

# The Bridge



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# THE BRIDGE

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## A Note From the Editor

The days are drawing in and the leaves are gathering in the gullies. That can only mean that it's November and, more importantly, Christmas is less than two months away! As you read through this months edition you will find all the festive holiday notices. There are holiday markets where you can find that special someone something unique. Enter the Christmas tree decorating celebration and contribute to a good cause while having a good laugh.

And with Christmas comes mince pies, mulled wine, and holiday parties. I think that is my favourite part of the holiday season. All those lovely (yummy) treats shared with family and friends.

I'm looking forward to the cooler weather when I can put all my scarves to good use...let's just say I have a scarf for every occasion and a girl can never have too many.

Wishing everyone in Worton & Marston a healthy and happy start to another wonderful holiday season.

Catherine  
07984 301 258



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## PASTORAL LETTER

### The view from my window

It's that time of year again. Yesterday the rain fell without ceasing; in our little village there was consternation about flooding, and we all know what has been happening in the US weatherwise.

Glorious October, depressing November; All saints and All souls and by contrast the time when we particularly remember man's inhumanity to man. Life is full of such paradoxes; the situation in the world today leaves us scratching our heads in disbelief. Why Oh Why do people kill each other when we all know what pain that causes? I find that the people I meet in my everyday life don't want to talk about it anymore. I think we are all stumped and it seems we can do nothing about it and the horror of thinking about all those little children being killed is too overwhelming. "It was ever thus" is a phrase I do hear; and indeed, that is so. Certainly, the battles we read about in the Old Testament are truly gruesome, but we only have to look to our own history to find that horrendous wars went on in this country for generations. Was the 2<sup>nd</sup> world war any different? I think perhaps it was in that a great evil stalked the land and threatened to destroy the world and that evil had to be stopped; the argument for a just war, I think. Some may agree, some may not. The obvious question is where is God in all this?

I think he is weeping. I think the reason Jesus came to this world when he did was to actually show us and to demonstrate to us that killing and destruction is tragic and wrong, and that it is imperative that we forgive, not just wishful thinking. If we do not, wars will continue, and families will be torn apart and children will grow up not only with broken limbs but broken souls.

Souls! All Souls. That brings me back to where I started. 30<sup>th</sup> October when rather than thinking of ghouls and things that go bump in the night, we look to the health of our own souls, and we think back to the souls of all those people who have died, and I believe gone to heaven.

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I believe that all things and all people come from our one creator, and it's to him that we return, having shed the evil bits along the way, and so it is as saints that we go forward, because God forgives if we let him.

So, when you attend the Remembrance Day services, and as you remember the brave men and women of the past, remember to the brave men and women of the future; the children who will have to make sense of all this and the children who with God's help will seek after justice and peace.

Pray for them.  
Jane Knowles

### **Worton United Charities**

The Charity continues to offer financial support to individuals resident in Worton or Marston who are experiencing difficulties. Over recent times, however, we have had fewer requests. Whilst it may be gratifying that such suffering is reduced, we remain keen to help as we have done over many years. We have recently given significant sums to Christ Church, Five Lanes School and the village hall, all organisations who play very important roles in providing support, care and other vital services to local people.

As Trustees of the Charity, we try and keep an overall awareness of the whole range of groups and organisations providing some sort of care, support or activity that enhances the wellbeing of local residents. If you are involved in such groups and would welcome some financial support, please get in touch.

If anyone would like to know more about our work, we are always happy to give more details.

Thank you,

The Trustees

Bill Francis ([dfrancis162@btinternet.com](mailto:dfrancis162@btinternet.com)), June Mason, Alison Cross,  
Chris Nixon, Revd Gerry Lynch



## WELLSPRINGS BENEFICE SERVICES

### NOVEMBER 2024

#### Friday 1<sup>st</sup> (All Saints Day)

11am All Saints Service Seend

#### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> (All Saints)

8am Communion (BCP) Potterne  
 9:30am Communion Worton  
 9:30am Matins (BCP) Poulshot  
 11am Communion Potterne  
 11am Communion Seend  
 4pm All Souls Service Bulkington  
 4pm All Souls Service Worton

#### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> (Remembrance Sunday)

8am Communion (BCP) Seend  
 10:50am Remembrance Service Bulkington  
 10:50am Remembrance Service Potterne  
 10:50am Remembrance Service Poulshot  
 10:50am Remembrance Service Seend  
 10:50am Remembrance Service Worton  
 6pm Evening Communion Potterne

#### Friday 15<sup>th</sup>

3:30pm Messy Church Potterne Village Hall

#### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> before Advent)

9:30am Communion Worton  
 11am Morning Praise Bulkington  
 (including baptism)  
 11am Communion Potterne  
 11am Communion Seend  
 4pm Evensong (BCP) Poulshot

#### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> (Christ the King)

8am Communion (BCP) Potterne  
 9:30am Communion (BCP) Poulshot  
 9:30am Family Service Worton  
 11am Communion Bulkington  
 11am Morning Praise Potterne  
 11am High Eucharist (BCP) Seend  
 4pm Evensong (BCP) Seend

#### Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>

3pm Celtic Service Poulshot

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

Churches are open for private prayer during the week.

