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THE BRIDGE

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A Note From the Editor

Summer has officially arrived in the villages. The summer Fete was well attended with laughter from the ring toss echoing across the field. This month we see fewer local events, but there is still plenty to do. We are spoilt for choice. You can choose from cream teas and garden games, belly laughing opera productions, foot-stomping barn dances, or a paw-tastic dog show.

Whatever you choose to participate in, getting involved is part of the fun. We have such a lovely Village Hall, let's make good use of it. Some ideas that have been floated around include: October Beer & Braats Fest, Movie night, Race Night, and dare I say it, another murder mystery? What about a gnome hunt? The possibilities are limitless.

Having produced the murder mystery earlier this year, I can vouch for the fact that it can be quite daunting to host a community event. Typically the person who puts the idea forward 'owns' the delivery as well. The suggestion has been made that we create a small events committee to generate ideas and help support the various events. The concept of 'many hands make light work' I think is perfect for this.

So far we have a few people interested. If you'd like to get involved in creating or supporting more community events, then please reach out to myself or Helen Bodman.

And for the writers amongst us, we have our first group writing prompts that everyone is working on. While it has proven difficult to coordinate a face-to-face meeting, everyone seems keen to try their hand at the prompts I provided. I'm looking forward to hearing what the creative energy generates.

Catherine

PASTORAL LETTER

I wonder if I were to ask you where you are from, what your answer would be? I have been surprised to discover that quite a number living in our villages have grown up locally and some families even go back several generations.

Although it may sound a little strange, I believe you can learn a lot about the community in which you live by visiting the local Church and Churchyard. Some family names are very familiar to us locally, and our churches and churchyards bear witness to those who have gone before us in this place.

Some of you will know that I myself spent my early years growing up in Bishops Cannings, not so far from here! My father was the vicar there in the 60s and although I have lived in many other places since then, my roots remain important. The local landscape is very much embedded within my memory, as are the people I grew up knowing.

It has been a great blessing meeting and getting to know many of you since coming to live in Seend nearly three years ago. I am happy to say my post across the Wellsprings Benefice has been extended for a further two years, so I won't be leaving this summer as I had originally imagined! Spending time within our churches and villages across the parishes has been a real privilege, sharing some of the real high and low points in some of your lives as well as the everyday moments. I value the neighbourly support many of you give to those around you and I hope we can continue to reach out and make those new to our villages feel truly welcome.

We all need to feel that we are welcome and that we belong wherever we are originally from.

One of the things that helps us to feel that we belong is being able to be truly ourselves, being known, loved and accepted for who we are.

I hope our churches can continue to grow and become places of such belonging. Please be in touch if you would like to know more about what our Church community can offer and how you might contribute.

With Much Love,
Revd Caroline O'Neill

FAMILY OF CHURCHES IN WORTON AND MARSTON

GOOD FRIDAY

A good number of people gathered at Marston Chapel at 11:00am on Good Friday. After some readings and a hymn, they set off with volunteers carrying our smaller cross towards Christ Church, stopping at intervals to hear readings about the last days of Jesus' earthly life as He approached the time of His sacrifice on the cross. On arrival at Christ Church, the cross was swopped for the large one which was carried to the Village Hall and placed in the pre-prepared hole. This to be decorated with beautiful flowers by Margaret Charlton on the Saturday to illustrate new life. Back in church for the final readings and hymn. This is always a quiet and sombre gathering as befits the great sacrifice that Jesus was making, but, as Christians, we look forward to the celebration, joy and new life of Easter Sunday. A report on this will appear elsewhere.

Home-made soups and bread rolls were then enjoyed along with a chance for a good chat with those we see often, some now and again, and some ex-Worton-ites who had returned just for the occasion! Thank you to the soup makers and all who helped, and to Rev Gary and Rev Gerry for leading the worship along the way.

WELCOMING OF NEWCOMERS TO WORTON AND MARSTON

Although this has always been made possible by a small group of people on the Family of Churches along with many villagers who provide the supper for the January Welcome Party, this must from now on, be enabled by a bigger group to share the effort, if it is to continue into the future! This involves:-

- *Noting new people moving in and delivering a welcome card
- *Making a note of the address and the names of the new people
- *Delivering their free ticket in January for the Welcome Party (usually the last Friday in January)
- *Making sure all organisations have a free ticket for one representative
- *Selling tickets to longer-standing villagers
- *Planning and helping with the Welcome Party itself, especially setting/clearing up, shopping, providing the buffet supper etc.

COULD THIS BE YOU?

A reasonable number of people would make this a much easier task for the future. What an amazing thing to have been going for well over 40 years! Let us know if you are interested and along with two volunteers already, we can meet up and make a plan. **GIVE US A CALL!!**

Jean on 722069 Heather on 725785

FROM CHRIST CHURCH

Firstly, enormous thanks to all those who contributed towards the gifts of flowers, chocolates, afternoon tea at the Bear Hotel, and the amazing cheques on our retirement as churchwardens. We were overwhelmed by the love and generosity shown and were both in shock for days! We obviously don't know who gave towards these gifts, but we thank you all so much, and thanks to Catherine and Rachel for making it happen without a whisper escaping the secrecy! We and John and Tony will enjoy the afternoon tea together soon.

We will still be part of Church life and services will continue as usual, but with some of the responsibilities being shared amongst others. The team is building well!

The Easter Day service was well attended, with all the children and adults receiving an Easter egg, the children doing the hunting and very happily passing an egg on to all.

