

The Bridge



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THE BRIDGE

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A Note From the Editor

Sunshine and blue skies—Spring must be right around the corner. And with Spring comes all the festivities and fun happenings around the villages. This month's edition is filled with lots of exciting events. Take a look and mark the dates in your calendar to be sure and not miss anything. Each one of these events is a great way to meet other members of the community. And they all need volunteers in some form or fashion so don't be shy—raise your hand, give a shout to the organisers, and get stuck in.

Another way to get connected with others in the community is through all the various clubs that happen each month. There are women's' clubs, the amazing gardening club, a knitting club, a book swap club, and you might have noticed the 'Reading between the Wines Club' that appeared last month. This one, of course, plays near and dear to my heart being an avid reader and writer.

Now speaking of events...many of you know that I've written a fantasy adventure novel (book 1 of a trilogy). This has been a labour of love for the past 2 years and I'm nearing the finish line (for this one anyway). I'll be self-publishing and am targeting May as my launch party. This got me thinking (I know dangerous as that is), there is a lot of talent in our communities and I'd love to put together a writing club. I've been part of a women's writing club for about 5 years and that is where my book originated. I'd love to host a community writing club. The approach is simple. Each month we have a new writing prompt. You can write whatever you like to the prompt. It could be poetry, a short story, a non-fiction story about your life or world events. You'll find one of my pieces that I wrote to a prompt a few years ago— 'Choose one word and explain what it means to you.' As a writer, I found it very challenging and so moulded the prompt to my own perspective. I hope you enjoy my musings on page 42.

If you're interested in joining the writing club, then please let me know as I'm currently gauging interest.

Catherine

PASTORAL LETTER

The View from my window

Lent; Spring; Alleluia! We seem to have had such a long and dismal winter. It's always dangerous to talk about the weather in a magazine which will not be published for a bit, but at least we know that there will be more light and, come what may, the spring flowers will blossom and show their heads, and so will Easter.

Lent is always a challenging time, and when we come to the end, it's hard to remember the beginning. Where were you on Shrove Tuesday? Did you have pancakes or maybe you were in one of those far-off places where people really celebrate Shrove Tuesday with processions and music and dancing and colour? I was once in Madeira on Shrove Tuesday and it was an event never to be forgotten, an experience in every sense, but without words. We all knew what it was about, and we all knew that there would follow a period of reflection and maybe fasting. We knew it was important. By the time you read this, you will be well on your way through Lent. Those of you who have given something up will be used to it by now and those of you who haven't may be wondering what all the fuss is about.

The “fuss” is this. Jesus went into the wilderness and gave up food to allow himself time to really think and pray; not just to act on the spur of the moment. In the bible we are told that he was tempted by the devil. I'm sure that like me, you are tempted by all sorts of things, and probably by different things from each other. Whether you think that's the devil or your conscience is up to you, but unless we take time out to think seriously about our place in the world and how we can act for the good of the world and indeed our communities, then the future is a bit bleak. We are living through troubled times. Sometimes we think that there's nothing we can do to stop wars; sometimes we are so appalled by the behaviour of politicians or leaders of the nations that we just throw up our hands in horror.



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But there is something we can do. We can look to the example of Jesus Christ, particularly during his last week on this planet. When accused by Pilate, he said nothing. When betrayed by a kiss, he said nothing, other than to tell his disciples not to fight back. When on the cross, he said "Father forgive, for they know not what they do". Now all that is such an amazing example that it brings me to my knees. I couldn't do that of my own volition but with God's help maybe I can make a difference.

With God's help we can all make a difference. Maybe the example of being kind and thoughtful in our own communities sets us on the right path; maybe accepting forgiveness, and forgiving others. Maybe we can learn to trust in God's timing, and believe as Julian of Norwich said, "All shall be well and all shall be well and all manner of things shall be well", and so if you can pray that it will be so, and in the meantime enjoy this wonderful season and have a very happy Easter.

Jane Knowles

Holy Week and Easter in Worton & Marston

PALM SUNDAY – 13th April

9:30am Holy Communion and blessing of palms

HOLY WEEK

Compline and Ignatian Prayer

Monday 14th April, 7:30pm at St Mary's Church, Potterne

Tuesday 15th April, 7:30pm at Christ Church, Worton

Wednesday 16th April, 7:30pm at Christ Church, Bulkington

Maundy Thursday – 17th April

6:30pm Shared meal followed by Holy Communion at Holy Cross Church, Seend, reflecting on the events surrounding The Last Supper. This will be followed by The Watch of Prayer.

Good Friday – 18th April

Walk of witness and soup lunch

11:00am Short service at Marston Chapel followed by walk to Christ Church, Worton for a soup lunch (if you don't wish to walk, join us for lunch at 12:00pm)

Hour at the cross

2:00pm at St Peter's Church, Poulshot

Easter Eve – Saturday 19th April

8:00pm Easter Vigil at St Mary's Church, Potterne



EASTER DAY

Sunday 20th April

9:30am Holy Communion at Christ Church, Worton followed by Easter Egg Hunt and refreshments



FROM CHRIST CHURCH

April will be a busy time at Christ Church starting with a Palm Sunday Holy Communion Service on 13th April, The Family of Churches Good Friday Walk of Witness from Marston Chapel followed by Soup Lunch in Church, and the Easter Day Family Communion and Easter Egg Hunt, (a service and Easter eggs for all ages!).



Our regular Family service will also take place on Sunday 27th April, so lots for the young people to enjoy. More about most of this elsewhere in The Bridge.

Christ Church Annual Parochial Council Meeting will take place after the service on 4th May approximately 10.45. Come along to hear about what has been happening at Christ Church during 2024, together with financial update, and plans for the future, especially if you feel you could contribute to the life of the Church. Jean and Heather will be retiring as Churchwardens at this meeting, but church services will continue the usual pattern, more on this next month.

