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# THE BRIDGE

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## A Note From the Editor

I like to tell people that I can work from anywhere. And this month, I think I've proven that as I'm compiling the May edition from Buenos Aires, Argentina. Having a laptop and access to the internet provides the freedom to do what I need from where ever I may be.

We travelled from Spring to early Autumn and the weather is virtually the same, if a little drier in BA. The contents of the magazine filled with open gardens, summer fetes, and the promise of warmer weather contrasts with the

cool breezes, fading flowers and leaf strewn streets I find in Buenos Aires.

This month's magazine has a flavour of gratitude and friendship. We see the end of an era with the 'retirement' of two timeless, tireless individuals and ring the end of the local WI while we welcome new activities like the reading and writing groups.

I now have 3 people interested in the monthly writing club that I mentioned last month. There is still time to join, if you'd like to try your hand at the pen or keyboard. I'll be scheduling the first writing prompt in early May, so drop me a note if you're interested in joining us

Catherine



# PASTORAL LETTER

# Maureen's Ramblings...

May is a great month for celebrations! May 3 is World Laughter Day; 4 is Star Wars Day; 10-18 is National Doughnut Week AND we have 2 Bank Holidays. But most importantly – on May 8 the country will be commemorating VE Day.

On May 8, 1945, most of the world erupted in celebration as Nazi Germany's surrender marked the end of World War II in Europe. It was a moment of immense relief, joy, and reflection, as thousands took to the streets to commemorate the hard-fought victory. Crowds flooded to Trafalgar Square and Buckingham Palace, cheering as King George VI and Winston Churchill appeared on the balcony and parades and festivities brought people together in shared triumph. For soldiers returning home, it was a time of pride and reunion, while civilians, who had endured years of rationing and bombing raids, finally saw hope for the future. Of course, for some, it was a day of grief and loss.

John Hewitt recalls: "We were a family of boys (aged 9 & 7) who lived through the war in North London apart from being evacuated to **Seend, Wiltshire**. We took the underground from Golders Green to Embankment. We just enjoyed being with the crowds knowing that we were safe. At some stage a car drove through the crowds with The King and Queen! For us, victory meant that air raid warnings would no longer mean going to the Morrison Shelter, which was a reinforced table in the dining room; no longer would mum tell us that she had heard bombers flying over during the night for a raid on Germany; and nor would we stand and watch V2 flying over, waiting for the engine to stop. For us children "the normal" was living through war, now we could look forward to new experiences!" All the accounts of that day remind us of the resilience and unity that made victory possible and celebrate the sacrifices and triumphs of those who lived through this time of darkness.

On May 29 we will also celebrate Ascension Day – when Jesus returned to heaven. This day also celebrates sacrifice and triumph and encouraged resilience and unity in the disciples

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who would also be facing into new experiences. They, and we, in our dark days, need to hold on to Jesus' promise that he will always be with us.

I love this poem by Colleen Hitchcock: "And if I go, while you're still here, know that I live on, behind a thin veil you cannot see through. You will not see me, so you must have faith. I wait for the time when we can soar together again - both aware of each other. Until then, live your life to its fullest. And when you need me, just whisper my name in your heart - I will be there".

"Live your life to the fullest" – important words for those who had survived the war, for those on their journey through grief and for us.

The Revd. Maureen Allchin (Retired priest)

# FAMILY OF CHURCHES IN WORTON AND MARSTON

<u>GOOD FRIDAY WALK AND SOUP LUNCH</u> ( run by Family of Churches in Worton and Marston)

As this will happen after the Bridge deadline for May, a full report will appear next month.

# **NEWCOMERS ONGOING!**

As mentioned in the March and April Bridge, we are looking for people who care about our community to form a team to carry this into the future. The work of welcoming people as they move into the villages, getting their details, planning the Welcomers' party at the end of January, making sure they all get an invitation, inviting representatives from organisations, and selling tickets to established residents, has been mostly done by a very small group of people. To ensure the future of this endeavour, we need people to step up to join this team! A couple of people have shown an interest, but a few more would be good. Houses change hands throughout the year, and as the new houses sell, keeping up with the welcoming could be quite demanding! Once we have a good number, we will arrange a meeting to get things going.

### **COULD THIS BE YOU?**

Please contact Jean on 722069 or Heather on 725785

# FROM CHRIST CHURCH

Children and families played a large part in church life during March and early April. The Family Service was planned and presented partly by our adult family members with all the children playing a part. All of our regular children feel very much at home in church and interact well with all.

We thank Margaret Charlton so much for the amazing posies which she prepared for the Mothering Sunday service, all the ladies receiving one, and some taken for others who could not be there.

Just before the end of term, all the children from Five Lanes School came into church for their Easter Service, as usual, which was very well presented with lovely singing.

