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Thank you to all of you who have just paid the annual subscription for The Bridge. It is much appreciated, and much needed to keep The Bridge running.

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## Worton and Marston Brownies

Congratulations to Brown Owl, Vicky Earley (nee Barton), who was awarded her 30 year long-service medal this month.

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## Pastoral Letter

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The view from my window:

Since I was a vicar in rural Oxfordshire I have always started my magazine articles with the title “The view from my window” and as I have moved to different places I have continued with this practice. This month is no exception although a very different view or two. I have been in hospital since Christmas, (and thank you to so many people who sent me good wishes and positive thoughts and prayers; they really did make a huge difference;) but the view from my window in Guildford hospital was entirely different from any that had gone before. My ward was on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor and I could see 180 degrees of the Surrey hills and woods; to my extreme right I could see the cathedral, in the middle the incinerator chimney and to my left the path lab. What a stupid view to be writing about you may be thinking, but I had long enough to meditate upon it; the beauty of God’s creation, the ingenuity and brilliance of man’s innovations and the progress we have made in medicine. Now we all know one of the glories of living in the UK is the NHS and time and time again we have clapped for it,

praised it and been so thankful as indeed am I; **But**. There are things we need to know. In Guildford we had lots of lovely care assistants, who were efficient and neat and cheerful around the wards but communication was such a problem; elderly people with hearing aids and mask wearing carers are a difficult combination.

On being transferred to the prestigious heart hospital in Tooting, the same problems occurred; we all know that the NHS is under considerable strain at the moment; not many nurses, mainly care assistants, and the nurses there are having to spend most of their time on computers. (I did my own audit). Doctors sweeping in and out, delivering their prognoses and plans, and leaving patients dumbstruck not knowing what was about to happen; no time for the nurses to follow up with explanations. Procedure cancellations were frequent, not least my own, because elective patients had priority presumably because of numbers. I am not blaming the doctors for this. I repeat, we have all heard how much the NHS is under stress,

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## SERVICE CALENDAR

### MARCH 2022

<b>Sun Mar 6th</b>	LENT 1 10.00am	CHRIST CHURCH Holy Communion <i>MARSTON CHAPEL</i> <i>No Service</i>
<b>Sun Mar 13th</b>	LENT 2 10.00am  10.00am	CHRIST CHURCH Morning Praise <i>MARSTON CHAPEL</i> <i>Rev G Gotham</i>
<b>Sun Mar 20th</b>	LENT 3 8.00am	CHRIST CHURCH Holy Communion BCP <i>MARSTON CHAPEL</i> <i>No Service</i>
<b>Sun Mar 27th</b>	MOTHERING SUNDAY 10.00am  6.00pm	CHRIST CHURCH Morning Praise <i>MARSTON CHAPEL</i> <i>Local Arrangement</i>

### APRIL 2022

<b>Sun Apr 3rd</b>	LENT 5 10.00am	CHRIST CHURCH Holy Communion <i>MARSTON CHAPEL</i> <i>No Service</i>
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Above Services at Christ Church are subject to change, due to ongoing health issues within the Wellsprings ministry team.

A service in Loving Memory of David Chorley took place at Christ Church during January 2022

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but in the attempt to keep the ship afloat so to speak, it is the caring nature of the health profession that seems to be suffering mainly because of lack of time.

Why am I saying all this as part of a pastoral letter? The reason is this. We need to be honest. The church is often accused of being too bland or not courageous enough in speaking out and so I am trying to redress that a bit.

I know the National Health service is one of the glories of the UK but we need to stand up to the plate. Throwing money at it without a proper audit seems to be very unwise. In my view The NHS should not be about saving lives but healing people. (You may disagree). All patients are people; people with hearts and minds and loved ones and relatives. The most important thing for us as human beings is that we are in relationship; relationship with living things; plants, animals and most particularly people. Communion and community are two words which are so close and so is communication. We need to take the time to communicate, particularly with the vulnerable. We are not machines. We are living breathing sentient beings, who come from Almighty God our creator and whence one day we will all return.

