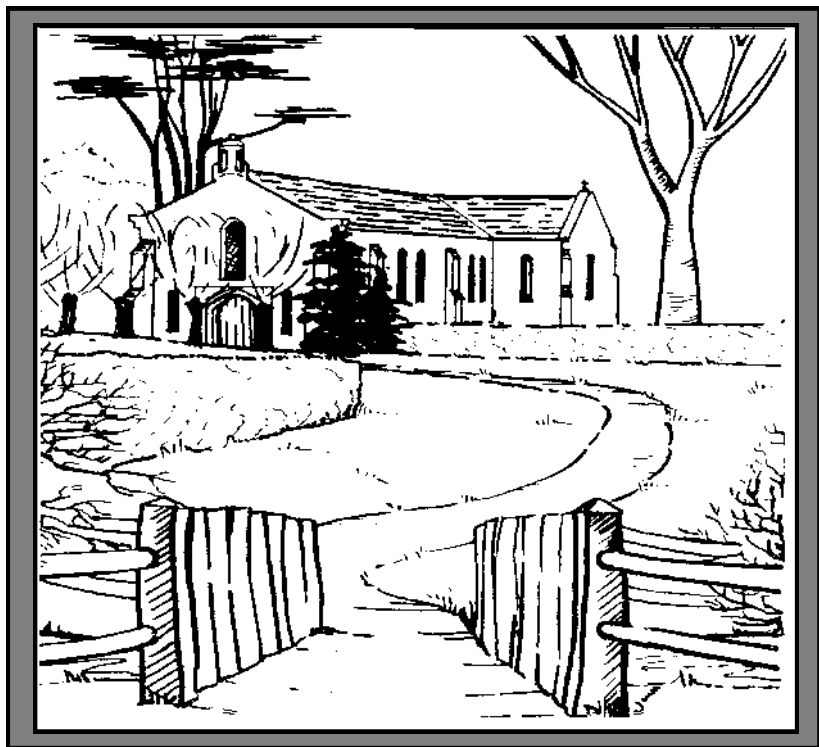


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A Note From the Editor

Slowing Down

As Autumn settles around us with thickening skies and falling leaves I find myself drawn to the garden to sit and admire the myriad colours. September's showers brightened everything and encouraged a late bloom here and there. But with the autumn equinox passing, I feel the slowing of growth, the digging deeper of worms, the curling of leaves and the departing of birds. It's time to wrap a jumper over my shoulders, sip a warm cup of tea and sit back and relax into the coming cooler weather.

While our gardens are slowing, events in and around the villages are doing the opposite. It's time to start thinking about the Christmas (yes, I said Christmas) festivities. There's still time to visit the sculpture garden in Avebury, before the Race Night, comedian, and musical concerts in October and November. Then there are the Advent Concert, Beer and Carols and Carols by Candlelight in December just to name a few of the activities in the coming months.

And for all the Newcomers in the villages, there is the planning of the Newcomer party in February 2026. The Newcomers Committee will be meeting in November to begin preparations for the event. We will be reaching out for volunteers to help with setup, food, cleanup. Etc. So, if you're new to the village or know someone who has recently moved in, please reach out and let us know so that we can make sure the invite list is updated.

Catherine

PASTORAL LETTER

Maureen's Ramblings.....

I'm campaigning for more funerals to be held in church! When I was ordained as a priest, the Bishop said "with all God's people, you are to tell the story of God's love and minister to the sick and prepare the dying for their death". It has been my privilege to come alongside many people who are facing their final journey and with the ones who are left behind to grieve and mourn, with much discussion about the possibility of eternity. It has been my privilege to lead hundreds of Services of Remembrance and Thanksgiving for those who have been part of the communities where I have served. It is something the church is very good at doing. It has had a lot of practice over the centuries!

But so often these days, people don't come to church for the funeral service. Maybe they mistakenly think that it will all be solemn prayers and misery, a daunting thought if a family says they are not particularly religious or regular churchgoers. But everyone, religious or not, is welcome to have a church funeral in the place where they live and be buried (or the ashes buried) in the churchyard, which holds the history of a village. The funeral liturgy will be handled sensitively and pastorally to recognize each individual situation and holds a structure in which we can move through our emotions, express our thanksgiving and share the uniqueness of the loved one's life in poems, tributes from a family member or friend, and with significant pieces of music and songs.

I think it's important to know that the priest offers on-going pastoral care for the grieving for as long as it takes and that there are also no time constraints with the next funeral waiting at the door. And the atmosphere in church with its centuries of history, hope, faith and worship can hold us in our grief.

I recently had a discussion with a bereaved family who declared themselves not religious. But, as we talked, I learned that their mum, tho' rarely a churchgoer, had been baptized; she had talked of her loved ones as being in heaven and, possibly like all of us, had a wavering faith in the divine and eternity, feeling that there was "something there". We had an uplifting service. Her son later contacted me saying how comforting it was to have a vicar there, how the service had been a wonderful tribute to his mum and 'being in church made it all seem right and proper'.

