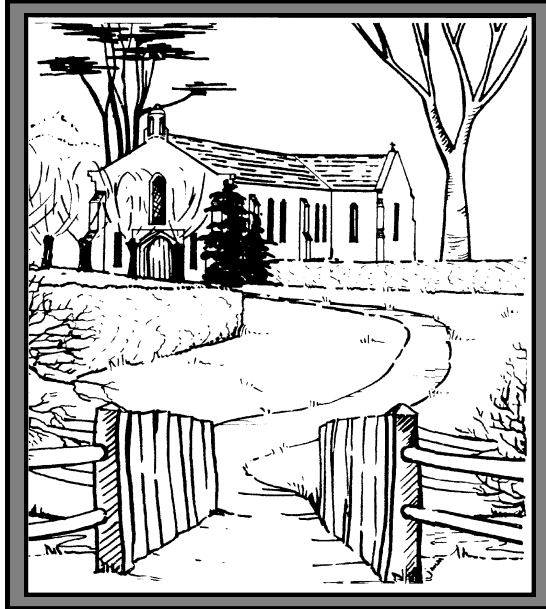


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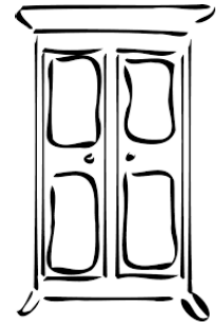
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# THE BRIDGE

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## Rodger Robilliard

Colonel Rodger Robilliard died on St. George's Day, 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2023, aged 93. A Guernseyman, officer and gentleman, and a loving husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. His family and friends will miss his wonderful stories and humour. His wife, Jean, predeceased him during Covid.

Rodger and Jean arrived in Worton in 1980 and lived in Woodborough House, Seend Road. In 2015, they moved to Urchfont.

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### JUNE

<b>Sunday June 4<sup>th</sup></b>	TRINITY SUNDAY 9.30am.	CHRIST CHURCH Holy Communion
<b>Sunday June 11<sup>th</sup></b>	TRINITY 1 9.30am  6.00pm	CHRIST CHURCH Morning Praise <i>MARSTON CHAPEL</i> Evening Meditation
<b>Sunday June 18<sup>th</sup></b>	TRINITY 2 9.30am	CHRIST CHURCH Holy Communion
<b>Sunday June 25<sup>th</sup></b>	TRINITY 3 9.30am  6.00pm	CHRIST CHURCH Family Service. <i>MARSTON CHAPEL</i> Evening Meditation

### JULY

<b>Sunday July 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	TRINITY 4 9.30am	CHRIST CHURCH Holy Communion
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The baptism of Eloise Rose Ryan took place at Christ Church in April.

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

### Thank You

**Worton Knitt Natt** thank everyone who donated for a knitted crown & creme egg from the Rose & Crown - £150 was raised for Youth Action Wiltshire towards a minibus.

Johanna Banks



## WELLSPRINGS BENEFICE SERVICES JUNE 2023

### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> (Trinity Sunday)

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

### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> (Trinity 1)

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

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

3:30pm Messy Church Potterne Village Hall

### Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> (Trinity 2)

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

### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> (Trinity 3)

9:30am Family Service Worton  
11am Holy Communion Potterne  
11am Holy Communion Seend  
4pm Evensong Poulshot  
6pm Holy Communion Bulkington

### Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>

5pm Celtic Meditative Service Poulshot

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### Every Tuesday, 9am Daily Prayer service at Poulshot

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### Church Registers

#### Baptisms

Eloise Ryan on 23<sup>rd</sup> April at Christ Church, Worton.

No weddings or funerals this month.



## JUNE BOOK SWAP

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June**  
**10.00am - 12 noon**  
 at 36 Mill Road, Worton  
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**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July**  
**10.00am - 12 noon**  
 at Westview House, 109 High Street, Worton  
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## Pastoral Letter

### *Maureen's Ramblings.....*

What has the Church of England ever done for me? asked The Telegraph a while back. Of course, the church has its struggles and there is a decrease in people seeking God through organised religion. But in the 2021 Census "Christian" remained the most common response to the religion question. 85% of people apparently visit a church each year - to see beautiful, historic buildings, to worship or to mark a significant event in their lives. When a child goes missing, or floods destroy, it is often the parish church that provides a rallying point. In 2021 605,000 people went to church each week in the UK – making Christianity the largest group activity in the country. Even in these secular days, the church is still the warp and weft of our national life with faith in Jesus Christ deep in the soil of our history (as shown in the recent Coronation).

Sadly, Church weddings and funerals are not as popular as they were even tho' the venues, time freedom and the care from the clergy are good and the costs reasonable. I am aware that many people seem to think that the church will not baptise their children or marry or bury them if they are not churchgoers. This is not true – all are welcome for these important rites of passage. You just need to ask! William Temple said, "the Church is the only society on earth that exists for the benefit of non-members." Yes!

