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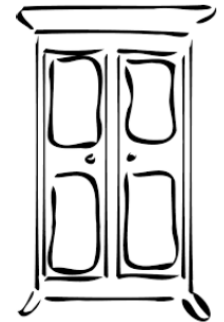
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# THE BRIDGE

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## Remembrance

### Poppy Collection

Our long-serving village volunteers will begin their house-to-house poppy selling on Sunday the 29<sup>th</sup> October, and it would be greatly encouraging if everyone felt able to buy their poppies this way.

### Armistice Day

It is the custom of our Villages to attend at the War Memorial by the Village Hall to observe a simple Act of Remembrance consisting of the Exhortation; two minutes silence and the Kohima Address.

We gather in time for the Act to begin at 11:00 am on Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup> November.

**Remembrance Sunday** this year is on the 12<sup>th</sup> November. Arrangements are set out in the Church Service Calendar.

Robin Shercliff  
Park Farm House

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## Pastoral Letter

### The View from my window

One of the difficulties about writing an article for a magazine which is not going to be published for a little while is the problem of whatever is going to happen next.

As I write, the weather is on the change. It has been gloriously hot, and sitting in the garden in the shade has been the order of the day, and yet I know from the weather forecast that that is about to change with a vengeance.

Similarly, last week things were relatively quiet in the Middle East, but this week literally all hell has broken out, and by the time you read this who knows what will have happened. We clergy are supposed to come up with something clever and wise on such occasions, but for me my main reaction has been of horror and sadness about man's inhumanity to man. Whatever colour or creed we belong to it seems impossible that human beings can be so cruel and barbaric, and yet they can. Over the centuries, time after time war has broken out between different nations and people, and lest we forget, the war in Ukraine is still raging, even though it has gone out of the headlines.

Of course, November is the month for remembering. All our villages will be holding remembrance services, and there will be great solemnity and reminders of the war dead of two world wars. We promised that we will remember them, and we will. Just last week I took a funeral service for a 92 year old man who served in the Korean war, and I remember him coming home, all those years ago, battle scarred and weary. Most of us had family members who served in the last war, and every year when I speak to the children who gather round the war memorials, I try to help them and encourage them by saying that we and they must all try to make the world a better place, so that it won't happen again; and yet fighting goes on, and the atrocities continue.

So what can we do? The most important thing is to pray for peace. It is an imperative. Whoever you pray to, it doesn't matter but we must pray for peace. Somehow we have to understand that in order that this world continues we must learn to live alongside one another. Whether Jew or Hindu or Muslim or Christian or none of these we have to reach out to each other. Ownership of land does not matter. Love matters. My understanding is that all the great faiths agree on that, and I,

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as a Christian believe that that's what Jesus came to show us. The rest is icing on the cake.

So, as we go into this season of remembering, I hope that we will all take time to think, and reflect. My father didn't put his life at risk in the RAF, in order that there would be more wars. My father wanted and dreamed of a peaceful life for his children, and your children. I will not blame anyone; My prayer today is for peace.

Jane Knowles

### TIME TO GET YOUR TICKETS FOR THE EDINGTON ARTS ADVENT CONCERT!

The ever-popular Edington Arts Advent Concert will be at 7.30pm on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December in the Priory Church, and this year it will be performed by the choir of Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, Matthew Martin directing.

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Box Office: From November 10<sup>th</sup> Edington Angels can book and pay for tickets, and choose seats, online through the Edington Arts website ([www.edingtonarts.org](http://www.edingtonarts.org)).

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**NOVEMBER**

<b>Sun Nov 5th</b>	4TH BEFORE ADVENT	CHRIST CHURCH
9.30am.	Holy Communion	
3.00pm	All Souls	
		<i>MARSTON CHAPEL</i>
6.00pm		<i>Revd Gary Gotham</i>
<b>Sun Nov 12th</b>	REMEMBRANCE	CHRIST CHURCH
10.50am	Remembrance Day Service- starting at War Memorial	
<b>Sun Nov 19th</b>	2ND BEFORE ADVENT	CHRIST CHURCH
9.30am	Holy Communion	
		<i>MARSTON CHAPEL</i>
6.00pm		<i>Revd Gary Gotham</i>
<b>Sun Nov 26th</b>	CHRIST THE KING	CHRIST CHURCH
9.30am	Family Service	

**DECEMBER**

<b>Sun Dec 3rd</b>	ADVENT	CHRIST CHURCH
9.30am	Holy Communion	
		<i>MARSTON CHAPEL</i>
6.00pm		<i>TBC</i>

There were no weddings, funerals or baptisms at Christ Church during September.

