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THE BRIDGE

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A Note From the Editor

We're through the winter lull and revving up for the spring thaw. This month's edition is full of new and exciting events happening around our communities. You will find information on some interesting volunteer opportunities, the latest opera, and some interesting talks. So if you're a history buff, or a shower singer, now is your time to shine.

As we start this new year, I ask once again for feedback on the magazine. I recently received feedback regarding the Kids Corner (pic for testimonial) and love to hear others views. What do you like, what would you change? And please send me your favourite poems — written by you and your favourite poet.



Some of you may notice a difference in the quality of the print and paper. After much consideration, I have contracted with a new printer in Melksham. They are marginally higher cost, but I think the improved quality makes the difference. I hope you all agree.

And finally, as this is the month of LOVE, there are a few valentines themed items and I've hidden some hearts throughout the pages. See how many you can find.

Catherine

PASTORAL LETTER

Today I heard the welcome news of a potential ceasefire agreement and prisoner/hostage exchange in Gaza. It has taken far too long and comes at far too high a cost, and yet there is now some hope, however fragile, a glimmer of light in a place of deep darkness.

Many, I believe, are searching for hope in our world today and I am always inspired by those who are able to shine the light of hope into the lives of others, however hard their circumstances.

I wonder what you hope for as we slowly emerge from the dark days of winter and approach springtime. By the time this magazine is published, we might even have some snowdrops pushing their way up through the soil. I have heard some describe snowdrops as ‘nature’s little candles of hope’, and whilst they may seem small and fragile, they appear year after year, lightening our spirits and pointing to brighter days to come.

I remember working with a colleague who in difficult times, used to say, ‘Hope for the best, but prepare for the worst’. Whilst he clearly saw the value of maintaining a sense of hope, he also believed in being realistic. I took his point, but the idea of preparing for the worse left me somehow with a feeling of impending doom.

Sometimes it is hard not to feel gloomy. In truth, many appalling conflicts and injustices are taking place in our time, and we have witnessed the very worst of what humanity is capable of. Yet, I believe, we have also seen examples of the very best of what humanity can do.

So, I personally continue to hope...and to pray, and I hope you do too,

Revd Caroline, Wellsprings Benefice

FROM CHRIST CHURCH

December, as always, was very busy, including a visit from the Toddler's Group, who enjoyed making decorations and decorating the Christmas Tree. It looked beautiful. Once again, our thanks to John and Mandy Fielding and family for donating the tree.

We hosted two Nativities of Five Lanes School. It is good to see all the children in the church. Such a lot of work put in by the children and staff, with the children all well-rehearsed and enjoying performing, with lots of families attending.

Church was full for the Carol service, a lovely friendly atmosphere. Many thanks to all those who took part, and to the flower ladies for the wonderful flowers around the church. They have lasted several weeks, a joy to see and have given pleasure to so many.

The collection from the Carol Service and the Christmas Morning service totalled £504.00. This is to be shared by Devizes Open Doors, supporting homeless and vulnerable people in the area, and Projects Delivering Hope, a charity which carries out short-term projects for long-term benefit in South Sudan. In particular, the money we are sending will go to provide seeds and hoes to refugees returning home to help with growing their own food.

Thank you to all who gave so generously to support these two charities.

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Sunday 2nd (Presentation of Christ in Temple)

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

Sunday 9th (4th before Lent)

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

Sunday 16th (3rd before Lent)

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

Friday 21st

3:30pm	Messy Church	Potterne Village Hall
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Sunday 23rd (2nd before Lent)

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

Wednesday 26th

3pm	Celtic Service	Poulshot
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Every Tuesday, 9am Said Matins at Poulshot

Churches are open for private prayer during the week.

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

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Church Registers

No baptisms, weddings or funerals this month.



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children's Society Boxes

If you currently have a box waiting for collection, could you let me know by email together with your phone number?

Tony Brewer
brewer.ac@gmail.com

A personal Thank You to Francine Smith, Dot Francis, Jill Duckworth and Evelyn Burt for giving their time and effort towards making our Church look so beautiful and welcoming over the Christmas period. We had so many lovely comments made, your hard work was very much appreciated.

Hoping we can all carry on through 2025, and anyone who would like to join us will be welcomed with open arms!

Margaret Charlton 07943 468425

A peaceful Happy New Year to you all.

FAMILY OF CHURCHES IN WORTON AND MARSTON

By the time you read this the annual WELCOME PARTY FOR NEWCOMERS will have been held and a report on the event will appear in the March Bridge. There will also be a notice about the GOOD FRIDAY WALK AND SOUP LUNCH.

