog Show** (“the best run in the area!”), a **Bouncy Castle** and the fantastic **Grand Prize Draw**, plus children’s games and lots of stalls. Parking and entry is free!

To keep you entertained and refreshed throughout the afternoon there will be music from the **Amesbury Town Band** and dancing from the **Devizes Morris Dancers**, plus homemade teas from the WI in the Village Hall, and a drinks tent.

Why not enter your faithful friend in the West Lavington Fete **Dog Show!** Entries cost just £3 per class and will be taken at the Fete on the day and throughout from 2pm. The first Class starts at 2.30pm. There are eight classes:

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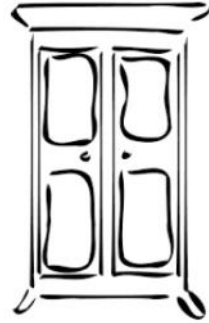
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### Dauntsey's Choral Society

Dauntsey's Choral Society's  
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**Friday 7th June @7.30pm**  
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Contact Anne at [anne@edingtonarts.org](mailto:anne@edingtonarts.org) or Chrissy on 01380 831256 if you need any help.



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# Potterne Church and Community FETE

Commemorating the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D Day

Saturday 1st June

Commencing 1 pm

Little Mill Field, Mill Road, SN10 5ND

*featuring*

Dog Show Duck Races

Grand Draw Bottle Tombola

Licenced Bar Barbecue

Tea & Cakes Plants Gifts

Pre-Loved Stall (books, toys, puzzles, games)

Games & Sideshows

Showcasing of Community Groups







## The Mathieson Music Trust

WHO members, Soprano Barbara Gompels, Mezzo Soprano Paula Boyagis, Tenor Carlos Alonso together with pianist Tony James join forces with international cellist **Anup Biswas** for a special musical concert to raise money for the Mathieson Trust in Kolkata India which celebrates its 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

The evening will take place on 15<sup>th</sup> June at Market Lavington Community Hall starting at 6pm with a home cooked Indian meal followed by a range of musical delights from opera to songs from the shows.

The Mathieson Music Trust – The Mathieson Mission School was established in 1994, by Maestro Anup Kumar Biswas, it is a registered charity and was set up in memory of his guru, Father Theodore Mathieson, an Anglican priest from England. Father Mathieson of the Oxford Mission dedicated his entire life to the poor children of Bengal. After Mathieson's death in 1994, Mr Biswas became his torchbearer, aiming to emulate his work and morals by helping children from the poorest families. Mr Biswas wanted to give the opportunities he received through Father Mathieson's generosity, to other children coming from impoverished backgrounds like his own. For 30 years, Mr. Biswas has singlehandedly fundraised globally for the trust through concerts, classes, workshops, and other such events. Some key performances were in the presence of the late Queen Elizabeth II of England and King Charles III; the venues Mr Biswas has performed in range from the Royal Albert Hall (UK), The Carnegie Hall (USA), Commonwealth Institute (UK) and the Bayreuth Opera House (Germany) to name a few. The funds raised from these events have paid for the construction of the school buildings and their maintenance, resources, and teaching of the children.

**We warmly invite you to join us in celebrating the anniversary of The Mathieson Music Trust and all its accomplishments in the last 30 years. Donations will be gratefully accepted on the night but tickets are needed for numbers for catering purposes, they are available from Devizes Books and by emailing: [who-enquiries@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:who-enquiries@hotmail.co.uk)**

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POETRY PAGE

**Misfortune**

I'm a butterfly,  
and their life is short, they say;  
and the wind is strong and gusty,  
so I'm battered every way.

But I want to live my life  
quite fully  
and take advantage of each hour,  
and do the best I can,  
avoiding every shower.

I want to enjoy  
the short spell that I'm allowed,  
give pleasure too  
to others  
as I dance among the flowers.

Is that my misfortune  
or just the way things be?  
Should I be sad and lonely?  
But I'm not,  
I'm glad,

I'm free.

24 September 2019  
and the aftermath of Hurricane Humberto

*Anonymous Villager*





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	<b>Lunch time opening</b>	<b>Evening opening</b>
Monday	Closed	6pm -11pm
Tuesday	Closed	6pm -11pm
Wednesday	Closed	6pm -11pm
Thursday	Closed	6pm -11pm
Friday	Closed	6pm -11.30pm
Saturday	12.00 - 2.30	6pm -11.30pm
Sunday	12.00 - 2.30	7pm-10pm

Rolls and sandwiches available.

