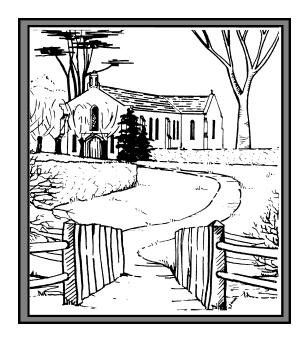
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Remembrance and Poppy Appeal

Following last year's cancellation of the National Poppy Collection, all should now be back to normal this November.

Act of Remembrance

On Thursday 11th November the village tradition is to pause our lives for a few minutes and gather by the War Memorial outside the Village Hall. A short act of remembrance will consist simply of reciting the customary Exhortation and Kohima Address followed by two minutes silence.

Everyone is most welcome to attend and there will be plenty of open air space to stand as close or as far away as you choose.

Poppy Collection

House to house collections will start this year on Friday 29th October and, if convenient, it would be most encouraging to them if you were able to buy your poppy from one of our village volunteers.

Remembrance Sunday

The church Remembrance Service will be on Sunday 14th November with details set out elsewhere in the magazine.

Robin Shercliff

Park Farm House

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Thank you to Chris & Dave Johnson plus their team on an excellent VE and VJ Day Exhibition.

Well done.

Pam Woods

SERVICE CALENDAR

OCTOBER

Sun Oct 3rd HARVEST

8.00am BCP Holy Communion 4.00pm All Age Harvest Festival

Sun Oct 10th TRINITY 19

10.00am Holy Communion

Sun Oct 24th LAST AFTER TRINITY

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

Sun Oct 31st ALL SOULS

5.00pm All Souls Service with St

Mary's Potterne

NOVEMBER

Sun Nov 7th 3 BEFORE ADVENT

10.00am Holy Communion

There is no need to pre-book to attend the above services at Christ Church.

Face masks should be worn on entry and exit.

Masks are not now obligatory when seated.

There are no services planned at Marston Chapel during October.

The baptisms of Liam Matthew Ryan and Flynn Ryan took place at Christ Church during August.

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

Church Flowers

Sun 3rd Oct Harvest Festival Francine Smith

Sun 10th Oct Jill Duckworth
Sun 17th Oct No Worton Services
Sun 24th Oct Sally Swannell
Sun 31st Oct Dot Francis



Photo of Worton Church Choir of some 40 years ago (kindly sent in by Dorothy Barcham)



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OCTOBER

Sunday 3rd (Harvest Festival/Trinity 18)

8 am Holy Communion (BCP) Worton 10am Harvest Festival Potterne Harvest Festival 10am Poulshot 10am Harvest Festival Seend * 4pm All Age Harvest Festival Worton Harvest Festival **Bulkington** 6pm

Sunday 10th (Trinity 19)

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

Sunday 17th (Trinity 20)

8 am Holy Communion (BCP) Seend 10am Holy Communion (BCP) Poulshot 10am Holy Communion Bulkington *

Sunday 24th (Last after Trinity)

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

Sunday 31st (All Saints/All Souls/4th before Advent)

8am Holy Communion (BCP) Potterne 10am Holy Communion Seend * 3pm All Souls service Poulshot

4pm Evening Prayer/Holy Communion Bulkington

5pm All Souls service Worton

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NOVEMBER

8 am	Hòly Communion (BĆP)	Seend
10am	Matins (BCP)	Poulshot
10am	Holy Communion	Worton
10am	Morning Praise	Bulkington

Sunday 14th (Remembrance Sunday/2nd before Advent)

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Worton
10.50am	Remembrance Day Service	Bulkington
10.50am	Remembrance Day Service	Potterne
10.50am	Remembrance Day Service	Poulshot
10.50am	Remembrance Day Service	Seend *
10.50am	Remembrance Day Service	Worton

Sunday 21st (Christ the King)

8 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Potterne
10am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Poulshot
10am	Holy Communion `	Bulkington *

Sunday 28th (Advent 1)

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Seend
10am	Holy Communion	Potterne
10am	Morning Praise	Worton *
4pm	Advent Songs of Praise	Seend

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/j/6778119535

Outside of these services, churches will be open for private prayer – please check church noticeboards for times. 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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Pastoral Letter

The View from my window

I hope you have all had a good summer and I hope you are enjoying a golden October. That is, of course a hope or a dream for at the time of writing that is still to come. I have had a wonderful summer in the UK travelling from the extremes of the north of Scotland where I swam in the sea with my sister and the southern most part, the Isle of Wight. In between I thoroughly enjoyed the drive between the two, particularly the night I spent at a Travelodge in Carlisle; just me and a little feast from M&S next door. (Sorry for the advertising).

