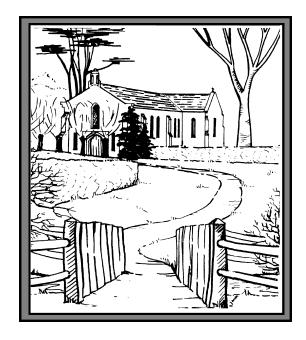
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# **Armistice Day**

It seems the number of us attending at the Village War Memorial for the annual two minutes silence steadily increases year on year. My thanks to everyone who took the time and trouble to participate in this important traditional Act of Remembrance on the 11<sup>th</sup> November.

Robin Shercliff Park Farm House

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#### SERVICE CALENDAR

#### **DECEMBER 2021**

Sun Dec 5th ADVENT 2

CHRIST CHURCH

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

Sun Dec 12th ADVENT 3

CHRIST CHURCH

10.00am Morning Praise

MARSTON CHAPEL

6.00pm Candlelit Carols

Sun Dec 19th ADVENT 4

No Services
Fri Dec 24th CHRISTMAS EVE

CHRIST CHURCH

6.00pm Carol Service
Sat Dec 25th CHRISTMAS DAY

CHRIST CHURCH

10.00am Morning Praise **Sun Dec 26th** CHRISTMAS 1

No Services

## JANUARY 2022

**Sun Jan 2nd** CHRISTMAS 2

CHRIST CHURCH

No Service (Benefice Holy Communion at Seend)

MARSTON CHAPEL

6.00pm Covenant Service

A Service to Celebrate the Life of Lucy Ann Courtenay was held at Christ Church during October.

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

## From Christ Church:

Congratulations to Andrea and Nick of Dysart House who were married in Christ Church after several cancellations due to the Covid restrictions. It was a joyous occasion with a very relaxed service, including music and songs from a Gospel choir. The church looked beautiful, with flowers wonderfully arranged by Margaret Charlton.

The Remembrance Service was very moving. Following the laying of wreaths at the War Memorial, Brownies and Rainbows and families joined the congregation in church. Robin Shercliff read from the book Worton and Marston, The Great war 1914-1918, of the life of John Burbidge, who, on leaving the Muller Children's home aged 14, went straight into the Army, and was involved in many battles eventually losing his life at the age of 18.

The Carol Service will be held on Christmas Eve at 6.00pm and Christmas Day service at 10.00am

Heather & Jean, Churchwardens

#### **Christ Church Team**

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#### DECEMBER

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 8 am
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 Worton

 10am
 Matins (BCP)
 Poulshot

 10am
 Holy Communion
 Seend

Sunday 12th (Advent 3)

8am Holy Communion (BCP) Potterne
10am Morning Praise Worton
10am Holy Communion Bulkington
6pm Carols by Candlelight Marston Chapel

Friday 17th

3:30pm Messy Church Crib Service Potterne

Sunday 19th (Advent 4)

8 am Holy Communion (BCP) Seend
10am Holy Communion (BCP) Poulshot
6pm Carol Service Potterne
6pm Friends of Bulkington Carol Service Bulkington

Thursday 23rd

7pm Carol Service Seend

Christmas Eve

 2pm
 Blessing of Crib service
 Bulkington

 6pm
 Carol Service
 Poulshot

 6pm
 Carol Service
 Worton

 11:30pm
 Midnight Holy Communion
 Potterne

 11:30pm
 Midnight Holy Communion
 Seend

Christmas Day

 10am
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 Bulkington

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 Holy Communion
 Potterne

 9:30am
 Holy Communion
 Poulshot

 10am
 Holy Communion
 Seend

 10am
 Morning Praise / Holy Communion
 Worton

Sunday 26th (Christmas 1)

NO SERVICES

Every Tuesday, 9am Daily Prayer service at Poulshot

You are also welcome to join us at our new informal gathering called Quest, starting on Saturday 8th January, and then every Saturday, at 5.30pm at Poulshot Village Hall.

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It is so good to see people 'live' again, & catch up on news as well as books read & enjoyed over these long months. Despite minimal meetings & low numbers £73-80 was collected for The Children's Society, many thanks to all who contributed.

Happy Christmas, & let us hope 2022 will be a healthy & stable year for all.