The joint Five Lanes School/ Christ Church Fete will be held in the school grounds on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May from 2.00pm- 4.00pm. We welcome donations to the stalls, including plants, books, Country Kitchen items, bottles, gifts and raffle prizes. These can be brought to school from 9.00am on the day.

Christ Church Annual Parochial Church Council meeting will take place after the morning service on 4<sup>th</sup> May at approximately 10.45am. Come along to hear what's been happening at Christ Church during 2024, together with plans for the future and a financial update.

We will both be retiring as Churchwardens at this meeting both having completed 11 years' service. We have been part of Christ Church life in all sorts of times, the last five years seeing us go through the Covid Period, having church services via Zoom, which allowed us to interact with people from other parts of the Benefice, then Rev Ali's untimely retirement, with Adrian also moving on after two years with us as Curate, and another interregnum before the good news of Revd Gerry's appointment to be Rector of the Wellsprings Benefice. So, we feel Christ Church is in a very good place, with our regular families, very loyal Clergy and congregation, and a good social time enjoyed after the service on Sunday Mornings.

Although we will still play a role in the life of Christ Church, many of the Churchwarden's duties will now be shared amongst others, ensuring the smooth running of services, and general church life.

Heather and Jean Churchwardens.

# SERVICE CALENDAR

### **MAY**

Sun May 4th	EASTER 3 9.30am 6.00pm	CHRIST CHURCH Holy Communion MARSTON CHAPEL Mindfulness
Sun May 11th	EASTER 4 9.30am	CHRIST CHURCH Morning Praise
Sun May 18th	EASTER 5 9.30am 6.00pm	CHRIST CHURCH Holy Communion MARSTON CHAPEL Mindfulness
Sun May 25th	EASTER 6 9.30am	CHRIST CHURCH Family Service

# JUNE

Sun June 1st	EASTER 7	CHRIST CHURCH
	9.30am	Holy Communion
		MARSTON CHAPEL
	6.00pm	Mindfulness

There were no weddings, baptisms or funerals at Christ Church during February 2025.

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

# **Worton United Charities**

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

All contacts or requests are dealt with in strictest confidence.

The Trustees

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



### WELLSPRINGS BENEFICE SERVICES

#### MAY 2025

Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>	(Easter 3)	)
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Communion (BCP) 8am Potterne 9:30am Communion Worton 9:30am Matins (BCP) Poulshot Communion (inc baptism) Potterne 11am 11am Communion Seend 6pm Evensong (BCP) Bulkington

#### Sunday 11th (Easter 4)

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

### Friday 16th

3:30pm Messy Church Potterne Village Hall

### Sunday 18th (Easter 5)

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

### Sunday 25th (Easter 6)

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

#### Weds 28th

5pm Celtic Service Poulshot

#### Thurs 29th (Ascension Day)

7pm Ascension Day Service Poulshot

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

Churches are open for private prayer during the week.

Please visit our website <a href="www.wellspringsbenefice.co.uk">www.wellspringsbenefice.co.uk</a> for more details of all our services, latest updates and to keep in touch.

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### Ministry Team

Rector: Rev Gerry Lynch 07521 440 622
Associate Priest: Rev Caroline O'Neill 01380 828302
Benefice Administrator: Sarah Leckie 07516 224057

sarahleckie.wba@gmail.com

### **Church Registers**

### **Funerals**

Audrey Gill on 8th April at Christ Church, Worton.

No baptisms or weddings this month.

# COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS SOLAR FUND APPLICATIONS

VE-VJ 80th Anniversary 2025 Exhibition Working Group. Event to be held in the Village Hall. 6th - 7th September 2025. Request for £500 towards general running costs.

Worton and Marston Parochial Church Council To replace a six-metre stretch of the churchyard's West Wall which collapsed.

Request for £5,000 towards the overall costs of repairs.

## DAUNTSEY'S CHORAL SOCIETY CLOSES

It is with sadness that we report the closing of Dauntsey's Choral Society after over forty-five years performing in wonderful inter-generational concerts with Dauntsey's School pupils, both singers and musicians. Despite reforming in 2022, our numbers have never really recovered from Covid, and it has been almost impossible to attract members in the numbers we once had. Sadly, our plans for a concert this year have proved unrealistic in the face of the extremely busy timetable of the School Music Department, dwindling parent representation, and the lack of success in recruiting younger blood to keep the Society on its feet.

Those of us who were involved over the years have had the opportunity to sing some wonderful choral music and support and encourage pupils in Dauntsey's own school choirs to discover the joys and challenges of the great choral masterpieces. It has been a marvellous experience, and we can only hope it can be repeated in the future by another such Society.

