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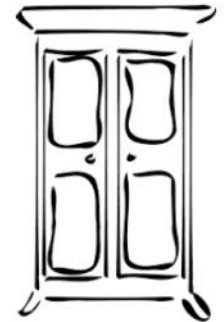
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# THE BRIDGE

Editor: Giles Collins [editorofthebridge@gmail.com](mailto:editorofthebridge@gmail.com)

## Wanted - A new Editor for The Bridge

After more than 12 years (around 150 editions), I think it is time for a change, both for me and for the readers. It is an interesting role, with plenty of flexibility. I am happy to continue until October if required but would then like to hand it on. I can give as much, or as little, guidance as required.

**If you are interested, please get in contact:**  
**[giles.collins@btinternet.com](mailto:giles.collins@btinternet.com)**  
**or 01380 728664 or 07530 771405**

## Worton and Marston Village Show Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2023

It's now little more than a month to the Show on 2<sup>nd</sup> September. If you are entering, many of the classes will have required preparation, growing, crafting, nurturing etc. But if you have not done so, there are lots of things you can try and have a go at especially in the home produce section. If you grow soft fruit you may have lots of raspberries, gooseberries or blackcurrants to make jams or jellies. There is lots of fruit in the markets at present. If you make chutney, it benefits from a few weeks in the jar to mature, perhaps you can use some of the glut of courgettes that are coming through.

Our last appeal to give it a go, it may be fun.

Also if you want a copy of the schedule, please get in touch.  
Many thanks and good luck

On behalf of the committee, Bill Francis



## CHURCH NEWS WELLSPRINGS BENEFICE

### Tales of the unexpected

**Does life ever take you by surprise**, in a good way? Back in the dark depths of February this year, a new and unexpected friendship was born whilst I walked my dog in Melksham park. It was the Middle Eastern music, riding on the wings of the wind, coming from a mobile phone, that first drew me to talk to the young family close by. As the father sat on a bench and the children played on their bikes, I discovered they had recently moved to Melksham from Egypt, having first fled their home in Damascus, Syria.

Recognising and speaking a few words of Arabic myself, we managed to understand each other a little as the boys helped translate for their father, seeming to have picked up English a lot faster. Finding some common ground between us, we exchanged phone numbers and the rest is history!

Over the past few months we have visited each other's homes and shared food together as well as sharing in our different faith journeys together.

Our friendship began in Lent, for me as a Christian, moved into Ramadan, for them as Muslims, through into Holy Week and Easter and on into Eid. From sharing the breaking of the fast at sunset through Ramadan to enjoying the gift of Easter eggs, we have enjoyed friendship and fun together as well as sharing in our sadnesses.

As the old African proverb goes, 'Eat and drink together: talk and laugh together: enjoy life together: but never call it friendship until you have wept together'.

Yesterday, we shared a car journey together as, stepping out of my comfort zone, I drove (in torrential rain!) to Easton in Bristol to shop, so my friend could bulk buy all the familiar foods from home to continue cooking traditional meals for her lovely family.

Sometimes life can take you by surprise, in a good way. Finding common ground, can lead to lasting friendships, if we are willing to move out of the familiar and step out of our comfort zones.

Talking of stepping out, do join us in our Walks around Wellsprings, fortnightly in August and September, with one also at the beginning of October (see flyer in magazine). It would be lovely to see you,

With Every Blessing, Revd Caroline



## Walks around Wellsprings



Join us for a short walk on Sunday afternoons starting and finishing at each of our five lovely churches within the villages which make up Wellsprings Benefice.

Over the next few months we are hoping to appoint a new Rector to serve the people within our communities and we want to prepare the way!

Bring a dog if you've got one & children too if you have them, and we'll have a 20 -30 minute walk and talk with pauses to reflect, pause & pray (if you want to join in) finishing up with tea, cake and a chat. Meet up dates below. We'll meet at **3:30pm** for a walk, followed by refreshments; 5pm finish.

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August:** gather at **Holy Cross, Seend**

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August:** gather at **Christ Church, Worton**

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September:** gather at **Christ Church, Bulkington**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September:** gather at **St Marys, Potterne**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October:** gather at **St Peters, Poulshot**

We would love to see you!