As I write, two of my grandsons are staying with me, one is painting the garden furniture and the other is cutting back a large beech hedge, and so you must all be saying what a lucky lady; indeed I am. We live in a beautiful country with changing seasons, and if we are lucky and indeed we work at them, we can have wonderful relationships with our friends and family.

I came across a wonderful quotation from an early Christian writer this week which helps to explain what I mean "Everywhere narrow shafts of light pierce the

veil that separates heaven from earth. "Think about it. Heaven is closer than you think and sometimes we can be aware of it.

But of course as I speak and by contrast, the people of Afghanistan are suffering so much; some have been able to escape and some have been left behind and who knows what fate is in store for them. Some have lost families and some have lost homes and the country which they love. Some must be feeling betrayed by the countries which they have helped so much. I think of all the sufferings that Jesus endured, betrayal by his friends was one of the worst. I'm sure that like me you must all be wondering where is God in all this and how does he or she allow this to happen?

I can't come up with a glib answer to that, but what I can say is that if we bask in our glorious countryside, how much more does God who created it, and if we weep with the refugees and those who have lost so much, how much more does God! The God I believe in is a compassionate God, full of love for his creation which includes all hu-

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man beings and indeed animals and plants, and by the way, the Taliban. He never promised that bad things would not happen, but what he did promise was that he would be there with us every step of the way, to give us comfort and courage and hope and love; there for us to hang on to.

So what can we do? If you can, pray about it. If not, listen with your heart as well as your mind. The bible tells us to look after the orphans and the widows, so I think we should open our hearts to the refugee agencies. Keep listening and where

we have any influence, use it. Do not pass by on the other side. We all have so much more than those people who have lost everything so we must find a way to share; maybe money, maybe clothes and food, maybe our homes, If we consider whatever. God's good gifts to each of us. we have much to be thankful for. In return we are called to be generous stewards giving back to God in response for what he has done for us.

My prayer today is, please God help us to help them.

Revd. Jane Knowles

Christ Church Churchyard

We had a lively morning's work in the Churchyard on Saturday 10th July removing ivy from the churchyard wall. Many thanks to Sandra and Alun, Keith, John and Tony for their labours, and to Heather the provider of the refreshments. Also grateful thanks to Sandra for helping yours truly out of the churchyard hedge!

It was quite a lively morning with lots of visitors to the Church as part of their Historic Churches cycle ride.

We hope to have our third session on Saturday morning 16th October and once again all are invited. Refreshments will once again be served. Start time is 9.30am, but late starters will not be turned away. Look forward to seeing you.

Any enquiries please call me on 725785.

Tony Walker

Village Maintenance Group

Now that Covid restrictions have been relaxed the Parish Council is hoping to re-start the Village Maintenance Working Group and need your help.

Previously a volunteer group has got together to tackle individual problems like the overgrown bank at Sandleaze play area or planting trees from the Woodland Trust. From next spring the council is looking to set up a permanent working group which will meet each month and undertake any maintenance work that is not currently performed by Wiltshire Council. Type of work could include hedge cutting at the play areas, planting, cutting back an overgrown footpath, maintaining the benches, new village projects etc. etc. One of the first tasks of the group will be to identify what is needed in the village over the year.

Maybe you have some surplus tools you could donate, the Parish Council have looked at purchasing a brush cutter but if anyone has one going spare then those funds could be used for something else. What would be really useful to the working group is somewhere in the village to securely store the tools where they can easily be accessed.

If you can help either as a volunteer, have spare tools or a secure store then please email me. Also any suggestions for what you would like the Village Maintenance Working Group to do would be very welcome.

Many Thanks Cllr Malcolm Powell

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From Christ Church:

Some of the Covid restrictions in church have now been relaxed but will be reviewed along with any changing guidelines. But it is good to sing again!

Wearing a mask, except when seated, social distancing and using the sanitiser provided is still being encouraged for the safety of all.

Since the first lockdown when church was closed for a long period we have lost several volunteers who helped with regular cleaning. Now that church is open again we would welcome anyone who would like to help with this. In the New Year we hope to get a rota going again, so if you would like to be added please let us know. So many people appreciate spending time in church, and comment on how well it is cared for, so we want to maintain the standard.

If you have any special gifts or skills which you think could benefit Christ Church, please let us know.