# THANK YOU

to Heather Walker and Jean Lane for over 20 years' service (between them!) as Churchwardens at Christ Church. We are so grateful for your loyalty and commitment and for all the time you have given to make our parish church the warm and welcoming space that it has become.



Thank you, too, to Tony and John as we know Heather and Jean could not have done it without you!

With love and thanks from everyone at Christ Church, Worton & Marston.



# NOTICE OF ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

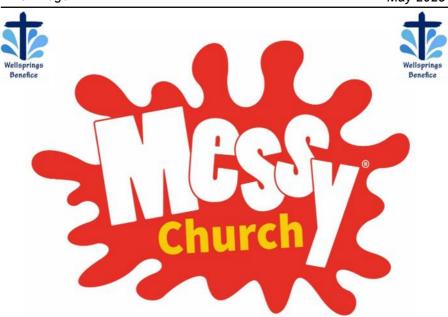


# Parish of Christ Church, Worton & Marston

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held in Christ Church on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 10.45am, following the morning service which begins at 9.30am.

Everyone is invited to attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting to find out what has been happening in our parish church over the last year. Please attend if you can.





# Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May 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

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### VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Hello all!

Some may have noticed my absence at the Jumble Sale and generally throughout April, as I was away. Hence this Bridge Magazine piece is quite limited.

May is a time of change for the Village Hall. With a year of considerable building work behind us behind us we now look forward and plan ahead for the 2025/26 year, starting with the Village Hall Trustee Elections on the 7th May.

As previously noted, all Trustees stand down and can be re-elected, or we elect new members. Any last minute interests should please connect with myself at <a href="https://www.hchair@yahoo.com">wmvhchair@yahoo.com</a> or the Secretary at <a href="joe.ckidd@yahoo.com">joe.ckidd@yahoo.com</a>.

Our 2025/26 theme will be to encourage additional bookings and events, especially as the space is now fully equipped for the first time with internet, Wi-Fi and a projector / screen. Let's work together to make this a year of memorable gatherings. We are always looking for people to just pitch in and help, or organise events, parties etc.

### **Maintenance / Painting**

Noted in last month's magazine, we will be painting the main hall inside in summer. We are planning to do this during the holiday period, when meetings / bookings become a little slower and disruption is less of an impact.

We are also still investigating the costs and options of refurbishing the floor.

# TIMETABLE OF MAIN EVENTS IN MAY - POLLING STATION. 1st May all day.

The hall is booked out for the day

# - MANAGEMENT AND TRUSTEE MEETING. 7th May from 6.30pm.

At this meeting the current chair will present the annual report for the 2024/25 period and all trustees step down and a new Trustee Board is elected, so expect a few changes to the Trustee Group mix for the coming year.

# - POP UP CAFE AND RUMMAGE SALE (Date TBD)

Depending on residual items from the Jumble Sale we may hold a Rummage Sale, with Cafe & Cakes. Cafe and cakes always goes down well anyway!

Signing off
Lionel
on behalf of the Trustees



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Please contact:
Pauline (720248)
or any other Trustee

# **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.



# Market Lavington Museum Summer opening

3<sup>rd</sup> 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.





# The Warminster

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### OPERA PROGRAMME ANNOUNCED

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As promised, it includes some of the loveliest arias from operas by composers ranging from Mozart, through Bizet, Wagner, Verdi, Rossini, Gounod, Offenbach and Puccini, and even includes some classic Gilbert and Sullivan, Leonard Bernstein and Johann Strauss. Most of the pieces will be familiar, but there are some which are less well known.

Our four great soloists are Anna Sideris-Dupuy, soprano, Beatrice Sideris-Dupuy, mezzo, William Diggle, tenor and Thomas Bennett, bass, and their accompanist is Edward Picton-Turbervill.

The full programme is on the Edington Arts website, www.edingtonarts.org, where you can choose your seats and buy tickets. Alternatively, you can phone Chrissy on 01380 831256, from £11-£25; 18 and under come free.

The Three Daggers in Edington will be offering a pre-concert supper menu from 5-6.30pm: please book direct.

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# THE WILTSHIRE BOBBY VAN TRUST

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# Sustainable fashion event will promote green shopping and raise Bobby Van funds

A TWO-DAY sustainable fashion event in Marlborough will promote the use of pre-loved clothes as well as raise money for the Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust. The Pre-loved Fashion Event, at Marlborough Town Hall on Tuesday, May 20 and Wednesday, May 21, will showcase the importance of re-using clothes. The centrepiece of the event at 7pm on Tuesday will be a fashion show featuring models wearing donated garments that highlights how choosing the right pre-loved clothes can be just as stylish and fashionable as buying new.