The church is here for everyone, whatever their faith or none. Clergy and church buildings are available for the whole community, not just for those who attend church regularly. I have so many stories of the church, mostly without fanfare, seeking to serve and minister where there is need. Sadly, resources don't allow for there to be a priest in every parish. But much of the work is done by faithful, hardworking volunteers who, amazingly, give about 23 million hours every month to work that benefits their local community - youth/children's work, street patrols, bereavement counselling, visiting the elderly, sick and housebound, lunch clubs, etc. Of course, many atheists and agnostics work just as hard, but nobody else has the same national network, or the historic connections with their communities.

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You might not go to church, but please be assured that the church is here for you anyway. You don't have to sign up as a member to use the church to celebrate the birth of your child, marry, renew your vows or have a funeral or memorial service for a loved one who has died. You don't have to be a member to discuss what you believe or don't believe or to rant or rave about God. The church exists to serve. The church is here for you. You just need to ask!

*The Revd. Maureen Allchin (Retired priest)*



**THE KING'S MEN COME TO EDINGTON!**

We are looking forward to The King's Men coming to Edington on Friday 14 July to give a concert in the Priory Church.



Although they haven't completely finalised their programme, the ensemble of eight promise to sing an eclectic programme ranging from Byrd (celebrating his 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary) to arrangements of songs by Michael Bublé: something for everyone!

A perfect way to spend a summer evening, come and join us! The concert will begin at 7.30pm. Refreshments will be available during the interval.

Tickets from Susie Hancock – [secretary@edingtonfriends.org.uk](mailto:secretary@edingtonfriends.org.uk) or 01225 754626  
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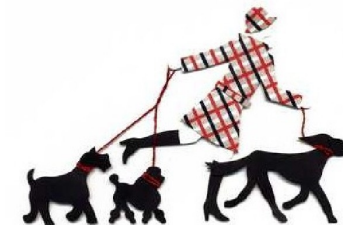
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## Season Comes to an Exciting Climax!

May is traditionally an exciting and nervous time for all football clubs as the season comes to a climax, and WCFC is no exception. Another successful season is coming to an end with every team completing their fixtures and most teams enjoying success, from consolidation in higher leagues following previous promotions to pushing for promotion or cups. Of particular note is our U9s, who have made it to the cup final in their first ever cup run! The final is on 20th May at Bromham, kick off 2pm. All support is welcome!

Attention is already turning towards summer tournaments and preparations for next season. The main effort at present is a recruitment drive. If you have or know a child who wants to try a football club, now is the time as we are offering a free trial till end of season! All ages from cubs (U6) to u18s boys and girls all welcome. The club is looking to start new teams at next season u13 and u15. Please contact the Club Secretary or any of the team coaches directly for further details. The end of season awards and celebration day will take place on the 10<sup>th</sup> June (see separate poster). All are welcome for what will be a fun packed afternoon!

In other exciting news, the club has received notification that our accreditation with England FA has been renewed. We have also been notified by the Land Registry that our ground at Northbrook has been transferred to the club's ownership. This paves the way for us to start the demolition of the old club house as soon as possible and take forward the plans for a new one. More detail to follow!

The end of season bash will take place on the 10<sup>th</sup> June.

### Committee

Chairperson: Pete Huntley  
Treasurer: Vicky Goddard  
Grounds: Mark Goddard  
Newsletter: David Groves

Secretary: Rob Nuttall  
Welfare Officers: Hannah Kervin  
Web Pages: James Partington  
All Team Managers

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### Team Contacts

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U9– Pete Huntley- 07974756131

U10- Nick Church [nickchurch88@gmail.com](mailto:nickchurch88@gmail.com)

U11- Mark Goddard – 01380 813160 U13 - Neil Black- 07769 261750

U15 -Mark Goddard- 01380 813160 U16– Dave Kiddle- 07843678781

U17/18s– Andy Morris -07488 240243



## Worton and Marston Garden Club

*'What is one to say about June, the time of perfect young summer, the fulfilment of the promise of the earlier months, and with as yet no sign to remind one that its fresh young beauty will ever fade'.*

Gertrude Jekyll, On Gardening

We had a really interesting evening with Paul Jupp from Meadow in my Garden in April. I totally endorse the idea of having derelict or scruffy areas on lanes and little corners being “brought to life” with sprinklings of wild flower plantings. Not difficult to manage and so pretty, good for wildlife and our own wellbeing.

As I write this, I am amazed that a whole year has passed since our Worton and Marston Open Gardens last year. We had a very short time to organise it as we were all in recovery from “ Covid restriction” and just beginning to venture out properly. Looking forward to next year when we hope to have Worton and Marston Open Gardens again, we need some help. Offers of gardens to open would be wonderful, offers of help on the weekend, either a couple of hours or half a day – also wonderful. Also we need a couple of volunteers to join the organising group. This is a village event which raises money for both a recognised Charity and for Village groups which may benefit from a little boost to their funds.