There were two Funeral Services in April, and two lovely Baptisms in April and early May.

We will be holding a Cream Teas and Croquet outdoor Community Cafe on Saturday 21st June from 2.00-4.00pm Come along and enjoy some time relaxing with friends, with a delicious cream tea.

We were very saddened to hear that our dear friend and very loyal member of our church family, Dorothy Barcham, passed away peacefully at the end of April. We visited Dorothy during her time in the Care Home, and she always had a tale to tell with so many memories spanning her 94 years. She and Frank had moved to Marston in the 60s. She was very proud of her family, and they will miss her so much. Her funeral service will be at Christ Church on Tuesday 27th May at 2pm.

Heather and Jean

SERVICE CALENDAR

JUNE

Sun June 1st	EASTER 7 9.30am 6.00pm	CHRIST CHURCH Holy Communion <i>MARSTON CHAPEL</i> <i>Mindfulness</i>
Sun June 8th	PENTECOST 9.30am	CHRIST CHURCH Morning Praise
Sun June 15th	TRINITY SUNDAY 9.30am 6.00pm	CHRIST CHURCH Holy Communion <i>MARSTON CHAPEL</i> <i>Mindfulness</i>
Sun June 22nd	TRINITY 1 9.30am	CHRIST CHURCH Family Service
Sun June 29th	TRINITY 2 No Service at Christ Church, Benefice Service is a Tent Service at Poulshot starting 10.00am.	CHRIST CHURCH

JULY

Sun July 6th	TRINITY 3 9.30am 6.00pm	CHRIST CHURCH Holy Communion <i>MARSTON CHAPEL</i> <i>Mindfulness</i>
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A Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Audrey Gill, and a Service to Celebrate the Life of Kate Harding, took place at Christ Church during April 2025. Also the Baptism of Malia Joy Vine.

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



WELLSPRINGS BENEFICE SERVICES

JUNE 2025

Sunday 1st (Easter 7)

8am	Communion (BCP)	Potterne
9:30am	Communion	Worton
9:30am	Matins (BCP)	Poulshot
11am	Communion	Potterne
11am	Communion	Seend
6pm	Evensong (BCP)	Bulkington

Sunday 8th (Pentecost)

8am	Communion (BCP)	Seend
9:30am	Communion (BCP)	Poulshot
9:30am	Morning Praise	Worton
11am	Communion	Bulkington
11am	Communion	Potterne
6pm	Evensong (BCP)	Potterne

Sunday 15th (Trinity Sunday)

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

Friday 20th

3:30pm	Messy Church	Potterne Village Hall
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Sunday 22nd (Trinity 1)

9:30am	Communion (BCP)	Poulshot
9:30am	Family Service	Worton
11am	Communion	Bulkington
11am	Communion	Seend
11am	Communion	Potterne
6pm	Evensong (BCP)	Seend

Weds 25th

5pm	Celtic Service	Poulshot
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Sunday 29th (Trinity 2)

10am	Benefice Service	Tent on Poulshot Green
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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 for more details of all our services, latest updates and to keep in touch.

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Church Registers

Baptisms

Malia Vine on 27th April at Christ Church, Worton.

Charlie Ralls on 11th May at Christ Church, Worton.

Funerals

Kate Harding on 24th April at Christ Church, Worton.

Dorothy Barcham on 27th May at Christ Church, Worton.

No weddings this month.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONDOLENCES

We are sad to announce that Joanna Buckley, earlier from Stretch Cottage, Mill Road, Worton and more lately living in Wilton, then Old Sarum Manor care Home, near Salisbury, has passed away. Details of her memorial will follow. Joanna's family is very grateful to her friends for their visits, cards and warm support during her time at the care home.



Flora's Baby Sitting and Dog Walking Services

Do you have a party, wedding, or maybe just a night out?
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Friday 20th June
3.30 pm – 5.15 pm

Potterne Village Hall, Mill Road, SN10 5ND
(parking available at the hall and old school)

Crafts – games
worship
food – fun

You are welcome to arrive any time in the first hour.
Refreshments when you arrive, then crafts and activities,
Bible story and song, followed by a sit-down family meal

Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult

Anne Dunham OBE
(24 Sep 1948—11 May 2025)



The passing of a resident Gold Medallist

Worton lost a larger than life history making resident when Anne Dunham passed away on 11 May 2025.

She moved to a bungalow in Sandlease after she'd retired, aged 67, to be nearer her daughter.

Due to her disability she was often confined to her home but when she was well enough she would be seen out on her buggy with her dog Coco trotting along beside her. She had initially been diagnosed with MS but later that was changed to Dystonia.

Anne was one of Britain's most enduringly successful Equestrian Paralympians winning Team Gold Medals in 5 Olympic Games as well as an Individual Gold at Beijing 2008. She went on to win so many Paralympic and World Championship medals that in 2011 at the age of 63 she was named Sunday Times Disabled Sportswoman of the year. She netted her final Gold at Rio in 2016 at the age of 67, the oldest member of Team GB. It was at that stage she decided to retire.

Those of us who were privileged to get to know her over these last few years will miss her .

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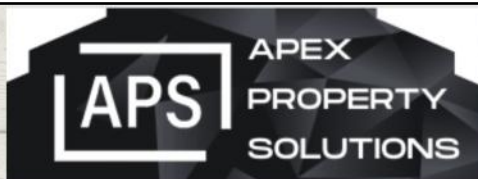
Worton United Charities

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.