Jean Lane 722069 Heather Walker 725785

Worton United Charities

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

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SERVICE CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

Sun Feb 2nd	PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE 9.30am 6.00pm	CHRIST CHURCH Holy Communion <i>MARSTON CHAPEL</i> <i>Rev'd Gary Gotham</i>
Sun Feb 9th	4 BEFORE LENT 9.30am	CHRIST CHURCH Morning Praise
Sun Feb 16th	3 BEFORE LENT 9.30am 6.00pm	CHRIST CHURCH Holy Communion <i>MARSTON CHAPEL</i> <i>Rev'd Gary Gotham</i>
Sun Feb 23rd	2 BEFORE LENT 9.30am	CHRIST CHURCH Family Service

MARCH

Sun Mar 2nd	SUNDAY BEFORE LENT 9.30am 6.00pm	CHRIST CHURCH Holy Communion <i>MARSTON CHAPEL</i> <i>TBC</i>
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There were no weddings, baptisms or funerals at Christ Church during December 2024

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

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Hello all!

Well, in January there was total mayhem and murder at the Village Hall, courtesy of Catherine Malli-Dawson's Murder Mystery, but more on that later.

KITCHEN OPENING

After quite a few months of disruption, dust and work, we now have a new fully functioning kitchen. We held a formal opening event on 15th January, and Councillor Barry Devine cut the official ribbon on behalf of the Worton Parish Council. Barry opened the kitchen with his usual warmth and humour, and there is a framed plaque to commemorate the event and donations.

The original foundations of the project came from the previous chairperson, Veronica Franklin's dedicated passion. Veronica set the funding basis, and we subsequently raised additional funding in 2024 from Worton PC, Marston PC, Her Majesty, the late Queen's Jubilee Fund, Devizes Area Board, The Bernard Sunley Fund and Worton United Charities, as well as the countless local community help and donations - A wholehearted thank you to everyone, you made this possible.



The hall is now a space where food-based events can be safely held, so if anyone would like to run an event, we would be delighted to help in some way. Please contact the chairperson or the booking secretary, Pauline Crisp (contacts on the back page).

EVENTS

January 2025

The main event, a murder mystery, was held on January 18th, which was created and run by the Bridge Editor, Catherine Malli-Dawson. We needed to sell around 40 tickets, but the requests kept coming and, in the end, we had to squeeze 50 people into the hall. Everyone got into the theme, with people dressing up to match their roles. It was great fun and well supported by amazing volunteers who provided food and kept things running smoothly, but I'll leave it to the Editor to describe more about that.

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As trustees for this little gem of a hall, this is the kind of additional event we'd love to see others run. It could be anything from a cafe or breakfast gathering to another barn-dance, bingo night, film night, etc.

February 2025

We are welcoming The Young Farmers to their own event on 14th February. It's great to see new user groups coming in, so we look forward to supporting them in any way we can.

REGULAR USERS AND CLUBS

Due to changes in circumstances, the Toddler Group has needed to fold. The original team is looking for someone to take it on and I'll put out some social media posts to help with putting the word out.

I believe there will be other group changes early in the year which all impact the monthly income for the hall, so we would welcome some new regular users and events.

2025 GENERALLY

Trustees wanted: Pauline Crisp will step down as Treasurer in April, so we need a replacement. It's obviously a vital role to the running of the hall, so please reach out to Lionel on wmvhchair@yahoo.com if you are interested. We cannot legally function without a treasurer.

Ideas and organisers wanted: As noted above, we want to facilitate better use of the hall, and so are seeking organisers and involvement to help generate new use, either from private groups or general events.

As a Trustee Group, we organise and run some events ourselves, but as you can imagine, we simply can't handle more than a few.

Once again, thank you all for your support.

Lionel
on behalf of the Trustees





VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY AT STONEHENGE

Stonehenge is English Heritage's busiest site, with visitors coming from all over the world. We're lucky to have a great team of very enthusiastic volunteers who support our paid staff and enrich our visitors' experience. They're based at the Visitor Centre, and provide information about the site, what you'll see if you walk down to the Stones and general directions both about the site and the surrounding landscape.

Our Neolithic houses were originally built by volunteers almost years ago, when the new visitor centre opened. Two of the houses are dressed with replicas of objects which we think would have been in daily use at the end of the Neolithic period and the start of the Bronze Age when the monument was being completed. Volunteers share these objects and the story of the people of the time with visitors and can demonstrate many of the skills which they would have had, such as pottery, rush weaving and flint knapping. On colder days in the winter, you may find a fire is lit, and some flat bread, Neolithic cheese or vegetable stew may be being prepared. During term time, our team of Education Volunteers run our schools' Discovery Visit programme, where the children can take part in a Neolithic Life, Stones and Bones or Myths and Legends workshop. We've also just refreshed our handling collection in the exhibition; you can see and hold a range of objects such as pottery, examples of textiles and bone and antler implements that we think people would have used.

