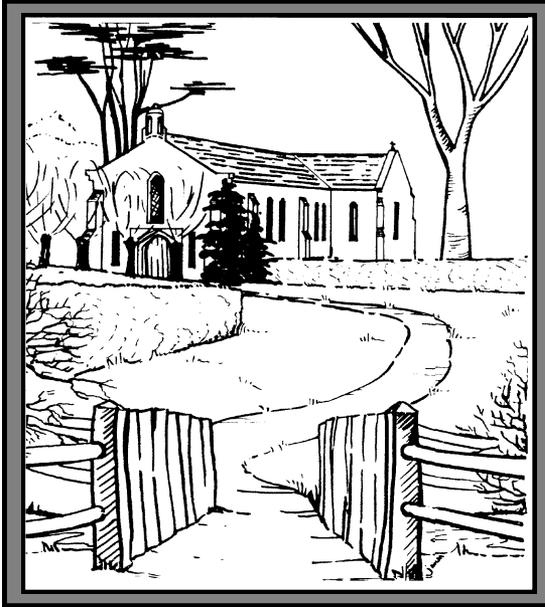


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Armistice Day

The national act of remembrance at the Cenotaph in Whitehall will be taking place this year, albeit with reduced participation to maintain adequate distancing.

With this in mind I shall attend to proclaim the Exhortation and observe two minutes silence at our customary village occasion by the War Memorial outside the Village Hall at 11:00 am on Wednesday the 11th November. I believe there to be sufficient space for anyone joining me to do so as safely here as it will be for those in London.

Robin Shercliff
Park Farm House

20/07932/OUT - Application for outline Planning

Outline planning application for up to 26 houses on land at Sandlease Farm, Worton

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or in writing: Development Management, Wiltshire Council,
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To share your views with Worton Parish Council, you could also write to the WPC Clerk, Liz Starling, 1 Charter Close, Devizes, SN10 2SJ, or email Clerk@worton.org.uk, or phone 01380 725658 (9am-5pm, Mon-Thurs)

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Sun 1st ALL SAINTS
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Sun 8th REMEMBRANCE
8.00am CHRIST CHURCH
BCP Communion

10.50am AROUND WAR GRAVE
IN CHURCHYARD
Remembrance Service
outdoors only

Marston Chapel
No Service

Sun 15th 2 BEFORE ADVENT
No Services

Sun 22nd CHRIST THE KING
No Services

November

Sun 29th ADVENT 1
No Services
(Wellsprings Benefice
Songs of Praise is at
Send at 10.00am)

December

Sun 6th ADVENT 2
8.00am CHRIST CHURCH
Holy Communion

Marston Chapel
No Service

In order to comply with regulations relating to Covid, please advise either of the Churchwardens if you wish to attend any of the Christ Church Services. Also please bring a face mask for use inside the building, and follow instructions for hand sanitising and maintaining social distances.

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

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

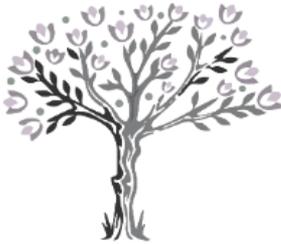
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Pastoral Letter

Pastoral Letter

The church calendar of festivals and events is ancient, but not ancient in an out of date way but in an ever more relevant way for our times. For example, when things feel like they are changing for the worse, like the move from the glorious days of summer into the blustery autumn and on into the frozen winter, the church calendar offers us a Harvest Festival. And what a celebration it was this year with our drive-in harvest thanksgiving at Five Lanes Farm. Even though it tipped down, our spirits weren't dampened as we thanked our farmers and God for this year's harvest.

The church calendar also helps us name reality. Sometimes that reality is the feeling of being empty and sad at the loss of our loved ones. And that's where the All Souls service can help us. At this service we can gather together to remember all those we have lost and spend time giving thanks to God for the joy of our own relationship with them and to think about how they have influenced our lives for the better.

And then we have Remembrance Sunday, which for many in this area remains a profoundly poignant

time as they remember the colleagues and friends they served with who lost their lives in the war against tyranny, corruption and evil. For people that don't have these connections we still feel deeply moved when we consider the ultimate sacrifice that was made for our liberty, democracy and freedom. To all those that died in this valiant cause, we all stand up and salute you.