Anyone buying a £25 ticket to the fashion show will receive a glass of wine on arrival and exclusive access to the pre-loved sale featuring dozens of rails of nearly new designer clothes, accessories and jewellery at bargain prices.

The pre-loved sale continues on Wednesday from 9.30am to 3pm, where entry is free. The charity, which works with Wiltshire Police to protect over 60s and people aged 18 and over with a disability, wants to add the cameras to the range of security measures it provides in the wake of burglaries or to victims of domestic abuse.

Director Jennie Shaw said: "Embracing pre-loved clothing significantly enhances sustainability by reducing textile waste and conserving resources. In the UK, approximately 49 per cent of used textiles are discarded as general waste, with every person throwing away an average of 35 items a year.

"Choosing second-hand garments extends their lifespan and, lessens the demand for new production and minimises carbon emissions. By choosing pre-loved fashion, we can all play a crucial role in mitigating landfill overflow and promoting a circular economy.

"The event also helps us to maintain our vital service. We receive no funding and we have raise more than £300,000 a year so this is a wonderful way of finding some real bargains to refresh your wardrobe and helping a great cause." The doors open at 6.30pm on Tuesday evening and access to the pre-loved show is available to ticket holders from 7.45pm. Tickets are available from wiltshirebobbyvan.org.uk/future-events.



# **Village Barn Dance**

# Featuring Blazing Saddles Friday 6<sup>th</sup> 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

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Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2:00pm – 4:00pm at Christ Church

**Everyone** welcome



## WHITE HORSE OPERA

On Friday night I popped over to Easterton Village Hall with my mate Ian Diddams to watch a dress rehearsal/show for friends of White Horse Opera, of Mozart's Cosi Fan Tutte.

Whilst Ian and I indulged ourselves with some delicious cheesy nibbles I couldn't help but marvel at how incredibly cheesy an opera it is, and wonder at the difference between the audiences of 1790 and of today. 'Cosi Fan Tutte' translates as something along the lines of 'All women are like that', and the women in the opera are, after putting up some small semblance of resistance, easily swayed by expressions of love and promises of eternal bliss into being unfaithful to their lovers, albeit not really because their new lovers are actually their lovers in disguise. All of which was acceptable in the 1790s (although the opera was considered vulgar in later years).

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

Barbara's partner in romantic crime was played with spirit and musical skill by Paula Boyagis, and Lewis Cowen and Toni Johnstone as the villains of the piece provided lively comedic back up. The complex and interesting ensemble pieces were also worthy of note and well performed by everyone.

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

A truly fun night with excellent cheese in more ways than one, and well worth a watch if you get the chance when White Horse Opera take it on tour next year (although you may have to take your own cheese).

Thank you so much Barbara Gompels



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### **FIVE LANES WI**

We met a week later than usual for our AGM, and found many members were away due to the Easter Holiday. We had canvassed all our members beforehand and had come to the regretful decision to close our WI. With quite a small number, and recruitment efforts failing, plus the relentless increase in Subs by the National WI, and the presence of a Ladies Group in the village which our members will hopefully join, we decided the time was right to close. A WI Advisor came from the Devizes Office and filled in forms etc, before formally suspending the branch.

Our two programmers, Carol and Julie had provided an excellent year of meetings and outings and we thank them. Helen B has been a great President, Pauline has kept the finances in order, and Sarah has been a marvellous Secretary, keeping us informed via e mail and our WhatsApp group. Because we have all become such good friends, we will keep that group contact going for the time being. Most of our members are hoping to join the Ladies' Group where most of us know most of them already!

We finished the evening with tea/coffee, Sarah's delicious flapjack and a good chat, reminiscing on all we had done and enjoyed over the years. A hint of sadness and regret, of course, but we hope we will become as at home at Ladies' Group as we have at WI.

Jean Lane

# MONTHLY QUIZ ROSE & CROWN

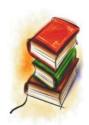
Fancy a quiz night? Come along to your local with Jackie & John at the Rose & Crown, Worton.

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

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

All proceeds go to the winners Charity of choice. MARCH QUIZ RAISED £60 FOR WILTSHIRE & BATH AIR AMBULANCE.

Pam Woods (Quiz Mistress)



# **BOOK SWAP**

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May 10:00am—12 noon Cloonkell, 38 Mill Road Worton Hosted by Jean Lane



Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June 10:00am—12 noon Brookfield, Back Lane, Worton, hosted by Kim Cannon

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# **WORTON & MARSTON LADIES GROUP**

We had a great craft evening on the 26<sup>th</sup> March, we all got stuck in (me glue everywhere) and produced some amazing cards, thanks Val.

On the 30<sup>th</sup> April Claudia and Emma from Julia's House Children's Hospice will be giving a talk on the valuable work running the hospice and helping families. Hosts for the evening Jenny and Pat.

