

VILLAGE DIARY

Regular Meetings

In the Village Hall

- **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

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

In the Rose & Crown

- **Neighbourhood Plan Meeting**
Second Sunday 7pm (not Aug)

Various Venues

Announced Monthly

- **Book Swap**
2nd Saturday 10.00 - Noon

Mobile Library

Location: The School, 1.10 - 1.50pm

Next Date

- Mondays 2nd and 30th March

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Forthcoming Events

- 2nd Worton PC meeting
- 10th WI meeting
- 14th Book Swap
- 14th Jumble Sale
- 15th Link Quiz
- 16th Gardening club
- 18th Crafts
- 24th Marston PC meeting

Devizes Farmers' Market

Next: Saturday 7th March

Kerbside Collections

**Black box and Plastic bottle
and card recycling:**
Wednesdays 11th & 25th

Household waste:
Wednesdays 4th & 18th

Garden waste:
Fridays 6th & 20th



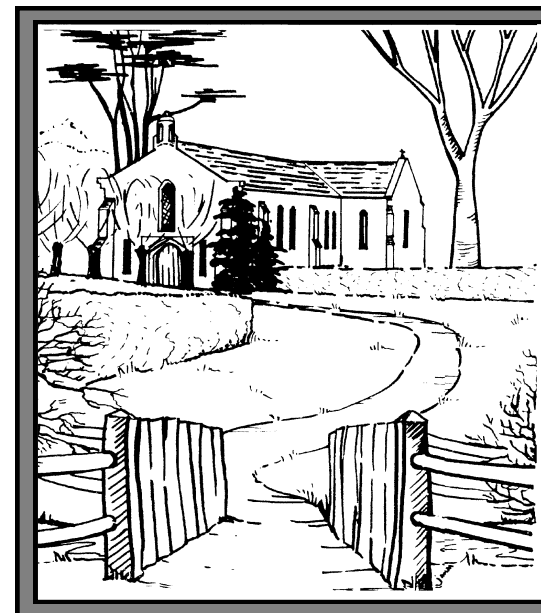
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When Seymour passed away, God greeted him at the Pearly Gates. "Thou be hungry, Seymour?" said God.

"I could eat," Seymour replied.

So God opened a can of tuna and reached for a chunk of rye bread and they shared it. While eating this humble meal, Seymour glanced down into Hell and saw the inhabitants devouring huge steaks, lobsters, pheasants, pastries, and fine wines. Curious, but deeply trusting, Seymour remained quiet.

The next day God again invited Seymour for another meal. Again, it was tuna and rye bread. Once again looking down, Seymour could see the denizens of Hell enjoying caviar, champagne, lamb, truffles, and chocolates. Still Seymour said nothing.

The following day, mealtime arrived and God opened another can of tuna. Seymour could contain himself no longer. Meekly, he said: "God, I am grateful to be in heaven with you as a reward for the pious, obedient life I led. But here in heaven all I get to eat is tuna and a piece of rye bread and in the Other Place they eat like emperors and kings! Forgive me, O God, but I just don't understand."

God sighed: "Let's be honest, Seymour. For just two people does it pay to cook?"

(Donel McClellan, "The Imaginary God")

(kindly sent in by mk)



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Advance notice:

Saturday 18th April 2020
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March

Sun 1st LENT 1
 8.00am CHRIST CHURCH
 Holy Communion
 9.30am Morning Praise
 6.00pm *Marston Chapel*
Rev Gary Gotham HC

Sun 8th LENT 2
 9.30am CHRIST CHURCH
 Holy Communion
 6.00pm *Marston Chapel*
Rev Tracey Lewis

Sun 15th LENT 3
 9.30am CHRIST CHURCH
 Holy Communion
 6.00pm *Marston Chapel*
Rev Wendy Tucker

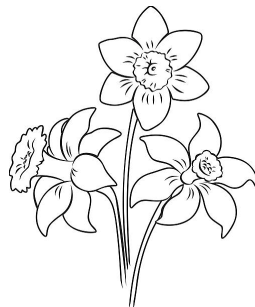
Sun 22nd MOTHERING SUNDAY
 9.30am CHRIST CHURCH
 Morning Praise for
 Mothering Sunday
 6.00pm *Marston Chapel*
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March

Sun 29th PASSIONTIDE
 9.30am CHRIST CHURCH
 No Service. Benefice
 Service is at Seend at
 10.00am
 6.00pm *Marston Chapel*
Rev Gary Gotham

April

Sun 5th PALM SUNDAY
 8.00am CHRIST CHURCH
 Holy Communion
 9.30am CHRIST CHURCH
 Morning Praise
 6.00pm *Marston Chapel*
Rev David Coppard



There were no weddings, baptisms or funerals at Christ Church in January.