We have a pool table, darts and skittles.

We have a quiz on the last Sunday of every month.



# BOOK SWAP



**Saturday 15th June**  
 (NB 3rd Sat to avoid clash with Open Gardens)  
**10:00am—12 noon**  
 Park Farm House  
 39 High Street, Worton  
 (hosted by Judy Shercliff)



**Saturday 13th July**  
 (back to 2nd Saturday as normal)  
**10:00am—12 noon**  
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Hope to see you at one of these events – busy village! Come & join us.

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Also, a big thank you to Tony McQuaid who stepped in for me at short notice as Quiz Master due to unforeseen circumstances.

Pam Woods (Quiz Mistress)

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## WORTON AND MARSTON GARDEN CLUB

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And cuckoo-buds of yellow hue  
Do paint the meadows with delight,  
–William Shakespeare (1564–1616)*

We are looking forward to hosting Worton and Marston open Gardens on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of June. This is a lovely way to spend a few hours wandering round some lovely gardens getting ideas, having tea and cake at the church and just enjoying a relaxing afternoon. It is an event that raised money for both Julia's House Children's Hospice and Village Causes. The church does lovely teas and raises money for the church. Two years ago we were able to make donations to the Toddler group, Worton and Marston Brownies and The Village Hall fund.

We are very grateful to all our Garden owners who have kindly agreed to open their private gardens for this event and our team of volunteers without whom, we could not do this. Please come and support us.

We also have some lovely Market stalls and a plant stall.

### Upcoming events

#### NGS open Gardens

Lots of lovely gardens open throughout the county. [www.ngs.org.uk](http://www.ngs.org.uk)

#### Garden Club

On June 17<sup>th</sup> the garden club will visit some of our own village gardens.

In July, we will have our annual BBQ, a lovely social event. New members and visitors are always welcome.

Best wishes,  
Alison Parker

[aelparker@aol.com](mailto:aelparker@aol.com)

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## WORTON AND MARSTON VILLAGE SHOW

We trust you all have the date for this years show, our golden anniversary, in your diaries but just in case, it will be held on **Saturday 31st August** in the Village Hall.

It's been a difficult year for getting seeds to germinate and grow, too cold and wet, but as the temperature is improving so plants are starting to grow. For the vegetables and fruit classes, most things will need to be in the ground by the time the magazine comes out. One thing that you can plant now is gladiolus. They reckon it takes about 100 days from sowing to flowering. We think that gladiolus are one of the stars of the exhibition benches. If you have not planted seeds, I am sure there will be lots of places selling young plants you can grow on. To enter most classes you only need a few veg or flowers so for those without big gardens, you can grow things in all sorts of containers on the patio, etc.

We thought we would point you to a few of the new classes in the show and some of the less popular ones. Climbing French beans is new this year. I think they are easier than the dwarf variety and if kept fed and watered, will produce a lot of produce. For those who keep chickens, we have added a class of four hen eggs in the home produce section. And we have added a second flower arrangement, this one is 'open' so there is no restriction on size, composition, including frames or other materials.

And what about having a go at the planted pot. The pot can be up to 18 inches in diameter and can include up to 6 varieties of plants. Of the 6 varieties there are no restrictions on the number of plants so you can be quite artistic.

For the show this year we hope to have a marquee so the space for exhibiting entries will be increased. So as always the more entries the merrier we will be.

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Bill Francis

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## WORTON & MARSTON LADIES GROUP

Normally we meet the last Wednesday of the month, but in April we met early for our trip to the Wharf Theatre. I was then able to report on this in last month's Bridge magazine, so as we haven't had a meeting since I have nothing to report.

Our next meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> May we welcome Jenny Groome from the neighbourhood policing team responsible for Worton, a chance for us to air any concerns. Husbands or anyone wishing to come along will be most welcome. Hosts Jane & Evelyn.

Looking ahead to the 26<sup>th</sup> June we have a craft evening with Karen Hurley demonstrating 'Wet Felting' I have my doubts any husbands will be wishing to join us on that evening! Hosts Jenny & Pat.

Advance notice, 31<sup>st</sup> July we have a representative from the RNLI giving a talk, which I'm sure will be of interest to many others, so please make a note of the date, all will be welcome.