Ahead of next year’s events, our Village Show group has been working hard to provide a variety of classes and interest for the show in September.

### Upcoming Events

#### Garden Club Meeting Monday June 19<sup>th</sup>

The meeting in June is a visit to Beggars Knoll Chinese Garden near Westbury. A beautiful garden full of rare Chinese trees shrubs and flowers. A new tranquil garden influenced by NW China and many meandering mosaic pathways, pavilions and ponds.

#### Seed Open Gardens June 10/11<sup>th</sup>

#### NGS Open Gardens

Chisenbury Priory Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June. Stunning garden with beautiful trees, herbaceous planting, wild flower meadow. Lovely teas. Chisenbury Priory is next to The Red Lion pub at East Chisenbury just outside Upavon.

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Hilperton House Saturday and Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> June. Lovely established gardens with interesting trees, ponds and features.

Alison Parker [aelparker@aol.com](mailto:aelparker@aol.com) 07786 985741

### Diary Dates

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June Garden Visit as above.  
 Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July Barbecue - Members and Guests  
 Saturday 2nd September Village Show.  
 Monday 18th September Garden visit.

Sally Brooks [svwoods90@hotmail.com](mailto:svwoods90@hotmail.com)



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**From Christ Church:**

Along with most of the country, Christ Church joined in the Coronation celebrations. We held a Songs of Praise service in church with John playing 12 favourite hymns chosen by members of the congregation with some giving little anecdotes as to why they chose them. There were also a couple of ‘Royal’ stories, together with Jean showing the Maundy money received from HM Queen Elizabeth 2 by her mum in Kent many years ago.

This was followed by our Community Café with lots of celebration cake and drinks, enjoyed by everyone including several families with young children. Then, outside amongst the bunting to have group photos including the new King (well actually a life-size cardboard cut-out) which was a bit of a talking point! So a really happy morning, enjoyed by all.

Our next Community café will be held on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June 10 am - noon.

Heather and Jean, Churchwardens

**WORTON & MARSTON LADIES GROUP**

Our meeting in April was a talk by Katy from Bath Cats and Dogs Home. She explained the process of what happens when an animal is brought into the home, whether it’s a stray, signed over, owner passed away etc. If it’s a stray, and not knowing the background to the animal, assessing any problems, health or temperament, takes a lot of time and patience. In one case in particular, a stray dog was so terrified it just sat and faced the wall and couldn’t connect with anyone. You just wonder what that poor dog had gone through, but gradually over months of patient work they were able to gain his trust and eventually found a loving home. Katy showed us slides of when he first arrived and his progress to become a happy dog again; such a rewarding job.

On 31<sup>st</sup> May we have Jerry King giving a talk on ‘Family History’ and how he traced a sister who had no idea she had a brother living in Worton. It should be very interesting. If anyone is interested, please do come along. Hosts for May: Evelyn & Beth

Advance notice: on 28<sup>th</sup> June we have John Girvan with a talk on ‘Reclamation Royals’. Hosts Jenny & Pat

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The following has been brought to our attention and we felt it was important to share with you all. We have been made aware of an increase in the thefts of GPS systems from agricultural vehicles in neighbouring counties over the past two weeks. Four units have been stolen in this time so we are encouraging Wiltshire farmers and agricultural contractors to be on the alert and keep their GPS systems safe.

The NFU advises:

- Activate PIN security on GPS kit with your own unique number if available
- If your system is not pin enabled, mark with your postcode to deter thieves and trace your property back to you
- Keep tractors and combines with GPS fitted stored out of sight when possible
- Remove GPS kit when possible from tractors and other machinery and store it securely when not in use
- Record serial numbers and photograph your kit
- Check serial numbers of second-hand kit offered for sale
- Report sightings of suspicious activity in fields and farmyards to police.

Other options could include fitting a tracker to GPS equipment and/or marking it with a DNA marking system such as that produced by SelectaDNA. You can learn more about this on the Force website following our launch of Op Siege last Year.

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Phil Mackie  
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Due to the retirement of our current chair, we are looking for a volunteer to lead our committee and ensure that the centre operates in alignment with the current guidance form NACCC and that our policies and procedures are adhered to. Previous experience working with children and their families and a knowledge of governance is an advantage, although not essential.

Please contact us on 07704789157 or email [westwilt-cccc@hotmail.com](mailto:westwilt-cccc@hotmail.com) for further information.

## Does your lawn need strimming or mowing?



My name is Joe Bodman and I am 16 years old and live on the edge of Worton.

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**Worton Community Speedwatch – April 2023**

(Wiltshire Speedwatch sessions are restricted to 45 minutes)

Sessions: **NINE**

Total Vehicles Counted: **3,253**

Vehicles recorded for exceeding the 30mph speed limit: **186** of which **29** were reported to Wiltshire Police for excess speed.

Maximum Speed Recorded: **45mph** on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April between 13.15 and 16.15 and also Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April between 15.30 and 16.15.

