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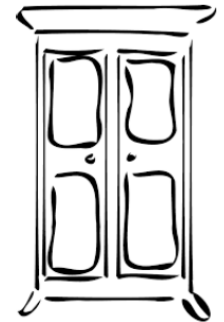
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Editor: Giles Collins editorofthebridge@gmail.com

Wanted - A new Editor for The Bridge

It's an interesting role, with plenty of flexibility. I am happy to continue until the end of the year but would then like to hand it on. The role could perhaps be split - editing, overseeing advertising, proof-reading? I can give as much, or as little, guidance as required.

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Maureen's Ramblings.....

Looking in my diary for an idea for this month's Ramblings I see that it is Thanksgiving Day in Canada (9th) and I am leading an assembly at Keevil School (11th) on the theme of "Thankfulness". Yes! A good start for my reflections and a good reminder for those (many) times when I don't always feel thankful! The Thesaurus gave me lots of words for thankfulness - to be contented, at ease, satisfied, grateful. Being grateful! I like that. But can I be grateful when my life gets tinged with sadness, anxiety or pain?

And why be grateful? There's lots of research online showing that gratitude is strongly associated with greater happiness and helps people feel more positive emotions, relish good experiences, improve their health, deal with adversity, and build strong relationships. A study of couples found that individuals who took time to express gratitude for their partner not only felt more positive toward the other person but also more comfortable expressing concerns about their relationship. And, managers who remember to say 'thank you' to people who work for them found that those employees feel motivated to work harder. I could go on.....!

I suppose that gratitude is a way for me to appreciate what I have instead of always reaching for something new in the hopes it will make me happier or thinking I can't feel satisfied until every physical and material need is met. Gratitude helps me refocus on what I have instead of what I lack.

So what can I do to cultivate gratitude on a regular basis? I can be aware and maybe write a thank-you note expressing my appreciation of a person's impact on my life. And, once in a while, I can write one to myself! Maybe, each morning, find something to be thankful about. Well at least I'm breathing!! And, end the day with a review of all that has been good and to offer to God the things that are not so good. There was an old chorus I used to sing: "Count your blessings, name them one by one; count your blessings, see what God hath done". If I look, I can see so many good and beautiful things about my life. Maybe I should sit down and write them down so that I have a reminder to read when I am struggling to feel thankful.

The Bible encourages me to be thankful. "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his love endures forever!"; "Come, let us sing to the

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Lord! Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving”; “Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!”. And that lovely hymn: “Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices; who from our mothers’ arms has blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love...”. OK - I have shared some rambling thoughts with you - now I need to live them out!

Rev. Maureen Allchin. Retired priest.

Important information regarding the use of Community Defibrillators

Following some confusion over how to access the defibrillator at The Chapel in Marston I felt a reminder of how the system operates would be useful. This applies to all Community Defibrillators which are kept in a public place in a locked cabinet. These are accessed by a code which is held by the Ambulance Service. When a 999 call is made the service will provide the location of the nearest Defib machine and the access code. Ask for it if necessary.

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Dave Hansford for Marston Parish Council.

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Sun Oct 1st	TRINITY 17 9.30am. 6.00pm	CHRIST CHURCH Holy Communion <i>MARSTON CHAPEL</i> <i>Revd Gary Gotham</i>
Sun Oct 8th	TRINITY 18 9.30am	CHRIST CHURCH Morning Praise
Sun Oct 15th	TRINITY 19 9.30am	CHRIST CHURCH Holy Communion
Sun Oct 22nd	TRINITY 20 9.30am 6.00pm	CHRIST CHURCH Family Service <i>MARSTON CHAPEL</i> <i>Revd Gary Gotham</i>
Sun Oct 29th	LAST AFTER TRINITY	CHRIST CHURCH No Service. Benefice Service is 10.00am at Poulshot

NOVEMBER

Sun Nov 5th	ALL SAINTS 9.30am 6.00pm	CHRIST CHURCH Holy Communion <i>MARSTON CHAPEL</i> <i>Revd Gary Gotham</i>
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The Funeral of Rosemary Few took place at Christ Church in August, followed by committal in the churchyard.