Our volunteers don't just support us in the day to day running of the site, but also help with some of the many events and experimental archaeology projects we have.



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Each year, we re-thatch one of our Neolithic houses, and we've also recently replaced one of the walls of one of them. We were invited by the Science Museum in London to take part in one of their LATES events. We took an activity which showed that, if you can make a piece of string from plant fibres, then you can make a rope to pull a massive stone!

To give our volunteers experience of the skills of the time, they can take part in a range of workshops, including flint knapping, pottery, textiles, Neolithic music and bronze casting. This year, we added Neolithic cooking using ingredients found in the local landscape which would have been common when the Stones were in use.



We have some exciting new projects coming up this year – we have plans for a new education centre and the volunteers will be constructing a new, large Neolithic building which we'll use for our education and community events. We're also hoping to create a Neolithic garden to demonstrate the range of plants that the people of the time would have encountered in their everyday lives. We're always looking for volunteers – if this interests you, please get in touch!

Sue Martindale

Volunteer Manager

Stonehenge

Susan.martindale@english-heritage.org.uk



Get involved Become a volunteer

Stonehenge is recruiting!



From gardening to thatching, helping in our exhibition or with school groups, our opportunities suit all interests. Our Stonehenge Volunteers engage with our visitors and help to make their day. No two days are the same, and your role is all about helping visitors to make the most of their time with us. You could suggest a dog walk, highlight features in the archaeologically rich landscape, or share our exhibition handling collection.

Stonehenge is a unique and busy site where we welcome hundreds of thousands of people each year. Our volunteers enjoy meeting a diverse range of people in a fast-paced environment, are confident communicators and are part of a multiskilled and supportive team. No experience is necessary, as we'll teach you all you need to know.

If you'd like to find out more, get in touch!

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UNRAVELLING THE SILK ROAD

(comprising: "The Wool Road": "The Silk Road": "The Cotton Road")

MONDAY 3RD MARCH 2025 at Seend Community Centre,
Rusty Lane, Seend SN12 6NS

SPEAKER: CHRIS ASLAN

COST PER PERSON INCLUDING A BUFFET LUNCH: £40



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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sopranos, Tenors (and Altos and Basses!) - lend us your voice!

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Dauntsey's Choral Society has had to cancel plans for its Spring Concert in March but is hoping to put on a performance of **Purcell's Dido and Aeneas** in May. However, to do this we need more voices, in particular sopranos and tenors - although basses and altos would also be very welcome!

The concert will be performed in the School Pavilion, with soloists from Dauntsey's School and additional voices from the Senior Choir, accompanied by musicians from the school. Choral rehearsals begin on **February 3rd** and following Mondays during term time, from 7.30pm to 9.30pm in the Farmer Room at Dauntsey's School.

If you enjoy singing all kinds of choral music, and would like to join us, contact us for more information on dauntseyschoralsociety@gmail.com and please do come along on February 3rd.



MURDER MYSTERY EVENT

Mystery and intrigue were in the air as the Worton Express prepared for departure. Guests arrived in all their finery as the Conductor punched their tickets and sneered in disdain.

It was a full house and the porter and train stewards were scrambling to ensure all the guests found appropriate accommodation. Luggage was stored, drinks were poured and the whistle blew. Our driver set the wheels in motion for what would be an adventurous and, for some, treacherous journey across the Alps.

Our guests were hosted by the illustrious international, world renowned, investigator, Hypaetia Pardot. The dining car and bar were efficiently managed by four incredibly hardy stolworts and any train company would be proud to have them on board.

The night started with the announcement that not only would one of the guests be murdered, but there were also four spies amongst the passengers. All the investigators quickly got busy looking for clues as to who might be the FROG or a CIA agent. Additionally, the reason Hypaetia was on board was at the request of the train company owner who believed there was a thief amongst the staff.

Murderers, spies, and thieves were the order of business for the night. As dinner progressed, each of the 'named character' guests had missions to fulfil. They quickly got busy mixing and mingling with everyone while the keen investigators listened intently for clues. Annie Mayfield took home the award for best character delivery. I think everyone got a little taste of her makeup selection, although I'm not sure how many customers she gained since she never stopped talking.

