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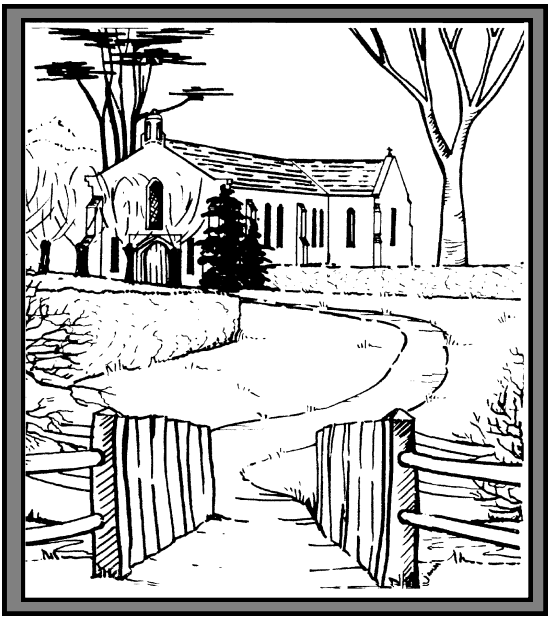

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Vivienne 'June' Clack

We would very much like to thank those who attended the funeral service lead by Reverend Adrian, who conducted a lovely memorable service to celebrate the life of our wonderful mum 'June' on 21st September at Christ Church. It was lovely to see so many friends - old and new, carers, and residents both past and present from Worton and Marston, whose messages of sympathy and condolence were gratefully received.

Our mum played an active part in village life from an early age, helping to raise funds for the village hall, her involvement with the gardening club and annual flower show, the village bingo, and the ladies group and their fantastic performances! For this many will remember her.

Refreshments were served in the village hall where photographs past and present brought back memories, laughter and joy in remembering 'the good times'.

She was a lovely lady, mum, nan, sister and friend, who will be sadly missed.

Trudy, Caroline and Michelle (daughters)

Christ Church Team

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Heather Walker 01380 725785

SERVICE CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

Sun Nov 7th	3 BEFORE ADVENT
	CHRIST CHURCH
10.00am	Holy Communion
Sun Nov 14th	REMEMBRANCE
	CHRIST CHURCH
8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
10.50am	Remembrance Service- meet at the War Memorial
	MARSTON CHAPEL
6.00pm	Evening Service
Sun Nov 21st	CHRIST THE KING
	No Services
Sun Nov 28th	ADVENT 1
	CHRIST CHURCH
10.00am	Morning Praise
	MARSTON CHAPEL
6.00pm	Evening Service

DECEMBER

Sun Dec 5th	ADVENT 2
	CHRIST CHURCH
8.00am	BCP Holy Communion

A Service to Celebrate the Life of Vivienne 'June' Clack was held at Christ Church during September.

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

WELLSPRINGS BENEFICE SERVICES
NOVEMBER 2021

Covid restrictions are now easing, and we look forward to welcoming you back to services in person. Please continue to wear a mask if you are concerned about your risk. Socially distanced seating will be available for anyone who feels vulnerable.

Sunday 7th (3rd before Advent)

8 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Seend
10am	Matins (BCP)	Poulshot
10am	Holy Communion	Worton
10am	Morning Praise	Bulkington *

Sunday 14th (Remembrance Sunday/2nd before Advent)

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Worton
10.50am	Remembrance Day Service	Bulkington
10.50am	Remembrance Day Service	Potterne
10.50am	Remembrance Day Service	Poulshot
10.50am	Remembrance Day Service	Seend *
10.50am	Remembrance Day Service	Worton

Sunday 21st (Christ the King)

8 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Potterne
10am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Poulshot
10am	Holy Communion	Bulkington *

Sunday 28th (Advent 1)

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Seend
10am	Holy Communion	Potterne
10am	Morning Praise	Worton *
4pm	Advent Songs of Praise	Seend

Every Tuesday, 9am Daily Prayer service at Poulshot

* Recordings of these services will be available on our website.

Churches are now open during the week for private prayer.

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Pastoral Letter

Maureen's ramblings……

November is a month which can be overtaken by a sense of "looking back". As the days of Autumn get colder and darker, we look back to the summer which now seems so long ago. I regret all the things I did not get done in the house and garden before the weather changed! I regret not having spent more time lazing in whatever sun we had!!