Thank you to those who have been helping to clear areas around the churchyard. There will another working party to clear more ivy from the churchyard walls in October. Please see separate entry in the Bridge.

Our Harvest service this year will be at 4pm on Sunday 3rd October, followed by tea and cake! The service will have something traditional and something new.

Thank you to all who supported and made cakes for the coffee morning on 10th September. It was a very pleasant social time and £235.50 was raised for Dorothy House Hospice Care.

Heather & Jean, Churchwardens

Christ Church Team

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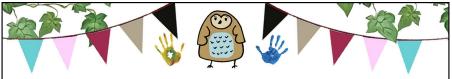
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Worton Parish Council

It was a return to normality for the Parish Council at our September meeting and it was good to see a sprinkling of members of the public in attendance as well.

Arguably the most significant item on the agenda was an update on the project to install a speed indicator device in the village. We continue to be indebted to the Speedwatch team for their excellent work and it was very useful to hear their views on the issue, with David Johnson ably subbing for Suzanne and ensuring that both her views and those of the group as a whole were accurately represented.

Certainly, progress has been made. Cllr Slack has been liaising with the Community area transport group to seek funding to support the majority of the installation costs. We anticipate that we will be successful and gain significant financial support. However, this may not be within the current financial year if funding has already been allocated to prior projects. If this were the case the installation would be delayed, but we would fully expect the funding to be made available early in the next financial round. The Parish Council unanimously resolved to "commit to the purchase and installation of a SID" at "up to 5 sites" and "will contribute 25% of the cost to Wiltshire council for the infrastructure."

In the meantime, we are making sure that we follow Wiltshire Police guidelines in respect of where SIDS can be installed and whether they are movable or not. The latest guideline is that a device should be moved between sites regularly in order to be safe and effective. This clearly favours portable devices and we need to determine how many sites there should be as well as the practicalities involved in using and maintaining the device, such as how the power would be supplied and what structures would be needed at each location -not to mention storage and movement issues.

Pleasingly there is great cooperation from all interested parties and a tangible mood to "get it done". We are near to agreement on where the device locations should be -this will be finalised at our October meeting. We also have a preferred option in terms of SID supplier and have been assured that their quote will still hold when we expect to get confirmation of CATG funding, also in October.

You are probably aware that there has been consultation with regard

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to improving road safety at the Black Dog Crossroads. This is continuing. Your Parish Council has made a detailed, considered contribution and we are being kept informed as discussions progress.

We received an update from Cllr Powell with regard to possible provision of play equipment on the Whatley's site. The cost of even the most basic equipment has, it must be admitted, truly astonished us. Perhaps understandably, the need for any structure to fully comply with regulation, particularly with regard to health and safety, means that it is impossible to make savings by cutting corners and I'm afraid, the old days of jumpers for goalposts and who can swing highest on the witch's hat are well and truly gone. We haven't given up yet and are still investigating funding sources, but it must be recognised that we have very limited resources as a village and may not be able to fund the kind of facilities that are in larger settlements, or, indeed comparable to what we already have at the other end of the village.

I mustn't overlook another opportunity to encourage new councillors to step forward. You are needed. If you prefer, Cllr Powell is busy organising a new Village Maintenance group which will urgently need your support.

I am also hoping to make progress on a Worton welcome leaflet / village trail, where I will certainly need advice and support.

Both of these initiatives will fall under the heading of a new "Parish Plan", which Cllr Powell is taking the lead on. More details to follow next month!

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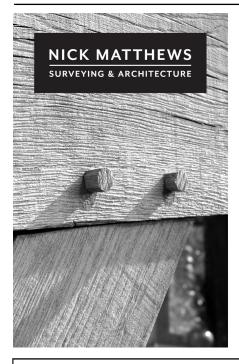
Marston Footpath walk

Seven walkers and one dog met at the bus shelter on Marston Green on a dry evening of Friday 27th August. We set off at about 7pm and headed down to End Farm. We then walked across right of way no 1 to Cheverell Mill, passing the solar farm and the chicken units. We didn't see many ripe blackberries this year, perhaps they are later.

When we reached the road we turned right and walked along the lane to the top of Long Street. We then followed the byway back to Marston Green. The walk took about an hour and a quarter and as it was getting dark we were suitably refreshed with cider and bread and cheese by Steve and Carol Bennett.

Our next walk will be round the many footpaths in the village, so watch out for a date.

Dave Hansford



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Badger Cubs - ages 4-6 years. Training Saturdays 9am @ Elisha Field, Market Lavington. All welcome to come and try for 2 weeks free. The high numbers attending in first 2 weeks extremely encouraging, with a joyous approach to playing!