Loss of course is not just personal loss of a loved one. During the pandemic we're also experiencing a loss of certainty, security, freedom, close relationships, friendships, jobs and businesses. The reality is that any loss, be that of a loved one, someone that served their country, a job or business is likely to be painful. But our church calendar doesn't leave us languishing in the darkness. All Souls and our Remembrance Services also give us the opportunity to show respect, give thanks and look forward with hope to a better future.

Then, having journeyed through remembering we look forward to Advent and the lead up to Christmas, which the church

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calendar offers us as a beacon of hope and joy in the depths of winter. The church calendar may be ancient, but it really can help us through our challenging times, help us name reality and above all choose the hope that is found in and through God. If you have a moment, why not Google Jeremiah 29:11 to get a sense of what this hope looks like.

Please keep an eye out for news of our events and festivals by following the Wellsprings Benefice on Facebook or visiting our website.

Keeping in touch is even more important this year as most of the services are limited for numbers and will require pre booking only to help keep us safe during the pandemic.

Rev Adrian

Remembering our loved ones -

A simple but reflective service will take place on Sunday 1st November at 3pm at the church of the Holy Cross, Seend.

Every year on All Souls Day churches up and down the land hold special services of remembering. These provide an opportunity for people to come and remember their loved ones. It is equally appropriate for people who lost a loved one a long time ago or very recently. The service will last about an hour and it will be simple, quiet and peaceful.

We will remember your loved ones together and you will be invited to light a candle to their memory if you wish.

Please tell other members of your family, your friends and neighbours and invite them all to come along.

Please let us know if you will be coming so that we can manage the numbers and make sure we can take all the precautions that are required for social distancing.

It is a time for quiet reflection and peace.

From Revd Ali Bridewell

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Sarah Leckie sarahleckie.wba@gmail.com
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From Christ Church:

Our curate Adrian was ordained in a service held under strict Covid restrictions at Salisbury Cathedral at the end of September, and is now working very enthusiastically along with Revd. Ali and the ministerial team.

After several days of extremely wet weather the Drive in Harvest Festival took place at Five Lanes Farm, and it was still raining! About 25 cars braved the weather and the service was relayed to others via zoom and was also broadcast on Fantasy Radio. Well done to all involved, a challenge, well met.

Reduced numbers of services are now being held in all the churches in the Benefice, adhering strictly to the Covid restrictions. **BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL** for all services as numbers in the churches are limited in line with social distancing regulations, **AND MASKS MUST BE WORN**. Booking may be made through the Benefice administrator sarahleckie.wba@gmail.com or the churchwardens.

Plans are still being finalized for all services leading up to Christmas; these will be published in next month's 'Bridge' magazine.

All Souls Service

This will take place at Holy Cross church Seend on Sunday 1st November at 3pm. This is a reflective service to commemorate and remember loved ones who have died. **AGAIN, BOOKING IS REQUIRED.**

Remembrance Service-Sunday 8th November at 10.50am

This will also be a little different this year, with the service taking place outside, in the churchyard, as numbers in church are limited. Laying of wreaths at the War Memorial by the Village Hall will take place after the service

Services are all subject to change dependant on current Covid restrictions

Please see the Wellsprings Website www.wellspringsbenefice.co.uk

Christ Church is open every Sunday from 10-4 to enable private prayer.

These are very difficult times within the church, as elsewhere, so we ask for patience, understanding and prayers as Ali and team keep things going and look to the future.

Heather and Jean, Churchwardens

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200 Club - The winner for September was Jean Broumpton.
Veronica

Christ Church Team

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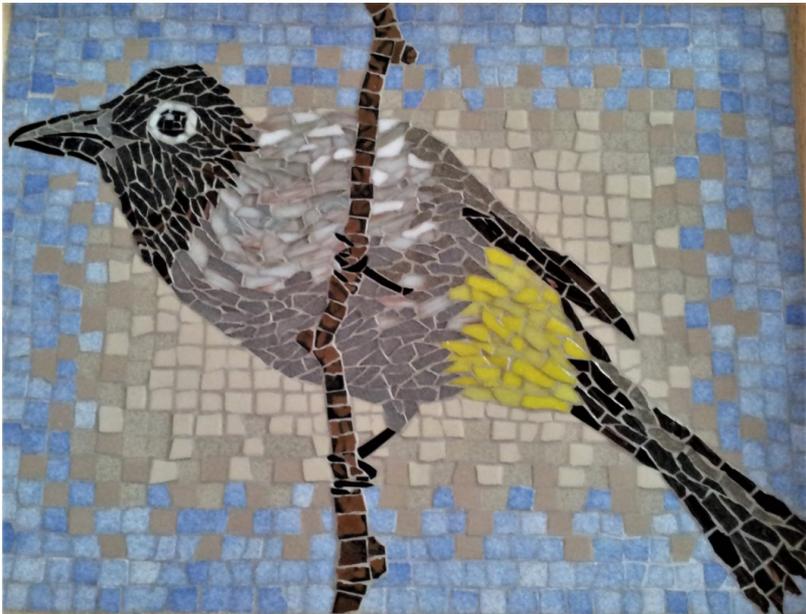
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TEAM NEWS:

Badger cubs. (3-6)

Great group growing in numbers all the time. Having fun and learning new skills. Training moves indoor at Lavington School on Saturday 9-10am. Please contact Dave Kiddle if your child would like to try for free. First 2 weeks free.

U7s & u8s

Enjoying excellent performances in their first league matches, developing good team positioning and cooperation. Numbers continuing to increase. Training now on Wednesday 5.30pm at Northbrook Market Lavington. Looking for more players for their squads.

U9s & U10s –League matches have started and some good performances by all players. Training moving into Lavington School Friday 1730-1830. New players welcome.

U11s – Good squad of 15 players now, performing well in some tough matches. Training moving indoors Friday 1830 at Lavington School.

U13s – 100% winning start to the season and looking stronger each match.

U14s – Good start to season with 100% win rate so far. County Cup campaign starts away to South Newton.

U15s – Tough start to season but seeing improved performances. Looking for a few more players to create possible second team.

Team Contacts for 2020/21 Season:

Contacts

Badger Cubs - Dave Kiddle - 07843 678781

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U8 - Dave Kiddle - 07843 678781

U9/10 - Mark Goddard – 01380 813160

U11 - Neil Black - 07769 261750

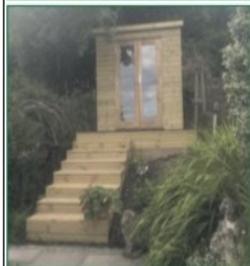
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It has nowhere to go and ultimately causes a significant flood risk if I don't haul it out.

This takes a couple of hours a week.

It's a job I wouldn't have to do if people didn't throw their garden waste into the millstream.

If I don't rake the garden rubbish out, it creates a log jam, which in turn blocks the watercourse, stopping water churning through to our turbine and taking it downstream to the Avon.

This stops production of our green electricity but just as importantly it floods the millstream path, making it both waterlogged and impassable.

Clearing the blockage on the grill is time-consuming but essential, allowing the turbine to drain the water away, particularly when there has been heavy rainfall.

Dumping garden waste in the millstream is illegal.

The Environment Agency are monitoring this situation and a prosecution is possible.

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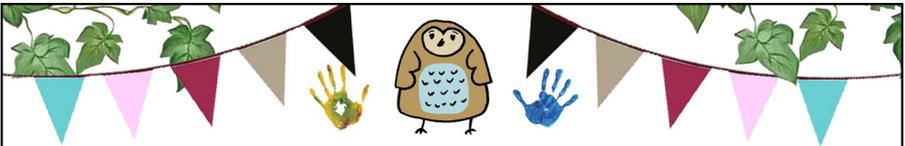
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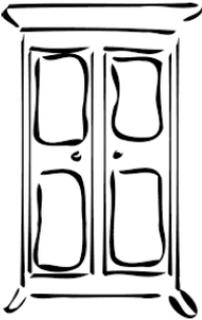


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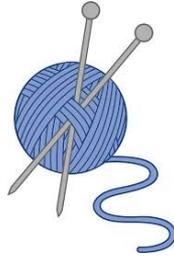
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Jean Lane 722069



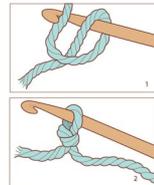
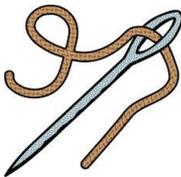
Are you Crafty?

Sarah and I are planning to get together and enjoy some printing for Christmas paper/bags so if you'd like to join us.....please let us know!

If you'd rather meet in a smaller group....that's fine!

We are flexible as to time and dates.

Contact: Rosemary 01380 725859 or Sarah 01380 720244





How the time has flown at Five Lanes over the last few weeks. It has been an extremely busy term with lots going on but the main thought has been, what a joy it is to have all of the pupils and staff back at school safely after such a long time. It was also lovely to welcome so many new families to our school.