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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.

**Ministry Team**

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**Church Registers**

No baptisms, weddings, or funerals this month.

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Father Paul Gonsalves MSFS**

On Saturday 19th October it was discovered that Father Paul Gonsalves MSFS, priest for the Parish of Our Lady, The Immaculate Conception in Devizes, had died at the presbytery. Father Paul held a special place in the hearts of his congregation and many others who met this cheerful Goan Priest, who gave his time not just to the local Roman Catholics, but also other Christians in need of support at difficult times.

**Bonfire Night**

Last year three spent rockets landed in the garden of Park Farm House close to the eaves of its thatched roof. For this year may I please ask that nearby residents take careful note of the wind direction while enjoying their annual Guy Fawkes celebrations? Many of us just cannot forget the horror of watching Ashton House burn to the ground following a small thatched fire a few years ago.

Robin Shercliff  
Park Farm House

## FROM CHRIST CHURCH

Following the collapse of part of the boundary wall of Christ Church, all measures are being taken to enable the rebuilding. The inspection of the collapsed wall and the wall alongside the footpath by a structural engineer resulted in advice to temporarily close the footpath for safety of the public.

We are aware that the many processes and regulations which we have to go through will all take time, and Worton Parish Council will be kept up to date on progress.

Dates for the diary:

SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE.

10.50 At Village Hall War Memorial for Act of Remembrance and laying of wreaths followed by service in church

SATURDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER. 2PM – 4PM.

OUR PRE- CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY CAFÉ.

Take a break from Christmas preparations, and come along for crumpets, cake, coffee, hot chocolate, relax and chat with friends.

Heather and Jean, Churchwardens

## FAMILY OF CHURCHES IN WORTON AND MARSTON

Please join us for our annual **BEER AND CAROLS** in the Skittle Alley of the Rose and Crown, by kind invitation of Jackie and John, at 7:00pm on **MONDAY DECEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

**CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT** this year will be at **6:00pm in MARSTON CHAPEL on SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**. All are welcome.

**NEWCOMERS' WELCOME PARTY ON FRIDAY JANUARY 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:30pm.**

If you moved into Worton or Marston during 2024, you are invited to attend this great evening to meet other villagers, representatives of organisations, and enjoy a delicious buffet supper provided by the community. So that we can deliver your free tickets we need to know who you are!! Call with your details to **Jean on 722069 or Heather on 725785**.

**DON'T MISS OUT!**

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**SERVICE CALENDAR**

**NOVEMBER**

<b>Sun Nov 3rd</b>	ALL SAINTS DAY 9.30am 4.00pm	CHRIST CHURCH Holy Communion All Souls Service
<b>Sun Nov 10th</b>	REMEMBRANCE 10.50am (meet at the War Memorial)	CHRIST CHURCH Remembrance Service
<b>Sun Nov 17th</b>	2 BEFORE ADVENT 9.30am  6.00pm	CHRIST CHURCH Holy Communion <i>MARSTON CHAPEL</i> <i>Rev'd Gary Gotham</i>
<b>Sun Nov 24th</b>	CHRIST THE KING 9.30am	CHRIST CHURCH Family Service

**DECEMBER**

<b>Sun Dec 1st</b>	ADVENT 1 9.30am  6.00pm	CHRIST CHURCH Holy Communion <i>MARSTON CHAPEL</i> <i>TBC</i>
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There were no weddings, funerals or baptisms at Christ Church during September.

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## VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Hello all,

Well it's all happening! By the time you read this we will be well on our way to completing the long awaited newly extended kitchen!

This has been made possible due to new inflows of grant funds from various sources (to which I extend my sincere thanks), namely:

-Worton Parish Council; -Marston Parish Council; -Devizes Area Board;  
-The late Queen's Platinum Jubilee Fund for Village Halls; -The Bernard Sunley Fund

-In addition, we also received a kind donation from Worton United Charities, which we will use to put up a fixed ceiling projector to go with the new screen installation back in May.