Our meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> May will be a talk by Wiltshire and Bath Air Ambulance. Anyone from the village interested please come along you would be most welcome 7.30 start. Hosts Pam and June.

Looking ahead to June 25<sup>th</sup> we are going to the Wharf Theatre to see Calendar Girls, should be a good evening.

Pam Woods 01380 726679

"In the spring, at the end of the day, you should smell like dirt." — Margaret Atwood

# VILLAGE HALL 200 CLUB

£50 200 Club Winner for APRIL: JACKIE EVANS

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# WORTON AND MARSTON GARDEN CLUB

"There is a sweetness of May verging on June that no other time in the whole year can equal"

Hal Borland

Well, how did it get to May already! Having enjoyed a wonderful spring of great gardening weather, I am hoping that everyone has had a great star to the growing year. We are thinking ahead to our annual village show and hope you will be planning flowers and veg to grow for that.

### Dates For your Diary

Garden Club next Meeting Monday May 19<sup>th</sup> 7pm for a 730 start. Alan Eason will be talking on Wall shrubs and climbers. A topic less often covered due to the increase in prairie-type of planting with the use of perennials and grasses in recent years. They remain however, the back bone and structure of many gardens and are enjoying a resurgence in popularity

### NGS Gardens

May 18<sup>th</sup> Trymnells in Potterne and 1 Southview in Wick Lane Devizes are both open and are both local and lovely.

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# WORTON AND MARSTON VILLAGE SHOW Saturday 30th August at the Village Hall

We are putting the final touches to this years schedule. The last discussions have been with regarding the craft section. Since we started this section, interest and participation has increased. We had six classes last year and had more entries than ever but feel the classes could be better differentiated, too much of comparing different crafts, knitting vs cross stitch, wood vs ceramics etc. We are speaking to the judges about this and hope to have the new classes sorted shortly, they may be in this magazine so please look out for the details. Suffice to say we will ensure that you crafters are aware of the full class descriptions by the next magazine..

A few heads up regarding other classes. Fruit and vegetables little changed. We have brought back the Victoria sandwich instead of coffee and walnut cake. In the flower section we have replaced asters with antirrhinums, (snap dragons to most people) and have introduced a display of blooms floating on a bowl of water. Very artistic eh!!

For you photographers amongst you, the classes are

#### Adults

Class 80	Clouds
Class 81	Insects
Class 82	Bridge

#### For the under 16s

Class 83 M	Iy pet
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Class 84 a yellow flower Class 85 garden bird/s

As ever if you want to help please get in touch. The aim of the show is for lots of people to enter a few things rather than a few to enter lots. Please give it a go.

Full schedule will be distributed in July.

Many thanks

On behalf of the organising committee

Bill Francis

## 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".

Our next book and meeting details will have been arranged when we last met on 26<sup>th</sup> March, and is likely to be in early May. We'd love a few more members to liven up our discussions!

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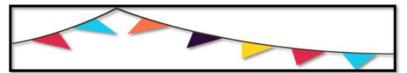
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# The QE11 Platinum Jubilee Walkway

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The Walkway will start at the Village Hall (1st plaque on Church Lane), past the Church up to Marston by Croft Farm (2nd plaque), and at the Church down the footpath called Back Lane/Wort11 to the Sandleaze playing field (3rd plaque). We are the only village in Great Britain to receive this award, and rather poignantly the last.

The aim of the Jubilee Walkways, initiated by HMQEII, was to establish several walkways in iconic locations across the whole country, to encourage people out into the fresh air to walk with friends and family. Sadly, our late great Queen died during her Platinum Jubilee year.

There are Queen's Jubilee Walkways in Windsor, several in Central London, Bristol, Birmingham, several in villages, many in different Commonwealth countries. Members of the Royal Family including the late great Queen have unveiled plaques over the years, and many significant personages have been involved. These Walkways are one of Queen Elizabeth's visionary legacies.



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#### MESSAGE FROM OUR WILTSHIRE COUNCILLOR

#### **Devizes Gateway – what next?**

For my final parish magazine contribution ahead of the election I thought it might be helpful to give an update on Devizes Gateway. As readers may recall, in 2020, I worked with Danny Kruger MP to submit a successful application to the Government's Restoring Your Railways (RYR) programme for a study to assess the potential for a new rail station to serve the Devizes area.