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



**WELLSPRINGS BENEFICE SERVICES**

**NOVEMBER 2023**

<b>Friday 3rd</b>	3:30pm	Messy Church	Potterne Village Hall
<b>Sunday 5th (All Saints/4th before Advent)</b>	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Potterne
	9:30am	Holy Communion	Worton
	9:30am	Matins	Poulshot
	11am	Morning Praise	Bulkington
	11am	Holy Communion	Seend
	3pm	All Souls	Worton
	3pm	All Souls	Seend
<b>Sunday 12th (Remembrance Sunday)</b>	10:50am	Remembrance Sunday Service	Bulkington
	10:50am	Remembrance Sunday Service	Potterne
	10:50am	Remembrance Sunday Service	Poulshot
	10:50am	Remembrance Sunday Service	Seend
	10:50am	Remembrance Sunday Service	Worton
<b>Sunday 19th (2nd before Advent)</b>	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Seend
	9:30am	Holy Communion	Poulshot
	9:30am	Holy Communion	Worton
	11am	Holy Communion	Bulkington
	11am	Morning Praise	Potterne
<b>Sunday 26th (Christ the King)</b>	9:30am	Family Service	Worton
	11am	Holy Communion	Potterne
	11am	Holy Communion	Seend
	4pm	Evensong	Poulshot
	4pm	Holy Communion	Bulkington
<b>Wednesday 29th</b>	5pm	Celtic Meditative Service	Poulshot

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**Church Registers**

No baptisms, weddings or funerals this month.

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**From Christ Church:**

Five Lanes School held their Harvest Service in Church, very well prepared, and enjoyed by all. A large collection of non-perishable food from this, and the Christ Church Harvest and general Food Bank box was delivered to the Food Bank.

The School will also be holding their Remembrance Service in Church.

Christ Church Remembrance Service will be held on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November, gathering at the War Memorial by the Village Hall, at 10.50am followed by the service in Church.

The Summer Community Cafés have been going well. There will not be one in November but a Bumper Christmas one on December 16<sup>th</sup>. More details next month.

The Village Hall will be holding their Christmas Bazaar on 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Christ Church will be running the cake and home produce stall. We will be pleased to receive any donations to this.

Heather and Jean, Churchwardens

**Worton Community Speedwatch – September 2023**

(Speedwatch sessions are of 45 minutes duration)

Sessions: **SEVEN**

Total Vehicles Counted: **2,689**

Vehicles recorded for exceeding the 30mph speed limit: **107** of which **16** were reported to Wiltshire Police for excess speed.

Maximum Speed Recorded: **43mph** on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September between 07.45 and 08.30.

Highest vehicle count **435** on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September between 08.00 and 08.45

(The comparable figures for **September 2022** were: Sessions **17**, Vehicles **6,234** with **286** vehicles exceeding 30mph of which **60** were reported for excess speed.)

Bob Mitchell

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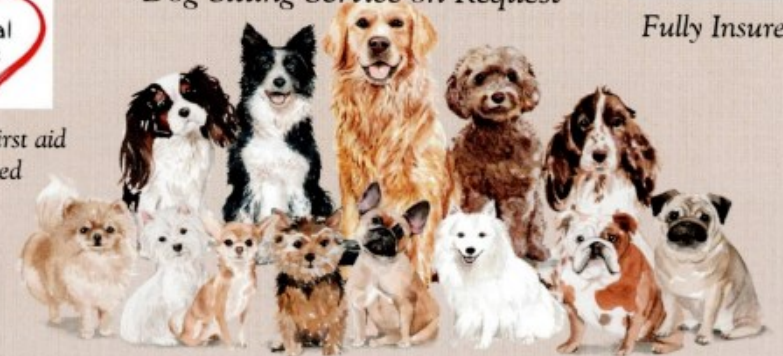
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## VILLAGE HALL NEWS

There is not much to report this month as many of the Trustees have been on holiday. However, we do have a meeting scheduled for early November when we will be finalising the planning for the Christmas Bazaar and thinking ahead to next year. The Christmas Bazaar will take place on **Saturday December 2<sup>nd</sup> 2pm-4pm**. A number of tables have already been booked providing a varied selection of things to buy (think Christmas presents) or stalls where you can try your hand at winning a prize.

