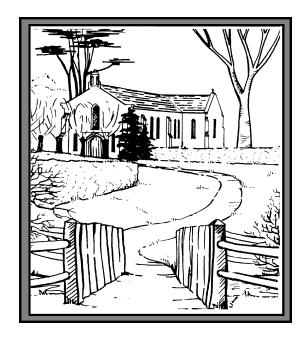
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Primrose Ann Elizabeth Wright (nee Strange)

On behalf of my two lads Duncan and Justin (and their families) I would like to say a HUGE thank you for all the messages of sympathy, condolences and support we have received following the sad passing of our wonderful Prim (Mum). She was a lovely and humorous lady who will be sadly missed.

Keith (Yorkie) Wright

Joy Stokes

Nick Stokes and family would like to thank all the residents of Worton and Marston for all your support and help over the last few months.

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Sun June 13th TRINITY 2

CHRIST CHURCH

10.00am

Outdoor Songs of Praise

(see separate notice for further

detail)

Sun June 20th TRINITY 3

CHRIST CHURCH

8.00am

BCP Holy Communion

We will be strictly adhering to covid regulations. Please wear a face mask indoors and maintain social distancing. If you are shielding, vulnerable or anxious about the risk of covid, please do not attend. Booking is essential for the 8.00am service. Email sarahleckie.wba@gmail.com or contact either of the churchwardens to reserve a space. These Services will not be available on zoom.

There were two Services of Remembrance during April, for David George Few and for Joyce (Joy) Stokes.

Visit the church website: <u>www.christchurchworton.org.uk</u> for service updates

Christ Church Team

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Pastoral Letter

The View from my window

This weather has been unbelievable, unprecedented in my lifetime; cold, cold, cold; dry, dry, dry; wind, wind, wind; but today as I write it's actually very pleasant to be in the garden and I have put up my beansticks; always a good sign, and we look forward to the beautiful summer month of June.

I am reminded of the first line of TS Eliot's "The Coming of the Magi" - 'a cold coming we had of it; just the worst time of the year for a journey, and what a journey'.

Indeed, what a journey, and what a long and eventful winter but hopefully we are beginning to emerge from this dreadful pandemic. So what is it you dare to dream of; what little thing are you harbouring in your heart that vou will be able to do? In common with most grandparents I look forward to hugging my grandchildren and by the time this goes to print that will be possible. I look forward to going to stay with my friends and them to me, and yes of course the pub inside and out, and the theatre and cinema, but in all honesty most particularly being back in

church with a full worshipping community. We have missed each other. We have missed being able to sing. I think the clergy have done brilliantly in bringing us all together on zoom and yes we have been able to see each other, but just to be together in our old places of worship; wow!

I expect many of you have asked, "where is God in all this" and my answer would be he is there weeping with us; he is there in the hospitals and the care homes; he is there in and with the doctors and nurses and carers. He is there wanting to be back in church with us, and he is there to give us courage and comfort along the way.

When I am puzzled or anxious I try to imagine myself as one of the disciples with Jesus as he walked around Galilee. Did he ever get anxious or puzzled? Did he ever have to experience an epidemic, and did he ever cry out to his father to help him. We know he did in his final days, but I wonder did he do that before then. I expect he did, just as we do. We know he healed many people, not least the little girl who was so ill they thought

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she was dead. So when we get puzzled or anxious about the future, or sad, I recommend that we simply ask God to help us and to be with us on our journey. Ask for courage and guidance, and if you want to feel really good, come back into church and join us. Come and hear the music, and sing. (hopefully soon) Come and notice the smiles. It will be great.

Jane Knowles

From Christ Church:

So many people have missed singing in church so much, so on 13th June, at 10am there will be a Songs of Praise service be held outside in the churchyard, where we are allowed to sing. This will be good rehearsal for when we can sing in church again, hopefully very soon!

If you would like to choose your favourite hymn, please let Heather or Jean know, with a few words to say why you have chosen it, and if you would be happy to introduce it on the day, but if you prefer not to do this, no problem, the service leader will do it.