U7s – The first game in Mid-Wilts league was at home to Castle Combe. It ended in defeat but clear signs of strong improvement from last year. Training Wednesdays from 1st September 6pm @ Elisha Field, Market Lavington.

U8s – League season started. Training Tuesdays 6pm @ Elisha Field, Market Lavington. New players always welcome.

U9s mixed – Friendly played at home to Staverton last week ahead of first league game scheduled this week away at Melksham Town Typhoons. Training Tuesdays 6pm @ Elisha Field, Market Lavington.

U9s Girls – A brilliant first league game away at Melksham where the whole team played out of their skins despite the hot weather. The game ended in defeat but the final quarter showed the potential within the team to build on. Training Tuesdays 6pm @ Elisha Field, Market Lavington.

U10/11s – U10s are in a league for the first time. Numbers are increasing well but more welcome. U11s are all enjoying training and games. All new players welcome. Training 5pm @ West Lavington. U12s – Season started with battling 2-2 draw with Corsham, with games against Melksham, Larkhall, Castle Combe and Bradford coming up. Training Fridays 6pm @ Elisha Field, Market Lavington U14's – Following last week's friendly local derby victory over Devizes Town, the first in many a year, the season started with a feisty draw at home to Westbury. Training Fridays 6pm @ West Lavington. New players welcome, including U13s.

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U15s – With pre-season completed, the league has started with a comprehensive win away at Castle Combe. Away trips to Melksham Town and Midsomer Norton are coming up. Training Fridays 7pm @ Northbrook, Market Lavington.

U16s – The summer long training has paid off with a good win in the first game of the season and a good team performance. Training Fridays 5.45pm @ Northbrook.

Committee for Season 2021/22

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All Team Managers

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The Children's Society - House Boxes

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For the benefit of magazine readers who don't know, The Children's Society is a National Charity that helps vulnerable children and young people suffering from abuse, neglect, poverty and fear of violence and those who have run away from home for any of these reasons. The circumstances enforced by the pandemic have exacerbated the dangers. For example the Society reports that children's mental health referrals have been 72% higher during the pandemic and that cases of domestic abuse have been on the rise during the last year.

If you would like to help vulnerable children, the House Box scheme is an easy way to do it.

Participants take a Society box into their homes and throughout the year put into it any loose or spare change they may have. At the end of a year boxes are collected from all of the holders, emptied and the money counted by responsible people before sending it to The Children's Society. Empty boxes will then be returned to the holder to repeat the procedure in the following year and also advising the amount that has been collected by the box holder.

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WORTON & MARSTON LINK SCHEME

Annual General Meeting at the Rose & Crown on 13th September 2021

Volunteers in Wiltshire Link Schemes normally carry out almost a million miles in supportive journeys a year but due to Covid that has been reduced by almost 50%. Worton & Marston Link had a similar reduction and only undertook 78 journeys in 2020, a reduction from 162 in 2019. There were only 34 to district hospitals; other trips involved visits to various local surgeries, dentists, other hospitals and other essential trips like picking up prescriptions. In October last year Worton & Marston Link received a card from Wiltshire's Lord-Lieutenant to thank us for the work we carried out during Covid.

Due to Covid our recruitment of new drivers has been reduced. We provide help to people so they need not worry about reaching medical facilities when ill and ensure older people do not need to move away from home due to transport difficulties. We have 16 households on the books to carry out driving duties currently. It may seem like a large number but with holidays, illness and other commitments, at any one time there are less than 9 available to be telephoned. It only entails on average an hour or two a month. Petrol costs are reimbursed at 45p/mile; we only require drivers' time, without them having any extra costs. Come along and join us or ask your friends and neighbours if they would like to help. Further details may be found on the Worton Community website or ring Lyn on 0741391 2828.

Our treasurer, Chris Nixon, reported on our financial situation. Details are available if anyone would like them. Many thanks to Chris for keeping us in good order.

I would like to thank the committee members for their support during the year and to give my appreciation to the volunteers for the hours they put in. This has been a difficult time especially with the loss of Hazel who as Treasurer and Co-ordinator put in a large amount of valuable time and is sorely missed. We plan to have the next AGM as normal in March/April next year when we will also plan a fun evening like a quiz night for shortly afterwards.