This term our topic has been 'Journeys'. We were lucky enough to have a visit from the sculptor Nadine Collinson. Nadine has produced the sculpture, 'Journey', to commemorate 400 years since the Mayflower's voyage across the Atlantic. We made our own sculptures from foil and paper straws. Here is what Cordelia in Year 3 wrote about Nadine's visit:

'We had a visit from Nadine Collinson and she brought us a mini sculpture of Journey, which she made for Mayflower 400. It reminded us of a sail of a ship, it looked like the wind was blowing it back. It made us feel excited. She also brought us a sculpture of Lioness. A lioness came up to her window in Africa and then walked away. This inspired her to create a sculpture of a lion's head.'

To complement this term's topic, Elder and Hazel class went on an adventure to SS Great Britain in Bristol. We really enjoyed looking around the ship and learned how everyone lived on board and in steerage. We saw the fancy dining rooms and listened to the soundscapes of the ship. We learnt all about Brunel and his other engineering feats. We also went down to the hull of the ship and learnt how to hammer in rivets. Here is what Alice in Year 6 wrote about the day:

Our trip to SS Great Britain

On top deck was a wooden stable with a cow in because they took lots of animals on the SS Great Britain e.g pigs, chickens, cows and sheep, all mostly for eating! The chickens provided lots of eggs for the chef. I was amazed by all the animals they had on board.

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Next, we went under deck. Some of the planks tipped side to side that made it have the effect the boat was moving. It was really hot under deck because the lights caused heat. We got to look in one of the third class cabins first, that were a really tight fit that caused lots of diseases to spread. It must of been really hard for the tall people to get around as they would bang their head on the beams and the beds were about 1m 1\2 so the small people would have an advantage.

Lots of people were born at sea but sadly more people died from diseases, illnesses and accidents. There was lots of falling out on the ship as they had to spend days or even weeks together!

We went to the kitchen next and they had a screen behind the chicken wire cabinet that had pre-recorded rats. That I thought was really clever.

Beech class have been raising butterflies in the classroom after a parent had very kindly donated us some caterpillars and a butterfly house. The children have been fascinated with how quickly the caterpillars grew and changed to chrysalises. This week we came into school and our butterflies had hatched!

Hazel class now have their fabulous new interactive smartboard installed in their classroom. This has been a huge advantage for the class and thank you everyone so much for the many donations we received.

Last week we were so pleased to be able to share our school allotment harvest and invite the community to Five Lanes for our Big Soup Share. It was a little different this year as we were unable to invite the community into the school grounds, but we provided a takeaway service at the gate which worked very well. It was fabulous to see so many people queueing with their soup containers to share our soup, rolls and apple crumble. A big thank you to Mrs Jones and Reverend Ali Bridewell for your work in the kitchen with the children making the food for the event. We really hope that next year we can invite you in to share the harvest with the children.

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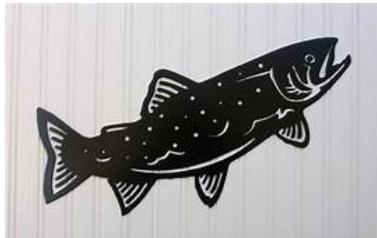
We would like to say a big thank you to the community who have sent messages of support and offers of help over the past few months. We have received cakes, biscuits, tea and coffee to keep the staff going and food parcels for our families which has been a life-line to many. We are very grateful for your thoughts and kindness and feel lucky to be a part of this community. A special thank you to Morrisons in Devizes who have regularly dropped off hampers, books and food parcels. You are all fabulous!

For the fishermen.....

The fish that grew and grew

The fish that grew and grew
How big it was nobody knew
Measured only by hand and net
Its real length was anybody's bet
The length weight conversion is a good technique
But not too hard to give a tweak
Six seven or eight pounds
The bigger it is the better it sounds
Its length its shape and hence its weight
Were a cause for much debate
But with no one really knowing
In my mind it is still growing

A fisherman.



It seems highly unlikely that we will be holding any Christmas events this year (I hope I'm wrong!!) but I do have a few bags in stock and I am taking orders for delivery before Christmas.

I am able to hold the price at £15.00 as in previous years....so please get in touch if you're interested.

Rosemary Rosenfeld
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NOVEMBER BOOK SWAP



Sadly we won't be able to meet at present, as we are practically always more than 6 - but the books are at Park Farm House & if anyone is desperate for something to read do give me a call or email & come individually to choose something.

