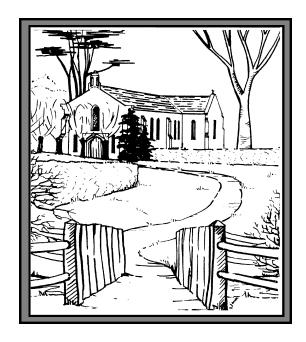
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The book exchange Kiosk in Marston has proved very popular over the last few weeks, but we could do with a few more books, especially the Children's section.

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As a consequence of the coronavirus restrictions, no public meetings will take place at Christ Church or Marston Chapel until further notice.

Information about how to join in regular on-line services within the Wellsprings Benefice can be found on the benefice website www.wellspringsbenefice.co.uk

From Christ Church....

Despite the lockdown of the Church building as well as the lockdown of the mostly aged congregation, we are carrying on the best we can. We have very much enjoyed Sunday services on Zoom, as well as mid-week prayer and Bible studies. Ali Bridewell keeps in touch often by e-mail and there is a Benefice newsletter each week, on line, which we try and pass on in paper form to those not on line, which also contains interesting reading matter and poems. We have been extremely grateful to Ali and the clergy team for leading services and are especially blessed with the tech expertise of Stu Bridewell!

It would appear that the Church of England will be taking this time of great upheaval and change to examine the future of the Church from the great cathedrals down to the smallest village churches. We are being asked to prayerfully consider where we think these changes should occur. As Christ Church is your Parish Church too, you may have some views on how church should be in the 21st century? Let us know.

There is no firm date for the opening of churches yet but we will keep you informed. Our fellow villagers are very much in our prayers.

Heather & Jean, Churchwardens

A funeral service for Frank William Barcham took place in the churchyard at Christ Church during April.

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Pastoral Letter

Hello Wellsprings!

It's Adrian your new curate here. I have to let on that there's a few 'I can't quite believe it' moments going on in my life right now. Not the pessimistic Victor Meldrew kind, more the amazed 'I can't believe it's not butter' kind.

I can't quite believe that I'm writing this with only a few weeks to go before I join you and I can't quite believe that I've only got one assignment left to complete after 3 years of training. I also can't quite believe that I have been blessed with the opportunity to come and work with you all in Wellsprings and to understand all that God is doing already and how I can help out.

As much as I've been through training over the past three years, I am in no way a finished article, in fact far from it. My time with you as a curate is just another stage of my training. I am also a relative newcomer to the Church of England, having been raised as a Roman Catholic. I've also spent most of my life working in industry, so please bear with me should I be a bit rough around the edges at times.

Both my wife, Katie, and I were expecting to move out of this area that we have lived in for over 25 years, but due to some divine interference with HQ's admin, we find ourselves staying here for another 3 to 4 years. We love the area so feel doubly blessed by this too.

As you can tell, I am married to Katie. Katie trained as a nurse and now works in health care in Devizes. We have 4 'kids' aged 26 to 18 in boy, girl, boy, girl order. Between them they do clever science, nursing, engineering and animal care. I have had a varied career up until now having worked in the defence electronics, mobile, banking and the transport sectors. I am not sure how any of this will apply in my curacy, we'll have to just wait and see!

In my spare time I work with a small charity, called Projects Delivering Hope, that runs short-term projects with a long-term benefit for the people of South Sudan. I have had the great privilege of travelling to that part of the world over the past few years and in doing so, made some life-long friends in the process. If I'm not doing that then I can often be found under-

neath my old Land Rover, reattaching some part that has fallen off again.

My journey to ordination hasn't been straightforward. It took quite a few Godly nudges from various people for me to finally get the hint that I should take a closer look. It's thanks to them and their nudges that has led me to this point.

I am looking forward to hopefully meeting you all in person over the coming months. In the meantime, I send you all my best wishes and prayers for your health and wellbeing.

Adrian Burholt

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They are also being warned that not seeking medical help for symptoms that could be the early warning signs of serious conditions such as cancer could be putting lives at risk.

