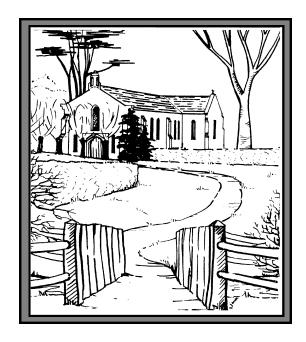
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Village plant sales

We wish to thank all those who bought plants at the sales in Worton & Marston.

The proceeds from these sales, including some donations, amounted to an amazing £838.00, which will be shared between Christ Church and Five Lanes School, as would have been if the plants had been sold at the Village Fete. Fundraising has not been possible for the Church or School for a long time now, so we know it will be very much appreciated.

Thank you so much to Bill and Dot Francis and Jenny and Graham Wright who sold plants along with us.

It was a difficult Spring growing and nurturing plants, but we all got there in the end!

We enjoyed meeting people outside our gate, and would like to thank you once again for your interest and generosity.

Heather & Tony Walker



JULY BOOK SWAP



In June the sun shone & 5 of us met in the garden & garden room at Park Farm House to catch up which was good -let us hope we can continue to do so now, despite continuing uncertainty. We can certainly keep reading.

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JULY

Sun July 11th TRINITY 6

CHRIST CHURCH

8.00am

BCP Communion

Sun July 25th TRINITY 8

MARSTON GREEN

4.00pm

Gathering on the Green (See separate notice)

AUGUST

Sun Aug 1st TRINITY 9

CHRIST CHURCH

8.00am

BCP 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 indoor services until Covid rules change. Email <u>sarahleckie.wba@gmail.com</u> or contact either of the churchwardens to reserve a space.

There were no baptisms, funerals or weddings at Christ Church during May.

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JULY

Sunday 4th (Trinity 5)

 8 am
 Holy Communion (BCP)
 Potterne

 10am
 Holy Communion
 Seend *

Sunday 11th (Trinity 6)

8am Holy Communion (BCP) Worton

10am Outdoor Morning Praise Scout Hut, Potterne Wick *

with St James. Devizes

10am Holy Communion Bulkington

Sunday 18th (Trinity 7)

 8 am
 Holy Communion (BCP)
 Seend

 10am
 Morning Praise
 Poulshot

 10am
 Holy Communion
 Potterne*

Sunday 25th (Trinity 8)

 8am
 Holy Communion (BCP)
 Potterne

 10am
 Holy Communion
 Seend *

 4pm
 Gathering on the Green
 Marston Green

 6pm
 Evening Prayer
 Bulkington

Wednesday 28th

5pm Celtic Meditative Service Poulshot

Every Tuesday, 9am Daily Prayer service at Poulshot (no booking required)

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

Booking is essential for all Sunday services in church. Please email sarahleckie.wba@gmail.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.

We will continue with morning prayer via Zoom at 9:00am on Wednesday and Friday mornings. We will also continue with evening prayers on Zoom, led by Rev Joshva, on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 6:00pm.

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Pastoral Letter

Rev. Ali writes....

This month Revd. Joshva John and his family will be leaving the vicarage in Seend to move on to new adventures! We are thankful for his ministry and the time he has spent with us here in the Wellsprings Benefice. Joshva's last service will be at Seend at 10am on 4th July. On behalf of all our communities we wish Revd. Joshva, Rachel, Angeline and Jessica every blessing and send our love and continued prayers.

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now ... (Philippians 1:3-5, NIV)

A message from Revd. Joshva.....

Greetings. It was a great joy to serve the Wellsprings Benefice for the past three years alongside the Oxford Centre. I would like to say "A BIG THANK YOU" to all of you for your kind support and encouragement during my ministry here. I have received a number of emails expressing sadness in my leaving while appreciating what I am going to do. I had to say sorry to those whose expectations were not met during

People seem to my ministry. have enjoyed my best and worst sermons. Some could not hear me and some complained while others did say we enjoyed your singing, your jokes, your sermon points. You had accepted me with my Indian accent and tuned yourself to my services. You have also shown a generous reception to my family and my daughters. As many of you may know Rachel is teaching at the Wiltshire College, Salisbury and so we are moving to Salisbury. Jessica will be studying one more year at Lavington School and then will move to one of the schools at Salisbury. I could not do two jobs together and thus I have to focus on one job.

