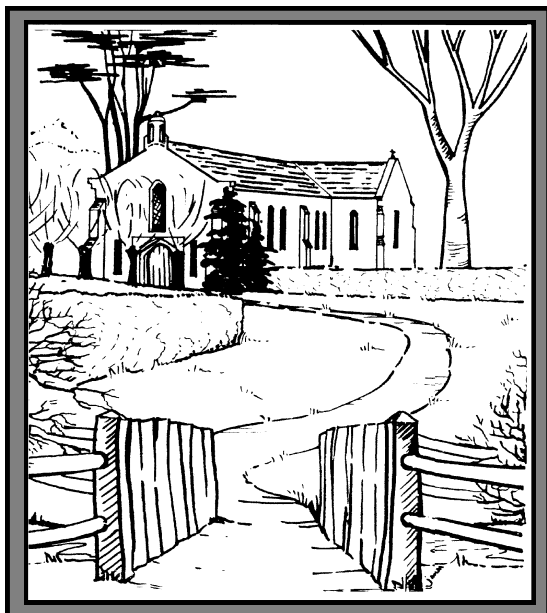


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Jean Patterson

A sad day today - 21st June - the funeral of Jean (Patterson) Charles. One of the few locals left who was brought up from a very young age in Worton and could remember what true village life was like when everyone knew each other and used to spend many hours just having a chat about nothing in particular. How things have changed! These times will never come back. It's a shame as that was what village life was all about. I for one will miss her.

Rest in peace, Jean.

Roger Wilshire

Village Maintenance Group

Thanks again for everyone who has volunteered and helped to maintain the village open spaces and footpaths.

The footpath between the Church and Cedar Close was first upgraded as part of a Millennium project over 23 years ago. Over the years grass has gradually taken over leaving a narrow path, making access difficult and keeping the grass strimmed has become a major effort.

Wiltshire Council have agreed to give us some Cerney gravel so that we can reinstate the original width of the footpath. My aim is to remove the grass from the existing path, locating the edge boards, and then top dress with a layer of gravel tamped down with a compactor plate borrowed from WC.

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Pastoral Letter

Maureen's Ramblings.....

Gosh – how I have missed travelling over the past few years! But what a lot of memories I have been able to draw upon - fed by 1000's of photos! (ADVERT – at 7.00 on 15 Sept. in Seend Pavilion, I am presenting another travel evening – this time about Chile - a wonderful country of contrasts. Please come along!) I loved Chile! A strong memory is of the seals and dolphins I saw in their natural habitat - basking in the sun, then in and out of the water, riding the surf and having such a good time; twisting, rolling and playing in the waves. I could almost see the smile on their faces! The native parrots in Brazil were also so colourful and playful - swooping low and noisily; enjoying the rush of wind over their wings as they braked suddenly to change course; chasing one another through the branches of the trees.

Does God play, I wonder? The One who created the playful flipper, the fun-filled swoop, must surely do what his creatures do. Maybe some animals were created out of God's playfulness: the oddly shaped platypus, the camel with its hump, the mischievous monkey and the long-necked gi-

raffe. Yes – I think that God is playful! God does have a sense of humour! God likes fun!

But how often in history people have created God in their own image - sometimes as a dour and tyrannical fun hater, eager for our obedience and conformity to exacting moral standards, hovering over us in judgement when we fail. How often the church has seemed dull and miserable, with lifted eyebrows should the sound of laughter or the sight of dancing break upon it. Have we missed something here? Perhaps the capacity to play and have fun is part of God's plan for us! Perhaps it is one of the ways in which we refresh and nourish our souls. Perhaps joy and laughter are fundamental to our faith in a creative, fun-loving God.

It was God who had the idea of the Sabbath rest – one day in the week put aside for time out from our busy, stressful lives; one day a week to be used for worship, rest and recreation, for refreshment and renewal. Sadly, this has rather been debased over the years - with every day looking like the next. But I think God got it right because we all need time to play and to laugh and to en-

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joy, and, like the seals and the parrots, take a break from the constant work of food gathering and nest building.