The warning comes as new data shows a considerable drop in the number of people coming forward to ask their GP for help and advice during the coronavirus outbreak.

Recent statistics show that, in Bath alone, the total number of weekly referrals from GPs to the Royal United Hospital have fallen from around 2,000 at the beginning of March to 300 at the end of April.

In Swindon, the average number of patients being sent by their GP to the Great Western Hospital for further investigations into symptoms that suggest cancer each week has dropped by more than 200 to 80.

Dr Ruth Grabham, Medical Director at BaNES, Swindon and Wiltshire CCG, said the statistics made for worrying reading because the drop in numbers "is not because people are not experiencing symptoms."

"While it may seem that coronavirus has put a stop to most aspects of everyday life, the one thing it hasn't stopped is what's going on inside our bodies," she says. "Now more than ever, we need to pay attention to anything that isn't normal and seek help early on.

"For example, if you notice blood when going to the toilet, or if you've found a lump that wasn't there previously, or if you've just noticed something odd that is causing you to worry, you need to speak to your GP.

"Should the symptom be the early warning sign of something serious like cancer, that delay in seeking help could have serious implications for how successful possible treatments may be."

Although GP practices across the region have adopted new ways of working, such as establishing isolated clinics for potential corona-

virus patients, the practices themselves are still open to offer care, treatment, advice and peace-of-mind.

The same also goes for emergency departments at the three hospitals in Bath, Swindon and Salisbury, all of which continue to be open 24 hours a day for people with a genuine and life-threatening health concern.

Additionally, all healthcare facilities in the region, as well as those elsewhere in the country, have put in place stringent infection control measures to ensure that the risk of contracting coronavirus while visiting a hospital or GP surgery remains low.

Details of which services continue to open, as well as how to get in contact, can be found online by visiting www.bswccg.nhs.uk

For information about local hospital services visit https://www.ruh.nhs.uk/, www.gwh.nhs.uk, or www.salisbury.nhs.uk

Further information on how to stay well throughout the coronavirus outbreak can be found at www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19.

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Director Richard Pinel says, "In the light of the Coronavirus guidelines and regulations recently updated by the Prime Minister, it is clear that restrictions around the lockdown are very unlikely to be eased to accommodate the large numbers of visitors whom we would normally expect in the Priory Church during the festival. With an eye to 'Safety First' for our hosts, the community, our musicians and our visitors, we will not be holding the festival this year. Needless to say, this is a cause of great sadness to us all."

He continues, "However, the festival in 2021 will still be the 65th, and we will be able simply to move this year's programme to next year. We have all the music and themes for each day in place ready for re-activation. It will be a doubly celebratory week of glorious music in an environment which is very dear to all of us who are involved in this unique event."

Preparations are also being made for 'Edington Online' during the festival period. We will celebrate our core tenets of friendship and fine liturgical music through a series of online videos, making use of archive material and new virtual-choir recordings along with readings and thoughts for the day from our regular team of festival participants and clergy. Information and updates will be posted on the website, www.edingtonfestival.org and through our Instagram, Twitter and Facebook pages.

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Long Street, Marston

There has been a certain amount of discussion about Long Street in recent weeks so I thought people would be interested to see and compare how it is now and what it was like around 40 years ago. Back in the late 1970s the Parish Council of the time agreed that local contractors Pearces could build up the land either side of Long Street and over low lying areas of the common. Unfortunately, the soil was heavy clay and instead of improving the land it resulted in the mess that can be seen here! A very large oak tree, planted to commemorate Queen Victoria's Jubilee, died and resident wildlife such as snipe and woodcock deserted their habitat. Two herds of dairy cattle were driven twice a day up and down Long Street for milking, grazing as they went. Compare with the picture taken very recently and I think most would agree it is a vast improvement!



Long Street, Marston, in the late 1970s.



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Ali Bridewell.

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Worton Parish Council

So -another strange month has passed us by as we do our level best to stay sane in what increasingly seems like a very bizarre world.

I have found myself more and more grateful that I live in what seems like a haven of common sense - good old 'keep calm and carry on' with a fair dose of humour to keep us going.