The ritual of gathering in a holy space enables us to express the depth of our grief, celebrate and be thankful for those we love and to commit them lovingly into whatever the future holds. There are moments of intense poignancy within the funeral service, with familiar and comforting words, which enable the pain to be felt and acknowledged within a safe and peaceful environment. Yes, the church does do good funerals!

The Revd. Maureen Allchin, "retired" priest

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Churchyard Wall Update September 14th

The Consistory Court of the Diocese of Salisbury has granted a faculty authorising permission to undertake the repair of the Churchyard Wall. It has taken nearly a year dealing with bureaucracy for us to finally be in a position to proceed with restoring the wall. The approved contractor has revisited the site and is currently in the process of finalising the team to commence work.

Christ Church PCC

Poppy Collection

Our long serving village volunteers will begin their house-to-house poppy selling on Sunday 26th October, and it would be greatly encouraging if everyone felt able to buy their poppies this way. In these increasingly cashless times please consider putting some hard &/or folding currency to one side as the date approaches.

Remembrance Sunday

This year is on the 9th November. Arrangements are set out in the Church Service Calendar.

Armistice Day

It is the custom of our villages to attend at the War Memorial by the Village Hall to observe a simple Act of Remembrance consisting of the Exhortation, two minutes silence and the Kohima Address. We gather in time for the Act to begin at 11:00am on Tuesday 11th November.

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Sun Oct 5th	TRINITY 16 9.30am 6.00pm	CHRIST CHURCH Holy Communion <i>MARSTON CHAPEL</i> <i>Mindfulness</i>
Sun Oct 12th	TRINITY 17 9.30am	CHRIST CHURCH Family Service
Sun Oct 19th	TRINITY 18 9.30am 6.00pm	CHRIST CHURCH Holy Communion <i>MARSTON CHAPEL</i> <i>Mindfulness</i>
Sun Oct 26th	LAST AFTER TRINITY 9.30am	CHRIST CHURCH Morning Praise

NOVEMBER

Sun Nov 2nd	ALL SAINTS/ALL SOULS 9.30am 6.00pm	CHRIST CHURCH Holy Communion <i>MARSTON CHAPEL</i> <i>Mindfulness</i>
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The wedding of Kathryn Gilmartin and Edward Mardon took place in Christ Church during August.

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

FROM CHRIST CHURCH

What a great weekend at Christ Church on 13th/14th September.

There was a second opportunity for people to come for an update on the progress of the 'Wall Appeal' and to contribute if they wished, and to enjoy coffee cake and chat with friends. Thank you to all who helped and to those who made donations to the Appeal.

Church was open all day to welcome riders and striders who were taking part in the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust event, Ride and Stride. We had 2 cyclists taking part on behalf of Christ Church, Catherine Bridger who cycled 50 miles and visited 29 churches and Tony Brewer who cycled 84 miles and visited 63 churches. An amazing achievement by both of them, raising money which is shared between the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust and Christ Church. The Trust awards grants for churches towards preservation, maintenance and repair. A huge well done!

The following day, the Family Service Harvest event took place. It was planned and led by the families, with the children all taking part in readings, and creating beautifully decorated bags for folks to take home some of the produce which had been donated to the Harvest Market. It was an amazing colourful display of all kinds of fruit, vegetables, homemade apple juices, baked goods on offer to anyone who called in. There was an incredibly lively and happy atmosphere, all agreed what a great morning. Thank you to Greta, Harriet, Lydia and Sarah and families for all their time and effort in this. Great team work!

There was also a collection of goods for Devizes Food Bank with thanks to Sally and Giles for their help in delivering to the Food Bank.

Watch out for more information on the Race night which will be held on 1st November.

Christ Church PCC



WELLSPRINGS BENEFICE SERVICES

OCTOBER 2025

Sunday 5th (Trinity 16)

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

Sunday 12th (Trinity 17)

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

Friday 17th

3:30pm	Messy Church	Potterne Village Hall
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Sunday 19th (Trinity 18)

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

Sunday 26th (Last after Trinity)

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

Weds 29th

5pm	Celtic Service	Poulshot
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Every Tuesday, 9am Said Matins at Poulshot

Churches are open for private prayer during the week.

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

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Church Registers

No baptisms, weddings or funerals this month.

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.

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

THE WELLSPRINGS BENEFICE REFRESHER AND TRAINING COURSES 2025

These courses are open to all in our Benefice area. You are welcome to join any or all of the courses, even if you are not currently involved in the specific areas of ministry. It is intended that all who are currently involved in the specific areas of ministry attend the related courses, if possible.