Revd Caroline O'Neill  
Wellsprings Benefice

### Village Hall

The recent 200 club winners were:

April: Pauline Dark

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<b>SERVICE CALENDAR</b>
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<b>AUGUST</b>
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<b>Sun Aug 6th</b>	TRINITY 9 9.30am.	CHRIST CHURCH Holy Communion
<b>Sun Aug 13th</b>	TRINITY 10 9.30am  6.00pm	CHRIST CHURCH Morning Praise <i>MARSTON CHAPEL</i> Evening Meditation
<b>Sun Aug 20th</b>	TRINITY 11 9.30am	CHRIST CHURCH Holy Communion
<b>Sun Aug 27th</b>	TRINITY 12 9.30am  6.00pm	CHRIST CHURCH Morning Praise <i>MARSTON CHAPEL</i> Evening Meditation

<b>SEPTEMBER</b>
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<b>Sun Sept 3rd</b>	TRINITY 13 9.30am	CHRIST CHURCH Holy Communion
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A Service in Loving Memory of Kathleen Hilda Cox was held at Christ Church in June, followed by committal in the churchyard.

Visit the church website: [www.christchurchworton.org.uk](http://www.christchurchworton.org.uk)



**WELLSPRINGS BENEFICE SERVICES**  
**AUGUST 2023**

<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> (Trinity 9)</b>		
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Potterne
9:30am	Holy Communion	Worton
9:30am	Matins	Poulshot
11am	Morning Praise	Bulkington
11am	Holy Communion	Seend
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> (Trinity 10)</b>		
9:30am	Holy Communion	Poulshot
9:30am	Morning Praise	Bulkington
9:30am	Morning Praise	Worton
11am	Holy Communion	Potterne
6pm	Evensong	Seend
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> (Trinity 11)</b>		
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Seend
9:30am	Holy Communion	Poulshot
9:30am	Holy Communion	Worton
11am	Holy Communion	Bulkington
11am	Morning Praise	Potterne
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> (Trinity 12)</b>		
9:30am	Morning Praise	Worton
11am	Holy Communion	Potterne
11am	Holy Communion	Seend
4pm	Evensong	Poulshot
6pm	Holy Communion	Bulkington
<b>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup></b>		
5pm	Celtic Meditative Service	Poulshot
<b>Every Tuesday, 9am Daily Prayer service at Poulshot</b>		

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Churches are open for private prayer during the week.

Tuesday Group meets each week at 10am in Potterne. Call 723289 for details.

Please visit our website [www.wellspringsbenefice.co.uk](http://www.wellspringsbenefice.co.uk) for more details of all our services, latest updates and to keep in touch.

### Ministry Team

Rector: Vacant  
 Associate Priest: Rev Caroline O'Neill 01380 828302  
 Benefice Administrator: Sarah Leckie 07516 224057  
[sarahleckie.wba@gmail.com](mailto:sarahleckie.wba@gmail.com)

### Church Registers

### Baptisms

Christopher Campbell-Hill on 9<sup>th</sup> July at Christ Church, Worton.

Funerals Kathleen Cox on 29<sup>th</sup> June at Christ Church, Worton.

Weddings No weddings this month.

### **From Christ Church:**

Please look out for further Community Café dates through the year, as we write we are looking forward to the Cream Tea and croquet on 29th July.

The process is now underway to appoint a New Rector for Christ Church and the Wellsprings Benefice. We are very grateful for the support of all who have helped to keep our services and church events up and running so well during Rev Ali's sick leave and now as we continue through the vacancy for a while longer until an appointment is successful.

We have several cyclists taking part in the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride in September, more about this elsewhere in The Bridge. Please support them if you can, they are all in training! Their sponsorship is valuable to Christ Church.

Heather and Jean, Churchwardens

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## WORTON & MARSTON LADIES GROUP

John Girvan's talk in June on 'Reclamation Royals' was the Royal Family plus a few Prime Ministers thrown in and Larry the cat. They were brought to life with items of recycled plastic bottles, pots, tubs, toilet rolls etc. Along with some amusing stories, an entertaining evening.

July 26<sup>th</sup> meeting will be a summer social gathering, everyone to bring a plate of food to share. 8pm Village Hall.

No meeting in August, summer break, enjoy. See you all back in September.

Pam Woods

Two years ago, the home for disabled adults at Furlong Close in Rowde was under threat of closure. One year ago, the decision was made to save it! This year, they will be celebrating by having a:

### Summer Fête

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August**

**2.30pm until 5.00pm**

**at Furlong Close in Rowde**

It will include a Punch and Judy show, bouncy castle, BBQ, and many stalls and other refreshment options.