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Sunday 13th (Trinity 2)

8am Holy Communion (BCP) Potterne 10am Songs of Praise Worton 10am Holy Communion Seend *

Sunday 20th (Trinity 3)

8 am Holy Communion (BCP) Worton 10am Morning Praise Poulshot *

Sunday 27th (Trinity 4)

 8am
 Holy Communion (BCP)
 Potterne

 10am
 Holy Communion
 Seend *

 4pm
 Evening Prayer
 Poulshot

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* These services will be available on Zoom. You can access them via our website below or use the link https://us04web.zoom.us/j/6778119535.

Booking is essential for all Sunday services in church. Please email sarahleckie.wba@qmail.com (before 5pm Friday) or contact the church wardens.

Outside of these services, all churches will be open for private prayer on Sundays from 10am to 5pm. Anyone attending for private prayer is reminded to check-in (on paper or using the NHS app) and adhere to the covid safety notices displayed.

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FIVE LANES WI

We will finally be able to meet in person at our June meeting on the 8th, which will be in the garden of Sarah Devine, 1 Cedar Close at 6:30pm. Please bring your own plate and glass and refreshments will be provided. We look forward to seeing as many members as possible and would love to welcome anyone who has been thinking they might like to give WI a try. If this is you, give me a ring so we have an idea of numbers. The committee are working hard on making plans for future meetings and like all groups, hope to return to meetings in the Village Hall as soon as we can. See some of you on the 8th how exciting!!!

Jean Lane 722069

Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir

Regretfully I have resigned from the Parish Council as I am not happy with the direction it is going in. I have been put in a position where I should vote for what I do not believe in. This has made my position untenable. As it is not democratic, it is time to go.

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Alun Newman

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Because of the Covid pandemic we had to cancel our Open Gardens last year after a run of 41 years. Thankfully none of our gardeners have succumbed to this dreadful disease. We count ourselves very lucky and hope that you have been lucky too. If not, we sincerely send you our most tender thoughts.

Each year we have held Open Gardens in June but this year we decided to use our backup date of the weekend of 14th & 15th August by which time we hope that life will be more normal and we can all enjoy garden visiting once again.

Please let members of your Gardening/Horticultural Society know of our plan and that the usual warm welcome to our gardens that awaits them.

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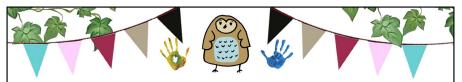
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Worton and Marston Gardening Club

At long last the real Spring seems to have arrived. Yesterday morning I set off early for a day of competition hill climbing in warm pouring rain. I think it is the first frost free morning for several days. During the last three weeks I have been working night trunk to Wolverhampton and back. One Wednesday evening it poured with cold rain until about two o'clock in the morning, when the clouds dispersed, the moon shone, and by the time I had arrived back at Market Lavington it was freezing hard. Five o'clock in the morning found me struggling to get into my totally frozen car in order to get home. This was the last week of April! No wonder our garden plants are puzzled about whether they should embrace the warmth of the sun, or wait for the cold wind and morning frosts to finish. This morning, however, the sun came out, the wind was warm in my face and all seemed well with the world. I have dried out after yesterday's soaking, yes it rained all day down in Devon, and I have managed to dry the car and all my kit. Came second in class as an added bonus. Jane and I seem to be on top of things garden wise, so we can watch our flowers blossom, and vegetables grow for a day or two, before we plant out our runner beans, and whatever else Jane has growing in the greenhouse. Jane has lectured me for years not to cut our lawn grass too short. I have resisted this advice for years, but this year I have followed her instructions, and am pleased to report that our lawn has never looked better. Apart from the odd molehill that is. The forecast for the coming week is average temperatures and showers. Perfect. Garden Club meetings will hopefully be able to resume after June. We will keep all informed. Dave

Our next meeting will be on **MONDAY JUNE 21**st

We are planning for a garden meeting and we will be in touch as soon as we can.