In my mind's eye I can picture Jesus the healer. Jesus who cared and suffered so much for human beings; Jesus who immediately knew that strength had gone out of him when someone touched him in faith; Jesus who spoke so clearly when he healed the sick. Jesus, who had time for each and every individual; Jesus the compassionate.

My prayer today is that we give thanks for all those people who are engaged in healing the sick whether in hospitals or GP practices, in social care or in our own communities, and that we pray for all carers whether professional or amateur. I pray that all of us take the time to listen, to be compassionate and to reach out to each other. It really matters.

Jane Knowles





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## From Christ Church:

Following the relaxation of the Covid restrictions, it was a joyful morning in church, with no masks, and everyone enjoying a good sing. Revd. Adrian led a lovely Communion service, being joined by friends from other churches and two children. The latter helped with the washing up following coffee and cake which was enjoyed by all after the service. Some cakes were decorated in honour of our Queen in celebration of her Platinum Jubilee, as it was the anniversary of the day of her accession. Many thanks to the cake makers.

Coffee and biscuits are served after the 10.00am service on a Sunday, with a time to socialise, something that has been missing for so long. Anyone is welcome to pop in for coffee and a chat between about 11 am and 11.30am.

There will be some 'eggciting' things happening in and round church on Easter Sunday. Fun for all the family. More details in next month's Bridge.

Advance notice also that the Fete will be happening again this year in May. It's good to be able to start to enjoy these Village events once more. Again, more details next month.

Christ Church and Five Lanes School have a very good relationship and we are pleased that the Open the Book team is planning to be back in school after half term. The team goes into school, usually one morning a fortnight, for about half an hour, to act out a short Bible story. It is something the children love and they are very responsive in answering questions afterwards. We would be delighted if anyone would like to join the team. (No professional acting qualifications required but lots of enthusiasm!)

Heather & Jean - Churchwardens





## WELLSPRINGS BENEFICE SERVICES MARCH 2022

**Due to the current covid situation and ongoing health issues within our ministry team, we may be forced to change or cancel services at short notice. Please check our website or speak to the church warden for the latest information. We apologise for any inconvenience and ask for your understanding.**

There will be no requirement to wear masks in church, including for singing. There will be marked out areas near an open window for those people that feel vulnerable. If you feel unwell or have tested positive, please stay at home.

### **MARCH**

#### **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> (Lent 1)**

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Potterne
10am	Matins (BCP)	Poulshot
10am	Holy Communion	Seend
10am	Holy Communion	Worton

**Note: No service at Bulkington this Sunday as the church is being re-decorated**

#### **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> (Lent 2)**

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

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**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> (Lent 3)**

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

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> (Mothering Sunday)**

9:30am	Holy Communion	Seend
10am	Morning Praise	Worton
11am	Holy Communion	Potterne
4pm	Evening Service	Bulkington
4pm	Evening Prayer/Evensong (BCP)	Poulshot

**Every Tuesday, 9am Daily Prayer service at Poulshot**

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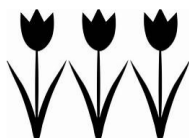
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## ECO-CORNER

### ‘The Great Fashion Fast’

In July last year, we wrote to ask whether you knew that Fashion is one of the world’s largest industries, with annual revenues totalling over £1 trillion, but it is also one of the world’s biggest polluters? It produces 10% of global carbon emissions, more than all international flights and maritime shipping combined.

Now, the Duke of Cambridge is also targeting industries including Fast Fashion and called for more solutions as he promotes his Earthshot Prize in Dubai. “This year we want to focus on tipping points that can accelerate change,” he said, citing sectors like Fashion.

The Fashion industry plays a big part in climate change – making severe weather “shocks” such as droughts, floods and storms more common. And it’s people living in poverty who are suffering the after-effects.