For the Christian church November is also a month of looking back. On All Saint's Day (November 1st) we reflect with thanksgiving on the lives of great Christians of the past – not just the familiar names but also those who have recently died for their faith. I find it horrendous to learn that upwards of 4,700 Christians are killed each year, an average of 13 per day, according to the latest estimates. (https://releaseinternational.org). It is not easy to be a Christian in many parts of the world today – especially in Afghanistan, China, Nigeria, Eritrea…….. Then, on All Soul's Day (2nd) the church particularly remembers, with gratitude, the loss of loved ones dear to us and on Remembrance Sunday (14th) we remember those who have died in the wars and conflicts of the past 100 years. **"We will remember them".**

As we look back, we are encouraged to remember and be thankful. Thankful for the people who have lived and died and have shaped our history and our lives; thankful for those who have sacrificed so much for our freedom; thankful for those we have loved and who have touched our lives so deeply. And thankful that we can celebrate that death is not the hopeless end but is a hopeful beginning. Our Christian faith teaches us that those who have died now know the mystery of God and are in his presence of love. They are free from the limitations of age and frailty and disease. Surely this is something to celebrate! A verse in the 12th Century hymn, "Jerusalem the Golden" reads, "**(In heaven) there is the throne of David; and there, from care released, the shout of them that triumph, the song of them that feast; and they, who with their Leader, have conquered in the fight, forever and forever, are clad in robes of white".** We have a future. We have hope.

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In the New Testament book of Revelation, we read **"God will shelter them with his presence. Never again will they hunger or thirst. God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain".** This gives me such comfort in my grief. The unchanging God is our hope, our courage, our peace, our shelter and our strength - whatever is happening in our lives; whatever the loss, destruction, despair and sorrow that is around us. The church continues to proclaim, in the darkness of November, that there *is* life after death; there *is* light in the darkness; there *is* Resurrection. There are so many people who understandably find it difficult to believe these things. Why not have a conversation with me, or with Revds. Ali, Adrian or Jane about this?

The Revd. Maureen Allchin

Julia's House
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There is an **Open Day** at **Julia's House**
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From Christ Church:

Autumn has started well at Christ Church, with several working parties clearing ivy from the churchyard walls, a bit of an ongoing project, helped along with a coffee and cake break!

Harvest Festival was held this year in the afternoon which was very informal and relaxed, but with the favourite traditional Harvest hymns. Who could have a Harvest service without ploughing the fields and scattering! John Chandler from Five Lanes Farm enlightened us on his life and work in farming. A pleasant social time with tea and cake followed. The gifts of food were taken to Devizes Food Bank, and the monetary collection will be sent to an Afghan Refugee Charity.

A few days later the children, staff and parents of Five Lanes School held their Harvest service in Church, with their songs, reflections, poems and prayers, with their food collection also going to the Food Bank.

Christ Church has a very good relationship with the school, including the Open the Book team which includes some members from St Mary's, Potterne.

The team goes into school, to act and tell Bible stories from the Official Open the Book programme. Most weeks it involves some children as well. They love it, especially when they dress up as biblical soldiers! It takes about 30 minutes from 9am every other Wednesday, plus a couple of meetings a term to plan. We would love new members to join the team, as we are a bit stretched if members have other commitments on a Wednesday. Just let us know if you would like to join us.

An enormous amount of time has been spent by the Ministry team preparing a regular pattern of services for the churches in the Benefice, so that each church will have its own pattern each month. This will be published shortly and begin in the New Year.

The All Souls Service will be held on 31st October at 5pm. This is a quiet reflective service, for families and others to remember those who have died, especially those during the past year. If you have someone you would like mentioned in the prayers, please add the name to the list at the back of church or contact one of us.

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The Remembrance Service this year will take place on Sunday 14th November, with the usual format of gathering at the Village Hall at 10.50 for Roll call and wreath laying, followed by service in church just after 11.am.

Looking ahead, the Carol Service will be held as usual on Christmas Eve and also the Christmas Morning Service.

Heather & Jean, Churchwardens

Christ Church Churchyard

We had a productive morning's work in the Churchyard on Saturday 16th October removing ivy from the churchyard wall. Twelve labourers present, plus the refreshments staff. Very many thanks to all who came along and worked so hard.

Tony Walker

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RETURN OF THE ADVENT CONCERT!