There were certainly more laughs than one might have expected from our Parish Council meeting which we held via Zoom (I'm sure other excellent apps are out there, but we know how to make this one work). To be honest, there are lots of advantages in doing things this way once one gets over the technical aspects.

We did decide to keep the agenda as brief and simple as possible, so there is little to pass on of great import. We agreed to make a donation of £250 to the Wiltshire Air Ambulance. The council doesn't have significant sums available for this kind of donation and we are rather on the small scale to be eligible for the kind of emergency relief that has been available from various sources and at various times linked to the pandemic. We felt that the Air Ambulance has always been a respected and supported charity locally (for obvious reasons) and are also aware that the regular donations that often come its way via Keith's regular charity quizzes in the pub will not be returning any time soon.

(Incidentally, as we are all missing Keith's quizzes, and many of us have been drawn into various online quizzes, I have been considering attempting to run one online using Zoom or other media - if there was enough interest! Let me know and I'll have a serious think!)

I gave a report on the work the Worton Good Neighbours have been doing to support each other during the current lockdown. Personally, I feel it's gone well. I'm not aware of any specific problems that have occurred and things have certainly settled down since an initial surge, both of requests for help and offers of support.

My hope was that this really would be a good neighbours scheme as we support, and importantly, get to know each other better. Lots of people have stepped up to the plate, both within our scheme and

alongside it, and I know I speak for all of us when I say how grateful we are and what a positive thing this aspect of the lockdown has been at least. I was flattered to be asked to do a quick interview for BBC radio Wiltshire on 15th May as part of their "Make a difference" feature. It was great to be able to put Worton (and Marston!) on the map in a well-deserved favourable light. If anyone missed it and wants to hear, it's possible to do so via the BBC sounds app - it's about 8.45 - after Feargal Sharkey! If anyone would like to access it and needs help I can try to explain how!

In short, I think we have the basis of something really positive here which will stand us in good stead in the future.

Whilst on the subject of support available it seems timely to mention again the Bobby van team (01380 861155), and the support offered by SSE in dealing with emergency situations (0800 2943259). We also try to put useful information on the village website and I have tried to share information within the Good Neighbours group as and when appropriate.

We appear to have gone from a situation of crisis management with daily changes to respond to and cope with to the current position where we seem to know what we are dealing with in the short term at least. Having said that, if anybody wants to be added to the good neighbours list - both needing and offering support, please get in touch with me - email is best (barry@worton.org.uk). Also for much needed light relief, check out the 'Worton's Got Talent!' section of the village website.

In closing, it would be remiss not to mention just what a boost to morale was provided by the marking of the Anniversary of VE day - I for one, much appreciated how the sacrifices made by that generation put our current difficulties into perspective. I want to particularly thank David and Chris Johnson (maybe more Goodnight Sweetheart than Dad's Army?) for their efforts, plus the Sperrings and the Pratts for their morale boosting efforts in Gaisford Chase and Cedar Close respectively - not to forget Carla's lovely homage to Dame Vera. A small taste of the good times ahead we will share.

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Teams are looking for players for next season. It doesn't really matter what standard players are as they will receive training from our FA approved coaches, with attention focused on our badger cubs (age 4-6 years) on Saturday mornings.

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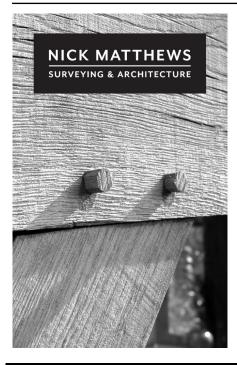
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From a practical point of view, our Link Scheme coped well last month with the strange regime. Like the health service we have not had a surge of telephone calls but unlike the NHS we are still contactable. Please use the phone, we are available to pick up prescriptions, food and other necessary requirements. A plea please, we all think that electronic means of communicating is the way forward, however not everyone uses the internet, please can you contact people who may not be reading the New Bridge and let them know what is going on. Further information regarding the Link Scheme may be found on the Worton web site under village organisations.