How much more creative and joyful our life and our relationships and our churches would be if there was more laughter and playfulness. And, as with Newton and his apple and Archimedes and his bath, some of the world's great discoveries have happened during a period of rest and playfulness. The seals and parrots remind me some important things. I need to give myself more space and permission to just have fun; to be creative and to laugh. And I need to rejoice more in the playful love of my Creator.

The Revd. Maureen Allchin, "retired" priest.





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SERVICE CALENDAR

AUGUST

Sun Aug 7th	TRINITY 8 9.30am	CHRIST CHURCH Holy Communion <i>MARSTON CHAPEL</i> <i>No Service</i>
Sun Aug 14th	TRINITY 9 9.30am 6.00pm	CHRIST CHURCH Morning Praise <i>MARSTON CHAPEL</i> <i>Local Arrangement</i>
Sun Aug 21st	TRINITY 10 9.30am	CHRIST CHURCH Morning Praise <i>MARSTON CHAPEL</i> <i>No Service</i>
Sun Aug 28th	TRINITY 11 9.30am 6.00pm	CHRIST CHURCH Morning Praise <i>MARSTON CHAPEL</i> <i>Local Arrangement</i>

SEPTEMBER

Sun Sept 4th	TRINITY 12 9.30am	CHRIST CHURCH Holy Communion <i>MARSTON CHAPEL</i> <i>No Service</i>
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The following special Services took place
at Christ Church during May/ June:

The Wedding of Philip Robert Elliott and Valerie Ann Witcomb
The Baptism of Charlie Richard David Jakubson
A Service in Loving Memory of Jean Patterson

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WELLSPRINGS BENEFICE SERVICES AUGUST 2022

Due to ongoing health issues within our ministry team, we may be forced to change or cancel services at short notice. Please check our website or speak to the church warden for the latest information. We apologise for any inconvenience and ask for your understanding.

AUGUST

Sunday 7th (Trinity 8)		
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Potterne
9:30am	Holy Communion	Worton
11am	Morning Praise	Bulkington
11am	Holy Communion	Seend
6pm	Lammas Service	Poulshot
Sunday 14th (Trinity 9)		
9:30am	Morning Praise	Bulkington
9:30am	Morning Praise	Worton
9:30am	Holy Communion	Poulshot
11am	Holy Communion	Potterne
6pm	Evensong	Seend
Sunday 21st (Trinity 10)		
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Seend
9:30am	Morning Praise	Worton
11am	Morning Praise	Potterne
11am	Holy Communion	Bulkington
6pm	Evensong	Poulshot

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Sunday 28th (Trinity 11)

9:30am	Matins	Poulshot
9:30am	Morning Praise	Worton
11am	Holy Communion	Seend
11am	Informal Holy Communion	Potterne
6pm	Evening Service	Bulkington

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Church Registers

Baptisms

Charlie Jakobson on 29th May at Christ Church, Worton.

Weddings

Valerie Witcomb and Philip Elliott on 11th June at Christ Church, Worton.

Funerals

Jean Patterson on 21st June at Christ Church, Worton.



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From Christ Church:

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On 31st July there will be a bacon butty breakfast in church at 9am, followed by an informal service at 10am, supporting and hearing about the work in the South Sudan.

On 7th September Rev. Caroline O'Neill will be licensed in Seend Church as the House for Duty priest in the Benefice. Rev. Caroline will be living in Seend, and working in all the churches in the Benefice. She will be a very welcome addition to the Wellsprings Ministry team.

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We raised £1,700 after expenses which is fantastic. Julia's House Children's Hospice will receive half of that amount and the rest is split between Village causes.

Most importantly, we hope everyone had a lovely village-event weekend.

Alison Parker, on behalf of the Open Gardens Committee

Jubilee Celebrations on Marston Green

Our village community celebrated The Queen's Jubilee in style. A beacon and dedication of commemorative trees on Thursday and a big village party on Saturday. A fantastic selection of cakes in the afternoon and a BBQ in the evening. In excess of one hundred people joined in to celebrate our Sovereign.