In addition, it would be good to open the Hall on Saturday afternoons during January and February to offer a warm space and a cup of tea/coffee (and maybe a game or two which proved very successful last February). BUT, Trustees cannot do this alone, so if you could commit to running one of the afternoons either alone or with a group of friends please let me know (**preferably before our meeting on November 10<sup>th</sup>**) so that we can decide if this is a possibility.

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### Worton and Marston Garden Club

*“If I’m ever reborn, I want to be a gardener ---there’s too much to do for one lifetime”*

Karl Foerster

Well, I’m totally in tandem with this month’s quote – not sure how I always seem to be on catch-up. Today, as I’m writing this, is the first day I feel I’ve really started my Autumn plan. Weeded, planted and planned where to move some plants to and from. Very satisfying – hope it continues before winter sets in.

#### Garden Club Appeal

Our small committees for the Garden Club, the Village Show and once again – Worton and Marston Open Gardens 2024, would really appreciate some help. We don’t necessarily need committee members, however we would embrace some positive input from you lovely villagers. Whilst the Garden Club has members, the Village Show and Open Gardens, although under the umbrella of the Garden club, are actually for the whole community. No matter whether you feel you could open your garden, give a couple of hours to sell programmes, help with some marshalling, make a cake –

#### Your Village Needs You!

50% of any profit from Open Gardens supports a specific nominated local charity with Village Causes benefitting from the rest. So any suggestions along with offers of help would be gratefully received. The open Gardens Weekend will be the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Hope to hear from you.

Please email myself [aelparker@aol.com](mailto:aelparker@aol.com) or Sally Brooks [svwood90@hotmail.com](mailto:svwood90@hotmail.com)

Next meeting is November 20<sup>th</sup> Club AGM followed by wine and nibbles. Everyone welcome.

*Alison Parker*



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Toddlers have had a very busy October:  
 We made lanterns to celebrate Divali.  
 We had a fun session making firework pictures and a nice morning making poppies for Remembrance Sunday.  
 We dedicated a session to Children In Need and sent them our donation.  
 To round off October, we painted pottery in preparation for Christmas gifts.

Looking ahead, we have a stall at the Christmas Bazaar in the village hall on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December; we hope to see you there.  
 Our last session before Christmas will be on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> of December, which will be a party session. Fingers crossed, if he is not too busy, we hope to have a special visitor....



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## Worton Parish Council

Although small in number it is always good to see residents coming to our Parish Council meetings. Often they have important points to make and we are grateful for their contributions.

The October meeting was a good example. It was pointed out that there were several places in the village where an issue was developing due to gravel going out onto the pavement as well as the regular problem of vegetation growing out and needing to be avoided by pedestrians, thus causing a hazard under foot or from passing traffic. The issue is likely to get worse as the daylight hours decrease seasonally. To be fair, the number of sites deemed potentially hazardous is relatively small and we have politely raised the issue where appropriate. However, I would respectfully request residents to keep an eye on this type of issue as they maintain their property. If any resident is experiencing difficulty in ensuring safety as the footpath crosses their property, please let us know ([clerk@worton.org.uk](mailto:clerk@worton.org.uk)) and we may be able to help.

Another point of important information that was raised was in connection with the defibrillators sited at the Rose and Crown. Unlike the new defibrillators installed in Marston and referred to in the last edition of the Bridge, ours DO NOT need any password or code to activate, so please do not hesitate in an emergency!

A very important county-wide consultation is currently coming to its conclusion, in the form of The Local Plan. The final date for contributions to be made, Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, is nearing. Put simply, the Plan will set out what future development would look like, for example intentions in terms of housing, infrastructure, open spaces etc. Future planning applications will be assessed in the light of the Plan. I recently attended a county-wide event representing the Parish Council. This was mainly an opportunity for local politicians and planners to go through the main points about what factors have influenced the Plan and how it stands nearing the end of the consultation period. To be honest, the main thing of interest to the great majority of attendees were the headline figures of how many houses need to be built to meet the requirements set out in the Plan and where they will be. Worton is classed as a "large village" and thus, unlike neighbouring "small villages" including Marston, has a specific target number of houses to be completed or at least in the pipeline by 2038. Worton's target is 34,