These courses will be led by Rev. Maureen Allchin and the venue is 4 Northfields, Bulkington, SN10 1SE. Each course will be from 10.30-12.30 on Saturdays.

Saturday, September 6 th , 2025	Intercessory Prayer in church. This is for all those who lead or would like to lead intercessions in our (or other) churches and who would like to learn more about intercessory prayer.
Saturday October 18 th , 2025	Lay Ministers of the Sacrament (Eucharistic Ministers) assist with the distribution of Holy Communion during church services and can take consecrated bread and wine to those who are sick or unable to attend church.
Saturday November 29 th , 2025	Looking after the linen, vessels and vestments. This is for all who prepare our Eucharistic services and care for the vessels, linens and vestments and who prepare the altar for services.

Please contact Maureen Allchin **as soon as possible** to let her know if you will be attending and which course (s) you will come to. This is important as she will need to know numbers for refreshments and handouts, etc. If you are unable to attend on a specific date – please let Maureen know, as courses might be repeated in 2026 if there is enough interest.

If you would like further details of any of these courses or to put your name on the attendance list, please contact: The Revd. Maureen Allchin maureen@mallchin.co.uk 07421 137462



Friday 17th October
3.30 pm – 5.15 pm

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FAMILY OF CHURCHES

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY IN DECEMBER!! (Too soon?)

Worton and Marston Family of Churches will, as usual, be organising the following two seasonal events:-

BEER AND CAROLS at the Rose and Crown on Monday
December 1ST at 7:00PM.



CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT at Marston Chapel on Sunday
December 7th at 6:00pm.
More details next month!

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Luckily our village currently has a small group of volunteers who help fill some of the gap. They drive village residents to hospital and doctor appointments each week. This service is performed by the Worton and Marston Link charity and makes a huge difference to those who need transport assistance. What makes our Link scheme successful is having a pool of volunteers from the village who offer their time to drive. In return a mileage allowance is paid to help cover costs.

The Link continues to be in high demand, but unfortunately our pool of drivers continues to decrease and has now reached a critical level. If more drivers are not found, the village Link scheme will soon be unsustainable and have to stop operating. This will have a devastating impact on some of our more vulnerable residents who rely on the Link.

The good news is that there are a lot of residents in the village who could help, like you. We are not expecting full time drivers but if you think you could spare a couple of hours occasionally we would be delighted. A lot of our trips are for local doctor appointments in Devizes and Market Lavington. Just adding more drivers to the pool of volunteers will provide resiliency and keep the charity operating.

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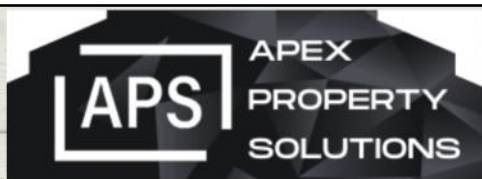
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The concert is on Saturday December 6th, at 7.30pm in Edington Priory Church, and will be given by the excellent chapel choir of the Queen's College, Oxford. Over the past few years this mixed voice choir of between 25 and 30 singers has developed into one of the most active and highly regarded university choirs in the country, a "jewel in the British Choral scene", according to BBC Music Magazine.

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The fair will feature dozens of stalls from craftsmen and women and producers from across the South West. There will also be refreshments available at the event's pop-up café.



Tickets are £5 per person but anyone booking online in advance can get two for the price of one. Tickets are available at devizesautumnfair.co.uk.

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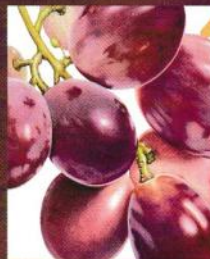
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Simon will be supported by Dan Evans, who has been making people laugh for over 20 years and has written for many other performers including Mickey Flanagan, Milton Jones, Zoe Lyons and Frankie Boyle.

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<https://www.devizesartsfestival.org.uk/autumn-comedy-night/>

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Saturday 8th November

10:00am—12 noon

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WORTON & MARSTON LADIES GROUP

Summer is now over, moving on to winter evenings, where has the year gone.

By the time you read this, we will have had our September meeting. Helen from Wiltshire Museum gave a talk. More on that next month.

October 29th, we hope to have the Poulshot Ladies join us. Monica Ford will give a talk/demonstration on 'Resuscitation'. Something we all need to be familiar with.

Looking ahead to November 26th a Quiz/Games evening is planned.

Anyone interested in joining Ladies Group, please come along and find out what we are about; you would be most welcome.

Pam Woods
01380 726679

VILLAGE HALL 200 CLUB

£50 200 Club Winner for **SEPTEMBER: ROBERT MITCHELL (Bob)**

Congratulations

Any new residents to the village who would like to join, please contact me on 01380 726679 for subscription form.