The initial RyR study resulted in Network Rail undertaking a <u>Devizes-Gateway-Interim-Feasibility-Study.pdf</u> together with Wiltshire Council and the Devizes Development Partnership & Devizes Town Council in 2023. This concluded that there is a strong business case for adding a stop at Devizes Gateway on a new Paddington-Westbury stopping service BUT to enable, this GWR would need more rolling stock and improvements to signalling and platform infrastructure would be needed at Westbury as well the new Devizes Station itself. Following this, Network Rail completed a <u>Wiltshire Rail Strategic Study.pdf</u> which sets out the basis of a plan for rail in the county in the future. Its key recommendations look to increase services, grow passenger numbers and build new stations, including:

- Enhance local services, especially on the TransWilts route (via Melksham), to improve connectivity within Wiltshire.
- Build new stations at Devizes and Corsham to support population growth and increase rail usage.
- Develop new direct rail services between Wiltshire and key hubs. Upgrade track and signalling infrastructure, such as in Westbury and Melksham, to accommodate more services and improve connections at Westbury.

As Cabinet Member for Transport at Wiltshire Council I have been working closely with Network Rail and other industry bodies to champion the case for investment in rail in Wiltshire and I hope to continue to do so. In answer to the question – will Devizes get its station? And when?

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Whilst I can't give a specific answer, and much depends on Government and local funding, I'm pleased that Network Rail is continuing to develop the case for the first part of the "jigsaw" – that is the improvements to infrastructure and platforms at Westbury to increase service capacity on the Reading – Taunton line and improve connections. I'm also pleased that Devizes Town Council is also committed to building the business case and has engaged a local project manager/consultant to ensure that Devizes Gateway continues to be advocated.

So, in summary, Devizes Gateway continues to be a reality – and if I am re-elected as your Wiltshire Councillor, I will of course continue to make the case on your behalf.

#### Tamara Reay

Wiltshire Councillor for Devizes Rural West.

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#### WORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the April Parish Council meeting, so only a brief report here.

It looks like there will finally be changes at the infamous Black Dog junction. The work is due to take place in June or July. More details can be found on the Parish Council website.

Our entry has been submitted for the Best kept Village competition and preparations are well underway. Whilst a number of villagers have played an important part and will, I'm sure, continue to do so, I feel a special mention is due to our very own "Banksy"! Take a bow, Michael Stokes! (not forgetting his able assistant and paint pot holder Patricia). His depictions of "The Green Green Grass" and "In the Worton Greenery" are surely going to be priceless! Seriously, heartfelt thanks -and let's all look after them! We are grateful to all of those who put in special efforts to make things better for us all -particularly Anthony and Maddy Higgins who have made access along the pavement near the village hall much easier.

Sadly, a problem that has become a perennial one has reared its nasty head again -it's the infernal dumping of dog poo bags along walkways, or their use as tree adornments. Seriously - what on Earth do people think they are doing? If you love dogs, presumably you love the natural environment too? There's not much the Parish Council can do except improve the waste collection facilities and keep an eye on their clearance. Which, I assure you all, we have been doing and, I trust, will continue to do so.

An application to the Community Fund was made by Rev Gerry Lynch to request support towards the cost of repair of the church wall -details should appear elsewhere in the magazine. The Parish Council had no objection to the Worton Charities plan for 7 new homes on their land at the junction of Mill Lane and the High Street, which seems to be making progress.

May will see the end of the current four year local government cycle which means that all members of the Council step down and need to complete an application to stand for election. As I write these notes it is clear that the number of applicants will not be high enough to trigger an election - though, of course, this is not the case with regard to the election of officers for the County Council, which will take place as I'm sure you all are aware!

I want to express my thanks and appreciation for the work and commitment the current councillors have shown throughout the last four years. Indeed, in many cases it's 8 years or more!

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I consider an individual's decision with regard to their candidacy - whether to continue or to step aside, to be their own business, so I will not mention any individuals at this stage - the Annual Parish Meeting (Monday 12th May, 7.00 PM in the Village hall), will be when all will become clear!

One face that will be missing will be my own, as I have decided to step down from my role. I've actually been Chair for 8 years, which is surely long enough for anyone! I've learned a lot and done my best to keep the village a harmonious, happy place which has embraced change without losing its heart and soul. I mostly think we've achieved that. Those that continue will have my full support and admiration.

Barry Devine Worton Parish Councillor

#### WORTON COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

(Speedwatch sessions are of 45 minutes duration)

Worton Community	Speedwatch	Figures fo	or March 2025
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Date	Time	Vehicles	Total 30MPH+	Vehicles Reported	Max Speed
Wednesday 19th	08.00 - 08.45	475	2	0	
Wednesday 19th	10.00 - 10.45	280	4	1	39
Thursday 20th	08.00 - 08.45	448	9	2	37
Friday 21st	15.30 - 16.15	613	10	1	38
Saturday 22nd	11.30 - 12.15	345	15	1	36
Monday 24th	09.15 - 10.00	291	3	0	
Tuesday 25th	09.00 - 09.45	358	7	3	40
Tuesday 25th	15.00 - 15.45	348	12	1	39
Wednesday 26th	08.30 - 09.15	360	14	2	37
Sessions: 9	Average: 391	3518	76	11	
2024 <b>S</b> essions: 9	Average: 384	3460	98	27	45

#### A FINAL REMINDER ON THE BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

Our entry form has been submitted and judging is expected any time after May 12th, through to early June. We have submitted a map with a suggested route - from Village Hall to church, along Back Lane (Jubilee walk) to either Gaisford Chase or Sandleaze, then back along the High Street - but they may not follow it!