Highest Vehicle Count: **467** on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April between 15.30 and 16.15.

(The comparable figures for **April 2022** were: Sessions **18**, Vehicles **6,577** with **429** vehicles exceeding 30mph of which 84 were reported for excess speed).

On Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April our lunchtime Speedwatch team operating at Sandlease were visited by two officers from the Police Road Unit Speed Enforcement Team. Prior to joining them they monitored the traffic at Cedar Close and recorded one vehicle travelling at 39mph. The vehicle owner will be contacted by the police.

Bob Mitchell

The table below shows vehicle data for the month of April 2023 extracted from the Speed Indicator Device located opposite Gaisford Chase. The device operates 24 hours a day and records traffic passing in both directions.

<u>Direction of traffic</u>	<30mph	31-35mph	36-40mph	41-45mph	>46mph
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## Worton and Marston Village Show, Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2023

The schedule for the show will be produced in the July edition of this magazine, i.e. the next edition after this one. It will be stapled in the middle of the magazine. The schedule should also be available on the Gardening Club section of the Worton.org website. The entry form is the very middle page to make it easy to detach and complete and be given to a committee member by Wednesday 30th August. We hope the schedule and entry form are self explanatory but please get in touch if you have any questions.

If you are hoping to enter any of the vegetable, fruit or flower classes, most of your plants should be in the ground or greenhouse by now. There is still time to plant runner and climbing French beans or get a few tomato or chilli plants from the garden centre. Also you can buy some of the flowers such as rudbeckias, asters and zinnias as small plants and grow them on. Gladiolus could be planted now but do not wait too long.

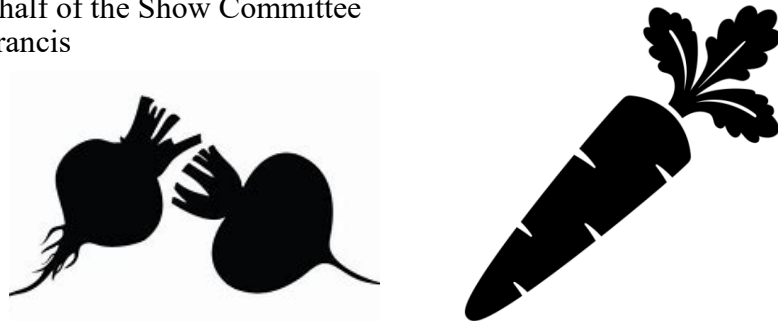
Finally can we encourage gardening club members to enter the planted pot class. The pot can be up to 18 inches in diameter and contain up to 6 plant varieties. The choice of plants is up to you.

As we get nearer to the show, our main message to you all is “give it a go”. It is heartening on the morning of the show, to see the empty village hall transformed by the exhibits. We think that within the schedule, there is at least one class, maybe more, that you feel you can enter and have a good chance of winning something.

Taking part may be more fun than you think.

Good luck

On behalf of the Show Committee  
Bill Francis



## DON'T PANIC -BUT!

In three months' time we will have only half the number of Trustees we need to run the Hall. We therefore have had to take the difficult decision not to host any events for the foreseeable future. Obviously, this will have an impact on our finances, your enjoyment, and the social life of our village, so it is not a decision that has been taken lightly.

### SO – WHAT TO DO?

1. **CLOSE IT** - this is a very real possibility!
2. **DISCUSS IT** - we propose a meeting in OUR VILLAGE HALL for all those **not** in favour of CLOSING IT. Basically, we need TRUSTEE VOLUNTEERS willing to give something back to our village. It is a very rewarding commitment - and often great fun.

Please HELP us - even if only to get involved by listening and possibly making suggestions, but - better still - by volunteering as a much needed and very welcome Trustee.

**DATE AND TIME: Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm in the hall**

If you can't make the meeting but are interested in finding out more about volunteering, please contact Veronica on 01380 726845

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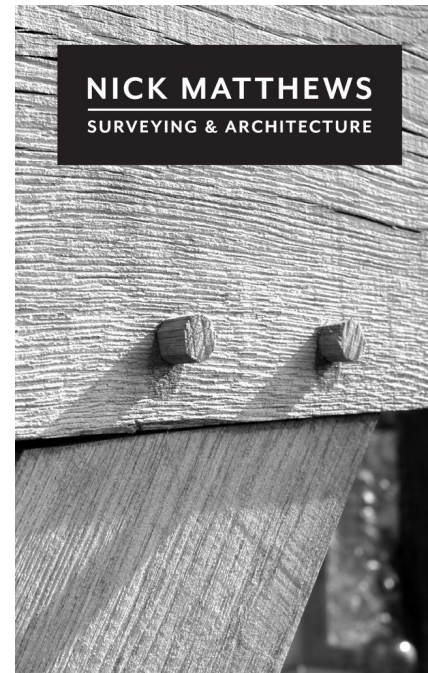
## VILLAGE HALL NEWS AND A PLEA !!

