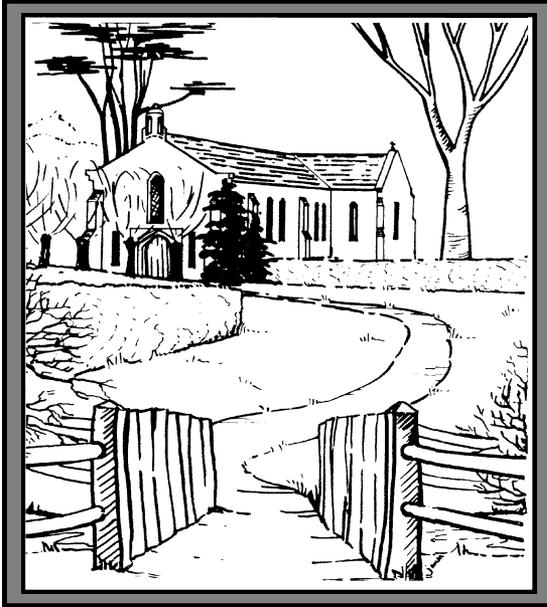


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Poppy Collection

The Royal British Legion wish to thank our two villages for donating the splendid total of £768.42 to this year's poppy appeal. May I add my thanks to the School, the Pub, and especially the willing volunteer collectors for this year's smashing effort.

Robin Shercliff, Park Farm House

NEWCOMERS UPDATE

We hope we have delivered tickets to all those who moved into Worton or Marston during 2020 or 2021 and thank those who have let us know of their intention to attend. Tickets are available for villagers to buy from Jean and Heather.

At the time of writing, the new variant of Covid is giving much cause for concern and it would be with heavy hearts that we may have to face cancelling the Newcomers' Welcome Party. A decision will be made by the organising committee nearer the time.

Jean Lane 722069

Worton & Marston Link Scheme

Happy New Year to everyone and hope you are all well. I am getting better at the home lateral flow tests, and also looking forward to the newcomers party in the village hall COVID permitting. We will be able to meet each other and discuss how Link works either from a client or volunteer point of view.

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Alun Newman

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Pastoral Letter

It's only been a few days since Christmas, but some people are already trying to sell their unwanted gifts. A number of people have put presents up for sale on eBay and some are still wrapped up with bows and haven't even been opened.

A Google search produces the following results:

- Where to sell and swap unwanted Christmas presents
- DONATE YOUR UNWANTED XMAS PRESENTS
- 11 ways to recycle, reuse or donate unwanted Christmas presents
- Returning unwanted Christmas gifts
- Unwanted Gifts: What To Do With Yours

And of course, there will also be many unwanted or ill-fitting presents that will be returned to the shops (or websites) from where they were bought.

I find that rather sad, don't you? I am sure that you, like many other people, will have spent a lot of time trying to decide what gifts to give friends and family for Christmas. We've gone to all that time and trouble because we love these people, and we want to give them the perfect gift.

At Christmas in churches all over the world, millions of people celebrated the birth of Jesus Christ, God's greatest gift. A gift that he gave to each one of us because he loved us. John 3:16 says, "This is how much God loved the world: He gave his Son, his one and only Son". However, Jesus was rejected. John 1:11 tells us that Jesus "came to his own people, but they didn't want him." It's as if the world put the present back under the tree or wrote "return to sender" on the Christmas card envelope and put it back in the post-box.

What will you do with God's gift? Will you allow Jesus to be part of your life, or will you turn your back on him and reject the greatest gift ever given?

On behalf of the Wellsprings Benefice, may I wish you a happy and healthy 2022.

Liz Starling
(Licensed Lay Minister)



SERVICE CALENDAR

JANUARY 2022

Sun Jan 2nd	CHRISTMAS 2	CHRIST CHURCH No Service <i>MARSTON CHAPEL</i> <i>Covenant Service HC Gary Gotham</i>
	6.00pm	
Sun Jan 9th	EPIPHANY 1	CHRIST CHURCH Morning Praise <i>MARSTON CHAPEL</i> <i>No Service</i>
	10.00am	
Sun Jan 16th	EPIPHANY 2	CHRIST CHURCH Holy Communion BCP <i>MARSTON CHAPEL</i> <i>No Service</i>
	8.00am	
Sun Jan 23rd	EPIPHANY 3	CHRIST CHURCH Morning Praise <i>MARSTON CHAPEL</i> <i>No Service</i>
	10.00am	
Sun Jan 30th	EPIPHANY 4	CHRIST CHURCH No Service <i>MARSTON CHAPEL</i> <i>Gary Gotham</i>
	6.00pm	

FEBRUARY 2022

Sun Feb 6th	EPIPHANY 5	CHRIST CHURCH Holy Communion <i>MARSTON CHAPEL</i> <i>No Service</i>
	10.00am	

The marriage of Andrea Bizley and Nick Matthews took place at Christ Church during November. Also Services in loving memory of Rosemary Nunan Maggs and Joyce Starling were held.