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# **Pastoral Letter**

In 2020, many of us experienced a Christmas when so many of the ways we traditionally mark the season were suddenly denied to us. This year, of course, we hope and pray that many of the familiar experiences that help Christmas come alive will return to our homes, our churches and communities. But whatever else December brings, it will offer us an opportunity to enter more deeply into the joyful mystery that lies at its heart: God becoming human in the birth of Jesus Christ. The last few years have shown us that life is messy, sometimes overwhelmingly so! Our lives don't often end up neatly packaged and orderly. We have an idea of what a perfect day and the perfect Christmas looks like and strive toward it, but we never reach it because perfection is not reality. I have discovered that part of living in contentment is understanding that our lives are messy, challenging, busy, and sometimes chaotic and not as we planned. The reason our lives are messy is that we are messy and sometimes hurting or broken. Our hearts and desires are often messy and at times pull us away from the peace that God desires for us and the freedom in which He wants us to walk.

At Christmas we celebrate God coming to earth and entering our world through the incarnation of a tiny baby. That baby grew up and we discover over and over in the Bible, that Jesus moved toward people's mess and miraculously helped them. Whether it was a blind man beside the road, a woman caught in adultery, or a lame man lying beside a pool, Jesus stepped into their situation and showed them that His love was more powerful than their mess. God didn't love us from a distance. God stepped into our messy world to save us and set us free. Jesus is not afraid of our mess. He wants to be in it with us and help us in the midst of whatever we are facing. Love is messy. Jesus wants us to follow His example and run toward others' mess. We live in a world where people naturally run away from other people's junk. People are dealing with pain, hurt, and difficulty all around us. Life gets overwhelming and struggles weigh us down. We are not called to love from a distance. We are called, like Jesus, to be willing to step into the mess with others who are hurting and help those who are tired and

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wounded. We are called to be in it with them and point them to God. What is the mess in your life that feels overwhelming to you? What is it in your life that is weighing you down? Who around you is hurting and needs you to step into the mess with them?

At the heart of Christmas is a loving God who wants to show us that He is who the Bible says He is. God didn't just step into the mess 2,000 years ago. He is ready and able to step into what we are dealing with right now. And as we love others the way God loves us, we get to see God come through and do what only He can do.

In our services this year we want to celebrate what is heart the of Christmas which is an invitation to everyone to discover - or rediscover - the good news of God's saving love as revealed in the birth of Jesus. It is also a challenge to each of us to ponder in our hearts – as Mary did – what the extraordinary events of the first Christmas might mean for us now and in the years ahead. Our church

families from across the Wellsprings benefice look forward to sharing and celebrating the good news of Christmas with you. For details of all our services and other activities see the Wellsprings Benefice website <a href="https://www.wellspringsbenefice.co.uk/">https://www.wellspringsbenefice.co.uk/</a>

And if church, in its traditional sense, isn't for you then why not give our new gathering, called Quest, a try? Quest is a fully inclusive place to faithfully and safely explore life's questions, find friendship, peace and meaning. We will start meeting every Saturday from 8th January, in the late afternoon, at Poulshot Village Hall. Keep an eye out nearer the time for details and timings on our Facebook and Instagram pagas our webas well site https://quest4faith.org/

Wishing you a very happy Christmas and that you will know God's love, peace and presence in your life.

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## NEWCOMERS TO WORTON AND MARSTON IN 2020 and 2021

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This will only be totally successful if we can identify ALL those who have moved into the villages during 2020 and 2021!! If you have received a Newcomers' Booklet you should be on our list. If not please phone one of the numbers below and check.

At the party you will have a chance to meet other villagers and be introduced to representatives of the various organisations, some of which you might find you'd like to join. We look forward to welcoming you all.

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

# Could you be a Foster Carer?

You may have seen that a new campaign has launched to find foster homes for 23 children and young people who live in the Devizes area. Wiltshire Council began targeting local areas this summer starting with Trowbridge. It's now hoping the campaign for the Devizes area will help local people who are thinking about fostering to take the next step by finding out more.