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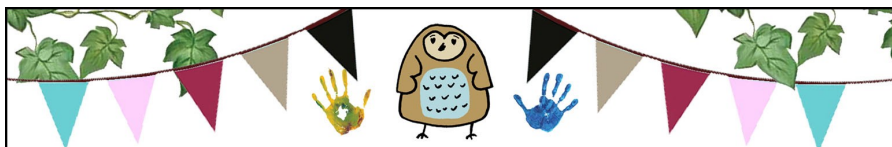
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Sir James went on: "Sixty years on we are closer than ever to that silent spring happening....

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Members of the public are currently being encouraged to join The Big Butterfly Count, a UK-wide survey aimed at helping to assess the health of our environment simply by counting the amount and type of butterflies (and some day-flying moths) we see. The Count is intended as well as an early warning system helping scientists understand how environmental changes are affecting insects.

First, you can download the handy butterfly ID chart or free app for iOS and Android to identify and record the butterflies you see. Then between 15 July and 7 August you just need to choose a place to spot butterflies and moths. Watch for 15 minutes. Then record which spe-

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Wishing you a very happy summer!

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WORTON & MARSTON LADIES GROUP

Due to holidays and various commitments our numbers were low for the June meeting when our speaker Karen Hurley gave a talk on making your own soap, after a short demonstration it was hands on for the rest of us, it was a fun evening, and we all came away with soaps of various shapes and designs.

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Sessions: **Fourteen** Total Vehicles Counted: **4,712**

Vehicles recorded for exceeding the 30mph speed limit: **449**
 (of which **110** were reported to Wiltshire Police for excess speed)

Maximum Speed Recorded: **50mph (x2)**
 (One on Saturday 18th between 10.30 and 11.15. The other on Monday 20th between 07.00 and 07.45)

Highest Vehicle Count: **505** on Tuesday 21st June between 07.00 and 07.45.

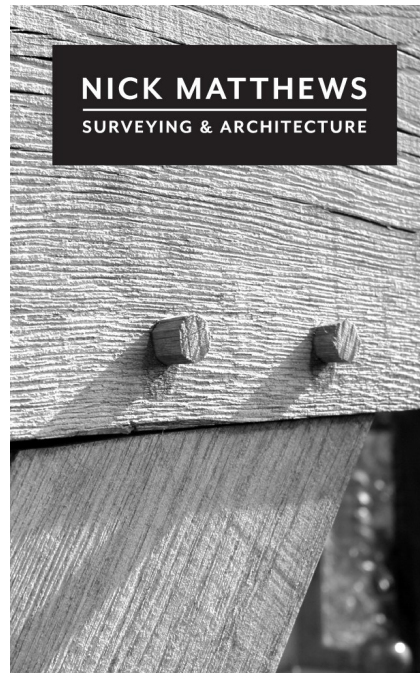
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Village Hall News

Future Events

Trustees have been really pleased to see the Village Hall being used more this Spring and Summer both for communal events such as the Jubilee Weekend and the Open Gardens and individual hirings for parties and, sadly, wakes. So with this in mind we have decided to revert to organising a few events ourselves.

The first of these will be a **Nearly New and Vintage Clothes and Good Quality Gifts or Household items Sale**. This will take place on **Saturday August 13th 10:30 - 1:00 pm**. There will be teas and coffees on sale too. So please have a rummage to see if you have anything to donate. All donations can be brought to the Village Hall on **Thursday August 11th from 3pm to 8pm**. We are asking for donations to be brought in advance so that we can ensure that the Hall is set up to be as safe as possible. **Please note that the time is different from usual.**

The second event will take place on **Friday October 28th** and will be a resurrection of the ever-popular Bingo Night. More details on this will follow. And finally we are planning to reprise the Christmas Bazaar and have set the date for this as **December 3rd**.

So plenty to be thinking about and all money raised from these events will go into the Kitchen Fund.

Trustees

We still need to fill one Trustee vacancy. Please consider if you could help the community in this way. If you could, you would be co-opted to the team until November when you could be voted on officially by our Management Committee. If you feel you could join us please contact Veronica on 01380 726845.

