

The Bridge



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THE BRIDGE

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A Note From the Editor

It's still bitter cold outside, but my heart is warmed by all the fun activities that are showing up in the magazine. Whether it's fetes, bargain fairs, operas, or soup lunches there is much to enjoy in the coming months.

As we move into the spring cleaning season, there may be much to clear. Whether it is overgrown hedges, over cluttered closets, or my over stuffed belly, spring is the time of year that always spurs me to take stock of all the 'things' I've accumulated over the months of hibernation. And while I enjoy passing on my no longer prized possessions, I try to be mindful of how and where they are rehomed. Special thanks to whoever cleared the large box out of the bottom of the red telephone box on the Marston green (you beat me to it).

Please rehome any previously loved items to the appropriate charities or locations. The phone box is for exchanging books, games, and the occasional puzzle. Let's try to keep it tidy so the items don't get damaged.

Now on to more exciting news. The leprechauns heard how much fun the elves and fairies had when they came to visit. So they decided to come and dance a jig or two across our pages. You may find them peeking out from various pages or dancing across a line of text. Have a good look through and see how many you can find.



Catherine



PASTORAL LETTER

One of the joys of coming to be the Rector of a group of villages like this is the strength of community life. The annual Worton and Marston newcomers' party, for example, helps recent arrivals become active members of our groups and clubs in a way few other villages have. It is always heartening to see how many people give up their time and talents to make this happen.

In contrast to all this, the world has become a frightening place for many people. Wars and rumours of wars dominate the news, and old certainties crumble by the month. The last time I can remember such a dramatic shift in the world was at the end of the 1980s, but that was a positive and optimistic time. This is not.

One of the things I notice in my travels is that in many other parts of the world there is a great deal of optimism about the future, even in places that are repressive by our standards, like China and Saudi Arabia, or very poor, like Kenya. In countries like those, I often find people working in tourist-related jobs telling me how pessimistic and fearful of the future they find their Western customers. Worse, I think, than our fear that things will get worse is our sense that we can do nothing about it; that decisions are taken on a level beyond our capacity to influence.

One thing we can influence, however, is the quality of life in our own communities, all the more because they are small communities. Just one more person turning up to an event can make a huge difference to its mood. Often, it's just a matter of turning off the TV or the tablet and giving up doomscrolling for a few hours to spend an evening in the company of others. Sometimes it's just a matter of going to meet a pal in the pub rather than WhatsApping them. We were made to be in the company of others; the way we spend our lives behind our own four walls, constantly squinting at screens, is a very recent phenomenon and it probably isn't doing us much good, mentally or physically.

Could you be another person who turns up at the gardening club? Or Brownies and Rainbows groups are some of the last remaining in this part of Wiltshire—could a little of your time help secure their long-term future?

It is also the case in church that a couple of extra faces on a Sunday morning can help lift the mood tremendously, in one of the few places where anyone can just turn up, at least one a week. We will also need two new churchwardens this year, as Heather and Jean retire after many years' long service. There are many ways in which a little sacrifice of time and care on your part can shed a little light in a darkening world.

Best regards,
Gerry Lynch

FROM CHRIST CHURCH

We were involved in two very successful events in January, the fascinating Murder Mystery evening, organised so wonderfully by Cathy Malli-Dawson and helpers, a joint venture benefitting Worton and Marston Village Hall and Christ Church. A good Community Event. This was soon followed by the Annual Newcomers Party, again very much enjoyed by all, a lovely warm and friendly atmosphere.

On 5th March there will be an Ash Wednesday service held at St Mary's church in Potterne at 11am. On 30th March at 9.30 am we will be having the Mothering Sunday service in church, a Family friendly service, all ages welcome, to give thanks for mothers everywhere.

On 17th May, Christ Church and Five Lanes School will be holding the Joint Summer Fete. More on this later, but we will be asking as usual for items for stalls, books, bottles, plants, cakes and items for Country Kitchen, Gifts and raffle prizes.

Can you help? We have a seat in the churchyard which is a bit poorly with a broken arm. It has suffered some rot. We wonder if there is anyone in the village with a talent for woodwork who would be happy to have a look at it and possibly repair it.

It is in a lovely spot in the churchyard, and it would be good to get it to a more comfortable condition to enjoy sitting on it.

Heather and Jean, Churchwardens

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Every six years the Church of England is required to update its Electoral Roll. The Electoral Roll is your parish church's register of electors and joining the Church Electoral Roll means that you can have your say and vote on church matters, attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting and stand for election to the PCC. In addition, those who live outside the Parish but are on the Electoral Roll enjoy all the rights and privileges that go with being resident in the parish (for example, baptisms and weddings).

However, if you live outside the Parish you must have been worshipping in your local church for a minimum period of six months. With your name on the Electoral Roll you will be supporting your church and the strength of the church can be seen in our local area, and across the Diocese. If you would like to join the Electoral Roll of Christ Church, Worton, please contact Alison Cross at alliec7777@gmail.com before the end of March.