Rosemary Rosenfeld <u>rosemaryrosenfeld@yahoo.co.uk</u> Sally Brooks <u>svwood90@hotmail.com</u>

Village Hall News

The Chairs

The lovely new chairs arrived at the end of April but sadly were not lovely (nor new we suspect) and so we are waiting for the provider to replace them. They are in the inner foyer in the meantime and we apologise for any inconvenience this causes. If you use the hall please don't use them. Hopefully by the time you read this the issue will have been sorted.

The Curtains

These are now in place and we think they're lovely. We hope you do too.

The Kitchen

We are in the process of having plans drawn up to extend the kitchen sideways and along into the boiler room. When we have these we will make them available for anyone interested to have a look. Once we have planning permission, the next step will be to obtain a ball park figure for how much we will need to raise in order to undertake the work. We envisage this being a lot and so it will not be a quick process but we managed to raise over £80,000 for the external refurbishment work so we are optimistic. We will report back on our progress as it develops.

The Grass

Trustees took the decision to leave cutting the grass around the hall until after May this year in line with the Wildlife Trusts suggestion. If anyone feels this is not appropriate please do get in touch (though by the time you read this May will nearly be over!!

The AGM

We managed to hold an AGM this year (on April 27th) via Zoom. Thanks to all those who attended. The Annual Report and Accounts for 2019/20 and 2020/21 are both posted in the Village Hall or available from any of the Trustees.

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The 200 Club

Take up of this has been slow this year but we have at least broken even. We understand there are many reasons why people have chosen not to rejoin but if it is just because you have forgotten you could do it right now. Details for Bank Transfer are: Worton and Marston Village Hall; Sort Code: 30-92-63; Account Number: 00327868 or just put a cheque or cash for £12 per number required through the door of 11 Gaisford Chase (726845).

Veronica Franklin

Community Speed Watch

As you will have noticed, we are up and running again after the lockdown restrictions.

We have decided to resume checks at the Village Hall as well as Sandleaze and Park Farm, and this seems to be worthwhile.

These are the figures we have compiled so far this year.

Date	Number of hours	Number of vehicles reported	Number of vehicles 31-35mph	Total vehicle count	
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Mar-Apr 21	9	30	134	2605	Lockdown
Apr-May 21	11	67	228	3546	

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We are fairly confident we have all the 2020 newcomers listed, but would ask villagers to keep us posted on people moving in near you during this year so that no-one is missed out when the invitations are sent out.

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memberstclub@gmail.com

Coaching - We've teamed up with the wonderful LTA accredited coaches at FAR Sport to offer fun, mini tennis coaching sessions on Saturday mornings from 22nd May. You can join and book on the website. There will be plenty more opportunities to come soon, so please keep an eye on the website and follow our Facebook page for more information in the coming weeks. You can also contact Sarah Pearson(Coaching Secretary): coachingstclub@gmail.com.

League teams - Frankie Goddard (07854 660582) & Liam Bergin (07738 269739) will continue to look after the League Teams so if anyone is interested in some more competitive matches, please contact them directly.

We look forward to seeing more of you back on the courts soon and to a successful season!



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Are you a Wildlife Gardener?

Finding space for all types of native species is very valuable for biodiversity. Biodiversity loss is currently just as catastrophic as climate change.

The greater the amount of different species we can attract to our gardens, the more we're maximising nature's ability to support life and combating environmental changes.

For 'wildlife gardeners', we shouldn't underestimate the impact we can have - by making simple changes.

If you have a lawn, *Natural History Museum* advises gardeners: "stop mowing"! your whole lawn or part of it for a month or a season to create a busy wildlife habitat. Plants already present will have the chance to grow and bloom, for example, clover, daisies, buttercups, even orchids. The pollen and nectar of flowering plants will attract bees, butterflies, beetles and more. Longer grass will provide shelter and somewhere for frogs, newts, hedgehogs and lizards. It's also relatively easy to create a mini wildflower meadow. A typical lawn will only have one or a limited number of grass species. But grasses are diverse with many species. If left unmown, they will produce flowers and seeds which are important for many animals, including insects and birds. For growing a lawn that's better for wild-life:

https://www.nhm.ac.uk/discover/how-to-grow-a-better-lawn-for-wildlife.html

Whenever you try to help a species/group in your garden, the principal considerations are to provide food, shelter and safety. Leaving out food for garden birds and encouraging birds to nest by offering suitable nesting sites, including trees and hedges, are great ways to invite nature into your garden. Creeping plants on walls and tree trunks also offer excellent cover. A bird bath can have a hugely positive impact for local birds - providing both drinking water and a bathing area. For detailed tips on Gardening for Biodiversity: https://laois.ie/wp-content/uploads/Garden-Wildlife-Booklet-WEB-17MB.pdf