As many of you know, I worked at the Oxford Centre for Religion and Public Life which is part of the academic arm of Barnabas Funds as a Dean and an Associate Director. We grew up to ten full time staff with many PhD, Postgraduate and Undergraduate studies and students around the world. It was humbling for me to serve the church and the centre at the same time connecting theological educa-

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tion while relating to real people in the church.

I have decided to move from academic to real Bible based training work. At the Oxford Centre, I was working with a motto of "Theology for All" campaign and thus networked many theological networks around the world and supported them during the pandemic.

From September 2021 I will be joining the Bible Society in Britain as the Head of International Bible Advocacy Centre with a campaign, "Bible for All". This job provides me the opportunity not only to serve the countries around the world in terms of promoting training on reading Bible in everyday life. We will also promote training for church and lay leaders for encouraging young people in the United Kingdom and in Europe to read the Bible and relate the stories to their jobs, their day to day affairs and their challenges in public and private life. We will also provide training to communicate the Bible stories through both art and music. I will lead a team of people in this centre. It is humbling that they have selected me for this great opportunity to serve God and serve the worldwide people of God. Please pray for me and my family as we are taking this endeavour.

Once again I am thankful to God for giving me an opportunity to serve all the five churches. I thank God for my colleagues, lay ministers, Wardens, committee members, and all the members and helping hands in all these churches for your extraordinary support to me, my family and my ministry here. I am grateful to all the neighbours and friends at Seend who were helpful and friendly to us. I go with two points – regardless of who one is, one is welcome, respected and appreciated in this place; people have often trusted clergy and frankly spoken to us even if it means to improve us. I am also thankful for the generosity of hospitality shown to me during my visits within the benefice. I hope to leave my jokes as many of you might have realized that I am running out of jokes or repeating some.

I will continue to pray for all in the Wellsprings Benefice especially for the ministry team and all who support ministry in different ways. We will certainly miss this place and yet you will be part of my history that I will continue to share our stories around the world. It was indeed a great privilege to take a small group to pray for the whole world with speakers from different countries. As I move, please re-

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member such people and their ministries as well. I leave you with this great motto of my life that I have taken from a great missionary William Carey. Expect Great Things from God and Attempt Great Things for God. When he left his parish in Northampton he told his congregation please hold the other end of the rope in prayer while I get down to save the one who is struggling in the deep water catching the other end of the rope. Please remember me as one of your household member who is going to serve the wider world leading many to return to God by reading the Bible. Your prayers and support for our future ministry will be gratefully appreciated. Each one of you will be remembered in our daily prayers.

God bless

Joshva, Rachel, Angeline and Jessica

Christ Church Team

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Churchwardens: Jean Lane 01380 722069 Heather Walker 01380 725785

Village Hall News

At last our lovely new chairs are stacked in the store room ready for use, and will be joined in due course by 20 more with arms.

Sadly, following the government announcement on 14th June, it looks like villagers will have to wait a few more weeks before we can all begin to enjoy them, together with the new curtains, smart new china and recently installed dishwasher. We hope it won't be long before we can fully open up the hall, and begin to get back to normal. We look forward to enjoying events already planned (with fingers crossed!) for the Autumn.

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From Christ Church:

Open air Songs of Praise

Wow, what a wonderful morning everyone enjoyed at the Songs of Praise held in the churchyard.

The weather was glorious, with some shade for those who preferred, and the birds were singing with us. It has been such a long time since singing has been allowed in church, it was great to sing again.

We had some lovely hymns chosen in advance by some of those there, who also gave some interesting and moving reasons why they had chosen their particular hymn. John Lane and John Starling provided the music and technical expertise for which we thank them so much.

Rev Ali gave a talk which focused on how the Vision plan is coming together with lots of recommendations for the way forward in our churches.

Everyone left saying how much they had enjoyed the singing, and being together in a beautiful setting.

We enjoyed putting it together, who knows, if the 'no singing in church' continues we may do it again!

Heather & Jean, Churchwardens

Worton and Marston Family of Churches Gathering on the Green Sunday 25th July 4-7pm

There has been an Open Air Service on Marston Green for many years. As with lots of things, it will be a little different this year. It will not be a service but an informal social gathering bringing people together after so many months of lockdowns and restrictions, with live music and a hot food van (Burgers and hot dogs) (See separate poster in this edition of The Bridge)





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I've been so blessed to have lived here among you. I'll certainly be back from time to time but, meanwhile, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your friendship and - as far as our church community is concerned - your love and encouragement in seeing me through ordination and to all your support as a member of your Ministry team here in this place.