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

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 kindly provided by Tony Walker*

Friday, 23rd March

'Mr. and Mrs. Stilgoe's Musical Evening.' 8.00 p.m. Memorial Hall. An evening of musical entertainment by RICHARD STILGOE and ANNABEL HUNT accompanied by Iain Ledingham, in aid of the 'Last Lock' Appeal for the Kennet and Avon Canal trust. Tickets at £7.50 (adults) and £3.00 (children) are available from the Appeal Secretary, Kennet and Avon Canal trust, Canal Centre, Couch Lane, DEVIZES, SN10 1EB. This will include a free glass of wine or juice during the interval. Please send s.a.e. with your remittance. Further enquiries: (0380) 71279. The rebuilding of Widmead Lock, the last of the 104 locks to be restored by the Kennet and Avon Canal Trust, will result in the entire waterway from Bristol to Reading being re-opened during this summer. This ceremony will be performed by H.M. The Queen on Wednesday, 8th August.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE NEWS

Monday, 22nd January saw the Village Hall filled to capacity, and fourteen tables in play. Thanks to exceptional generosity, there was a superb array of whist and raffle prizes, and the final sum raised for Cancer Research was £121. Special thanks to Mr. Eric Clack, our M.C. for the evening, and to all who so kindly gave prizes. Thank you for your support.

We were kept enthralled at our February meeting when Mr. Ray Preece, former General Manager of Selfridges Store in Oxford Street, told us of the lavish lifestyle of the founder, Mr. Gordon Selfridge, and of the immense impact the opening of such a large emporium made on shopping habits. For the very first time, women were able to examine and even try on garments before buying, something that had until that time been quite unknown, and this in 1909. How times have changed! Now, there are some 3,500 employees, and the whole enterprise is completely self-supporting; just like a small town. We shall all look upon it in a different light in future.



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Sidesmen – March 2020

Sun 1 st	8.00am	Robin Shercliff	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Ali Cross, Ali Pratt	Morning Praise
Sun 8 th	9.30am	June Mason, Tony Brewer	Holy Communion
Sun 15 th	9.30am	Tom Harwood, Tony Walker	Holy Communion
Sun 22 nd	9.30am	Mark Lewis, Peter Witcher	Morning Praise

Sidesmen – April 2020

Sun 5 th	8.00am	Robin Shercliff	Holy Communion
	9.30am	June Mason, Ali Cross	Morning Praise

	Altar Flowers	Church Flowers
March 1 st	Lent	Lent
March 8 th	Lent	Lent
March 15 th	Lent	Lent
March 22 nd	Lent	Lent
March 29 th	Lent	Lent

Church Cleaning

March 1 st	Mr and Mrs Pratt
March 22 nd	Mr and Mrs Wright

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March 22 nd	Mrs Mason
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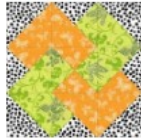
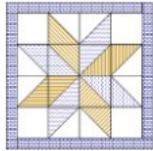
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Mothering Sunday it is called
And always so shall be
Over all our pleasant land
So beautiful to see
Children send their cards and gifts
To give thanks to their mothers
The ones they love and cherish too
Far beyond all others
The little posies sent with love
Upon this special day
Are proof of how they understand
More than words can say
Its not just the real big jobs
That mothers do so well
But also all the little things
Which take too long to tell
So when you say your prayers at night
No matter where you are
Remember, thank the Lord above
For your own "Shining Star" (your mother).

I. Hale

Wise words?

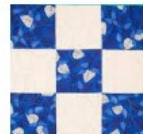
'If you tell a child a thousand times and he still doesn't understand, then it is not the child who is the slow learner.'