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Pauline (720248) or Jeff (726845) or any other Trustee



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Clubhouse demolished!

As reported last month, now that we own the land at Northbrook we have completed the demolition of the old club house, switching off and making safe the utilities ahead of rebuilding. Our thanks to G A Potter and son for the demolition and Grist Environmental for allowing us to dispose of the rubbish at a competitive rate. We have an outline design for the new building, which we expect will be a metal frame structure, which will be turned into construction plans so we can apply for planning permission. Once approved, we can apply for grants to fund the new clubhouse, building on the ~£10,000 we have already raised to date.



As it is close season, many teams are keeping loose this month ahead of a complete break in August. The 23/24 season is due to start on the 15<sup>th</sup> September.

The club AGM was held on 12<sup>th</sup> July. The elected officers are listed below.

Committee

Chairperson: Pete Hartley  
Treasurer: Vicky Goddard  
Grounds: Mark Goddard  
Newsletter: David Groves  
FA Officer: Dave Kiddle

Secretary: Rob Nuttall  
Welfare Officer: James Partington  
Web Pages: James Partington  
All Team Managers

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#### Team Contacts

Badger Cubs & U7s – Sally Francis 07752 814532

Girl's Teams – Liz Gaule 07949 176623 U8 - James Partington 07532 628219

U9s – Rodney Sharp 07947 7093812 & Rob Nuttall 07706 167347

U10s - Pete Hartley 07974 756131 U12s - Mark Goddard 07974 723008

U14s - Neil Black 07769 261750 U16s - Mark Goddard 07974 723008

U18s– Dave Kiddle 07843678781

## A LEVEL GEOGRAPHY COURSEWORK

Dear Residents,

I live in Worton and am asking if you could kindly help me with the collection of evidence for my 'A Level Geography Coursework Project'.

My area of study is the 'Sense of community in Worton'.

It would entail filling in two short questionnaires regarding the above title.

If you are happy to help, there are several ways to obtain the questionnaires:

- Email me and I will send questionnaires as an attachment
- Phone or message me and I will deliver the questionnaires to your house (Also happy to collect from your house on completion)
- There will be a box of questionnaires outside the gate of my house. Please feel free to take one and place it back in the box having completed it

I would also be interested in talking to residents about their opinions. All answers will be fully confidential. Thank you very much in advance for your help with this project.

Harry

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We have now agreed our Parish Plan which will provide the backdrop to the work undertaken by the council ... on top of the normal ongoing "maintenance" overseeing finance, planning, environment etc.

I'm indebted to Cllr Powell for his efforts into putting the plan into shape having taken into account the issues and concerns raised by residents which, unsurprisingly, remain fairly constant through the years.

The Plan comprises seven proposals which we unanimously support. In simple outline these are :-

1. To establish a new pedestrian crossing site along the High Street connecting pavements on either side of the road.
2. To change the speed limit to 40mph on the eastern approach to the village.
3. New roundels painted at the western edge of the village and renovation of the pedestrian crossing place by Cedar Close.
4. To engage with Newland Homes to ensure that the stretch of road around the planned access point is as safe as possible.
5. To install a new socket for a SID device location between Gaisford and Sandlease.
6. To purchase and install Auto Speedwatch.
7. To extend and resurface footpath WORT13 in order to provide a safe access route for pedestrians as an alternative to the High Street.

This may seem to be an ambitious list, but we consider all to be practical as long as support is forthcoming. Finance is, of course, limited, but there is a very realistic expectation that we will be in a much stronger position following the completion of the Newland Homes project which we now expect to begin in October. Our engagement with Newland has been constructive and they have shown willingness to engage in dialogue. We will be presenting our case to them at an appropriate time and, as all of the above proposals would have clear benefits to potential residents in the new development, we are hopeful that we would get a positive response!

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In addition, Wiltshire Council finances will receive significant financial boost from the development which, whilst not required to be spent on Worton projects, ought to be a factor when we seek to gain financial and practical support at that level.

I would like to take this opportunity to clarify what our aims are in relation to footpath WORT13. You will notice that I am not referring to Back Lane, which is only part of the route along the southern edge of the village, though the footpath route obviously uses it. Our main interest is improving the western end which has been difficult for people to use and can be literally linked to planned infrastructure resulting from the new development. As yet, we don't know what could be possible, manageable or desirable but we will want to involve anyone with an interest in whatever form. Nothing has been decided yet!