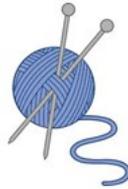
Visit the church website: www.christchurchworton.org.uk

From Christ Church:

It was good to have the Toddlers Group back in church this year. They made decorations and added to the Christmas tree, and were enthralled by the Christmas story read by Jean. They enjoyed lovely refreshments, with lots of cake including a Father Christmas cake, and a visit from Father Christmas himself, giving presents to all. A reindeer also came along to keep him company!

Thank you again to John and Mandy Fielding for the gift of the Christmas tree. At the end of a difficult year for so many in so many different ways, locally and worldwide, we pray for all, including good health returning to Revd Ali in 2022.

Heather and Jean, Churchwardens



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Sunday 2nd (Christmas 2/Epiphany)

10am Benefice Epiphany Holy Communion Seend

Sunday 9th (Baptism of Christ/Epiphany 1)

8am Holy Communion (BCP) Seend
 10am Morning Praise Bulkington
 10am Holy Communion Potterne
 10am Holy Communion (BCP) Poulshot
 10am Morning Praise Worton

Sunday 16th (Epiphany 2)

8 am Holy Communion (BCP) Worton
 10am Holy Communion Bulkington
 10am Morning Praise Potterne
 10am Holy Matins (BCP) Poulshot
 4pm Evening Prayer Seend

Sunday 23rd (Epiphany 3)

10am Holy Communion Potterne
 10am Holy Communion Seend
 10am Morning Praise Worton
 4pm Evening Service Bulkington
 4pm Evening Prayer/Evensong (BCP) Poulshot

Sunday 30th (Epiphany 4)

4pm Benefice Service Seend
 (including licensing of LWLs)

Every Tuesday, 9am Daily Prayer service at Poulshot

You are also welcome to join us at our new informal gathering called Quest, starting on Saturday 8th January, and then every Saturday, at 5.30pm at Poulshot Village Hall.

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For details of our recorded services please visit our website (details below).

Churches are open for private prayer during the week.

*** Because of recent high numbers of covid cases locally, we are currently asking you to remain seated and wear a mask in church, including whilst singing. Socially distanced seating is available for anyone who feels vulnerable. If you feel unwell or have tested positive, please stay at home. We hope to reduce these restrictions in the near future. Please keep checking our website for the latest information.

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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Planning Appeal Decision - Land at Sandlease Farm, Worton

The Planning Inspection have published their decision regarding the above site

Decision

1. The appeal is allowed and outline planning permission is granted for up to 26 dwellings and associated infrastructure with all matters reserved for future consideration except for access at land at Sandlease Farm, Worton, Wiltshire SN10 5RZ in accordance with the terms of the application, Ref 20/07932/OUT, dated 11th September 2020, and the plans submitted with it, subject to the conditions in the conditions annexe and the unilateral undertaking dated 6th September 2021.

The full decision document can be found on the Planning Inspectorate website: <https://bit.ly/3oFwW3t>

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Welcome to some new arrivals in Worton

Sheila and Chris Collins

No guessing which house on the High Street these recent imports have moved to. Hint: It's the only house with a kangaroo out the front.

When: Moved to Worton in December 2020

From: Sydney, Australia

Why Worton: Sheila has spent 20 years in Australia and it's time for Chris to return the favour with a move to Old Blighty. Sheila's family are mostly in the Trowbridge area.

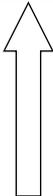
Likes most: Lovely people and community. Great to play in the village cricket team where Chris is the highest Australian run scorer.

Likes least: Weeding! At least in the UK, the fauna and flora aren't trying to kill you!

Work: Sheila has a cardiac nursing background and has three part-time jobs, two of which are for Australian employers. Chris works in marine insurance and also works for an Australian employer.