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Organic ways to deal with pest control will avoid the use of harmful chemicals. Did you know that putting crushed egg shells around plants will help to deter slugs? Or that a weak solution of washing up liquid can be sprayed on plants to deal with infestations of blackfly or aphids? Or you can try to encourage natural predators like ladybirds which keep lots of pests at bay. Growveg advises that "Ladybirds can be attracted into your garden by planting pollen blooms. Flat topped flowers such as Yarrow, Angelica, Fennel and Dill are great, along with common companions like Calendula, sweet Alyssum and Marigold."

https://www.growveg.co.uk/guides/make-your-garden-a-ladybug-paradise/

Happy gardening!

Anne Wilson <u>mrsannewilson@gmail.com</u> and Sandra Gamble acanadiangamble@gmail.com

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Gerald

Worton Parish Council

The Parish Council meeting that took place recently was arguably an important one as it has set the stage for the next few years. We have had a rather lengthy enforced "semi-pause" affecting so much that we took for granted that has certainly given us opportunity for reflection and a determination that things don't just get back to how they were before but, instead, a new improved version.

Personally I have had cause to re-evaluate my own vision for the future, part of which is a Parish Council that is respected, approachable and alert to the needs and issues facing all of our residents. Of course, in spite of what many may think, Parish Councils have very limited powers and influence, but we often have a voice and we want that to be truly representative of the village as a whole.

Of course we don't live in a Utopia where everybody agrees with everybody else. However, I'm the sort of person who will seek a compromise wherever possible in order to avoid a winner/loser result. Of course this is not always possible, but if all voices feel that they have been listened to there is more chance of a community that doesn't feel frustrated and, in some ways, divided.

The COVID crisis has brought us together possibly better than at any recent time and I am determined not to lose that mutual care and respect.

Which brings me to the most important topic we discussed at our meeting. We currently have just 6 councillors, whereas the full complement would be 9. I have alluded to this before, but now, facing a sea of empty spaces in the village hall, useful in COVID times but otherwise undesirable and sad, the need for new councillors has become very urgent.

There can be a feeling that there is a stereotypical Parish Councillor and, indeed, I am aware of correspondence in this esteemed publication that alludes to that idea, though in a constructive way that I find merit in.

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Our current group does have a preponderance of "professional" types who are used to public speaking, management and responsibility. In my view, this does make them very important members of the team, with their varied expertise and skill set regularly called into use.

However, we are a rural parish and the connection to the land, traditional ethos and practical skills are just as important, if not arguably more so when it comes to the day-to-day issues that can make or break a day.

We are lucky to still have the services of at least one who has that skill set and experience, but, compared to the previous incarnation of the council, we have lost a worrying amount of practical expertise and local knowledge.

In addition, it may have come to the attention that the current council membership, and indeed the previous one as well, lacks the fairer sex - though our indomitable clerk Liz keeps our blokiness under control. It would be great to have some ladies interested in joining our merry band.

This doesn't mean that we have all the skills that the Parish needs to be effective in the current six. Whilst we are all willing to try our best there are topics where we are left scratching our heads and seeking advice from our friends and neighbours.

There should be a more formal notice within this edition of the Bridge about how you can show your interest in becoming a councillor. However, if anyone would like to talk to me about what is involved and what our new shared vision is, please feel free to contact me personally by email - bar-ry@worton.org.uk or Phone 07809 221 341. Of course, the other councillors, Rob, Malcolm, Dicky, Richard and Nick will also be more than willing to talk you through what it's like to be a councillor.