On Saturday 17th May the Joint Five Lanes School/ Christ Church Fete will be held in the school grounds from 2-4pm. We welcome items for all the stalls, including plants, books, Country Kitchen, bottles gifts, and raffle along with any other offers of help on the day.

Please come along and support this ever-popular Community event, a good chance to meet and catch up with friends.

Much work has been going on behind the scenes on the proposed rebuilding of the church wall, far too complicated to advise here, but still will be some time before it happens.

Huge thanks to John Lane and Bob Mitchell for all their efforts on this. Worton Parish Council are being involved and updated on progress/ issues arising.

Heather and Jean,
Churchwardens.





Holy Week & Easter in the Wellsprings Benefice 2025

**We would like to warmly invite you to join us at services in
our churches across the benefice this Easter.**

Palm Sunday, 13th April

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

Services during Holy Week

Mon 14th	7:30-8pm	Compline with Reflection	Potterne
Tues 15th	7:30-8pm	Compline with Reflection	Worton
Weds 16th	7:30-8pm	Compline with Reflection	Bulkington

Maundy Thursday, 17th April

6:30-8:15pm	Maundy Thursday Supper, Communion and Watch (continues until 10pm but feel free to come and go)	Seend
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Good Friday, 18th April

2-3pm	The Last Hour	Poulshot
3:30-5pm	Messy Church	Potterne Village Hall

Easter Eve, 19th April

8-9pm	The Vigil	Potterne
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Easter Day, 20th April

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



WELLSPRINGS BENEFICE SERVICES

APRIL 2025

Sunday 6th (Lent 5)

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

Sunday 13th (Palm Sunday)

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

Mon 14th

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Tues 15th

7:30-8pm	Compline with Reflection	Worton
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Wed 16th

7:30-8pm	Compline with Reflection	Bulkington
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Thur 17th (Maundy Thursday)

6:30-8:15pm	Maundy Thursday Supper, Communion and Watch (until 10pm)	Seend
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Fri 18th (Good Friday)

2-3pm	The Last Hour	Poulshot
3:30-5pm	Messy Church	Potterne Village Hall

Sat 19th (Easter Eve)

8pm-9pm	The Vigil	Potterne
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Sunday 20th (Easter Day)

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

Sunday 27th (Easter 2)

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

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Wednesday 30th

3pm

Celtic Service

Poulshot

Every Tuesday, 9am Said Matins at Poulshot

Churches are open for private prayer during the week.

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

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Associate Priest:

Rev Caroline O'Neill

01380 828302

Benefice Administrator:

Sarah Leckie

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sarahleckie.wba@gmail.com

Church Registers

No baptisms, weddings or funerals this month.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

I have now paid collected monies to the Children's Society. The total amount was £448.49. If an individual box holder would like to know their total, please phone me on 01380 722265

Future donations should be made by direct debit or online donation.

Many thanks to all who have supported the Children's Society over the years.
Tony Brewer

BRIDGE SUBSCRIPTION COLLECTION

It's that time of year again when the trusty distributors will be knocking on your door for the annual subscription dues. This year the amount is £6.

This reflects two things in particular—1) the marginal increase in printing costs (which I hope you'll all agree was worth it) and 2) fewer advertisers to help cover the overall costs.

The Bridge is supported by community volunteers who dedicate their time each month to bring together relevant information of the happenings around the villages. It is a vital place for all the key contacts and community events.

With your support we can keep it going and continue to make it better.



Friday 18th April
3.30 pm – 5.15 pm

Potterne Village Hall, Mill Road, SN10 5ND
(parking available at the hall and old school)

Crafts – games
worship
food – fun

You are welcome to arrive any time in the first hour.
Refreshments when you arrive, then crafts and activities,
Bible story and song, followed by a sit-down family meal

Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult

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 with urgency as it was due by the end of March!

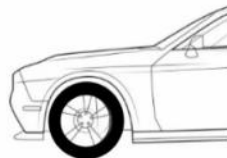


Thanks

Thanks, Maureen

The Worton and Marston Link Scheme AGM

7 pm 1st April 2025
Rose & Crown
Worton



All are welcome and lifts are available if needed

Volunteering for the Link scheme is a great way to give something back to your community by helping out those who are in need. The scheme relies on a team of drivers who use their own cars to help clients without their own means of transport. Drivers are paid a mileage allowance to cover the costs of fuel.

If you would like to find out more please join us at the AGM or call
Lyn on **07413 912828**
or email **wandmlink@gmail.com**

FAMILY OF CHURCHES IN WORTON AND MARSTON

NEWCOMERS WELCOMING GROUP AND PARTY PLANNING

As mentioned in the March Bridge, we are hoping to make this a Community - based team, and as houses are being sold and new people moving in all through the year, it is essential we get this team up and running as soon as possible. In order to get this started, if you think you could play a part in this, please contact Heather 725785 or Jean 722069 and we will get a meeting planned to set this team up. This is a very important and long-standing event, and it's future must now rest on more people.

18th APRIL GOODFRIDAY WALK AND SOUP LUNCH

Marston Chapel at 11:00 for a short service, then walk with a cross along to Christ Church to collect the larger cross, which will then be put in the ground in front of the Village Hall. This will be decorated with flowers and greenery on the Saturday, to denote the new life and joy that came on Easter Sunday. There will be a variety of hot home-made soups and crusty rolls in the church, and a chance to have good chat. If you can't do the walk, join us at about 12 noon for the lunch.

Jean Lane 722069 Heather Walker 725785

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.