One of the highlights of the Edington Arts concert season is making a very welcome return on Saturday 4th December at 7.30pm in Edington Priory Church. The hugely popular Advent concert will be given by the choir of Keble College Oxford, Paul Brough conducting.

The Keble College choir last sang for us in 2018, when Matthew Martin conducted. By the time he moved to Cambridge in 2019, his choir had become one of the best of the elite group of Oxford and Cambridge College choirs. Paul Brough, who took over, is one of the leading choral directors in the UK, and a great friend of Edington through the festival. Having negotiated their way through a year of rehearsal and tuition by Zoom, the singers are overjoyed to be back singing 'live' and we can be sure that they will give us a memorable evening of Advent and Christmas music – just what we need after last year's cancellations.

Demand for this concert is already brisk, and Edington Arts is encouraging anyone who would like to come to reserve seats for themselves, friends and family as soon as possible. Tickets remain at £20/15/10, with 18 and under free, and Edington Angels have their usual 10% discount.

For this concert, the North and South Aisle seats (£10), will be unreserved and audience members may sit where they like within these areas; all other areas will be reserved and seats allocated. Anyone wishing for socially distanced seating should please let Chrissy know as soon as possible on 01380 831256 or Sue at sue@edingtonarts.org when you book your tickets.

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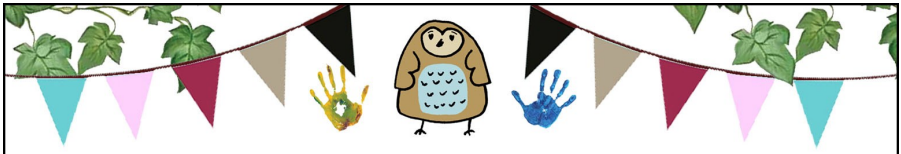

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Dates for the diary:
17th November 'Best of you Mobile Pottery Painting' will be joining us for more information keep an eye on our Facebook page.
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FOR THE ATTENTION OF NEWCOMERS TO WORTON AND MARSTON DURING 2020/2021

The Family of Churches Committee which organises the Welcome Evening for Newcomers is beginning to make hopeful plans for a combined event on FRIDAY JANUARY 28th at 7:30pm in the Village Hall. Invitations will be delivered probably during December and we are anxious not to miss anyone out. You should have been visited by someone and given a Welcome Booklet, and had your names taken, BUT if this hasn't happened, please call one of the numbers below!

Two other events organised by the Family of Churches are:- BEER AND CAROLS at the ROSE AND CROWN on MONDAY DECEMBER 6th and CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT at MARSTON CHAPEL on SUNDAY DECEMBER 12th.

More details and confirmation will appear in the DECEMBER BRIDGE and are, of course, dependent on the Covid situation remaining stable, or, dare we hope, improving?!

Jean Lane 722069 Heather Walker 725785

NOVEMBER BOOK SWAP

Saturday 13th November
10.00am – 12 noon
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Advance notice:
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Worton Parish Council

We have all become aware of just how important technology and the internet in particular are in our everyday lives. The rigours of the pandemic have acted as a catalyst and most of us have grasped the potential that exists to use available technology to communicate effectively and support each other through challenging times. Whilst by no means a panacea or substitute for good old-fashioned face-to-face friendships and dealing with day-to-day necessities, I think, on the whole, the increased familiarity and confidence in the use of the facilities available has been one of the few benefits of the pandemic. Another is the strength of our village community, and the Worton and Marston community group on Facebook has played an important role in its success. Sadly, the other side of social media has recently raised its head sufficiently to cause real concern and upset. Those of us who have dipped our toe in the various sites and apps that are available have soon learned that the platform given on which views can be aired, seemingly without much care, thought or appreciation of impact, needs to be approached with caution.

It is my experience that many users simply enjoy the opportunity to engage in what they may regard as "banter" as a matter of course, not considering that others may find their views upsetting or, perhaps, insulting.

Recently, we have become aware of particularly unpleasant contributions to our village Facebook site. Whilst the specific issue has, I understand, been dealt with in the appropriate fashion, I feel the need to make a plea on behalf of the Parish Council, that we all remember the power of careless words and give careful thought to what we post on the site, as well as how we respond. The Parish Council has just adopted a new Social Media Policy which we will adhere to. Please remember to be kind and considerate to your fellows - healthy debate will always be encouraged and respected, but social media sites are probably not the best place for us!