200 Club

Perhaps not surprisingly the 200 Club still falls short of its pre-COVID numbers with only 78 slots being purchased. Obviously this is not good news for the funds but is very good news if you have elected to re-join (or join) this year as you stand a much better chance of winning !! The winner for May was Cathy Kavanagh and for June was Lorna Phillips. Congratulations to both of them.

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Close Season Stocktake!

As for all football clubs, the close season is a time to wind down and recharge for players. However, it is a surprisingly busy time for coaches and the committee as they take stock of the team kit status and start planning immediately for the new season. Time also for player registration. Most teams are ticking over with light pick up training games or the odd tournament.

The club Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on the 13th July, an important statutory requirement of any club. The accounts for the past year were scrutinised. Overall, the club made a small operating profit which will be reinvested. The main topics for discussion were the continuing fund raising towards the replacement of the clubhouse and the progress towards the club potentially taking full legal ownership of Northbrook. The impact of the current cost of living crisis and surging energy prices on the club finances for the coming season were discussed. The election of the club officers was also completed (see below).

The Clubhouse Replacement Fund now stands at more than £10,500 towards the £20,000 target. If you wish to help, please visit https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-worton-cheverell-replace-the-club-roof?share-type=teams&member=17482141&utm_medium=social&utm_source=whatsapp&utm_campaign=p_na+share-sheet

Now is the time to register if you are interested in joining us for next season. Registration is open via the relevant age group team coach or the club secretary. We would also welcome contact from any small business wishing to sponsor an advertising board.

Committee

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Treasurer: Vicky Goddard
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Secretary: Rob Nuttall
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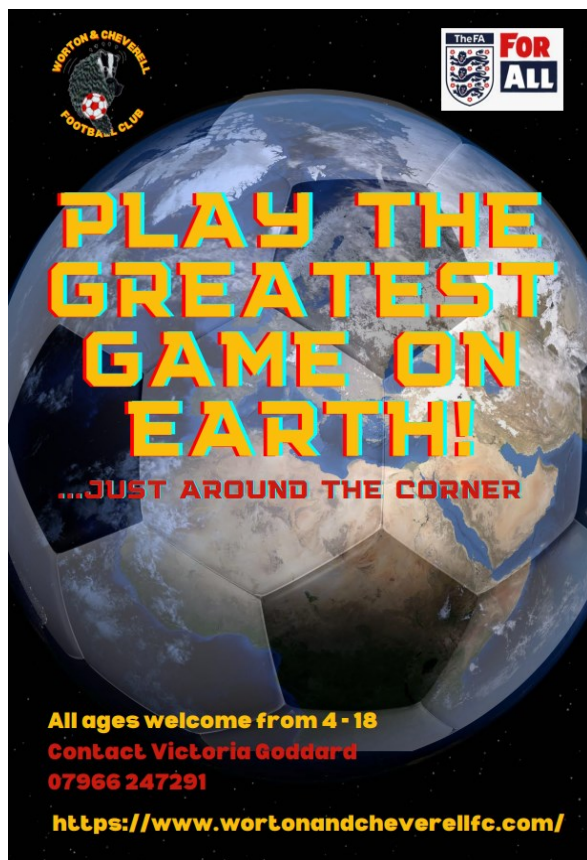
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Carer Support Wiltshire - information and upcoming dates

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If you look after someone you love or care about you might not consider yourself a carer. Caring is something we do often without question, or the need for a label. But it can be useful to acknowledge your role so that you can ensure you're receiving all the support available to you and taking care of your own needs.

Carer Support Wiltshire offers advice and support to those who are caring for someone. This often starts with an assessment to determine what impact a carer's role is having on their own health and wellbeing. They run a number of groups and carer cafes where carers can meet up and offer support to one another. These groups can help with feelings of loneliness and isolation that many carers experience. There is always a member of CSW staff or a trained volunteer on hand to answer any questions you may have and often there are guest speakers too. To find out more call 0800 181 4118 or visit carersupportwiltshire.co.uk.