It is important that over the next month as the government advice is relaxed, care is taken to continue maintaining our distances and keeping safe, so please use any help available. We can't do anything unless you talk to us, our phone number is **07413 912828** phone us for a chat, this will be very welcome especially if you have some gossip. All our drivers have been checked by the police (DBS) and when it comes to shopping, the drivers do not take payment, your credit is good as we know where you live (as they say in films), all money is payable to the Link Scheme and will be picked up at an agreeable time later.

It looks like we are in this for the long haul or until a vaccine is available. Please do not forget, the following should be followed wherever possible.

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A Message from Richard Gamble

Wiltshire Councillor for The Lavingtons & Erlestoke Division

As I write, the sun is shining and the temperature is rising. Better still, it's beginning to look as if that may not be the only good news.

Personally, I hope that the rules of social contact that are easing will mean that my wife and I may get to see our first grandchild in the flesh for the first time. I am not sure we will be allowed a cuddle but, at three months, she still only knows her paternal grandparents as dodgy images on a mobile phone. I hope, when she sees the real thing, she will not be too disappointed!

Also, some children may be heading back to school. I'm not sure who will be happiest, the children or the parents! Of course, school is not just about the three Rs - Reading, Writing and Arithmetic. Even I know it's about friends and social development and play and exercise. For some, it's about good meals and safety. I sincerely hope that every child will be back at school as soon as possible.

For quite a large number of people, the good news is that the Household Recycling Centres have reopened. All that time locked-in at home may have spurred many to undertake virtuous DIY activity but the resultant debris can spoil the satisfaction. Don't even think about fly-tipping!

Of course, whatever the weather, the metaphorical clouds have not yet disappeared from the horizon. The virus is still here and, tragically, tens of thousands of families in the UK are grieving.

Locally, most of our wonderful shops, pubs, cafes etc. are still only dreaming of our custom (and us of them). Also, trains and buses remain empty. Good public transport is not only socially and economically important, it also contributes to addressing climate change. Cycling and walking, good as they are, cannot be alternatives for many journeys.

Furthermore, most of our wonderful tourist attractions and outstanding cultural heritage places are still empty of the crowds that would normally be visiting. Tourism is worth £1.5 billion to Wiltshire's economy and, importantly, 10% of employment. I hope the visitors will be able come back soon.

Most of all, I hope recent times have not been too bad for you. Keep your chin up if possible! Stay Alert!

You may contact me about this or any other matter by email to richard.gamble@wiltshire.gov.uk or by phone on 07762 018209



Fundraising for Costa Rica 2020



Hi

This month due to lockdown I have not been very busy. Luckily, Lavington has decided to postpone the trip to July 2021 and not cancel it as some other schools have done. I am so excited because since I have raised the £4,250, thanks to your kind generosity, I am now just waiting to go on my trip to Costa Rica next year! For my birthday, at the beginning of May, my parents bought me a camera (the make apparently thanks to Giles and Sally and originally Lambert who recommended it), so next year I can take some beautiful wildlife pictures which I cannot wait to show you after my trip! I have been working on the farm every week though so that I can pay for the kit that I might need in Costa Rica.

Hope you are all staying safe.

From Scarlet

BOOK SWAP

There should be a bumper collection of books to interest us when we can meet again, as we will have been relaxing & reading in our immaculately tended gardens for so many weeks, in glorious sunshine mostly. We are so lucky to be living in such a friendly village in a lovely part of the country & able to do that.

Maybe some will have tried writing a book to record the extraordinary times?

Keep safe & well. Judy S



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Worton Toddlers



Sadly due to the current Covid-19 pandemic Worton Toddlers will be closed until further notice. Please see our Facebook page for any updates on when we may be able to return. In the meantime we hope you are all well and staying safe. Missing you all.

Ali, Hilary, Tina and Ellie xx

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Aug 22nd – 23rd Exhibition in Village Hall Aug 29th "Street Party" Church Lane

We <u>still</u> need your family stories, photographs or war time artefacts to help us record this important event. Keep them coming!