Pam Woods, Administrator, Worton & Marston Village Hall Trustee

MONTHLY QUIZ ROSE & CROWN

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

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Winning team: **'GOATS REUNITED'**

Pam Woods (Quiz Mistress)

WORTON AND MARSTON GARDEN CLUB

You never expect the unexpected, and who could have imagined that the Village Show would suffer the ire of Hurricane Erin. The drought that seriously challenged the gardeners of Worton and Marston finally ended ensuring there was not only wind but rain for the Show. No matter, neither drought nor Erin were to any avail as, judging by the produce on display, the challenges were successfully met and the new Marquee was more than equal to the drizzle. There were a plethora of entries ranging from an exceedingly large, rather unseemly beetroot to exquisite fine art, and the mandatory calorie intake of the home produce judges would be an interesting statistic. The younger generation was well represented with irrefutable evidence of burgeoning talent and outstanding cakes could be enjoyed while perusing photos which could grace National Geographic. There is more to the art than just the camera. All in all, it was a very pleasant day, and our thanks go to participants, visitors and judges.

The visit to "The Special Plants Nursery", was indeed special. The garden layout designed by her architect husband, Peter, with colourful, varied and superb planting by the renowned plantswoman, Derry Watkins. There was a wealth of inspiration, in particular for late colour in our gardens. The tea and scrumptious cake in the house also deserve special mention. Finally, there was the opportunity to buy some gorgeous and rather special plants in the nursery. Well worth a visit.

The next date for your diaries is Monday, the 20th October, when Capability Charlotte (surely the clue is in the name) will talk to us about "Resilient Gardens for a Changing Climate". Not only timely, but with her wealth of knowledge and experience, it should be a fascinating and enlightening talk. One can already sense there will be an urgent need to visit a garden centre with a long and unusual shopping list. Is there a 'Cacti are Us'?

The water butts are all replete now that they are no longer needed, and perhaps the adage, 'a single swallow does not a summer make' is pertinent.

Neil Soni

WORTON AND MARSTON VILLAGE SHOW 2025

Given the dry and hot summer, I was a more than a little fearful of the impact on entries to the Village Show this year. However, on the day my anxieties were dispelled by the number and range of entries. As ever, the village came up trumps. Of course, there were impacts on some classes but on the whole we had a great range of exhibits over all the sections.

I would like to thank a range of people who participated who make it the event it is. My committee, Sally B, Sally C, Alison, Allison, Neil, Liz and Brendon. We have met over the months to review last years efforts and try make the show better but easier to manage.

The above plus Giles, Evelyn, Lionel and Dave from the village hall plus various others who helped set up the show and others who helped take it down. Andrea and Nick and Susan and Liz (I fear I have forgotten someone, apologies) for doing the teas and coffees and those who supplied cakes.

For those who entered the show, I think there were 52 separate individuals who did so. I hope you enjoyed the process, most would have won some sort of award. I think it is better to have 50+ people entering a few things rather than 20 entering lots. I hope you got the bug and will enter more next year. For all who contributed a raffle prize or a cake

And finally, for everyone who visited the show. We do not count numbers these days but it must be well over a hundred. You ate a lot of cake. I think the support from the visitors validates the entrants and entries and hopefully encourages people to make more of their skills.

As ever, I look for people to join the "committee" to help us plan for next year. New voices and ideas are essential to help the show move on and develop. We also always welcome ideas about the structure of the show, the number of sections, new classes, old classes that don't work, etc.

Many thanks, Bill Francis, show chair, dfrancis162@btinternet.com

SHOW RESULTS 2025						
SECTION	FIRST	Pts	SECOND	Pts	THIRD	Pts
Vegetable	G Bowyer	#	Dave Scott	#	Bill Francis	9
Flower	Heather Walker	#	Neil Soni	#	Dot Francis	9
Best in Show Rose	Gerald Barnes					
Fruit	G Bowyer	7	Neil Soni	5	Steve Morse	4
Home Produce	Beth Owens	#	Graham Davison	#	Bill Francis	#
Craft	Debbie Wright	#	Evelyn Burt	9	Helen Morse	8
Biggest	Dennis Rennie	#	Dave Scott	9	G Bowyer/ Bill Francis	6
Children's	Skyla Boxall	#	Jago Ganuszko	#	Tegen Ganuszko	#
Geranium	Bill Francis					
Pot	Dot Francis					
Photography - Adults	Giles Collins	4	Helen Morse	4	Lambert Courth/ Barbara Krawiec	3
Photography - Under 16s	Tegen Ganuszko	6	Jago Ganuszko	5	Ruby Maslen	3
People's Choice Best in Show	Heather Walker		Painting			
Show Champion	BILL FRANCIS	#	DENNIS RENNIE	#	G BOWYER	#

BEST KEP VILLAGE COMPETITION 2025

On our first appearance in the Best Kept Village competition in Wiltshire, Worton was not amongst the winners in 2025. However, our score of 80/100 placed us in the top half of 40 odd villages that took part, and the judges commented favourable on the overall look of the village, and on specific elements such as churchyard (despite the wall), the village hall, the playing field and Back Lane. We were, however, marked down for the map we provided which the judges did not feel provided them with sufficient assistance to find their way around the village. It is evident that we could be more prescriptive in determining where we want judges to visit—a learning for the future which can be easily addressed.