Trustees arranged a very successful and enjoyable Coronation Cream Tea to bring villagers together to celebrate on Coronation day. Everyone seemed to enjoy it and we have received many compliments about the food and the atmosphere on the Village Facebook page, over the phone and in person. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who helped us deliver this event, from making food to helping us serve. You know who you are and we were extremely grateful for your help.

**And so, it is with regret that I have to report that, for the time being, this will be the last event that Trustees arrange. You will know that during the last year I have been asking for volunteers to become Trustees. The group has become beset with illness, and work and caring responsibilities and at our AGM in early May two Trustees stood down. In addition Jeff and I have taken the difficult decision to move and we currently have our house on the market. Although we have agreed to continue as Trustees for the time being, when we leave, the group will be unworkable. At present we do not know what this means for the Hall and I have asked advice from Wiltshire Village Halls Association. In addition, it will also have a bearing on the Hall's registration as a charity with the Charities Commission and therefore on our ability to apply for grant funding and possibly to operate. In short, we are in a perilous position because if we do not have a functioning Trustee group then the Hall is likely to have to close. Obviously remaining Trustees are doing our best to ensure this doesn't happen in the short term and that, at the very least, the hall remains open for regular users but my plea is, please consider volunteering as a Trustee. It is not onerous. The role is to provide and maintain the hall for the use of residents of Worton and Marston. At present we meet roughly every two months although the only mandatory meetings are our AGM in April/May and our Management Meeting in November. As a group we have enjoyed putting on events for villagers but a new group may decide not to do this or to put on different events. If you think you can help in this way please contact me on 01380 726845 or 07593 832481 or [veronica.franklin@btinternet.com](mailto:veronica.franklin@btinternet.com). I would be happy to meet with you to discuss the role further. Please give this serious consideration.**

**YOUR VILLAGE HALL NEEDS YOU!!**

Thank You. Veronica Franklin



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In June we are planning a number of themed sessions, the first of which will be held in Hilary's garden, a seaside theme, with a sandy beach and sea included. Many thanks to Hilary, for the use of her garden. Weather permitting we hope to do this another morning.

One of the parents kindly offered face painting and we thought a jungle themed session would be good, complete with lions, tigers, monkeys and many other jungle animals. The children will also enjoy making butterfly kites. Our thanks to Danielle.

We urgently require help going forward. If you feel you could help us on a Wednesday morning (term time only) between 9.30am until 12 noon, please contact either Hilary (07805 303961) or myself Linda (07921 867206), or just come along and join a session. We would be delighted to see you.

## Worton Parish Council

The Annual Parish meeting took place on May 15<sup>th</sup>. The venue was unusual but convivial, with Jackie and John allowing access to the Skittle Alley (many thanks to them). It had proved challenging to find a suitable alternative venue given the time frame in which we were working.

In all honesty, the attendance was somewhat disappointing. The relatively early start time may have been an issue (pointed out by one of the attendees), or maybe the village population is so happy and content that they don't feel the need to raise concerns with the Council?

On the other hand, this may reflect an apathy that would be of concern if it was spreading to other parts of village life. With this in mind, it was disappointing to hear Veronica Franklin's report from the Village Hall trustees. In simple terms, unless more residents step forward to act as trustees the Village Hall will cease to function. Veronica made clear that this is not an arduous role but is of great importance. She stressed that, unless things change, the regular events held to support the village hall will cease. Recently these have included the Coronation Tea, Christmas bazaar, Bingo etc. etc. - not to mention other social events that have become part of the flavour of our life in Worton, as well as raising vital money. Ironically, the fund raising to improve the village hall is reportedly on track to reach its target, meaning we could have the chance of a greatly improved facility lost.

So why the reluctance to come forward? The obvious issues are time, family commitments and a very busy lifestyle - we aren't all approaching our dotage! I also think it's easy to assume that everything's ok so there's no need to get involved or that any attempt to put oneself forward could be resented by those currently "in charge". Nothing could be further from the truth! You are needed. Please give this issue serious thought and get in touch with Veronica Franklin, Pauline Crisp or any of the other trustees.

Of course, some village groups are going from strength to strength, particularly the Gardening Club and our Speedwatch Team, which both gave updates to the meeting. The Link scheme is also a remarkable achievement for villages of our size. There are many other groups that are thriving - though all welcome new members of course.

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While on the subject of traffic, the perennial problem faced by our village, it was gratifying to be able to share the positive results from the SIDS installation and to assure residents that ideas that have been shared are still being actively considered and pursued.

I'm proud to say that our attempts to alleviate the problem of traffic speed and volume have been cited as "A shining example of best practice" by a representative of Wiltshire Council, and Malcolm Powell and I both attended the Little Cheverell Annual meeting to give advice and explain how we have gone about things here. We are seeking to work in tandem with other councils in order to maximise our effectiveness and brief discussions took place with a representative of Seend Parish Council who attended our meeting.