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



WELLSPRINGS BENEFICE SERVICES

OCTOBER 2023

Sunday 1st (Trinity 17)	8am Holy Communion (BCP) 9:30am Holy Communion 11am Morning Praise 11am Holy Communion 4pm Harvest Evensong	Potterne Worton Bulkington Seend Poulshot
Sunday 8th (Trinity 18)	9:30am Holy Communion 9:30am Morning Praise 9:30am Morning Praise 11am Holy Communion 6pm Evensong	Poulshot Bulkington Worton Potterne Seend
Sunday 15th (Trinity 19)	8am Holy Communion (BCP) 9:30am Holy Communion 9:30am Holy Communion 11am Holy Communion 11am Morning Praise	Seend Poulshot Worton Bulkington Potterne
Sunday 22nd (Trinity 20)	9:30am Family Service 11am Holy Communion 11am Holy Communion 4pm Evensong 6pm Holy Communion	Worton Potterne Seend Poulshot Bulkington
Wednesday 25th	5pm Celtic Meditative Service	Poulshot
Sunday 29th (Last after Trinity)	10am Benefice Service 2pm Potterne RBL Centennial Celebration	Poulshot Potterne

** Please note there is no Messy Church this month.

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Church Registers

There were no baptisms or weddings in August.
The Funeral of Rosemary Few took place at Christ Church in August, followed by committal in the churchyard.

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From Christ Church:

A huge well done to Catherine Bridger and Tony Brewer on their day taking part in the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride.

They cycled different routes each cycling around 50 miles and visiting 30 churches, on one of the hottest days of the year. What an achievement.

Their sponsorship is shared between Christ Church and the Trust which enables churches to request grants for building repairs, improvements etc.

There is still time to sponsor them if you wish, personally, or by going to the Just Giving page at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ride-stride>.

Our last Community Café was enjoyed by many on a glorious afternoon; it included croquet in the churchyard.

The next Community Café will be held on October 14th at 2pm. Just pop along for tea and cake. It's a chance to chat to friends, make new friends, and play some board games, which is sometimes difficult to find time for in busy lives. Just come and enjoy.

Heather and Jean, Churchwardens

WORTON & MARSTON LADIES GROUP

As we didn't meet in August, I have nothing to report, just to say I hope you all had a good summer break.

We meet again on Wednesday 27th September for a talk by Keith Hicketts entitled 'It's a dog's life.'

Hosts for the evening: Pam and June

The October meeting is still to be finalized; there will be an update on this at the September meeting.

Pam Woods

VILLAGE HALL 200 CLUB

200 Club winner for September: Peter Hinton

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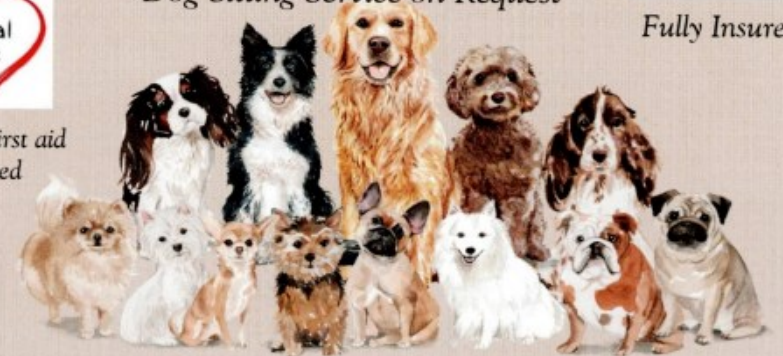
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VILLAGE HALL NEWS

I'm pleased to be able to report that we have recruited some new Trustees. We are not out of the woods yet as we still don't have a volunteer to take on the role of Chair but I have agreed to stay on in this role for the next few months until someone can be found. It really isn't that onerous with a good team behind you which I believe we have, so if anyone even remotely thinks they might be interested please do get in touch (07593 832481). The new team was voted in at an Extraordinary Meeting of the Management Group on September 7th and they are:

Joe Kidd - Secretary and Health and Safety

Pam Woods- 200 Club

Brian Badge - Maintenance

In addition Pauline Crisp (Treasurer and Bookings) and Rowena Groves (deputy for Bookings) remain.

All of us would like to extend huge thanks to Jeff Stocks for his tireless work as Trustee for Health and Safety, Maintenance and Policy Tracking. He has now stood down as a Trustee but will be working with Brian and Joe to ensure a smooth handover of those tasks. Thanks also to Douglas Crisp and Mark Fisher who often assisted him.