Fast Fashion is harming creation and forcing people further into poverty. But the charity Tearfund, says it has just the challenge to help reverse that.

Often when looking to raise money for an important cause, such as helping vulnerable communities around the world adapt to the climate crisis and lift themselves out of poverty, sponsored runs, walks, cycling challenges are chosen. Tearfund, on the other hand, has come up with another idea and is urging you to sign up during March to [\*The Great Fashion Fast\*](#).

The idea is that, by becoming more knowledgeable about how much we need versus how much we use, and by undertaking to live more sustainably together, the Fast Fashion throwaway culture that is triggering so much harm will eventually come to an end.

So how does *The Great Fashion Fast* work? You are encouraged to choose ten items of clothes (underwear, uniforms, keep fit attire and shoes not counted) and find people to sponsor you to wear only those ten items for all of March.

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Tearfund at:

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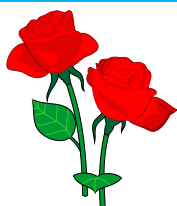
provides you with a step-by-step guide to taking on *The Great Fashion Fast* including how to set up, customise and share your JustGiving page and choose your wardrobe.

What you raise will be put to helping communities at risk around the globe adapt to the climate crisis and elevating themselves out of poverty.

Even if you don't want to get sponsorship, it's still a great idea to try, and it may help you change your mind-set about how much clothing you actually need.

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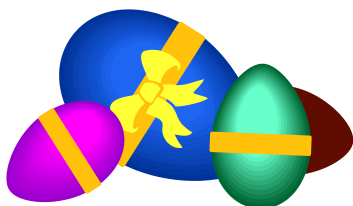
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**Easter Sunday**  
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**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March  
10.00am – 12 noon**

at Oakley House, 80 High Street, Worton  
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**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April  
10.00am – 12 noon**

at Westview House, 109 High Street, Worton  
hosted by Sally Collins

## **FIVE LANES WI**

February 8<sup>th</sup> saw us back in the Village Hall for our AGM. We looked back on the first few months of last year when we were unable to meet but were kept in touch by Sarah our secretary. Once it felt safe to meet again, we had two meetings in gardens, a garden visit, two craft sessions, a fascinating talk by Richard Snow, a demonstration of gift-bag making and a bring and share supper. Business was swift as the committee are willing to remain in post for another year. As last year, WI groups are permitted to waive the part of the annual subs that comes back to them. A decision will be made by the committee shortly. A Quiz followed, prepared by the two Helens and Scarlet, which was challenging but great fun and refreshments were served by Helen M and Caroline. As you can see our WI has a lot of fun so if you've never given us a try, why not come along sometime?

Our next meeting will be on TUESDAY MARCH 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in the Village Hall when we will be given a demonstration of Easter Cookery.

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## **Worton Parish Council**

Our February meeting seemed like a small step on the road back to normality with a reassuring “business as usual” feel. As is often the case, traffic issues held a prominent place. Progress towards the purchase and installation of speed indicator devices is taking place with all of the details being finalised. We have been allocated funding to support installation costs by the Devizes CATG group and the final steps needed are the decisions on the precise locations that will be used for the devices along with the necessary consultation involved with local residents as well as the Wiltshire engineers. Whilst we have no specific date as yet, we are very hopeful that we will see our SIDS up and running in the Spring.

Recently published data shows, unsurprisingly, that Worton has one of the largest volumes of traffic of any unclassified road in the county. Of course this is a matter of geography, with our village lying on a very convenient through route which is appreciated by just about everybody apart from the residents of Worton! We continuously raise the issue at County level and rack our brains as to what is practically possible against the local, regional and financial realities. For example, if Worton were considered to be in proven need for a bypass, where would it go, how would the undoubtedly high costs be met and what would the negative environmental costs be for the surrounding towns and rural areas? There is no obvious solution for a chronic problem due to our site and situation.