There was also a discussion with regard to footpaths and accessibility, particularly along Back Lane. We all rely on residents and landowners to act on our behalf in order to maintain the paths. We also need to work in tandem with Wiltshire Council who have responsibility for footpaths and we cannot carry out maintenance without the permission of the landowner. Indeed, we have limited resources (volunteers, equipment etc.) to do this. So, as I regularly say, please can we do our best to maintain vegetation growth on our property and contact Jules, our clerk, if you need support in doing this. The expected increase in population at the eastern end of the village will make footway links through the village even more important and we have reason to hope that we can work with the developers in due course to improve the situation.

Lastly, this is a good chance for me to once again remind everyone that there is a place available on the Council - if you would like to find out more, please get in touch. Your village needs you!

Barry Devine



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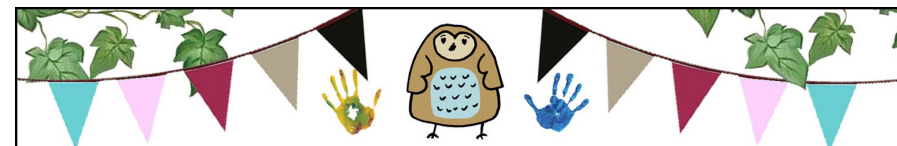
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### FIVE LANES WI

This report was kindly written by Sarah as I couldn't be at the meeting.

Our May meeting was an excellent and timely talk on the theme of "Crowning Glory" by visiting speaker Daphne Atkinson. Many ladies wore red, white and blue and shared a glass of Prosecco, while listening to her engaging talk. We learnt that the Queen owned 41 crowns and tiaras, and that the Royal family often recycle and reuse elements of them in different ways. The history of some of them was quite remarkable, and Daphne shared photographs of various members of the Royal family wearing them over the years.

We also spent some time planning the sale of Rosemary Rosenfeld's crafting supplies on SATURDAY JUNE 10<sup>th</sup>, which will be in aid of Dorothy House.

Our meeting on WEDNESDAY JUNE 14<sup>th</sup> will be at Helen Bodman's house, with everyone asked to bring a plate of food to share. This will be at the earlier time of 6:30pm, in the hopes that we can enjoy some sunshine!

Thank you to Sarah for that report and heads up about the next meeting. Any queries about joining WI give me a call.

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## Worton & Marston Link Scheme

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Due to the problems within the NHS, Worton & Marston Link only undertook 93 medical journeys in 2022. These 93 trips entailed over 5,200 miles which was an increase over the previous year's mileage even though there were fewer journeys. These findings are passed on to Wiltshire Council's Community First who liaise with the elected council officials and also the NHS via the Clinical Commissioning Groups. This will hopefully ensure continued support from these bodies.

**If you need any assistance with transport, please ring 0741 391 2828 where Lyn will be only too happy to help.**

We were formed on 11<sup>th</sup> February 1997 so last year was our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We only cover Worton & Marston which does not include a well known London address so there was no party. This year we would like to put that right and also say thank you to the drivers who gave tremendous service during the pandemic. We plan to have a celebration in the Rose & Crown on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July. Further details in next month's Bridge. All will be welcome; come and meet the people involved in a social setting.

Alun Newman

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## Worton Parish Council

### Annual Parish Meeting - Chairman's report

Following the resignation of Liz Starling, the Parish Council operated without the services of a clerk. The role was taken on by the Chairman, in addition to his role as Chair. It should be noted that this was an unremunerated role which, whilst not ideal, was permissible under the circumstances. Whilst the Chair found the dual role challenging, he was assisted by Cllr Collins who stepped up to look after the minute taking. (Many thanks). Though the surface appearance may have appeared serene and swanlike, the reality was often more like a water challenged ugly duckling! However, we have come through relatively unscathed and, as a handy side effect, a significant financial saving has been made. I am pleased to report that we now have a Parish Clerk in place in the form of Jules Slack, who we are delighted to have on board. We will doubtless benefit from her skills and expertise.

### Traffic and related issues

The most important development has been the purchase and subsequent installation of two speed indicator devices (SIDS). The funding came from Worton Parish Council resources supported by grants from Devizes LHFIFG (formerly CATG).

The work began in September, with the purchase taking place in November and installation in January. Bob Mitchell and Cllr Powell led the installation process and configuring the software.

Three locations have been used so far with a fourth due shortly. Technically this will count as 8 locations, as turning the device to face the opposite direction counts as a new location. In this way we are following the official guidelines on how SIDS should be deployed.

We are very pleased by how the devices have performed to date. There is evidence that they have significantly slowed traffic down and we have avoided problems experienced by other villages who have installed similar devices. We have been wise to take our time over this and learn from others' mistakes.