Alun Newman

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Climate Crisis – people who have contributed the least will pay the highest price

August 2021 has seen the launch of a Unicef report warning that one billion children across the world are at risk through "climate shocks"—that is around half of the world's 2.2 billion children. 'The Climate Crisis Is a Child Rights Crisis: Introducing the Children's Climate Risk Index' is the first comprehensive analysis of climate risk from a child perspective.

The study, in collaboration with youth activists on the third anniversary of the Fridays For Future climate strike movement, is based on a combination of factors including the likelihood of multiple climate related events as well as children's vulnerability to their impact as a result of living in poverty and their inaccessibility to crucial services, such as water and sanitation, healthcare and education.

"For the first time, we have a complete picture of where and how children are vulnerable to climate change, and that picture is almost unimaginably dire.... For three years, children have raised their voices around the world to demand action. UNICEF supports their calls for change with an unarguable message – the climate crisis is a child's rights crisis."

This is a most shocking and distressing picture. Unicef points out that, although the 10 highest emitting countries account for nearly 70 per cent of global emissions, the 33 'extremely high-risk' countries together emit only 9 per cent.

To learn more about the UNIFEC report visit: https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/one-billion-children-extremely-high-risk-impacts-climate-crisis-unicef

It's not just children, however, who are at risk; about 10% of the world's population, or 770 million people, live in communities less than five metres above the high tide line and which are especially vulnerable to extreme weather events such as floods and tropical cyclones. Sea level rise and coastal erosion threaten the very existence of entire countries, and could trigger a mass refugee crisis this century. Ocean acidification and coral bleaching destroy biodiversity. The livelihoods of many small-island states are very vulnerable to climate change for these reasons. (continued on next page)

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The UK is hosting the COP26 Climate Conference in Glasgow in November and there is a real opportunity for our government to lead the way towards climate justice. It needs to know that, in taking decisive action, the public is behind it.

Show your support by writing to let your MP know of your serious concerns. The following links have some helpful information and template letters:

https://www.oxfoe.co.uk/cop26-we-need-action-and-leadership/ https://www.christianaid.org.uk/get-involved/campaigns/engageyour-mp-cop26

Ask everyone you know to take action!

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

Worton Parish Plan

A Parish Plan is a community plan consisting of a set of actions for the next few years covering issues such as traffic, housing, village facilities etc. The Parish Council is currently updating their plan following the recent elections to cover the next four years and is looking for ideas from residents.

The Parish Plan will cover four areas:

- 1) Transport and Road Safety
- 2) Leisure Facilities, Appearance and Environment
- 3) Planning
- 4) Community and Learning

Items already being considered for the plan include Speed Indicator Devices, Village Maintenance Group, Playing Field Equipment and Neighbourhood Planning.

Do you have any other? All suggestions will be discussed by the Parish Council at our November meeting and the agreed plan published in the Bridge in due course. Pease send your suggestions by email to the address below.

Many Thanks Cllr Malcolm Powell malcolm@worton.org.uk



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Worton and Marston Gardening Club

Fortunately our Village Show was blessed with warm sunny weather, which put the icing on the cake for an excellent, well presented show. Once again an enormous thankyou to all who exhibited, or contributed in any way. It would not happen without you all.

Jane and I rose early on the show morning in order to pick out our entries. We have a couple of rows of runner beans, which yielded six decent, straight beans. Jane has grown some beetroots, which contributed to our collection. We picked three or four overweight courgettes, a cucumber from the greenhouse, and I dug into our parsnips to be well rewarded there. Then we moved to the flower garden to collect the best offerings we had. This year our flower garden has had spells of plenty of beautiful flowers, but at the moment it is just a bit drab. Fortunately a couple of days of sunshine had helped liven things up a bit, but our dahlias aren't quite at their best yet, and our mainstay roses are either just going over or not quite ready. However we managed to fill our Show schedule quota and duly arrived at the Village Hall in good time to place our exhibits ready to be judged. I had a very enjoyable day in the Hall and was pleased to present the certificates, cups and shields to welldeserved winners.

In the garden we have been weeding but apart from that and picking runner beans and courgettes there hasn't been much to do. Lack of sunshine in August has I feel left everything in the garden a bit drab. Recent days of sun have helped to improve things, but now our garden needs rain. We can't win can we. Jane and I are looking forward to our barbecue evening at Lambert and Susan's lovely garden so let us hope for a fine evening. Next main event for our Garden Club will be the A.G.M. details of which will be notified late in September/early October when we know how our enemy Covid 19 is performing. I am off to Prescott with the Allard Sports car on Sunday for a day of Charity raising drives up the hill climb course. Best wishes to you all.