We are very interested in novel potential solutions and ideas and always welcome them for consideration. It has been interesting to note that the issue raises strong feelings on social media, and your Parish Council is actively considering how to arrange an opportunity for those concerned and interested to get constructively involved. It's worth a reminder that we still have room for another councillor which would be the ideal way to play a positive role in respect of this and other issues.

The traffic data referred to above illustrated again just how effective our Speedwatch team is, both in the sheer amount of time devoted to the cause and the, perhaps surprisingly, relatively low percentage of speeders recorded. They are clearly an effective deterrent! However, they need support, not just in terms of volunteers, but also from the

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Police. Philip Wilkinson, the new Police and Crime Commissioner, has, as they say, made all the right noises in terms of traffic speed in villages like ours, and has been made well aware of our concerns by communication from both your Parish Council and Tamara Reay, our County Councillor. In particular, he indicated that he is supportive of auto speedwatch technology - which we have been reluctant to purchase without the unambiguous support of Wiltshire police. We will wait and see before making any commitment. The PCC's plans are likely to include a recognition of the concerns we have about the sometimes seemingly ambivalent attitude taken towards crime in rural areas, particularly with recent incidents in our village in mind. We will keep voicing our concerns as appropriate.

We have been following up residents' concerns about the lack of Play equipment at Whatley's Leaze. I think it's time for a bit of a reality check here. Having listened to local residents we have looked at just what is available and what the costs would be. The cost of just one installation, such as a small "pirate ship", would be more than the total annual income the Parish Council gets from the precept - and even then we would have to carry out the installation ourselves, which would otherwise add a further couple of thousand to the costs. It is important to realise that the original play equipment was provided as part of the infrastructure needed to support the establishment of the Sand Leaze development and that the complex health and safety issues now in place have made the provision of affordable equipment a difficult challenge.

Cllr Powell has been pleased with the responses he has had so far with regard to the Village Maintenance group and has plans for a seasonal "Spring Clean" advertised elsewhere in this issue. Thanks for your support.

As we go to press there is also encouraging news with regard to Footpath WORT11/MARS9 as the funding seems likely to be in place for the work to improve the section of the path where it crosses the brook. We are very grateful to the other councils involved and, particularly, the generosity of local residents.

Whilst on the topic of footpaths, can we again request that dog owners continue to not only "scoop the poop" but also to remove

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the results and place in a bin or take it away? There has been a recent spate of leaving the used bags as a kind of unsightly decoration. We have agreed to provide new advisory signs about removing dog waste. Sadly many of those that were already there have been vandalised or removed, which is very frustrating for us all.

Lastly, with so many new residents since that last time we could have a “normal” village meeting or Newcomers party, may I take this opportunity to encourage participation in the many brilliant village social groups that are still up and running. Don't be shy! You are welcome and needed.

Barry Devine



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C. S. Lewis

## **Village Maintenance Group**

The first meeting of the Village Maintenance Group for this year will be on the weekend of Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

All are welcome to join in. We will meet at Sandlease Playing Field from 9:00 am.

The initial list of jobs to be done is listed below. If you would like to volunteer for a specific job or if you know of any other jobs that should be included then please let me know beforehand. Please note that we cannot work on the highway; that is the responsibility of the Parish Steward.

I would also be grateful if you would let me know if you have a petrol strimmer/brushcutter that you are willing to bring along, otherwise the Parish Council will hire one for the weekend.

All volunteers are responsible for their own safety and should wear appropriate safety equipment for the task they are carrying out such as gloves, boots and eye protection/safety hat if you are using equipment.

The works that we will be undertaking include:

### **Sandleaze and Whatley Playing Fields**

Repair fencing, and trim overgrown areas

Inspection and survey of trees previously planted, general weeding

Cleaning of signage

Cleaning of play equipment and inspection, general maintenance

### **Footpaths**

Trim and tidy up footpath from Sandlease to the church

Trim and tidy up footpaths between High Street and Back Lane

Trim and tidy up footpath from Raybridge to the sluice gate

### **Village Gates**

Clean signage, and repair planter at Seend Road village gate

### **Benches**

Re-varnish benches at Cedar Close and corner of Cuckolds Green

If this weekend is rained off then we will try again on the following weekend 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> April.