Pam Woods  
01380 726679

## VILLAGE HALL 200 CLUB

**£50** 200 Club winner for **MAY: JUNE MASON** from Worton.  
Congratulations.

Pam Woods  
Administrator, Worton & Marston Village Hall Trustee  
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## FIVE LANES WI

For our May meeting, we were treated to an evening learning about local history. Our group paid a visit to Devizes Museum, part of Wiltshire Museum where we enjoyed tea/coffee and delicious cake followed by an informative and very interesting talk and tour by the very knowledgeable, experienced, David Dawson (the Museum's Director).

Firstly, he explained about the history of the museum. It's amazing to think it has been there since 1874 and is displaying artefacts over 25 different floor levels.

We were then given an insight into the Neolithic galleries through to the Saxons also encompassing the early and later Bronze Age. Included within these were local barrows and finds from archaeological digs, collections of gold and important humans in local history. They even have a chieftain's dagger where the bronze blade is decorated with 140,000 gold studs!

We all learnt an immense amount of history which was so enjoyable and gave us all some food for thought! Our host was definitely an expert with so many facts to share. Our thanks go to David for such a fabulous evening.

For June, we have our Garden visit on **Wednesday 12th June at West Lavington Manor** (a C15 Manor House with 5 acre walled garden) at the earlier time of **6pm**. Car sharing would be suggested with parking in White Street, opposite the Manor on the A360 in West Lavington. We will take our own refreshments.

Julie Stoner  
07753616700

### Devizes & District Foodbank

Collection box for  
donations in Christ Church



With the cost of living rising and more families than ever asking for support from our local foodbank, we have set up a donation box at the back of Christ Church. The Devizes & District Foodbank is very grateful for any non-perishable items that you are able to donate. Perhaps you could consider popping in with one small item each week to put in the box, such as a tin of tomatoes, a sachet of instant mash or a bottle of shampoo. All donations are much appreciated.



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## MESSAGE FROM OUR WILTSHIRE COUNCILLOR

### Continued Focus on Highways – June 2024

I hear from Residents and Parish Councils that Highways and Transport are the top issues locally and I am continuing to make the case at Wiltshire Council for more funding and for more schemes to take forward. As well as the funding settlement the Council receives from the Department for Transport (more details are in the graphic below) Wiltshire Council is making additional investment from its own budget including £1m (over 3 years) for gully cleaning to prevent flooding, £600,000 (over 3 years) for painting white lines and £500,000 for litter removal.



As always, please report any maintenance issues on the My Wilts app so that they can be addressed by Highways Engineers. You may also wish to sign up for Wiltshire Council email newsletters where you can select the topics you are interested in hearing about.

[Wiltshire News preference form \(mailchi.mp\)](https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/news-preference-form)

I'm pleased that there has been progress at Black Dog - Wiltshire Council is trialling an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO) on the little spur road from the Worton Road, as there is evidence that some motorists use this spur road as a short cut to then turn south on the A360 and this has contributed to the issues at the crossroads. This trial scheme will look at whether closing this road reduces collisions and if there is an impact on the surrounding network. The trial scheme will include an exemption for access into the adjacent fields, but through movement by motor vehicles will not be permitted.

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A barrier will be installed at the junction of the A360 and C20 spur road and signage will warn drivers of no through access. This trial is the first stage of improvements to the crossroads; whilst negotiations continue to secure the land to enable the Council to realign the junction at the crossroads.

I am continuing to make the case for improvements at Bell Crossroads and I am supporting Seend Parish Council with an application to reduce the speed on the A361 through The Stocks. I am also supporting Worton Parish Council with the application to the Local Highways and Footpaths Improvement Group for more traffic calming and pedestrian measures in Worton High Street and Potterne Parish Council with an application for a 20mph limit in Whistley Road.

Since I was elected, I have championed cycling and walking opportunities too – and I have led the development of a Local Walking and Cycling Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP), which is a prioritised plan for improvements and enables funding to be secured for new walking and cycling paths. You can read the Devizes LCWIP at [Devizes LCWIP Final.pdf \(wiltshire.gov.uk\)](https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/devizes-lcwip-final.pdf)

Whilst these projects do take some time to work through the Highways & Transport system, I will do my very best, along with your Parish Councils to champion the initiatives which will help make our villages safer and even better places to live. If you have an idea for a Highways or Transport scheme, please do speak with your Parish Council and drop me an email.