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but as there have already been 27 new homes built or in the pipeline, we only have a shortfall of 7 and, as it stands, 15 years for them to come into being. Whilst we and future Parish Councils will need to keep our usual monitoring eye on this, it is likely that the need will be filled over that period by what the planners term as “windfall”. This doesn't mean a replication of scenes from “Up!”, but rather that these developments have not been part of overall large planning schemes and could not have been anticipated in advance as the circumstances were very local and hard to predict. This kind of development occurs from time to time in Worton and we anticipate it will continue within the time period sufficient to get close to or meet the target as it stands. The plan does need to be aware of the housing development in terms of the implications of an increasing population for service provision. This can work both ways...an increased population boosts the case for improved service provision which can benefit all, but can also create obvious problems if the balance is wrong. We will have discussion of the Plan as the main point on our November agenda which will give residents an opportunity to raise any issues or concerns. Once the Plan has been adopted, scheduled to be next year, it will be in place until 2038 - so consideration of the implications are important for us all. It should be understood that, following final publication, the Plan will still need to go through a period of scrutiny at national level before adoption ..so there's still time for things to change. Full details can be found on [wiltshire.gov.uk](http://wiltshire.gov.uk) where there is a link to the planning portal where comments can be made. I won't pretend that the documentation is light reading -necessarily it's a long and sometimes challenging read - unlike Catch 22 there isn't much subtlety or humour, but it's worth sticking with it as it's going to affect all of us over the next decade or so (hopefully!). I would particularly draw attention to table 4.4 in the Chippenham rural area section (which includes us and other local settlements). This makes very interesting reading!

On a related issue, of more immediate concern, the latest situation in relation to the Newland Homes development is that the start of the construction process was delayed whilst the developers awaited the signing off of planning conditions. This has now taken place and the latest information I have is that work should begin on site access this month (November) with actual construction starting in December or January.

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We have been carrying out important maintenance on King Charles' Copse and Sandlease Bank (particular thanks to Cllrs Richard and Patricia, ably supported by Bob Mitchell). We are also getting nearer to seeing our Jubilee plaques in place - ideas in relation to the best way to get them in position have developed...watch this space, or possibly post!

Lastly, we haven't forgotten plans to improve the road safety situation. Ideas have been clarified and rest on an on-site consultation taking place with appropriate representatives from Wiltshire Council. These include a possible speed limit change on the eastern approach, improvement to crossing locations and preparation for the installation of Auto Speedwatch. Potentially this could benefit from liaison with Newland Homes at an appropriate time as well as the previously supportive LH FIG group.

(By the way, we are still 1 Councillor light .. please have a chat if you would like to find out more.)




Barry Devine

### The Worton and Marston Link Scheme

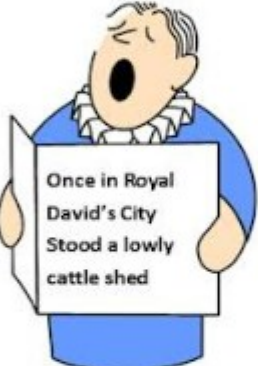
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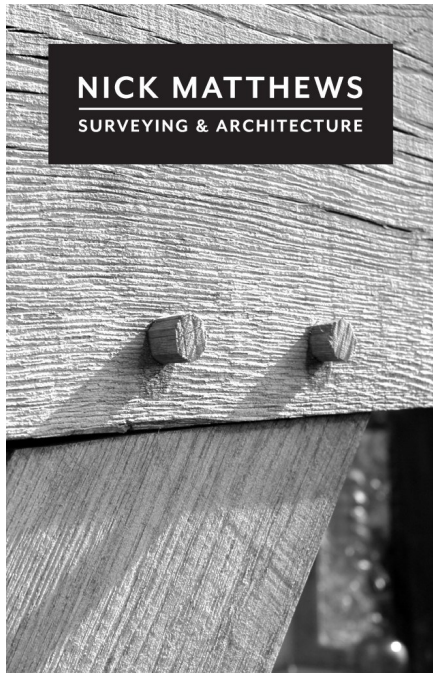
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For example, the delay on the ban on oil boilers to 2035, a 9-year extension on the original plans. Households won't need to make the switch until they're replacing their boiler after 2035 and this means that heating oil and lpg households will have time to benefit from reducing costs of heat pump conversions and explore other sustainable options, such as renewable liquid fuel alternatives like Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil (HVO).