-Not forgetting the general community support, I must also provide a huge thanks to all the donations that have come in from individuals and events, such as the Village Show, the Barn Dance and a whole list of others. You all helped us to achieve this goal - Thank you!

-I also applied to The Platinum Jubilee Fund for a grant to bring us into the 21st century with internet and WiFi. I'm working on that as this page goes to print.

Although the kitchen work is not as extensive as originally envisaged, it is still pretty substantial. So as a reminder here is a brief list of the project steps:

-We replaced the aging boiler and heating system with a completely new and more efficient one;  
-Joined the old boiler room to the back of the kitchen to create a longer, larger kitchen area;  
-Built a new roof and Velux roof window to the extended section;  
-Built a new exit side door at the back;  
-Installed new electrics and plastered all the walls;  
-Installed new cabinets, sinks, double ovens, hob, microwave and hob extractor, as well as all new work surfaces and back splashes  
-Created a second, smaller, serving hatch to allow food ingress / egress separation from the main hatch  
-Levelled the old and new floor areas and installed new flooring

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Building work is expected to be complete by mid to end of November. ....but we still won't be finished! We have to top it all off with a new repaint to the internal walls to complete the new look (dates on that tbc).

Finally, I'd like to recognise and thank Trustee Brian Badge for personally purchasing and donating the new microwave, after the last one was condemned.

The best place to check on the latest status is either the Worton & Marston Community Network FaceBook Page, or The Worton & Marston Village Hall FaceBook page. I place regular updates on those community pages.

As an aside, I presented a short testimonial of our project, to the Community First AGM and Awards event, on 9th October. Community First were instrumental in helping us to secure the Platinum Jubilee Grant, so a thank you to them as well.

#### EVENTS:

At this stage, due to the building work, some of the events that we had planned, such as another Jumble Sale and Bingo Evening have been cancelled.

Once the kitchen is completed, we will be arranging an open day to showcase it, either as an event on its own or combined with something else, but will advise accordingly on the FaceBook Pages.

#### 10th November Remembrance Sunday

The next schedule community event is 10th November, with limited use of the hall at the front for Remembrance Sunday.

#### 7th December Christmas Bizarre

At this stage this is the only community event planned in December

All private booking and regular users are being kept up to date separately.

The next edition of The Bridge will be December!.....goodness, it'll soon be Christmas folks!

Enjoy your community and enjoy your family!  
Lionel



**Come and support Potterne people  
and organisations.**



The thirteenth  
**CHRISTMAS COUNTRY FAIR**

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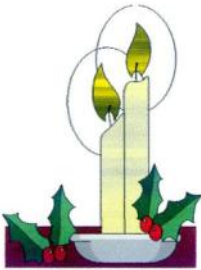
**Dauntsey's Choral Society** began its Autumn Term in September and we are currently rehearsing Bach's St John's Passion for our Spring 25 concert, under the direction of Philip Pooley.

We need more voices to help us sing this fantastic work, especially male and soprano ones! if you enjoy singing all kinds of choral music, why not join us? We meet every Monday in term time at 7.30pm to 9.30pm in the Farmer Room at Dauntsey's School, which is up the outside steps above the dining hall, and then up the internal stairs.

No audition is needed - just enthusiasm! Subscriptions cost £45 a term, or £80 for both the autumn and spring terms. We are happy to let new members "try before they buy" for a few weeks!

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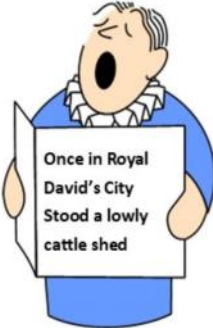
**Marston Chapel**

**6 pm Sunday 8 December**

***All Welcome!***




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Pauline (720248) or any other Trustee

# End of WW2 Event

80 years Not Forgotten!

Sept 6th – 7th 2025

Exhibition in Worton and Marston  
Village Hall

A chance to celebrate the anniversary of the end of  
the war in Europe and the Pacific

We want to make this a community event.

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

Where were they when the peace treaties were signed?

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

Prior to the event there will be free bunting workshops in the Village Hall  
open to all. We will help you make the bunting. (If you have any cotton  
material we can use please let us know). Help us festoon the village.

There will be interactive displays as well as family memorabilia.

All proceeds will go to charity.