I can be contacted by email on [malcolm@worton.org.uk](mailto:malcolm@worton.org.uk)

Thanks

Cllr Malcolm Powell, Worton Parish Council

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**Chris & David Johnson**



### **NEWCOMERS WELCOME PARTY**

The Family of Churches Committee are forging on with plans for this much delayed event to take place on **FRIDAY APRIL 29<sup>th</sup> April at 7:30pm** in the **VILLAGE HALL**. With the lifting of restrictions and the hope of better weather for ventilation, we can begin to hope. Please keep your tickets safe if you are Newcomers, and let us know by **APRIL 1<sup>st</sup>** if you are able to come.

Leaders of groups will receive free tickets nearer the time and villagers will be able to buy tickets at the beginning of April. See April "Bridge" for details.

Any queries call 722069. (Jean Lane)

# Rose and Crown Worton

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## Lunch time opening

## Evening opening

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Wednesday	Closed	6pm - 11pm
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This new year has had a reasonable start for our gardens. It has probably been cold enough to kill off some of the pests and diseases that our warmer winters have allowed to survive, without the really damaging cold spells that we have endured during periods of extreme weather. I have also noticed that the snowdrops seem to be a bit later coming into flower this year than they have been for the previous two or three years. This time last year our daffodils were well into bloom in our back garden. This year they are just about to start. Mostly, however, I notice the lack of rain. This has been brought to my attention by several farmers that I have been delivering to over the last month, both on the Cotswolds and in Wales, the usual comment being, “can't believe how dry it has been. We shall pay for this later”. Time will tell whether this comes true!

In our garden, I have finished putting manure, compost and blood, meat and bone meal around our roses and shrubs that I feel will benefit from this treatment. The lawn has been slightly attacked by the moles, but nothing compared to my neighbours' lawns, and I am waiting a bit longer before giving it the Spring nourishment and treatment it requires. As I reported in an earlier edition, I haven't deep dug our vegetable garden this year. The ground is clear of weeds, has been manured and looks ready to plant. As we have so far had an exceptionally dry season keeping our greensand soil sealed may turn out to be the right thing to do. This time next year I will have the answer. Fortunately I have my cars and workshop to retreat into when I get bored, and there is nothing to do in the garden. Best wishes to all. Dave

After what seems like a very long time indeed, we are planning to resume meetings on March 21<sup>st</sup> at the Village Hall with the talk we had originally planned for March 2020 about Horatio's Garden.

Horatio's Garden at Salisbury Hospital has a new Head Gardener and she will be coming along to tell us more about the Charity and the lovely garden at the hospital. She will also be bringing some of the Charity's merchandise to sell.

We do hope as many members as possible will be able to attend the meeting; further details to follow.

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## Letters to the Editor

Good afternoon

I am a ceramic historian and recently bought an invoice that mentions Worton Bridge. The document is an invoice, elegantly written in copperplate handwriting by a scribe acting for a builder.

It is headed 'Work done on the Estate of Tho Kinsey Esqr/ By Edwd Hedges/ Began Work for Repairs Lady Day 1764'.

There are 15 entries for various sums (Total £2 6s 2d.) These mostly relate to repairs to farm buildings, roofing, floors, rafters etc. but the following locations are mentioned specifically 'At Mouse House Barn', 'At Worton Bridge Cowhouse', 'At Seven Acres' and 'For Repairs at Broad Green Cowhouse' and 'For driving out White Earth by the Pound'.

Thomas Kinsey paid the invoice on April 5<sup>th</sup> 1766.

Do you or anyone at Worton have any knowledge of this local landowner in the mid-18th century and do the locations still exist?