Whilst canvassing for volunteers, I became aware that a lot of you wouldn't mind helping with events but didn't want to be a Trustee. In light of this I'm forming a Trustees support group (basically a list of people who would support the Trustees in this way). If you think this is something you can help with then please get in touch with me (07593 832481).

And speaking of events...the Christmas Bazaar will be held at the Village Hall on **Saturday December 2nd from 2pm to 4pm**. This is a tradition within the village and usually enjoyed by all age groups. So don't forget to pop that in your diary now and we'll look forward to seeing you there.

Veronica Franklin



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Sessions: **EIGHT**

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Vehicles recorded for exceeding the 30mph speed limit:

144 of which **16** were reported to Wiltshire Police for excess speed.

Maximum Speed Recorded:

41mph on Monday 21st August between 15.15 and 16.00

Highest vehicle count:

388 on Wednesday 23rd August between 16.00 and 16.45

(The comparable figures for **AUGUST 2022** were:

Sessions **15** Vehicles **4,401** with **359** vehicles exceeding 30mph of which **78** were reported for excess speed.)

On Wednesday 16th of August Wiltshire Police Enforcement Officer Deborah Hide caught two vehicles speeding in the village with the fastest recorded at 38mph. Depending on previous convictions and history both drivers will be offered a speed awareness course.

Bob Mitchell



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SHOW RESULTS 2023

SECTION	TROPHY	FIRST	Pts	SECOND	Pts	THIRD	Pts
Vegetable	D. A. Carter Shield	S Cox & G Bowyer	25	D & B Francis	18	Kim Cannon	15
Best Collection of Vegetables	Weeding Trophy	S Cox & G Bowyer					
Flower	Ethel Harper Shield	A & H Walker	20	D & B Francis	12	P Woods/A Parker	11
Best in Show Rose	Harris Shield	Kim Cannon					
Fruit	Lindis Shield	Kim Cannon	12	S Morse	7	S Cox & G Bowyer/D & B Francis	6
Home Produce	R. G. Smith Shield	Beth Owens	18	Kim Cannon	17	D & B Francis	12
Craft	George Holloway Cup	Evelyn Burt	7	Alison Parker	6	Chris Cash	4
Biggest	H. M. Howard Shield	Dennis Rennie	19	S Cox & G Bowyer	10	Kim Cannon/D & B Francis	6
Children's	Bodman's Coaches Shield	Lacey Whiting	6	Callum Woods	4		
Geranium Exhibit	Marshall Shield	Evelyn Burt					
Pot Exhibit	Jubilee Cup	Alison Parker					
Photography - Adults	Lewis-Walker Cup	Sarah Lovett	5	Evelyn Burt	4	Gerald Barnes/Sally Collins	3
Photography - Under 16s	Bodman's Coaches Shield	William Thomas	4	Ruby Maslen	3	Lacey Whiting	2
Club Champion	E. J. Chivers Cup	D & B Francis	42	Kim Cannon	39	A & H Walker	20
Show Champion	Anne Shand Worton & Marston Flower Show Cup	Kim Cannon	50	D & B Francis	48	S Cox & G Bowyer	31

Worton and Marston Flower Show 2023

We were very pleased with the Show this year and hope that all who participated, visited or were involved do agree. The table of winners is on the adjoining page. I thought some of the entries were magnificent, the crafts, Pam and Mike's gladiolis, the fruit collections and a couple of the photos amongst them, but each entry adds that bit of interest and wonder. The number of entrants and the number of individual entries were both up by about fifty percent. One of our main aims is to get people involved so we trust the effort was enjoyable and you will have another go next year. Special thanks to the children who participated and to the teachers from Five Lanes and support from Worton Toddlers.

Next year's show will be the fiftieth anniversary of its debut in 1974. The Committee will soon meet to decide on a date and start to review the schedule. We do hope to change a few things; one will be the visitors on the day choosing "the people's champion" for best class in show but more of this later. We are always ready to accept help in organising the show so if you want to help or have ideas, please get in touch.