As a council we are always looking for ways that funding can be sourced to support projects. Once again, I must stress that the funding we get via the Precept, which makes up a tiny proportion of the Council Tax we all pay, is relatively meagre, meaning that we have to set our stall sensibly in terms of what we hope to achieve - hence the importance of any "windfall" that might come our way linked to housing developments. We do not wish to increase the amount we ask for from residents when alternative funding streams can be tapped into. That is why we are having to delay the installation of our Jubilee Walkway plaque, as the support we had hoped for has not been forthcoming. Patricia is doing a great job at applying pressure at County level, so we remain hopeful.

Thanks to Rob Goss and his family we are moving forward with our plans in relation to King's Copse which will form a facility for residents which truly reflects the more positive side of the era we are living in. We will be able to enjoy our environment whilst allowing the surrounding land to still be used productively.

Councillors have been actively involved in trying to resolve issues that have been raised in relation to footpaths, drainage etc, with positive results in this respect. However, it cannot be our

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role to become involved in disagreements that arise between neighbours - unless the Parish Council is directly involved.

From my personal perspective, I find it very sad that neighbours cannot resolve any differences amicably, but then, perhaps, I am something of an idealist. All villages - indeed all communities - will have their local issues which are very hard to resolve because they are so immediate and pressing. I have therefore been upset by recent developments that have occurred in relation to a specific location in the village and its management. Procedures are in place to resolve concerns about issues such as land use. I understand that these have now been followed in relation to this issue.

We discussed the letter from Roger Wilshire that appeared in the July edition of the Bridge. I believe that Bob Mitchell intends to respond on behalf of Speedwatch, but I feel a word or two of support is due from the Parish Council as well.

I must admit that when we worked out the number of vehicles passing through the village we were somewhat taken aback, so we checked several times. In fact, it's a simple sum. The SIDS record the number of vehicles that go past in a given time period, so all that is needed is simple multiplication; times the number recorded each day by 365 and there you are! Of course, there are flaws in this, as it assumes that the day used is typical. If we wanted to show that measures to reduce traffic were working well and an excellent investment we would choose December 25th and multiply that! However, that isn't the case here and, if anything, the figure quoted may be on the conservative side.

I would like, yet again, to praise our Speedwatch team for all they do. We are the envy of many other villages and the way the concerns over traffic are being highlighted is seeing real results. We should all appreciate what they do on our behalf to make our village safer.

Lastly, we still have a spot available on the Parish Council. There are exciting times ahead as we see some of the biggest

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changes experienced in recent years. We want to make the best of this and an extra body would be very welcome. Please give it some thought and let Jules know if you are interested. ([clerk@worton.org.uk](mailto:clerk@worton.org.uk))

Barry Devine

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### Worton Community Speedwatch – June 2023

(Wiltshire Speedwatch sessions are restricted to 45 minutes)

Sessions: **ELEVEN**

Total Vehicles Counted: **4,092**

Vehicles recorded for exceeding the 30mph speed limit: **232** of which **48** were reported to Wiltshire Police for excess speed.

Maximum Speed Recorded: 43mph on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June between 07.15 and 08.00, and Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June Between 15.45 and 16.30.

Highest vehicle count **436** on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June between 07.15 and 08.00

(The comparable figures for **JUNE 2022** were: Sessions **14** Vehicles **4,712** with **449** vehicles exceeding 30mph of which **110** were reported for excess speed.)

#### SPEED INDICATOR DEVICES (SIDs)

From Wiltshire Police:

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#### Worton Speed Indicator Devices

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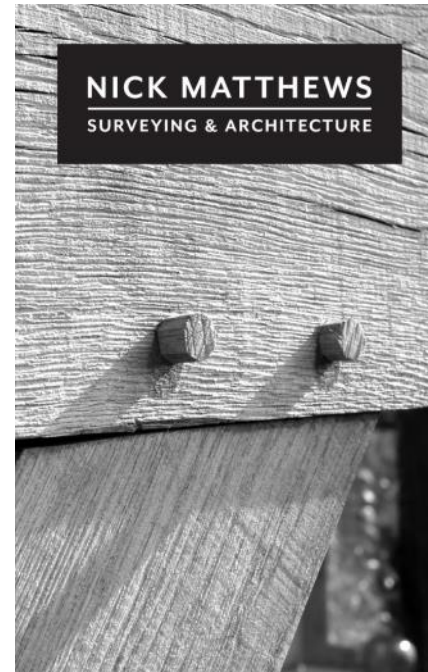
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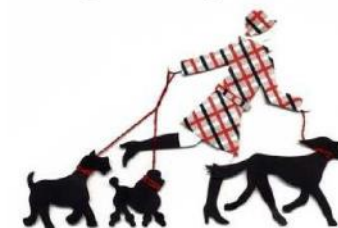
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## AUGUST BOOK SWAP