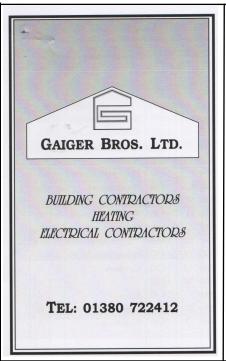
Was your family a member of the Armed forces, Land Army, Home Guard? Were they evacuated or in a reserved occupation? Share your family stories. People are interested.

The street party is already FULLY BOOKED and all applicants' names will be carried over to the new date unless they say otherwise. This is intended to be a 1940's themed event.

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Worton and Marston Gardening Club

As our lockdown continues, I wonder if members are starting to run out of garden and household chores. Our garden has never looked so good thanks to many hours Jane has spent on it. I have continued driving so she has been mostly on her own up there. I have to admit to a failure to produce a decent row of parsnips this year. I sowed them one Sunday afternoon in late February when we had had a brief respite from the winter's rain. I had thought our sandy soil dry enough to get away with doing it. After only four or five plants had appeared by the beginning of April, I decided I needed to sow some more. Despite regular watering, I still only have four or five parsnips showing so must consider I have failed! Never mind. Jane has been much more successful and we have healthy looking rows of carrots, beetroot, spring onions and radish growing. Her French beans have survived the recent frosts, and our runner beans are just coming through. We have several courgettes thriving and there is a lot of fruit set on our strawberries and raspberries. I am being summoned to help in the garden now. Best wishes and stay safe. Dave.

'Open' Gardens 2020

With all the extra time many of us have been able to spend in our gardens this year, it is such a shame that we are unable to hold a normal open gardens weekend as planned. We thought we would try a different version instead. We would like as many people as possible to participate – not just Gardening Club members and people who would usually open their gardens to the public but as many villagers as possible. You can join in by sending in 2 or 3 photographs of your garden –a whole area, a plant, vegetables, fruit, in fact anything garden related. The photographs will be put on the village website for all to admire. Please send photographs and any information you want to include to rosemaryrosenfeld@yahoo.co.uk by 5th June. This is a celebration, not a competition so ANY garden related photographs can be included. If you have something nice in your front garden but are unable to send photos, we can take them for you at a safe distance. We would like to put photos in geographical order so will need your address but we won't publish this.

In the meantime, stay well, stay safe and carry on gardening.

Thought for June

'To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow.' - Audrey Hepburn

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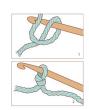
Contact: Rosemary 01380 725859 or

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Quote for the month

"The problem with quotes from the internet is that it is hard to verify their authenticity."

Abraham Lincoln













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A link to this guidance is given below should you wish to share it:

https://www.resus.org.uk/media/statements/resuscitation-council-uk-statements-on-covid-19-coronavirus-cpr-and-resuscitation/covid-community/

Should I clean the defib/how should I clean the defib?

Yes, the defib can and should be cleaned regularly and certainly after use.

The defibrillator itself, its casing/pouch and the cabinet can be cleaned with disinfectant wipes or by using a clean cloth coated with disinfect surface spray.

Julia Doel | Assistant Community Responder Officer (South Wiltshire) South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust





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The village hall now owns this 9m x 3m party gazebo Ideal for parties or even wedding receptions
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The map above is just an extract of the possibilities in Worton.

Please enlarge on-screen, or check the website, for improved clarity, for all public rights of way in Worton, Marston and the rest of the county.

If you encounter any difficulties re. access/damage/attitude on your walks on public rights of way in Worton and Marston, please inform the clerks of the Parish Councils: clerk@worton.org.uk and/or clerk@marstonparish.co.uk

G. Collins









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VILLAGE HALL

AUCTION SALE

Many thanks to everyone who donated items and/or came to the Auction sale on the 21st April. The grand sum of £500 was raised, a splendid effort.

Special thanks must go to Mr. G. Taylor the auctioneer who always raises a smile as well as the money. Thanks also to Mr. Ray Tuck for his invaluable assistance with the collection of the 'heavy stuff'. One particular wardrobe didn't make it to the hall! After a valiant struggle by Ray and helpers, a twisty staircase defeated them so back up the stairs it had to go.