Any feedback would be most welcome.

With my best wishes

Anton Gabszewicz

antongabszewicz@gmail.com

Dear Villagers

I have been assured by the clerk that my 2 proposals to the Parish Council will be covered at the March Parish Council meeting. Please come along if you can as it's important to the future of our village.

Yours

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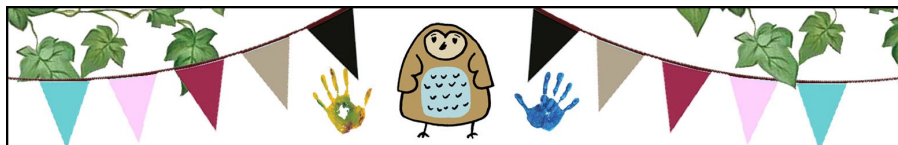
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We are sad to announce that Ellie will be returning to work at the end of her maternity leave and her last session is 16<sup>th</sup> March. Please join us in wishing her and the children all the best. Linda will be joining us to take over the craft and is looking forward to meeting you all.

Some of our March Crafts will be based around:

World Book Day (dressing up optional)

Red Nose Day

Spring



## Worton & Cheverell FC (Youth) 'The Badgers'

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The club has enjoyed another productive month on the pitch, with most teams continuing successful runs leading up to the half term break. Off the pitch, the club would like to say a big thank you to Erica at EMPT Clinical Training for recently supplying a defibrillator which means we now have this life saving equipment at all our home grounds AND, for this month, supplying free training for all the coaches. 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. The team is growing steadily with a handful of 4/5 year olds joining the throng and a new coach, Dougie! A few trial games are planned as soon as we can return to the turf. Training at Devizes Leisure Centre every Saturday @ 9am. All welcome to come and try for 2 weeks free!

**U7s** – The team is enjoying a great run of form with both teams (having split into 2) having good success. Training Wednesdays 6pm @ Northbrook.

**U8s** – Playing some good football with positive performances from all. Training Tuesdays 5pm @ Green Lane, Devizes. New players always welcome.

**U9s mixed** – The team are enjoying regular training and Saturday morning matches. Training Tuesdays 5pm @ Green Lane, Devizes. New players welcome.

**U9s Girls** – Continue to attend training with bucketloads of enthusiasm, leading to a brilliant performance on the pitch against Andover recently. As numbers grow more volunteers to help would be hugely appreciated. Training Saturdays 9:30am @ Elisha Field, Market Lavington. New players from age 7+ welcome and parent helpers and coaches.

**U10/11s** – Both teams are getting a lot of game time and enjoying their football and building friendships. Training @ Dauntsey's school 6pm on Fridays. All new players welcome.

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**U12s** –The team has started the new year in a higher division. A tough away cup draw at Bath Arsenal awaits. Training Fridays 6:30pm @ Northbrook, Market Lavington

**U14s** – The team's excellent form has continued with the winning streak extended to four games leaving them 2<sup>nd</sup> in the table and through to the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of the cup. Training Fridays 7pm @ Dauntsey's School, West Lavington. New players welcome, including U13s.

**U15s** – The team continues to play well, remaining top of the league and progressing into the quarter finals of the league cup. Training Fridays 7pm @ Dauntsey's School, Market Lavington.

**U16s** – The team continues to play well, extending their unbeaten streak to remain second in the league. Training Fridays 5.45pm @ Northbrook.

### **Committee for Season 2021/22**

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All Team Managers

### **Team Contacts for 2021/22 Season:**

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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

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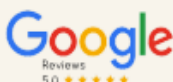


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"Our telephone befriending service has helped to ease feelings of isolation for hundreds of unpaid carers. It's been more in demand since the pandemic began, but unpaid carers are often isolated even when there aren't any restrictions. When you are caring for someone who is ill, or has a condition or disability, it can be difficult to leave the house. If you're the only person in your friendship group who is a carer, it can feel isolating."