Tamara Reay

Wiltshire Councillor for Devizes Rural West.

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## WORTON PARISH COUNCIL

### **Councillor Appointments**

I'll begin by passing on the news that I had the honour of being unanimously appointed as Chair for the next year, with Richard Slack also unanimously supported as Vice Chair. Incidentally, you may have noticed that there were no council elections for us this time round. It's our turn next year when all the current Councillors stand down and then put their names forward again if they wish to stand for election. Often there are fewer applicants than positions available (currently nine) but if there were a larger number of applicants an election would take place.

### **New Housing Development**

I'm not used to the dynamic world of journalism, but, for the first time, I can include a STOP PRESS announcement. Arguably, the most important decision we made at our May meeting was the selection of "Primrose View" as our submission for the naming of the new Housing development and I can confirm that Wiltshire Council have confirmed that this WILL be the name for the new development, which is wonderful news. I understand that Keith was able to give his full support to the idea and that it gave him considerable pleasure to know that Prim had been so much at the heart of our village that we wanted her to be remembered in this way. Whilst, sadly, we seem to have lost far too many village stalwarts and "characters" recently, all of whom have left their mark, it feels appropriate to honour the Wrights in this way as they together made such a difference for so long.

We were pleased that there were other strong suggestions that were given due consideration. It was particularly interesting to learn of the historical significance of the name "Noah" and we have some ideas about how that might become associated with the development as well.

### **Traffic Flow**

Still with the new housing development, as I write we have begun to experience the impact of the site access arrangements to traffic flow. Whilst some disruption is inevitable, specific safety concerns have been communicated which we have raised with the developers urgently when we became aware of them. As the work progresses, please contact Jules ([clerk@worton.org.uk](mailto:clerk@worton.org.uk)) if you have any concerns, who can point you in the right direction or follow up on your behalf as appropriate.

### **Affordable Housing Application**

I have been in discussion with White Horse Housing who will be managing the allocation and management of the affordable housing that will be part of the new development. I have been assured that the village, in the form of the Parish Council, will be able to have a major role in allocation decisions in order to ensure that applicants who are directly linked to the village have priority. We will give you more information about the process at an appropriate time.

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### **Transport / Road Safety**

Cllr. Slack has been doing sterling work on our behalf, liaising with the LHFIF on transport/road safety issues. As I have explained before, this is an excellent way of getting financial support for improvements to our benefit but is something of a “long game” as money is limited and there is always a range of projects competing for the same limited pot. We have decided, following advice, that, at the present time, a reduction of the speed limit on the eastern approach to the village isn't viable for a combination of financial and practical issues. However, the provision of a new marked crossing place, combined with measures to slow traffic movement through the village, looks like a better plan and will be pursued at future meetings with a realistic hope of success. More detail as and when appropriate.

### **Best Kept Village**

Those in attendance at the Annual Parish Meeting will be aware of our decision to enter the Best Kept Village competition next year. Malcolm's “Wellys” will form an important part of the on-going preparations and it would be good to see plenty of support on June 1st when the next session is scheduled. Whilst we were giving some thought to what the priorities should be, we considered our rather uninspiring bus stops (as raised at the Parish Meeting). There were some interesting ideas which we will look into further.

### **Jubilee Walkway**

One on-going project that we have moved forward with is the positioning of one of the Worton Jubilee Walkway plaques. Cllr. Goodenough has put her heart and soul into this project and has been frustrated by just how difficult it has proved to position a plaque. I'm hoping that, by the time of publication, it will be in place and all will be happy with the location. We will then look to move forward with the production of a village trail based on the walkway in good time to be a part of the welcome to our new residents as the housing is completed.

### **Worton Charities**

I'd also like to recommend that as many as possible drop in at the Worton Charities event on June 12th in the Village Hall which Bill Francis gave details of at the Annual Parish Meeting, concerning a possible housing development on some of the land that the Charity is responsible for. This would be a significant development for the village and it's important that as large a number as possible are aware of the details and able to form an opinion. Please also refer to the submission on page 46 that gives more details.

Your Councillors



## MARSTON PARISH COUNCIL

This will be the last year in office for a few of The Marston Parish Council members. The positions will become vacant in April 2025. Council members serve four year terms and attend approximately five meetings per year.