Thanks, Maureen



WELLSPRINGS BENEFICE SERVICES

MARCH 2025

Sunday 2nd (Sunday next before Lent)

8am	Communion (BCP)	Potterne
9:30am	Communion	Worton
9:30am	Matins (BCP)	Poulshot
11am	Communion	Potterne
11am	Communion	Seend
4pm	Evensong (BCP)	Bulkington

Weds 5th (Ash Wednesday)

11am	Communion (with imposition of ashes)	Potterne
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Friday 7th

2pm	Women's World Day of Prayer Service	Potterne
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Sunday 9th (Lent 1)

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

Sunday 16th (Lent 2)

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

Friday 21st

3:30pm	Messy Church	Potterne Village Hall
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Sunday 23rd (Lent 3)

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

Wednesday 26th

3pm	Celtic Service	Poulshot
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Sunday 30th (Mothering Sunday)

9:30am	Mothering Sunday Service	Worton
10am	Mothering Sunday Service	Bulkington
10am	Mothering Sunday Service	Hunloke Hall, Poulshot
10:30am	Mothering Sunday Family Service	Potterne
11am	Mothering Sunday Communion	Seend

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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.

Ministry Team

Rector:	Rev Gerry Lynch	07521 440 622
Associate Priest:	Rev Caroline O'Neill	01380 828302
Benefice Administrator:	Sarah Leckie	07516 224057
		sarahleckie.wba@gmail.com

Church Registers

No baptisms, weddings or funerals this month.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children's Society Boxes

The boxes I'm currently processing will be the last. The society are encouraging supporters to continue supporting by standing order/direct debit or online donation. This is due to increasing difficulty in processing cash via banks.

If you would like more information, please let me know.

Tony Brewer
07415 409 156

Worton United Charities

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

All contacts or requests are dealt with in strictest confidence.

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FAMILY OF CHURCHES IN WORTON AND MARSTON

The Newcomers' Welcome Party was held on Friday January 31st in the Village Hall and was very much enjoyed by all. Those new to the villages were able to meet established residents and leaders of groups they may be interested in joining. A delicious and generous buffet was laid out, provided by many villagers, and much enjoyed. Thank you to all those who helped with setting up, clearing up, washing up, etc. It was much appreciated!

Although organised by the Family of Churches, we are looking to widen the team who head up the planning and facilitating of this event in the future. Said team, we hope, would also help with making a note of houses changing hands, delivering a welcome card, and nearer the time, delivering invitations to the party. If you are someone who feels they could play a part in this historic and unique event, please get in touch.

GOOD FRIDAY WALK AND LUNCH (18th April)

Starting at Marston Chapel at 11:00am we will walk along the path to Christ Church with the smaller cross, stopping for readings and hymns along the way, collect the larger cross and insert it into a prepared hole outside the Village Hall. The cross will be decorated with flowers and greenery on the Saturday to depict the new life that came with the Resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday. We will return to the church for a variety of hot soups and rolls and a good time of chat. Those who can't do the walk will be welcome to join us for soup at about 12 noon.

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Sun Mar 2nd	SUNDAY BEFORE LENT 9.30am 6.00pm	CHRIST CHURCH Holy Communion <i>MARSTON CHAPEL</i> <i>Marston Meditation</i>
Sun Mar 9th	LENT 1 9.30am	CHRIST CHURCH Morning Praise
Sun Mar 16th	LENT 2 9.30am 6.00pm	CHRIST CHURCH Holy Communion <i>MARSTON CHAPEL</i> <i>Marston Meditation</i>
Sun Mar 23rd	LENT 3 9.30am	CHRIST CHURCH Family Service
Sun Mar 30th	MOTHERING SUNDAY 9.30am	CHRIST CHURCH Mothering Sunday Service

APRIL

Sun Apr 6th	LENT 5 9.30am 6.00pm	CHRIST CHURCH Holy Communion <i>MARSTON CHAPEL</i> <i>Marston Meditation</i>
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There were no weddings, baptisms or funerals at Christ Church during January 2025.

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

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Hello one and all!

I seriously cannot believe that we are in March already, although on the plus side we all hope that better weather is ahead!

February was a quieter month for the Village Hall, but some additional work has been completed to instal internet and Wi-Fi. In addition, we will mount a ceiling projector for use with the screen we installed last year, so by the time you read this it should all be done.

Please note that we are still planning to paint the main hall as soon as possible, in line with our desire to make the hall more generally appealing and providing a refreshed space for events. Together with the new kitchen I'm hoping that people can really see the value of the hall to the community.

EVENTS IN FEBRUARY

We welcomed The Young Farmers to their own event on 14th February. It was great to see new user groups coming in, so we look forward to supporting them in any way we can in the future.

I'd also like to give a shout out to Joe Kidd and Paul Hams for their voluntary work to tidy up the hedge in the parking area opposite the hall. Joe has put a lot of personal time and manual labour into the project and now aided by Paul and his machine, they were able to clear the area. Thanks also to Michael Stokes for helping to remove the prior bramble pile.

This isn't technically Village Hall land, but the idea was for the Village Hall team to help support the council's plan to enter the 'best kept village award,' and to do the work prior to nesting time. Also to give time for residual clean up and any new planting or landscaping before the adjudication visits in May (I believe).

Thanks to all who pitched in!



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UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH

VILLAGE HALLS WEEK. Come along to these two events and support your village hall.

1- SOUP LUNCH. Tuesday 18th March 12.00pm-2.00pm. - If you are around, these soups are not to be missed!!