The second working party day is on May 10 from 9.30am, meeting at the village hall, with a possible third on May 24. All volunteers will be contacted in advance by email with details and asked to confirm if they can come along, but all other villagers are also welcome. We are planning in addition a litter pick for May 10 for the less able to be able to take part as all it will require is a pair of gloves and a black bin bag!

As before, we would be grateful if residents not involved could also 'do their bit' in their own garden or frontage to the likely route!

Thanks in anticipation to everybody Coun Nick Stokes (on behalf of the Parish Council)

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#### **Primary School**



#### **Appointment**

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#### **Poppy Display**



Many of you will be familiar with our display of poppies on the fence at the entrance to school. These have been temporarily removed so that they can be cleaned and repainted.

#### **Netball Tournament**

Elder class (years 5 and 6) took part in a netball tournament at Dauntsey's School. We would like to congratulate them on returning with a trophy for being the best team. This was not only due to their skills but also their sportsmanship and teamwork.

#### **Bunny Hop and Easter Egg Hunt**

It was a hot sunny day for our pupils competing in the yearly bunny hop around the field and hunting for eggs. It was wonderful to see the children helping each other and receiving their prizes.



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#### WHAT'S ON IN WILTSHIRE THIS MAY

#### Festivals in Wiltshire

Wiltshire welcomes you to enjoy its vibrant programme of exciting festivals, taking place across the county this month. From music and history to food and drink, there's plenty for everyone!

#### The Spirit of Water Flower Festival

13-18 May

Salisbury Cathedral's Flower Festival returns this month. The 2025 festival, The Spirit of Water, is a companion piece to Salisbury Cathedral's summer art exhibition, Living Water. Just as the art show explores the power of water, its ability to hold memories and shape the identity of a place, as well as our need to live in balance with this life sustaining force, the Flower Festival takes it inspiration from water in all its different forms – rain, water, ice and more.

#### **Bradford on Avon Music Festival 2025**

30 May-1 June

The Live Music Festival returns to Bradford on Avon this year with an even bigger lineup of local talent. From Friday 30 May, to Sunday 1 June, the town will come alive with incredible performances, headlined by The Bowie Experience, Retro Electro and Nick Langston and The Hipcats, supported by JPQ. Enjoy live music at venues across the town, including Wiltshire Music Centre, The Three Horseshoes, Westbury Garden, Lamb Yard, The Castle Inn, Timbrell's Yard and The Canal Tayern.

#### **Swindon Festival of Literature**

6-12 May

Visit Swindon at the beginning of this month for their annual Festival of Literature, celebrating over 30 years of this event, through a week of historic talks with local authors and the community. Hear from a range of authors and discover more about the fascinating and insightful world of literature and writing.



#### **Chippenham Folk Festival**

23-26 May

Building on the huge success of last years' festival, Chippenham Folk Festival returns this month! Enjoy over 600 artists and performers from across the UK and beyond, as the town turns into a blaze of colour, music, dance, fun and laughter.

#### **Salisbury International Arts Festival**

24 May—8 June

Back for another successful year, the Salisbury International Arts Festival livens the city yet again with its culture, spectacle, and fun. Celebrating all things performance, enjoy a week of vibrant events from a range of artists, dancers, and more!

#### **Bradford on Avon Green Man Festival**

10 May

Experience the Bradford on Avon Green Man Festival, a vibrant, family-friendly community gathering featuring traditional dance, music, song, and folklore throughout the town centre on Saturday 10 May 2025. Witness over 50 dance groups, including 500 dancers and 120 musicians, featuring Morris dancing and diverse European styles. Join the whimsical journey of our 10ft tall Jack in the Green and Jill in the Green, visiting 12 town centre venues with bands and fantasy beasts.



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#### FLOWER OF THE MONTH



Lily of the Valley (Convallaria majalis)

The modest rose puts forth a thorn,
The humble sheep a threat 'ning horn;
While in lily white shall in love delight,
Nor a thorn nor a threat stain her beauty bright.
—William Blake

The lily that isn't a lily. It is in actual fact a member of the asparagus family. Although, I wouldn't recommend serving it with your Sunday roast. The lily of the valley may be the belle of the May ball with its delicate white bell shaped flowers and heady scent, it also has a much darker side. Every part of the plant is toxic and can affect the heart or cause digestive upset. I suggest enjoying it from afar, especially if you have children or pets who have curious natures.

