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Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust Annual Fund-raising "Ride & Stride"

This year, this takes place on Saturday 10th September.

If any local cyclists, horse-riders or walkers would like to take part (the parish gets to keep half of any money raised) we can arrange sponsorship forms for them. Please note that young people under 18 need parental consent, and those under 13 must be accompanied by an adult.

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.

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SEPTEMBER BOOK SWAP

Saturday 10th September
10.00am - 12 noon
at Park Farm House,
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Pastoral Letter

Curates come and Curates go. And sadly that is what is happening to this curate (curate = trainee vicar). This edition of the Parish Magazine seems like a good opportunity then to reflect on the past two years before I bow out in October.

As civil rights activist Maya Angelou famously said **“People will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.”**

Well, you made me feel welcomed and supported and you have shown me real patience as I found my way around various aspects of ‘the job’. For that I will always remember you and want to take the opportunity to say thank you.

Over the past two years we have lived through that pandemic that shall not be named and we’ve had more than our fair share of illness and loss across our team. In my first letter that I wrote when I started, I said that I was interested to see what the mystical source of all love (aka God) was up to in the area and seeing how I can join in. Well, there’s been loads of things! We have set up our new group ‘Quest’ that meets every Saturday at 5:15pm to discuss matters of life and

faith in a safe, informal and fun setting. Find out more here <https://www.quest4faith.org> and Messy Church, for younger people, is going great guns. We had a crazy soaking wet Harvest Festival, enjoyed Easter around a firepit, have been doing a lot more with our schools and have hosted Bishops from South Africa and South Sudan. All things that I could not have predicted, yet they did and it all turned out to be a lot of fun.

The single most important thing I’ve learned over the past two years is that whether people come to church on a Sunday or not, whether someone says they have a faith or not, whether a person used to be religious and now doesn’t feel they are; that people are (in the main) kind, decent and caring towards one another. We only need to look to the community support schemes to see that in action. I personally can’t believe that this loving attitude towards others, including strangers, is the product of some random set of helium molecules lining up in an improbably lucky way (like 1 chance in 10 with 70 zeros after it). I remain convinced that there is a source to that love, a thing that I call God,

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or a divine fountain if you like, that keeps on pouring out love in the midst of situations where love is often most absent (our response to Ukrainian refugees is but one example). So, whatever your relationship with religion or faith (they are not the same things by the way), keep tapping into the source of love through quiet time, meditation or prayer and, until we meet again, keep on doing all the amazing good that you are doing!

Adrian Burholt



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SEPTEMBER

Sun Sept 4th	TRINITY 12 9.30am 6.00pm	CHRIST CHURCH Holy Communion <i>MARSTON CHAPEL</i> <i>TBA</i>
Sun Sept 11th	TRINITY 13 9.30am	CHRIST CHURCH Morning Praise <i>MARSTON CHAPEL</i> <i>No Service</i>
Sun Sept 18th	TRINITY 14 9.30am	CHRIST CHURCH Morning Praise <i>MARSTON CHAPEL</i> <i>No Service</i>
Sun Sept 25th	TRINITY 15 No Service at Christ Church, Benefice outdoor Harvest Service is at 11.00am at Poulshot Farm	CHRIST CHURCH <i>MARSTON CHAPEL</i> <i>No Service</i>

OCTOBER

Sun Oct 2nd	TRINITY 16 9.30am 6.00pm	CHRIST CHURCH Holy Communion <i>MARSTON CHAPEL</i> <i>TBA</i>
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There were no weddings, funerals or baptisms at Christ Church during July.

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



WELLSPRINGS BENEFICE SERVICES SEPTEMBER 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.

SEPTEMBER

Sunday 4th (Trinity 12)

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Potterne
9:30am	Holy Communion	Worton
9:30am	Matins	Poulshot
11am	Morning Praise	Bulkington
11am	Holy Communion	Seend

Sunday 11th (Trinity 13)

9:30am	Morning Praise	Bulkington
9:30am	Morning Praise	Worton
9:30am	Holy Communion	Poulshot
11am	Holy Communion	Potterne
6pm	Evensong	Seend

Sunday 18th (Trinity 14)

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 25th (Trinity 15)

11am Benefice Outdoor Harvest Service Belle Vue Farm, Poulshot SN10 1RZ
(followed by bring and share lunch)
6pm Evening Service (inc Holy Communion) Bulkington

Every Tuesday, 9am Daily Prayer service at Poulshot

Please join us at our new informal gathering called Quest every Saturday at 5.30pm at Poulshot Village Hall.