Play: Chris is happiest with a hammer in his hand and any high-speed rotating blade. Sheila loves pilates and country walks. Chris is kidding himself that he's not getting any older and trains in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu.

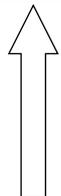
Challenges since moving here: For Chris, being so far away from family. For Sheila, finding space on the calendar to fit in the lunches, dinners, birthday parties and catch-ups for all her family and friends.

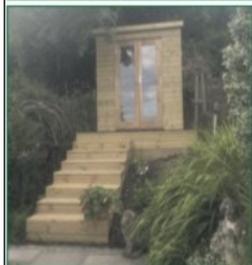
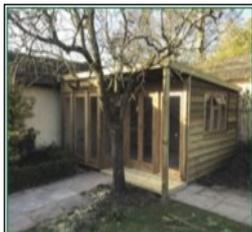


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Market Lavington Christmas Country Fair

A big thank you to everyone who came to and/or supported the Christmas Country Fair in Market Lavington Community Hall on November 20th. We hope you all enjoyed the Fair and found some great things to buy. It was good to see so many people back in the Hall again after the last two years. We would also like to thank everyone who helped us organise and run the Fair, especially June Wright and Barbara Galloway, and all our stallholders, many of whom are very talented local crafters.

In case you were wondering, the Bonus Ball Hamper was won by Tom McMeekin.

The Fair raised a fantastic £1,110.64 for The Soldiers' Charity, which brings the amount raised over all ten Fairs to just over £10,000. Thank you all very much! This money will help a lot of serving and former serving soldiers and their families.

Sue and Chris Bonney

WORTON & MARSTON LADIES GROUP

It was good to be back in the Village Hall on the 1st December for a get together over mulled wine and mince pies, and to welcome 4 new members to our group.

We discussed our programme for 2022. Our first meeting will be on the 19th January with a meal at The Raven, Poulshot; fingers crossed no further COVID restrictions will be in place by then!

February is a visit to Potterne Pantomime; names and ticket money to Teresa at the January meal please.

Our first meeting in the Village Hall will be on the 30th March when our speaker will be Anne Dunham (one of our new members) who was a member of the Paralympic Equestrian Team. Anne's talk will be on Horses, Medals & Wheelchairs. Hosts for the evening: Allison & Rosa.

Hoping you have or had (depending on when you read this) a lovely Christmas and wishing you all a Very Healthy Happy New Year.

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We're almost at the end of term two at Five Lanes Primary School, and what a term it has been!

At the beginning of term Hazel Class went on a trip to Stonehenge to complement their learning about the Stone Age to Iron Age. The children had a fabulous day visiting the displays and finding evidence of pre-historic activity. The walk over the fields past the barrows to the stones was the highlight of the day. The children created some fabulous art inspired by the landscape.

Elder Class had a very enjoyable trip to Bovington Tank Museum. They visited the trenches, went inside a real tank, dressed up as recruits and took cover in an air raid shelter.

This year for our Christmas performances we had to resort to our back-up plan of performing outside in the playground to keep our school community as safe as possible. A huge well done to all the children, we are so proud of them and their efforts to put on a wonderful show to their audience. The KS1 children performed A Tale of Two Birthdays and the KS2 children sang beautiful carols by candlelight.

The Christmas performances were closely followed by Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas lunch and class parties! We had such a wonderful time, it felt like Christmas had well and truly arrived!

At the end of term, we said a very sad farewell to Mrs Burrows who has been connected to Five Lanes in various capacities for over 16 years! We will miss her wonderful creativeness and passion for books and reading, and we thank her for her dedication and commitment to Five Lanes. We look forward to hearing what her next adventure will be.

We hope you all have a safe and restful Christmas, and we hope to see you in the New Year.

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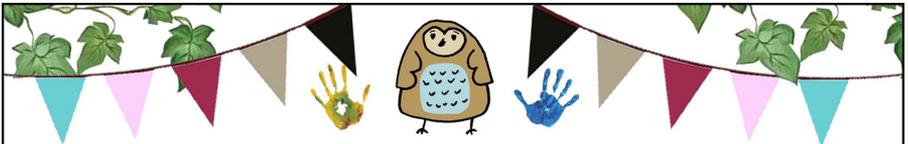
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Keep an eye on our Facebook page for any updates / changes and to see all our fantastic crafts and cakes!

Worton Toddlers would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas.