SERVICE CALENDAR

APRIL

Sun Apr 6th	LENT 5 9.30am 6.00pm	CHRIST CHURCH Holy Communion <i>MARSTON CHAPEL</i> <i>Mindfulness</i>
Sun Apr 13th	PALM SUNDAY 9.30am	CHRIST CHURCH Holy Communion
Tue Apr 15th	HOLY WEEK 7.30pm	CHRIST CHURCH Compline with Reflection
Fri Apr 18th	GOOD FRIDAY 11.00am	CHRIST CHURCH Walk of Witness and Soup Lunch commencing at Marston Chapel
Sun Apr 20th	EASTER DAY 9.30am 6.00pm	CHRIST CHURCH Holy Communion <i>MARSTON CHAPEL</i> <i>Mindfulness</i>
Sun Apr 27th	EASTER 2 9.30am	CHRIST CHURCH Family Service

MAY

Sun May 4th	EASTER 3 9.30am 6.00pm	CHRIST CHURCH Holy Communion <i>MARSTON CHAPEL</i> <i>Mindfulness</i>
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There were no weddings, baptisms or funerals at Christ Church during February 2025.

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

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Hello all!

Well, with March now behind us and the better weather on its way, we want to encourage additional events at the village hall throughout the summer months. To get things started, we held our Village Hall Trustee Soup Lunch and Afternoon Tea / Cakes events in March, as part of the Village Halls Week. These are always winners for food, and I really like these informal community events, where everyone can sit and have a natter.

People have mentioned to me about a film cafe or a film evening, so if anyone is interested in setting that up, I think it would be great fun now that we also have internet/Wi-Fi, and a ceiling projector installed. I have some links to various licencing bodies that hire on-line films on a per viewing basis, plus if there is anyone interested in setting up a film club, please bring it on! We'd be happy to help with some of the coordination.

Our ceiling mounted smart projector has built in streaming capabilities and it will automatically connect to Wi-Fi and the sound system, and we can provide a quick demo on its use for anyone wanting to use it.

AGM and helping out

I'll be out for a good portion of April, so the Annual General Meeting will now be held on the 7th of May. At this meeting all Trustees stand down and can be re-elected, or we elect new members, so if you are interested, please get in touch. Maybe you don't want to be a trustee, but just want to get involved with organising something new, or even just supporting the daily workings of our hall, again please do get in touch.

Trustees

Our treasurer is stepping down this year and we are on the hunt for someone who is spreadsheet savvy and has some financial organisation to replace her. It's not an onerous task, but we do need a formal treasurer to be able to maintain the legalities of the Trustee Group and the workings of the hall and its finances.

Recapping the last fiscal year

Despite the disruption of the new kitchen build and refit last year, we had some interesting one-off events, such as the Bingo Night, Barn Dance and Murder Mystery. All had great turnouts, and some were over sold! Let's see if we can repeat last year's run on interesting new events this year. Thank you for all the support throughout our rather disruptive kitchen build.

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On a positive note, we are seeing more demand for individual parties and one-off group meetings that can make use of the new kitchen, so please keep them coming.

Maintenance

Please note that we are still planning to paint the main hall inside, 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.

TIMETABLE OF MAIN EVENTS IN APRIL / MAY

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. Unfortunately, I will not be around for this one, but the 'Trusty band of Trustees'

(😊) will all be there to make it go with a swing!

MAY

- **POLLING STATION. 1st May all day.**

The hall is booked out for the day

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

At this meeting the current chair will present the annual report for the 2024/25 period and all trustees step down and a new Trustee Board is elected. New trustees can be elected, or existing trustees can be re-elected and this, in part, depends on the user Management Group (The Management Group is formed by the main interested users, such as Church, School, Brownies/Rainbows, WI, Ladies Group, Garden Club, Council members etc. I'm sure I've missed some out)

Enjoy the spring and we'll see you soon!

Lionel

on behalf of the Trustees



Worton and Marston Village Hall

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or e-mail dpcrisp@uwclub.net

www.wortonmarstonvillagehall.org.uk

Village Hall - April Bookings						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1st 4pm onwards Rainbows/Brownies	2nd 2.30pm - Trustee Meeting	3rd	4th	5th	6th
7th 7pm Parish Council Meeting	8th	9th 7pm - 5 Lanes WI	10th	11th	12th	13th
14th	15th	16th	17th	18th	19th	20th
21st 7pm Garden Club	22nd 4pm onwards Rainbows/Brownies	23rd	24th	25th 4pm-6pm Jumble Intake	26th Annual Jumble Sale	27th Private Booking
28th	29th 4pm onwards Rainbows/Brownies	30th 7pm Ladies Group	May 1st - Polling Station			



The village hall now owns
this 9m x 3m party gazebo
Ideal for parties or even
wedding receptions
It is available for hire for just
£50.

Please contact:
Pauline (720248) or any other
Trustee



The next concert in the Edington Arts 2025 series is another change of direction –

A Night at the Opera, on Saturday May 10th at 7.30pm.

It is interesting how many of the great opera tunes are familiar to people who don't identify as opera-lovers; adverts, television and film soundtracks often use them for atmosphere or to generate a particular kind of emotion. The melodies stand on their own merits, regardless of how bonkers some of their opera plots may be, let alone the great operatic tragedies.

So, when our four great soloists – Anna Sideris-Dupuy, soprano, Beatrice Sideris-Dupuy, mezzo, William Diggle, tenor and Thomas Bennett, bass – get together to perform a programme of songs and arias from a wide range of operas, some of the pieces will already be firm favourites. They will also take the opportunity to introduce us to some less familiar music. Expect solos, duets, trios and quartets, all with piano accompaniment.

You can buy your tickets through the website, www.edingtonarts.org, or by phone from Chrissy on 01380 831256, from £11-£25; there is, as always, a 10% discount for Edington Angels, and 18 and under come free.

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.

The Trustees

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

devizesmusicaltheatre

Reg Charity: 1050079

PRODUCTION OF

Disney
BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

MUSIC BY
ALAN MENKEN

LYRICS BY
HOWARD ASHMAN & TIM RICE

BOOK BY
LINDA WOOLVERTON

ORIGINALLY DIRECTED BY ROBERT JESS BETH

ORIGINALLY PRODUCED BY DISNEY THEATRICAL PRODUCTIONS

2ND - 5TH APRIL 2025

DAUNTSEY'S SCHOOL



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This April, a tale as old as time is set to unfold at Dauntsey's School,
West Lavington.