Foster carers do an amazing job however the council needs more people to step forward and take up this vital role. In return you will be provided with support and training and the right payments so that it can be a vocation. If you have a spare room and want to help local children stay in the Devizes area, please visit <a href="https://www.fosteringwiltshire.uk">www.fosteringwiltshire.uk</a> or email <a href="mailto:fostering@wiltshire.gov.uk">fostering@wiltshire.gov.uk</a>

### Calling Young People Who Want to Make a Difference

Young people may be interested to know that The Wiltshire Youth Council will start in 2022, with representatives from secondary schools elected to speak out on issues that are important to them. Elections will take place at the end of January and interested young people should ask for more information at their school.

Wiltshire Youth Councillors will have the power to:

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- Inspect services to ensure they represent young people's best interests;
- Communicate with their peers so young people's views are properly represented;
- Become a shadow youth cabinet member for a particular area of interest.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone across Devizes Rural West, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I am very much hoping that 2022 will see further normality return, whilst some of

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the benefits of the pandemic such as flexible/hybrid working, and using Zoom to help keep in touch with family and friends, become permanent features in our lives.

As your Wiltshire Councillor, my 2022 to-do list includes resolving the continuing flooding issues in Potterne, championing speeding and road safety issues in a number of communities, and working with Sustainable Devizes to implement plans to mitigate climate change. I am also hopeful that we will receive positive news from the Department for Transport in relation to Devizes Gateway Station.

Tamara Reay

Wiltshire Councillor for Devizes Rural West.

Tel: 07711 824864 Email: tamara.reay@wiltshire.gov.uk

## **WORTON & MARSTON LADIES GROUP**

It was good to see so many people join us in October for 'Afternoon Tea' and enjoy getting to know fellow villagers over a cup of tea and delicious cakes. We have seven ladies who have shown an interest in joining our group which was the main purpose of the afternoon along with raising money for a good cause this being MND (Motor Neurone Disease) and I'm pleased to say we raised £175. Thanks to all who helped on the day and made cakes, well done.

The programme for 2022 is now coming together, our first meeting will be our meal at The Raven, Poulshot on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January when we welcome our new members. Allison has kindly said she will be in touch with everyone regarding menu choice.

A new year is looming and hopefully we will be able to get back to normal and fulfil our planned programme.

Wishing you all a Very Merry Christmas.

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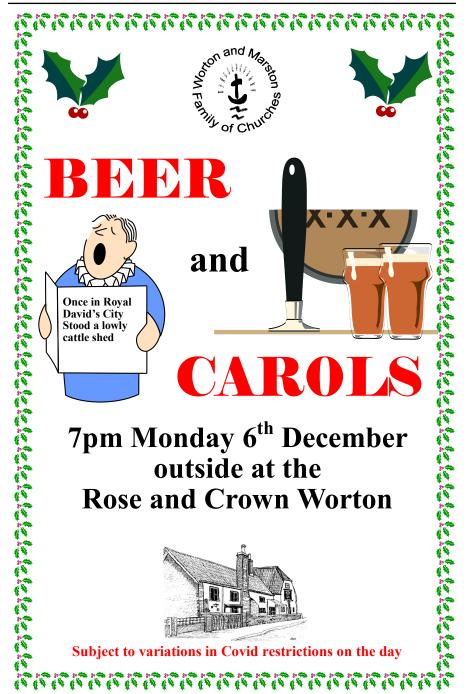


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### **Worton Parish Council**

Road traffic issues again took pride of place at our November meeting. Cllr Parsons and Liz Starling have attended the most recent CATG meeting. As a result, we are "highly confident" (their words not ours) that the installation of the sockets for the Speed Indicator Device (SID) will take place soon. The next stage will be an onsite visit after which the work can be booked in. More detail and information will be shared when we can. It was pleasing to hear Cllr Reay praise the way that those involved in the process, including councillors and the speedwatch team, have worked so effectively to make such progress.

In addition to the SIDs initiative, we also discussed the possible purchase and utilisation of an Auto Speed Watch system. This would effectively carry out the same function as human speedwatchers but continuously in daylight hours. Suzanne and her team would still be involved in administration and some of the data processing, but would be relieved of the increasingly onerous and stressful need for a roadside presence. A major problem is that the Wiltshire Police Authority, unlike neighbouring ones, do not accept the use of the data except in a very basic way (unlike that reported by human speedwatchers). The reasons for this are apparently complex but do not, to a layman, seem insurmountable. We have discussed the best way to represent our views and hope for a change of policy on behalf of our police authority to the great benefit of our village and, presumably, others like us. This topic was also raised at the CATG meeting, but with rather less success, though Wiltshire police intend to appoint speed enforcement officers, each with their own camera.