All contacts or requests are dealt with in strictest confidence.

The Trustees

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



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VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Hi everybody,

As mentioned in Lionel's final Village Hall News last month, we have held the annual AGM on Wednesday 7 May for the Hall and many thanks to the representatives from the regular users who attended to make up the Management Committee. At the meeting all the Trustees stood down as required by our constitution and with Pauline Crisp wanting to step down as Treasurer after 10 years of valiant service, for which thanks must go to her, it is all change in one sense and more of the same in another. All the trustees were re-elected but we have swapped around roles to enable the Trustees group to continue to function.

Lionel has stepped down as Chair and taken over as Treasurer and is also now the Booking Agent, thanks to him for taking on this role. This left the Chair post vacant and so I, Joe Kidd, have agreed to become an interim Chair, while continuing as Secretary. I don't see myself in this role for any length of time so the hunt is on for a Chair. If anyone would like to take on this role, please let me know on wmvhchair@yahoo.com.

To keep the required number of Trustees, Pauline has kindly remained a Trustee, along with Brian Badge, Dave Pilbeam and Pam Woods.

Lionel has set up two new emails, one for booking requests for the hall at booking4vh@outlook.com, and one for invoices and general financial dealings, at treasurer4vh@gmail.com.

Everyone who has used the new facilities, both kitchen and audio visual system, plus Wi-Fi, have been very pleased with them. The latter includes a plug-in HDMI box on the wall to plug a computer into the projector. So please think of the hall as a place to run events and gatherings of all sorts.

Maintenance

The rear elevation of the hall has been re-rendered where the render was in a bad condition and holes and cracks filled. It is now ready for painting, along with the internals, which should take place over the summer, when the hall is less well used to minimise disruption to regular users.

Events Coming Up

We have a number of exciting events coming up over the summer and into the autumn but do get in touch through the booking email if you want to organise either a private event or one for the whole village to enjoy. The Village Hall is there for you to use as a village resource.

So, some dates for your diaries:

- ⇒ **21 June Bunting Making Workshop** as part of the end of the Second World War events.
- ⇒ **5 July Pop-Up Café** and Rail/Rummage Sale.
- ⇒ **16 August Breakfast Baps.** Bacon and Sausage Baps with tea and coffee. So come along and start the day off with family and friends in a newly repainted hall by then.
- ⇒ **30 August Village Show**
- ⇒ **5 September to 7 September End of WW2 celebrations.**
- ⇒ **17 September Soup Lunch**
- ⇒ And one for longer term – **Christmas Bazaar on 6 December.**

Once again please let me know if you would like to volunteer to be the chair of trustees, a fulfilling and important position.

Cheers,

Joe

On behalf of the Trustees





Market Lavington Museum

Summer opening

**3rd May Museum opens 14.30-16.30 Wednesday Saturday
and Sunday every week.**

29th July – 26th August Activities for children

**Look out for more information in future editions of this
magazine.**

Marston Meditation

MARSTON CHAPEL



ON THE GREEN

1st & 3rd Sunday of the month

Doors open at 5:45pm

All are welcome

gary.gotham@gmail.com

mobile 07946 475587

A MIDSUMMER DAY IN KEEVIL

Saturday 21st June , 11am til 4pm there will be a midsummer day for all the family in Keevil, including open gardens, plant sale, children's trail , adult trail, afternoon teas, cream teas, children's miniature garden competition, raffles, stalls and all the rest that goes for a good day out on midsummer day.

Tickets for sale in the church on the day £7.50, children free. parking in field next to church. Raising money for the roof of St Leonard's church

READING BETWEEN THE WINES

Do you enjoy a good read? And a social evening afterwards to discuss the book and exchange opinions? We meet approximately every 6 weeks, in each other's homes, to do just that, and to choose our next "good read".

The next meeting is 11 June.

If you think you might enjoy helping out, contact

Pauline Crisp at dpcrisp@uwclub.net, or on 01380 720248 or 01755 906918.

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The Devizes Arts Festival Kicks off on the 27th May. Here's a list Of What's On.

Week 1			
Date	What	Detail/Who/What	Where/When
27 th May – 21 st June	Art & Pottery exhibition	David O'Connor artwork & Richard Phethean ceramics	White Chalk Gallery – Old Swan Yard
30 th May	Music	Kiki Dee & Carmello Luggeri	Corn Exchange – 8.00pm
31 st May	Organ Recital	Chris Totney	St John's Church – 11.00am
31 st May	Latin Music	K'Chevere	Corn Exchange – 8.00pm
1 st June	Talk	Luxury in Wood – Stewart Linford	The Peppermill – 2.30pm
1 st June	Space & Science Talk	Space, Science & Beyond – Dame Maggie Aderin-Pocock	Corn Exchange – 7.00pm
2 nd June	Workshop	Writing Workshop – Do you have a story to tell?	Cheese Hall, Devizes Town Hall – 2.30pm
3 rd June	Gardening Talk	Sowing the Seeds – Frances Tophill	Corn Exchange – 7.30pm
4 th June	Writers Talk	Taking over the reins – Felix Francis	Cheese Hall, Devizes Town Hall – 2.00pm
4 th June	Theatre	Sherlock Holmes – The Last Act	Wharf Theatre – 7.30pm
5 th June	Theatre	Sherlock Holmes – The Last Act	Wharf Theatre – 7.30pm
5 th June	Music	Singer/Songwriter – Anna Ling	St Andrew's Church – 12.00pm
7 th June	Talk	Jane Austen Celebration	Assembly Room, Devizes Town Hall – 2.00pm
7 th June	Dancing/History	Regency Dancers	Assembly Room, Devizes Town Hall – 4.00pm
7 th June	Country Music	Country Chicks	Corn Exchange – 8.00pm