On a related issue, we have noticed that there has been lively interest in some of the issues that we deal with in our meetings, traffic speed through the village being a good example. The best way to share views and ideas on this is by attending our monthly meetings. Can we politely request that, if you do wish to raise an issue, you let Liz,

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our clerk, know before a meeting (we need at least a week's notice to comply with the rules about how and when agendas are circulated), so that those views can be properly considered? Please use the usual email address - clerk@worton.org.uk.

Cllr Powell has been working on the outline of a Parish Plan which he presented at our October meeting. The purpose is to have an overall idea of what we expect to be the important issues for the next four years and to plan as effectively as we can. As it stands, the main areas identified are..

- Transport and road safety - Completion of purchase and installation of speed indicator devices, investigate the establishment of a 40mph zone on the eastern approach to the village and engage with other bodies with regard to the improvement of the Black Dog crossroads.
- Leisure facilities, Appearance and Environment - Establishment of village maintenance group, improvements to play areas, new footpath trail.
- Planning - Re-establishment of Neighbourhood Planning Steering group.
- Community and learning - Village history project.

If you have any suggestions for any additions, please let us know via the usual channels. Whilst on the subject, Malcolm is pleased with the responses to his request for volunteers to contribute to the Village Maintenance group, but more would be very welcome. In a similar vein, we are still short of two Parish Councillors. Please give the opportunity some serious thought - Don't be shy!

A quick update on our purchase of Speed Indicator Devices. All is looking good at the moment, thanks to the work of Cllrs Slack, Parsons and, of course, Susanne and her team. Suitable sites have been identified, as has the equipment needed. We are waiting for confirmation of when Wiltshire Council will finalise their contribution to the funding, which should be at the next CATG meeting, scheduled for November.

Finally, whilst the funds available to us as a Parish Council are limited, there is a source of funding available which village organisations, or even potentially individuals, can apply to in relation to

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suitable projects. This is the Community Fund, which is our share of the income from the Solar Farm which lies to the south of the village. There is still significant funding available, largely due to the pandemic restrictions which have held back projects and events. If you would like to know more, please contact Liz, our clerk, via clerk@worton.org.uk.

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Worton Community Speed Watch November 2021

Sadly, we must report that a member of our Village Community Speed Watch Team has been left distressed and upset by some spiteful and unpleasant comments which were posted on the Worton Village Facebook Page by a resident of Worton.

Luckily the matter has been dealt with and, undeterred, our intrepid volunteer has been Speed Watching again since, trying as always to help keep the road safe and get motorists to slow down.

We can ignore motorists who gesticulate and shout abuse at us as they drive past. However, we wouldn't expect abuse from one of our own residents.

Don't be put off! If you feel strongly about speeding traffic along our High Street and would like to become a Community Speed Watch Volunteer, please get in touch. You could volunteer for as little as an hour a month, or more if you wanted, but it all makes a difference. (Suzanne 724098).

Hopefully it won't be too much longer before our Speed Indicator Device is in place. The Parish Council is set to take this matter to the Highways Department for approval shortly.

Community Speed Watch Results So Far This Year

Date	Number of hours	Number of vehicles reported	Number of vehicles 31-35	Total vehicle count	
Jan-21	1	6	14	205	Lockdown
Mar-Apr 21	9	30	134	2605	Lockdown
Apr-May 21	11	67	228	3546	
May-Jun 21	12	79	306	3544	
Jun-Jul 21	11	61	225	3444	
Jul-Aug 21	13	112	325	4067	
Aug-Sept 21	12	98	338	4106	
Sept-Oct 21	12	78	311	3810	

Suzanne Bonfield

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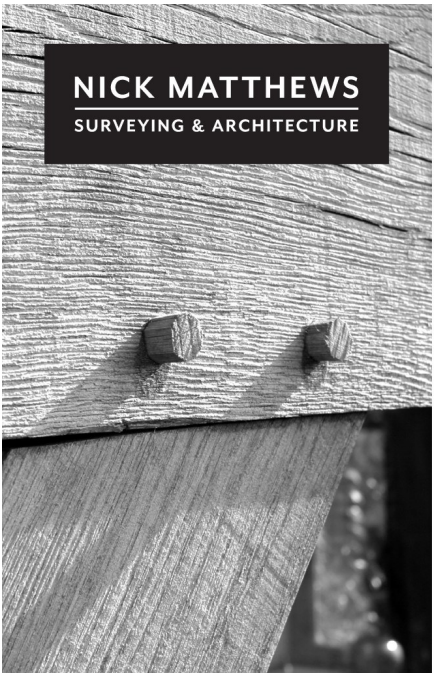