Contact Chris Johnson 01380 720580 email cvs64@hotmail.com



# Christ Church Pre-Christmas Community Café



**A warm welcome**



Feeling a bit frazzled?  
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**chat**

**relax**

**games**

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November**

**2:00pm – 4:00pm**

We look forward to welcoming you





## White Horse Opera

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**Our next performance is at Market Lavington Community Hall on Saturday 30th November at 7.30pm**

**Tickets from Devizes Books & [www.ticketsource.co.uk/whitehorseopera](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whitehorseopera)**

*"White Horse Opera's version of *Così fan tutte*, admirably performed by a cast of six, accompanied by WHO stalwart Tony James on keyboards with musical direction from Roland Melia, and translated into the English by the late and much missed Graham Billing, was a mixture of laugh out loud comedy, particularly from Jonathan Paget and Robert Felstead as the ridiculous suitors, and vocal brilliance, most noticeably from Barbara Gompels in the aria 'Come scoglio' (Like a rock), an aria requiring huge musical leaps across more than two octaves.*

*Barbara's partner in romantic crime was played with spirit and musical skill by Paula Boyagis, and Lewis Cowen and Toni Johnstone as the villains of the piece provided lively comedic back up.*

*The complex and interesting ensemble pieces were also worthy of note and well performed by everyone.*

*Sitting the night out as prompt on this occasion was Chrissie Higgs, who was credited for her efforts with the set and who shares the role of Despina with Toni Johnstone.*

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**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec**  
**10:00am—12 noon**  
To be confirmed

We continue to have an interesting & changing selection of books, & convivial attendees – newcomers are always welcome.  
Come & join us.

## MONTHLY QUIZ ROSE & CROWN

Fancy a quiz night? Come along to your local with Jackie & John at the Rose & Crown, Worton.

Quiz takes place the last **SUNDAY** of the month 7.30 start.

£2 per person, up to five people per team.

All proceeds go to the winners' Charity of choice. **SEPTEMBER QUIZ RAISED £60 FOR DOROTHY HOUSE HOSPICE CARE.**

Many thanks to Helen Garside who stepped in as Quiz Mistress, due to me being unavailable.

Pam Woods (Quiz Mistress)

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## WORTON & MARSTON LADIES GROUP

It was a miserable night for our meeting in September, 9 members turned out for a get together. Unfortunately, I was unable to make it being out of action due to knee surgery. A pleasant evening was had by all.

30<sup>th</sup> October we meet with the Poulshot ladies, along with a few husbands who are interested in joining in for the talk on Canals and Rivers given by Steve Rattley. All to host.

Please note our November meeting will be on the **20<sup>th</sup>** not the usual last Wednesday of the month. This will be a quiz/games evening. Hosts Sally and Alison.

Finally, our last meeting of the year is the AGM which is on **4<sup>th</sup> December**, after business Mulled Wine and Mince Pies will be served.

Pam Woods  
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### VILLAGE HALL 200 CLUB

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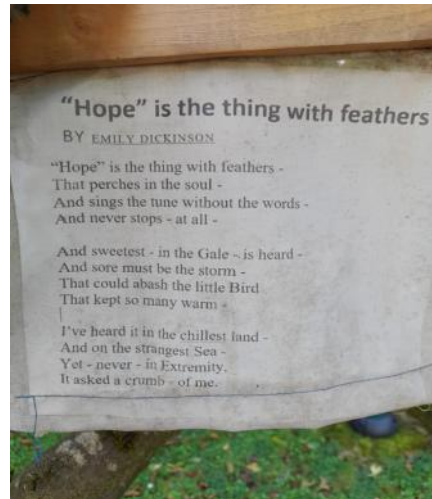
*"November's sky is dull and drear, November's leaf is red and sear"*

Sir Walter Scott

Well it has been busy year for the garden club with Open gardens in June and the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary Village Show in late August. We will be closing our garden club year with the AGM , followed by food and wine. Please note that the AGM is a week later than normally held so will be Monday November 25<sup>th</sup> 7pm for a 730pm start.

November brings a quieter gardening time for some however, it is still a wonderful time of year to change areas of your garden that perhaps haven't done as well as before. It is of course also the best time to be planting tulips, bare root roses and trees. So for some, it will be busy.

In September we visited Twiggs Community Garden in Swindon where the many volunteers and staff work alongside people with mental health issues. It was a really interesting visit and is run as a charity. One area in particular was very moving, where people had written poems, which meant a lot to them or had helped others, onto pieces of cloth. These were hung from tree branches. The following one was one I particularly liked:



Currently we are planning our 2025 programme. If anyone has any topics they would like covered or any ideas for visits that they would like to go on, do let us know.

Please remember that everyone is welcome to attend our meetings

### Upcoming Events

November 25<sup>th</sup> Garden Club AGM 7 for 7-30pm start.