We also considered the possibility of establishing a 20mph speed zone, following the raising of the possibility by the governors of the primary school. This idea has been mooted in the past but is, unsurprisingly, a complex issue that requires very careful consideration before any decisions are made.

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We have also considered our budget for the next financial year. We are always very aware of the fact that, whilst actual sums may be small, we have a responsibility to be careful about how we use what is actually your money. With increased pressures on family finances anticipated, we can assure you of our on-going financial prudence.

It's pleasing that Cllr Powell has had a positive reaction to his village maintenance group - more are welcome and needed. Also a polite reminder of the resources available to suitable applicants from the Community Fund. Please contact Liz Starling at Clerk@worton.org. Similarly contact Liz in the normal way with any issues / concerns that you think we may be able to help with, rather than using Facebook as the first port of call. A great deal of misunderstanding can be avoided and a better outcome will result.

It's been good to see a sprinkling of members of the public at recent meetings, so please note the changed date and time of our December meeting, which will be on **Monday December 13**<sup>th</sup> at **7.00 pm.** 

**Barry Devine** 

**Worton Parish Council** have received a **Community Fund** application from the VE DAY Sub Committee for the sum of £1,000 towards the cost of producing a permanent record of the 2020 - 2021 commemoration of the end of WWII held in Worton and Marston Village Hall 21<sup>st</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2021 in the form of a book.

The application can be viewed on the Parish Council website: <a href="http://worton.org.uk/community-fund/">http://worton.org.uk/community-fund/</a>

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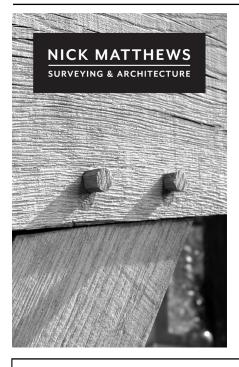
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## Dates for the diary:

We will be closed through the school holidays: Wednesdays 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> December 2021

#### **ECO-CORNER**

We began this column a year ago in anticipation of COP26 which finally took place last month in Glasgow - its overall goal: to chart a path **to keep global warming limited to 1.5C** and avoid the worst impacts of climate change.

On the positive side, the deal now reached contains some of the strongest measures seen in the past 30 years of climate talks.

Polluting nations agreed they hadn't done enough to cut emissions, and said they'd do more over the next year. Leaders from more than 100 countries, representing 85% of the world's forests, promised to stop deforestation by 2030. A scheme to cut 30% of current methane emissions by 2030 was agreed by more than 100 countries. Rich nations agreed to double the amount of cash they'll offer to vulnerable countries. For the first time fossil fuels were mentioned in a COP agreement. More than 40 countries, including some major coal-users, agreed to shift away from coal.

Disappointingly, however, the pledges made did not go far enough to limit temperature rise to 1.5C. A commitment to phase out coal included in earlier negotiation drafts led to a last minute row after India and China pushed for a crucial change, and countries dramatically agreed to "phase down" rather than "phase out" coal.

Closer to home, we'd love to know whether you have used any of the tips we've suggested over the past year, or maybe you have your own that you'd like to share?

Our radical suggestion for December: **reduce** Christmas card waste. It is estimated that over a billion Christmas cards are sent each year in the UK. The majority of these will then be thrown away, creating huge environmental waste. You can reduce this waste by encouraging friends and family not to send you cards. If you belong to a club or a group, don't send a card to everyone in the group. Agree to post one card to the whole group on a noticeboard or on your group's facebook page. Money saved

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could be donated to your favourite charity. Try upcycling any cards received by making your own cards and gift tags for next year. If you do have to get rid of your old cards make sure you recycle them whenever possible.

If there are topics you'd like covered in the New Year, please get in touch.

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**Badger Cubs** - ages 4-6 years. Training Saturdays 9am @ Elisha Field, Market Lavington, with solid attendances. Plenty of enthusiasm, spectacular defending and goals...working on the passing! All welcome to come and try for 2 weeks free!