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A Message from Tamara Reay

Wiltshire Councillor for The Devizes Rural West Division

The fuel issues over the last few weeks will have undoubtedly prompted many of us to consider the benefits of electric vehicles (EVs). Not only lower running costs and fewer emissions but also that EVs are simpler and cheaper to maintain, compared to traditional combustion engines. As Wiltshire Council's Portfolio Holder for Climate Change, and given that Transport currently accounts for 45% of carbon emissions across the County, I have been making a strong case for further Council-led investment in EV infrastructure. Whilst consideration needs to be given to the fact that the technology is rapidly developing, and Government policy is also evolving.

I am very pleased therefore, that Wiltshire Council has now agreed an EV strategy for the next few years and that this £275,000 plan will ensure there are more EV chargers throughout the county. In Wiltshire Council car parks, every urban community with a population over 10,000 will have at least one council-sponsored public chargepoint, and the council will support commercial providers to add their own chargers.

In terms of residential charging, where residents do not have their own off-street facilities, Wiltshire Council will support town and parish councils to secure grant funding for residential chargepoints on Wiltshire Council land using Government grants supplemented by Council grants of up to £2,500 per site. It is also looking for partners to consider the installation of charging hubs, at central and out of town locations, and also adding more chargepoints to its own buildings so the Council fleet can be converted to electric vehicles. There will be support for businesses to install workplace chargepoints, and all chargepoints on council-owned land will be supplied with energy from 100% zero-carbon sources.

There are other considerations too, and this month's COP26 in Glasgow may give us some insights. For example, what role will Hydrogen play in the future? Can we generate sufficient green energy to create the future charging capacity? And how will the carbon footprint of the EV batteries be reduced? We are certainly at an important crossroads in terms of how we travel, and I am very much looking forward to being part of that journey, and helping residents across Devizes Rural West to be able to travel more sustainably in the future.

Tamara Reay
Wiltshire Councillor for Devizes Rural West.
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ECO-CORNER

As we watch Cop 26 unfold in Glasgow this month when more than 120 countries join the global climate race to zero carbon-emissions, we are encouraged not to forget Cop15 which is convening governments from around the world - online from 11 October with more detailed discussions in Kunming, China, in April - to agree **new goals for nature** for the next decade.

Global biodiversity losses pose a threat to human wellbeing, affecting food, health, security, and increasing the likelihood of pandemics. *Natural History Museum* considers that ecosystem losses pose as much of a threat to the planet as the climate crisis and that the solutions are linked.

Worryingly for the UK, an analysis by the Museum has revealed that the UK, with an average of only 53% of its biodiversity left, is in the bottom 10% of the world's countries and last in the G7! https://www.nhm.ac.uk/discover/news/2021/october/analysis-warns-global-biodiversity-is-below-safe-limit.html

To help policymakers compare the state of local ecosystem biodiversity among countries, the Museum has developed the *Biodiversity Trends Explorer* to track biodiversity change. To view and download their Biodiversity Intactness Index (BII) for an area, visit: https://www.nhm.ac.uk/our-science/data/biodiversity-indicators.html

So what actions might we as individuals take for nature?

The UK needs millions more trees to reach its 2050 carbon net-zero target. By digging in with the Woodland Trust, we'll help bring the UK (and the Queen in her Jubilee Year!) nearer this important goal: https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/schools-and-communities/

We can increase our knowledge of the UK's native and non-native trees with The Woodland Trusts' tree guide by downloading their app: https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/trees-woods-and-wildlife/british-trees/tree-id-app/ or use the Trust's spotter sheet to identify fallen autumn leaves: https://www.treetoolsforschools.org.uk/activities/pdfs/pdf_autumn_leaf_spotter_sheet.pdf

30% of our land needs to be managed by 2030 to restore habitats and species for nature. Although the UK has many ways of designating

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land for nature, it seems that in practice protection is often poor and we are nowhere near that figure. Ask our leaders to act with urgency: https://community.rspb.org.uk/ourwork/b/rspb-england/posts/how-much-of-england-is-protected-and-managed-for-nature?