Never mind, everything else was sold so there were no disposal problems after the sale.

Primrose Wright

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A LAMENT FROM MILL ROAD (and Parts of Marston)

Oh, where and Oh where has our pillar box gone? Oh, where, Oh, where can it be? For the road to the Post Office, ever so long Is much too far for me!

I wrote to my brother, at his request, And plodded along to the post; but the box isn't there, so now I rest. Though the walking is what I miss most......

J.L.H.

WORTON PARISH COUNCIL EXTRACTS FROM THE REPORT TO THE MEETING 26th MAY 1990

Cedar Close Tree Felling. Throughout the year the felling of trees on the boundaries of this development has been the source of meetings, inspections and correspondence. Representation was made to the Planning Authority which resulted in the proposed prosecution of the developer in respect of trees illegally felled.

Following further complaints from the Parish Council, the Planning Authority served Tree Preservation Orders on all trees on the boundaries in an attempt to prevent further felling, and to ensure that the development was in accordance with the Devizes Local Plan.

Low Cost Housing. The public and the Parish Council have expressed dismay that whilst there was a demand for low cost housing at affordable rents, only executive type dwellings had been erected; at a cost beyond the price range of local residents.

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FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS

Friends and Neighbours every day Help each other along the way Doing everything they can, for their friends and fellow man A smile, a wave, a helping hand Is something all can understand Sewing, knitting, shopping too, there must be something you can do To ease the burden of someone near A smile, a wave, or a cup of cheer A few kind words to say you care, if that is all you've time to spare So look around and try to see Is there someone who needs me? You'll find that you'll be happier too. if you have more things to do And you'll forget your cares and woe, as onward through the world you go

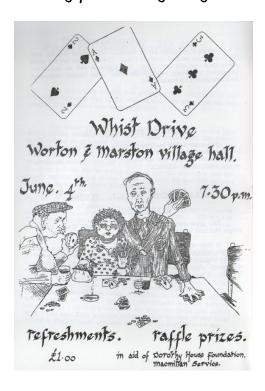
I. Hale

MAGAZINE ARTICLES

It would be appreciated if originators of articles for the magazine would included their name, and if possible their telephone number. I could then resolve any problems over meaning or illegible words. In this respect I would appreciate it if names (people and places especially) could be written in capital letters. I will usually print them in lower case.

Editor

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MORE TIMELY THOUGHTS

A little kindness goes a long way.

There is nothing more satisfying than a job well done.

Weakness of spirit is no match for strength of will.

Many a gem comes from a rough diamond.

The habitual loser is the one who never makes a bid.

An occupied mind fills empty days.

Trust and reliability are two of life's brightest jewels.

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Kindness should be a deed, rather than a word.

Anon







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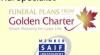
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and www. christchurchworton.org.uk

Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Some advantages however are that the magazine will now be in colour,

no clarity will be lost through the printing process, and, instead of the 15th, items can now be included up until 24th of each month.

VILLAGE DIARY

Regular Meetings

In the Village Hall

- Gardening Club
 3rd Monday 8.00pm (not Aug/Dec)
- Pilates classes
 Thursdays 7pm-8pm & 8pm-9pm
- Ladies Group Last Wednesday (not Aug/Dec)
- Women's Institute
 2nd Tuesday 7.45pm
- Worton Toddler Group Wednesday 10.00 am - Noon
- 1st Worton & Marston Brownies Alternate Tuesdays (term time only)
- 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)

In the Rose & Crown

 Neighbourhood Plan Meeting Second Sunday 7pm (not Aug)

Various Venues Announced Monthly

Book Swap
 2nd Saturday 10.00 - Noon

Mobile Library

Location: The School, 1.10 - 1.50pm

Next Date: tbc

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Forthcoming Events

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Devizes Farmers' Market

Next: tbc

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Wednesdays 10th & 24th

Garden waste: Fridays 12th & 26th



Worton and Marston Link

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Deadline for items for the next Bridge is 24th June 2020 Giles Collins, Editor at Westview House, 109 High Street, Worton Telephone: 01380 728664

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