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Marston Parish Councillors



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A number of jobs have been put forward so far, including:

- Strimming the footpath from Sandlease to the Church
- Strimming the footpaths joining the High Street to the footpath
- Making a path (by mowing a strip of grass) down Sandlease Bank into King Charles Copse
- Clearing weeds etc. from the base of the young trees in King Charles Copse
- Strimming and mowing around the established trees of Sandlease Bank
- Clearing the hedge of bramble and dead wood opposite the Village Hall in Church Lane to improve the parking
- Widening the pavement alongside the school to the village hall by removing excess grass that is growing over the existing tarmac

Any work that is not completed will be carried forward to the next maintenance day on Saturday 3rd August.

If you see a job that needs doing around the village then please let us know on Worton Parish Council Facebook Page.

Many Thanks

Cllr Malcolm Powell

**Worton Community Speedwatch – June 2024**

(Speedwatch sessions are of 45 minutes duration)

Wiltshire Police were again in the village during April conducting speed checks.

No report of any offenders this time but it is a reminder to passing traffic that they are around.

The table shows the results of our sessions for April.

Bob Mitchell

<b>Worton Community Speedwatch Figures for April 2024</b>					
<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Vehicles</b>	<b>Total 30MPH+</b>	<b>Vehicles Reported</b>	<b>Max Speed</b>
Tuesday 16th	08.30 - 09.15	337	9	1	36
Tuesday 16th	14.00 - 14.30	132	4	1	37
Wednesday 17th	08.45 - 09.30	287	6	0	
Wednesday 17th	14.30 - 15.15	342	26	4	37
Thursday 18th	08.00 - 08.30	461	18	3	38
Thursday 18th	15.30 - 16.15	403	22	4	39
Friday 19th	09.00 - 09.45	313	21	3	39
Friday 19th	15.30 - 16.15	373	23	6	37
Sessions: 8	Average: 331	2648	129	22	
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Please direct any immediate questions to Bill Francis (Chair of WUC Trustees, [dfrancis162@btinternet.com](mailto:dfrancis162@btinternet.com)) or Nick Church (Gaiger Bros Ltd, [nick@gaigerbros.co.uk](mailto:nick@gaigerbros.co.uk))

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## FLOWER OF THE MONTH



***Honeysuckle***  
(*Lonicera periclymenum*)

There are many variations on the beloved fragrant honeysuckle. It can grow as a shrub or vine and the flowers range from white, to yellow, to pastel pink, to vibrant pink, and reds. They are a member of the Caprifoliaceae family and are native to the Northern hemisphere with some species coming from China, Japan, Europe, India, and America. The most common species is the *Lonicera periclymenum*, named after the German botanist, Adam Lonicer.

The name ‘honeysuckle’ is derived from the Middle English word honeysouke, which translates to ‘honey suck’. It is believed they were named from children’s tendency to pick the blossom and suck out the sweet nectar from the flowers. They thrive in full sun and well-draining soil, so not great for our thick clay soil. They work well in pots trained up garden walls or trellis. The sweet fragrance of the flowers are an irresistible attraction to butterflies and bees.

Historically, honeysuckle has held a place in both ceremonial as well as medicinal circles. The Druids used symbols of honeysuckle in the Cetic alphabet to represent joy and happiness. While in China, honeysuckle is traditionally thought to promote positive emotions—probably due to their lovely scent.

Honeysuckle can often be found adorning the entryway of homes. It is believed this is to create a feeling of nostalgia and to honour those who have died. According to legends, planting honeysuckle near the home would keep away negativity and protect one from evil spirits.

Herbalists may use honeysuckle in their treatment of a number of ailments—digestive disorders, respiratory issues, and headaches. Additionally, it has been used to treat arthritis, rashes, skin disease and even snake bites.

(sources: *almanac.com*, *woodlandtrust.org.uk*)



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Please contact me at [tamara.reay@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:tamara.reay@wiltshire.gov.uk) or 07711 824864 for more information.

Kind regards

# Five Lanes CE VC Primary School



We are very excited to be back in The Bridge so we can keep you all updated with the news here at Five Lanes. A lot has been happening and so we apologise if anything is missed off.