Thank you all. Be blessed, as I am blessed. With love - Renée (aka "mk" in case you ever wondered!)

Christ Church Churchyard

The PCC is organising a working party to begin removing ivy from the churchyard walls on Saturday 10th July. As our numbers are limited, extra hands would be most welcome should any Parishioners be interested in joining us. We are planning to start at 9.30am but willing hands would be welcome at anytime. It is hoped that refreshments will be served.

Any questions please call me on 725785.

Many thanks

Tony Walker



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The teams will be finishing off their season with some friendly matches and tournaments before having a well-deserved rest. End of season awards will be presented and we will report on these next month. Registration is now open for next season and in recognition of the difficulties through the year, we have reduced our signing on fees.

Highlight for the season will go to our U13 team who finished the season as Champions of the U13 Red Division, beating rivals Chippenham 6-0 at Northbrook to end an outstanding league campaign unbeaten.

Girls team – Newly formed girls team going strong and growing in numbers very week. Have participated in FA festival at Green Lane and enjoyed every minute. Training at Elisha Field on Tuesdays 6-7pm.

Other team updates:

Under 6s – Still going strong on Saturday morning with ages from 4 -6. U6s have been playing matches v Pewsey, Melksham and Future of Football in preparation for next season. Training Saturday 9-10am at Elisha Field Market Lavington

Under 7s – The under 7s hosted a mini festival which went really well and good fun had by all teams and the games will help develop players skills as they grow.

Under 9/10 – Good season finished and looking forward to next season and new challenges

Under 11s – Finishing the season with three friendlies vs Derry Hill, Trowbridge Wanderers and Castle Combe. Debuts to two new players in these games.

Under 13s – CHAMPIONS!!

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Under 14s – Finished their 2nd season in Mid Wilts top league, finishing in 5th place, which is a great performance against some very big established teams. Looking forward to some summer tournaments and a summer break.

Under 15s – Coming to end of season with last few league games. Manager Aden Allmark standing down after a number of successful seasons – we all wish him well.

Club Secretary fundraising update – Lighter nights and hope of runs in towns and cities soon. Now completed 11 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

The Club AGM will be held at Northbrook on 7th July at 7.30pm. All welcome. Bring a chair and join us to help the club continue its growth.

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Worton Parish Council

At last, a semblance of normality in our June meeting. In the village hall (though still set out socially distanced like an odd game of nine men's morris) and with a good sprinkling of members of the public.

Traffic - speed and quantity - were a significant agenda item. Our new county councillor, Tamara Reay was politely reminded of how little progress seems to have been made on the issue. Whilst the new 40mph speed limit has had a positive effect, the number of large vehicles using the route through the village as a de facto southern bypass for Devizes continues to be a blight. The extent of what can realistically be done means that a lid has to be kept on expectations, but Tamara was left in no doubt that there is an expectation that our concerns should be given serious attention and not left to wilt as appears to have been the case.

Our Speedwatch team, ably led by Susanne Bonfield, gave a detailed report on their latest activity and it was useful to gain some understanding of what may lie behind fluctuations in the data. There is no doubt that there continues to be a problem with speeding vehicles passing through our village. The purchase of SID's (speed indicator devices) was discussed in some detail -it was useful to have inputs from all those present. It is important to get this right and there are many variables to consider. In summary, a pot of money has been earmarked, backed by other sources of funding that we may be able to access. It should be a realistic expectation that Worton will have at least two speed indicator devices in action soon -and hopefully more.

On a similar theme, our contribution to the discussion about precisely what can be reasonably done to make the Black Dog junction safer was again considered. Our preference was for traffic lights combined with speed restrictions. As mentioned before, this has become a county level issue and expertise is being employed to get something done. There are many technical and practical issues involved which limit what is possible and affordable, but we live in hope.

You may well be aware that the state of repair and safety of footpath / bridleway WORT11/MARS 9 has been an on-going concern. We have received a quote for the work to be carried out which is, perhaps, unsurprisingly high enough to make a dent in our limited funds. However, where there is a will there's a way, and we have

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agreed to the work being commissioned subject to suitable funding streams being confirmed. There are several realistic possibilities that we are currently pursuing. These include offers of support from residents that are greatly appreciated. Whilst on the topic of footpaths, thanks are due to Cllr Goss who has installed a kissing gate where the footpath enters the area around the trout lakes, making access much easier to this delightful spot.