We will be holding one of our popular Soup Lunches. Come along and enjoy some of the amazing home made soups provided by the trustees.

2- COFFEE/TEA AND CAKES CAFE. Saturday 22nd March from 2.30pm-4.30pm. The cakes are well renowned!

Again one of our popular events, where you can enjoy a tea/coffee and some of those amazing home made cakes that you all love.

APRIL

ANNUAL JUMBLE SALE. Saturday 26th April from 2.00pm-4.00pm

Jumble intake on Friday 25th from 4pm-6pm. Please contact our booking agent Pauline Crisp if you need to clarify anything (contacts on the back page of this magazine).

Come along and take look around, as there are often great bargains to be had.

MAY

POLLING STATION. 1st May all day.

The hall is booked out for the day, as a Polling Station

ANNUAL GENERAL TRUSTEE MEETING. 7th May from 6.30pm.

This year we will hold the AGM in early May. At this meeting the current chair will present the annual report for the 2024/25 period and all trustees step down and can be re-elected, or not, and new trustees elected.

GENERAL

We are always looking for new volunteers and supporters to help with the day to day functioning of the hall and to bring in more events and functions. As a Trustee Group we organise and run some events ourselves, but as you can imagine we simply can't handle more than a few in a year.

Once again, thank you all for your support

Lionel

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When: Evenings 7:30pm Wednesday 2nd April – Saturday 5th April 2025,
Matinee 2:30pm Saturday 5th April

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Rusty Lane, Seend SN12 6NS

SPEAKER: CHRIS ASLAN

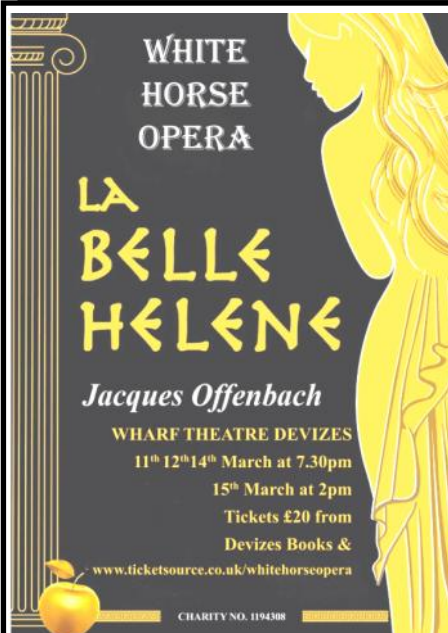
COST PER PERSON INCLUDING A BUFFET LUNCH: £40



This is all day event comprising 2 lectures in the morning and one after the included lunch.

The first of the three lectures starts at 10:30 am.

Please request a booking form from theartsocietydevizes@gmail.com for the attention of Ms Alice Boyd.



Tickets are now available for White Horse Opera's main production to be performed in the Wharf Theatre Devizes at 7.30pm on 11th, 12th and 14th March and at 2pm on Sat 5th March.

La Belle Helene is a comic opera by Jacques Offenbach, the piece parodies the story of Helen of Troy's elopement with Paris, which set off the Trojan War. Having been promised the most beautiful woman in the world by Venus, Paris arrives in disguise as a shepherd boy with the aim of cashing in that promise.

Helene currently married to Menelaus wards off his advances. However, when Paris comes to her while she is sleeping, she believes it all to be in her dreams, so it must therefore "be all fine".

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The first concert of the 2025 season is a soul-satisfying combination of saxophone, organ, soprano and percussion: Sanctuary, in the Priory Church on Saturday 8th March at 7.30pm.

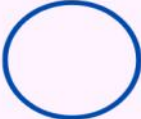
Saxophonist Christian Forshaw's performing career has developed from jazz into his own voice, ethereal and emotional. His original compositions, as well as his arrangements, are deeply rooted in sacred melodies and the church choral tradition, and he now performs and records with leading choral ensembles and collaborates with musicians from a variety of musical genres.

He is joined by Richard Pinel (organ, former Director of the Edington Music Festival), soprano Rosanna Wicks, and percussionist Ryan Hepburn.

Tickets are on sale now through the Edington Arts website, www.edingtonarts.org, from £11-£25, with 18 and under coming free. Unmissable.



Marston Meditation

MARSTON CHAPEL  **ON THE GREEN**

1st & 3rd Sunday of the month
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BAG A BARGAIN



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5th March, 2pm to 8pm, £7 entry
6th March, 9am to noon, free entry

Come and browse a barn full of
beautiful nearly-new designer clothes,
accessories and fabulous jewellery



Refreshments
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purchase

Tickets available via
wiltshirebobbyvan.org.uk/future-events



THE WILTSHIRE BOBBY VAN TRUST

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Bargains galore at Wiltshire Bobby Van's first sustainable fashion event of the year

THE Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust is getting ready for its first sustainable fashion event of the year, where shoppers can find a huge range of nearly new designer clothes, jewellery and accessories at bargain prices.



The Bag A Bargain event, at Wellington Farm Barn near Calne, is open from 2pm to 8pm on March 5, where tickets are just £7, and from 9am to noon on March 6, where entry is free.