We had royalty amongst us with the likes of Princess Elizabetta Dagomir who shined brilliantly in her sparkling diamonds. The Hungarian Count Novatov and his blushing bride swept through the door to many oohs and ahhs as they made their way through the 'car'. We also had a distinguished Colonel Major General Tobias with us who regaled his cabin mate, the young Roderick Broadhousen, with many tales of his daring deeds and adventures in the depths of darkest India.

On the shadier side of our guest list, we had a dodgy gambler, Ernesto Vespucci, who never seemed to give a straight answer when questioned. Then there was the over confident American business man, Stephen Goldring, who seemed more interested in his gin and the ladies, than in what was happening on the train. He struck up a particular, possibly peculiar, interest in a widower, Patty Hunt. I say widower, but she was on the hunt for her fifth husband after working her way through the four wealthy previous ones. I tried to warn Mr. Goldring of his potential folly, but he arrogantly took no notice.

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Amongst the more demure passengers, we had the steady maid to the Princess, Gretchen Sutteberg. Although, she did lose the Princess's favourite book, so I doubt she'll be employed for long. Keeping us all on task, was the head mistress, Suzette Delacroix, who was as stern a head mistress as I've had the pleasure of meeting.

And finally, our poor victim, Elrich von Unterbiten. The renowned nuclear physicist on his way out of Germany and off to freedom. Sadly, he found freedom at the end of a knife. Fortunately, it was likely painless due to the drugs given to him by his smuggler. His brilliant career cut short by a ruthless KGB agent determined to stop him defecting.

I have no doubt that Hypaetia's report back to her friend, the company owner, will include details of the murder as well as recommendations on his choice of staff. The rude French conductor needs to be sacked and the police are now dealing with the porter who was, in fact, part of a major crime ring pilfering passengers on their journey through the Alps.

Special mention must be made for all the investigators who travelled along with us. Hunting for clues and listening to all the mysterious conversations. The two young detectives, Robin and Tegen, were particularly astute in their findings. They took home the award for Keen Detectives due to their tenacity and investigation skills.

Thank you to everyone who participated. I hope you enjoyed the evening as much as I did. Yes, it was a lot of work, and it was worth it as I watched everyone mixing and mingling, laughing and enjoying themselves.

Special thanks to all who helped prepare the room and keep things flowing through the evening:

Thank you to Heather & Tony Walker, Jean & John Lane for your tireless support in the dining and bar car.

Thank you to Patricia Goodenough, Chris Gillings, and Dave Pilbeam for helping set up the room.

Thank you to Sally and Giles Collins, Cathy and Kav Kavanagh, Barry and Sarah Devine, and many others that I didn't catch who helped clean up the hall.

And most of all, thank you to all the passengers who participated fully and made the event a success.

Lastly, thank you to Lionel, for supporting me in this little adventure. I truly couldn't have done it with out you!!

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Our lecture on **February 19th** in the Corn Exchange, Devizes, is: **"Bringing India to Britain – Victoria's Indian Portraits & The Durbar Hall"**.

Please be in your seats for 10:45 am. Lecture starts at 11 am through to 12 noon. Coffee is available beforehand.

Helen Rufus-Ward will lecture on the Indian portraits by Rudolf Swoboda which decorate the corridors of Osborne House. Rudolf Swoboda was commissioned by Queen Victoria to paint portraits of her Indian subjects to represent "various types of the different nationalities" of India. She will then talk about an exquisitely crafted Durbar Hall, created and shipped over from India to serve as a backdrop for the Colonial and Indian Exhibition.

Membership is £50 for world class lectures October through to February 2025, or £30 from March to July. Alternatively, come to this lecture as a guest - £8. Please email us first theartssocietydevizes@gmail.com.

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Hosted by Sally Collins



Saturday 8th Mar
10:00am—12 noon
Oakley House
80 High St, Worton
Hosted by Alison Parker

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WORTON & MARSTON LADIES GROUP

Christmas and New Year now in the distant past, and with nothing happening I don't have anything to report from last month.

January 29th we ladies will meet at the Raven, Poulshot for our annual New Year lunch, which we are all looking forward to.

February 26th we meet again in the Village Hall for our first meeting of 2025 to put together our programme for the year.

Please note we now start **7.30 NOT 8pm**

Pam Woods
01380 726679

VILLAGE HALL 200 CLUB

£50 200 Club Winner for **JANUARY: PAUL HAMS**

It's that time again when we need to renew our 200 club subscription or join for the first time. A chance to win £50 in the monthly draw.

Only £12 for the year. The first draw of the season starts **APRIL 2025.**

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Good luck to everyone taking part

Pam Woods, Administrator, Worton & Marston Village Hall
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WORTON AND MARSTON GARDEN CLUB

“February teaches us the value of patience as we await the arrival of spring’s vibrant colours.”