U7s – The team is showing steady improvement, travelling all over Wiltshire and showing great enthusiasm for their football even in adverse weather conditions. Training Wednesdays 6pm @ Devizes Leisure Centre.

**U8s** – Showing really pleasing development as a team with encouraging results and cohesion. Training Fridays 5:45pm @ Lavington School Hall. New players always welcome.

**U9s mixed** — With no league games scheduled during the month, the team have enjoyed a couple of well contested friendlies and a Halloween Party! League fixtures resuming soon. Training Fridays 6:45pm @ Lavington School Hall, Market Lavington.

**U9s Girls** – Continue to demonstrate masses of enthusiasm resulting in 14 plus players regularly attending training. A friendly is scheduled for 2 mixed aged teams later this month which is greatly anticipated. Training Saturdays 9;30am @ Elisha Field, Market Lavington. New players from age 7+ welcome and parent helpers and coaches.

U10/11s – Holding their own in games and enjoying training @ Dauntsey's school 6pm on Fridays. All new players welcome.

U12s – Continuing the excellent start to the season so far with only one draw and the rest wins. Full squad of 18 leagues eligible players so squad is getting stronger, ahead of cup games this month. Training Fridays 6:30pm @ Northbrook, Market Lavington

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U14s – Solid start to the season continues despite first league defeat in well over a year. The team is currently 3rd in the league and playing and training enthusiastically. Training Fridays 7pm @ Dauntseys's School, West Lavington. New players welcome, including U13s.

U15s – Continuing our excellent start to the season, the team is currently second in the league with games in hand. Looking forward to forthcoming league cup tie against Bath City.

Training Fridays 7pm @ Dauntsey's School, Market Lavington.

U16s – The team continues to play well, winning their last game and drawing the previous two. Training well in good numbers on Fridays 5.45pm @ Northbrook.

#### Committee for Season 2021/22

Chairperson: Pete Huntley Secretary: Vicky Goddard

Treasurer: Vicky Goddard Welfare Officers: Hannah Kervin Grounds: Mark Goddard Web Pages: James Partington

Newsletter: David Groves All Team Managers

Club Secretary fundraising update – Now completed 24 runs, Vicky is raising funds for a Secondary Cancer charity, with a target of 26 10K runs this year. The £1k sponsorship target has been smashed and now so has an amazing £2k! The donation page closes on  $30^{th}$  November.

Please look at the story on:

http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/VickyGoddard2

### **Team Contacts for 2021/22 Season:**

Badger Cubs-James Partington - 07532 628219

Girls Team – Liz Gaule – 07949 176623

U7 - Rob Nuttall - 07706 167347

U8- Pete Huntley- 07974756131

U9- Adam Shanley – 07423 576368

U10/11- Mark Goddard - 01380 813160

U12 - Neil Black- 07769 261750

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# **Worton and Marston Gardening Club**

Autumn is now getting all the leaves down. This year so far, I have kept myself busy by regular leaf clearing duties. Our patio area looks much better because of this work, and much to my surprise the hanging basket flowers are still thriving, in spite of a fairly sharp frost. Apart from leaf clearing I have cut back the Buddleia bushes and trimmed the shrubs growing in the garden under the wall beside our drive. Amazingly some of the roses there are still flowering and we still have Dahlias, roses and some shrubs in flower in our main flower garden. Our lawn has stood up well after its crew cut and greened up nicely. I will rake it regularly now to try and remove as much moss as possible, then seed, feed and weed in the spring, and await results. We have started on the parsnips and leeks from our vegetable garden; good results and delicious.

As reported before I have been up at the workshop. Work on the black Allard continues, but slowly. I am trying to make a few improvements which require a bit of time and thought, but I believe are worthwhile. I am also getting plenty of exercise walking our dog Scooby, who has decided he requires individual attention and chooses not to go to the field with the other dogs as he used to. Trouble is he doesn't get up until nine o'clock these cold mornings. I will have to reschedule my timetable to suit him I suppose. He is the boss after all!. Best wishes.

#### Dave

You should all have all the info about the AGM from Suzanne...and Sally and I are working on the Quiz.....which will take place in some form in January and hopefully next year will be a bit more "normal" (whatever that means!)