Organisers are still appealing for good quality clothes for the sale. Anyone wanting to donate items can contact them via email at jennie@wbvt.org or susanna@wbvt.org.

Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust Director Jennie Shaw said: "Spring is just around the corner and our sale is a wonderful opportunity to refresh your wardrobe, with rail after rail of exquisite nearly new designer clothes and jewellery. "It's a perfect excuse to clear out those wardrobes and make room for a brand new you. We have some fabulous clothes and some wonderful bargains, come and find the perfect outfit for the races, a wedding or something that just makes you feel good."

Tickets can be booked at wiltshirebobbyvan.org.uk/future-events
Find out more about the work of the charity at wiltshirebobbyvan.org.uk.

A colorful illustration for a Summer Fete poster. At the top, a string of triangular bunting in orange, pink, and blue hangs across the frame. Below it, a large yellow cloud-like shape contains the text 'JOIN US FOR OUR Summer Fete SATURDAY 17TH MAY 2PM - 4PM'. To the right of the cloud is a yellow and orange striped balloon with a purple string. On the left, a red and yellow striped tent with a blue flag is partially visible. A pink scalloped-edge badge with the text 'FREE ENTRY' is positioned near the tent. To the right of the tent, the text 'Hosted by Five Lanes Primary School & Christ Church Worton' is written. Below this, a list of activities is provided: 'Join us for lots of fun including Summer Games • Tombola • Ice Cream Van • Local Stalls • Tea and Cake • face painting • Burger Boys • and much much more!'. A small illustration of a leprechaun in a green suit and hat is located at the bottom left of the text area. The entire poster is set against a light blue sky with white clouds and a green grassy field at the bottom.

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2PM - 4PM

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Our February meeting saw us “straining our brains” over a variety of quizzes and puzzles provided by Sarah and Pauline. Whilst not overly competitive, the three teams were pleased to be pretty close in their final scores. Congratulations to the winners! We finished with a hot drink and Carol’s delicious jam and cream sponge. Yum!

As users of our **VILLAGE HALL**, we continue to be appreciative of the excellent facilities, especially the kitchen, and thankful to the **TRUSTEES** for working so hard to make it happen.

MARCH 12th at 7:00pm will see us back in the Village Hall for an evening of food-related fun. Not totally planned yet, so it will be a bit of a mystery. Come and see what it’s all about!

Jean Lane 722069

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On the 29th January 13 members met at the Raven, Poulshot for our annual New Year lunch. We had the restaurant to ourselves after two businessmen came in, and within five minutes decided to return to the bar, obviously the thought of 13 women clacking on was too much for them. The food was great, good atmosphere, everyone enjoyed it.

We next meet on 26th February in the Village Hall 7.30 start, please note change of time, when we will go through this year's programme. We are also looking to have new members join us, more on that next month.

Pam Woods
01380 726679

VILLAGE HALL 200 CLUB

£50 200 Club Winner for FEBRUARY: HELEN MORSE

There's still time to complete the subscription form (enclosed) for anyone who would like to renew or join for the first time and be included in the first draw of the season which starts APRIL 2025.

Please make sure you pop your completed forms through my letter box (address on form).

Thank you to everyone who has already signed up, I'm pleased to say so far, we have 21 new members.

With your participation we can keep our valuable Village Hall running.

Good luck to everyone taking part.
Pam Woods
Administrator, Worton & Marston Village Hall Trustee
01380 726679

WORTON AND MARSTON GARDEN CLUB

*“Now when the primrose makes a splendid show,
and lilies face the March-winds in full blow
and humbler growths are moved with one desire,
Put on to welcome spring, their best attire.....”*

William Wordsworth, “Poor Robin” March 1840

Here we are in March and hopefully with warmer weather. I’ve no doubt that the “Poor Robin” the title of the poem this quote is from, will already be springing up. It is the wild flower commonly known as herb-Robert or Geranium Robertianum to give its botanical name. Love it or loathe it, Herb Robert never fails to seed in all sorts of areas and in almost any season.

Thinking ahead to spring and summer with lots of glorious gardens to visit, I have the new 2025 booklet for The National Garden Scheme’s Wiltshire Gardens in front of me, As a volunteer Assistant County Organiser for the NGS, I am often surprised that very few people know much about the charity. How/why/when it started. Where does the money raised go? Other than to nursing charities, what broader groups does the charity support through donations or grants? What constitutes an ideal NGs garden and why would you want to open your garden to the public? In order to answer those questions, I am pleased to say that this month’s talk is by Alex Graham, County Organiser for South Wiltshire on – The National Garden Scheme. All welcome.

In May, the school and church will have their Fete and the Garden club will be running the plant stall. A great time to buy some lovely flower and vegetable plants. Anyone with any extra cuttings, seedlings or who is splitting perennials please keep us in mind for donations to the stall.

What’s on in March

March 17th Garden Club Meeting 7 for 730pm Village Hall

March 21st The Generous Gardener Charity Plant Sale - Charlton Farm SN16 9DS. This is a great plant sale with specialist nurseries, Teas and coffees for sale and your ticket also lets you explore the lovely garden at the farm.