Devizes Musical Theatre

invites you to be our guest for a spellbinding performance of Disney's

***** BEAUTY AND THE BEAST *****

Join Belle, the Beast, and a host of unforgettable characters as they bring this classic story to life. Following the smash-hit success of Sister Act in 2024, which not only played to sold-out audiences, but was also nominated for Best Musical and Best Publicity at the prestigious Rose Bowl awards, this will be another unmissable show.

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

Where: Memorial Hall, Dauntsey's School, West Lavington, SN10 4HE
Tickets: available now at www.devizesmusicaltheatre.co.uk or Devizes Books.

A poster for Marston Meditation featuring a background of yellow daffodils. The title 'Marston Meditation' is written in a large, blue, cursive font at the top. Below it, 'MARSTON CHAPEL' and 'ON THE GREEN' are written in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font, separated by a blue circle. The text '1st & 3rd Sunday of the month' and 'Doors open at 5:45pm' are in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. 'All are welcome' is in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font. At the bottom, the contact information 'gary.gotham@gmail.com' and 'mobile 07946 475587' is provided in a blue, sans-serif font.

Marston Meditation

MARSTON CHAPEL ON THE GREEN

1st & 3rd Sunday of the month
Doors open at 5:45pm
All are welcome

gary.gotham@gmail.com
mobile 07946 475587



Market Lavington Museum

Dates for the Diary

9th April Volunteer Training

Please email admin@marketlavingtonmuseum.org.uk

for more information

**25th April Museum Miscellany Market Lavington
Community Hall - details elsewhere in magazine**

**3rd May Museum opens 14.30-16.30 Wednesday Saturday
and Sunday every week.**

29th October Museum closes for the winter



Coming up – Market Lavington Museum's annual Miscellany

Join us for an evening of entertainment – with a variety of talks on local history, and a taste of some historical recipes.

Food included – there will be a paying bar and raffle.

Save the date!

Friday 25 April
7.30 pm
Market Lavington
Community Hall



Tickets £8.00

Get your tickets in advance from St Arbucks (Market Lavington) or Devizes books, or pay on the door. To reserve them in advance, please email admin@marketlavingtonmuseum.org.uk



Christ Church Worton & Marston

Palm Sunday

Sunday 13th April

9:30am

Holy Communion



They took branches of palm trees and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

John 12:13



Christ Church Worton & Marston

**Good Friday
Walk of Witness
& Soup Lunch**

**Friday
18th
April
11:00am**



**Short service at Marston Chapel
followed by walk to Christ Church,
Worton for a soup lunch (if you
don't wish to walk, join us for lunch
at 12:00pm)**



Easter Day

Sunday 20th April 2025

Family Communion

9:30am

Followed by Easter Egg hunt, coffee and cake





2025

SATURDAY 26TH APRIL

DOORS OPEN 2-4pm

FIND YOURSELF A BARGAIN!

*Please bring your donations to the hall on
Friday 25th April between 4pm - 6pm*

Accepting:

- Good quality clothing.
- Small working electricals.
- CDs and vinyl records
- Bric-a-brac
- Unwanted gifts
- Household items
- Toys and games

**No books
please**

**Worton & Marston
Village Hall**



Are you fed up with missing out on tickets for the Devizes Arts Festival?

Have you ever thought of becoming A Friend of Devizes Arts Festival?

For only £15 per year, you can become a friend of Devizes Arts Festival and

- Receive advance publicity of the event programme.
- A pre-sale Priority booking window, which includes our 2025 headline acts – world famous singers Kiki Dee & Carmelo Luggeri, space scientist Dame Maggie Aderin-Pocock, potter & ceramic designer Keith Brymer Jones and comedian Mark Watson – (be quick as priority pre-sale window closes on the 5th March).
- Discounted tickets for each event (max 2 per event).
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Tony and Heather Walker have given up managing the plant stall at the school fete after many years (someone said its nearly 50!!) Many thanks to them for all their service. The Gardening Club are taking this over and this year, I will be the link figure but hope we can get a few more volunteers to help on the day.

A plant stall needs plants and normally this breaks down into two sorts. Vegetable and flower plants grown from seeds and perennial plants that have been divided. So if you are sorting out your gardens, please pot up any perennial plants that you have divided, any spare soft fruits etc and bring them along And when you plant your vegetable and flower seeds, please do not throw any spares away but again we will be happy to receive them. Obviously, labels are always useful.

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Our March meeting on the 12th, was, as promised, a “foodie” evening! Carol and Julie had prepared for us a feast of cheeses, cold meats, dips, pate, olives and crudites, accompanied by crusty breads, finished off with meringues and strawberries and washed down by a choice of drinks. All we had to do was to try and guess which of three supermarkets the items had been purchased from, by our taste preference. On the whole it would appear “you get what you pay for!” Thanks to Carol and Julie for all the effort put into what was a delightful and filling (!) evening

In **APRIL** we will be holding our **AGM** and have had to move the week forward to the 3rd **WEDNESDAY** which will be the 16th at 7:00pm.



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WORTON & MARSTON LADIES GROUP

We met on the 26th February to go through our programme for this year with a couple of dates to be confirmed we now have a complete programme. We ended the evening with a good chat, tea coffee and cake.

March 26th will be a craft evening hosted by Val one of our members, Val will demonstrate how she makes such beautiful cards, not so sure mine will come up to scratch!

With my Village Hall Trustees hat on, I'm looking for volunteers from Ladies Group that could help at the Jumble sale on Saturday 26th April 2-4pm or Friday 25th 4-6pm to take in Jumble, any help would be much appreciated.

Looking ahead our meeting on May 28th we have **Wiltshire+Bath AIR AMBULANCE** as they are known now, giving a talk. If any nonmember, male or female is interested in coming along to this evenings talk, you would be most welcome.