The actual process by which new councillors are appointed can seem a little complicated, but there are good reasons for this - similar rules apply for any role which involves acting as

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a representative for others whatever the level of government. Whilst we need three new councillors, only two can be chosen currently by co-option. The third is currently classed as a "casual vacancy". However, as Worton exists in the real world, rather than on the pages of a JK Rowling book, we expect that the third spot will also be able to be included when we begin to complete our group by co-option.

The reason for the casual vacancy is that Roger Wilshire decided to give up his seat after the formal election process had taken place, so different rules apply.

Whilst most of our recent meeting involved necessary administrative tasks, we did enjoy the opportunity to meet Tamara Reay, our newly elected County Councillor. She seems keen to support us and is interested to find out more about what makes Worton tick and we will welcome her input.

We also had some updates on footpath issues, with good news on the re-siting of a kissing gate on the path close to the lakes and some progress on improvements to the path that links Worton and Marston.

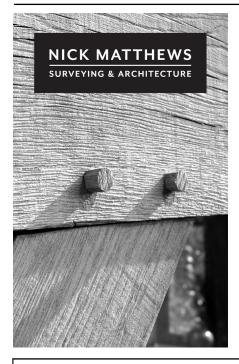
We also briefly considered the merits (or otherwise) of the SIDS (speed indicator devices) which have been installed in other local settlements to help us to make the best choices in terms of the ones we intend to purchase and where they should be sited.

As I have alluded to above, we are very much at the start of a new phase in the life of the village. With that in mind, please do not hesitate to let myself and my fellow councillors know of any concerns. We will, at the very least, provide a sympathetic listening ear.

Barry Devine



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UPDATE ON FINE ARTS BRASS CONCERT

Edington Arts has sold all available tickets to the fine Arts Brass concert on Saturday June 12th in Edington Priory Church. No more names are being added to the waiting list, but if any cancellations are received, seats will be offered to those already on the list.

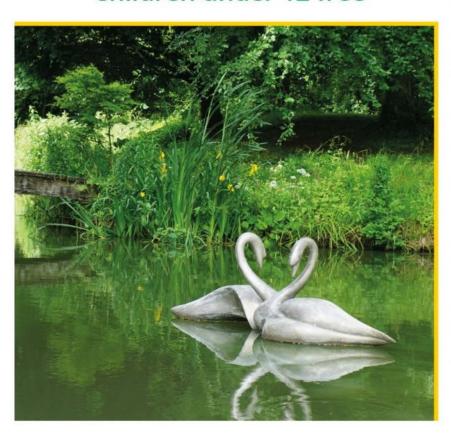
"We are so grateful to everyone who has shown an interest in this concert, and we're really sorry that Covid social distancing regulations mean that we cannot expand our seating allocation beyond the 50 seats we have now sold. We had been hoping that there would be some loosening of the distancing regulations after May 17th, but it looks clear that the 2 metre rule will remain in place. We know there will be some supporters who had opted to go on the waiting list who will be very disappointed not to be able to come to the concert. We hope they understand our dilemma, and that later in the year, all things being equal, they will feel able to join us for the Autumn and Advent concerts. We certainly look forward to being able to host a full audience as soon as it's allowed!"

All ticket holders will receive their tickets after the beginning of June, along with a full set of instructions on arrival times, seating, traffic flow round the church and other essential information, including the list of music being performed. Any enquiries should be directed either to Chrissy on (01380) 831256 or sue@edingtonarts.org.

Middlewick House Open Garden



- Middlewick House, Corsham
- 11am 4.30pm
- Entry £7
 Children under 12 free



www.middlewickhouseopengarden.com

The gardens at Middlewick House in Corsham, formerly the home of HRH The Duchess of Cornwall and now home to ambassadors of Wiltshire Air Ambulance, Nick Mason of Pink Floyd and his wife, actress Annette Lynton Mason, are to be opened in aid of The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust and Wiltshire Air Ambulance.

Visitors will be able to wander around their beautiful gardens, menagerie of animals

and stalls from numerous artisans and traders.

Visitors can also expect to see a selection of Nick's classic and high performance cars.