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NGS gardens open in March

Westcroft Garden 6th and 13th March

Fonthill House Sunday 23rd

Corsham Court Sunday 30th

Further details on all of the above at **ngs.org.uk**

Best wishes,

Alison parker aelparker@aol.com

WORTON AND MARSTON VILLAGE SHOW

A reminder for all the readers of the magazine, the 2025 Village Show will take place on **Saturday 30th August**.

The show committee are just about to start reviewing last years show and finalising the schedule for this on. As ever in any village event, we welcome any input to help us shape the show, ideas about the classes, how we put on the show, how we run it on the day. If you have any ideas or would like to be involved please get in touch with me directly.

We will have an entry in the magazine every month until the show. Please have a look at our messages and when the schedule is out, have a go.

As above please get in touch with any comments ideas, suggestions etc

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Four Loves

A short story, with apology to C S Lewis

They were a good group, the rambling association he had recently joined, sharing a love of countryside and fresh air. This coming weekend, they were due to walk in the area, where his widowed mother had her small cottage. He had the idea to visit her, while the rest went to lunch in the pub – the bonds of family ever strong.

However, there was this young woman, who had joined the group shortly after he had. He didn't even know her name, but he did know that he found her very attractive. He was torn: if he went to the pub, he might get to know her better, see if there was any sign of a mutual spark. She might even be a churchgoer, as he was, wrestling as he did with the concept of the love of God (including that oh-so-difficult injunction to be nice to people one doesn't like, even those who do one harm).

So, Mum or pub?

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MESSAGE FROM OUR WILTSHIRE COUNCILLOR

Ensuring tight and proper finances, and a fair deal for Council Taxpayers: Proposed Budget to be discussed at Full Council

By the time you read this article, Wiltshire Council will have discussed and agreed its 2025/26 budget and provided its third formal financial update of the 2024/25 financial year.

Based on information up to the end of December 2024 – the third quarter forecast a net overspend of around £1.7m, equivalent to around 0.3% of net spend. Much of the forecasted overspend during the year has been due to continued challenges in social care that authorities across the country are experiencing, particularly adult services - with increased demand and the higher cost of care packages, particularly for cases that are complex. The area of adult services is now forecast to overspend more than the previous quarter - with the current total at around £6.9m. Across the organisation the council has put in several measures, including the management of vacancies to reduce the cost of staffing, and challenging and halting non-essential and discretionary spend wherever possible.

Wiltshire Council's Cabinet also approved the council's proposed budget for 2025/26 of around £527m, compared to last year's £490m. Although the council has received some extra social care funding from government of around £4.8m, challenges have emerged following confirmation of its provisional local government finance settlement at the end of last year, which the council has had to respond quickly to. Through changes to government grants and employees' national insurance contributions, Wiltshire Council has almost £8m less national funding this year. Most of this funding was via the Rural Services Delivery Grant, which was designed to enable large rural authorities like Wiltshire to meet the extra costs involved in delivery of services across a wide geography with significant travel times - issues not faced by urban authorities.

The council has opted to propose to not increase the Wiltshire Council element of council tax by the full amount government has permitted - instead, proposing to raise it by 4.5% (2.5% for basic council tax and a 2% adult social care levy) rather than the full 4.99% allowed. This would see an increase of £1.56 per week for those in a Band D property for the Wiltshire Council element of council tax. The adult social care levy will raise £7m and will help to fund the £20m of inflation and demand growth that has been built into the Adult Social Care budget.

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The most significant areas of spend outlined in the proposals are:

- Adult services - £194m
- Families and children - £75m
- Highways and transport - £43.4m
- Environment (including waste) - £49.5m
- Education and skills - £38m

A public Budget Webinar took place on 4 February - a recording can be watched at [YouTube](#). It shows that the preventative long-term approach has given Wiltshire Council financial resilience to respond effectively to challenges and still gives opportunities to be ambitious and invest for the good of everyone in the county.

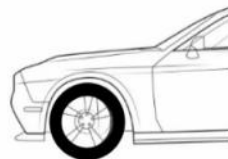
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The Worton and Marston Link Scheme AGM

7 pm 1st April 2025
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WORTON PARISH COUNCIL

One of the good things about being on the Parish Council is that we are, of necessity, looking forward, not backwards. Thus, our recent meeting, as well as giving careful consideration to our financial commitments and balances, also allowed us to focus on our best kept village entry. Again, I've got to hand the plaudits to Cllr Stokes on this. Without Nick's vision and determination, we wouldn't have got off the ground with this, but we now have several active participants who are well and truly signed up to the cause. We have a plan, time scale and team taking shape. Of course, there's always room for more, so please get in touch with Nick if you can play a part.

One of the most enjoyable events that takes place is the annual Newcomers party, ably hosted by stalwarts from the local community. It was great to meet new villagers and find an interest in playing a part in village life. Nick did particularly well in finding volunteers for the Best Kept Village entry. He will keep everybody informed on this as we get nearer to the unannounced visit of the competition judges, which should happen in the summer. They will be given a recommended route through the village in advance (it's allowed to ask them not to judge locations that are undergoing construction work, for example), but it's important that all of us do our best to make our environment as pleasant as possible for our own benefit - that's surely what this whole project is about?

If the process goes smoothly, we will have no idea that the inspection is taking place (unlike an iconic episode of *Fawlty Towers* that springs to mind!)