The plant originates in Eurasia and has been naturalised across North America. It makes a great ground cover and is said to have been created by Apollo for the nymphs to walk across. While in Christian lore, it is believed the flowers sprouted from Eve's tears when she was expelled from the Garden of Eden and later from Mary's tears when she wept for Jesus on the cross.

King Charles IX, in the 1500's, was gifted Lily of the Valley and liked them so much that he created a tradition of gifting them on May Day as a symbol of good luck. The flowers are often used in wedding bouquets as a symbol of luck and prosperity for the bride and groom. Both Princess Diane and Kate Middleton selected them for their wedding bouquets.

(sources: almanac.com, thespruce.com)

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#### **Marston Chapel**

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**Toddlers' Group:** Linda Rose wortontoddlers@gmail.com text 07921 867206

Village Hall (Worton and Marston):

For the Chair: <u>WMVHChair@yahoo.com</u> 07385 162999

For Bookings: <u>dpcrisp@uwclub.net</u> 01380 720248 For Maintenance: wmvhmaintenance@yahoo.com

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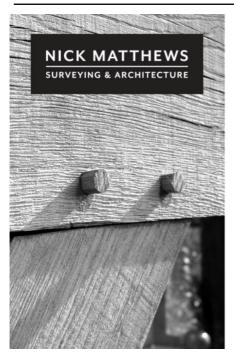
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Weel	kdays				
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Trowbridge Clarendon Academy (SE-bound)				15:17	
Trowbridge, opp Wiltshire College					16:45
Trowbridge John of Gaunt School Grounds (NW-bound)				15:22	
Trowbridge, o/s Manvers House	09:50	12:30	14:30	15:30	17:05
Paxcroft Mead Newhurst Park (E-bound)	09:55	12:35	14:35	15:35	17:10
Steeple Ashton Memorial (NW-bound)	10:03	12:43	14:43	15:43	17:18
Great Hinton Crossroads (N-bound)	10:07	12:47	14:47	15:46	17:20
Keevil Field Head (E-bound)	10:09	12:49	14:49	15:49	17:22
Bulkington War Memorial (E-bound)	10:14	12:54	14:54	15:54	17:27
Worton Village Hall (E-bound)	10:18	12:58	14:59	15:57	17:33
Worton Sandleaze (E-bound)	10:20	13:00	15:01	15:59	17:35
Potterne Duck Street (N-bound)			15:05	16:03	17:39
Worton Village Hall (W-bound)	10:22	13:02			
Marston The Green (NW-bound)	10:26	13:06			
Devizes Fire Station (S-bound)			15:10		
Devizes The Pelican (NW-bound)			15:15		
Poulshot The Raven (N-bound)	10:33	13:13			
Devizes Mayenne Place West (S-bound)	10:38	13:18			
Devizes Market Place Bus Island (SE-bound)	10:42	13:22		16:08	17:45

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Satu	rdays			
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Devizes Market Place Bus Island (SE-bound)	09:50			
Devizes The Pelican (NW-bound)		10:50	12:25	14:30
Potterne Duck Street (S-bound)	09:55			
<u>Devizes, o/s Business Centre</u>		10:50	12:29	14:34
Devizes Mayenne Place (W-bound)		10:50	12:29	14:34
Poulshot The Raven (S-bound)			12:32	14:37
Worton Sandleaze (E-bound)			12:40	14:45
Worton Village Hall (W-bound)	10:01		12:42	14:47
Marston The Green (NW-bound)			12:47 <b>s</b>	14:52
Bulkington War Memorial (W-bound)	10:05		12:50	14:55
Keevil Field Head (W-bound)	10:10		12:55	15:00
Great Hinton Crossroads (S-bound)	10:13		12:58	15:03
Steeple Ashton Memorial (NW-bound)	10:16		13:01	15:06
Paxcroft Mead Newhurst Park (W-bound)	10:23		13:08	15:13
Trowbridge, o/s Manvers House	10:29		13:14	15:19

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#### VILLAGE DIARY

### **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

#### 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 19 May

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#### **Forthcoming Events**

10<sup>th</sup> Book Swap 19<sup>th</sup> Garden Club

#### Kerbside Collections in MAY Worton & Marston

### Black box and Blue lidded bin recycling:

May 13th & 27th

#### Household waste:

May 8th & 27th Garden waste:

May 9th & 23rd

#### Kerbside Collections In MAY Close Lane, Marston

### Black box and Blue lidded bin recycling:

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#### **Household waste:**

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