Dave

Because of all the uncertainty the committee has decided to postpone the speaker planned for October until next year and we are working on plans for the AGM which will be held in November.

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Worton VE VJ Event 2021

A huge thankyou to all those people that helped make this event so successful. Despite the monsoon rain on Saturday morning, when the sun shone people came in the afternoon. It was great to see people reading family histories and asking questions, making connections with others whose relatives were in the same place at the same time. So strange; but great to compare the experiences of their parents and grandparents during WWII.

Sunday saw blue sky and many more visitors. It was marvellous to see people chatting outside over tea and cake in the lovely sunshine, with friends they had not seen in such a long time due to the pandemic. It gave a taste of what the real celebration must have been like in 1945.

Thanks must go to Andrie and his friends for bringing their vast array of military artefacts and vehicles to share and explain. On Sunday we also had three vehicles which were actually in action during the Normandy landings! Thanks also to all the tea and coffee volunteers and cake makers. Also to the stewards for helping people with answers and keeping us safety-aware. But particular thanks to those people that shared their family histories and brought medals and documents for others to view.

Over the weekend several hundred people visited and we raised £376 for our two chosen charities. SSAFA and Scotties little Soldiers.

Thank you for making it a success. Chris Johnson



FIVE LANES WI

How wonderful to be back in the Village Hall at last! A good number of members and visitors met for our September meeting and heard a fascinating talk by Richard Snow. Report below. A discussion was held on trying to find another evening to meet so that we could meet earlier. It is possible though, that the Brownies may be able to finish a bit earlier which would make a change of night unnecessary. Watch this space! As I couldn't be at the September meeting the following report has been provided by Rosemary. Thanks to her.

Richard is part of a multi-disciplinary "Technical Services" team that goes all over the world, preparing and then assessing the impact that troop training has on the environment in which the training happens. Not just the environment-- the animals-- the people--the plants--but surprisingly the historical/archeological importance of the area! One interesting and surprising "snippet" of information was the similarity between the sites of burial barrows to be found in different places, like the ones we have around here, but all over the world!

He talked about three areas—Cyprus (on the Akrotiri peninsular with carved Roman tombs) Belize (for jungle experience) and Kenya, around Mount Kenya (for extremely hot weather training 40 degrees plus) which provide different challenges to the troops and to Richard's team. But providing also, different pleasures—flamingos and turtles in Cyprus, where the MOD has set up a turtle watch scheme with cages to protect the nests from dogs, picnickers, and cars, and from rising water if necessary.

He spoke of the Big 5, including the big cats in Kenya, and more dubious encounters in Belize, including enormous boa constrictors to duck under as they walked up a river!

Another surprising effect, a positive one, is that the MOD presence acts as a deterrent to illegal loggers and poachers, not only while they are there, but the effect lasts for several weeks afterwards.

I was very sorry to miss what was obviously an interesting and engrossing talk!

Our OCTOBER MEETING on the 12th is a Bring and Share Harvest Supper. Bring a plate of food, maybe a favourite recipe, and enjoy a social time of eating and chatting. Arrive at 7:30pm and we'll see how it works.

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Finally, driving home through Worton on Tuesday evening, it was a joy to see the Village Hall lit up and with people inside. Do we dare to hope that we won't go backwards now but continue getting back to normal?

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Best Collection of Vegetables	Weeding Trophy	S. Cox & G. Bowyer					
Flower	Ethel Harper Shield	P. & M. Woods	20	Bill & Dot Francis	19	A. & H. Walker	17
Best in Show Rose	Harris Shield	Pauline Stock					
Fruit	Lindis Shield	Veronica Franklin	8	S. Cox & G. Bowyer / Bill & Dot Francis	5	lan Hailstone / Judy Shercliff	3
Home Produce	R. G. Smith Shield	Bill & Dot Francis	11	Rachael Fielding	11	Christine Cash	6
Craft	George Holloway Cup	Evelyn Burt / Alison Parker	5	Rachel Holland / Rachael Fielding	4	Dennis Brickley / Lesley Brickley	2
Men's	John Vint Cup	Bill Francis	6	Dennis Rennie	6	Nick Stokes	33
Biggest	H. M. Howard Shield	Dennis Rennie	17	S. Cox & G. Bowyer	11	P. & M. Woods	9
Children's	Bodman's Coaches Shield	William & Lottie Thomas	5	Tillie & Callum Woods	4	Jill & Evie Howard	2
Geranium Exhibit	Marshall Shield	Allison & Neil Soni					
Basket/Pot Exhibit	Bodman's Coaches Shield	NO CLASS THIS YEAR					
Photography - Adults	Lewis-Walker Cup	Rachael Fielding	5	Evelyn Burt	4	Catherine Bridger / Rosemary Rosenfeld	3
Photography - Under 16s	Bodman's Coaches Shield	Tillie Woods	3				
Club Champion	E. J. Chivers Cup	S. Cox & G. Bowyer	50	P. & M. Woods / Bill & Dot Francis	38	A. & H. Walker	19
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EDINGTON ARTS' DOUBLE-HEADER BACH WEEKEND

Edington Arts are offering a mouth-watering weekend of Bach to mark the return of their concert series after the summer.