Worton & Cheverell FC (Youth) 'The Badgers'

<http://www.wortonandcheverellfc.com>



Unlike the pro game, youth football takes a mid-season break over the festive period. On the pitch, most teams go into the break in positive mood and one has won their league!. The club would like to wish all our players, parents, supporters and sponsors a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! See you all in 2022! Please get in touch with the relevant team contact if you are interested in joining The Badgers. We would also welcome contact from any small business wishing to sponsor an advertising board.

Badger Cubs - ages 4-6 years. Continue to have fun at Devizes Leisure Centre every Saturday @ 9am with solid attendances. Plenty of progress these last few weeks on passing and, in particular, goalkeeping. Couple of players looking ready to move up to the next level after Christmas. All welcome to come and try for 2 weeks free!

U7s – The team is showing steady improvement, travelling all over Wiltshire and showing great enthusiasm for their football even in adverse weather conditions. Training Wednesdays 6pm @ Devizes Leisure Centre.

U8s – Playing some good football, developing all the time. The team really enjoyed the training trip and match experience at Southampton FC. Training Fridays 5:45pm @ Lavington School Hall. New players always welcome.

U9s mixed – The team continues to develop really well at training, carrying that form into recent matches. Training will resume from 4th January on Tuesdays 5pm @ Green Lane, Devizes until March.

U9s Girls – Continue to progress and demonstrate masses of enthusiasm with good attendance at training Saturdays 9:30am @ Elisha Field, Market Lavington. New players from age 7+ welcome and parent helpers and coaches.

U10/11s – Enjoying the seasons so far, training well with good attendances @ Dauntsey's school 6pm on Fridays. All new players welcome.

U12s – Continuing their excellent season by progression in the cup v a higher league side, followed by a tough away victory at Larkhall to win the League Championship! An excellent achievement and a

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welcome Christmas present! Training Fridays 6:30pm @ Northbrook, Market Lavington

U14s – Two narrow defeats in a row has been a disappointment but the team remains in good spirit and remains second in the league going into the Xmas break. Training Fridays 7pm @ Dauntsey's School, West Lavington. New players welcome, including U13s.

U15s – The team continues to play really good football, dominating when in possession, remaining joint top of the league and progressing into the 2nd round of the cup. Training Fridays 7pm @ Dauntsey's School, Market Lavington.

U16s – The team continues to play well winning 4 consecutive games. Training well in good numbers on Fridays 5.45pm @ Northbrook.

Committee for Season 2021/22

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Treasurer: Vicky Goddard	Welfare Officers: Hannah Kervin
Grounds: Mark Goddard	Web Pages: James Partington
Newsletter: David Groves	All Team Managers

Club Secretary fundraising update – Vicky has completed her target of 26 10k runs in the year to raise funds for a Secondary Cancer charity. The £1k sponsorship target has been smashed with the final total raised an amazing £2,741! Vicky would like to thank all the many people who have supported her and donated during the year. The donation page is now closed.

Team Contacts for 2021/22 Season:

Badger Cubs - James Partington - 07532 628219

Girls Team - Liz Gaule - 07949 176623

U7 - Rob Nuttall - 07706 167347

U8 - Pete Huntley - 07974756131

U9 - Adam Shanley - 07423 576368

U10/11 - Mark Goddard - 01380 813160

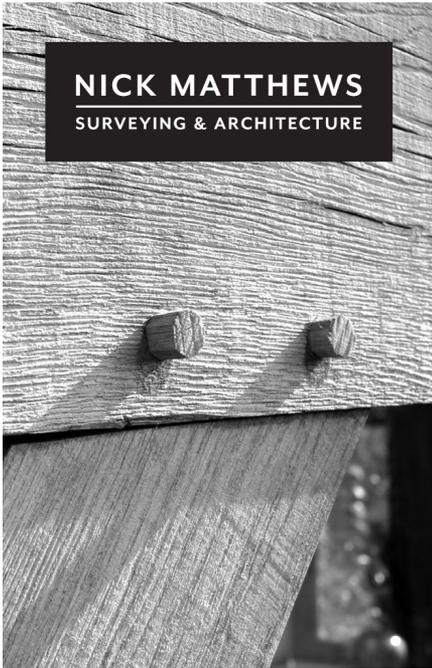
U12 - Neil Black - 07769 261750

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3. 1st Worton and Marston Brownies £115.50 for the leaders' membership fees for 2022