Also, please be assured that we are moving forward in providing suitably updated play equipment at the Whatley's end of the village. Cllr Powell has agreed to meet with a group of interested residents to move the project forward.

A pressing concern is the shortage of Parish Councillors. It is now confirmed that we need three people to join our merry band.

Please give careful consideration to the invitation to join our team. I promise you that your views and skills will be valued and that you will enjoy the chance to "do your bit" for Worton. You would have the chance to access training and support on a variety of issues that are useful in the "real world". If I can go back to the advice I gave my students for a moment - being a Parish Councillor can look rather good on a CV! Please contact our clerk, Liz Starling at clerk@worton.org.uk who will explain how the process of co-option works.

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

I am delighted to have been elected as the Wiltshire Councillor for Devizes Rural West - as you may know Worton and Marston are now part of the Devizes Rural West division, along with six other parishes across the area. It is an honour to have succeeded Richard Gamble to represent you in County Hall, who as you may know has now "retired" as a Wiltshire Councillor, and Chairman of the Council in his final year, but remains very involved in a number of organisations across the wider Devizes Community.

There was more change at Wiltshire Council, following the elections as Cllr Philip Whitehead (Urchfont and Bishops Cannings) announced that he would not be seeking to be re-elected as Leader, and following the first Wiltshire Council meeting of the new electoral term, Cllr Richard Clewer (Downton and Ebble Valley – and Philip's, Deputy Leader) was elected as Leader. I was especially pleased that Richard selected Cllr Laura Mayes (Bromham, Rowde and Roundway) as his Deputy Leader – as you may know Laura has been a Wiltshire Councillor since 2009, and prior to that, a Kennet District Councillor.

A little about me – I have worked in the Devizes area for a number of years, as Chief of Staff for Claire Perry, and then for Danny Kruger MP. Early in 2020 I led the bid for Devizes Gateway rail station to the Department for Transport's (DfT) "Restoring your Railway" fund. We were delighted that the Devizes bid was successful in the initial bidding round, and since then I have worked on behalf of the Devizes Development Partnership with the Wiltshire Council transport team to develop a strong, initial feasibility study. The business case will shortly be submitted to the DfT, and we will have everything crossed in anticipation!

Over the last few months, I have enjoyed exploring the communities of Devizes Rural West as I have leafletted, and door knocked across the area. I also joined Parish Council meetings by Zoom, which gave me a good understanding of local issues and concerns. Whilst Zoom has served us all well over the last year or so, I am very pleased that inperson meetings have now recommenced and I am looking forward to working with Worton and Marston Parish Councils to agree local priorities and how I can help.

Please do get in touch if I can help in any way.

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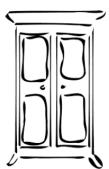


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So here we are in the last term of the academic year! At last the sun is shining and we are making the most of our lovely grounds. The allotment is in full swing with lots and lots of vegetables growing. Thank you to Bill Francis who donated some of his plants to add to our beds. We are hoping that our pumpkins do well so they can be used for our annual Soup Share in October when we can share our allotment produce with the community. Further information will follow at the beginning of the next academic year.

We've been really enjoying pond dipping in our school pond and found lots of interesting specimens. We expect to see an abundance of dragon flies this year as we found lots of nymphs in the water.

Monday 7th June saw our fabulous Open the Book team returning to school to put on another brilliant bible story performance. We have missed them so much over the past few months and were so happy to see them again. The sun shone and we sat on the field and enjoyed their show.

Last term Hazel and Beech class were visited by Allan from Mere Falconry with his beautiful owls Scamp, Casper, Manic and Snitch. This complemented the children's reading of White Owl, Barn Owl. This followed with Hazel class dissecting owl pellets in science, this had the children absolutely enthralled with the tiny bones that they found. Tyler said "This is brilliant, I could do this all day!"

The year 4 and 5 children are getting excited about their residential trip to Plas Pencelli in Wales in September. We will be selling elderflower cordial and cakes at the gate this term to raise funds for the coach travel. Watch this space for more information very soon!