On Saturday October 2nd at 7.30pm the brilliant Oxford Bach Soloists and instrumental ensemble under their inspirational director Tom Hammond Davies will perform a programme which includes the Brandenburg Concerto No2, in its original for six instruments and for horn rather than trumpet. Look forward also to Cantata no 96, written for the 18th Sunday after Trinity which falls on October 3rd, Telemann's cantata on the same theme, and other jewels.

The following day, Sunday October 3rd, we are delighted to be hosting pianist Libby Burgess' mammoth fundraising tour de force, Project 48. For an hour on Sunday afternoon, starting at 2.30pm, she will play the 24 Preludes and Fugues from Book One of the Well-Tempered Klavier. This will be the first leg of her Wiltshire stop; her aim is to perform all 48 pieces in 48 performances in the 48 counties of England. She is raising funds for musical charities; Help Musicians, Live Music Now, Future Talent and Youth Music.

Tickets for the Oxford Bach Soloists on 3rd October are £20/15/10 as usual, and £10 for Libby Burgess on Sunday. There will be a 10% discount if you buy a combined ticket for both concerts and Edington Angels will have their 10% discount on top. 18 and under are free. Either email sue@edingtonarts.org or ring Chrissy on 01380 831256 to secure your seats.

'A truck loaded with thousands of copies of Thesaurus' crashed on the motorway last Thursday. According to the Daily News, witnesses were stunned, startled, aghast, taken aback, stupefied, confused, shocked, rattled, paralyzed, dazed, bewildered, surprised, dumbfounded, flabbergasted, astounded, amazed, confounded, astonished, boggled, horrified, numbed, and perplexed that items falling off the back of trucks were not free for the taking and they were arrested'.







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WORTON & MARSTON LADIES GROUP

Last month several members gathered here at Ivy House. It's the first time we have been together since lockdown, and it was good to see everyone. We first took a moment to remember our dear friends Prim and Joy no longer with us but will always be remembered.

Over tea and cake, we discussed plans for how Ladies Group move forward. It was decided we would start afresh from the New Year with our usual meal out, and over the coming months a programme for 2022 will be put together.

We are always looking for new members. If you are thinking about it come along on October 23rd. Ladies Group are hosting an 'Afternoon Tea' in the Village Hall 2.30 -4pm (see separate notice) to meet up and have a chat. New to the village? - come along for a chance to meet and get to know everyone, all welcome.

Finally, sadly June Clack another original member of Ladies Group passed away recently, we send our sincere condolences to her family.

Pam Woods



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Village Hall News

It has been great to welcome people back to the Hall over the past few weeks starting with our low-key coffee morning which was well attended and continuing with the VE day celebrations and the Village Show; and during September our regular users have begun to return as well starting with WI and Toddlers. And so it has begun to feel as if we are slowly getting back to normal. But obviously we have to tread carefully and so Trustees have written further guidelines of what we need you to do in order to keep the Hall Covid-19 Secure. You will be sent these when you first book but if you would like a copy beforehand do get in touch with either me or Pauline.

We are hoping that we can hold some sort of Christmas bazaar depending on how the situation develops over the Autumn. It may need to be a smaller affair, we simply don't know yet. But we have earmarked Saturday December 4th for it. and have asked our management committee to help us decide if this is viable and if so, what sort of event should it be. We have therefore called a meeting of our Management Committee for November 8th at 7pm at the Village Hall and will let you know after this how we plan to proceed.

It is likely that during next year we will lose at least two of our six Trustees and so we are looking for potential replacements. Our constitution allows us to co-opt two people and so you could come along for the rest of this year (ends April) to see if it suits you. If you think this is something you would be interested in please give it serious consideration and if you would like to talk it over contact me on 726845.

And finally, thank you to all those who have been complimentary about the look of the Hall. It seems a lot of you like the new chairs and curtains. In the next few weeks we are hoping to paint the fire doors navy blue which should complete 'the look'.