01380 723136 or judy.shercliff@gmail.com

*The more that you read,
the more things you will know.
The more that you learn,
the more places you'll go.*

Dr. Seuss



A Message from Richard Gamble

Wiltshire Councillor for The Lavingtons & Erlestone Division

In this column not long ago, I mused that, for Britain, the early decades of each recent century have all been marked by issues in Europe (18th C - Wars of Spanish Succession, 19th C - Napoleonic wars, 20th C - First World War, 21st C - Brexit).

I don't want to imply that Brexit has been as traumatic as the earlier wars, but the aftermath has been cluttered by the coronavirus pandemic and it is again co-incidental that, almost exactly 100 years ago, the Spanish Flu pandemic affected the aftermath of WW1.

In 1919, President Woodrow Wilson was central to the Paris Peace Conference addressing issues arising from the war. In contrast, the current US President has taken no material part in our discussions with the EU but, just as Trump caught Covid-19, so Wilson caught the Spanish Flu and was incapacitated for a time. Apparently, Wilson was prone to "disorders of emotion, impaired impulse control, and defective judgment." No similarity with modern times there then!

At the time of writing, I do not know the result of the 2020 presidential election but Wilson's successor after the 1920 presidential election was Warren Harding. For the purposes of balance, I can report that one newspaper described the Ohio senator a "weak and mediocre" man who "never had an original idea." Harding only survived 2½ years in office, dying in August 1923.

Finally, I should mention one other comparison of interest. Just like Covid-19, the origin of Spanish Flu is uncertain but, in 1993, Claude Hannoun, the leading expert on the pandemic, asserted the precursor virus was likely to have come from China. In 2014, historian Mark Humphries found archival evidence that a respiratory illness that struck northern China in November 1917 was identified a year later by Chinese health officials as identical to the Spanish Flu. Chinese labourers mobilised to work behind the lines of the First World War spread the disease to Europe, yet one of the few regions of the world seemingly less affected by the Spanish flu pandemic was China where several studies have documented a comparatively mild flu season in 1918. Sound familiar? "Plus ça change....." you might say.

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I'm not sure what we can learn from all this but Winston Churchill said *"Those that fail to learn from history, are doomed to repeat it."* Let's hope that the subsequent unhappy events of the 20th century (the rise of fascism and communism, the General Strike of 1926, the Great Depression of the 1930s, WW2, etc.) are not echoed in this 21st century.

You may contact me about this or any other matter by email to [**richard.gamble@wiltshire.gov.uk**](mailto:richard.gamble@wiltshire.gov.uk) or by phone on 07762 018209



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Worton and Marston Gardening Club

Last month I was moaning about how dry our garden had become. Silly me. It only took the first Friday, Saturday and Sunday of October to sort that out. I must admit our garden needed that rain. I, however really wanted Sunday the 4th to be fine and dry. For the first time this year I had finally got my Allard Sports car back on the road and had booked up for the last Prescott Hillclimb of the year. I drove the car home Saturday evening, certain that by Sunday morning the forecast was bound to be wrong. After all I can't remember us having three days of continual rain for a long time. I was wrong, but nevertheless thoroughly enjoyed a very wet Hill climb day and managed to get home wet, safe and sound without any mishaps. The rain refreshed our garden and as a result of it some of the jaded flowers and plants look better. As I work in the garden and at work I notice the Autumn colours seem to me to be especially striking this year. Perhaps it is just my imagination, but the leaves seemed to suddenly change colour towards the end of the September fine, sunny spell of weather. Jane decided that we needed to give up on a scruffy Beech hedge that we inherited with the house. It never was thick enough and all our attempts to turn it into the hedge we aspired it to be had failed. Therefore last Saturday and Sunday I dug it all up. The ground is now being prepared for new plants and indeed for some of our resident plants that Jane believes will perform better in that situation. Jane has picked the last of our tomatoes and found one last courgette. We still have plenty of beetroot, leeks and a few parsnips. Ideally we will leave the parsnips until we have had our first frosts, that is if we get any. *Dave*

As you might expect....we are not going to be able to meet "in the real world" any time soon....but please let's continue to meet and share virtually when we can! I think a few of you also visited Kettle Farm Cottage garden....I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did. Hopefully we will **all** be able to see it for ourselves sometime next year! Fingers crossed!!

Rosemary and Sally

Rosemary Rosenfeld rosemaryrosenfeld@yahoo.com

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Thought for November...