Alongside this, the Government has increased the amount that households can claim through the Boiler Upgrade Scheme (BUS) for a new ground source or air source heat pump from £5,000 to £7,500 - more information, including help with finding an installer is at [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk). This funding is currently available until 2025.

The PM also announced that the ban on new petrol and diesel cars will be delayed to 2035, replacing the previous deadline of 2030 and that second-hand vehicles can still be sold after that date. Important reforms will also be made to new energy and grid infrastructure, so we have capacity in the electricity transmission system as we move away from fossil fuels.

With winter approaching and a distinct drop in temperatures in the last few days many of us will be thinking of ways to stay warm. Warm & Safe Wiltshire is a service provided by Wiltshire Council in partnership with the Centre for Sustainable Energy. It provides in-depth telephone support and home visits to help people save money on their gas and electricity bills, and to get funding for heating and insulation improvements in their homes. The help available includes **free and impartial advice on:**

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## NOVEMBER BOOK SWAP

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November**  
**10.00am - 12 noon**

Oakley House, High Street Worton  
(hosted by Alison Parker)

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December**  
**10.00am - 12 noon**

Westview House, 109 High Street, Worton  
(hosted by Sally Collins)



## Worton and Marston Village Show

The organising committee have met to review this year's show and start planning for next year, the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the show.

We have set a date which is Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024.

Because it's the 50th anniversary, we want to make it bigger and better. As ever if you have any ideas about classes or entries or indeed would like to help organising, please get in touch.

Many thanks

On behalf of the committee, Bill Francis

## FIVE LANES WI

The speaker for our October meeting (How to keep well) was unable to come but we had a very able and interesting substitute in Mandy Murphy, who lives in Worton and stood in at short notice, for which we were very grateful. Mandy has recently started up as a Massage Therapist alongside her job as a Mental Health Nurse. Interestingly Tuesday had been World Mental Health Day!

We had a short but fascinating run through the history of massage from ancient times (5000BC) through India (3000BC) becoming a religious thing with monks in Japan (1000BC) through to Chinese medicine. The concept arrived in Greece with athletes using a form of massage (700BC) then to wealthy Romans (200-100BC) from when it developed into connections with less savoury activities!

It was revived as a "proper" therapy in the late 20<sup>th</sup> century and history shows that we instinctively use "touch" as a natural instinct. We rub sore parts of ourselves, we soothe babies and children, we touch those in distress. The many benefits include relaxation, circulation of blood and the Lymphatic system, warming, muscular tension, chronic pain, blood pressure, immune system, flexibility and mobility. WOW!

Mandy gave us a brief rundown of her career(s) in the bank, as Cabin Crew for 10 years, through Counselling, the Samaritans, her 1<sup>st</sup> degree, the Probation Service and on to her 2<sup>nd</sup> degree in Mental Health Nursing completed in 2014. She has worked at Erlestoke Prison, and Green Lane Hospital, where she still works now.

She explained that prevention of mental health problems through medication, CBT, complementary therapies and lifestyle change now include things like massage, which has been proven to improve physical and mental well-being. Because massage treatments are often very expensive, and she believes passionately that they are hugely beneficial, Mandy decided to train and provide treatments at a more affordable price. After 4 months (but ongoing) training, she started her small business at home in July. She has a full-page advert in the Bridge so do have a look at it and if you are at all interested, get in touch. A full medical questionnaire is the first step to ensure there are no health reasons for you not to have massage therapy. We are hugely grateful to Mandy for bringing us a really interesting (you can tell by the length of this report!) talk on this subject.

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Our next meeting will be on **WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 8<sup>th</sup>** at **7:00PM** in the Village Hall, when local renowned flower-arranger, **PAM LEWIS** will be doing a demonstration of **CHRISTMAS FLOWER ARRANGING**. **DECEMBER 13<sup>th</sup>** will bring the chance to have a go at some **CHRISTMAS CRAFTS**. We are getting in the Festive mood!! If you want to know more give me a call.