Churches are open for private prayer during the week.

Church Registers

No baptisms, weddings or funerals this month.

Please visit our website www.wellspringsbenefice.co.uk for more details of all our services, latest updates and to keep in touch.

Ministry Team

Rector:	Rev Ali Bridewell	(currently on leave)
Curate:	Rev Adrian Burholt	07537 185095
Benefice Administrator:	Sarah Leckie	07516 224057 sarahleckie.wba@gmail.com

FIVE LANES WI

Our August meeting was a hugely enjoyable gathering in Sarah D's garden for a good chat, a drink and some delicious finger food. Everyone brought something different and the temperature had cooled just enough to make it comfortable. A couple of hours passed effortlessly by. Big thanks to Sarah and Barry for their hospitality. We raised a toast in memory of our lovely Rosemary.

We will be back in the Village Hall on **September 13th at 7:30pm** when Helen B will be showing us how to do Tea Towel Printing. Sounds intriguing so do come along whether you're a member already or would just like to give it a try. A warm welcome awaits!

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From Christ Church:

We are really sad that our wonderful curate Adrian will be leaving the Benefice in the next few weeks.

Adrian has accepted the Chaplaincy at Salisbury Hospital for 2 days a week, and will be working alongside this in another parish, yet to be announced, to finish his curacy. Adrian has worked tirelessly, with great humour, energy and magic, especially keeping the Benefice together during Revd. Ali's illness. We will miss him, but he will leave with all our good wishes and prayers.

7TH SEPTEMBER: Revd. Caroline O'Neill will be licensed as the Wellsprings Associate Priest on Wednesday 7th September at 7.00pm at Holy Cross Church Seend. This is a part time post. Revd. Caroline will be living in Seend, and will be serving all five churches in the Benefice. She is looking forward to being part of the Benefice, and will be a very welcome addition to the Ministry team.

18TH SEPTEMBER: Is 'Back to Church Sunday'. If you have never been to a service in Christ Church, have lapsed, or having been to a wedding, baptism etc, felt you would like to try a service, there will be an informal Morning Praise on 18th September, something for all the family. There is always a very friendly, relaxed atmosphere in Christ Church, and everyone is made to feel very welcome. Always a social time after the service with coffee and biscuits and very often cake!

If for no other reason pop in to spend some time in church to enjoy the lovely flowers, always a joy.

25TH SEPTEMBER: There will be an informal Benefice Harvest Thanksgiving service at 11am at Belle View Farm in Poulshot followed by a Bring and Share lunch. (From Worton, from left hand bend by Poulshot church, up straight slight incline, Belle Vue Farm on RHS before left bend) Always very informal and fun for all the family.

We are very aware of several people in our villages, who are unwell, receiving treatment, or awaiting test results. If you or anyone you know needs any Pastoral support please let one of us know.

Jean and Heather, Churchwardens

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Proposed changes in the law will help reduce plastic in our oceans

An estimated 11 billion wet wipes are disposed of in this country each year and during the pandemic the number being used increased significantly. Many of these wipes are described as "flushable" because they are biodegradable, but it can take up to 100 years for a wet wipe to degrade. When wet wipes are flushed away, they can end up congealed with fat in the sewers or end up on our beaches.

In November 2021, the river charity, Thames21, released data showing that a mound of wet wipes, the size of two tennis courts and over a metre tall, had grown at the side of the river over the last 6 years. <https://www.ecomagazine.com/news/coasts/laser-scans-show-devastating-impact-of-wet-wipes-on-the-thames>

The marine Conservation Trust reported that wet wipes are one of the most common litter items found on UK beaches; last year in their Great British Beach Clean they discovered 18 wet wipes for every 100 metres of beach. <https://www.mcsuk.org/what-you-can-do/join-a-beach-clean/source-to-sea-litter-quest/>

90% of wet wipes contain plastic such as polyester, polyethylene and polypropylene. These plastics break down into microplastics which are small enough to be ingested by marine life, affecting their development and entering the food chain.