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Lunch time opening

Evening opening

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Tuesday	Closed	6pm -11pm
Wednesday	Closed	6pm -11pm
Thursday	Closed	6pm -11pm
Friday Coffee Morning	10.30 - 2.30	6pm -11.30pm
Saturday	12.00 - 2.30	6pm -11.30pm
Sunday	12.00 - 2.30	7pm -10.00pm
		7pm -11.00pm (on Quiz Sundays)

Rolls and sandwiches available.

Also look out for 'Bill and Gerry's' Pop Up kitchen signs when they come here and cook.

We have a pool table, darts and skittles.

We have a quiz on the last Sunday of every month.

Please pop in to the pub to find out what's happening each month

Pastoral Letter

The short Bible study course I am currently following, focusing on the letter of James (New Testament), calls it "a practical how-to book on Christian living. Fortright and pulling no punches ..." I've certainly found that to be the case. Although aimed at Christians, and Christian "enquirers", James (thought to be the brother of Jesus) gives sound advice for all who strive to live in harmony in the world and with each other.

One of the issues James writes about (among many) is our mis-use of words. We underestimate the lasting effect those we use in anger, abusive situations or through just plain thoughtlessness can have on the person to whom they are directed. We see and hear examples of this in our daily lives, don't we? - on television, the radio, Facebook and other social media, as well as, sometimes, on our streets or in our shops. The sad thing is that, like the bucket with a hole in the bottom, the "bad" words leak out and - too late! - we have no way of retrieving them. The damage is done. An apology might go some small way in making things better but the memory and hurt always remain. James reminds us that we can "control and tame wild animals, steer

huge ships with small rudders and control horses with small bits, yet no human can tame the tongue." "... our words either bless or curse, delight or destroy, heal or hurt, comfort or cut."

Ash Wednesday, was on 26th February. It marked the first day of Lent, the 40 days that precede Holy Week and Easter - 40 days in which to reflect on our shortcomings - to resolve to use our words wisely in order to affirm others and value them, regardless of our mood or provocation - to say the right thing at the right time - and to prepare ourselves for the Good News of Easter.

A lot of people look upon Lent as a time of giving things up - chocolates or cigarettes are favourites - but wouldn't it be better to give our time or our money (perhaps from saving the cost of those chocolates and cigarettes!) to a charity, or someone in need? There are so many different ways in which we can bless the lives of those around us and bring God's kingdom just a little closer here on earth. May you come to know Him and His love over the next few days and weeks. And remember: be a blessing, as you are blessed.

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Marston Parish Council

A meeting of Marston Parish Council was held on the 6th February, it was attended by 14 parishioners and Councillor Richard Gamble (Wiltshire Council).

A letter from Mr. Davison was discussed in relation to the management of the common land. The pond and the grip have been cleared and landowners have cleared the ditches adjacent to the common land. Reseeding with grass and wild flower mix will take place in early spring and the dew ponds will be cleared when the weather allows. Conservation Contractors will be felling dead and unsafe trees along the track from Long Street to the Parish boundary stone in the Spring, when the weather improves. Mr. Walker requested that any replanting would undertake to use indigenous tree stock. The Parish Council supported his request.

Councillor Richard Gamble agreed to investigate the flooding, ditches and broken boundary fence at Norney Bridge and we have sent him a letter to explain the issues.

The Parish Council would like to make a polite request to dog walkers to clear up after their animals when on common land and take plastic bags home rather than leave them hung on bushes or on the verges, as dog faeces on the Green above and below the pond is becoming an issue.

An application was made by Worton and Marston School to the Solar Community Fund to help them renew their school website. The application has now been taken to the next stage and will be agreed upon at the next meeting.