A number of other suggestions were made at last year's Parish meeting. We wanted to make this as open as possible and, indeed, it was interesting to hear ideas that were thrown into the hat. The problem is that the dose of reality that applies is usually a significant one, largely

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due to financial implications but also practical ones. However, we have presented some of these to the LHFIG group for potential consideration. Changes to village pavements was one idea put forward. This would, perhaps, have the dual benefit of improving pedestrian access whilst, as a side effect, slowing down traffic. There are obvious potential problems with this as there is a risk that such developments could increase the risk of accidents. The cost would also be considerable, certainly beyond the resources of a village of our size and support could only be obtained (for example from Devizes LHFIG) if a proposal was both desirable, practical and affordable. This is highly unlikely in the short and medium term. However, we have decided to undertake a very basic feasibility study of our own (based on common sense rather than particular expertise) before deciding whether there is any viability to this type of plan.

Other ideas have centred on the volume of traffic, as well as the size of the vehicles passing through the village. We have consulted over whether it might be possible to get a weight restriction applied to the road. This involves consultation at County level, where a range of factors would come into play. Again, there are major financial constraints as a feasibility study needs to be undertaken which would be expensive, time consuming and unlikely to get a positive outcome. In simple terms, the problems that would be generated by such a change within the county would be deemed as considerable and the benefits would not be deemed to be sufficient due to the relative sizes of the populations affected. Villages in similar situations to ourselves have been advised to join forces with other settlements situated along the road in question in order to limit costs and strengthen the case, but sadly this does not apply in our case. It would appear that this particular strategy is unlikely to be fruitful in the foreseeable future.

Traffic and related issues have always been prominent amongst the concerns expressed by villagers and will probably continue to be so, given the geography of our site and situation. Your Parish Council will continue to act as best as we can to share and support village concerns. For the moment we will assess how to make best use of our SIDS and their data, alongside our Speedwatch team, who are an important part of a county wide strategy and have been cited as an example of best practice.

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We have also contributed to the on-going discussions concerning proposed improvements to the notorious Black Dog road junction.

### Planning

Whilst we have dealt with the usual range of planning applications, usually routine and with little to concern, we still have the more significant issue of the anticipated Newland Homes development at Sandlease. Once outline planning permission was granted (on appeal) we have determined to liaise with Newland and their representatives as constructively as possible.

To facilitate this we organised an informal drop-in session at the Rose and Crown which gave the chance for residents to meet with Tom Sheppard and other representatives of Newland to share concerns and have their questions answered. This took place in a cordial and respectful fashion and we believe that Newland have been prepared to listen constructively.

Tom also came to our October and January Parish Council Meetings and outlined some adjustments that had been made to the plans in response to some of the issues raised.

The latest situation, as I understand it, is that the plans are still awaiting final approval from Wiltshire Planning Officers but, with more adjustments having been made in response to issues raised by residents and others, Newland are confident that work should begin around September. It is important to note that we have been given absolute assurance that priority will be given to Worton residents and their families to take advantage of the affordable housing that will be provided as part of the development.

As a Parish Council, we feel that, as a community, we should now be making the most of the opportunities that the development can provide -both in terms of finance and the influx of population that can bring much needed skills and support to our village and our existing services, particularly the school, church and pub, not to mention village organisations and clubs which are often crying out for volunteers to provide the opportunities which make our village such a vibrant place to live.

Your Parish Council will continue to liaise with the developers to make the construction process as smooth as

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possible and ensure that the changes brought can be as beneficial as possible.

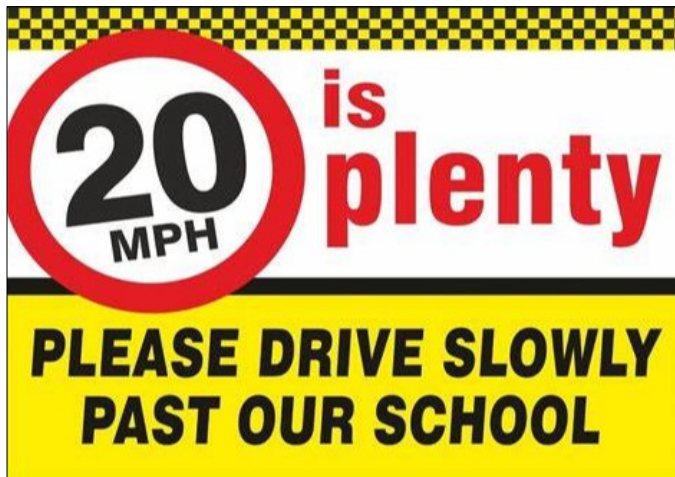
**Environment**

Cllr Powell has led our team of volunteers on this aspect of the Council’s work. We regularly receive reports of issues which cause residents concern, most commonly with regard to accessibility of foot-paths. These usually are a matter for good neighbourliness, but we do our best to help where it is needed.