**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August**  
**10.00am - 12 noon**  
 at Marsh Farm, Seend Road, Worton  
 (hosted by Mandy Fielding)

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September**  
**10.00am - 12 noon**  
 Ware Farm, Worton  
 (drive on RHS after turning towards Potterne)  
 hosted by Allison Soni

## Edington Music Festival

This year will be the 68<sup>th</sup> Edington Festival, making it the oldest festival of music within the liturgy in the world. It will run from Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August, with four services a day, three Cathedral and Collegiate choirs, top organists, and friends gathering from all over the world. Everyone taking part is grateful to the Priory Church for inviting them once again.

The theme is ‘A Crown of Prayer and Praise’, taking its inspiration from the seven-sonnet sequence ‘La Corona’ by John Donne. This year is the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of William Byrd, so the week includes many of his works, but also pieces by Rachmaninov, Matthew Martin, Herbert Howells, Orlando Gibbons and others. As always, the days are book-ended with Matins and Compline, sung to plainchant by the Schola, and the Wednesday Choral Evensong will be broadcast live on BBC Radio 3.

The Musical Evening and Supper will be on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>. There is lots of information about the festival on the website, [www.edingtonfestival.org](http://www.edingtonfestival.org); don't forget that the festival is not ticketed, and that all services are free and unreserved.



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## Worton and Marston Garden Club

*"The brilliant poppy flaunts her head amidst the ripening grain,  
and adds her voice to sell the song that "August's here again."*

*Helen Winslow*

In June, we had a lovely group visit to Beggars Knoll Chinese Garden near Westbury. Hugely inspirational planting in a series of Garden Rooms along with spectacular views across to The Mendips. This garden opens for the National Garden Scheme for group visits. Definitely one to see if you have not been.

As I write this, all day has seen torrential rain and winds, feels more like November than July. We gardeners are never happy – first a drought now a swamp. Let's hope that August brings a measured level of both and we can enjoy holidays or relaxing in our gardens – broken only of course by the need to titivate the plants and produce that you are going to be putting in the Village Show on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. I was so pleased to see a photo on the Worton and Marston Facebook page of some beautifully painted pebbles by Worton Toddler Group. All done before the summer break to be ready for our show, thanks to the great team at Toddler Group - so good to have wee ones joining in.

Currently we are putting together our programme for next year. If you have a topic you would like covered, know of a good speaker or been to a lovely garden to visit, do let us know. We will also be planning the joint villages' Open Gardens in June next year. Anybody who would like to open their garden or join us to contribute to the running of the event, please get in touch. It is a village event and raises money for both a recognised Charity and Village clubs or amenities.

We don't have a meeting in August but will be going on a visit to a garden in September, great for inspiration for planting and keeping colour through the autumn.

### Upcoming Events

#### NGS Open Gardens

There are only 2 Wiltshire gardens open for the NGS in August both of which are absolutely beautiful:

Sunday August 6<sup>th</sup> 10-5pm Duck Pond Barn, Wingfield, Trowbridge

Sunday August 20<sup>th</sup> Gasper Cottage, Stourton, Warminster. An artist's garden with fabulous planting and colour and a model railway!

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### **Diary Dates**

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September Village Show

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September Garden Visit

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### **FIVE LANES WI**

Our meeting this week was an evening visit to a' Beckett's Vineyard by 12 members and friends. Despite a chilly wind, the sun shone on the stunning views and we were treated to a potted history of vine growing through the ages, how it came to Britain, how Paul and his wife, Lynn came to be there, and the state of English wine-making at the moment. This was all delivered in an extremely amusing way by Paul. He then proceeded to give us a tasting of white, rose, red, pink and white sparkling wine, all of which were delicious! We were then able to purchase any wines we fancied from the shop nearby and all went home very pleased with our very enjoyable evening.