It's been quite an eye opener to see the transformation taking place at the Kempsters Reach / Primrose Rise development. It's well known that the saga linked to the development has sown seeds of division in the community, for obvious reasons, and it's much easier for someone like me, who lives at some distance from the project, to take a more constructive standpoint, than someone who's life has been turned upside down by the construction and changed environment resulting,

However, it's really important to look forward and see the benefits that can result as far as the community as a whole is concerned. From my personal
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perspective, I have found the representatives of Newlands homes to be open to dialogue, and there are examples of where they have listened to concerns and acted on them. There has been support for the Best kept Village group and the Queen's Walkway plan, which should link with the reconstituted footpath at Kempster's reach when the site nears completion. I have enjoyed the chance to share anecdotes about Worton from our shared history. We want our village to be as welcoming to our new residents as it has always been.

We are very lucky to be looking after our 2-year-old granddaughter regularly, and she has helped to give me an insight into just what the new development can mean in practical terms. She has been delighted by the "diamonds in the sky", along with various diggers and cranes!

For those not privy to her world, the "diamonds" in question are, in fact, triangles -being carefully placed for roofs to be assembled around them. To her, it's sheer magic! Of course, reality is different, but it serves to remind me that we need to take care to provide a future which reflects her, and others, dreams. Whether that is in Worton is quite another matter but serves as a reminder of just how important it is that conservation and development work together in harmony, as illustrated by her tuneful (biased granddad!) rendition of "Twinkle Twinkle" as she watches the building work in fascinated wonder.

What is certainly true is that we need to work in harmony with our young residents and the developers to make the best use of the finance available to renovate our existing leisure facilities -and, as I have indicated previously, I see this as reflecting the needs of the whole community. Not just the children (though they are the priority). I've got my eye on a bit more table tennis, and maybe even "pickleball" facilities. So watch this space!

I'll close with a reminder that the current incarnation of the Parish Council ends in May (four years being up). If anyone is interested in standing for election, please get your skates on as forms have to be completed ASAP. Check out the Wiltshire website for details, or contact Jules, our clerk, for more information.

Barry Devine

Marston Parish Council

After 40 years of service with Marston Parish Council, with some spells as Chairman, I plan to stand down in May. One of my responsibilities has been Rights of way and organizing the annual footpath walk.

The Parish Council is allowed 5 members, so there will now be 2 vacancies to fill in May.

www.wiltshire.gov.uk/local-elections gives the full information, including all the key dates, starting from 11th March. Nominations open on 12th March.

Please get involved Marston is your village !!
Dave Hansford.



Wiltshire Best Kept Village Competition (BKVC)

In February, entries will be invited for the BKVC. Categories are Large, Medium and Small villages. There are 15 prizes of up to £200. It's a great way of getting villagers together to keep our villages looking good and to build on our community spirit. Entry is simple and must be received by CPRE Wiltshire by 17 April. Can you help our parish council with this? Details are at <https://www.cprewiltshire.org.uk/category/awards/> or call 01380 722157 and leave a message if necessary.

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Speedwatch is about education **not** prosecution

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Bob



Worton Community Speedwatch Figures for January 2025

Date	Time	Vehicles	Total 30MPH+	Vehicles Reported	Max Speed
Monday 20th	08.30 - 09.15	343	11	3	40
Monday 20th	11.30 - 12.15	186	5	0	
Tuesday 21st	08.15 - 09.00	423	5	0	
Tuesday 21st	14.30 - 15.15	269	9	3	37
Wednesday 22nd	08.30 - 09.15	429	0	0	
Thursday 23rd	08.15 - 09.00	405	0	0	
Thursday 23rd	15.00 - 15.45	395	21	2	37
Friday 24th	14.30 - 15.15	434	18	2	44
Sessions: 8	Average: 360	2884	69	10	
2024 Sessions: 10	Average: 294	2938	124	19	42

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 2025

Villagers will probably be aware that Worton Parish Council has entered the village for the above competition organised by CPRE - the Countryside Charity. This competition aims to identify the Wiltshire villages which best embody a place where residents make the effort to show that they are proud of their village through community events and volunteer work to make the village attractive. This is the first time Worton has taken part (although Marston has in the past) which means that we also qualify for the Best Newcomer section.

Participation in this competition requires community effort which is already under way, in addition to showing the extent that village facilities are well used and regular community events take place. For example, with the support of Councillor Goode-nough and her team, Back Lane has been cleared to allow the snowdrops to flourish and the Village Hall trustees have organised the clearance of vegetation on Church Lane to allow the car park to be better used. A further group have committed to re-furbishing the two bus shelters before the judging, and more than 20 residents have signed up for the working parties that will take place in the run-up to judging which starts mid-May. However, we are always looking out for more volunteers as well as encouraging residents to 'do their bit' in their gardens where they abut onto a road or onto Back Lane - for example by cutting back hedges before nesting starts in May.

There are a number of activities planned and I encourage villagers to put these dates in their diaries:

Saturday 22 March - at the Village Hall 'Cafe' afternoon, there will be a short presentation, starting at 2.30pm, on what is involved, together with the opportunity to sign up for one of the working parties. There are two of these, one focusing on Back Lane and Church Lane, and one on the High Street from Sandlease Court to Mill Head, plus Sandlease, Gaisford Chase and Cedar Close. Three weekends have been set aside with work taking place on either the Saturday or Sunday morning as follows:

April 26 or April 27

May 10 or May 11

May 24 or May 25

It is hoped that there will then be an opportunity for a little social activity thanks to support secured from Newland Homes.