Many thanks

Bill Francis, on behalf of the Committee

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Worton and Marston Garden Club

“October is the treasure of the year and all the months pay a bounty to her store”

Paul Laurence Dunbar

Before we mention October, I would like to pay tribute to the fantastic Worton and Marston Village Show we had on September 2nd. Entries were more than doubled from last year. We had new contributors and the children from Worton Toddlers and Worton School entered beautiful decorated pebbles, cards, paintings and artwork. The craft section is ever expanding; what lovely talent we have in our villages.

I like October. I love the kaleidoscope of colour change of leaves and skies, the slowing down of plant growth and, being of Celtic origin, I embrace the cooler temperature – certainly after the last few weeks. As an avid gardener, it is the beginning of the best time of the year for clearing, planning, re-jigging and planting. More is achieved here than anytime in summer! I do realise that I haven’t ordered any spring flowering bulbs yet. However, there is plenty of time to plant Narcissi and Camassia, and smaller bulbs like muscari, crocus etc are good planted in October, but avoid planting Tulips until November to avoid Tulip Fire, a devastating virus.

If you’d like to join the club or are thinking about it, we have a meeting on October 16th with a talk from Wiltshire Wildlife Hospital on Hedgehogs. You are most welcome to come as a visitor. Doors open 7.30pm for an 8pm start.

Best wishes,

Alison Parker aelparker@aol.com

Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir

Just for information, I have asked the Parish Council to please put in place the cutting of the banks in Back Lane as close as possible to Christmas ready for the snowdrops. This has been done each year since 1999.

Yours

Roger Wilshire

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It has been great to see everyone again after the summer holidays, and we have welcomed some new families too!

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We will be singing pieces from all the operas we have performed and a few extra treats with guests Carlos Alonso, Robert Felstead, Edward Harper and Pamela Rudge.

We hope you can come and join us for a night of fabulous singing.

Tickets only £10 from Devizes Books and www.ticketsource.co.uk/whitehorseopera

We will be dedicating the concert to our recently departed dear friend Graham Billing who gave so much to White Horse Opera. He will be sorely missed.

Barbara Gompels

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Wednesday	Closed	6pm -11pm
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It's the only local Rainbow unit in the Lavington area now as all the other units have closed due to lack of adult volunteers coming forward so I do urge you to consider giving it a go. There is no lack of girls wanting to be a Rainbow, we have a full unit and a waiting list, we just lack adults prepared to give up some time and keep it going so the girls don't miss out.

We currently meet during term time in Worton Village Hall on a Tuesday between 4.45pm – 5.45pm (only because that is convenient for the current leaders). You can always change that to something more convenient to you.

Girlguiding offer a number of opportunities if you choose to take up the challenge. Have a look at <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/what-we-do/> for more details.

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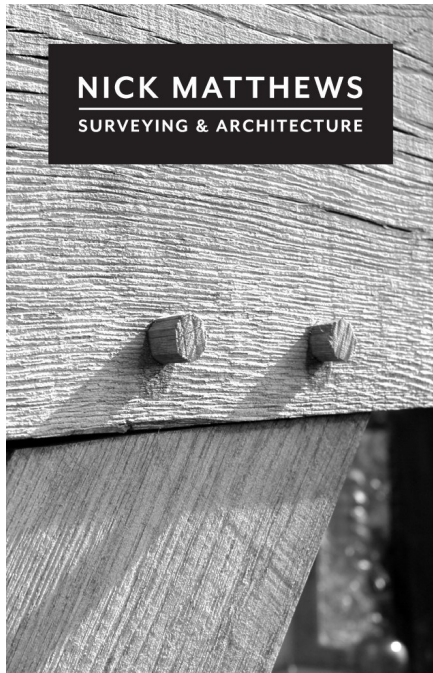
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For Carers Rights Day this year Carer Support Wiltshire are bringing together experts from across local government and the voluntary sector to share their expertise and guidance with carers. Through workshops and an information hub, the expo aims to empower carers with the knowledge to help them live their lives well and help them to feel supported in their caring role.

Sessions will explore what support is available to carers including:

- When you're new to caring
- How to navigate the benefits system
- How to manage their own wellbeing
- Carers legal rights
- How to prepare for an emergency
- How to build their support plan
- Preparing for the end of their caring role
- Getting back into work

This one-day event will attract unpaid carers from across Wiltshire, local government, the NHS, private and voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations.

To register your interest, email admin@carersupportwiltshire.co.uk or call 0800 181 4118.