One amusing anecdote. Paul asks a question of groups about the Christmas Carol "While shepherds watched their flocks----" sung during the strict times of Oliver Cromwell but to a different tune than the one commonly sung today. I (Jean) knew the answer and was rewarded with a bottle of the sparkling wine!! We were introduced to the alternative tune by a previous Vicar, David Howard, but have sung it at the Beer and Carols at the Rose and Crown. The tune is "On Ilkley-Moor bar t'at—" Try it out in your head—it really works!

Our meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> AUGUST at 7:00pm will be back in the Village Hall when we have a demonstration of Paper Bead making by Susan Simpson from Trowbridge. Her demo is entitled "Paper beads—the Love of Making" and we will be encouraged to have a go ourselves. One of our members saw Susan at a New Speakers Day and was very impressed with her knowledge of the art, how she got into it and the beauty of the finished jewellery. So hope to see you there.

Jean Lane 722069

### **Help shape the future of Wiltshire**

Wiltshire Council is considering the review of the Wiltshire Local Plan. The draft Plan sets out the vision and framework for housing, infrastructure and land for employment growth for the next 15 years. Once adopted, all planning applications will be determined against the Plan, making it the most important place-shaping document for Wiltshire.

It also identifies sites for housing and employment development until 2038. There is good news in that following further work to assess the number of homes needed, the number of planned homes in the Plan has been significantly reduced from its last iteration by almost 9000. When the Plan was consulted on in 2021, it proposed 45,630 homes over 20 years to 2036, but the updated Plan proposes 36,740 homes, of which over 21,900 homes have already been built or are committed.

A number of important policies are included in the draft plan:

- 40% of all new housing on developments of 10 homes or more to be affordable.
- Greater flexibility for rural exception sites to make it easier to provide affordable housing in villages where there is clearly identified demand.
- New developments will have to meet zero carbon standards, including energy generation such as solar panels.
- 20% biodiversity net gain for all new developments, compared to the 10% legal requirement.
- All new developments must also have cycling and walking connections.

Most of the housing development is planned to be in the major urban centres in the county, with Devizes needing to plan for only an additional 40 homes, when existing completions and commitments are taken into account. Potterne, Seend and Worton are considered to be large villages in the housing plan and some development will ensure that these communities can continue to thrive and meet local housing needs.

This Local Plan is about providing for a choice of high-quality designed housing, including affordable homes, in the most sustainable

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locations; maximising development on brownfield sites; supporting town centres; and providing high quality new public open spaces.

A full consultation on the proposals is expected to take place in the Autumn so please do have your say about the plans. To read the full Council report, go to: [Agenda for Council on Tuesday 18 July 2023, 10.30 am | Wiltshire Council](#)

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### Marston Parish Council

At our last meeting a discussion was started about turning off the street lighting in Marston between the hours of 11pm and 6am. A number of different valid viewpoints were put forward during the discussion by residents of Marston. The Parish Council feels the discussion should be taken forward to the September meeting. This may then enable a clearer picture to be formed of the feeling of the village so that an informed decision can be made. We would appreciate your attendance or comments to the Clerk by email. All households had an information sheet delivered explaining the proposal with the minutes of the last meeting. The next meeting will take place at Marston Chapel on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September, commencing at 7.30pm.

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The charity was formed on 11<sup>th</sup> February 1997 by our then local vicar Paul Wilkinson to help the people in Worton & Marston. Shortly after this Tony Walker was approached to take on the Chairmanship which he did for over 10 years and established us as a village institution helping people who need help with important transport needs especially when unwell.

Those of you who are good at mental arithmetic will have realised that we are well past our 25<sup>th</sup> birthday, this of course was due to the lack of parties last year. This then leads on to the second reason for the celebration which was to thank everyone who assisted during Covid when we could have easily shut down and not helped anyone. It was particularly important for those who were advised by their doctor to isolate. We were able to pick up prescriptions and also carry out some shopping. This resulted in us getting a card from the Lord Lieutenant of Wiltshire thanking us for continuing to offer our services during the pandemic. This shows how far up the establishment people are aware of what help we provide.

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Alun Newman

## Worton United Charities

May I take this opportunity to remind readers of the magazine about this Charity.

The Charity has been in existence for many years now. It evolved from the gifts of land or monies dating back to the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Its initial objective was to support the 'poor and needy' of the parishes of Worton and Marston. Today the Charity continues to welcome requests for assistance from local residents. These will be of course dealt with in a confidential manner. Requests can be made to myself or one of the other trustees: June Mason, Alison Cross and Chris Nixon.