Pam Woods
01380 726679



VILLAGE HALL 200 CLUB

£50 200 Club Winner for **MARCH: HELEN BODMAN**

The first draw of the 2025-2026 season will be drawn in the second week of **APRIL**, so if you intended to join and hadn't got around to it, there's still time, just pop your completed form through my letter box.

Good luck everyone.

Pam Woods
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WORTON AND MARSTON GARDEN CLUB

"The sun was warm but the wind was chill. You know how it is with an April day"
From "Two Tramps in Mud Time by Robert Frost" 1936

NB Our Garden club meeting is the 2nd Monday of April as our usual day is Easter Monday

Anyway, chill wind or not, there is much to do and see in a garden in April. Lots of plants to split, seed to sow and the anticipation of seeing your garden transform through the seasons. If you are not so keen to be working in your own plot, here are some suggestions to give you enthusiasm and ideas to try. Not forgetting a treat of tea and cake.

There is a lovely article in April's English Garden Magazine about Brow Cottage in Seend. It is beautifully designed and planted. It is open this month for the National Garden Scheme, along with Seend House. Also, Wellaway in Marston. So lots of lovely local gardens to support this month.

I hope some of you will have seen the first programme of this year's Gardener's world Friday 14th March. It featured one of our beautiful NGS gardens here in Wiltshire. Rookery Cottage in Atworth. Years of work, quirky up-cycling of farm objects and fantastic plantsman ship mean this tranquil garden has evolved over time into a charming and space. Open June 1st for the NGS. Get it on catch up if you missed it.

NGS gardens open April

Brow Cottage and Seend House 13th April 1-5pm

Wellaway in Marston 26th and 27th 1-5pm

Garden Club Meeting

Monday April 14th 7pm for a 730pm start Plot 35 Devizes, Come and hear the interesting work of this charity which grows food to sell and supports health. Plants for sale.

Visitors welcome.

Best wishes,

Alison Parker

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WORTON AND MARSTON VILLAGE SHOW**Saturday 30th August at the Village Hall**

As I write this, we are looking at a cold few days, frosts in the middle of March so this will slow any plans for outdoor planting. Easter is late this year, traditionally people will plant potatoes on Good Friday (is it 18th April?) so counting on about 12 weeks the first crop of salad potatoes may be late. However, there is plenty of time to think about planting vegetable and flower seeds once temperatures warm up. More advice next month.

We have not quite finished the schedule for this year's show. We are speaking to the judges of the Craft section to see if we can better differentiate the classes between all the different materials and techniques, e.g. wood vs pottery, knitting vs felting, etc. Please, to all the crafters out there, please get busy, there will be a class for all of you, painting, knitting and crochet, needlework, stitching, woodwork, pottery and many others.

We will update you on all the classes over the next few months before the schedule is delivered in July. We think this is the best village event so encourage all to take part.

And as ever, if anyone would like to join the organising committee and help organise the show, please get in touch.

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A MEDITATION ON THE POSSIBILITIES OF WORDS

One word? In the entire lexicon of words? I need to choose only one?
How could I possibly choose between LOVE and COMPASSION?

LOVE is all encompassing and connects humans to one another without which we would be lost like leaves floating in the air separated from their life source and destined to decay.

COMPASSION is our depth of feeling, that openness that we expand into when we are loving. It is the interconnectedness of all things and enriches our lives. If not for compassion, we would be soulless husks, shells of nothingness.

What about HOPE and BELIEF?

HOPE is that thing that drives us, keeps us striving for more, enables us to overcome even the darkest of times. If there is no hope in the world, then there is no point for living.

BELIEF is our foundation upon which we see the world. The scaffolding of our inner core. If we have no beliefs, then we have no framework through which to see and interact within the world.

And what of the more mundane words such as WHEN or HOW?

WHEN is that flexible word that can be asking a question or telling a story. It is dynamic and scene setting. If not for when, we could not tell our stories or project into the future. Life would be dull and trapped in the present.

HOW is all about curiosity and exploration. I could not discount even a small word such as this for all the possibilities that it brings into my world. Without how, I could not inquire about my friends health or the way a thing is made. I would not wonder at the world and what lays beyond.

Could I choose between DAY or NIGHT?

DAY brings new possibilities with each dawn. New adventures and stories to be lived. Each day is a new beginning. If not for day, how could we describe our waking experiences? Would we lose hope, fracture our beliefs, succumb to our fears and nightmares?

NIGHT holds the deep mystery of life and the magic of moonlight. It reveals the velvet skies filled with worlds of possibilities spread across the universe. If not for night, there would be no shadowy mysteries lurking in the dark playing upon our imagination, driving us to hope for the coming dawn.

You ask me to choose my favorite and, if I must, then that word is POSSIBILITY. In honor of all the possibilities that are available to us with the words we have within the lexicon of the English language. Each word, no matter how important or mundane, holds possibilities either on their own or when combined with others. Words are magic and contain power within them. They are the keys to our imagination, creativity and living life to the fullest.

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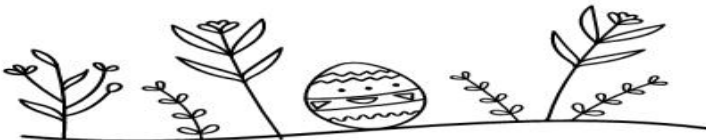
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MESSAGE FROM OUR WILTSHIRE COUNCILLOR

Annual Report 2025

For my final report of this Council year, please see the following updates on key issues, priorities and services at Wiltshire Council.

Finances: The Council has set out a balanced budget for 2025/26 that ensures funding for vital services and supports the delivery of the business plan priorities: to empower people; promote a more resilient society; support our local economy and ensure a more sustainable environment. Despite the ongoing financial pressures, the budget that does not draw down from reserves and has not increased tax unnecessarily. Some uncertainty remains regarding government funding, but budget gaps are not as significant as has been seen in previous years and significant steps are already being taken to address the pressures and identify changes required in service delivery to ensure the council remains financially sound.