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I would like to thank all our drivers for the time they put in especially under these trying Covid circumstances. You can help Link if you have a car and some time to help with transport. We offer mileage allowance so you are not out of pocket. You can say no to our coordinator if it is not convenient when asked. Volunteers will be required to undergo a police DBS check. Further information is on the Worton Parish and Christ Church websites or ring **07413912828** with any questions.

Alun Newman

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(Note: All Wiltshire Speed Watch sessions are now restricted to 45 minutes only)

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The events are being co-ordinated by Councillor Nickel and Councillor Bennett. If anyone wishes to help in the organisation, producing cakes for the tea party or on the day, please get in touch via the clerk email.

Further details of the celebration will be sent out at a later date.

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There will be a Parish Council and Village meeting on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022. The meeting will take place in the chapel; all are encouraged to attend.

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Peter will give a bit of background to plainchant, how it works, and will teach us the chants for Compline, which we will sing in the church at 6.30pm. As the Compline chants are relatively straightforward, he may also bring some which are more developed for us to get our teeth into. We are hoping that some of the regular Festival Schola members will be able to join us to provide a bit of practical support and encouragement – this may after all be an entirely new experience for many of us.

The cost for the half day is only £10, including music and mid-afternoon refreshments; £5 for students in full time education or training. There will be tea and cake at 5.30pm, for a small donation, to which friends and family are warmly welcomed, before Compline at 6.30pm.

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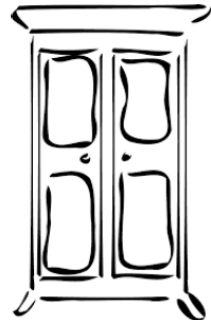
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# Edington arts

## EDINGTON ARTS WELCOMES ITS FIRST TRIO

Saturday April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7.30pm marks the first time a Trio has played for Edington Arts in the Priory Church, and it's no ordinary trio. Metamorphoses is an unusual ensemble of piano, viola and clarinet. Moreover the players represent a really global community; the pianist is Russian, the violist is Dutch, and the clarinetist is American, though living in Scotland.

Each also has an individually glittering career as a soloist or chamber music player, and they came together in 2016 to explore music written for this combination of instruments. They have been performing and recording together ever since.

Trios by Mozart, Bruch, Julius Röntgen and Jean Françaix offer lush, subtle and melodic music over a span of three centuries. A special item in their programme will be a short piece, Metamorph, written specially for them by the Dutch composer Theo Loevendie, which was to have had its UK premiere in Edington in 2020 before the concert fell victim to Covid. A clip of the Röntgen Trio is at [www.edingtonarts.org](http://www.edingtonarts.org).

Tickets remain at £20, 15 and 10, with a 10% discount for Edington Angels, and 18 and under coming free.

Ring Chrissy on 01380 831256 or email [sue@edingtonarts.org](mailto:sue@edingtonarts.org) to reserve your tickets – this is one you really shouldn't miss!

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

### **Wiltshire Council agrees its budget and business plan**

At a marathon meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> February Wiltshire Council debated and agreed the 2022/23 budget and 10-year Business Plan. Over the next year the council will spend over £417m - with over 56% (£235m) on support and care for adults and children.

£92m will be spent on the vital day-to-day services such as waste management, road maintenance, leisure and library services, as well as the council's carbon management and climate change work - which recently saw the council ranked as the fifth best unitary authority in the UK for its response to the global challenge. The council will also continue its commitment to invest £1m a year to support high streets across the county to become vibrant places for shopping and leisure.

One of the most debated parts of the budget was the proposed increases to car parking fees which help to fund rural public transport. Councillors made arguments about the impact on our high streets (but see the £1m per annum investment above). Our local charges are already competitive compared with neighbouring counties and it should also be noted that fees are not planned to increase for four years so that the costs of implementing the increase (car park signage and re-programming machines) can be offset over this period.