Carer cafes

Our cafes are a great way to make new friends and enjoy a cuppa, cake and a chat with others in relaxed, friendly surroundings. Come when you can and stay for as long, or as little as you like.

Devizes – 1st Wednesday of the month

Venue: The Bear Hotel, Market Place, Devizes, SN10 1HS

Time: 10:30am – 12:00pm

Dates: 4 October, 1 November, 6 December, 3 January, 7 February, 6 March

For details of the venues, times and dates of the many other Carer cafes, please call 0800 181 4118.

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Bereavement help points

This is a community-based drop-in service where all people who are bereaved are welcome. It's a space to meet and talk with others who may be experiencing similar thoughts and feelings, in an informal and supportive setting.

Devizes

Venue: Bear Hotel, 2-3 The Market Place, Devizes, SN10 1HS

Time: 10.30am - 12.00pm

Dates: 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month

This group is kindly funded by Devizes Town Council, Devizes Lions, Potterne Parish Council, Worton Parish Council. Run in partnership with Dorothy House Hospice

For details of the venues, times and dates of the other Bereavement help points, please call 0800 181 4118

Carer café facilitator volunteers wanted

Carer Support Wiltshire are currently looking for carer café facilitator volunteers to help run the carer cafés in **Tisbury, Chippenham, Devizes, Malmesbury, Melksham and Salisbury**. Volunteers will need to be able to commit to a minimum of 2 hours per month, as well as initial and face-to-face training sessions.

The aim of this role is to create a safe and supportive group environment for unpaid carers at a local venue, providing them with a much-needed break from their caring responsibilities. Applicants will need good interpersonal and verbal communication skills and have the ability to listen and be empathetic with people who may, at times, be distressed, without feeling a need to 'fix things'.

For further information about this role, visit <https://carersupportwiltshire.co.uk/get-involved/volunteer/> or email volunteer@carersupportwiltshire.co.uk / or call 0800 181 4118.

£10m extra to improve our roads

Residents and Parish Councils across Devizes Rural West tell me regularly that the maintenance of our roads is one of the top priorities. I'm really pleased therefore, that prudent financial management of Wiltshire Council's budget has meant that an extra £10m has been secured for preventative highways work.

The £10m of extra funding, which is on top of the £14m the Council will spend this financial year on highways maintenance, is being funded through the Council's capital funding programme. The additional money will be spent on preventative maintenance and a road resurfacing programme including small, local repairs to the highways; verge repairs on rural roads and materials support to volunteers working on public rights of way. Work on potholes will continue in parallel, with £2m existing funds and the government's recent £3.6m additional grant.

The preventative investment will reduce the number of potholes forming on the road network, mitigate the risk of further deterioration; improve road safety across the county for all road users; improve customer satisfaction and reduce the number of highway defect reports to the Council, which will save officer time by reducing the number of ad-hoc inspections required and expensive reactive works.

This additional funding allocation has been made following the first formal update of the 2023/24 financial year. At the end of the first quarter there is a small forecast overspend of around £0.3m which equates to less than 0.1% of the budget. More than £26m of savings were identified to be made during 2023/24 and, at the end of the first quarter, more than £6.2m has already been achieved (around 24%) with a further £15.7m on track to be delivered (around 60%).

This is really good news for Wiltshire residents as this careful financial management ensures that the Council can deliver core services such as children's and adults' social care, as well as the other services which we all rely on, and focus on the local issues such as roads which really matter. By contrast, the list of local authorities up and down the country which are at risk of bankruptcy, is growing.

The programme of additional highways work will begin with identifying the roads due to be resurfaced and give Area Boards the opportuni-

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ty to comment before the work programme begins in earnest from April 2024 until the end of 2025. Meanwhile please do continue to use My Wilts to report concerns.

Tamara Reay

Wiltshire Councillor for Devizes Rural West.

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OCTOBER BOOK SWAP



**Saturday 14th October
10.00am - 12 noon**

Dysart House, Church Lane, Worton
hosted by Andrea Matthews

**Saturday 11th November
10.00am - 12 noon**

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

Book Swap continues happily with an interesting & varied selection of books, & a good, also varied, selection of new as well as longer standing residents attending for a convivial hour or two in welcoming homes, a different one each month.

To quote Kate Adie (at the end of each 'From our own Correspondent' on Radio 4) – Do join us.