Investment in Services: Key to the sustainable approach to delivering for our community, has been to invest in services, especially where this investment tackles issues in a proactive way and reduces the requirement for future spending. The council receives nearly 82% of its corporate funding from local taxes, Business Rates and Council Tax, so we take delivering on our promises for Wiltshire residents very seriously.

Children's Social Care: Performance continues to be strong following the Ofsted inspection in September 2023 which recognised that significant investment into prevention and new initiatives is having on positive outcomes for children and young people with a resulting overall Outstanding grading. Whilst many other local authorities have seen pressure on statutory services, the council's preventative family support approach and quality practice has reduced and delayed this. Inevitably demand and cost pressures still exist, including an increase in the number of care-experienced young people requiring our support for longer as well as numbers of asylum seeking young people increasing.

Public Health: This underpins much of the council's prevention agenda: building resilience (e.g. reducing substance use), health protection (from sexual health services to the control of communicable diseases), promoting healthy behaviour lifestyle choices and shaping domestic and work based social, economic, and environmental factors to improve health.

Leisure & Libraries: A key part of the strategy to support communities and enable us to live healthier lives is our Leisure Centres and Libraries. Many services (as well as book borrowing) take place at libraries and staff can provide advice for residents. Leisure Centres support the health and wellbeing of residents with a wide range of activities at affordable prices. With investment in new equipment and the resulting increasing memberships, income is forecast to continue to grow and the new Trowbridge Leisure Centre will provide a flagship facility for the town. The Government's Holiday Activity (continued on next page)

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Adult Social Care: As the highest percentage spend of the council budget, we are very careful in how we manage our spending, but we continue to experience significant demographic and cost pressures. The Council continues to take an innovative and preventative approach to service delivery, and we were thrilled to get a Good rating from the recent CQC inspection of Adult Services with the report acknowledging that our staff go 'above and beyond' to support people in our community. We recognise that there is still more work to do and will continue to support our Transformation Programme including better use of technology. Additionally, capital investment has enabled the purchase of several properties that are being used for supported living. Ensuring that young adults are supported to move from children's to adult's services is vital to them being able to live the lives they chose.

This will be my last article before the Wiltshire Council and Parish Council elections on Thursday 1 May. It has been an honour and a pleasure to represent you, and to work with Parish Councils and Parish Clerks across Devizes Rural West for the last four years and I hope that I have contributed to the area. I will be continuing to knock on doors in the coming weeks so please do take a moment to say hello and tell me about your local issues and concerns.

Finally, I should like to thank all Parish Councillors for their work and dedication to helping to make each village such wonderful places to live, and especially those who have indicated that they will stand down at this election – you will be missed!

Tamara Reay

Wiltshire Councillor for Devizes Rural West.

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For the purposes of clarity, there are nine seats available on Worton Parish Council. If more than nine candidates apply there will be an election on May 1st, which would take place alongside the Wiltshire Council elections. If there are fewer than nine applicants, they are presumed to be successful in their applications.

After May 1st the Annual Parish Council meeting will take place when the Chair and Vice-Chair for the next year will be nominated and chosen. Shortly after, the Annual Village meeting also takes place. This is where residents can connect with the Parish Council and raise any issues they wish to discuss, as well as the Parish Council giving details about the work they have been doing and their plans for the next year and beyond. Full details will be shared when available.

To an extent, we are currently in something of a “treading water” mode - as there may be changes in the situation both at a Parish level and County level which may affect how the council prioritises, for example following the annual meeting referred to above. As this is an election year, these may be more significant than at other times, though, I'm pleased to say, there is very little chance of Worton finding itself in a position comparable to that on the other side of “the Pond”, though we do have, in the presence of Cllr Parsons, a regular visitor to the States, to keep up fully abreast of the latest situation!

Recently I've decided to take tentative steps to connect with what is concerning residents via Facebook. Although social media can be notoriously un-representative and misleading, I am concerned by an issue that, I'm sure, we will all feel strongly about, in the form of the management of dog feces. I am not a dog owner and walk around the village far less often than perhaps I should. However, the number of little black bags that are left in the bushes, branches and on the paths is extraordinary. In the end, it seems to me that, although people like me and those who raise the issue online, can plead and express their concern, if there is to be an improvement, our local canine owning community need to be as involved as they can be in dealing with this. I am aware that Worton is a popular dog walking environment for people who live outside the village, but It's clear to me that the majority of the problem must be of our own making.

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So, please can I politely request, if you are a dog owner, give a thought to all the rest of us and do the right thing - dispose of the little black bags in the correct way and don't just discard them anywhere thoughtlessly. This really shouldn't be an issue, should it?

Whilst considering how best to approach the environmental damage resulting from poor management of dog feces, another concern became apparent to me. This is in relation to our on-going preparation for the Best Kept Village entry. It appears that some of our attempts to manage the environment have been, in some cases, overzealous, leading to unintended consequences, for example, to some local habitats. I am grateful to those who have made the Council aware of this, and councillors / volunteers will be more cognizant of potential impacts in the future. Another important local issue which has been raised with the Parish Council concerns the on-going impact of the damage that took place to the church wall, resulting impact of the footpath, and how the financial impacts might best be managed. Although this is not the direct responsibility of the Parish Council, it's clearly an important issue for the village and I expect this to be discussed further at our next meeting.

Lastly, we have been kept informed about a request from the British Horse Society to "upgrade" the WORT 11 footpath (better known as Church Lane), as well as MARS 9, from bridleway status to restricted byway status. At the moment, this appears likely to happen following extensive research and consideration by responsible officers at Wiltshire County Council. I believe those most immediately affected by this change will already have been properly consulted, but I am making sure that we as a Parish Council fully understand the implications and will respond as necessary.