For many people, particularly parents of young children, wet wipes are an important part of the toolkit. However, wet wipes don't need to contain plastic to be effective and Fleur Anderson, MP and mother of 4, has introduced a Private Members Bill to prohibit the manufacture and sale of wet wipes containing plastic. This Bill, which has support from across the House, is due to have its second reading on 16th September.

Some manufacturers have already made changes to their own brand products to make them plastic free and some stores are offering sustainable alternatives

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What can you do to help?

- If you don't need to, don't use wipes!
- If you need to use wipes, make sure they are plastic free and don't flush them unless they meet the "Fine to Flush" specification.
- Contact your MP and ask for their support with the second reading of the Plastic Bill on 16th September: <https://paralleparliament.co.uk/bills/2022-23/plasticswetwipes>
- Join a Beach Clean activity with the Marine Conservation Trust: <https://www.mcsuk.org/what-you-can-do/join-a-beach-clean>
<https://www.fleuranderson.co.uk/2021/10/21/press-release-ban-plastic-in-wet-wipes/>

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Alun Newman

Worton Community Speedwatch - July 2022

(Note: all Wiltshire Speedwatch sessions are now restricted to 45 minutes only)

Sessions: **Eleven** Total Vehicles Counted: **3,729**

Vehicles recorded for exceeding the 30mph speed limit: **344**
(of which **77** were reported to Wiltshire Police for excess speed)

Maximum Speed Recorded: **50mph (x2)**

(One on Thursday 14th between 16.00 and 16.45. The other on Friday 15th between 07.00 and 07.45)

Highest Vehicle Count: **475** on Wednesday 13th June between 16.30 and 17.15.

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It is a tale of ancestors coming back to haunt and of love, which of her many suitors will Rose actually marry?

Great music and a fun plot with many laugh out loud moments.

Tickets £10 from Costcutter West Lavington, Devizes Books, Market Lavington Post Office and online from www.ticketsource.co.uk/whitehorseopera

WORTON & MARSTON LADIES GROUP

It was good to see so any of you at the July meeting when we had a quiz. It was not quite as easy as I thought. Evelyn came out on top followed by Suzanne and Sally. I'm afraid the rest of us were 'also rans', still it was good fun. We ended the evening with refreshments and a good old natter.

No meeting in August due to the summer break. I hope you all coped with the hot weather. It was too much for me; bring on the rain!!

Next meeting: Wednesday 28th September, details to follow.

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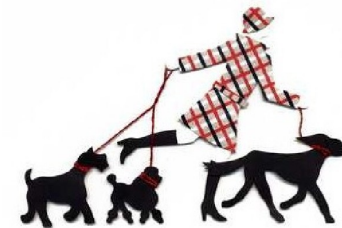
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COVID Vaccinations

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We have ordered 1470 vaccines to arrive in the first week of September.

Eligible patients will be contacted as soon as there are firm dates.

We do not expect to be vaccinating under 13s.

Appointments can be booked elsewhere through the national system.

Flu Vaccinations

As with the COVID vaccinations there will be clinics on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Eligible patients visiting the surgery for other reasons may be offered vaccination whilst they are there.

Patients who are also eligible for Pneumococcal vaccination will be offered that vaccination with their flu vaccine.

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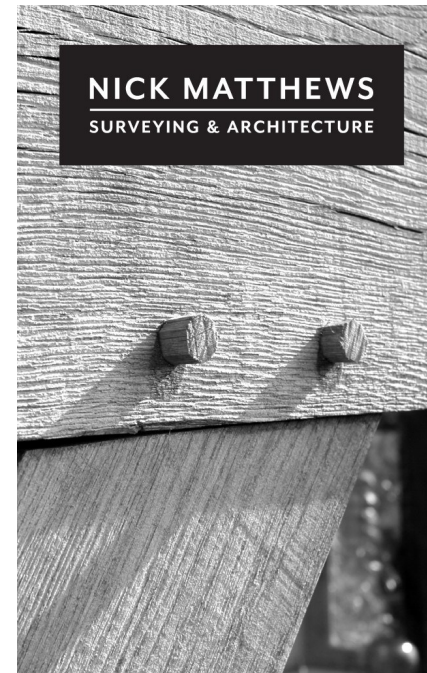
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Simon is a wonderful teacher – patient, enthusiastic, experienced, and of course intensely musical. The Elgar is not that often performed, even though it has a great bass solo, majestic organ accompaniment and great lines for singers. 'Rejoice in the Lamb' is quirky, beautiful, somewhat unexpected, but quite rightly a staple for Cathedral choirs. Anything they can do, we can do too!