Two planning requests were dealt with:

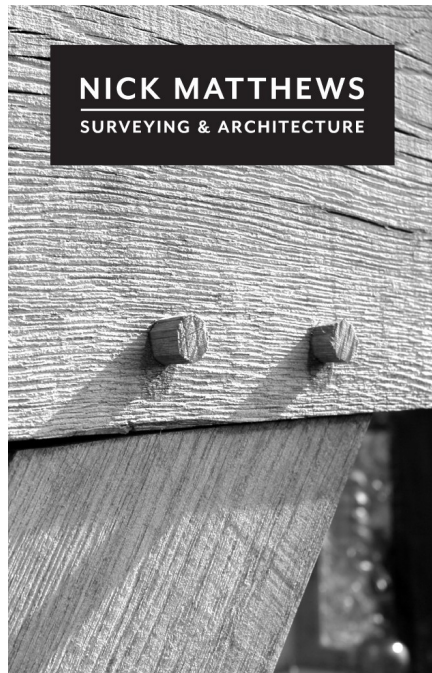
Application20/00451/TCA Willow tree re-pollard at Pound Cottage Plough Lane, SN10 5SR for Mr. M. Cherrington. The Parish Council supported the application.

Application19/12138PNCOU Notification for prior approval under Q class change of use for agricultural barn to form one dwelling and for associated operational development at: Barn New Farm, Goose Street, Marston. SN10 5SP for C.M. Howard and Sons. As this was a Q class application the Parish Council had no objections to make under the set parameters of the application.

Grazing on the common land will be taking place, by a registered grazier of the common land, in mid-summer on the section adjacent to the New Farm fields; more information will be given at the next meeting.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 24th March 2020 in Marston Chapel at 7.30pm.

Steven Bennett



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May 9th - 10th Exhibition in Village Hall

Family stories to be submitted by 10th April. We need your family stories, photographs or war time artefacts to help us record this event. Was someone in your family a member of the Armed forces, the Land Army or the Home Guard? Were they evacuated or in a reserved occupation? Share your family wartime stories.



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Worton Parish Council

As we settle into a new decade, your councillors have been looking forward in a positive frame of mind!

An important issue will certainly be housing provision. Whilst there has been considerable discussion, false starts, concerns and not a little effort on the part of a range of interested parties in the village there has, in fact, been little or no change. You will be aware that there has been general agreement about the size of any new development that might occur (indicated by the results of surveys that were undertaken by the Parish Council and by the Neighbourhood Planning group) but no decisions were made. A major factor has been the changing local, regional and national situations and a concerning potential rise in costs that we would have to meet. Thus, we have pretty much stood still.

In some ways this has been beneficial, as it has allowed both a taking of stock and a clarity on what might and might not work. Which brings me to the meeting that we are organising to take place on Friday 3rd April, at 7pm in the Village Hall. There will be representatives there from groups with advice and experience on what is referred to as "Community Led Housing". This is a relatively recent concept that has found favour both nationally and locally, and could well offer a very positive opportunity for us. Cllr Malcolm Powell has been working hard on this, and you should find more information in the pages of this edition of the Bridge. In the past, meetings on this topic have been very well attended, so hopefully the village hall will be full on April 3rd too!

You may recall that I mentioned in the last edition of the Bridge that we have been asked to express our interest, if any, in a number of small plots of land scattered around the village. I referred to the area of grass near the entrance to Mill Head which was, at the present time, the most attractive of the plots considered. One of the reasons I mentioned this was to gauge opinion on the topic, and I did mention the problem of current limited car parking for the village hall and church. This is an obvious ongoing issue which has implications for two of the most important facilities that we have in the village and thus for all of us. However, I hope I made it clear that absolutely no decisions had been made at this stage and that full consultation would occur. It was thus pleasing to receive a small, though useful,

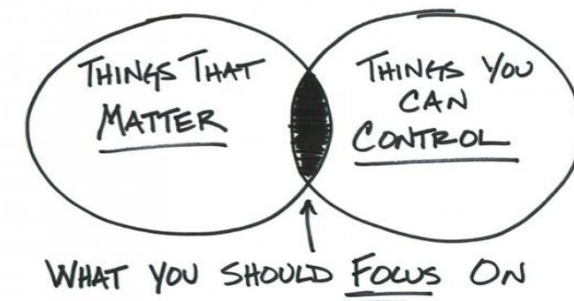
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number of responses which have helped to clarify the position. The issue will be included on the agenda for our **next meeting**, scheduled for **Monday March 2nd** and those of you with particular interest or concern will of course be very welcome.