Of our neighbouring villages, Seend won the best large village prize in Wiltshire with their churchyard and social and community activities especially highlighted and Easterton was one of the joint winners of the Newcomer's category.

The Parish Council will decide in October whether or not Worton should participate next year as it was evident work could start earlier (in the Autumn) to prepare for 2026. The competition undoubtedly acted as a catalyst to spur residents on to improving the look of the village—with the work done on the village hall, the bus shelters, the road and pavement edges, and clearing Back Lane particularly noteworthy—and in supporting village activities. The cancer afternoon and the village flower show in the village hall were particularly well attended this year and the newcomers evening next February will be a major event given the number of newcomers in Primrose Rise and elsewhere. While the numbers supporting the work clearance days were disappointing, it was apparent that many residents did make a special effort on their own gardens in advance of the judges—for which many thanks.

The recommendation to the Parish Council, therefore, is to enter again in 2026 in which case the Parish Council will agree a work plan, starting in the autumn, which will be publicised in *The Bridge*, on the website and on the Worton and Marston Facebook so that residents are kept fully informed.

We will be seeking volunteers to assist in specific activities and running events in the village hall to promote what is happening. Residents are urged to support these work streams as well as working on their own gardens as happened this year.

Our thanks for your support in 2025 and watch this space for 2026!

Councillor Nick Stokes

On behalf of Worton Parish Council / September 2025

WRITING CLUB



The Writing Club met on 8 Sep hosted by Sally Collins.

The prompts this month were invigorating for the imagination and a tad esoteric.

- Write a story that includes the words 'pickles'.
- Do you think water listens?

You wouldn't think pickles could generate such diverse stories. We were treated to an exploration on the etymology of words and a lovely story about a cat.

We decided that it is up for debate as to whether water listens. But here is a poem that might sway the verdict.

Hear My Words

Hear my words of sorrow
Carry them down the river
Capture my tears in your rippling mirror
Mix them in the depths of the ocean
Wash away my sorrow

Bring me happiness and joy
Send me leaf boats and dragonflies
Delight me with the laughter of your ripples
Their lively dance of merriment brings a smile
Shower me with comfort

Hear my words of sadness
Wash away my sorrow
Send me sounds of joy and laughter
Shower me with comfort

Our next meeting is 13 Oct and will be hosted by Ellie Luscombe. All are welcome to come and share their words.

If you're interested in trying your hand (or pen) with the next prompts, please reach out to Catherine at editorofthebridge@gmail.com.

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Catherine



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MESSAGE FROM OUR WILTSHIRE COUNCILOR

Support for Rural Businesses

There are many fabulous businesses and other organisations providing vital services across Devizes Rural West and this month I want to highlight the Rural Hubs grant scheme, aimed at supporting businesses, social enterprises, charities, and organisations offering essential services in smaller rural areas.

The funding is designed to improve important services in rural areas, such as shops, cafés, healthcare and other local services. The Rural Hubs grant will help organisations in smaller rural areas set up new services and facilities or improve existing ones. It aims to provide new or improved access to services, increase a sense of community, and strengthen community cohesion.

The grant can be used for things like refurbishment, or establishing new premises, buying equipment, tools; investing in digital technology to enhance services; and developing infrastructure for access, such as increasing capacity and opening times. However, grants are for capital costs only and so cannot be used for salaries, volunteer costs, restocking, operational and day-to-day expenditure, or replacing existing equipment.

Grant amounts start from £2,500, with no upper limit. For economic activities driven by income, such as farm shops and pubs, applicants must provide at least 40% of the total investment costs. For non-economic activities, such as cultural activities, applicants must provide at least 25% of the total investment costs.

To be eligible for the Rural Hubs grant, organisations must be a registered company, registered charity, mutual benefit society, charitable trust, industrial and provident society, or farm partnership. More information is online at [Business Fit for Future: supporting businesses in Wiltshire](#). Please let me know if you need any help making an application.

There are also several other grant schemes – funded by the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, including grants for Start Ups, grants for Growing Businesses, and Fit for Net Zero – grants and support for businesses and community organisations investing in energy efficiency and sustainability. Please do take a look.