What we've been up to:

- We exhibited at the Flower and Produce show at the village hall
- We welcomed children aged 2-4 years old to stay and play on multiple dates
- Attended Harvest Festival at Christ Church and donated items to Devizes Food Bank
- Elder class (years 4,5 and 6) participated in a Tag Rugby Festival and a Netball Festival, Year 3 and 4 girls took part in a Football Festival on International Women's Day
- We supported Children In Need, the NSPCC with Number Day and raised awareness on World Haemophilia Day:



- At Christmas we enjoyed a whole school trip to the pantomime in Salisbury. We had Christmas dinner at school, Key Stage 1 put on the Nativity at Christ Church, and Key Stage 2 sang carols by candlelight. We also collected items over the 12 days of Christmas for Devizes and District Food Bank

- In February we had a Bingo night
- Our dance club (all ages) participated in a dance show at Dauntsey's School and were amazing
- World Book Day
- Easter Bunny Hop and Easter Service

Ongoing:

- Forest School
- Our Gardening Club continues and huge thanks to Worton and Marston Gardening Club for their help
- We love visits from Open The Book
- Our new Trim Trail is proving lots of fun
- We also have Art Club, Cricket Club, and Hit! Catch! Throw! Club

Thank you to all those who came to the Summer Fete!  
We hope you had as much fun as we did.





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We had a very busy May, packed with lots of fun activities, especially our Maypole dancing. The children enjoyed this so much, we will be using the Maypole again on one of our summer visits to Hilary's garden.

We started June with a visit to Emily, to see all of her animals. The children always thoroughly enjoy this visit. Our thanks to Emily for hosting this special treat.

This was followed by an 'under the sea' themed week when the children made jellyfish and octopi. Kites came next, we were all hoping for a windy morning. Unfortunately, we weren't lucky but I am sure the children will get an opportunity another day.

Finally, the children experimented with making their own ice cream. This they found great fun, especially when they sat down to enjoy it at snack time. Needless to say, some of them sampled theirs while making it!

## **Date for your diary**

Summer term ends on Wednesday 24th July



## 1<sup>st</sup> Worton & Marston Brownies

I cannot express the huge sadness with which I am writing this. After 45 years of Guiding in Worton, through Brownies, Guides, Young Leadership, and as the Unit Leader, I have had to make the very difficult decision to try and find someone else to run 1<sup>st</sup> Worton & Marston Brownie Unit. Unfortunately the other two leaders will also be stepping down.

We have been sharing recruitment advertisements on social media in the hope that it would interest someone to enquire but as yet we have not had any luck. If you or anyone you know may be interested in a fun, fulfilling Volunteer role, please do get in touch. We really do not want the unit to close after being established for 60 years this June and we will do our utmost to ensure this doesn't happen.

We will stay in our roles until the Summer Holidays. After that, if we have not found a new leadership team, the unit will be closed. We really hope that it doesn't come to that.

I thank each and every parent that has supported us over the years and most of all the Brownies who have given me so much back by their enthusiasm to come to Brownies each week.

If you would like some information about Girlguiding and what Brownies do these days, please check out the website:

<https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/become-a-volunteer>

<https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/what-we-do/brownies>

Or you can contact me direct for a chat - Vicky Earley  
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This term, Lavington Guides are having fun doing lots of activities from cooking to crafting, and learning about European Countries. They are even taking part in Archery competitions.

We've got lots of community activities too, including Potterne Church and Community fete on the 1st of June.



Please drop Emma a message if you'd like to join us for a taster session or to find out more info

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## June

*Far up in the deep blue sky,  
Great white clouds are floating by;  
All the world is dressed in green;  
Many happy birds are seen,  
Roses bright and sunshine clear  
Show that lovely June is here.*

*F.G. Sanders*





## WORTON & MARSTON BUS SCHEDULE MONDAY THRU FRIDAY

BUS SERVICES WEEK DAYS	76	76	77	BUS SERVICE WEEK DAYS	77	76	76
Worton Village Hall (E-bound)	10:14	12:54	15:58	Worton Village Hall (E-bound)		12:25	14:25s
Worton Rose and Crown (E-bound)	10:14	12:54	15:58	Worton Rose and Crown (E-bound)		12:26	14:26s
Worton Sandleaze (E-bound)	10:16	12:56	15:59	Worton Sandleaze (E-bound)		12:27	14:27s
Worton Sandleaze (W-bound)	10:16	12:56		Worton Sandleaze (W-bound)	07:49	12:27	14:27s
Worton Rose and Crown (W-bound)	10:17	12:57		Worton Rose and Crown (W-bound)	07:49	12:28	14:28s
Worton Village Hall (W-bound)	10:18	12:58		Worton Village Hall (W-bound)	07:50	12:29	14:29s
Marston Norney Bridge (S-bound)	10:20	13:00		Marston Norney Bridge (S-bound)		12:30s	14:30s
Marston The Green (NW-bound)	10:23	13:03		Marston The Green (NW-bound)		12:33s	14:33s
Marston Norney Bridge (N-bound)	10:24	13:04		Marston Norney Bridge (N-bound)		12:33s	14:33s