Suzanne Woods Fisher 2012

Many of us gardeners will indeed be impatient to be in the garden working or indeed keen to start sowing seeds for flowers or crops. Lots to look forward to, but often best to wait. Meantime in my own garden, the wonderful winter flowering scented shrubs of *Lonicera fragrantissima* (shrub Honeysuckle) *Sarcococcus confusa* Christmas Box) and *Viburnum Bodnantense* “Dawn” have been sending out powerful, beautiful scent right through the winter from November. A more recent addition of evergreen winter-flowering *Clematis Cirrhosa* ‘Wisley Cream’ flowering on milder days and, although not scented, is just beautiful.

Meantime there are some lovely winter gardens to visit either to catch the Snowdrops or other early spring bulbs but also to see the bones of a garden in winter – always good for structural ideas which can be re-imagined for your own garden in time for spring gardening fever!

Our February talk from Robert Hiron – aka ‘The Plant Doctor’ is about Victorian Gardens. It promises to be a really interesting evening with what may seem some extraordinary customs and practices and fascinating facts.

NGS Gardens Open in January/ February

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Whilst overflowing with roses in June, in Jan and Feb, the bones of this 2/3 acre galanthophile’s garden on chalk are on show. Brick and flint walls, terraces, rustic arches, gates and pond add character. Drifts of snowdrops carpet the floor whilst throughout is a growing collection of well over 500 named varieties. Many hellebores, pulmonarias, grasses, and seed heads add interest.

Homemade teas open several days in February and March for snowdrops and a National collection of *Pulmonaria*.

Garden Club Meeting

February 17th 7pm for 730pm start, Roger Hiron on The Victorian Garden. Visitors welcome.

Best wishes,
Alison Parker aelparker@aol.com

FIVE LANES WI

Our January meeting was a New Year's meal out at the Market Tavern in Melksham and was very much enjoyed by all. The food and service were excellent, and the walls and shelves were packed with old and interesting artifacts and pictures. Fascinating! We all enjoyed a good catch up with each other and thank Pauline for organising us all, and the three drivers for braving the icy rain.

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 12th will see us back in the **VILLAGE HALL** at **7:00PM** for an evening of fun **QUIZZING**.

Jean Lane 722069



MONTHLY QUIZ ROSE & CROWN

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Pam Woods
Quiz Mistress



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MESSAGE FROM OUR WILTSHIRE COUNCILLOR

As your Wiltshire Councillor I am most often asked about our roads – so I thought it might be helpful to write about Wiltshire Council’s investment in our roads, and how it prioritises spending.

Wiltshire Council is focused on efficient and effective financial management – with prevention and early intervention in all service areas, from adults’ and children’s services to roads. An extra £22m has been invested into Wiltshire’s highways - on top of the £20.7m received from the Government - and it is really making a difference on the county’s roads, with more resurfacing, more repairs and fewer potholes.

In addition to increasing the planned maintenance programme, new machines called Bobcats can remove and replace large areas of road in a matter of minutes before moving straight on to the next job.

Highways expenditure and performance is scrutinised intensely – including by the Environment Select Committee at its meeting on 14 January. All Highways investment follows an evidence-led, risk-based approach – i.e. the inspection regime determines the risk to motorists and residents. Residents may be interested to read more at [Agenda - Democratic Services - Wiltshire Council](#)

The Inspection Manual and the planned Highways Maintenance Programme by Area Board are on the Wiltshire Council website at [Highways maintenance - Wiltshire Council](#). I’m pleased that the Devizes Area Board maintenance plan includes New Park Street (2025/6), London Road (2025/6), Poulshot Road from Townsend to Caen Hill (2026/7), C20 Worton – Bell Hill (2026/7). Much of the additional investment would not be possible without the Council’s careful financial management to free up additional funds for these priorities, and of course significant hard work by Highways Officers to manage the programmes and contractors.

And there is much more to come, as we continue to invest significant sums into filling and preventing potholes, replacing and extending the life of our road surfaces, preventing flooding, replacing road signs and reinstating and painting new road markings.

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I will continue to keep you updated on the Highways Investment plans and programmes and, as always, please do use the My Wilts app to report any local issues.

Tamara Reay

Wiltshire Councillor for Devizes Rural West.