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Finally, several residents have asked me about the continuing closure of Northgate Street, following the kebab shop fire in Devizes. I know that the road closure is incredibly frustrating. It adds to traffic issues around the area, especially for those of us coming into Devizes from the Caen Hill and Bath Road direction, has affected retail businesses in the town and drivers use Whistley Road to try to save time. Unfortunately, the building was badly damaged, but as you may know, 2 Northgate Street is listed, and a planning application is now being considered for demolition. You can read more detail on the Wiltshire Council website at [Planning Application: PL/2025/06228](#). I hope for everyone's benefit that this planning decision can be made as soon as possible. I will keep you posted.

Tamara Reay

Wiltshire Councillor for Devizes Rural West.

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

80TH ANNIVERSARY VJ EVENT CELEBRATING THE END OF WW2

Thank you to all those people who made the event so successful!

The event raised £870.00 for the nominated charity "Bound by Veterans."

The event also raised £159.00 for Worton and Marston Village Hall.

Special thanks go to Jo Banks, Brian Badge, Paul Ganuszko and members of the West Wilts MTV for helping organise the event. Also, Alison Parker and her wonderful Tunes Group for the lovely Tea-Dance music. Also, all the volunteers who helped over the weekend.

Thank you to sponsors: Dennis Brickley and the Devizes Men's Shed, James Phipps, Nick Goss, Brian Badge and The Old Forge Garage. Worton Parish Council Solar Fund and Head of Five Lanes school Worton.

Based in Woodborough, Bound by Veterans supports wounded, injured, sick ex-servicemen and women from all three Services. For more information about the work of the charity visit www.wiltshirebarn.co.uk

Chris and David Johnson



WORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting 1st September 2025

As I write this update from the Parish Council the traffic calming scheme being implemented along the High Street by Wiltshire Council is still incomplete. I share your frustration that the village has not yet been able to fully benefit from the priority scheme, the aims of which are to improve pedestrian safety, reduce vehicle speeds and encourage traffic to use alternative routes rather than the C20. Once all the signage has been installed and the scheme is fully operational, I would be grateful if you could let us know of any issues or incidents (good and bad) that you experience so that we can gauge how successful or otherwise it is in achieving its stated aims.

We will continue to monitor the impact of the traffic calming and it will remain a standing item on our agenda for the next few months. Your input will be fed back to Wiltshire Council Highways to see if any improvements are required.

Hedges

September sees the start of the hedge cutting season and we have started organising the cut of our hedging at Sandlease and Whatleys play areas which is long overdue.

If your property has a hedge alongside the high street or footpaths, please can you ensure that it does not encroach onto the pavement/footpath and cause a potential hazard. Depending on the hedge species October is a good time to give it a trim.

Sandlease Play Area and Dog Fouling

A reminder that no dogs are allowed in the Sandlease play area. A new sign reminding residents has been attached to the gate. There have been reports of dog fouling in the play area and along adjacent footpaths. Dog fouling is a health hazard, containing parasites that can cause toxocariasis in humans.

So, if your dog does its duty... please do yours and pick up and bin the waste.

Bonfire Night

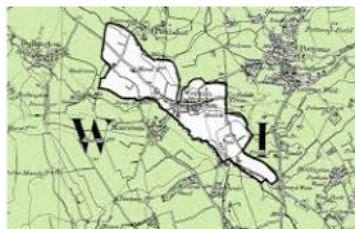
To protect wildlife during Bonfire Night, check bonfires for hibernating animals like hedgehogs, frogs and toads, ideally by building the fire on the day or moving piles of material. When using fireworks, avoid areas with wildlife habitats or nesting sites, keep displays away from trees and hedges, and inform neighbours, especially those with livestock or pets.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is on Monday 6th October at 7pm at the Village Hall.

Cllr. Malcolm Powell - Chairman

malcolm@worton.org.uk



WORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Sandleaze Upgrades

We need your help

Following the housing development at Primrose View, aka Kempster's Reach, The Parish Council are due Section 106 monies. This consists of:

- a) Off-site play area contribution of £27,855.36 for equipped play which would enable an upgrade to the existing play area at Sandlease.
- b) Sports contribution of £10,670 to go towards Sandlease playing field

To help us understand what is needed at Sandlease and how best to spend this money we are asking for your views and suggestions. So far, we have had the following suggestions:

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

Site Meeting

We will be onsite at Sandlease playing field from 11am on **Saturday 18th October** to look at developing these ideas further. Please come along and join in the discussion or send me an email.

Cllr. Malcolm Powell - Chairman

malcolm@worton.org.uk

WORTON COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

(Speedwatch sessions are of 45 minutes duration)

We were joined for our session on Tuesday morning at 08.00 by Wiltshire Speed Enforcement officer Andy Hicks. He recorded one vehicle travelling at 36 MPH.

The driver will be offered a speed awareness course.