Events near you

Devizes support group, 10.30am-midday, The Bear Hotel, 2-3 The Market Place, **19th July, 16th August, 20th September**

Devizes parent carer group, 10.30am-midday, The Bear Hotel, 2-3 Market Place, **20th July, 17th August, 21st September**

Marlborough carer café, 10.30am-midday, The Jubilee Centre, 28 High St, **26th July, 23rd August, 27th September**

Devizes bereavement help point, 10.30am-12.30pm, Bear Hotel, 2-3 The Market Place, **2nd August, 6th September**. Run in partnership with Dorothy House Hospice, this is a community based drop-in service where all people who are bereaved are welcome.

Devizes carer café, 10.30am-midday, The Bear Hotel, 2-3 The Market Place, **7th September**.

Kath Brice

PR & Communications Officer, Carer Support Wiltshire

Worton Parish Council

It's always frustrating just how long it seems to take for things "to be done". In contrast, it doesn't take long to realise why this is the case. Even the best ideas will have issues linked to them that may or may not be obvious. Which brings me to the perennial topic of traffic volume and speed.

Firstly, the SIDS project. Cllr Slack and I recently had an on site meeting with Donna Kelly who is the engineer responsible for the process of siting and installing the posts which the devices will be fixed to. This provided literally on the ground insight into exactly what is involved, from determining the exact spot on which a post could be sited, the ground's ownership, ensuring access for pedestrians, judging height, width, visibility plus potential knock on effects, not to mention legal issues and relative cost implications. We fine tuned the existing site ideas and came to a consensus. There should be 6 sites, located along the length of the village, designed to have the most effect and least disruption. There will be 2 SIDS which will be regularly moved between the sites. We will be following agreed guidelines in this respect. We are very grateful to Bob and the village Speedwatch team for their on-going support in this regard. Donna gave Richard and I assurance that we will see the SIDS in action in September, if not before.

In a related issue, we are keeping a close eye on the on-going Autospeedwatch saga. There are certainly positive noises in this regard, but the advice is still to adopt a "wait and see" stance until the detail of the Wiltshire Police policy is clearer. We are not the only village applying pressure in this regard, so fingers crossed. Our intention is to join the scheme as soon as we have clarity.

While on the subject, please let myself or one of the other councillors know if you would like a "twenty is better" poster, which should arrive soon.

Still on traffic, most residents will be aware of the local accident black spot, colloquially known as "Black Dog". There has been some progress on this following research by the responsible engineers which has produced a recommendation which we have been asked to respond to. Whilst far short of some of the suggestions made by ourselves and other interested parties, this has become something of a

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fait accompli” which we have decided to accept as it would certainly make the junction safer and is achievable. Please ask myself or one of the other councillors if you would like more detail.

By now, many of you will have been able to enjoy the “new” section of the WORT11 footpath. This has been the result of real team effort led by Cllr Goodenough with support from Tamara Reay, Wiltshire Area Board and, of course, local residents. I am proud of the work councillors have put into this, sometimes under extreme pressure.

As we move forward, the new Village Plan, presented by Cllr Powell following consultation will be at the heart of what we do. This has already been shared, but please ask if you would like to know more.

I'd like to mention just how proud I was of our village during the Open Gardens event (well done gardening club). We had guests staying with us who were delighted, fascinated and impressed, not just with the gardens but also the many people they met. This makes it ironic that we are still experiencing problems with vegetation overgrowing the pavement, especially at one or two points on the High Street. Can I once again appeal to householders to maintain this growth to make the pathway safer? If this presents a problem, please let us know and we will provide help via our Village Maintenance group.

A quick mention to an event happening nearby in August, with Keevil hosting a National gliding championship. This could potentially cause some local road disruption.

I'd like to add a brief personal note. It really feels like our village has lost so much of its heart recently as we continue without so many loved and respected village personalities. The way our community pulls together and supports each other is very special.