The first round of judging will take place by mid-June with the winners in each area and each size group going forward to a second stage in July, and the prize giving at the end of September when winners will receive some financial reward and a plaque thanks to sponsorship from Idverde, Wiltshire County Council and Renelec.

Councillor Nick Stokes, on behalf of Worton Parish Council



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Best Kept Village Competition 2025

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Primary School



What a busy half term we've had.

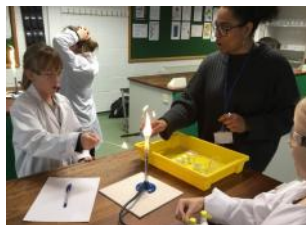
Art with Dauntsey's

Hazel class (years 3 and 4) did some printing work with the Art teacher and some pupils from Dauntsey's School. They were inspired by underwater animals and learnt techniques to transform their drawing into a print. They then transferred this onto a piece of paper using ink.



Science at Dauntsey's School

Elder class (years 5 and 6) went to Dauntsey's to take part in some science experiments.



Walk Safe Workshops

We had interactive and practical sessions that included learning to cross roads safely, how to notice dangers and how to stay safe in public.



National Number Day

To celebrate National Numbers Day, we dressed up as Times Tables Rock Stars.



Romans

Hazel class were Romans. They took their shields to battle and drilled some Roman formations.



Science

Elder class were visited by some eye health Specialists. (thank you to Haines and Smith Opticians for their goodie bags).



Elder also simulated the digestive system with Weetabix and a pair of tights.





It comes with great sadness that we must write our final insert into the Bridge magazine.

Due to personal circumstances, Linda and Hilary have had to make the difficult decision to close Worton Toddlers. This is not a decision that has been taken lightly, and we are sorry to disappoint our current and new families with our sad news.

Worton Toddlers has brought families in from our village, and surrounding villages and Devizes, we have also built a great relationship with Five Lanes School, which has helped our toddler's progress.

Although we are unable to continue running the group ourselves, we would happily hand over our knowledge and equipment to a new team.

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KIDS CORNER



FLOWER OF THE MONTH



Orchid

(Orchidaceae)

*Who gave to thee that name
So full of homely and most pleasant thought?
It's charm might win renown
For many a thing with far less beauty fraught.*

Orchids, for all their challenges to flower on my window sill, are resilient and hardy. They are second only to the daisy family in their known species. You can find orchids on every continent, except Antarctica. They have adapted to grow in all types of environments with only the harshest exceptions (glaciers and deserts). They have even been found growing underground. This makes them a great candidate for propagation on other planets, if only they were edible.

Louis Liger, a French writer and agronomist, invented a classical myth about how the orchids came to be. He attributed their formation to the ancient Greeks and Romans. Using the story of Adonis and Narcissus for inspiration, he created the figure of Orchis, the son of a nymph and satyr who defiles a priestess of Bacchus during one of their many festivals. This resulted in Orchis being killed and transformed into an orchid flower as punishment by the gods.

There is an orchid growing in the UK, that is so special, that it has its own security service and surveillance system. The lady's slipper orchid (*Cypripedium calceolus*) was thought to be extinct and a small, dedicated committee was formed in 1971 to protect the orchid from collectors. The location of the site is a closely guarded secret known only by the committee and their trusted wardens who guard the location during spring and summer months.

(sources: rhs.org.uk; wikipedia)

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March

Silvery green of early Spring,
The color of new clover and de-covered webs.
It reminds me of a child freshly woken from
their crib
With rumpled hair, sleepy eyes, and fog about
their head—
They grumble, fuss, and turn over back to
bed.

Amber Shehan





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Clarendon Academy or Manvers House - Market Place Market Place - Clarendon Academy or Manvers House

● Timing points ○ All stops

	76	77
Trowbridge, o/s Manvers House	09:50 12:30 14:30	
Paxcroft Mead Newhurst Park (E-bound)	09:55 12:35 14:35	
Steeple Ashton Memorial (NW-bound)	10:03 12:43 14:43	
Great Hinton Crossroads (N-bound)	10:07 12:47 14:47	
Keevil Field Head (E-bound)	10:09 12:49 14:49	
Bulkington War Memorial (E-bound)	10:14 12:54 14:54	
Worton Village Hall (E-bound)	10:18 12:58 14:59	
Worton Sandlease (E-bound)	10:20 13:00 15:01	
Potterne Duck Street (N-bound)		15:05
Worton Village Hall (W-bound)	10:22 13:02	
Marston The Green (NW-bound)	10:26 13:06	
Devizes Fire Station (S-bound)		15:10
Devizes Market Place Costa (NW-bound)		15:15
Poulshot The Raven (N-bound)	10:33 13:13	
Devizes Mayenne Place West (S-bound)	10:38 13:18	
Devizes Market Place Bus Island (SE-bound)	10:42 13:22	