Have you ever wanted to join a choir?

Dauntsey's Choral Society rehearses on a Monday evening 7.30-9pm (during school term time) in the Old Hall, Dauntsey's School, West Lavington. No audition is required, just enthusiasm, so if you would like to challenge your vocal chords in a fun and relaxed choir, please do come along and join us! This term we will be rehearsing Mozart's Requiem together with the Chichester Psalms.

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NEWCOMERS! NEWCOMERS! NEWCOMERS!!!

We really need to know your names and contact details, if you have moved into Worton or Marston during 2023, so that we can include you in the invitations to the **NEWCOMERS' PARTY** on **FRIDAY JANUARY 26th** in the **VILLAGE HALL!** This is a great evening and a chance to meet more established residents, leaders of groups, and enjoy a delicious buffet supper provided by many members of our community. Please get in touch with your details by contacting **JEAN** on **722069** or **HEATHER** on **725785**.

Also organised by the Family of Churches here is the now established **BEER AND CAROLS** at the back of the Rose and Crown by kind permission of Jackie and John. This will be on **MONDAY DECEMBER 4th**. A really good and fun sing-song with well-known Christmas Carols. More details in the November Bridge and look out for posters nearer the time.

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FIVE LANES WI

Our September meeting was a chocoholics delight!! We were happy to welcome several visitors for the evening. Holly Garner from **HOLLY-CHOCS** in Poulshot gave us a delightful and jolly talk on how she had become involved in chocolate production, via a degree in Chemical Engineering to working for Cadburys (responsible for the technology behind the bubbles in the Wispa bar!) and then on to starting her own business in 2019. She has won many prestigious awards since, does many talks around and about and has just opened a café on her premises!

Holly showed us the fruit as it comes off the tree, the inside fleshy part and the beans nestled inside, from which chocolate comes. The beans are dried on the ground (on banana leaves) before being ground into powder, which is used then to produce actual chocolate. We tasted a dried bean, then small pieces of chocolate of varying degrees of cocoa solids going from 85% down to 40%. The more cocoa content the less sugar used.

Holly is very careful to source her chocolate from growers who receive a fair price! We saw pictures of the many varieties of chocolates she makes by hand, and were able to purchase some of her products at a special discount for the evening. Altogether a delightful and delicious evening.

On **OCTOBER 11th** we have a visiting speaker, Wendy Hubbard who is a qualified Physiotherapist and will instruct us in an easy and fun way, in **“HOW TO KEEP WELL”**. We should leave the evening sitting and standing better at the very least!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:-

NOVEMBER 8th Christmas Flower Arranging with our local friend, Pam Lewis. Internationally renowned arranger so it will be a real treat!

DECEMBER 13th Christmas Craft with mulled wine and mince pies.


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Worton Parish Council

A fairly brief contribution from me this month, which may come as something of a relief to many of you!

I was unable to attend the September Parish Council meeting. I would like to say that I was carrying out a field investigation into local government in British Columbia and Alaska. Unfortunately the truth is that I was fulfilling a long held ambition of both Sarah and myself by way of our first real holiday since the Pandemic. Incidentally, I was pleasantly surprised by the sheer lack of political divide on the Cruise ship that was our temporary home and just how well the fairly diverse merry band of explorers got on with each other.

Anyway, I am very grateful to Richard and co who covered so well for me in my absence.

We are looking actively at carrying out improvements in terms of traffic and road safety. Ideas that have been raised and discussed earlier are progressing. These include a possible new crossing on the High Street and a speed reduction on the eastern approach to the village. We are also hoping to get support towards the improvement of the surface of the crossing at Cedar Close and the painting of new roundels by the village gates at the western end. We intend to consult with Newland Homes with regard to road safety and improvement strategies linked to their intended access. Finally, we intend to gain support for a future installation of Auto Speedwatch.

Strategies to maintain and support the new King's copse plantation were discussed as were on-going concerns about stream overflow problems at Mill House / Croft Farm.

Lastly, it is likely that there may be some availability of an allotment in the near future. We have already had an expression of interest in this regard, but please contact Jules on clerk@worton.org.uk if you would like to find out more.

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*Extracts from The Bridge (October 1993),
kindly provided by Tony Walker*

WORTON & MARSTON W.I.