December No Meeting

Best wishes,  
Alison Parker

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

## FIVE LANES WI

For our **OCTOBER** meeting we welcomed back Amanda Murphy who had, on a previous visit, told us about how she had become interested in good mental health and how therapeutic massage can help in so many ways. Mandy spent a short time going back over her journey as a reminder, then spoke about ways in which we should give ourselves time every day to just be quiet and thoughtful and do things to enhance well-being. Just being apart from life's stresses for a little while, sitting or lying quietly in dim light, being aware of our breathing, reading, listening to music; these are all things that will make us feel less stressed and in turn, will improve our mental health.

One of the things we can do for ourselves is gentle hand massage. Mandy demonstrated this on Julie, then talked us through how to do it ourselves. We all joined in and learnt how to gently massage our hands and fingers and up our forearms with wax or oils. We were all surprised by how relaxing it felt, how our hands all felt more mobile and relaxed, and how good our skin felt. If you are flexible, you can do the same with your feet! What a very enjoyable and informative evening. Thank you, Mandy. If you would like to try out Mandy's massage therapies, ask a member of committee for her details.

**NOVEMBER 13<sup>th</sup>** we will be in the Village Hall at **7:00pm** to enjoy playing board games and having a good chat. These home-grown evenings are a chance to get to know each other better whilst having fun, although it is amazing how competitive normally sedate ladies can become!

**DECEMBER 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM** we will be trying out some **CHRISTMAS CRAFTS** and enjoying **FESTIVE FOOD AND DRINK**.

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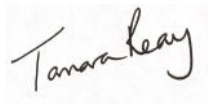
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It would be great if qualifying residents in Worton and Marston could take advantage of this brilliant opportunity for warmer and more energy efficient homes.

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

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Polident and Fixodent and false teeth in glasses  
Pacemakers, golf carts and porches with swings,  
These are a few of my favourite things.

When the pipes leak, when the bones creak, when the knees go bad----

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I simply remember my favourite things and then I don't feel so bad.

Hot tea and crumpets and corn pads for bunions,  
No spicy hot food or food cooked with onions,  
Bathrobes and heating pads and hot meals they bring  
These are a few of my favourite things.

Back pain, confused brains and no need for sinning  
Thin bones and fractures and hair that is thinning,  
And we won't mention our short shrunken frames,  
When we remember our favourite things.

When the joints ache, when the hips break, when the eyes grow dim---

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Then I remember the great life I've had, and then I don't feel so bad!  
(Sung by Julie Andrews on her 69<sup>th</sup> birthday)

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## MESSAGE FROM OUR WILTSHIRE COUNCILLOR

### Keeping Warm this Winter

There are real concerns about the proposed changes to the Winter Fuel Allowance - there was insufficient warning to bring this change in this winter, nor was there anything in the Labour manifesto about this. Most pensioners live on a fixed income and do not have the opportunity to supplement their income as working people do - the proposals mean that Winter Fuel Allowance will only be paid to people in receipt of Pension Credit or certain other means tested benefits.

I was pleased therefore to support a motion at Wiltshire Council which called for “the Leader of the Council write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Rachel Reeves MP, urging a review of Labour's decision to end the Winter Fuel Payment. We also encourage officers to coordinate a social media and press campaign to show Wiltshire residents how to check their eligibility and register for pension credits.”

I understand that from 1st November the Department of Work and Pensions will be writing to pensioners in receipt of housing benefit to encourage them to apply for pension credit before the deadline of 21<sup>st</sup> December.

There's a pension credit quick calculator at <https://www.gov.uk/pension-credit-calculator> which may be helpful in the first instance.

If you do qualify (or are borderline it may still be worth applying) you will need to follow the steps to apply for Pension Credit, it is a long form so please give yourself time and don't give up! Advice and information are also available in Wiltshire libraries which are also Warm Spaces.

There is also energy efficiency information and grants advice on the Wiltshire Council website detailing support and links on this subject, which can be found here <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/1417/Home-energy-efficiency>. Warm and Safe Wiltshire is a commitment from Wiltshire Council to help residents live in safer and healthier homes. The energy advice line for Warm and Safe is provided by the Centre for Sustainable Energy on behalf of Wiltshire Council. You can also phone 0800 038 5722 or email [warmandsafe@cse.org.uk](mailto:warmandsafe@cse.org.uk). The scheme aims to

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support residents through the installation of draught-proofing measures, smoke alarms to improve fire safety and providing advice on reducing energy use, switching energy suppliers, reducing condensation and damp problems and controlling heating.

A new scheme means that residents can now borrow thermal imaging cameras from Wiltshire Libraries to check for heat loss from their properties to inform home upgrades and save money on energy bills. The cameras are available free of charge and can help people make small improvements, such as covering gaps causing drafts in the home, or consider if more substantial home upgrades would be appropriate such as insulation.