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### VILLAGE HALL 200 CLUB

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### WORTON & MARSTON LADIES GROUP

We had a good meeting in September and well attended when Keith Hicketts gave an insight into being a police dog handler. He was asked to set up a police dog section for Wiltshire many years ago, starting with 2 dogs and gradually building up a team. He first worked with Alsatians and then with Springer Spaniels sniffing out drugs, explosives etc. At that time the IRA were very active so searches of Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey etc. and homes that belonged to MPs living within Wiltshire were frequently searched along with Bowood House, which Prince Charles visited quite often. Keith has been retired for some years now so sadly no dogs were on show but there were lots of photos.

In October we are joining the Poulshot Ladies. Please note the change of time 7.30pm at Poulshot Village Hall 25<sup>th</sup> October, hope to see you there.

On November 29<sup>th</sup> we are back in the Village Hall for a Games evening 8pm. Hosts: Sally and Alison.

And finally, our last meeting of the year on 13<sup>th</sup> December will be a short AGM followed by Mulled Wine and Mince Pies.

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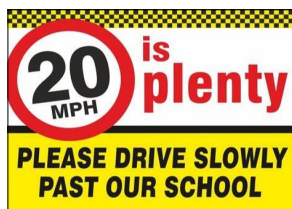
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## Thought for the Month

'Christmas is a coming  
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Old Man's hat  
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ha'penny will do  
If you haven't got a  
ha'penny  
God Bless You'

Christmas is indeed on its way,  
and many of us are already  
making preparations for it. At  
this time of apparent plenty it  
is very easy to forget that there  
are those in other parts of the  
world and nearer to home, who  
are less fortunate than  
ourselves, who may not have  
even the "ha'penny" and are in  
need of our help.

Let us not forget those people,  
and let each of us try to put  
aside something to help them  
through.

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## ROSE & CROWN NEWS

Congratulations to our Bar Billiards team, playing as part of the Wiltshire side they have won Division 3 of the All England Bar Billiards Championship. (Well done chaps). More congratulations to Bev Brown & Roy Scratchley who won the Patio Slabs Darts League pairs title. If we win any more cups we will need a larger pub.

## Forthcoming Events

### Variety Show

19th and 20th November

Come along and see your old favourites take the stage once again plus a few new faces all adding up to a jolly evening's entertainment.

Tickets will be on sale shortly available from:-

PAT BARTON, ☎726930, PRIMROSE WRIGHT, ☎721837 and the SHOP

Price	
£2.50	Adults
£2.00	Senior Citizens
£1.00	Children 11 & under (inclusive of refreshments)

## N.S.P.C.C.

Every year I am able to tell you that the total sum from the envelope collection has increased and yet again I can report this splendid fact. Through the hard work of the collectors and your generous giving, the total from Worton & Marston is £227.60 (£196.99 in '92). With the sum from Potterne I have sent a cheque for £550.10 (over £40 more than 1992) to the area branch of the Society.

Thank you everybody and especially the 10 people who so willingly help me by giving every house in the villages the chance to give.

Mary Bickersteth

## VILLAGE DIARY

### Regular Meetings

#### In the Village Hall

- **Garden Club**  
3rd Monday 8.00pm (not Aug/Dec)
- **Pilates classes**  
Thursdays 7pm-8pm & 8pm-9pm
- **Ladies Group**  
Last Wednesday (not Aug/Dec)
- **Women's Institute**  
2nd Wednesday 7.00pm
- **Worton Toddler Group**  
Wednesday 10.00 am - Noon
- **1st Worton & Marston Brownies**  
Tuesdays 6pm-7.30pm
- **Potterne Rainbows**  
Tuesdays 4.45pm-5.45pm
- **Worton Parish Council Meeting**  
1st Monday (not Aug) or as shown on notice boards

#### In the Chapel at Marston

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

#### Various Venues Announced Monthly

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

#### Mobile Library

**Location:** The School, 1.10 - 1.50pm  
**Next Date:** Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November

Call Wiltshire Library Services  
on 01225 713727 for information

### Forthcoming Events

8<sup>th</sup> WI  
11<sup>th</sup> Book Swap  
20<sup>th</sup> Garden Club  
29<sup>th</sup> Ladies

### Kerbside Collections in November

**Black box, and plastic  
and card recycling:**  
Tuesdays 14<sup>rd</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>

**Household waste:**  
Thursdays 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Garden waste:**  
Fridays 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>



### Worton and Marston Link

If you need help with transport for hospital appointments visiting the doctor and dentist or other important journeys.

**Call W&M Link  
on 07413 912828**

**Deadline for items for the next Bridge is 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023**  
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