Can nature-based solutions actually work for climate and nature? Explore nature-based solutions to climate change with this webinar: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IrF6eBuHmsA .

And what about local initiatives that are encouraging nature-based solutions? See what initiatives you might support individually or share.

Anne Wilson mrsannewilson@gmail.com and
Sandra Gamble acanadiangamble@gmail.com

Worton & Cheverell FC (Youth)

'The Badgers'

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The season is now well underway, with many of our teams having made an excellent start. Please get in touch with the relevant team contact if you are interested in joining The Badgers. We would also welcome contact from any small business wishing to sponsor an advertising board.

Badger Cubs - ages 4-6 years. Enjoying some alternative rave and whistle training. Great attendance and lots of enthusiasm on show! Training Saturdays 9am @ Elisha Field, Market Lavington. All welcome to come and try for 2 weeks free.!

U7s – The team is showing positive progress and generally enjoying their football. Training Wednesdays from 1st September 6pm @ Elisha Field, Market Lavington.

U8s – Progressing well with really good numbers and some great results. Training Tuesdays 6pm @ Elisha Field, Market Lavington. New players always welcome.

U9s mixed – With no league games scheduled during the month, the team have been playing friendlies and enjoying themselves training. Great to have some new players in the squad. Training Tuesdays 6pm @ Elisha Field, Market Lavington.

U9s Girls – Despite unfortunately having to withdraw from the league, enthusiasm is unaffected. The team is making impressive progress to be demonstrated in upcoming friendlies. Training Tuesdays 6pm @ Elisha Field, Market Lavington.

U10/11s – Enjoying playing their own age group, playing some great football in the league. U11s are also playing some good matches, encouraging to see more players coming along. All new players welcome. Training 5pm @ West Lavington.

U12s – Continued the excellent start to the season, topping the table with 13 points from 5 games. Excellent team spirt developing. Training Fridays 6pm @ Elisha Field, Market Lavington

U14s – Solid start to the season, stretching unbeaten league run to well over a year, but lost County Cup tie. Training Fridays 6pm @ West Lavington. New players welcome, including U13s.

U15s – Excellent start to the season, sitting top of the division after 5 games, looking forward to forthcoming county and league cup

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ties. Training Fridays 7pm @ Northbrook, Market Lavington.
U16s – The team is now playing well after some COVID cases, most recently drawing 2-2 with Bradford Town. Training Fridays 5.45pm @ Northbrook.

Committee for Season 2021/22
Chairperson: Pete Huntley
Secretary: Vicky Goddard
Treasurer: Vicky Goddard
Welfare Officers: David Kiddle & Hannah Kervin
Grounds: Mark Goddard
Web Pages: James Partington
Newsletter: David Groves
All Team Managers
Treasurer and Welfare Officer positions are in the process of changing over.

Club Secretary fundraising update – Now completed 21 runs, Vicky is raising funds for a Secondary Cancer charity, with a target of 26 10K runs this year. The £1k sponsorship target has been smashed and nearing an amazing £2k! the donation page closes on 30th November. Please look at the story on -
http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/VickyGoddard2

Team Contacts for 2021/22 Season:
Badger Cubs– James Partington - 07532 628219
Girls Team – Liz Gaule – 07949 176623
U7 - Rob Nuttall - 07706 167347
U8– Pete Huntley- 07974756131
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About the fund

The fund is administered by Worton Parish Council and is available for applications from not-for profit groups in Worton. Details of who can apply are in the Grants Policy.

Both the Policy and an application form available from the Parish Council website:
http://worton.org.uk/community-fund/. Alternatively, copies are available from the Clerk: clerk@worton.org.uk.

Applications

The fund total as of 30th September 2021 is £11,139.21. Applications for consideration at the November meeting should be with the Clerk by Friday 22nd October at the latest.