The applications can be viewed on the Parish Council website:
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Liz Starling
Clerk to Worton Parish Council
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Worton Community Speedwatch

Date	Number of hours	Number of vehicles reported	Number of vehicles 31-35 mph	Total vehicle count
Jan-21	1	6	14	205
Mar-Apr 21	9	30	134	2605
Apr-May 21	11	67	228	3546
May-Jun 21	12	79	306	3544
Jun-Jul 21	11	61	225	3444
Jul-Aug 21	13	112	325	4067
Aug-Sept 21	12	98	338	4106
Sept-Oct 21	12	78	311	3810
Oct-21	10	79	256	3456
Nov-21	10	42	152	2490
Dec-21	3	21	78	1191
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Sent in by: Bob Mitchell, Worton Community Speedwatch Coordinator

A Message from Tamara Reay **Wiltshire Councillor for The Devizes Rural West Division**

Wiltshire Council introduced Area Boards so that local decision making is at the heart of every community across the county. There are 18 Area Boards, and Devizes Rural West is part of the Devizes Area Board. Meetings take place four times a year, on Monday evenings starting at 6:30pm and would usually be at a venue in Devizes, or one of the village halls across the area. Since Covid, the meetings have continued online which, whilst very convenient, does mean that it is slightly more difficult to engage with everyone attending.

Devizes Area Board is attended by the seven Wiltshire Councillors representing divisions in the Devizes area, as well as representatives from many local organisations including parish councils, schools, police, fire service, health services, and other community organisations such as Indie Devizes and Sustainable Devizes. Each of the organisations presents a short update on local matters – enabling Councillors and the public to ask questions.

Another welcome feature of Area Boards is the grant funding which can be made to local community organisations. There are three types of funding:

Community grants - Providing capital funding to help provide facilities and equipment for projects that are important to the local community.

Youth grants - Providing revenue funding for projects that provide positive activities for young people aged 13-19 or up to 25 with SEND. A positive activity can be any educational or recreational leisure-time activity including arts, sports, leisure and informal education.

Health & wellbeing grants - Providing revenue funding to support projects that benefit and improve older and vulnerable residents' health and wellbeing.

The Area Board is supported by our Community Engagement Manager, Andrew Jack, who helps facilitate projects and collaboration between community organisations. Andrew can advise on grant funding opportunities - he can be reached at:

andrew.jack@wiltshire.gov.uk

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The next Devizes Area Board meeting will take place on Monday 7th March at 6:30pm - hopefully in person, if Covid is reduced to a manageable level. More information about the agenda and the venue for the March meeting will be on www.wiltshire.gov.uk in the week or so before the meeting - please do join us to find out about local issues and ask questions of me, the other Devizes Area Board members and representatives from local organisations.

Tamara Reay

Wiltshire Councillor for Devizes Rural West.

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This is the group that organises the Welcome Party, but it is also responsible for the Beer and Carols event at the Rose and Crown which took place on Monday December 6th. A good crowd gathered outside at the back of the pub (for Covid safety) and spent a good hour singing Christmas Carols. Jackie and John had set up three log burners which not only provided warmth but looked really cheery on a chilly but dry evening. John Lane and John Starling provided the music and that famous double-act, Revs Gary and Adrian led proceedings with even a bit of “magic” thrown in. Jackie produced very welcome sausage rolls and mince pies, and Jean rounded the eats off with some decorated Christmas biscuits.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Several people gathered in Marston Chapel to attend this traditional service and very much enjoyed the readings and carols, despite the wearing of masks! Thanks to Rev Gary and those who provided drinks and mince pies.

A THANK YOU FROM CHRIST CHURCH

A belated thank you to Chris and David Johnson for their kind donation to church funds from sales of their book about the family stories shared during the First World War exhibition in the Village Hall. It was much appreciated.

Jean Lane



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Worton and Marston Gardening Club

Autumn has become a cold windy Winter. Fortunately, we have not so far had the blizzards and havoc Northern England and Scotland have endured. More than a week without electricity seems unbelievable to us, but we should prepare ourselves for the unexpected.