A particularly noteworthy development has been the establishment of King Charles Copse, led by one of our young neighbours Oliver Symes, backed up by Cllrs Goodenough and Goss and aided by other villagers. We have been delighted to hear that we have had a communication from the Palace praising us for the initiative. It was especially pleasing to see such a broad spectrum of villagers working together on this.

Patricia has, indeed, been very busy devoting her considerable talents to another development that has benefited residents in both Worton and Marston. I refer to the improvements to the path (technically a bridle way) that links our 2 villages. Indeed, the path has now been recognised as one of a handful of Queen’s Platinum Jubilee walkways and plaques celebrating this honour will be installed at both ends of the path in due course.

Barry Devine



**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.

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## Spotlight on Children's Services

### Could you make a difference to a child's life?

Wiltshire Council has a duty to give the County's children the best start in life as it is fundamental in improving their long-term life chances and gives them the best opportunity to live full and healthy lives. Children and families are at the heart of Wiltshire Council and a key part of the 10 year Business Plan.

Led by Laura Mayes, Councillor for Bromham, Rowde and Roundway and Deputy Leader, the Council has worked relentlessly to improve Children's Services and now delivers consistently "Good" services that ensure the needs of families and children are met. This is reflected in the 2019 Ofsted inspection which rated Children's Services "Good" across the board. The Council has a comprehensive Early Help Offer which aims to give support as soon as families need it – with several special programmes designed to help to prevent family break down and reduce the number of families requiring support from Statutory Services.

In 2023/24 Wiltshire Council is budgeted to spend £62.7m on Children's Services and whilst care numbers are stable – the Council is responsible for more care experienced young people until they are 25 years old. In addition, the complexity of cases has increased, and it can be hard to find the right provision, so sometimes there is a requirement for high-cost placements.

Wiltshire Council is focused on finding local foster carers for local young people so that young people can stay within the local area, as well as making sure siblings find a home where they can stay together. The number of children coming into care continues to rise which means more foster carers are needed – since 2020 70 new foster carers have been recruited but another 30 are needed.

Fostering for Wiltshire Council means all money is spent on frontline services and the child is more likely to be able to stay close to their school, friends and family networks. The council recently increased its fostering rates - they range from £380 to £710 a week per child, depending on people's skills and experience.

Foster carers need to be over 21 years of age, have a spare bedroom,

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time to care for a child and a willingness to care and seek to understand young people who have experienced trauma and loss.

For more information,

please see [www.fosteringwiltshire.uk](http://www.fosteringwiltshire.uk) ,

email [fostering@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:fostering@wiltshire.gov.uk) ,

call 0800 169 6321 or text the word Foster to 60002.

Foster carers talking about their proud moments can be seen on

YouTube at: [https://youtu.be/lhIZ2qL\\_cFE](https://youtu.be/lhIZ2qL_cFE) - Ana

and [https://youtu.be/eQ\\_F9duIdIs](https://youtu.be/eQ_F9duIdIs) - Joe

Thank you!

Tamara Reay

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**Hopes and Ambitions**

Are you ambitious or have you hopes  
Perhaps to go skiing down the slopes

Or flying off to foreign parts  
To catch the sun e'er Winter starts

Maybe you'd like to sail the seas  
Or swim and fish just when you please

Nor just one week in each year  
But any time that would give you cheer

If you find you're short of cash  
It's not so easy to have a bash

But to all of us it seems  
We can have our hopes and our dreams

And who knows that on a fine day  
They may come true be it as it may

We may obtain our hearts desire  
Something to set our lives on fire

So don't give up. There's always hope  
And never sit around and mope

I. Hale



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## ROSE AND CROWN

First of all we would like to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Keith Wright who won the rock and roll competition on 7th May.

## ROYAL NATIONAL LIFEBOAT INSTITUTION

A big thank you once again to the people of Worton, Marston and Poulshot. This year's annual Lifeboat Week collection resulted in a grand total of £161.43 being raised on behalf of the RNLI. A really magnificent effort in these hard times. The total collection for the Devizes Branch was £4,240.26, an increase on last year's figure of £724.00. May I take this opportunity of thanking all who so generously gave in our three villages and the hard-working band of collectors who went from house to house.

This year I will be holding a Coffee Morning on behalf of the RNLI on Wednesday 30th June at 2 the Green, Marston. Please come and support it.

Margaret Arnaud-Smith

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

**In the Chapel at Marston**

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

**Various Venues**

Announced Monthly

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

**Mobile Library****Location:** The School, 1.10 - 1.50pm  
**Next Date:** Monday 19<sup>th</sup> JuneCall Wiltshire Library Services  
on 01225 713727 for information**Forthcoming Events**10<sup>th</sup> WI Cream Tea  
10<sup>th</sup> Book Swap  
14<sup>th</sup> WI meeting  
19<sup>th</sup> Garden club  
24<sup>th</sup> Community Café  
28<sup>th</sup> Ladies Group**Kerbside Collections  
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Thursdays 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>**Garden waste:**  
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**Call W&M Link  
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