The council's capital programme, which is spent on projects to improve and maintain the county's infrastructure is confirmed to be £307m in 2022/23. This will be spent on many different projects including leisure services, council house building, schools maintenance, footpath and highway improvements.

The 10-year Business Plan ensures that the budget has a clear long-term focus. It outlines the council's key themes - prevention and early intervention; improving social mobility and tackling inequalities; understanding communities; and

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working together. It includes metrics ensuring the council can measure its performance and keep on track.

This strategic focus is essential due to the current financial challenges facing public services, which includes the ongoing pandemic, rising inflation, and increased demand for support. More than half of the council's budget comes from council tax, and this will increase by 1.99%, with an additional 1% directly supporting adult social care. For a Band D property, that's an increase of 91p per week. Alongside this, the council has put plans in place to make savings of around £25m in 2022/23 while limiting the impact of vital services as much as possible.

Tamara Reay

Wiltshire Councillor for Devizes Rural West.

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## **The Good Grief Trust**

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If you're struggling to cope with the loss of your loved one and feel you need more support, use your postcode to search for your nearest counselling, support groups or bereavement services on our UK map <http://www.thegoodgrieftrust.org/find-support/>

## VILLAGE HALL NEWS

### Future Events

#### Introduction to Plans for the Kitchen

During Covid-19 lockdowns Trustees continued to work to improve the Hall and achieved planning permission to extend and improve the kitchen. We would like to share what we hope to do with villagers and think this will probably be safe enough as the weather warms up and we can open windows and doors. So we hope to hold an open afternoon tea and a wine and cheese evening on Saturday May 28<sup>th</sup>. Both these events will be free and open to all villagers.

#### Nearly New Sale

We are planning this for Saturday July 9<sup>th</sup> so please save any good quality clothes and bric a brac. We will publish more details nearer the time but we intend to focus this on villagers rather than attracting traders from outside the village.

#### AGM

Our AGM will take place at the Hall on Wednesday May 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. We ask that all regular user groups send a representative to this as you form our management committee. At the AGM at least two Trustees are standing down so we urgently need you to consider if this is something you could take on for your community. If you are interested in finding out more please contact Veronica on 726845 or 07593 832.481

Veronica Franklin, Chair of the Trustees

### 200 Club

It's time to join or renew your 200 Club entry ahead of the first draw of the new season in April and it's a bargain!! Still £12 per year which gives you one chance a month to win £50 (you can buy as many chances as you like at £12 each).

If you are renewing please either do so via a bank transfer (Account number: 00327868; sort code :30-92-63) and let Veronica know on 01380 726845 or [veronica.franklin@btinternet.com](mailto:veronica.franklin@btinternet.com) (this is to make sure you are included in the draw as there is a delay in us knowing that you have renewed)

or put a cheque through the letter box of 11 Gaisford Chase.

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If you are a new member you can pay in the same way but please contact me, Veronica, as above as I will need some more information about you (mainly your address so I know where to deliver the prize when you win).

The last few winners were:

December: Robin Shercliff

January: Bill Francis

February: Emily Francis

Many thanks, Veronica

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Aldous Huxley  
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## VILLAGE DIARY

### Regular Meetings

#### In the Village Hall

(all currently suspended or on Zoom)

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

#### In the Chapel at Marston

(currently suspended or on Zoom)

- **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 Dates:**

**Mondays 28<sup>th</sup> February &  
28<sup>th</sup> March**

Call Wiltshire Library Services  
on **01225 713727** for information

### Forthcoming Events

8<sup>th</sup> W.I.  
10<sup>th</sup> Are you Crafty?  
12<sup>th</sup> Book Swap  
21<sup>st</sup> Gardening Club

### Kerbside Collections in March

**Black box, and plastic  
and card recycling:**

Tuesdays 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Household waste:**

Wednesdays  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>

**Garden waste:**

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>



### Worton and Marston Link

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**Deadline for items for the next Bridge is 15<sup>th</sup> March 2022**  
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