Are you following our social media accounts? Keep up to date with all that is going on at Five Lanes by following:



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Eco - Fashion

Did you know that Fashion is one of the world's largest industries, with annual revenues totalling over £1 trillion, but it is also one of the world's biggest polluters? It produces 10% of global carbon emissions, more than all international flights and maritime shipping combined, and produces 21 billion tons of waste each year.

'Fast fashion' has given us the luxury to enjoy the pleasures of different styles but has also ushered in a throwaway culture, with no longer wanted clothing either being burnt or going to landfills. The pressing issue is to look at powering up and implementing the circular economy, in which materials are captured and re-used throughout the lifecycle. This also includes making improvements to production processes (e.g. the fashion industry is currently estimated to use around 1.5 trillion litres of water annually) and sourcing sustainable materials.

However, the widening array of upcycled fashion brands will not fully cope with the deluge of textile waste. It's also down to us – normal every day fashion-wearers – to become more actively involved in championing a less wasteful industry and adopt a mind-switch to become more aware of all the waste that creeps out of our wardrobes.

We can do this by wearing, restyling and repairing the clothes we already own or swapping and selling the clothes we no longer love or have need for.

There are new business models too; for example, we don't have to own every piece of clothing we wear. Fashion insiders have hailed rentals as a sustainable solution to over-consumption, as practised by Carrie Johnson on her recent wedding day. Her bridal dress was not the first garment she had rented from MY Wardrobe HQ. Others included a blue belted coat in 2020 for a high-profile appearance with the PM and a blue checked dress in 2019 to visit the Queen at Balmoral. There are many clothes rental companies now, so the next time you have a special event, you might like to explore whether you can rent an outfit instead of buying one.

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There are other ways too to help us make more sustainable fashion choices: ditch the fast-fashion habit; avoid non-biodegradable materials; search sustainable fibres; choose long-term life cycle designs; opt for brands that use less water; buy clothes made with recycled fibres or upcycled fabric; go second-hand! For more ideas have a look at:

https://www.sustainablejungle.com/sustainable-fashion/recycled-upcycled-clothing/

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HOW MUCH DO YOU CARE ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE INJUSTICE IT CAUSES?

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What is COP 26? COP26 is the 26th UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26), which is being held in Glasgow from the 1-12th November 2021. COP refers to the decision-making body of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. At the summit, delegates including heads of state, climate experts and negotiators will come together to agree coordinated action to tackle climate change.

Why is COP 26 important? The Paris Agreement of 2015, following COP21, committed 196 countries to take action to keep the rise in global warming to 2 degrees celcius each year. This year is the first time countries must update their commitments. However, at the present level of ambition, we will still see an increase in global average temperatures of past 3°C. It's important, therefore, if countries are to succeed, that they close the gap - that the level of commitments match the level of ambition needed to limit warming to 2°C above what it had been before the industrial revolution - and preferably below 1.5°C.

What does the relay involve? YCCN's relay is like a pilgrimage launching in St Ives on 11 June and reaching Glasgow on 31 October, the day before the start of COP26 in Glasgow. The Relay's main route will pass through our local area on 20/22 July as the walkers make their way from Bath to Salisbury via Trowbridge, West Lavington and Shrewton. The walkers will be making an overnight stop in each of these places so there will be an opportunity to show your support and encourage them on their way.

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How can you support the relay? YCCN is looking for volunteers to help lead walks, plan routes, provide accommodation or general support. The relay is open to everyone so if you would like to help or to take part, you can find more information at https://www.yccn.uk/

See also https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=812866432954974

If you would like to support the plan for West Lavington, please let me know at mrsannewilson@gmail.com



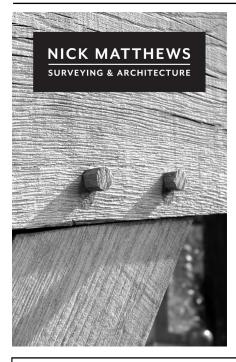


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Worton and Marston Gardening Club

Summer has arrived with warm sunny days to encourage us out into the garden. In spite of a fair amount of rain during parts of May, our sandy soil has dried out remarkably quickly, meaning regular watering of our vegetable seedlings. Last year I managed to produce seven full grown parsnips out of one packet of seed. Very disappointing! This year however I sowed parsnip seed into an excellent seed bed during the short spell of drier, warm weather we experienced at the end of February. A good result has ensued, and we now have four short rows of sturdy plants growing strongly in the warm sun. That left half a packet of seeds to plant, which was done in early April. Once again the seed bed was good, and I now have a further two and a half rows of healthy - looking parsnip seedlings. All in all a potential feast of parsnips.