Our organist and accompanist for the day is Huw Williams, Director of Music at Bath Abbey, and we will welcome soloists from the Edington Festival Consort and Nave choirs.

Application forms are downloadable from the website, www.edingtonarts.org/whats-on, or you can email anne@edingtonarts.org and she will send you one as an attachment. The cost is £25 for the day, including arrival and mid-morning refreshments, and hire of both sets of music. Edington Angels have a 10% discount, and students in full time education or training need only pay £10.

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Edington arts

AUTUMN CONCERTS START WITH MARICI SAXOPHONES

After a summer break, the Edington Arts concert series begins again on Saturday 24th September, when Edington Priory Church will be full of the miraculous sound of saxophones as the Marici Saxophone Quartet makes a welcome return.

Those of you who came to their last concert in Edington – in 2016! – will remember the sparkle and wonderful musicality they brought to arrangements of ‘serious’ and lighter classical music, as well as the technical brilliance demonstrated in their own compositions. In the intervening years the quartet has been busy recording, broadcasting and composing, and are delighted to be back on the road playing to live audiences.

The programme is based on their new and very successful album, *Origin*, and is easy on the ear, inclusive, interesting and, in their own words, “intelligent”. Folk tunes, old favourites, new compositions, music serious and light-hearted, familiar and unfamiliar – it will be a glorious evening showing the full range of soprano, alto, tenor and bass saxophones in all their wonderful versatility.

The concert starts at 7.30pm, and tickets remain at 2014 prices; £20 (front nave), £15 (rear nave) and £10 side aisles. There is a 10% discount for Edington Angels, and 18s and under come FREE. Full programme information is on the website now, www.edingtonarts.org, and you can secure your tickets by emailing sue@edingtonarts.org, or by phoning Chrissy on 01380 831256.

This is proving to be a popular concert, so don’t delay securing your tickets!

A Message from Tamara Reay Wiltshire Councillor for The Devizes Rural West Division Help with the Cost of Living

Whilst thankfully fuel prices at the petrol pumps have reduced slightly over the last few weeks, I know that concerns about the cost of living, especially as winter approaches, are high on many residents’ agendas. By the time you read this, we should know who our next Prime Minister will be. The two candidates have been advocating slightly different approaches to dealing with inflation, whilst driving economic growth. I am assured by both that further measures to mitigate energy costs will be announced - especially for those for whom energy costs make up a large part of their monthly expenditure.

Meanwhile I am pleased that Wiltshire Council has been getting on with distributing the £150 Government energy rebate on council tax bills for households in bands A-D. 140,000 eligible households in Wiltshire have now received their rebate and the council is now working on a further discretionary fund for people on low incomes who live in properties banded E-H. Anyone who has any queries about these rebates should call the revenues team at Wiltshire Council on 0300 456 0109.

Over the next few months many of us should benefit from further assistance with all households receiving £400 off energy bills starting in October. The £400 (non-repayable) discounts, administered by energy suppliers, will be paid to consumers over 6 months with payments starting from October 2022, to ensure households receive financial support throughout the winter months.

Of course, the background to the global increase in energy costs is complex, and there is much more for the government to do to deal with these supply-side challenges, and some tough decisions will need to be made by our new Prime Minister on energy strategy. As Wiltshire Council Portfolio Holder for Climate Change (and given that almost all households across Devizes Rural West are off the gas-grid) I am pleased that there was very strong interest in the Solar Together scheme and I am looking forward to more households taking up this offer.