Whilst considering the details, I have been able to read through the documentation used by officers at Wilts Council to inform their decision -all 75 pages of it! Actually, it was, in part, fascinating, referencing relevant documents going back to the 17th century. A couple of notable points - apparently Worton somehow gained a piece of land from Potterne, but I don't know where it is! Hopefully they don't need it. Also, a railway was one mooted going east to west north of the High Street, and necessary research took place - this was in the early 20th Century, although nothing came of it, the work that was done is still of relevance as to whether the bridleway should be upgraded or not.

Barry Devine
Parish Councillor

MARSTON PARISH COUNCIL

2025 Notice of Local and Parish Council Election

A Local and Parish Election will take place this year on Thursday 1st of May. Paper nominations for the election from interested parishioners must be handed in, in person, at County Hall Trowbridge by 6pm on Tuesday the 4th April.

Interested parishioners should contact the clerk a clerk@marstonpc.co.uk the relevant link to the election site will be sent to you and the process can be discussed. Information is also available on the WCC website.

If there are the required number of candidates an election will not take place, an election will only take place if there are more than five candidates.

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The next Marston Parish Council meeting will take place on 15th April at 730pm in the Chapel. Please register your email address to ensure you receive the agenda ahead of this meeting and future meetings.



WORTON COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

(Speedwatch sessions are of 45 minutes duration)

LOCAL RESIDENTS WANTED

Could you help support your local community in reducing speeding?
Following the sad loss of a member of our team in December and the imminent departure of another, our resources are being stretched.

If you can spare **45 minutes** once or twice a month and would like to assist in making the village high street safer by encouraging motorists to observe the speed limit, please contact me at: speedwatch2024@gmail.com.

Speedwatch is about education **not** prosecution

Volunteers need to be 18 or over and able to stand for the duration of a session.

Bob



Worton Community Speedwatch Figures for February 2025

Date	Time	Vehicles	Total 30MPH+	Vehicles Reported	Max Speed
Monday 24th	15.15 - 16.00	327	6	2	42
Tuesday 25th	08.15 - 09.00	366	18	4	38
Tuesday 25th	15.45 - 16.30	386	9	1	36
Thursday 27th	08.00 - 08.45	436	23	3	42
Thursday 27th	15.30 - 16.15	322	6	1	36
Friday 28th	15.45 - 16.30	434	32	7	38
Sessions: 6	Average: 379	2271	94	18	
2024 Sessions: 9	Average: 257	2311	115	15	45

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 2025

Worton residents are reminded that the Best Kept Village judges will be visiting Worton sometime between May 12 and June 9. Please 'do your bit' by keeping gardens, hedges, fences etc that are alongside roads and footpaths looking their best during that period.

In addition, those who have volunteered to help with one of the working parties over the three weekends April 26/27, May 10/11 and May 24/25 will be contacted in mid-April to confirm arrangements. It is likely that sessions will take place on the Saturday mornings meeting at around 9.30am at the village hall and finishing around 12noon. I would still welcome more volunteers, so if you are happy to help on one or more of these days, please contact me on email (nj_stokes@hotmail.com) or leave a message on my phone (01380 698319) or simply turn up on those days.

Thanking you all in anticipation.

Councillor Nick Stokes, on behalf of the Worton Parish Council

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Five Lanes CE VC

Primary School



Spring has sprung here at Five Lanes and the children have loved being back on the school field. We have been busy looking at the blossom, daffodils and other signs of Spring. We have also started to prepare for Easter.

Attendance

We are thrilled to report that our attendance for term 3 is incredibly positive and above local and national statistics!

NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe Workshops

We had some volunteers come to school to discuss with the children who their trusted adults were and what they could do if they ever felt unsafe.

World Book Day

The staff and children had lots of fun dressing up in our Once Upon a Time theme and enjoyed lots of book related activities throughout the day.





2025 Leavers

Our Year 6 boys have received their Leaver's Hoodies. They chose a bright red design and look very smart and grown up.

Pancake Day

Our annual Pancake Flipping extravaganza was an absolute hit! The Class Teachers took on the challenge followed by the Teaching Assistants. The trusty Year 6s had the responsibility to count how many flips were completed in a minute and to limit any cheating. It was a little competitive between the classes but fun was had by all.



Summer Fete

We are already busy planning for our summer term, including the Summer Fete.

Do come and visit, we'd love to see you.





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.

If you would like to discuss this, please call Hilary on 07805303961.

We would like to wish you all the very best and hope to see you around the village.

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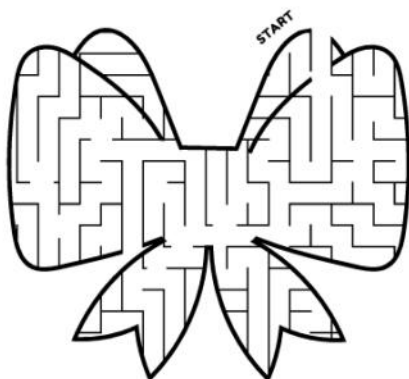
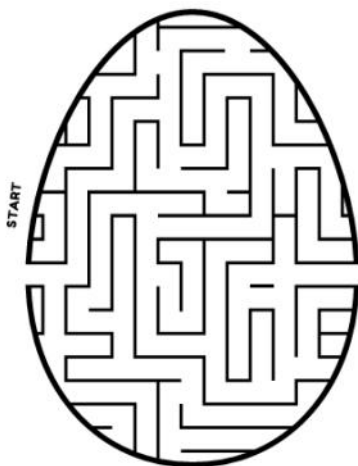
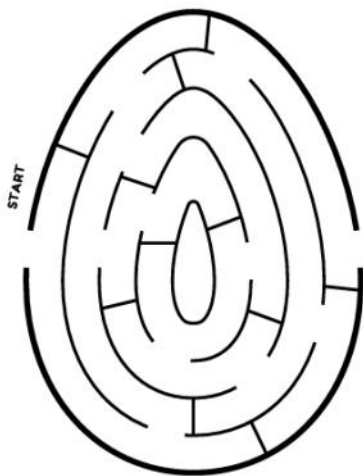


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KIDS CORNER

Maze Madness

Help the Easter bunny finish each maze!