Sally svwood90@hotmail.com

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### **FIVE LANES WI**

We were back in the Village Hall for our November meeting and 13 members enjoyed a talk and demonstration by Nicola Sage. Nicola had retired early from her "day job" and having been very keen on craft and conservation/recycling began making handbags from old or 2<sup>nd</sup> hand shirts. They looked extremely effective, with such a variety of materials and with ready-made pockets on the outside. She then started trying out paper gift bags, folded and shaped around boxes, all made from recyclable paper. Instruction sheets were available for us to take away and try ourselves. A nice social time over tea/coffee and cake followed with minimal business!

Our December meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm will be a chance to make a Christmas wreath under Rosemary's guidance with mince pies and mulled wine. What better way to get in the mood for the festive season.

Our thanks to the Village Hall Trustees for using the Covid lock-downs to decorate, hang new curtains, buy great new chairs and generally make the Hall so welcoming and comfortable for those who meet there.

Maybe some of you will see 2022 as the time you decide to give WI a try!

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# Village Hall News

# **Christmas Bazaar/Coffee Morning**

It is with regret that Trustees have decided not to hold a Christmas Bazaar this year. The decision was discussed with and supported by our management committee. It was agreed in the light of rising Covid-19 cases and the likelihood that people would be crammed into the middle of the Hall between stalls and we would not be able to ventilate the space appropriately. It was a difficult decision to come to as we wanted to mark Christmas in the Hall this year and so we have decided to hold a **coffee morning with mince pies on Saturday December 18<sup>th</sup>.** By this time we should have our new smaller tables and so if you are feeling a bit unsure about mixing you can come and sit in family/friend groups. We will also look at the possibility of holding a summer bazaar in 2022.

## **Kitchen Extension**

As I write this we have just been informed that the planning permission to extend the kitchen of the Hall has been granted. We are very excited about this and in due course in the New Year we will hold an open event for villagers to come and view them. We have also had an indication of the cost of such a project which will involve a lot of fund raising and several grant applications. But we did it before when we renovated the exterior and so we are hopeful of being able to do it again.

# **200 Club**

The winner of the November draw is James Phipps.

And finally....The Trustees wish all of you a very Happy Christmas and New Year and hope to be able to invite you to the Hall more often in 2022!!

Veronica Franklin Chair of Trustees

# **Marston Parish Council**

The next Marston Parish Council Meeting will take place at 7.30pm at Marston Chapel on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November.

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Also, if you go to <u>www.giveasyoulive.com</u> for your high street shopping and register worton-and-marston-link as your charity partner, a donation will be made again at no cost to you.

#### Alun Newman



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Saturday	12.00 - 2.30	6pm -11.30pm
Sunday	12.00 - 2.30	7pm -10.00pm
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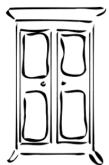


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#### **CHRISTMAS**

Christ came down at Christmas As a little child Cradled in a manger Lowly, meek and mild Joseph was with Mary Watching by her side Angel choirs sang softly Ox and ass beside Shepherds came to worship Kings brought gifts and bowed Far and wide the news was spread To the waiting crowd Bells rang out in welcome To the new-born King Come let us adore him Are the words we sing So let's greet the moming When lesus came to earth And celebrate his coming With laughter, joy and mirth.

I Hale.

### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Some go to Church just for a walk Some to stare or laugh and talk Some a courtship to discover Some to seek or find a lover Some to scan a robe or bonnet Some to price the trimming on it Some to sit and doze or nod But few to kneel and worship God (This verse first appeared in 1870)

I Hale.

### DECEMBER AT THE ROSE AND CROWN

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Bernie Perkins (not to be missed).

22nd Dec,

Carols

23rd Dec.

Christmas Draw

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# 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday 10.00 - Noon

## **Mobile Library**

Location: The School, 1.10 - 1.50pm Next Date: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December

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

# **Forthcoming Events**

6th Beer + Carols

9<sup>th</sup> Are you Crafty?

11th Book Swap

12<sup>th</sup> Carols (Marston)

13<sup>th</sup> WPC meeting

14th W.I. meeting

18<sup>th</sup> Village Hall Coffee morning

# Kerbside Collections in December

Black box and Plastic and card recycling: Tuesdays 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>

Household waste: Wednesdays 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>

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

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