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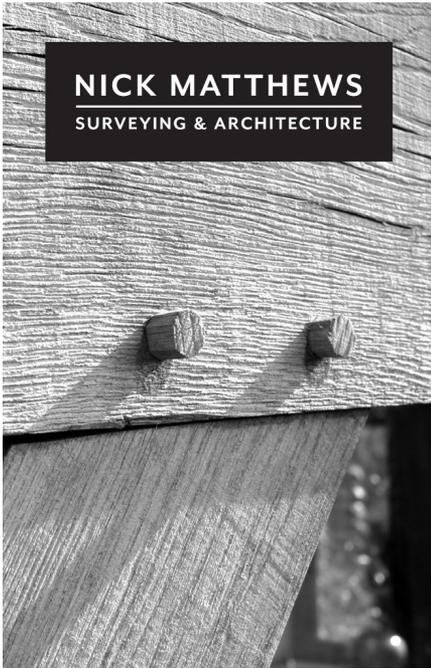
A new Debt Counselling Centre for Devizes and its surrounding villages

Debt is not exclusive to people of a certain age or of a specific household make-up. Uncontrollable circumstances mean that no one is immune to finding themselves in financial hardship. Year on year, the debt advice industry is seeing a growing number of people in need of help. Even before Covid-19 struck, well over a million people in the UK were wrestling with unsustainable debt. We can only imagine how the financial fallout of the current global pandemic will add to this problem. Often, those who fall into the sweeping tide of debt cannot swim against the current on their own and are instead dragged under, struggling to cry out for help. The stress of debt can be so destructive. It affects family relationships, health (both mental and physical), and can be very isolating.

Award winning national charity, Christians Against Poverty (CAP) is seeking to release thousands of families from poverty by debt counselling and community groups, bringing hope to tens of thousands of people every year. CAP has more than 300 church-based debt centres combining the care of the local Church with the financial know-how at CAP's head office. Members of St James' Church, Devizes, amongst others, have decided to partner with CAP to open the Devizes and District Debt Centre, to serve the town and its surrounding villages. We are passionate about seeing people released from debt and poverty. CAP is an organisation that, at its core, cares for and listens to the people it helps, walking alongside them as they make their journey out of debt. The services provided are FREE and open to everyone. They are unique because we visit clients in their own home (when safe to do so) and we support them until they are debt free, however long it takes. We believe that there is always hope – you don't have to face financial poverty alone and no debt has ever been so bad that it couldn't be dealt with.

If you need help, please call CAP's free phone number 0800 328 0006 and an appointment will be arranged for you. More information can be found on the website capuk.org. If you are interested in financially supporting this community-funded venture, please contact me directly at katemorris@capuk.org for information on how to do this.

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Youth Action Wiltshire is the ‘Youth Arm’ of Community First (registered charity number 288117) and has been supporting Wiltshire’s young people for over 70 years. Youth Action Wiltshire provides 5 key youth programmes:

- Wiltshire Young Carers Service
- Splash
- Project Inspire
- Youth Club Support
- Oxenwood Outdoor Education Centre

Youth Action Wiltshire would like to share information about each of these programmes with The Bridge readers each month. November's focus is on Wiltshire Young Carers Service.

Did you know

- A young carer can be aged between 5-18 years of age?
- Young Carers help to look after a parent, sibling or family member who is ill, disabled or who has a mental health issue.
- National statistics show, 9% of young carers, provide care for 50 hours a week or more, 80% for 1-19 hours per week and 11% for 20-49 hours per week. A study carried out by The Carers Trust, showed that 27% of young carers (aged 11–15 years) miss school or experience educational difficulties and 68% of young carers report they have been bullied or feel isolated.

Established in 1998 our Wiltshire Young carers Service provides expert Youth Worker support for young carers, offering someone they can talk to outside of the family unit. We also provide vital respite opportunities where young carers can spend time with other young carers having fun and developing their friendships & skills, focused workshops addressing specific issues, coaching, mentoring and advocacy. At Wiltshire Young Carers Service, we do whatever we can to ensure young carers are happy, safe in their caring roles and have the support they need, available to them when they need it most.

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“I don’t feel alone anymore” - A Young Carer

“Other people don’t understand why I can’t meet up after school, or why I’m late sometimes. Wiltshire Young Carers Service get it, they know what it’s like and how it feels to be a young carer”

Young Carers have been hidden heroes during the COVID-19 pandemic and demand on our service has increased, as some young carers saw an increase in their caring roles, a reduction in their respite opportunities and increased isolation and loneliness. Young Carers have reported increased online bullying, anxieties around transmission of the virus to their cared for person, family financial pressures and a lack of IT which inhibited home schooling and peer connectivity.