Leaves are a gardener's main chore at this time of year, especially here at Malthouse Yard. We have more than our fair share of trees and I have spent several hours picking up and disposing of leaves. Down in Devon where I was born, we had a large garden, but only a few fruit trees, and at Meadow Drive no trees near us at all, so leaves everywhere was a new experience for me. I use my lawn mower to pick up off the lawn, and we have a decent sucker machine which helps with the rest of our leaf strewn area. The advantage of the mower and sucker is that the collected leaves are chopped up and compact better in the waste bin or compost heap, which by now has overflowed. I am making another heap to accommodate the overflow. Another problem is the time it takes for leaves to rot down. Being chopped up certainly helps the process along and turning the heaps over may speed the rotting process up. Any other suggestions are welcome as I was always told that good leaf mould is beneficial for many plants.

Apart from that I haven't done that much gardening lately, having spent most of my spare time up at my workshop. The restoration of my Allard saloon is progressing well, and I am improving my wood working skills with every hour spent working on the car. The whole project is very absorbing, and I am learning all the time. Back to the saw and chisel in the morning. Have a good New Year everyone.

Dave

Work continues on the programme for next year.....but as we are all aware...not everything goes to plan, and we are being flexible! Let's hope 2022 proves to be a much better year than recent ones.

Sally svwood90@hotmail.com

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Worton Parish Council

Our December Parish Council meeting was a week later than usual and at a busy time for us all. Add to that the escalating threat from COVID and it was pleasing to see a good attendance, though the return of masks made the proceedings difficult - not only hard to hear what was said but also difficult to see who was who.

However, I am confident that my report is reasonably accurate!

Firstly, we are very pleased to welcome a new councillor to the group. Chris Collins has lived in the village for about a year and brings a range of skills to the council as well as a fresh look at things from the standpoint that only relative new residents can bring. We are delighted that he has shown such commitment to the community so soon after joining it.

We were also pleased to welcome Russell Holland, the Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner for Wiltshire, to the meeting. The main reason for his attendance being in support of our Community Speed Watch team. We have been looking into the possibility of purchasing an “autospeedwatch” system to assist our team and make their work even more effective. The strange attitude of Wiltshire police (from an external perspective) to the technology has been a concern and has prevented us from purchasing the equipment and utilising it. Other neighbouring police forces support its use. Mr Holland was supportive in his responses, though without any definitive answers. We were advised to proceed with our intention to send a written enquiry to the Police and Crime Commissioner directly. We also questioned Mr Holland with regard to the recent spate of thefts from outbuildings and cars and the difficulty in accessing advice and support. We expressed our hope that liaison with a police community support officer could be improved, including attendance at some Parish Council meetings.

On a related theme, we are still making good progress with the purchase and installation of Speed Indicator Devices. An onsite meeting with the engineer from Wiltshire Council to finalise details should hopefully take place after Christmas and the system should be up and operating in the first half of the New Year. Thanks are due to Cllrs Slack and Parsons who have been working hard to get this over the line.

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Cllr Powell has been making progress with the newly formed village maintenance group and is making plans for what will be needed in the foreseeable future. There has also been some progress with two other projects, the provision of suitable play equipment at Whatley's leaze and the refurbishment of footpath WORT11/MARS9. In the case of the former it is about finding something that is both affordable and suitable. With regard to the latter, it is largely a question of funding sources. Progress is being made and we are keeping those most directly involved up to date. We anticipate firmer news in the New Year.

We discussed membership of a group known as the Wiltshire Localism and Planning Alliance. Broadly, this is an advisory and support group which seeks to maintain a local voice in planning decisions against a background of a perceived loss of influence with regard to Regional and National policy decisions. We felt that the Neighbourhood Plan Steering group would be most likely to find membership of most use and decided that an application was most suitable on their behalf.

We also noted that the Planning Inspectorate has allowed the appeal in respect of Outline Planning Permission with regard to housing development on the Sandleaze farm site. It is important to understand that there will be opportunity for the Parish Council and wider community to comment on and influence the details with regard to the development if and when progress takes place.

We were pleased to be able to award a grant from the Community Fund to the Worton and Marston PCC with regard to a planned new notice board, which will also be available for the wider village community to utilise as appropriate; as well as ones to our Brownie and Rainbow groups. There is still funding available and applications are very welcome. Please contact Liz Starling if you would like more detail.

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Everyday people in the UK go hungry for reasons ranging from redundancy to receiving an unexpected bill on a low income. A simple box of food makes a big difference, with foodbanks helping prevent crime, housing loss, family breakdown and mental health problems. Last year, in 2021 we gave out a total of 739 emergency food boxes, feeding a total of 1,729 people, of which 680 of those were children.