Clearly, reducing energy usage is key and as we prepare for Autumn, I also wanted to highlight Warm and Safe Wiltshire which is a commitment from Wiltshire Council and Dorset and Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service to help residents live in safer and healthier homes. The energy advice line can provide support with the installation of draught-proofing measures, smoke alarms to improve fire safety and providing advice on reducing energy use, switching energy suppliers, reducing **condensation and damp** problems, and controlling heating. There are Government schemes to further reduce the

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cost, or to pay for this work completely if you are unable to afford the cost of the work yourself. More information is at:

www.warmandsafewiltshire.org.uk

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Tamara Reay

Wiltshire Councillor for Devizes Rural West.

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Macmillan Coffee Morning

Saturday 17th September 2022

Market Lavington Community Hall

10am – 12pm

This year marks our 6th year of holding our annual Macmillan Coffee Morning! To date we have raised just under £5,000 & we're hoping to get to £6,000 by the end of 2022!

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Marston Horse Road (ROW no 9)

The Environment Agency have recently approached local landowners regarding access to do maintenance work on the bank of Semington Brook during the coming months. So fingers crossed that the hole in the Brook near Raybridge may be finally sorted. Until then please can Horse Riders take care.

Dave Hansford for Marston Parish Council



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Standing at the side of the road during our speedwatch sessions we are accustomed to verbal and digital abuse from passing motorists. We also get ‘the children’ who think revving the engine or slowing to a walking pace as they pass is clever.

The driver of a white van recently displayed his displeasure at our presence by lowering his trousers and mooning us. Quite a feat for a chap his size whilst the vehicle was still in motion.

Occasionally we get ‘you cost people their jobs’ shouted at us. We have a letter from Wiltshire Police to be handed to anyone who approaches us in the course of our sessions.

In this letter it states:

“Community Speedwatch monitors the speed of vehicles through local communities.

Community Speedwatch does not enforce the law, but those identified as exceeding the speed limit can expect to receive an advisory letter from the police.

Community Speedwatch is designed to support the police by making us all aware of the dangers of travelling too fast for the prevailing conditions.”

Education not prosecution!

Several people, myself included, have had their arm brushed by the wing mirror of a passing vehicle whilst walking down the narrow pavements of the High Street. For a young mother with a child in a pushchair and another walking at her side going down to the Village School on a dark winter morning it can be quite frightening.

For the small minority of residents in the village who give us abuse try walking down the High Street and see for yourself the hazards involved.

On the plus side many passing motorists understand why we are there and show their appreciation. Some even requesting if we could go to their village.

Bob Mitchell

Worton Community Speedwatch

Worton Parish Council

Whilst there is no actual Parish Council meeting to report back on (August has traditionally seen us in a Parish version of Parliamentary recess!), there are significant developments on a couple of important and, as it transpires, related topics which need to be reported. We have been contacted by Newlands Homes who are the developers now responsible for the Sandlease Farm site. The Parish Council will be meeting with their representative, probably in October, and a village meeting will be arranged, also probably in October, where information will be given and questions answered. We will share more detail when we have it.

Your Council believes that we have reached a stage where positive dialogue between ourselves (Council and residents) and the developers is important to try to get as positive an outcome as possible from a development which will undoubtedly have considerable short and long term impacts.

It is standard practice that resources are made available as part of the process where housing development takes place -many of you will be aware of local examples where new facilities have been provided which have benefited the whole community. We do not yet know exactly what could be available and how it could be used. Nor do we know how much influence we can have on your behalf.

We do, however, have the responses that have been shared with regard to our Village plan, which reflect those that have generally been expressed in the time we have lived in Worton. We will share these with the developers and emphasise their importance, namely traffic speed and volume, safe access for pedestrians through the length of the village and recreation facilities. In the meantime, I recommend a look at the developer’s website, <https://www.newlandhomes.co.uk> where detail about the plans for the Worton site can be seen within the “news” section.

I have recently become aware of some confusion about what the difference is between a “neighbourhood” plan and a “village” plan. Neighbourhood planning gives communities more control over the future of their area by giving local people the chance to have their say on what happens where they live. One of the ways of doing this is by producing a Neighbourhood Plan. Worton has had a Neighbourhood

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Planning group which is currently in abeyance whilst the overall planning picture becomes clearer. More information available on the WVC website: <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planning-neighbourhood-what>

The Village Plan is a "to do list" of things the Parish Council are aiming to accomplish over the next years or so.