How can The Bridge readers help the 922 Wiltshire young carers registered with our service?

Please consider joining our Friends of Youth Action Wiltshire programme or even running your own fundraising event in aid of Wiltshire young carers service.

For more information about any aspect of the Wiltshire young carers programme please contact Dawn@youthactionwiltshire.org, visit our website www.communityfirst.org.uk/yaw/young-carers/

Or pop in to see new village resident, Dawn,
at 2 Norney Bridge, Mill Road, Marston.





Worton and Marston Link

The Queen's representative HM Lord-Lieutenant of Wiltshire Mrs Sarah Rose Troughton sent the Link Scheme a card thanking us for working during the pandemic which was a wonderful compliment. If you would like to view the card it is on display at our community pub the Rose & Crown.

It is still very quiet regarding visits to hospitals and doctors, and with the spike in infections it is likely to remain so. It is important that those in the older age group who could require a spell in hospital if they catch Covid keep their distance from others and use all facilities available to them in order to remain safe. We are still picking up prescriptions, helping with shopping and supporting in any way we can. Please ring **07413 912 828** if you need assistance, the telephone will now be operated by Lyn Vickers. Lyn has taken over from Hazel, who after many years of sterling work operating the phone is looking after our financial side.

If you are an internet shopper the Link scheme has registered with Give as you Live online, who have signed up most of the High St. shops. If you go through [giveasyoulive.com](https://www.giveasyoulive.com) to get to your particular shop to make a purchase and mention Worton & Marston Link a donation will come our way.

We have also signed up with [smile.amazon.co.uk](https://www.smile.amazon.co.uk) which is the charity arm of Amazon. If you shop through them as opposed to the standard Amazon site, Worton & Marston Link will receive a donation if you put Worton & Marston Link as your nominated charity. Apparently there is no difference in the price and range of goods on this site.

We have also set up an email address wandmlink@gmail.com

Please use the address if there are any problems with the above websites.

Also use the email to contact us if you do not want to use the phone number **07413 912 828**.

Alun Newman

Worton Parish Council

The Parish council is still meeting in a virtual format. It seems unlikely to change in the foreseeable future. However, we are still able to proceed with our duties efficiently and have been able to progress some issues that have been raised.

For sometime we have been considering the provision of play equipment in the area adjacent to Whatley's Leaze. The existing equipment had to be dismantled and removed due to health and safety issues and there have been enquiries from residents about whether there could be some form of replacement. A number of villagers have supplied the council with information, support and ideas which were represented by three residents at the recent meeting. As a result we decided to support the provision of suitable new facilities and will be considering how best to meet and fund the needs in due course, in consultation with Clare Jones who has been proactive in bringing the issue to our attention.

We have also had updated information about the cedar tree in Cedar Close which is owned by Wiltshire Council. Unfortunately, surveys have revealed the presence of a pathogen that will not only seriously decrease its lifespan but will also cause the tree to present a danger to residents in the foreseeable future. The intention is therefore that the tree will have to be removed, though no clear timescale has been established. The parish council, and in particular the residents of Cedar Close, have been asked if they would be prepared to assist in the maintenance of a replacement tree. This was agreed in principle with the proviso that a clearer idea of the costs, time and expertise that would be involved and how these might be met.

A recent serious accident that occurred in the village has once again brought the issue of traffic volume and speed to the fore and this was considered again. Unfortunately, there is no way to prevent the sort of dangerous, careless driving that is the main causal factor in the majority of road accidents. A range of measures have been considered in detail in the past and rejected, largely due to their unsuitability for the situation in Worton. The changes in the speed limit on the western approach to the village were a specific measure taken with both parish and Wiltshire council support designed to slow traffic speed. The work of our Speedwatch group continues to be an

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example of how the community can attempt to alleviate the problem. We have put in requests for Metrocount surveys to take place, close to where counts were last taken, which would both shed light on the effectiveness of the speed limit change and also provide useful data. We are also again looking into which Speed Indicator Devices (SIDS) now present the best solution, though this has proved challenging in the past due to the need to select the most effective system that will also be supported by the police.