Schools, churches, businesses and individuals donate non-perishable, in-date food to the foodbank. When the food arrives at the warehouse, volunteers weigh it then sort it to check that it's in date and pack it into boxes ready to be given to people in need.

In order to provide the most appropriate help for the circumstances of an individual's situation, our foodbank partners with local agencies. If the agency feels the individual is struggling to put food on the table, they will issue them with a foodbank voucher. Depending on the agency, it may be a paper voucher or an online E-Voucher.

The referral agency will take some basic details from the individual in order to complete the voucher. This will help them to identify the cause of the crisis and offer practical guidance. It also means we are able to prepare suitable emergency food for the right number of people. The agency can also provide long term support if needed to help address some of the issues behind the reasons for the crisis.

The voucher can be exchanged for an emergency food box containing 3 days' worth of non-perishable food.

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The agencies we work with include Citizens Advice, Wiltshire Council, housing support officers, children's centres, health visitors, social services, schools and some local charities.

We are unable to give out an emergency food box without a voucher so would encourage people to contact the agencies direct.

Devizes Foodbank is very reliant on the generosity of all its donors – all those who give food, our volunteers who give their time and for those who give money donations. Without these individuals, Devizes Foodbank would not be able to continue to help people in crisis.

Further information about our food bank can be found on our website: <https://devizesdistrict.foodbank.org.uk/>

Our volunteer vacancies are advertised on the Trussell Trust website: bit.ly/3mWrCHY and you will be able to apply online.

Liz Starling Project Manager 07379 818913

Devizes and District Foodbank 07807 973605

Visit us on Facebook: @devizesdistrictfoodbank

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FIVE LANES WI

Our December meeting saw us in the Village Hall creating Christmas wreaths from greenery, ribbons and any other decorative items we had brought. Rosemary talked us through the principles, and was ready to give advice if needed. She also prepared mulled wine to go with Jill's home-made mince pies. As the news of the new Covid variant wasn't good, we all tested that morning, and wore masks when moving around. They had to be removed for eating and drinking, of course! Two potential new members joined us.

With gatherings so uncertain at the moment, we are very much hoping to go ahead with a New Year meal out on January 11th. Sarah will be in touch via e mail with details if we are able to go ahead.

Jean Lane 722069

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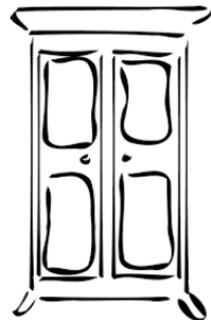
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The Big Garden Birdwatch 2022

Last year we wrote about the survey that had taken place during a week in June in All Saints' churchyard West Lavington which sought to build a picture of the range of wildlife that is already present in the churchyard to assist in planning how to make it more biodiverse. Birdlife results were particularly poor.

This may not be surprising in view of the serious, countrywide, decline in the numbers of many birds, including many well known and loved species. Swifts and House Martins have joined other insect-eating summer migrants that have been red-listed for some time. One regular, the Greenfinch, declined so much that in 2021 it was placed on the UK red list, jumping straight from green.

The time for the RSPB's **Big Garden Birdwatch** of 2022 is fast approaching and everyone is being encouraged to get ready to join in from 28th - 30th January. The largest wildlife survey in the world, the Big Garden Birdwatch, has been running for over 30 years. Last year was a record year, with people more or less confined to their homes by Covid-19 restrictions. Over a million people took part and over 17 million birds were counted. As a conservation charity, the RSPB depends on the public's support to save nature and to look after places where wildlife can thrive. Taking part is a great way to help make a difference. It's terrific fun too and gets us closer as well to nature where we live.

To find how to sign up to take part, visit:

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/>

You can request a free information pack to help get you ready and to identify the birds you see. Then all you need to do is to count birds in your garden or around you for one hour on 28th, 29th or 30th January. Record the highest number of each species that you see land at one time and send in the results to the RSPB online or on paper.

Our birds are in trouble. Our biodiversity too. A 2021 analysis indicated that the UK, with an average of only 53% of its biodiversity left, is in the bottom 10% of the world's countries and last in the G7.

We hope you will feel inspired to take part in the 2022 count – whether in your garden, churchyard, a park etc near you!

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*Extracts from The Bridge (January 1992),
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- **Worton Toddler Group**
Wednesday 10.00 am - Noon
- **1st Worton & Marston Brownies**
Alternate Tuesdays (term time only)
- **Worton Parish Council Meeting**
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In the Chapel at Marston

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