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



Hearts of Paper

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WORTON PARISH COUNCIL

One of the big projects that the Parish Council is focused on this year will be our planned entry for the Best Kept Village Competition. We are indebted to Cllr Nick Stokes for the leadership and enthusiasm he is showing on this. I'm pleased that he is getting offers of help and will keep everyone in the loop as the year progresses. One important project that we are going to pay particular attention to is the state of our two bus shelters. Sadly, these are not meeting the test of time very well -frankly I think the King would be likely finding an epithet such as "carbuncle" should he ever have the opportunity to inspect them! So, a timely refurbishment is being planned. Please contact Nick directly or Jules if you have ideas and / or an offer of assistance. Paint is certainly going to be involved. Whilst it is unlikely that any Worton resident is actually Banksy, any offers and ideas would be appreciated.

Of course, the real benefit of the entry is the opportunity it gives for the village to pull together, appreciate what we have, and make it even better. Something to look forward to in the Spring.

Another example of how the village can pull together and achieve wonders is provided by the Village Hall. Whose trustees, past and present, have finally achieved their goal of a brand-new kitchen! I have had the honour of representing the Parish Council at the recent "Grand Opening" and look forward to enjoying many events in what is truly an iconic facility for old and new villagers to enjoy.

I gave a heads up in the January edition about the prospect of elections in May - which will include Worton Parish Council and Wiltshire Council. You may be aware that a national reorganisation of local government is taking place, which meant that it was possible that elections would be postponed. I can confirm that this will NOT be the case in Worton. If you are interested in putting yourself forward

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for election, you will need to submit the necessary paperwork between 12th March and 2nd April. You can find the information on <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/local-elections> - look at the “becoming a councillor” section. Please feel free to contact me if you’d like more information on what the role involves.

Lastly, we have become aware of parking issues leading to congestion in the village, particularly in Sandlease. These situations are never as simple as they may seem, but I would respectfully ask for mutual respect and consideration.



Let's look after each other.

Your Councillors

Marston Parish Council

The next Marston Parish Council meeting will take place at **7pm on Tuesday 11th February 2025**. Items for the agenda should be submitted to Steven Bennett by 5th February - clerk@marstonpc.co.uk. The agenda will be posted on the village notice boards 3 working days before the meeting.

In a bid to reduce costs and reduce the Parish Council's carbon footprint, the Parish Council will migrate to electronic communications over the coming months. All parishioners will receive a newsletter in the New Year, explaining how the electronic communication will work and how they can register their email address. Once up and running, this will enable meeting agendas, minutes, and relevant documents to be shared easily and quickly with village residents. For those that do not have access to email, we will continue to communicate through other means.

We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming meetings.

Marston Parish Council

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Primary School



Message from the Head

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With our vision of “working together to build a firm foundation for learning and flourishing”, and our core values of trust, respect, and compassion, we are looking forward to another year of opportunities to support our children and community.

Thank you for your continued support. We're proud to be part of this wonderful parish and look forward to sharing updates with you throughout the year.

Warm regards,
Sarah-Jane Chalker
Head of School

Stay and Plays

Five Lanes CofE VC Primary School
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21.11.2024	22.11.2024
23.01.2025	24.01.2025
13.03.2025	14.03.2025

Five Lanes CE VC Primary School

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Key Stage 2 Christmas Production

As promised, here are a few photos from Straw and Order, the performance put on by our older children just before Christmas.



Spirituality

We have been working with the Diocese to explore spirituality, what it looks like at Five Lanes and what it means to our children. It is important to know that it does not mean religion.

Spirituality at our school means noticing the amazing things around us, finding meaning in what we do, and feeling connected to ourselves, others, and the world. We take time to appreciate and reflect on our growth and notice the glow in what we do and how we can share it with our community and the wider world. We support each other to recognize self-worth and celebrate our inner strength which allows us to fulfil our potential.

Upcoming Events

- Book Fair
- Bingo Night
- NSPCC Number Day
- Stay and Plays

Current Clubs

- Netball
- La Crosse
- Film
- Drama
- Indo boarding



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

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

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

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

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FLOWER OF THE MONTH



Primrose (*Primula*)

*Thy smiles I note, sweet early flower,
That peeping from thy rustic bower,
Thy festive news to earth doth bring,
A fragrant messenger of Spring!*

Samuel Taylor Coleridge, 1796

With over 500 species, it's hard not to find a version of the primrose pushing their glorious heralds of spring for all the world to admire. It was once believed that if you see a primrose a fairy was nearby. The flowers were believed to be the gateway to the fairy realm. This may also have contributed to the belief that primroses could ward off evil spirits and they became the symbol of protection, safety and love. This sounds like the basis for a rather entertaining short story.

Even Norse mythology connected the primrose to the goddess of love, Freya. This deep connection with love and protection carried through to the Victorian era where a gift of primroses equated to saying 'I can't live without you.'