We have two short rows of carrots, planted early and now forging ahead, and several short rows of carrots and beetroot growing well with the help of regular watering. Thanks to Jane's work in the greenhouse, and her regular midnight slug prevention patrols, runner beans and some sweet peas are climbing the poles and lettuce and leeks will soon need planting out. Thanks to Bill and Dot's plant sale we also have a very healthy bed of Greyhound cabbages.

The flower garden is starting to look well after a slow start. We hope this will continue, as we worked hard during the autumn and winter to give our roses, shrubs and flowers all the nutrients and care possible.

I am continuing to work, delivering goods all around the country, all helping me to enjoy life to the full and helping to fund my Classic Car indulgence. Bring on a warm sunny Summer with regular night-time rainfall to keep our gardens looking fresh and our lawns green.

Dave

Hopefully by the time you are reading this, we will have enjoyed our first meeting and will be looking forward to the second...a garden visit. There are still a few details to be arranged.....we have contacted several gardens and are waiting for replies. Unfortunately, Iford Manor is closed on Mondays!!

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Pop-Up Youth Café – Starting on Tuesday 13th July

There will be a pop-up youth café appearing at the Old School Playground, Potterne, SN10 5NZ (at the end of Blackberry Lane) on Tuesday 13th July between 6:00pm and 8:00pm. The van is kitted out with games consoles, sports and games kit and has refreshments available for young people to come along and enjoy. We plan to be there every Tuesday evening (except 3rd August) until 17th August.

If you are a teenager living in and around Worton & Marston and you can get yourself safely to the Old School, why not come and join us in Potterne on one of the Tuesday evenings?

For further details please contact:

Adrian Burholt (<u>adrian.burholt@btinternet.com</u>) or Steve Dewar (steve@wiltshireyfc.org.uk)

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FIVE LANES WI

Our June meeting was a fabulous evening spent in Sarah's lovely garden, enjoying being together again though safely distanced. We had some wine or soft drinks, and finger food supplied by the committee. The weather and Sarah's hospitality were warm! We had a collection for Dorothy House in memory of Joy Stokes, a beloved WI member who died recently. The amount given will appear in the August edition of The Bridge.

Four visitors (hopefully new members) joined us. Babs Stockwell was presented with a cake, beautiful hand-made card, and a certificate to commemorate 60 years as a member of the WI.

We discussed the future and all feel very hopeful that we will gradually be able to return to more normality after such a difficult 15 months.

On July 13th we will be going on a visit to a garden in West Ashton where refreshments will be served and on August 10th we will have another garden meeting at my house in Mill Road, with possibly drinks and finger food again and some fun garden games!

This, we hope, will bring us to a September meeting in the Village Hall with a speaker, so watch this space.

Jean Lane 722069

WORTON & MARSTON LADIES GROUP

I am sad to say Ladies Group has lost another old member, Sheila Hale, who passed away recently. Although Sheila had not been an active member for a number of years due to ill health, she was still considered part of our group.

Sheila was our President for many years long before I joined the group. Many of our villagers will remember the many shows and pantomimes that she was involved with. She was our accompanist at the 'piano', and also played the organ in the church. Many will remember her as Madonna complete with 'coned bra' and as the 'fairy on the Christmas tree'. Good times.

Hopefully, we will be able to resume our meetings soon, in the meantime stay safe.

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Worton Toddlers



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ROSE AND CROWN NEWS AND EVENTS

We would like to thank all customers and friends for supporting our first sponsorship venture. Our special thanks go to Mick Hale and Mary (Sponsored Slim), Stan Newman (Sponsored Haircut) and Keith Wright (Close Shave). The total amount donated to The British Heart Foundation was £722.

BALLOON RACE

The results are as follows:

2nd May - Mrs. June Mason, her balloon landed in Vassy, Normandy, France. 26th May - Mr. R. Ventress, his balloon travelled to Buckham Down, Beaminster, Dorset.

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OVER 60'S CLUB

Our thanks to Mr. Collins for his interesting slide show. We all enjoyed it very much.

Friday July 5th: Visit to Lavington School Festival of Arts. Leave Sandleaze 1.45 p.m.

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

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

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