The first meeting after the summer break of Worton & Marston W.I. was held on 14 September in the Village Hall.

The President Mrs Babs Stockwell welcomed members and visitors to the Open Meeting to hear Mr Derek Johns, this year's BBC MasterChef, give an illustrated talk on The Art World in which he has worked for the last 30 years. For 20 years he was employed by Sothebys before starting his own business specialising in art up to the 18th Century.

Difficulties were, however, experienced with not one but two projectors and Mr Johns decided to abandon his planned talk. Instead he gave an insight into the activities behind the scenes of the Television series MasterChef. Last year there were 6,000 entries and before being accepted 40 or 50 questions had to be answered. The competition was very fierce. Mr Johns said that a most enjoyable part of the competition was the opportunity to meet a number of top chefs and to spend a day at the Waterside Inn with the Roux brothers cooking for them.

The Vote of Thanks was proposed by Mrs Cherry Douse and the competition for the best Hallowe'en Mask was won by Mrs Bennett.

The meeting next month will be held on 12 October when the speaker will be Mrs Whittle on "Herbs and their Uses" and the competition will be "Know your Herbs".

Hostesses: Mrs. Fielding & Mrs. Phillips

Raffle: Mrs. McCaffrey.

On closing the Meeting, Mrs Stockwell announced that the final total for this year's charity, the Air Ambulance Appeal was £275.35.

Babs Stockwell, President

SALISBURY CREMATORIUM OPEN DAY.

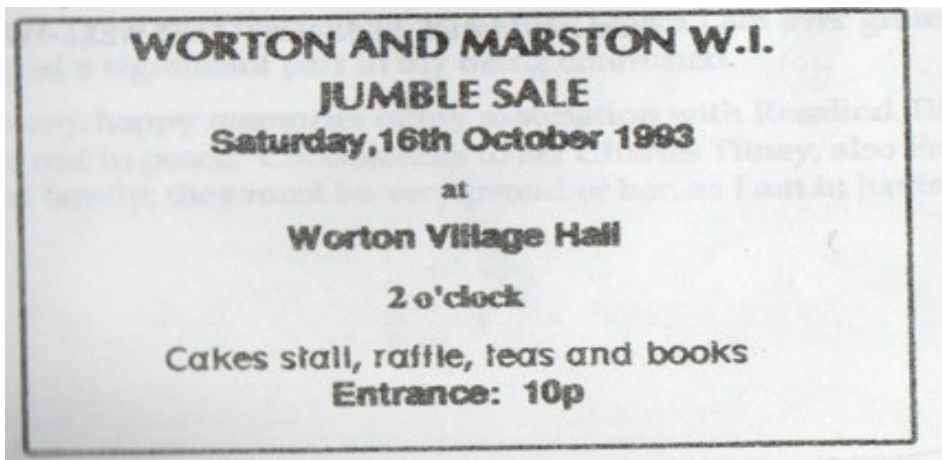
I have been advised that this will be from 10am to 4pm on Sunday, October, 10th.

There are many myths and fears about the process of cremation and open days are becoming more common in order to dispel them. Trained staff will escort visitors and answer questions.

Should you wish to talk about a visit before making arrangements, please do not hesitate to contact me (723189).

Paul Wilkinson.

Extracts from *The Bridge* (October 1993),
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W.I. CHARITY APPEAL

As promised in the September issue of "The Bridge", I am now able to give you a final amount collected for our appeal.

At our September meeting we were able to announce that a cheque for £275.35 will be sent to the Police Air Ambulance Service. Our thanks go to all who supported us in any way.

We hope to make a "Skittle Week" on Marston Green an annual event possibly in July, the proceeds to charity and of course organised by the W.I.

Babs Stockwell, President

HARVEST THANKSGIVING.

Please bring gifts to the church for the service on October 10th as we hope to distribute them to the elderly, housebound and ill of the villages.

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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**
2nd Saturday 10.00 - Noon

Mobile Library

Location: The School, 1.10 - 1.50pm

Next Date: Monday 9th October

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

Forthcoming Events

11th WI meeting
14th Book Swap
16th Garden Club

Kerbside Collections in October

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

Tuesdays 3rd & 17th & 31st

Household waste:

Thursdays 12th & 26th

Garden waste:

Fridays 13th & 27th



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 15th October 2023
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