FLOWER OF THE MONTH



Daisy (*Copositae*)

*Black bees on the clover-heads drowsily clinging,
Where tall feathered grasses and buttercups sway;
And all through the fields a white sprinkle of daisies,
Open-eyed at the setting of day.*

—Abba Woolson

The ox eyes are blinking in the still cool sunlight as we contemplate whether it's time to start mowing. It seems such a shame to chop off the heads of these early spring bloomers. They get their name from 'day's eye' for their tendency to open in the daylight and close their petals at night. They are native to Europe and Africa and were eventually naturalised in North America. The daisy is believed to be the oldest flower on Earth. Some of the earliest drawings of daisies date all the way back to 3000 BC. Now that's old.

True love and daisies. They seem the perfect pairing. This is often attributed to the fact that they are actually two flowers in one. The centre eye is a cluster of tiny florets, while the petals that encircle it represent the rays of the sun. They work in perfect harmony representing true love.

In Norse mythology, the daisy is the sacred flower of Freyja, the goddess of love, beauty, and fertility. Thus daisies are often given to new mothers representing motherhood, childbirth and new beginnings. And in Christianity the daisy is similarly linked to the Virgin Mary representing, love, innocence and new beginnings.

Can you keep a secret? If you want to show your friend that you can, then give them a bouquet of daisies which is a symbolic way of conveying the message 'I'll never tell.'

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April

Forth in the pleasing Spring
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<u>Trowbridge, opp Wiltshire College</u>					16:45
<u>Trowbridge John of Gaunt School Grounds (NW-bound)</u>				15:22	
<u>Trowbridge, o/s Manvers House</u>	09:50	12:30	14:30	15:30	17:05
<u>Paxcroft Mead Newhurst Park (E-bound)</u>	09:55	12:35	14:35	15:35	17:10
<u>Steeple Ashton Memorial (NW-bound)</u>	10:03	12:43	14:43	15:43	17:18s
<u>Great Hinton Crossroads (N-bound)</u>	10:07	12:47	14:47	15:46	17:20
<u>Keevil Field Head (E-bound)</u>	10:09	12:49	14:49	15:49	17:22
<u>Bulkington War Memorial (E-bound)</u>	10:14	12:54	14:54	15:54	17:27
<u>Worton Village Hall (E-bound)</u>	10:18	12:58	14:59	15:57	17:33
<u>Worton Sandlease (E-bound)</u>	10:20	13:00	15:01	15:59	17:35
<u>Potterne Duck Street (N-bound)</u>			15:05	16:03	17:39
<u>Worton Village Hall (W-bound)</u>	10:22	13:02			
<u>Marston The Green (NW-bound)</u>	10:26	13:06			
<u>Devizes Fire Station (S-bound)</u>			15:10		
<u>Devizes The Pelican (NW-bound)</u>			15:15		
<u>Poulshot The Raven (N-bound)</u>	10:33	13:13			
<u>Devizes Mayenne Place West (S-bound)</u>	10:38	13:18			
<u>Devizes Market Place Bus Island (SE-bound)</u>	10:42	13:22		16:08	17:45

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

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Historical Extracts from The Bridge (APRIL 1995)

The Bridge

PLAYGROUP NEWS

Playgroup have recently appointed Marilyn Wrigley as an Assistant Leader and we hope she will enjoy working for us.

Amy Walker started after half term bringing our numbers up to twenty.

Mrs Brown from school visited Playgroup and read stories to the children. Playgroup have visited school and joined Mrs Brown's class. The children played with the toys, looked at the hamsters and stick insects and listened to stories. Lesley and Jackie enjoyed seeing those children who have recently left Playgroup for school.

For Valentine's Day, the children made Valentine Cards with lots of red paint and glitter!

On Pancake Day, they made and ate lots of pancakes. Everyone had a go at tossing a cold pancake which went well until Jackie tossed her's too high and it fell on the floor!

The children have also this month made masks, puppets and junk models and have been talking about the letters A, B & C.

On the day they made puppets, Jackie made a shadow theatre and told the story of the three little pigs using the puppets.

A popular visit was to see the lambs at Watts Farm. The children helped feed the lambs and a lovely muddy time was had by all! Thank you to Jo Howse for making the visit possible.

Our 50/50 Sale made £58 so a big "thank you" to those who helped and supported us.

Unfortunately, the turnout was rather poor and we hope to do better at our next fundraising event.

We will be raffling an Easter Cake made and iced by one of our Mums, Tracey Scott, shortly before Easter. Tickets will be available in the Village Shop or from Playgroup.

Finally, thank you to Claire who helped out when Lesley was away celebrating her 25th Wedding Anniversary.

Alison Pratt

Reviews

511 taps to the beat of traditional entertainment

They danced, they sang, they juggled, they told stories, they made music - that's entertainment - and that's what TAPS gave the Worton 511 Club on Saturday 25 March.

TAPS, traditional arts projects, based in Bracknell, presented their Roots Progress, village hall show to a packed hall that ranged from sleeping babies to dancing grandads.

The sell out event was to raise funds for the village holiday playscheme, that last year held two weeks of activities for children between the ages of 5 and 11 years in Worton and Marston.

The evening began with 'Daring Derek' from Milton Keynes helping everyone to have a go at juggling and balancing plates on poles. TAPS artistic director Roger Watson gave us traditional folk songs, accompanied by an oboist. Clog dancers had the children's feet

VILLAGE DIARY

REGULAR MEETINGS Around the Village

Village Hall

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

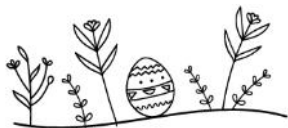
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Worton & Marston

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Household waste:

April 10th & 24th

Garden waste:

April 11th & 25th

Kerbside Collections In APRIL

Close Lane, Marston

Black box and Blue lidded bin recycling:

April 8th & 22nd

Household waste:

April 3rd & 17th



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