Week 2			
8 th June	Music	Whiskey River	The British Lion – 2.00pm
9 th June	Print Workshop	Creative Drypoint Prints	Artists Studio, Rowde – 10.00am & 1.30pm
10 th June	Talks	Solving Cryptic Crosswords	Assembly Room, Devizes Town Hall – 2.00pm
10 th June	Classical Music Recital	Clarinet & Piano – Sarah Williamson & Simon Callaghan	Assembly Room, Devizes Town Hall – 7.30pm
11 th June	Talks/Music	Lifting the Lid – Miranda Pender	Cheese Hall, Devizes Town Hall – 2.30pm
11 th June	Theatre	Prostitutes Marry in May	Wharf Theatre – 8.00pm
12 th June	Photography Talk	Wild Wiltshire – Stephen Davis	Cheese Hall, Devizes Town Hall – 12.30pm
12 th June	Jazz Music	Julian Costello Quartet	Assembly Room, Devizes Town Hall – 8.00pm
13 th June	Comedy	Mark Watson	Corn Exchange – 8.00pm
14 th June	History Talk	Devizes in Civil War Fiction – Charles Cordell	Devizes Museum – 1.00pm
14 th June	Music	Bath Male Choir	St John's Church – 3.00pm
14 th June	Music	80's Party Band – Riviera Dogs	Corn Exchange – 8.15pm
15 th June	Talk	Magnificent Women & Flying Machines – Sally Smith	The Peppermill – 2.30pm
15 th June	Jazz Music	Radio Banska	Cellar Bar, Bear Hotel – 7.00pm

Booking & tickets are available from Devizes Books or online at www.devizesartsfestival.org.uk

Look forward to seeing you there.



THE WILTSHIRE BOBBY VAN TRUST

Registered Charity No: 1153790

Family dog show will raise funds for Bobby Van and Air Ambulance

TICKETS are now on sale for the inaugural Paws For A Cause charity dog show at Rainscombe Park, Oare, on June 21.

The show will be a fantastic day out for families and four-legged friends in aid of the Wiltshire and Bath Air Ambulance Charity and Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust. Held amid the splendid grounds of Rainscombe Park, the canine cavalcade will have something for everyone.

One of the stars of the show will be the Paws For Thought dog display team who will be showing off their agility and intelligence with tricks and fun races. Among the highlights are dog races, fun agility, unusual retrieves, tricks and exceptional commentary and even a Jack Russell ladder walking.



It won't just be the display teams taking centre stage, every dog will have its day in our 14 show classes that are open to all. There will be a chance for visitors to show off their beloved pet in a range of show categories to be in with a chance of a rosette and goodie bag.

Dogs aged over six months can classes including Most fabulous fella; Most lovely lady; Precious Pup (6 – 12 months); Golden Oldie (7 years & over); Cutest couple (of dogs); Junior Handler (12 years and under); Junior Handler (12 – 16 years); Best rescue; Dog with the waggiest tail; Sweetest expression; Best Condition dog; Best Condition bitch and Dog the judges would most like to take home.

There is also a Have A Go ring for anyone to show off their dog's agility and among the challenges will be Hoopers, where dogs navigate a course of hoops, barrels and tunnels working in a team with their handlers.

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Have-a-go Agility is a fun, introductory experience designed to allow dog owners and their dogs to try out agility activities without the pressure of competition. Temptation Alley is a fun and often challenging activity where the participants test their dog's recall by calling them back through a course lined with enticing treats and toys. The goal is for the dog to resist the distractions and to return to the handler quickly.



Everyone loves to see dogs enjoying themselves so a display by K9 Aqua Sports, who will be showcasing the Aqua Sport of dog diving, will be a popular attraction. It's all about having fun with canine friends and any breed, size and ability (over six months) can come and join in the soggy, doggy fun.

As well as all the fun and competition there will be a children's activity section, stalls and refreshments.

Bobby Van Director Jennie Shaw said: "We are looking forward to a wonderful day at Rainscombe Park and we are very grateful to Robert Hiscox for generously allowing us to use the grounds.

"This will be a great day out for dog lovers and families and as well as having lots to see and do, it will be a celebration of everything to do with our favourite pets. It will also help raise much-needed funds to support two much-needed charities that have to raise money to maintain their service."

Tickets are just £8 if you book in advance and £10 on the day. Carers' tickets are available at 50 per cent discount and under 12s go free. Tickets are available at wiltshirebobbyvan.org.uk/future-events.



Village Barn Dance
Featuring Blazing Saddles
Friday 6th June 2025
7.30pm Potterne Village Hall
Tickets £15
including Ploughman's Supper
(v, vg and gf available, please advise when booking)
Tickets sold in advance.
(Purchase early to avoid disappointment!)
Bar and Raffle

Tickets available from Nesta Pudney 01380 500098 /
07704377287/ npudney1@sky.com

**This is a fundraising event for Potterne Youth Club
and will be a great night.**

Please come along and join the fun!