An issue that could not be covered at the meeting due to the timing involved was the plan to build houses on land adjacent to Sandlease Farm. By way of clarification, this is based on an original submission which took place in 2017. The reference for the plan is 20/07932/OUT. We recognise that this is an issue of great concern to residents and will be doing our best to allow everyone who wishes to be able to voice their opinion and have their views considered.

We will hold a public meeting using the ZOOM format on Thursday 22 October at 7pm. I intend to chair this and our Clerk will facilitate and take notes. All views will be welcome and considered. Any other parish councillors who wish to attend will be as residents. You can also send your views to the Clerk, Liz Starling, 1 Charter Close, Devizes SN10 2SJ or email clerk@worton.org.uk. Alternatively you can phone her on 01380 725658 between 9am to 5pm Monday to Thursday. She will respond in due course to confirm that she has recorded the view expressed accurately. Unfortunately, holding a meeting in a venue such as the village hall is neither practical or advisable given the restraints and guidelines that we have a duty to follow.

It is important to understand that the current application is seeking OUTLINE planning permission. This means that, should that application be successful, the principle that the site is suitable for housing development would have been agreed. The precise details would not be. Thus, whilst there is considerable detail available on the Wiltshire Planning site, any actual development could be somewhat different.

We will at our next parish council meeting on November 2nd decide how to respond having considered all of the evidence available to us at that time. The deadline for comments is 5th November.

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Sharing your views with the Parish Council does NOT take the place of making your own response to Wiltshire Council on this (or any other) application. This can be done via the website:

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Remember, any comment you wish to make needs to be done by November 5th.

To close, it looks like we are all in for a challenging time over the next few months. Let's look after each other the best we can and look forward to a hopeful future.

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1. If you had the option, would you use your credit or debit card to pay for tickets?
2. If yes, would you prefer to do it by
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 - b. By making the payment through our website, or
 - c. Either
3. If you answered no, please would you share your reasons with us?
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Thank you all very much for taking the time, and for helping us!

Anne Curtis

Anne@edingtonarts.org

Chestnuts Farm Community Supported Agriculture – Vegetable Box Scheme

Based in Bishops Cannings our CSA was born during lockdown, and is all about local food resilience, and being involved in how your food is grown. The idea is that members pay monthly in advance to support the growers, and then share the harvest. We are in the process of certifying organic. As a baby CSA, we still do buy in some extra from an organic wholesaler, to make sure the share is always fairly consistent.

Prices start at £32.50 per month for a small box, for a single person, or less hungry couple. There are a very few spaces left for this year, so if you'd like to be in at the start, you can join us through the winter. Just email us at chestnutsfarm@gmail.com. You can collect from the farm, or from The Healthy Life, in Devizes, or we deliver for an extra pound per week.

If you would love to be part of this growing movement, but would rather wait until next spring, when the sun comes back, (and we hope volunteer days will be back as well) then simply ask to join the waiting list, and we will add you to our Facebook group if you would like, and you can follow the fun through the dark days of winter, and come on board when our new share issue goes live in April. Once again, just email chestnutsfarm@gmail.com and we will send you details.



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Extracts from *The Bridge* (November 1990),
kindly provided by Tony Walker)

THAT ROMANIAN JOURNEY

Kate from West Ashton, plans to travel there with an articulated lorry, packed with blankets, linen, clothes etc. for three homes she will open at the end of the month. They will house children from the orphanages, destitute old folk and families. Worton and Marston have contributed £165 and several sacks of needed things, including lots of nappies!

May I thank you, on behalf of those poor little ones.

Nelly

BOTHAM WALKS AGAIN

*Ian Botham is off again
This time it's a different terrain
Down the East coast rugged and wild
And all to help some ailing child
Twenty miles or so each day
With some refreshment on the way
Though his feet must ache and how
He'll carry on and see it through
So let's all cheer him as he goes
And tell him though I'm sure he knows
That we are all behind his walk
Even though we do not talk
It's deeds that matter in the end
And knowing you can help a friend
He'll make plenty on his way
And at the end we all can say
Well done, Ian, you've done your best
And have deserved your well-earned rest
You may have missed the cricket down under
But you've done us proud with cause to wonder
At the stamina and the dedication
You have shown to our dear Nation*

I. Hale

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**
2nd Saturday 10.00 - Noon

Mobile Library

Location: The School, 1.10 - 1.50pm

Next Date: tbc

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

Forthcoming Events

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Kerbside Collections

Black box and Plastic and card recycling:

Tuesdays 3rd & 17th

Household waste:

Weds 11th & 25th

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 November 2020

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