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Worton and Marston Gardening Club

With our Village Show now a happy memory, as many of you know I have been forced into self-isolation for the next two or three months. May I take this opportunity to thank everyone for their kind wishes. These have been much appreciated by myself and particularly Jane who is also isolating with me. I can't escape! This means I have had plenty of time to spend in our garden. The naughty weeds have never had such a hard time. I have also been spending time working on our lawn. This has always been a point of contention between Jane and I. She has always told me I cut the grass too short, so this year I have relented and lifted the mower a bit. Up until the hot weather of July this seemed to help our grass stay lush and green. After the hot weather, the grass started to die off in places, and as in previous years our lawn gradually became a mix of brown patches amongst the green. As we have had adequate rainfall I was unable to understand this, so after cutting the lawn I got out the garden rake, and raked over the whole lawn. Where there were brown patches, about 70% of the lawn, I raked up long strands of grass that had been laying along the soil. Some of these were 2 inches long, and although not dead, brown and useless for a lawn. I know little about lawns, but the obvious solution seemed that I needed to cut these off, so I have now given our lawn a crew cut. Yesterday afternoon I raked the whole lawn again and removed more dead grass. My intention then was to spread more seed over the affected areas, but as there was also some moss present think I may leave this until the Spring. Comments and advice would be most welcome as a lush green lawn is our ultimate aim. In order to preserve my sanity I have been allowed to work on my Allard cars in my workshop. I have been concentrating on the Black saloon, and it is nearly half finished. Best wishes to all. **Dave**

We are busy planning for the AGM ….you should all soon get an email asking if you intend to attend.....please reply promptly. As you know there are no official restrictions on numbers or rules on social distancing (as I write!!) but many of us are still being "careful" so it would be really helpful to have an indication of how many we are expecting! Many thanks!

Sally svwood90@hotmail.com
Rosemary rosemaryrosenfeld@yahoo.co.uk

It has been a fantastic and busy first term at Five Lanes Primary School, it seems incredible that we are nearing the end of October already. The children have settled well into their new classes and it has been wonderful getting to know our new pupils and families. We are no longer in Covid 'bubbles' so we are really enjoying being back together for Worship, break and lunchtimes.

Elder class started the term with their residential trip to Plas Pencelli in Wales. Here is a piece of writing from four of our intrepid explorers:

This year Elder Class went to Plas Pencelli. We got to do so many activities that we would not normally get to experience. From caving in the Welsh underground, to scaling the quarries of the mountains. We learnt lots of new skills like using carabiners and orienteering. It was amazing to see the Welsh countryside and the towering Brecon Beacons. We even saw some of the highest mountains in the whole of Wales. As Year 6, it is the last experience to have an adventurous trip before moving onto secondary school. Not only did we learn physical skills, but we also learnt life skills such as courage and resilience. We had to be responsible for our own rooms and belongings, but it was also a brilliant chance to have fun with our friends.

A once in a life time experience that we will remember forever.

By Marnie, Hugo, Nevaeh and Dexter

Last week Beech class set off in their wellies to Dauntsey's School for a wonderful afternoon of Woodland Adventures. Thank you to the staff and students at Dauntsey's, we had a super time hunting for minibeasts, log climbing, toasting marshmallows and going on a scavenger hunt. Alfie said, "I liked the hot chocolate and marshmallows, it was so yummy." La'raya said, "I liked the worms (wool) we tied to the sticks. I was very good at the

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knots." Lissa-Rose said, "I liked the bonfire, it was hot. It was orange and red." What a fantastic afternoon.

It was a joy to be able to invite our families back to Christ Church last week to celebrate our Harvest Festival. Elder class shared their Clarice Cliff artwork and poems that they have written, Hazel class went with this terms theme of Thankfulness and said thank you for the harvest in different languages and Beech class sang Oat and Beans and Barley Grow. The children all brought along their generous food items which have been donated to Devizes Foodbank.

Are you following our social media accounts? Keep up to date with all that is going on at Five Lanes by following:

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Five Lanes CE Primary School

FIVE LANES WI

Our October meeting was a Bring and Share Harvest Supper. As several people were unable to attend, we held it at Sarah's house instead of the Village Hall. Thanks to Sarah for her welcoming hospitality and to all for their food contributions. With such a variety of food, we were able to enjoy a 3-course supper!! We welcomed the opportunity to have a good chat and a really enjoyable evening.

Our next meeting will be on TUESDAY NOVEMBER 9th at 7:30pm at the Village Hall, and will be a demonstration of how to make paper gift bags. A timely one just running up to Christmas.

An early notice about our DECEMBER meeting on the 14th when we will be making Christmas wreaths and enjoying seasonal refreshments; Rosemary will need £5 at the November meeting, in order to buy the oasis rings.

Hopefully members will be able to attend one or both of the above, and a very warm welcome awaits anyone who would like to give WI a try!