Refreshments will be available with a delicious selection of cakes on offer as well as a barbeque.



Wiltshire Air Ambulance and The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust are the chosen charities once again for Nick and Annette Mason's open garden at their home, Middlewick House, in Corsham.





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Worton & Cheverell FC (Youth) 'The Badgers'



http://www.wortonandcheverellfc.com

Already the season is heading towards the end of league play and into tournaments or friendlies into the summer. The teams are already starting to plan for next season with hopes of young girls team, a second U16 team next season and continuation of the excellent work with the introduction to the Badger Cubs.

Under 6 – Training still Saturdays 9-10am. Players gaining confidence every week. U6s have first match coming up v Pewsey on 22nd May. Now looking for new players from 4 years old.

Under 7's – Learning week by week. Looking for more girls to start a new girls team.

Under 8's Now training Tuesday nights with matches going well with some exciting games. Up coming matches v Castle Combe, Melksham and Corsham. Looking forward to tournaments.

Under 9/10's – Holding their own in matches and enjoying their training. Still looking for more players of any ability.

Under 11's – Some great performances recently against town teams. The team is getting stronger, have increased squad numbers all of whom have bedded in well. Will play a number of friend-lies through June.

Under 13's – Maintained their excellent league form. Still unbeaten they are top of the table heading into the last two matches including what is likely to be a title decider vs Chippenham on 23rd May.

Under 14's – Despite many injuries managing to stay 4th in league with up and down results. Had some big matches v Bath City and Frome Town.

Under 15's – Playing some excellent football with two great away results recently. Hoping to break squad into two teams and looking for coach to join and manage a team. Also looking to increase the number of players for teams.

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Club Secretary fundraising update -

Lighter nights and hope of runs in towns and cities soon. Now completed 9 runs at the time of writing (15th). Vicky is raising funds for a Secondary Cancer charity during the year has new target of 26 10K runs this year.

Please look at the story on http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/VickyGoddard2

Team contacts for 2020/2021 Season:

Badger Cubs - Dave Kiddle - 07843 678781 U7 - Pete Huntley - 07974 756131 U8 - Dave Kiddle - 07843 678781 U9/10 - Mark Goddard - 01380 813160 U11 - Neil Black - 07769 261750 U13 - Mark Goddard - 01380 813160

> Follow us on Facebook – Worton and Cheverell Youth Football Club (No other pages are approved by the club)

U14 – Dave Kiddle – 07843 678781 U15 – Aiden Allmark 07341 819154



Extract from The Bridge (June 1991), kindly provided by Tony Walker

There is a wonderful sense of community in Worton and Marston and by working together you have created a sense of belonging. Of this you can be justly proud. It is only when everyone joins in that the best communities are built. If we invest ourselves in our community then the dividends are great.

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VILLAGE CELEBRATIONS

Christ Church Worton is celebrating One hundred and fifty years Many changes have been made With many hopes and fears Vicars they have come and gone Congregations too Children grown-up, wed and left But still we have come through Both wars and peace when we have made Our prayers to God above For sparing us and sending us His blessing from above And so this year we celebrate Looking to years ahead Thankful for the good things That all around are spread As we look back and ponder Of years long gone before Let's look ahead with wonder And hope for many more.

I. Hale

VILLAGERS PHOTO CALL

On Sunday, 18th August 1991 we will be taking a photograph of the inhabitants of the villages of Marston & Worton. This will be an historic event and we obviously will rely on your support. Please put a note in your diary now for 6 p.m. on Sunday, 18th August 1991. The venue is adjacent to Christ Church.

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: Monday 21st June

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

Forthcoming Events

8th W.I. 12th Book Swap 18th Are you Crafty? 21st Gardening Club

Kerbside Collections in June

Black box and Plastic and card recycling: Tuesdays 1st & 15th & 29th

Household waste: Wednesdays 9th & 23rd

Garden waste: Fridays 11th & 25th



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

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Deadline for items for the next Bridge is 15th June 2021 Giles Collins, Editor at Westview House, 109 High Street, Worton Telephone: 01380 728664

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