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Worton and Marston Gardening Club

Jane and I enjoyed the open garden weekend immensely. We had a lot of people visit our garden and received many favourable comments. Unfortunately the roses, and some other flowers, were a little past their best, but there was still plenty of colour for all to see, plus much interest in our vegetable garden.

Fortunately, we have had just about enough rain for our flower garden to keep looking healthy. We have however needed to water our vegetables. The parsnips now look very good, and we shall soon be sampling our early sowed beetroots. We have planted out a bed of leeks that are now forging ahead and look really well. We have picked and eaten all our broad beans, netting them to deny the Jackdaws who cleared the lot last year. I have now cut them off at ground level and planted another bed of leeks in their place. The broad beans were afflicted badly by blackfly, some of which transferred to our runner beans. A couple of sprayings with soapy water seems to have helped get rid of most of the them and I see we have some beans forming and plenty of flowers to come. Jane has got some spinach plants growing well - a new vegetable for us.

I took my Red Allard sports car to the Heddington and Stockley Steam Fair last weekend. I can report that it was an excellent show and there was something for everyone. Looking at the weather forecast for the next few days, Jane and I will be wearing out our watering cans.

Best wishes to all.
Dave.

No meeting in August but remember to prepare for the Village Show on 27th

September meeting will hopefully be a visit.

October 17th - Gill Hazell talk on growing Sweet Peas

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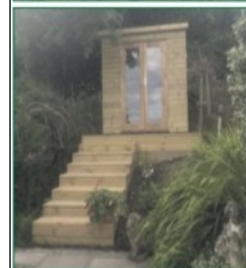
The festival will run for its usual eight days – Sunday 21st to Sunday 28th August, with four services a day, three choirs of top-flight singers under three of the country's leading choral directors, all under the direction of a new Festival Director, Robert Quinney, Director of the Choir at New College Oxford (and former Festival Organist and Director of the Nave Choir.)

Robert has themed the music for this special festival under the heading "Creation and Recreation", a nod both to its re-emergence and to its capacity for promoting relaxation and fulfilment.

The week will follow the traditional form starting each day with Matins (plainchant), followed by Eucharist, then Evensong and ending with Compline by candlelight, also plainchant. Wednesday 24th will be both the return of the BBC recording, (to be broadcast at a later date), and the Festival Supper in the evening; the Friday evening service will be a Requiem Mass (by Michael Haydn, younger brother of Joseph), and the week will also include Vaughan Williams' 'Mass in G Minor', Copland's 'In the beginning', and Dove's 'Seek him that maketh the Seven Stars'.

Leaflets containing the whole programme have been distributed locally, with updates on the website, www.edingtonfestival.org, as and when available.

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As readers will know, we have been struggling to find a way to continue the group into next term. We are delighted to welcome Greta, who will take over the administration and the jigsaw of a cupboard from Tina, who will be leaving. If we are to continue in September we need some strong hands to come in at 9.15am and set up the heavy equipment. If we get the support, Linda will continue with the craft table and Hilary will make cakes and run the kitchen.

This has been a successful group. It would be such a shame for it to fold for the sake of a couple of strong hands.

Worton & Marston Link

07413 912828

In order to show how the Link Scheme works in the two villages, below is a review from a client and also from a new resident of the village who joined our merry band as a driver.....

'I hadn't heard about Link until I moved to Worton in 2000, but I remember thinking it would be a very worthwhile scheme to join once I had retired. And I had every intention of doing so but events intervened – namely Polymyalgia Rheumatica, Arthritis and Macular Degeneration. This has meant that instead of being a volunteer, I am now a regular recipient of Link's services and a very grateful one at that.

To begin with I felt rather reticent about asking for help, but from the first moment of making an appointment there is a real feeling of care and solicitude, and this is echoed by the friendliness of the excellent drivers. Over the years I have become acquainted with many of the volunteers, and it is so nice to catch up with them at intervals. The drive to the hospital is always pleasant and relaxing – more like a social outing.