Many thanks,
Bob

Worton Community Speedwatch Figures for September 2025

Date	Time	Vehicles	Total 30MPH+	Vehicles Reported	Max Speed
Monday 8th	10.35 - 11.20	248	13	5	40
Tuesday 9th	08.00 - 08.45	474	22	3	41
Tuesday 9th	15.00 - 15.45	334	1	0	
Wednesday 10th	09.30 - 10.15	267	10	3	39
Thursday 11th	08.00 - 08.45	490	8	0	
Friday 12th	11.15 - 12.00	417	17	2	36
Friday 12th	15.30 - 16.15	568	18	0	36
Sessions: 7	Average: 400	2798	89	13	
2024 Sessions: 8	Average: 451	3612	145	20	40

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.

MARSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council meeting schedule

Marston Parish Council's meetings will take place bi-monthly as follows:

Tuesday 11th November 2025

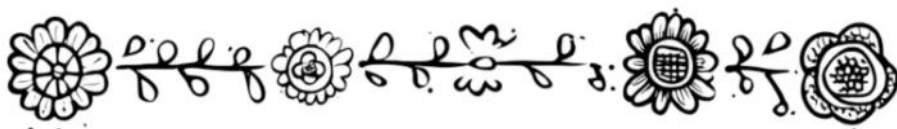
Tuesday 13th January 2026

Tuesday 10th March 2026

Tuesday 12th May 2026

Meetings will be held in Marston Chapel at 7pm.

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Five Lanes CE VC Primary School



It's a new academic year here at Five Lanes and the children have returned looking incredibly smart and ready to learn. We have welcomed our new Reception starters as well as two new members of staff—Miss Owen in Hazel class, and Miss Leigh-Bennet in Beech class.



Equa Mead

Five Lanes School has now officially converted to Equa Mead Learning Trust. You can find out more at <https://www.equamead.org/>

Reading Challenge

This year's reading challenge will have a Disney theme. Each day a child reads at home they get a mark towards the challenge. They will receive a certificate after every 25 reads and a book of their choice when they reach 300 reads.



Stay and Play

We were saddened to hear the news that Worton Toddlers has closed. Linda and Hiliary created so much joy, care and friendship. We hope to continue the spirit of Worton Toddlers at our new stay and play weekly sessions—please see the separate page on this.

Year 6 Leadership Roles

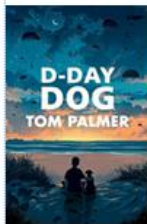
Head Boy and Head Girl

Sports Leaders

House Captains

Clubs

Breakfast Club and Treehouse (our after school club) are running strongly every day. We also have TriGolf for key stage 1 pupils after school on a Monday and Tag Rugby for our key stage 2 pupils after school on Fridays.

**Marlborough Literary Festival**

Elder class (years 5 and 6) have been invited to the Marlborough Literary Festival where they will have the opportunity to meet Tom Palmer, a much-loved author among our key stage 2 children.

Term news

- Key stage 2 pupils are attending swimming lessons this term and have already shown great enthusiasm and support for one another.
- Miss Chalker met colleagues at the termly Equa Heads meeting, where year 6 teachers were invited to explore ways to strengthen maths arithmetic and fluency.
- As a school, this term we are focusing on learning behaviours and attitudes, making sure expectations are high and consistent for every child.



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Headteacher: Miss Sarah-Jane Chalker

Wednesday 10th September

Continuing the Spirit of Worton Toddlers

We were saddened to hear the news that Worton Toddlers has closed. Linda and Hilary have given so much to families in our community over the years, and we want to thank them for the joy, care, and friendship they've created.

At Five Lanes, we would love to keep that community connection alive. Starting from Wednesday 17th September, we'll be hosting a Stay & Play group in our Early Years space, run by Danielle Thomson (during term time):

- 📍 Five Lanes Primary School
- 🕒 Wednesdays, 10am – 12pm
- 👶 For children aged 2–4 years
- 💷 1st week free, then £2.50 per family

There'll be toys, songs, stories, and plenty of space to play, plus tea, coffee and biscuits for grown-ups. Most importantly, it's a chance to meet other families, share time together, and give our youngest children a happy start.

We hope this new group can carry forward the warmth and friendship of Worton Toddlers while giving families a peek into our wonderful Early Years at Five Lanes. Everyone is welcome – we would love to see you there!

Please share this with friends, neighbours, and family — the more the merrier!

Sarah-Jane Chalker

Headteacher
Five Lanes Primary School





Stay and Play

Starting Wednesday 17th
September (term time only)

10am - 12pm

For children aged 2-4 years

First week free, then £2.50 per
family

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per
session

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FLOWER OF THE MONTH



COSMOS

(Asteraceae)

You're a cosmos flower
and it's still spring
Hold on a little longer
dry your tears and wait,
for the fall
you will bloom beautifully
Twabi

Native to the prairies of Mexico, Cosmos are often grown for their longevity in flower arrangements. They bring levity to wild flower fields and gardens alike with their long stems and swaying colourful heads. They are often a feature of decorations during the Mexican celebration *Dia de los muertos* (Day of the Dead) for their late blooms and colourful petals.