We have been delighted by the efforts made by a number of you to enhance our village environment. Thanks are due particularly to members of the Gardening Club. We have established the concept of a “Village Maintenance Working Group” to cover this sort of enterprise - it’s useful to ensure proper insurance cover at an economical price. There are exciting plans for March focussing on Sandlease Bank which will hopefully involve lots of you if the recent past is anything to go by.

Whilst on the topic of “self help” can I take this opportunity to thank Dave Loveys for his timely intervention to repair part of Back lane. It’s much appreciated.

A quick reminder that Cllr Rob Goss has gel packs available to use in the event of flooding. Hopefully this won’t be necessary, but you can contact Rob in person or via Liz Starling our clerk.

Lastly, and I wouldn’t want to excite too many hopes too quickly, we would be interested to hear from any keen cyclists about suitable locations for possible routes that might be developed near our village - this is a topic which could soon be timely and your views would be helpful. Perhaps you could contact Liz Starling, our clerk using the usual methods or any of us in person?

Barry Devine



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The weather has dominated the last month with so many games postponed due to waterlogging or severe storms across the county.

Our Badger cubs continue their fun and development on Saturdays. Skills are improving and the training sessions are positive. Sessions are 9-10am at Lavington School – more players always welcome.

We have now setup an under 6 team and played excellently in their first ever game vs Devizes. Our U7 team are now playing regular matches in mid Wilts league. Growing in confidence and skills all the time.

U8-9 Playing well as a team, enjoying training and matches. More players welcome.

U10 Playing some excellent football with great interactions together. Looking for additional players in preparation for next season.

U11 Matches and training going well, on lookout for additional players.

U12 Wizards Competing in matches and having good training session – needing more players for this season.

U12 Badgers continue to express themselves against other teams and doing well.

U13 Through to Semi-Final of league cup and competing at the top of Blue division.

U14 Struggled for matches due to weather and pitch conditions. Friendlies difficult to arrange for non-league players. Good squad attitude.

We will be holding additional goalkeeper training sessions in coming months and will look to use school holidays for ½ day coaching sessions..

Our men's team are still sitting clear at the top of the Chippenham & District Premier League and are in the quarter-final of the Wiltshire Cup.

There is still opportunity to join the teams for this year – if interested in developing your football and teamwork skills then please contact any of the managers below who will be able to assist.

Teams are always looking for more parents to get involved with helping teams in supporting roles or in coaching roles, the club will enable training for those who wish to get involved. Please speak to your managers to help support them.

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Our February meeting was our AGM and quiz/social evening. Nine members fought through the sleet and wind, but we were aware that the inclement weather had deterred some people. The committee is willing to stand for one more year and our thanks to them for all their hard work. Reports were brief and decisions made with no complications, so that we could get on to the mental exercise of a quiz set by our two Helens. Some questions were harder than others and the further we got, there was a suspicion that the glasses of wine might actually have been a hindrance!! Three committee members made up the winning team. Well done!!

We will make 2020 a serious recruitment year, so if you have toyed with the idea of coming, or have thought that WI isn't "your thing", keep an eye on the magazine reports and come along one week when you particularly like the sound of an evening. There will be no pressure to join. Just give us a try.

Our **March meeting on the 10th at 8:00pm** is now in the School so we can use their technology. Celebrated local Quizzer and TV star, Barry Devine, will be telling us all about applying for TV quiz programmes, and what happens if you get invited on!!

That meeting will be a great one to come along for the first time. Hope to see you there.

Jean Lane 722069

'200 Club' Winners

The recent winners of the £50 prize for the '200 club' were:

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Veronica Franklin,

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Having taken part in the 2019 International Musicians Seminars at Prussia Cove with the benefit of an Edington Arts bursary donation, the brothers will perform for us to 'repay the favour'. Both are multiple prize winners, and have played together from childhood creating a special understanding of each other's musicality that produces memorable performances.

There will be a chance to chat to them afterwards over a cup of tea and home-made cakes. The confirmed programme is on the Edington Arts website at www.edingtonarts.org; two Cello Sonatas, one by Beethoven in honour of his 250th birthday, and one by Fauré; a passionate Chopin Polonaise for piano solo, and a lovely little piece by Bela Bartok.