## SATURDAYS

BUS SERVICES SATURDAYS	76	76	BUS SERVICE SATURDAYS	76	76
Worton Village Hall (E-bound)	10:19	12:54	Worton Village Hall (E-bound)	12:35	14:40
Worton Rose and Crown (E-bound)	10:20	12:54	Worton Rose and Crown (E-bound)	12:36	14:41
Worton Sandleaze (E-bound)	10:21	12:56	Worton Sandleaze (E-bound)	12:37	14:42
Worton Sandleaze (W-bound)	10:21	12:56	Worton Sandleaze (W-bound)	12:37	14:42
Worton Rose and Crown (W-bound)	10:22	12:57	Worton Rose and Crown (W-bound)	12:38	14:43
Worton Village Hall (W-bound)	10:23	12:58	Worton Village Hall (W-bound)	12:39	14:44
Marston Norney Bridge (S-bound)	10:25	13:00	Marston Norney Bridge (S-bound)	12:40s	14:45s
Marston The Green (NW-bound)	10:29	13:04	Marston The Green (NW-bound)	12:43s	14:48s
Marston Norney Bridge (N-bound)	10:30	13:05	Marston Norney Bridge (N-bound)	12:43s	14:48s

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**WORTON and MARSTON GARDENING CLUB**

Our June meeting is a visit to the Peto Garden at Iford Manor on Monday 20th, meeting there just before 7 pm. If anyone requires transport or is unsure of directions, please ring Barry Darling on 724473 or Margaret Birtwistle on 724827.

*Margaret Birtwistle*

**WORTON and MARSTON W.I.**

The President, Mrs Babs Stockwell, welcomed members, guests and Mrs Sylvia Thompson, a V.C.O., to the May meeting of Worton and Marston W.I. held in the Village Hall on 10th May.

A birthday cake was presented to Mrs Olive Strong who had recently celebrated her 80th birthday. Mrs Strong then thanked members for the cake, and also the card and rosebush she had received on her birthday.

Mrs Sylvia Thompson then guided us through the resolutions, which encouraged some lively discussion.

The vote of thanks was given by Mrs Babs Stockwell.

The raffle was won by Mrs Eileen Newby, and the competition, which was a quiz this month, was won by Mrs Christine Purchas.

Next month's meeting is a visit to Starfall Pottery, near Chippenham. Would members please meet at the village hall by 6.30pm. Further donations for the tombola would also be appreciated.

*Margaret Elliott*

**LADIES GROUP**

We had a most enjoyable visit to the Wharf Theatre on 5th May to see "Stepping Out" - a most amusing and at times sobering look at a motley group of people learning to tap dance. 23 of us went which comprised a quarter of the total audience. Well worth a visit for anyone who has never been there.

*Sarah Fuller*

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**Forthcoming Events**

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Mondays & Thursdays 3:30pm-4:30pm
- **Ladies Group**  
Last Wednesday 8pm (not Aug/Dec)
- **Women's Institute**  
10<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Village Hall
- **Worton Toddler Group**  
Wednesday 10.00 am - Noon
- **1st Worton & Marston Brownies**  
Tuesdays 6pm-7.30pm
- **Potterne Rainbows**  
Tuesdays 4.45pm-5.45pm
- **Worton Parish Council Meeting**  
1st Monday (not Aug) or as shown on notice boards

**In the Chapel at Marston**

- **Marston Meditation**  
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- **Marston Parish Council Meeting**  
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- 12<sup>th</sup> WI
- 17<sup>th</sup> Garden Club

**Kerbside Collections  
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**Worton & Marston**

**Black box and Blue lidded  
bin recycling:**

Tuesdays 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>

**Household waste:**

Thursdays 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>

**Garden waste:**

Fridays 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>

**Kerbside Collections  
in June**

**Close Lane, Marston**

**Black box and Blue lidded  
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Tuesdays 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>

**Household waste:**

Thursday 13th & 27th



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