Community Café

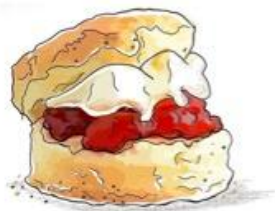
Cream Teas and Croquet



Pop by for a sweet or savoury cream tea, cake and games; a chance to explore our churchyard, relax, meet new people and make friends. Churchyard and wildlife trails and scavenger hunts. Activities for all ages and it's all free.

**Saturday 21st June
2:00pm – 4:00pm
at Christ Church**

**Everyone
welcome**



WHITE HORSE OPERA COSI FAN TUTTE

BY
W A MOZART



DEVIZES TOWN HALL

Saturday 21st June 7.30pm

Tickets £15 from

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BUNTING MAKING WORKSHOPS

(For the end of WW2 event 6-7 September)

**Make your own bunting to decorate
the village. Open to all**

**Materials and help will be given no previous
experience needed**

Come along to

Worton and Marston Village Hall on

Saturday 21st June: 2pm to 5pm.

If you have unwanted cotton material we can use please contact

Chris Johnson 01380 720580 [/cvs64@hotmail.com](mailto:cvs64@hotmail.com)

We want to make this a community event.





The
WEST LAVINGTON VILLAGE FETE
 is on
SATURDAY 12th JULY
 from 2pm

The West Lavington Village Fete is back on **Saturday July 12th**, from 2pm on the Village Playing Field. There will be all the popular attractions at the Fete, including the **Fun Family Dog Show**, a **Bake Off Competition**, **Bouncy Castle** and the fantastic **Grand Prize Draw**, plus children's games and loads of stalls. Parking and entry is free!

The Fete will be opened at 2pm by Mr John Davies, Headmaster of Dauntsey's School. To keep you entertained and refreshed throughout the afternoon there will be music from the **Amesbury Town Band**, sponsored by **Aster Homes**, and dancing from the **Devizes Morris Dancers**, plus a Harley Davidson procession with bikes from the Great Western and Oxford chapters. Not to mention homemade teas from the WI in the Village Hall, and a drinks tent!

Why not enter your faithful friend in the West Lavington Fete **Fun Family Dog Show**, sponsored by **Rangebourne Pets of Devizes**. 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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Pam Woods (Quiz Mistress)



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Saturday 14th June
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Saturday 12th July
10:00am—12 noon

Dysart House, Church Lane,
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WORTON AND MARSTON GARDEN CLUB

We don't have a talk in June however we have a visit to a superb garden Cortington Manor instead.

This month we have many gardens open for the National Garden Scheme in Wiltshire, it's that time of year!

Here are a couple very near to us that I would recommend:

- * June 1st. Rookery Cottage - featured on Gardeners World a couple of weeks ago
- * June 7th Drax House Orcheston. First time opening for this lovely garden
- * June 8th Chisenbury Priory. A favourite always worth another visit

More details [NGS.org.uk](https://www.ngs.org.uk)

Best wishes
Alison

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Lunch time opening Evening opening

Monday	Closed	6pm -11pm
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WORTON AND MARSTON VILLAGE SHOW

Saturday 30th August at the Village Hall

We have now finished the schedule, and it has gone off to the printers. We aim to deliver these by the end of June. Can we give the crafters amongst you a little notice of the classes this year? We have discussed these with the judges to ensure that unique skills are better separated into different entries, which has meant we have gone from six to eight classes.

These are:-

- > 86 A handmade greeting card
- > 87 A painting -any theme- any medium
- > 88 An item of decorative needlework
 - > e.g. Tapestry/ embroidery
- > 89 example of Hand knitting or crochet
 - > E.g. Garment, household item, toy
- > 90 A sculpture made from any medium
- > 91 A functional piece made from any medium
 - > eg wood, ceramic metal etc
- > 92 An example of a sewn garment either plain or embellished
- > 93 An example of an “artistic craft”
 - > E.g. Needle felting, free motion textile art, applique, quilting/ patchwork/ weaving.

As I write this, the ground is very dry. We have had little rain since the beginning of March. Things that went into the ground early, potatoes, onions, broad beans etc are doing ok but as we plant out runner beans, courgettes, squashes etc and many of the annual flowers, dahlias and such like, they will need some water. Let’s hope the weather changes a little.

A reminder that the children’s classes are open not just to those living in the village and those who attend Five Lanes, they are open to nephews, nieces, grandchildren, etc of local residents.

And finally, please think about giving the planted pot a go. The pot can be any size as long as you can get it to the village hall!! And contain any sort of combination of plants that has an impact, colour, foliage, herbs, cacti, whatever.

Good luck to all!

Many thanks

On behalf of the Organising Committee

Bill Francis

WORTON & MARSTON LADIES GROUP

At our last meeting on the 30th April, we were pleased to welcome six new members from WI who sadly had to make the decision to close after many years. I'm sure they will find us a 'friendly bunch' and will feel quite at home.

For that evening we welcomed Emma and Claudia from Julia's House Children's Hospice, Devizes, giving a presentation. Most of us think 'hospice' as end of life care. Julia's House is so much more, with its sensory room and play area where children can go during the day, giving parents some respite. It certainly opened our eyes to the wonderful work they do, helping families cope with seriously ill children, and helping parents and siblings have quality time together. Emma, who is a family liaison, works with families helping to cope and navigate through mountains of paperwork, filling in forms trying to get funding for equipment desperately needed, visiting homes just being there for a parent to chat to over coffee.