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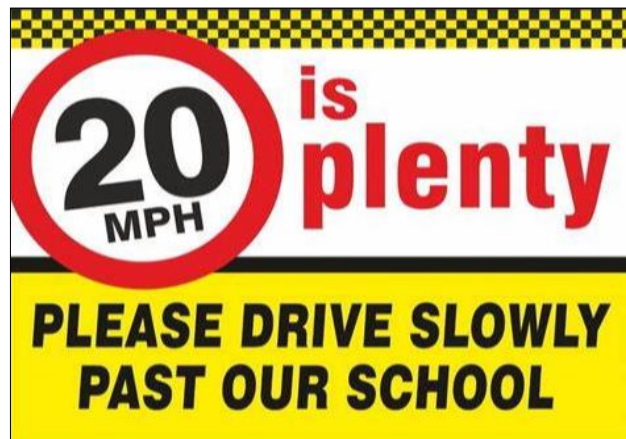
In response to Roger Wilshire’s letter in July’s Bridge with regard to traffic numbers through the village the following figures give an indication of the number of vehicles we record.

On Monday 15<sup>th</sup> of May in the course of two 45 minute sessions, total 90 minutes, the Community Speedwatch team recorded 1,109 vehicles. On Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> of May the total was 1,105. The average figure per session for the week was 512.

The Speed Indicator Device located at the eastern end of the village by Sandlease Court monitors vehicle flow 24 hours a day and the table shows a breakdown of figures for the period 28<sup>th</sup> May to 25<sup>th</sup> June. The total count downloaded from this SID is 102,688.

Bob Mitchell

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Contact the Benefice Office on 07516 224057 or at [contact.wellsprings@gmail.co.uk](mailto:contact.wellsprings@gmail.co.uk)

**Church Wardens:**

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**Cricket (Worton and Poulshot):** Giles Collins 07530 771405  
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**Football (The Badgers):** Club President Pete Huntley 07974 756131 or Club Secretary Rob Nuttall 07706 167347

**Garden Club:**

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 Sally Brooks 07957 917851 [svwood90@hotmail.com](mailto:svwood90@hotmail.com)

**Village Show** - Bill Francis 01380 739986  
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**Ladies Group:** Pam Woods 01380 726679  
 Meet last Wednesday each month 8pm, in the Village Hall.

**Link Scheme:** Lyn Vickers Transport Coordinator 07413 912828  
 Alun Newman (Chair)  
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**Marston Parish Council:** Steven Bennett  
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**Toddlers' Group:** Linda Rose [wortontoddlers@gmail.com](mailto:wortontoddlers@gmail.com)  
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**Village Hall (Worton and Marston):** Veronica Franklin  
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 Malcolm Powell Chris Collins Robert Goss Nick Stokes  
 Clerk: Jules Slack

**Women's Institute (W.I.):** Helen Bodman (President) 01380 723593

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## VILLAGE DIARY

### Regular Meetings

#### In the Village Hall

- **Garden Club**  
3rd Monday 8.00pm (not Aug/Dec)
- **Pilates classes**  
Thursdays 7pm-8pm & 8pm-9pm
- **Ladies Group**  
Last Wednesday (not Aug/Dec)
- **Women's Institute**  
2nd Wednesday 7.00pm
- **Worton Toddler Group**  
Wednesday 10.00 am - Noon
- **1st Worton & Marston Brownies**  
Tuesdays 6pm-7.30pm
- **Potterne Rainbows**  
Tuesdays 4.45pm-5.45pm
- **Worton Parish Council Meeting**  
1st Monday (not Aug) or as shown on notice boards

#### In the Chapel at Marston

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

#### Various Venues

Announced Monthly

- **Book Swap**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday 10.00 - Noon

#### Mobile Library

**Location:** The School, 1.10 - 1.50pm

**Next Date:** Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August

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

### Forthcoming Events

9<sup>th</sup> WI meeting  
12<sup>th</sup> Book Swap

### Kerbside Collections in August

**Black box, and plastic  
and card recycling:**  
Tuesdays 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Household waste:**  
Thursdays 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>

**Garden waste:**  
Fridays 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>



### Worton and Marston Link

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

**Call W&M Link  
on 07413 912828**

**Deadline for items for the next Bridge is 15<sup>th</sup> August 2023**  
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