Originating in Europe, the name *Primula*, is derived from the Latin work *primus*, meaning first, which makes sense since they are the first flower of spring. They were often used for medicinal and culinary uses. Teas and tinctures for headaches, cramps, spasms, rheumatism, and even gout were created by herbalists to treat their families and friends.

The primrose is toxic to dogs, cats, and horses, but is edible by humans and apparently chickens. My few that decorated the tops of my rosemary pots are a very sad site and are unlikely to flower unless I find them a new home away from the ladies.

(sources: *almanac.com*, *writinghome.com*)

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February

In the silence of a February morn,
Frost kisses each leaf, adorned.
Bare trees stand in solemn grace,
Under the winter's cold embrace.
A whisper through the air does weave,
Of spring beneath the snow's thick sleeve.
In this quiet, a promise lies,
Of warmer days under bluer skies.

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Monday	Closed	6pm -11pm
Tuesday	Closed	6pm -11pm
Wednesday	Closed	6pm -11pm
Thursday	Closed	6pm -11pm
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WORTON & MARSTON BUS SCHEDULE MONDAY THRU FRIDAY

Clarendon Academy or Manvers House - Market Place

☑ Timing points ○ All stops

	76	77
Trowbridge, o/s Manvers House	09:50	12:30 14:30
Paxcroft Mead Newhurst Park (E-bound)	09:55	12:35 14:35
Steeple Ashton Memorial (NW-bound)	10:03	12:43 14:43
Great Hinton Crossroads (N-bound)	10:07	12:47 14:47
Kevel Field Head (E-bound)	10:09	12:49 14:49
Bulkington War Memorial (E-bound)	10:14	12:54 14:54
Worton Village Hall (E-bound)	10:16	12:56 14:59
Worton Sandlease (E-bound)	10:20	13:00 15:01
Pottorne Duck Street (N-bound)		15:05
Worton Village Hall (W-bound)	10:22	13:02
Marston The Green (NW-bound)	10:26	13:06
Devizes Fire Station (S-bound)		15:10
Devizes Market Place Costa (NW-bound)		15:15
Poulshot The Raven (N-bound)	10:33	13:13
Devizes Mayenne Place West (S-bound)	10:36	13:16
Devizes Market Place Bus Island (SE-bound)	10:42	13:22

Market Place - Clarendon Academy or Manvers House

☑ Timing points ○ All stops

	77	76
Devizes Market Place Bus Island (SE-bound)	09:45	
Devizes The Pelican (NW-bound)		12:05 14:10
Pottorne Duck Street (S-bound)	09:50	
Devizes, o/s Business Centre		12:09 14:14
Devizes Mayenne Place (W-bound)		12:10 14:15
Poulshot The Raven (S-bound)		12:14 14:19
Worton Sandlease (E-bound)		12:22 14:27
Worton Village Hall (W-bound)	09:56	12:24 14:29
Marston The Green (NW-bound)		12:28 14:33
Bulkington War Memorial (W-bound)	10:00	12:32 14:37
Kevel Field Head (W-bound)	10:05	12:37 14:42
Great Hinton Crossroads (S-bound)	10:06	12:40 14:45
Steeple Ashton Memorial (NW-bound)	10:11	12:43 14:48
Steeple Ashton St Mary's (NW-bound)	10:11	12:43 14:49
Steeple Ashton Newlease (NW-bound)	10:12	12:44 14:50
Paxcroft Mead Newhurst Park (W-bound)	10:16	12:50
Trowbridge, o/s Manvers House	10:24	12:56

SATURDAYS

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

Clarendon Academy or Manvers House - Market Place

☑ Timing points ○ All stops

	76	77
Trowbridge, o/s Manvers House	09:55	12:30 15:00
Paxcroft Mead Newhurst Park (E-bound)	10:00	12:35 15:05
Steeple Ashton Memorial (NW-bound)	10:06	12:43 15:13
Great Hinton Crossroads (N-bound)	10:12	12:47 15:17
Kevel Field Head (E-bound)	10:14	12:49 15:19
Bulkington War Memorial (E-bound)	10:19	12:54 15:24
Worton Village Hall (E-bound)	10:24	12:55 15:30
Worton Sandlease (E-bound)	09:28	10:26 13:01 15:32
Pottorne Duck Street (N-bound)		15:36
Worton Village Hall (W-bound)	09:30	10:27 13:02
Marston The Green (NW-bound)	09:34	10:31 13:06
Devizes Market Place Costa (NW-bound)		15:41
Poulshot The Raven (N-bound)	09:41	10:38 13:13
Devizes Mayenne Place West (S-bound)	10:43	10:57 13:16
Devizes Market Place Bus Island (SE-bound)	09:51	10:48 11:03 13:23