I'm sure you are all aware that the improvements to the footpath WORT11 have taken place. In fact this was even earlier than anticipated. Any further contributions to cover the full costs would still be very welcome!

I would also like to mention the recent "Nearly New" fundraising event at the Village Hall. It really was a privilege to play a small part in what was an absolutely brilliant event. It just needed David Dickinson to turn up and ascertain that the event was certainly the "Real Deal!" It was huge fun, with some remarkable bargains to be had from a Human Post box outfit to creations that would surely grace a catwalk. Plus an impromptu musical interlude (thanks Terry!). It was a great way to spend a Saturday (and in the case of the team who put it on, much of Thursday and Friday too! Thanks so much to the village "usual suspects" who make our community tick...and to those who missed out, make sure you get to the next one.

Barry Devine



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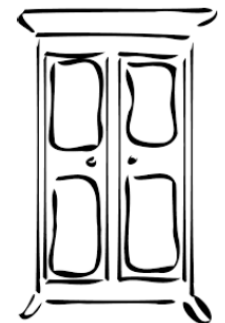
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Visit Plan - Arrive Kettle Farm for 6pm - earlier start as getting late in the year!

Wander around the Garden

Refreshments - Jenny will provide 3 assorted finger sandwiches and cake per person plus tea or coffee.

Total visit cost £10 per person. Proceeds will go to the National Garden Scheme.

If you would like to come, please let Alison know asap to give numbers for catering to Jenny

aelparker@aol.com

October 17th meeting is in the Village Hall, we have Gill Hazell coming to talk about Sweet Peas

Doors open 7:30 for a cuppa and a catch up, talk to start at 8:00.

See you all soon.

Sally

svwood90@hotmail.com

Village Hall News

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported us at the Nearly New Sale at the Village Hall. We hope you enjoyed it and managed to pick up a bargain, or two. We raised £330 towards the kitchen fund on the day and have kept some items and some designer clothes to sell. So hopefully we may raise this even further.

Look out for our next fund raiser a Bingo Night coming at the end of October or the beginning of November. Further details to follow.

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Worton Toddlers starts back on Wednesday 7th September 2022. We hope you have all had a great break!

Last term we said goodbye to our big 4 year olds who are starting school in September. We hope that they have lots of fun.

We also said goodbye to Tina who has done a fantastic job helping to run Toddlers for the last few years and will be sorely missed now that her littlest one is starting school. But we are delighted to have had a fantastic response to our call for volunteers, and we now have a fabulous team of helpers in place to keep Worton Toddlers going strong! We have some lovely craft activities planned for the Autumn term and we can't wait to welcome everyone back! Please note the new contact for booking. Please also note our increase in weekly cost.



WORTON JUBILEE PATHWAY APPEAL

OUR PATHWAY HAS BEEN IMPROVED SPLENDIDLY AND WELL AHEAD OF SCHEDULE!

Hello friends and neighbours

We have been most fortunate that our contractor was able to rearrange his work programme, but because of this early completion the money for the work has had to be found before our Appeal was finalized. We have received two thirds of the original target of £2,000.

Many of you have promised to help and indeed contributed; many, many thanks to you.

Others have promised but not yet sent their contributions; please could you rob your bank (!) and send it ASAP?

And others wanted to help but didn't get round to it, or thought the work would not get done, or thought that now it is done no more contributions are needed. But no, we still need your help, so please get going ASAP - last chance!

We are planning to publish the list of contributors for display in the Village Hall by the end of September.

MANY THANKS TO YOU ALL!

Patricia Goodenough

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We meet on a Monday evening from 7.30-9.30pm in the Old Hall (above the school dining hall). **The first rehearsal will take place on Monday 12th September.** If you are interested in coming along, please email:

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2nd Tuesday 7.45pm
- **Worton Toddler Group**
Wednesday 10.00 am - Noon
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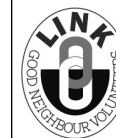
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