Without exception, the drivers are always ready to lend a hand or an arm if necessary. I know Link are always looking for volunteers and I would like to highlight, especially to newcomers who may not know much about Link, what an important service this is. It makes a tremendous difference to those of us who can no longer drive, knowing there is a willing team to help out.

I am sure that all who use Link's services are as appreciative of it as I am and would join me in saying a very big THANK YOU to everyone who gives their time so graciously – it is the very essence of good friendship and good neighbourliness.'

Vivien

'Why I volunteer as a driver for the Link

We moved to the village last year and love this friendly rural community but also accept that having a car is essential. Our neighbours mentioned the Worton and Marston Link scheme and how it helps villagers with limited access to transportation. The scheme provides lifts to vital services such as doctor and hospital visits.

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I am fortunate to have some flexibility in my day and decided to volunteer. I see this as a great opportunity to meet new people and help the community. Joining the scheme is straightforward and it's great to be able to assist others. You can give as little or as much of your time as you wish and a mileage allowance is offered.

If you would like to get involved I encourage you to call our local Link Coordinator 07413 912828 and find out more.'

Brendan

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Our next meeting is in a rather smaller garden, with more weeds but the welcome will be just as warm, at the earlier time of 7.00 pm.

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This annual event is always great fun, and raises funds to help to maintain local churches, including our own. If interested, please contact one of the churchwardens.

Jean Lane 01380 722069

Heather Walker 01380 725785

Extracts from The Bridge (July 1992),

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ROSE & CROWN

On Saturday 4th July we will be holding our

"We have been here 2 years (how much more can we take) party"

so come along and lets make it a great evening. Talking of parties, on Friday 10th July there will be a party for the Over 60s including a good old-fashioned SING-A-LONG with Sam at the organ, slao during July we will be holding a Bar-B-Q so watch out for posters.

Well it certainly does not feel like we have been here 2 years (more like 12) but we hope in that time we have created a good atmosphere and given the village back its pub. If you have not paid us a visit please come along, you will be most welcome. If you are interested in team games we have plenty. Among this year's successes we have won the Mens Darts League, Cribbage & Bar Billiards Leagues and the Bar Billiards team were runners up in the All-England Knock-Out, a marvelous result.

MARY & DERRICK

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WORTON & MARSTON W.I.

On 16 June, members of Worton & Marston W.I. enjoyed a tour of the Cloverleaf factory in Swindon to see how Melamine ware is produced for the large multiples such as Marks & Spencer and B.H.S.. Coffee and a browse around the factory shop ended the evening.

The President Mrs Babs Stockwell thanked all those who contributed and attended the recent Coffee Morning in aid of CLIC and was delighted to announce that a total of £100 was raised.

Next month's meeting on 14 July is also a Charity Evening in aid of CLIC when, weather permitting, ROGER EATON will be inflating his Hot Air Balloon on the school field at 7.15 pm. He will follow this with a talk illustrated with slides on the subject.

A warm welcome is extended to all - please support this worthwhile charity.

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Hostesses: Mrs Molly Heath Lady Belinda Johnston

Doreen Harwood

LADIES GROUP

Several cars tore down to Bath on a lovely evening for a most entertaining talk and walk on Ghosts of Bath. The talk is updated on the "sightings" as they occur, the most recent bring early this year. It was also a great opportunity to enjoy many of the beautiful buildings, at a leisurely pace.

Meeting on 29th July, a walk and barbecue, details to be agreed.

MARSTON PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL FOOTPATH WALK JUNE 17TH

Approximately 20 walkers and sundry dogs set off on the annual footpath walk, under the capable leadership of Arthur Stockwell, in the unavoidable absence of Philip Oram. After a very pleasant walk on such a lovely summer evening, thirsts were slaked with cider or soft drinks, and cheese rolls and crisps consumed with gusto. In a changing world, it is good to keep up village traditions, and also to take the opportunity to walk the footpaths. There was a very small excess of income over expenditure, and as a result £4 will be donated to CLIC.

J.Oxenham

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2nd Tuesday 7.45pm
- **Worton Toddler Group**
Wednesday 10.00 am - Noon
- **1st Worton & Marston Brownies**
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