As with all hospices, they all depend on donations. I'm pleased to say on the evening we donated £122. Julia's House has a Hospice Open Day on the 16th September, booking essential, to book call 01380 562525, well worth a visit.

Our next meeting on 28th May is a visit from Wiltshire & Bath Air Ambulance. All welcome. Start time 7.30. Hosts Pam & June.

On the 25th June we visit the Wharf Theatre to see Calendar Girls, should be an entertaining evening. 7 for 7.30 start.

And finally, looking ahead to July we are hoping to have a Canal Trip TBC, more next month.

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MESSAGE FROM OUR WILTSHIRE COUNCILLOR

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who voted for me on Thursday 1 May. I am delighted to have been returned as your Wiltshire Councillor and I will do my very best over the next four years to stand up, and speak out, for residents across Devizes Rural West, and to deliver for you, and your Parish Councils.

Thank you to those who have agreed to serve as Parish Councillors and to everyone who helps to make every community in Devizes Rural West such a brilliant place to live. There were no Parish Council elections locally, and each Parish Council has at least one vacancy – additional Parish Councillors can now be co-opted, so please do contact your Parish Clerk if you are interested.

I will continue to attend Parish Council meetings and to work closely with your Parish Councillors, including your Parish Clerks who are all incredibly efficient and knowledgeable about local issues. For Highways and other matters please always report on the My Wilts app or Wiltshire Council website – it is always helpful to drop your Parish Clerk an email too.

I should like to remind everyone about Wiltshire Council's Area Board Grants. Many local groups have benefited from the significant funding which is available for community organisations to ensure that our local communities are well supported. Area Board grants are split into three main funding schemes:

Community grants - capital funding to help provide facilities and equipment for projects that are important to the local community.

Youth grants - revenue funding for projects that provide positive leisure-time activities for young people aged 13-19 or up to 25 years old with special educational needs and/or disabilities.

Older and Vulnerable adult grants - revenue funding to support projects that benefit and improve older and vulnerable residents' health and wellbeing.

More information is at [Area Board Grants - Wiltshire Council](#) – the next Devizes Area Board meeting is on Monday 30 June and applications must be received at least 4 weeks before an Area Board meeting – which take place four times per year.

I hope that many local organisations will seek a grant over the coming years – please do get in touch with me, or Richard Rogers, our Strategic Engagement Partnerships Manager at richard.rogers@wiltshire.gov.uk if you would like to discuss a grant application.

Tamara Reay

Wiltshire Councillor for Devizes Rural West.

Tel: 07711 824864 Email: tamara.reay@wiltshire.gov.uk



WORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Election Update

There was no poll for the election of Worton Parish Councillors on Thursday 1st May as the election was uncontested. This was because only three candidates successfully managed to process their nomination papers in the short timescale allowed. Therefore the following councillors were duly elected:

Malcolm Powell

Nick Stokes

Chris Collins

We would like to thank the outgoing councillors for their dedication and hard work over the last four years. We would especially like to thank Barry Devine, our Chair for the last eight years, for his unwavering commitment and efforts to the wellbeing of the Parish.

Councillor Vacancies

Would you like to be a Parish Councillor?

Worton Parish Council has six vacancies for parish councillors and is inviting you to make a real difference by joining this first tier of local government. The job of the council is to represent the interests of the whole community and understanding the needs of different groups is an important part of the role. Anyone over 18 years of age and residing or working in the parish can apply.

We look at local planning, highways, traffic, playing fields, rights of way, seats, bus shelters to name but a few. Over the next few years we will be embarking on new projects such as play equipment and improvements to the Parish Council owned land at Sandlease and Whatleys.

If you would like to join us and have the opportunity to be co-opted as a councillor then please come along to the Worton Parish Council meeting on Monday 9th June 2025, 19:00 at the Village Hall.

Malcolm Powell - Councillor

malcolm@worton.org.uk



WORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Plan

The Parish Plan is a community plan containing a set of actions that the Parish Council will undertake over the next few years. We are currently developing the plan and are looking for your suggestions as to what you like in order to meet the wishes and needs of the community. The list below is a start to get you thinking. Please either add a comment on Facebook or send your ideas to my email address below. The Parish Council will look at all suggestions over the coming months

Traffic / High Street

- Improve visibility of Village Gates, clean and cut back encroaching vegetation
- Purchase 30mph bin stickers for his street residents
- Any other suggestions?

Sandleaze

- New additional picnic tables
- New benches sited at a new view point overlooking the valley with ability for residents to affix memorial plaques
- Plant more trees in King Charles Copse. Create circular walk
- New gravel path across Sandleaze from the footpath behind Gaisford to the new path created by Newland Homes development and into play area gate
- Improve the boundary between Sandleaze and the Newland Homes development
- Football goal and high 'ball stop' fencing
- Repair wooden fencing
- Nature area
- Dog walking area
- New play area for under fives
- New shelter area for older children and teenagers

Whatleys

- New picnic tables
- New benches and create a view point overlooking the mill leat

Footpaths

- Top up the gravel on the footpath between the church and Prince Hill and behind Gaisford. Sort out low waterlogged spots
- Remove unnecessary gates across footpath
- Produce a map for footpath trails which could include village history
- New footpath signposts possibly including trail signs for new footpath trail
- Upgrade dog poo bins and add more signage