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increased efficiency, new systems and other savings. I believe that it is an outstanding achievement, particularly by officers, that such economies have been achieved year on year. For the most part, standards have been maintained.

The full story is a bit more complicated than I have described. If you want to find more, the best place to look will be the documents for Full Council on 25th February, which can be found on the Wiltshire Council website. I hope it all adds up!

You may contact me about this or any other matter
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or by phone on 07762 018209



ADVANCE NOTICE
Five Lanes Primary School
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MANY THANKS

A Message from Richard Gamble

Wiltshire Councillor for The Lavingtons & Erlestoke Division

By the time you read this, unless something very surprising has happened, Wiltshire Council will have approved its budget for the coming year 2020-2021.

The budget is no small thing but the underlying principle is the same as your own financial management. If you spend only what you can afford, the result is happiness!

Wiltshire Council's recurring income comes from several sources:

1. Council Tax. After an increase of 1.9%, this should bring in £260,830,000 next year
2. Social Care Levy. After an increase of 2%, this should bring in £23,893,000
3. Business Rates Retention. This should bring in £56,600,000
4. Other. £2,700,000

The total is £344,023,000.

It is worth mentioning that the business rates collected in Wiltshire will total over £160 million but it all gets transferred to the government who will give us back only £56.6 million - about 35%. The rest is used to support other areas of the country.

From this income, it is proposed that the money will be spent on:

1. Adult Care & Public Health Services approx. £153 million
2. Children & Education Services approx. £80 million
3. Growth, Investment & Place Services approx. £99 million

The rest goes on administration, ICT, legal etc.

Children & Education Services does not include schools (which will receive £374.5 million from government through the Dedicated Schools Grant). The Council's money is mostly to support the most needy and vulnerable. Overall, with the Adult Care programmes, about 67% of the Council's income is spent upon the relatively few people, young and not-so-young, who have very considerable problems.

One of the challenges that the Council faces is that the number of those with high needs, young and old, is growing faster than the income. Therefore, much effort is going into delivering more for less across the board. In all, we need to find about £34 million by

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Dr Michael Mosley

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then the Parish Council is prepared to consider including part of the council owned Whatleys field provided that it would be of benefit to the scheme and receive widespread community support.

Community Support

Would you support Community Led Housing in Worton? Would you like to have a say in the way in which the houses are designed and managed? Would you like to ensure that the housing benefits the village and not just the developer? Would you prefer not to have this type of housing in the village?

Whatever your views please join us anytime from **7pm on Friday 3rd April** at the village hall.

Malcolm Powell
Worton Parish Council



**Fundraising
for Costa Rica 2020**



Hi

From Christmas to now I have been very busy with jobs, as I have been putting up skittles, selling some more bandanas to the pet shop in Devizes, creosoting, working on the farm and washing cars. I also did a cake sale at Lavington School Year 11 Parents' evening in February, which made £50.

I have recently reached the milestone of £4,000 which I think is incredible! I don't have that much money left to raise as I only need to raise the remaining £250. Also thank you so much for the donations I have received as people have been so kind! Thank you so much for the effort people have been putting into giving me jobs like ironing and cleaning; I am so grateful.

I am going to Costa Rica on 22nd July for a month during the summer holidays, which is not that far away now!

From Scarlet

Community Led Housing Event

**Friday 3rd April - from 7pm
Village Hall**

Worton Parish Council is hosting this event to provide more details about Community Led Housing, how it could affect the village and to discover the views of the community. Please come along and let us know what you think.

The event will be supported by Homes of Our Own, an advice hub partnered by Wiltshire Council, Community First and Wiltshire Community Land Trust. We are also delighted to welcome Seend Community Land and Asset Trust who are in the process of submitting their planning application for a development of community houses and will be sharing their experiences with us.

Community Land Trusts

A Community Land Trust is a legal entity set up by communities to provide and protect assets of community value such as community housing. It is a not-for-profit organisation that is run and made up of members of the community, membership is open to all residents from age 16 at a cost of £1.00 for life. These members oversee the development of affordable houses to rent or buy (typically working with a local housing association). They are a popular and effective way of delivering local housing schemes that are run for the benefit of the community. When the homes are complete the Community Land Trust remains a steward.