Market Place - Clarendon Academy or Manvers House

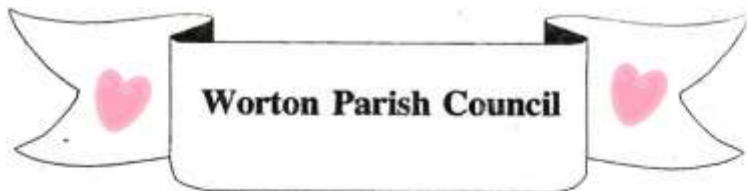
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	77	76
Devizes Market Place Bus Island (SE-bound)	09:50	
Devizes The Pelican (NW-bound)		10:50 12:25 14:30
Pottorne Duck Street (S-bound)	09:55	
Devizes, o/s Business Centre		10:50 12:25 14:34
Devizes Mayenne Place (W-bound)		10:50 12:29 14:34
Poulshot The Raven (S-bound)		12:32 14:37
Worton Sandlease (E-bound)		12:40 14:45
Worton Village Hall (W-bound)	10:01	12:42 14:47
Marston The Green (NW-bound)		12:47 14:52
Bulkington War Memorial (W-bound)	10:05	12:50 14:55
Kevel Field Head (W-bound)	10:10	12:55 15:00
Great Hinton Crossroads (S-bound)	10:13	12:58 15:03
Steeple Ashton Memorial (NW-bound)	10:16	13:01 15:06
Paxcroft Mead Newhurst Park (W-bound)	10:23	13:08 15:13
Trowbridge, o/s Manvers House	10:29	13:14 15:19

NOTE: Not all stops are shown in the above schedules

(Source: <https://bustimes.org/services/76-trowbridge-steeple-ashton-worton-devizes>)

Historical Extracts from The Bridge (February 1995)



THE TIMES THEY ARE A'CHANGING

Everything seems to be in motion at the moment - a new parish (& district) council in May, a new parish clerk to find. June has decided to go back to work full time following the end of her maternity leave and she indicated it would therefore no longer be possible for her to devote the time required (and needed) to carry out the duties of our clerk too. We are very sorry she will no longer be involved and until we appoint a new clerk she has agreed to look after us. Please contact any parish councillor if you are interested in this post

We still haven't finally dealt with the purchase of the recreation ground and adjoining wood and lakeland area.

The County have yet to provide us with permission to have right of way over a small portion of land just inside Cedar Close to enable us to gain access to the strip of land between Cedar Close boundary and the school boundary fence to allow us to drive vehicles down to the area.

Immediately that is to hand we will apply for planning permission for change of use of the field adjacent to the lake area from agricultural to recreational.

As we have the lake area as well we will be able to use the existing bridge so the earlier problems with an additional bridge have been resolved.

When planning permission is granted we will finalise the purchase and applications made for the various grants that may be available. We expect to form a committee to deal with all the necessary work to enable the area to be used and we are liaising with Marston Parish Council so that use of the amenity can be shared by everyone in Worton & Marston.

We have also started negotiating with the County Council with a view to having the strip of land between the school and the village hall made into a car park. We are concerned at the lack of parking for the school, the hall and both churches and the potential dangers especially for children with cars parked along the High Street, the damage to the verges in Church Lane and the problems being created for frontagers particularly in Church Lane and in the High Street near the hall.

VILLAGE DIARY

**REGULAR MEETINGS
Around the Village**

Village Hall

- **Garden Club**
3rd Monday 7.00pm start (not Aug/Dec)
- **Ladies Group**
Last Wednesday 7:30pm (not Aug/Dec)
- **Women's Institute**
2nd Wednesday Village Hall
- **1st Worton & Marston Brownies**
Tuesdays 6pm-7.30pm
- **Potterne Rainbows**
Tuesdays 4.45pm-5.45pm
- **Worton Parish Council Meeting**
1st Monday (not Aug) or as shown on notice boards

In the Chapel at Marston

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

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Next Date: Monday 24 Feb

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Forthcoming Events

- 8th Book Swap
- 12th WI
- 17th Garden Club

**Kerbside Collections
in February
Worton & Marston**

**Black box and Blue lidded
bin recycling:**

February 4th & 18th

Household waste:
February 13th & 27th

Garden waste:
February 14th & 28th



**Kerbside Collections
In February
Close Lane, Marston**

**Black box and Blue lidded
bin recycling:**

February 11th & 25th

Household waste:
February 6th & 20th



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Deadline for items for the next Bridge is 15th FEBRUARY 2025

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