For more information, see <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/10315/thermal-imaging-cameras>

I hope this is helpful – as always please do look out for your neighbours this winter, and of course, I am always pleased to help if I can. Please get in touch.

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## WORTON PARISH COUNCIL

The October meeting was a busy one and particularly well attended. In addition, it was great to see so many young residents there. They have been in contact with us, sharing ideas about the kind of recreation facilities that might be provided using the finance that is becoming available linked to the new housing development. They shared interesting ideas and we intend to keep a dialogue going with them using social media -as well as discussing with Newland Homes. It was refreshing to find that the youngsters understood the realities of the situation and made sensible suggestions. The future of the village will be in good hands with them and, hopefully more of their like, as new families move in. Unfortunately, they are still a trifle young to be able to rejuvenate the Parish Council - we will have to wait for that! (Incidentally, it appears that construction is progressing at a good rate, if anything faster than had been anticipated).

A very important topic that was included in our agenda was the contribution made by Belinda Eastwood from White Horse Housing who explained the process by which residents and their families (as well as others with a link to the village) would be able to apply for one of the four new homes available for rent. She also explained the process of application for one of the three shared ownership properties that are being built. Whilst she made it clear that those with a local connection would be given priority, we had some concern about how this would be achieved in practice, particularly as it appeared that applicants would be up against a very tight deadline. Subsequent communication with White Horse has clarified the situation and there is more time than was suggested at the meeting, but there is still some urgency. In terms of the rental properties, applicants need to be on the Housing Register to be considered. For those not currently included, the simplest way is to complete an application on the Homes4wiltshire website as soon as possible. With regard to the shared ownership properties, it's important to have the required funding in place, eg deposit, mortgage offer in principle etc' when expressing an interest in purchasing one of the properties. Obviously, we are keen to see as many people with local connections as possible being able to take advantage of these opportunities.

Cllr. Slack has been leading our efforts to secure support for our aim to

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improve road safety for residents, I am pleased to report, with some success. The scheme that is being supported by the Devizes LHFIG group, (following consultation with engineers representing Wiltshire Highways and residents most immediately impacted), will see improved safety for pedestrians when crossing the road, as well as slowing traffic movement and providing safer on street parking for those residents who need it. We intend to share details as appropriate in due course, but it should be noted that nothing will actually happen until well into the next year.

Cllr. Stokes shared more detail about our planned entry for next year's Best Kept Village competition. He will be providing a working timetable and "to do" list in due course. It's obvious that we can only be successful in this project with the support of residents, so please don't be backward in coming forward!

Residents will be well aware of issues involving the water course that run through the village and the impacts that various elements have had leading to the closure of a much-loved footpath. The news in this area is positive, although the path cannot be used until rubber stamped by officers from Wiltshire Council. Concerns have been raised by residents about the potential for future floods. We are going to review our flood plans, but it has become clear that the first port of call in terms of responsibility and advice is Wiltshire Council, so we will need to make the best use of their expertise and resources when dealing with such a complex and significant issue.

Fortunately, Noah isn't yet involved, although his name might still be of use with reference to facilities in Primrose Rise (which is definitely the name for the new development - Kempter's Reach merely being used for advertising purposes).

Whilst on the subject of footpaths, I need to update as much as I can on the closure of a section of Footpath 13 due to the collapse of one of the walls along the boundary of the church. We are well aware of just how popular this path is and hope all will return to normal as soon as is practical, but, in situations like this, authorities must always act on the advice of the experts - the safety of users being paramount.

Your Councillors

## WORTON COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

*(Speedwatch sessions are of 45 minutes duration)*

A quiet month and no additional material to add

Best Regards,  
Bill

### Worton Community Speedwatch Figures for October 2024

Date	Time	Vehicles	Total 30MPH+	Vehicles Reported	Max Speed
Monday 7th	08.00 - 08.45	425	27	3	40
Monday 7th	15.45 - 16.30	393	5	2	36
Tuesday 8th	08.30 - 09.10	347	7	1	40
Wednesday 9th	08.15 - 09.00	413	5	Nil	
Wednesday 9th	09.15 - 10.00	272	8	Nil	
Thursday 10th	08.00 - 08.45	436	11	2	40
Thursday 10th	16.00 - 16.45	429	21	3	39
Friday 11th	15.00 - 15.45	538	32	7	40
<b>Sessions: 8</b>	<b>Average: 407</b>	<b>3253</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>18</b>	
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## Five Lanes CE VC

### Primary School

It's been really busy at the school. Here's a sample:



#### Stay and Play Sessions

Our first stay and play sessions were wonderful with Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children welcoming the younger ones and exploring some Autumn themed activities.