Malcolm Powell - Councillor

malcolm@worton.org.uk



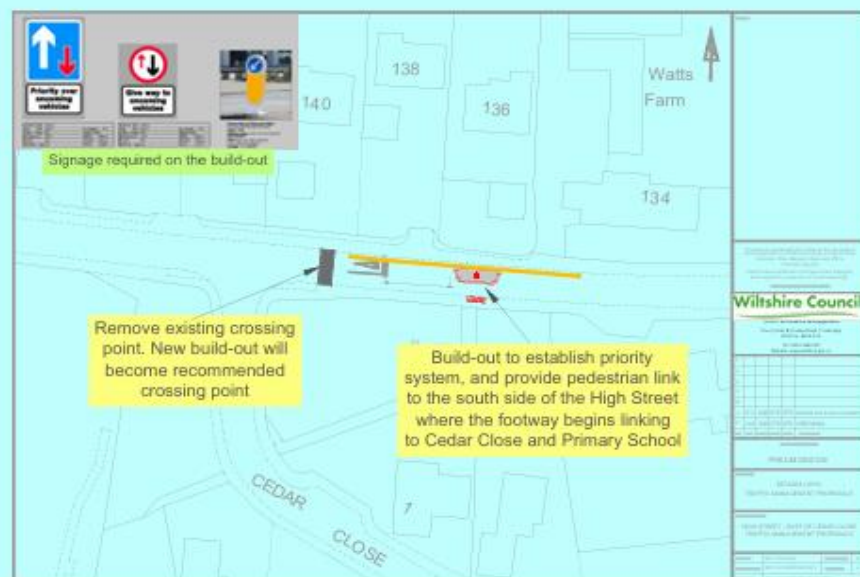
WORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Traffic Calming - High Street

Wiltshire Council have advised that starting on Monday 11th August 2025 they will be implementing a new traffic calming scheme along Worton High Street. The works will require the closure of the road at this point for up to three weeks to Friday 29th August, whilst the work takes place. Diversions will be in place, it is not clear at this stage whether the road will remain closed at weekends.

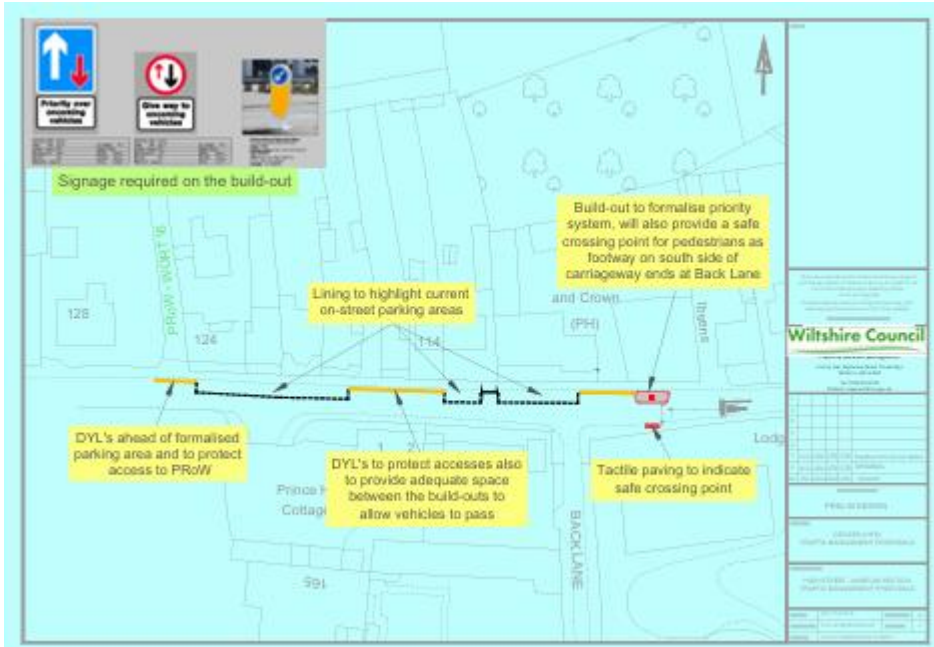
The works include moving the crossing point at Cedar Close a few meters further east to cross to a new 'Build-Out' and the creation of a new crossing point to another 'Build-Out' by the Rose and Crown. See drawings from Wiltshire Council Traffic and Network Management.

Worton Parish Council will be monitoring the works closely.



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WORTON COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

(Speedwatch sessions are of 45 minutes duration)

Worton Community Speedwatch Figures for April 2025					
Date	Time	Vehicles	Total 30MPH+	Vehicles Reported	Max Speed
Wednesday 23rd	15.30 - 16.15	374	6	1	37
Thursday 24th	08.15 - 09.00	453	6	0	
Thursday 24th	16.00 - 16.45	597	14	1	36
Friday 25th	09.00 - 09.45	325	11	2	47
Monday 28th	08.45 - 09.30	298	17	8	39
Monday 28th	10.00 - 10.45	335	3	1	36
Tuesday 29th	09.00 - 09.45	309	7	1	36
Wednesday 30th	08.00 - 08.45	505	29	4	37
Sessions: 8	Average: 400	3196	93	18	
2024 Sessions: 8	Average: 331	2648	129	22	39

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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Primary School



The children returned from their Easter holiday full of energy and quickly settled back into school life. We have been very busy, especially our year 6 who have done their KS2 SATs. They approached these with maturity and resilience, and we are incredibly proud of them.



Easter Chicks

Elder class (years 5 and 6) were thrilled to be visited by some chicks. A big thank you to Robin and family.