● Timing points ○ All stops

	77	76
Devizes Market Place Bus Island (SE-bound)	09:45	
Devizes The Pelican (NW-bound)		12:05 14:10
Potterne Duck Street (S-bound)	09:50	
Devizes, o/s Business Centre		12:09 14:14
Devizes Mayenne Place (W-bound)		12:10 14:15
Poulshot The Raven (S-bound)		12:14 14:19s
Worton Sandlease (E-bound)		12:22 14:27s
Worton Village Hall (W-bound)	09:56 12:24 14:29s	
Marston The Green (NW-bound)		12:28s 14:33s
Bulkington War Memorial (W-bound)	10:00 12:32 14:37s	
Keevil Field Head (W-bound)	10:05 12:37 14:42s	
Great Hinton Crossroads (S-bound)	10:08 12:40 14:45s	
Steeple Ashton Memorial (NW-bound)	10:11 12:43 14:48s	
Steeple Ashton St Mary's (NW-bound)	10:11 12:43 14:49s	
Steeple Ashton Newleaze (NW-bound)	10:12 12:44 14:50	
Paxcroft Mead Newhurst Park (W-bound)	10:18 12:50	
Trowbridge, o/s Manvers House	10:24 12:56	

SATURDAYS

Times marked s – "set down only" – the bus will only stop to drop passengers off

Clarendon Academy or Manvers House - Market Place

● Timing points ○ All stops

	76	77
Trowbridge, o/s Manvers House	09:55 12:30 15:00	
Paxcroft Mead Newhurst Park (E-bound)	10:00 12:35 15:05	
Steeple Ashton Memorial (NW-bound)	10:08 12:43 15:13	
Great Hinton Crossroads (N-bound)	10:12 12:47 15:17	
Keevil Field Head (E-bound)	10:14 12:49 15:19	
Bulkington War Memorial (E-bound)	10:19 12:54 15:24	
Worton Village Hall (E-bound)	10:24 12:59 15:30	
Worton Sandlease (E-bound)	09:28 10:26 13:01 15:32	
Potterne Duck Street (N-bound)		15:36
Worton Village Hall (W-bound)	09:30 10:27 13:02	
Marston The Green (NW-bound)	09:34 10:31 13:06	
Devizes Market Place Costa (NW-bound)		15:41
Poulshot The Raven (N-bound)	09:41 10:38 13:13	
Devizes Mayenne Place West (S-bound)	10:43 10:57 13:18	
Devizes Market Place Bus Island (SE-bound)	09:51 10:48 11:03 13:23	

Market Place - Clarendon Academy or Manvers House

● Timing points ○ All stops

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

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 (MARCH 1995)

The Bridge

There will be the usual Parish Council Meeting following on after the end of the Parish Meeting.

This is your village; if you are interested in it, come to the meeting!

Arthur Stockwell

When the Burglar's not a 'Burgling

At one time places like Swindon and Trowbridge seemed to have thieves and most people in Worton and Marston kept their doors unlocked and when the weather was warm, wide open.

Over the past ten years or so however home security has become a necessary. We too are being targeted by those up to no good. Even our little Post Office has been robbed twice recently. There has always been "professional" thieves but the ones causing us trouble seem to be part timers, who would even take a pillow from a baby's pram and think nothing of robbing the most humble of dwellings as well as those more substantial properties.

Why not spend a couple of hours at the next Parish Council meeting on Monday 27 March at 7.30pm in the village hall? Our local bobby will be present and the Crime Prevention Officer. It could be well worth your while being there for the free information, advice and leaflets.

K.H.

School News

Class 1 had a visit from PC Tracy Kirby, the village Policewoman, she told them about her job and how the police arrested criminals, she demonstrated how to use her handcuffs on Samantha Coombes. The children were also treated to a look in the Police Car with its flashing lights, siren and car phone. The children were able to say hello to the control at Chippenham station via the walkie talkie.

Mrs North kindly arranged a visit for Class 1 to the casualty department at Devizes hospital. They looked at x-rays and how patients were treated. Camilla Czul had her arm put in plaster.

The juniors have been working on forces for their science work. Class 2 have carried out a variety of experiments with toy cars to find out which factors affect the distance each car can travel down a slope and along the floor.

Class 3 have been involved in a project with our Road Safety Officer. They have been investigating the factors which are involved when a vehicle crashes. Teams of children made cardboard cars which have been tested by placing the vehicles at the bottom of a slope and crashing a wooden car into their model. They examined the damage and then had to try to reinforce a new cardboard vehicle so that it could withstand the impact better.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Jumble Sale. We made £164 for School Association Funds.

March 1995

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VILLAGE DIARY

REGULAR MEETINGS Around the Village

Village Hall

- **Garden Club**
3rd Monday 7.00pm start (not Aug/Dec)
- **Ladies Group**
Last Wednesday 7:30pm (not Aug/Dec)
- **Women's Institute**
2nd Wednesday Village Hall
- **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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12th WI
17th Garden Club



Kerbside Collections in MARCH

Worton & Marston

Black box and Blue lidded bin recycling:

March 4th & 18th

Household waste:

March 13th & 27th

Garden waste:

March 14th & 28th

Kerbside Collections In MARCH

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Black box and Blue lidded bin recycling:

March 11th & 25th

Household waste:

March 6th & 20th



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