*"Mrs Whitlock was fantastic and the children were so polite and welcoming"*



#### Rugby Festival

Years 5 and 6 took part in a Rugby Festival at Dauntsey's School. They took part in skilled based activities and then played some small friendly games. We were really impressed with their excellent sportsmanship.



### **Elder Class**

Years 5 and 6 have been investigating solutions.



### **Hazel Class**

Years 3 and 4 have been exploring shadows and how they change throughout the day.



### **Beech Class**

Reception, Years 1 and 2 searched for leaves and then sorted them using characteristics such as evergreen or deciduous.



### **Coming up:**

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At toddlers this month we have covered Autumn and Halloween activities. In November we will be celebrating Children in Need, bonfire night and starting to think about Christmas.

The kitchen in the village hall is due to be completed early November. We will keep everyone informed regarding arrangements for drinks etc during our sessions.



How many words can you make from the word **SCARECROW?**

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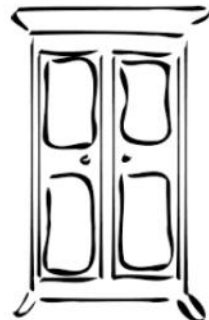
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## FLOWER OF THE MONTH



***Chrysanthemum***  
(*Asteraceae*)

For November, we are treated to yet another member of the aster family, the chrysanthemum—often simply called a mum. These densely flowered mounds are native to Asia, yet they get their name from the Greek prefix *chrysos*, meaning ‘gold,’ and *antheon*, meaning flower. Their late autumn displays bring colour to the garden when most flowers have long since disappeared.

Originating in Asia, they can be traced back to the 15th century where they were cultivated as an herb. They were often used in salads and teas. It is believed to relieve headaches, reduce blood pressure, and reduce inflammation. According to Chinese tradition chrysanthemums even prevent grey hair. Maybe I should try some in my tea so I don’t need to see my hairdresser so often.

In Japan it is revered as a symbol of royalty and is the emperor’s official seal and crest. They even have an annual Festival of Happiness on Sep 9th to celebrate this fun and bouncy flower.

(sources: [almanac.com](http://almanac.com), [petalrepublic.com](http://petalrepublic.com))

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**November**

Orange pumpkins full and round  
Cornstalks gathered on the ground  
Blue skies clear and autumn-bright  
Harvest moons and frost at night  
Leaves raked high in great big piles  
November sights bring thankful smiles.

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### MONDAY THRU FRIDAY

#### Trowbridge - Steeple Ashton - Worton - Devizes

Show all stops

Trowbridge, o/s Manvers House	09:45	12:25
Paxcroft Mead Newhurst Park (E-bound)	09:50	12:30
Steeple Ashton Memorial (NW-bound)	09:59	12:39
Great Hinton Crossroads (N-bound)	10:02	12:42
Keevil Field Head (E-bound)	10:05	12:45
Bulkington War Memorial (E-bound)	10:10	12:50
Worton Village Hall (E-bound)	10:14	12:54
Worton Sandlease (E-bound)	10:16	12:56
Worton Village Hall (W-bound)	10:18	12:58
Marston The Green (NW-bound)	10:23	13:03
Poulshot The Raven (N-bound)	10:30	13:10
Devizes Mayenne Place West (S-bound)	10:34	13:14
Devizes, opp Business Centre	10:35	13:15
Devizes Market Place Bus Island (SE-bound)	10:39	13:19

#### Devizes - Worton - Steeple Ashton - Trowbridge

Show all stops

Devizes The Pelican (NW-bound)	12:10	14:10
Devizes, o/s Business Centre	12:14	14:14
Devizes Mayenne Place West (N-bound)	12:15s	14:15s
Poulshot The Raven (S-bound)	12:19	14:19s
Worton Sandlease (E-bound)	12:27	14:27s
Worton Village Hall (W-bound)	12:29	14:29s
Marston The Green (NW-bound)	12:33s	14:33s
Bulkington War Memorial (W-bound)	12:37	14:37s
Keevil Field Head (W-bound)	12:42	14:42s
Great Hinton Crossroads (S-bound)	12:45	14:45s
Steeple Ashton Memorial (NW-bound)	12:48	14:48s
Steeple Ashton St Mary's (NW-bound)	12:48	14:49s
Steeple Ashton Newleaze (NW-bound)	12:49	14:50
Paxcroft Mead Newhurst Park (W-bound)	12:55	
Trowbridge, o/s Manvers House	13:01	