A Community Land Trust can reserve the homes for local needs by placing legal conditions on the sale or rent of any homes built as part of the scheme. It is not just current residents that benefit from lower housing costs, an asset lock means the affordability is legally protected so that future residents will also benefit. Any surplus funds that a Community Land Trust earns or raises must go back into the pot and used for community benefit.

Proposed Site

The site currently under consideration for Community Led Housing is the disused allotment land at the junction of High Street and Mill Road previously proposed for housing development by Worton and Marston United Charities. Should the Community Led Housing scheme require more space for design or access safety reasons

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Worton and Marston Gardening Club

First of all a big thank you to Rosemary, Sally and Helen for composing and organising our January Garden Club quiz evening. I found it an excellent evening and could even answer some of the questions. Thank you all for attending and I hope you all enjoyed the evening as much as I did. Looking out of the window this morning I don't think I will be working in the garden today. Fortunately, there isn't that much to do at the moment. I will soon be hoping for suitable conditions to plant some parsnip seeds, and possibly leek and some lettuce as well. Last year I was able to rake over my covering of manure and just plant the seeds, but I think I shall have to rake the manure off before planting this year. The manure seemed to break down into the soil more last year. Perhaps a week or two of cold frosty weather will do the trick. My next door neighbour cut his grass yesterday. Jane planted some snowdrop bulbs last year and I can see some of them are bravely enduring this well-forecast storm 'Ciara'. Whoever thought of that name for a storm!

Best wishes to all. *Dave.*

This month's talk is on **Monday March 16th** and is by Stephen Hackett, Head Gardener at Horatio's Garden, Salisbury Hospital. He will talk about the charity and the garden and will bring plants and merchandise. This is an **OPEN MEETING** so all are welcome! I've not seen the garden myself but have heard lovely things from those who have!

April's meeting is going to be a practical session! We are just finalising details and will be in touch!

Sally Brooks & Rosemary Rosenfeld

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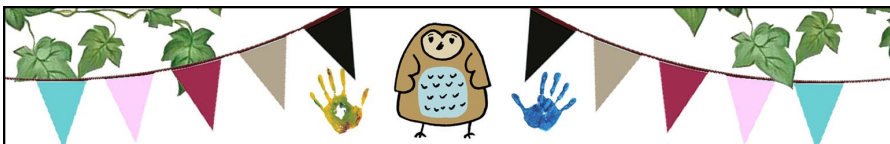
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VILLAGE HALL NEWS

There has been quite a bit going on at the Village Hall over the last month.

In late January we celebrated Village Halls' Week by holding two coffee mornings and a soup lunch. These were free events to encourage villagers to come along, see what we have been doing to improve your hall, give us some feedback and enjoy a few hours together. All events were popular but, with a few exceptions, it was the usual people who came. As trustees, what do we have to do to encourage more of you to visit this great facility?

At the end of the Village Halls' Week the annual Welcome Party was held in the hall, organised by the Church for all newcomers and villagers. This, again, was a very enjoyable evening.

In early February we held a very successful Bingo Night which was enjoyed by over 50 people. These are becoming annual events and we learn from each of them. This time, following feedback, we wrote the numbers on the white board as well as calling them which people seem to have appreciated. We have received positive feedback from many who attended and had a very enjoyable evening, but we are keen to hear of any further improvements we can make.

Future Events

Our annual **Jumble Sale** will take place on Saturday, **March 14th, 2pm - 4pm** so please start saving any pre-loved clothes, bric-a-brac, toys or books. These can be brought to the hall on the morning of the sale at 10am - 11.30am or given to one of the trustees during the week leading up to it. If you are unable to deliver your goods, please phone 726845 and Jeff, one of our trustees, will pick it up from you.

And advanced warning, our AGM will be held on May 6th. All villagers are welcome to attend this.

Finally, some of you may have noticed that we haven't yet replaced the chairs. After a lot of fundraising last year we now have the money for them and thought we had chosen the ones we wanted. However, having sent for a sample one, we did not think they were fit for purpose, so we are now seeking a new supplier. We are sorry for the delay but we hope to have them within the next few months.

Veronica Franklin
on behalf of Worton and Marston Village Hall Trustees

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