Veronica Franklin Chair Of Trustees



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

Residents may have heard about Ash Dieback and/or seen tree felling across the County over the last few months and I thought it would be helpful to explain a little more about this disease and actions which need to be taken. It is estimated that there are over 100,000 Ash trees growing beside Wiltshire's roads, and an equal or even greater number on the 6,000km of public rights of way in the county, as well as around 140,000 Ash trees on council owned land. Nationwide it is anticipated that 90% of woodland trees and 50% of trees outside woodlands will be affected.

Ash Dieback is already widespread in Wiltshire and poses serious safety, practical, environmental and financial risks. Once infected trees decline quickly, often dying within two growing seasons. The trees rapidly lose timber strength and integrity and are prone to structural failure, leading to branches and trees falling, increasing the risk of death or injury to persons and damage to property. The Council is working to monitor and remove unsafe Ash trees, prioritising trees on the highway, rights of way and in public spaces. The cost of the programme is likely to be significant, with the cost to the Council of removing trees over the next ten years likely to be at least £10 million and could be significantly more.

Alongside this, it is strongly advised that all landowners should take steps to identify, monitor and remove infected Ash trees on their land. I know that many residents and communities will be keen to explore opportunities to replace any trees which are removed, and Wiltshire Council has produced a Community Environmental Toolkit which contains useful information, including funding opportunities for community groups.

Finally, a reminder that the Wiltshire Council Climate Strategy is now open for public consultation until 17 October. It covers seven themes: transport; built environment; waste; green economy; energy generation, storage and distribution; natural environment, food and farming; and carbon neutral council. At the same time, we are also consulting on Our Natural Environment Plan which looks at the future for Wiltshire's natural environmental assets and how the council can help protect and enhance them for the benefit of people and biodiversity. More information is at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/climate.

Tamara Reay

Wiltshire Councillor for Devizes Rural West.

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Extracts from The Bridge (October 1991), provided by Tony Walker

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One hundred and fifty years leading us to one hundred and fifty days of celebrations - what a memorable summer it has been for both villages.

There can be few people in Worton and Marston who will not carry some memory of Summer 1991 with them for ever. Memories of a happy afternoon at the Marston Green Country Fair, the idyllic atmosphere at the Drive-in Service the following evening, and the glorious displays at the Flower Festival. Neither will we forget the chaos of attempting to arrange everyone for the Parish Photograph or the rain for the Open Gardens' either! But such are the ways of the English Summer.

But above all, I know I will not forget the dedication and hard work of those who gave so much of their time and ability to organise and carry through the many events that have contributed to the 150th. It would be wrong to name individuals, you know who they are, our heartfelt thanks to them all!

Apart from individuals giving so much of themselves, I will remember 1991 for the incredible spirit of co-operation that has existed. Without that, nothing would have happened. It is great credit to all involved that they were able to overcome the problems and even face disagreement to bring the whole celebration into being.

FLOWER SHOW

The return of the Flower Show proved very popular. Many thanks to all who helped and also to all of the exhibitors without whom there would be no show at all. Particular congratulations to all of the home produce exhibitors for the effort behind that magnificent entry. The class winners and runners up were as follows:

	winner	Runner-up
Overall Champior	T & F Weeding	B & M Johnston
Home Produce	T & F Weeding	M Elliot/K.E.Harris
Vegetable	T & F Weeding	B & M Johnston
Flower	T & F Weeding	K & E Harris
Fruit	B & M Johnston	Sundry
Wine	J & G Mason	K & S Diskett
Biggest	B & M Johnston	
Tallest Sunflower	Gemma Chivers	Camilla and Toby Bartholomew
	(2.85 metres)	(2.58 metres)
Most Sunflower S	ponsorship	
	Jamie Amor,	June and Lynn Mason

Extracts from The Bridge (October 1991), provided by Tony Walker

HARVEST SUPPER

After Harvest Festival Comes a special day Harvest Supper it is called And we all meet to say Our thanks to God for sending us The fruitfulness of food That we enjoy enormously For the Lord is good We all sit down together And tuck into a meal After of course Grace is said To set the grateful seal Then we all are entertained With laughter and with song Everyone is happy As the day is long Give three cheers for harvest time Which comes around each year And thank the Lord for his good gifts Which all of us can share

I. Hale

EDITORIAL - COPY DATES

This is your magazine.

Your contributions, however small, are both important and valued, so thank you to all of you who write for the magazine.

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- 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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