Times marked **s** – "set down only" – the bus will only stop to drop passengers off

## SATURDAYS

#### Trowbridge - Steeple Ashton - Worton - Devizes

Show all stops

Trowbridge, o/s Manvers House	09:50	12:25
Paxcroft Mead Newhurst Park (E-bound)	09:55	12:30
Steeple Ashton Memorial (NW-bound)	10:04	12:39
Great Hinton Crossroads (N-bound)	10:07	12:42
Keevil Field Head (E-bound)	10:10	12:45
Bulkington War Memorial (E-bound)	10:15	12:50
Worton Village Hall (E-bound)	10:19	12:54
Worton Sandlease (E-bound)	10:21	12:56
Worton Village Hall (W-bound)	10:23	12:58
Marston The Green (NW-bound)	10:29	13:04
Poulshot The Raven (N-bound)	10:36	13:11
Devizes Mayenne Place West (S-bound)	10:40	13:15
Devizes, opp Business Centre	10:41	13:16
Devizes Market Place Bus Island (SE-bound)	10:46	13:21

#### Devizes - Worton - Steeple Ashton - Trowbridge

Show all stops

Devizes The Pelican (NW-bound)	12:20	14:25
Devizes, o/s Business Centre	12:24	14:29
Devizes Mayenne Place West (N-bound)	12:25s	14:30s
Poulshot The Raven (S-bound)	12:29	14:34
Worton Sandlease (E-bound)	12:37	14:42
Worton Village Hall (W-bound)	12:39	14:44
Marston The Green (NW-bound)	12:43s	14:48s
Bulkington War Memorial (W-bound)	12:47	14:52
Keevil Field Head (W-bound)	12:52	14:57
Great Hinton Crossroads (S-bound)	12:55	15:00
Steeple Ashton Memorial (NW-bound)	12:58	15:03
Paxcroft Mead Newhurst Park (W-bound)	13:05	15:10
Trowbridge, o/s Manvers House	13:11	15:16

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### Clubs

#### WORTON & MARSTON W.I.

The President Mrs Babs Stockwell was in the chair for the W.I. meeting on Tuesday 11th October 1994. Twenty five members were present together with one visitor.

Mrs Stockwell announced that unfortunately our Vice President Mrs Cherry Douse, has resigned from her post. Mrs Douse was thanked for all her hard work, and presented with a card and present from the Institute, for which Mrs Douse thanked everyone.

It was then proposed that another member be co-opted onto the committee to fill the vacancy. This was agreed and Mrs Chris Cash will now join the committee.

The speaker was Mrs Watkins, who spoke with great enthusiasm about unusual and long lasting plants, before showing slides of some of her favourite plants. At the end of the evening members had the opportunity to purchase some of these plants.

The vote of thanks was given by Mrs Stockwell, and the raffle was won by Mrs Cash. The competition for a homemade necklace from any medium was won by Mrs Bennett.

The next meeting on November 8th, will be an OPEN MEETING when Mrs Arkell will talk about Good Value Wines and Where To Buy Them.

Hostesses: Mrs Heath and Mrs Povden

M Elliott

#### OVER 60's CLUB

##### Meetings for November

Wednesday November 2

Raffle prize please Mrs R. O'Sullivan

Wednesday November 16

Raffle prize please Mrs E. Newman

Tea Hostesses for both November 2 and 16 Mrs. P. Charles and Mrs. I. Hale

Our thanks to Mr E. Kitney and to Mrs Pauline Hawkins for the delightful slide shows. Much enjoyed by everyone.

R. O'Sullivan

#### GARDENING CLUB

Next meeting will be on Monday 21st November at 8 o'clock in the Village Hall when the speaker will be Mr Swaffield talking about Unheated Greenhouses and Cold Frames.

Refreshments: Eileen and Mike Newby

Raffle and Bring and Buy: Rosemary Rosenfield & Dorothy Chorley

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**Regular Meetings  
Around the Village**

**Village Hall**

- **Garden Club**  
3rd Monday 7.30pm start (not Aug/Dec)
- **Fitness Group**  
Fridays 5:3pm-6:30pm
- **Ladies Group**  
Last Wednesday 8pm (not Aug/Dec)
- **Women's Institute**  
2nd 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

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- **Marston Parish Council Meeting**  
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- 25<sup>th</sup> Garden Club (AGM)

**Kerbside Collections  
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**Worton & Marston**

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

Tuesdays 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>

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**Garden waste:**

Fridays 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Kerbside Collections  
In November**

**Close Lane, Marston**

**Black box and Blue lidded  
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Tuesdays 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>

**Household waste:**

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>



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