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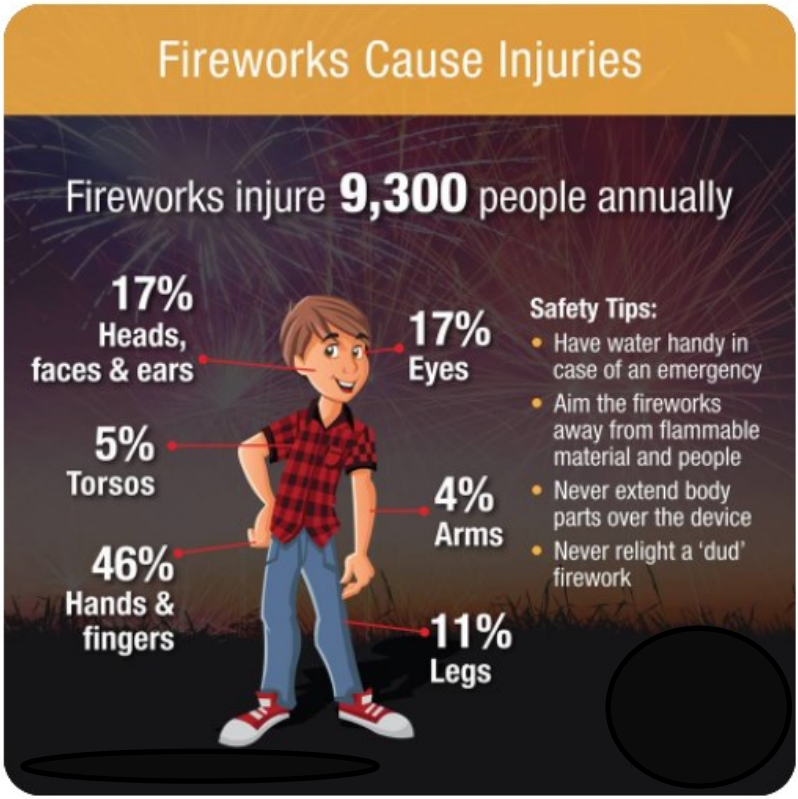

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Village Hall News

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We are also proceeding with our plans to extend the kitchen and as soon as we have our planning permission we will hold an open day for you to come and see what we hope to achieve. Obviously it will require a lot of fund raising but we have already made a start with this. We have also asked a local company if they could give us a no commitment ball park figure that we need to aspire to.

We've also recently been successful with a grant application to buy smaller tables so that people can sit in smaller groups/bubbles should they feel safer in such a set up. When we have these in place we will replace the wooden trestle tables with them so if you know anyone who might like those, please let a Trustee know.

200 Club
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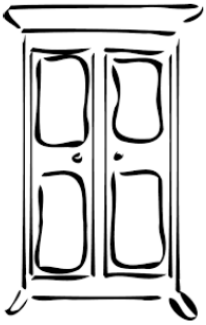

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(From Canon Scott-Holland 1847 - 1915)

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ROSE AND CROWN NEWS

Mary and Derrick would like to congratulate the Ladies' Darts team on their outstanding success during the Summer. Not only did they win the League but they were also the winners of the Singles, Captains Cup, the pairs, team knock-out and runners up in the 1001. Well done girls!

MARSTON PARISH COUNCIL

2 prisoners, said to be dangerous, escaped from Erlestoke Prison on Sunday 6th October. The Cascade system could not be put into operation as the Police failed to notify anyone. Date of next meeting 11th November 7.30 p.m. at Chapel.

VILLAGE DIARY

Regular Meetings

In the Village Hall
(all currently suspended or on Zoom)

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

In the Chapel at Marston
(currently suspended or on Zoom)

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

Various Venues
Announced Monthly

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

Mobile Library
Location: The School, 1.10 - 1.50pm
Next Date: Monday 8th November

Call Wiltshire Library Services on **01225 713727** for information

Forthcoming Events

4th Are you Crafty?
9th W.I. meeting
13th Book Swap

Kerbside Collections in November

Black box and Plastic and card recycling:
Tuesdays 2nd & 16th & 30th

Household waste:
Wednesdays 10th & 24th

Garden waste:
Fridays 12th & 26th

Worton and Marston Link

If you need help with transport for hospital appointments visiting the doctor and dentist or other important journeys.

Call W&M Link on 07413 912828

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