The name originates from the Greek word for 'order' or 'harmony' which is interesting because when you see a bed of cosmos there is very little order to their sprawling bobbing heads, although they sway in harmony with the wind. Perhaps the order comes more from the symmetry of their perfect petals.

Cosmos come in an array of colours. They range from yellow, to pink, to deep red, orange and white. Most are single colour, but can come in semi-double or double depending on the variety.

They are hardy and grow well in full sun with well-draining soil. They can be annual or perennial and self-seed easily so be prepared to either keep them in check or let them run wild and dance across your garden.

(sources: gardenia.net; bioexplorer.net)

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October

Autumn Winds

Autumn winds begins to blow.
Coloured leaves fall fast and slow.
Whirling, twirling all around.
Till at last they touch the ground.

Owen



WORTON & MARSTON BUS SCHEDULE

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

Operator	77		76	
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Devizes Market Place Bus Island (SE-bound)	07:30	09:45		
Devizes The Pelican (NW-bound)			12:05	14:10
Devizes, o/s Business Centre			12:08	14:13
Potterne Duck Street (S-bound)	07:35	09:50		
Poulshot The Raven (S-bound)			12:13	14:18s
Worton Sandlease (E-bound)			12:21	14:26s
Worton Village Hall (W-bound)	07:41	09:56	12:23	14:28s
Marston The Green (NW-bound)			12:27s	14:32s
Bulkington War Memorial (W-bound)	07:45	10:00	12:32	14:37s
Keevil Field Head (W-bound)	07:50	10:05	12:37	14:42s
Great Hinton Crossroads (S-bound)	07:53	10:08	12:40	14:45s
Steeple Ashton Memorial (NW-bound)	07:57	10:11	12:43	14:48
Paxcroft Mead Newhurst Park (W-bound)	08:05	10:16	12:48	
Trowbridge, o/s Manvers House	08:15	10:22	12:54	

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

NOTE: Not all stops are shown in the above schedules
 (Source: <https://bustimes.org/services/76-trowbridge-steeple-ashton-worton-devizes>)

Historical Extracts from The Bridge (October 1995)

The Bridge

October 1995

MARSTON FAIR

It was all the fun of the fair on Marston Green on Saturday 26th August, with tossing the bale, donkey cart rides, tombola, throwing the "welly", many more stalls and a car boot sale. Skittles organised by Denise Howard were played Thursday, Friday and Saturday and prize winners were:

Men - Peter Lewis Ladies - Denise Howard Children - Sarah Howard
Andrew Peters won tossing the bale with a height of 10 ft 9 ins.
Welly throwing winners were:

Men	-	Steve Walker	99 ft 6 ins
Ladies	-	Mary Martin	52 ft 3 ins
Children	-	Keith Elliott	32 ft 3 ins

Weight of the cake was 2 lbs 2 ozs and was won by Mrs Franklyn from Potteme. No one guessed the dolls name which was "Tammy".

The exhibition of old Marston photographs in the Chapel aroused much interest and the beautiful floral arrangements were by Sally Davidson from Dilton Marsh.

The highly successful day concluded with a barbecue and skittles by floodlight. Many thanks to Michael and Carolyn Hunt for running the bar, to Brian Chivers, Ralph Ventress and partners for the barbecue, also to Ray Tuck for organising tossing the bale, Ken Diskett for the welly throwing and Tom Burt for putting up bunting and parking signs and everyone else who donated time and enthusiasm on the day.

The fair was organised following the Village Hall A.G.M. on 1st May 1995 at which Mr A. Stockwell, Marston Parish Council Chairman, stated that Marston would raise a sum, pro rata per capita, (about £400) as our share of the cost of the roof work on the Village Hall.

A MEETING IN MARSTON CHAPEL will be held on Monday 23rd October at 7.30 pm to discuss the utilisation of monies raised at Marston Fair.

Finally, a photograph with Mr Oram's name and No 27 on the back is missing - has anyone found it please?

D Barcham

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REGULAR MEETINGS

Around the Village

Village Hall

- **Garden Club**
3rd Monday 7.00pm start (not Aug)
- **Ladies Group**
Last Wednesday 7:30pm (not Aug/Dec)
- **1st Worton & Marston Brownies**
Tuesdays 6pm-7.30pm
- **Potterne Rainbows**
Tuesdays 4.45pm-5.45pm
- **Worton Parish Council Meeting**
1st Monday (not Aug) or as shown on notice boards

In the Chapel at Marston

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

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OCT 9th, & 23rd

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OCT 10th & 24th

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