Open the Book

We were joined by Open the Book who told the story of when Jesus rose from the tomb. The story links with our termly value of friendship and reminds Christians of their friendship with God.



Summer Fete

As this edition is being prepared, we are gearing up for the summer fete and we hope to bring you lots of photos next month.



House Points

Well done to Yellow Team who had the most house points and relished coming to school in non-uniform.

Dental Hygiene

Beech class (reception, years 1 and 2) were visited by our school nurse who discussed dental hygiene. The children sorted foods into those that are good and those that are bad for our teeth. They also demonstrated how to brush their teeth on a model.



Athletics at Dauntseys

Our year 2–6 children took part in a day of athletics at Dauntsey's School. They represented our school brilliantly—demonstrating determination, teamwork and great sportsmanship.



KIDS CORNER



FLOWER OF THE MONTH



Rose

(Rosaceae)

*Our life is like a thorny rose,
Not perfect, but always beautiful.*

—Kirston D. Warfield

The queen of the garden. The belle of the ball. The thorn in my thumb.

Roses—you either love them or loathe them. They are the marmite of the flower world. Some might say they've had their day. However, the fact that they've been around for over 35 million years, tells me they aren't going anywhere soon.

They are the quintessential symbol of love. Their scent can be heady and warm or light and airy—much like that first flutter or breathless kiss. They come in every shade of the rainbow and variations in between. They are hardy and can be either shrubs, or climbers, or trailers. Give them a sunny spot in the garden, a bit of water now and then, and you will soon have a healthy supply of beautiful buds.

During the 17th century, roses were so revered that they were used for currency by royalty. Roses, and rose water, were considered legal tender due to their economic value. Today, they still have considerable medicinal benefit and are often used in cosmetics and herbal medicine.

Whether you're over the moon with them or just over them, there is no denying a rose has a depth of beauty that goes beyond its petals and thorns.

To stare into the folds of rose petals is to witness eternity.

(sources: *almanac.com*)

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June

Spring waltzed in with measured
beats, the song at crescendo.
June lifts her head, dance card
set, for the innuendo.

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Trowbridge, opp Wiltshire College				16:45		
Trowbridge John of Gaunt School Grounds (NW-bound)				15:22		
Trowbridge, o/s Manvers House	09:55	12:30	14:30	15:30	17:05	
Paxcroft Mead Newhurst Park (E-bound)	10:00	12:35	14:35	15:35	17:10	
Steeple Ashton Memorial (NW-bound)	10:07	12:42	14:42	15:43	17:18s	
Great Hinton Crossroads (N-bound)	10:11	12:46	14:46	15:46	17:20	
Keevil Field Head (E-bound)	10:13	12:48	14:48	15:49	17:22	
Bulkington War Memorial (E-bound)	10:18	12:53	14:53	15:54	17:27	
Worton Village Hall (E-bound)	10:22	12:57	14:58	15:57	17:33	
Worton Sandlease (E-bound)	10:24	12:59	15:00	15:59	17:35	
Potterne Duck Street (N-bound)				15:04	16:03	17:39
Worton Village Hall (W-bound)	10:26	13:01				
Marston The Green (NW-bound)	10:30	13:05				
Devizes Fire Station (S-bound)				15:10		
Devizes The Pelican (NW-bound)				15:15		
Poulshot The Raven (N-bound)	10:38	13:13				
Devizes Mayenne Place West (S-bound)	10:41	13:16				
Devizes Market Place Bus Island (SE-bound)	10:45	13:20			16:08	17:45

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Devizes Market Place Bus Island (SE-bound)	07:30	09:45		
Devizes The Pelican (NW-bound)			12:05	14:10
Devizes, o/s Business Centre			12:08	14:13
Potterne Duck Street (S-bound)	07:35	09:50		
Poulshot The Raven (S-bound)			12:13	14:18s
Worton Sandlease (E-bound)			12:21	14:26s
Worton Village Hall (W-bound)	07:41	09:56	12:23	14:28s
Marston The Green (NW-bound)			12:27s	14:32s
Bulkington War Memorial (W-bound)	07:45	10:00	12:32	14:37s
Keevil Field Head (W-bound)	07:50	10:05	12:37	14:42s
Great Hinton Crossroads (S-bound)	07:53	10:08	12:40	14:45s
Steeple Ashton Memorial (NW-bound)	07:57	10:11	12:43	14:48
Paxcroft Mead Newhurst Park (W-bound)	08:05	10:16	12:48	
Trowbridge, o/s Manvers House	08:15	10:22	12:54	

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

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REGULAR MEETINGS

Around the Village

Village Hall

- **Garden Club**
3rd Monday 7.00pm start (not Aug)
- **Ladies Group**
Last Wednesday 7:30pm (not Aug/Dec)
- **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
NOTE: next meeting is 9 June, then 7 July

In the Chapel at Marston

- **Marston Meditation**
1st & 3rd Sunday 6pm start
- **Marston Parish Council Meeting**
(as shown on notice boards)

Mobile Library

Location: The School

1.10pm - 1.50pm

Next Date: Monday 16 June

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Forthcoming Events

- 10th Book Swap
- 16th Garden Club
- 28th Ladies Group

Kerbside Collections in JUNE

Worton & Marston

**Black box and Blue lidded
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June 10th & 24th

Household waste:
June 5th & 19th

Garden waste:
June 6th & 20th

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