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Poppy Appeal 2022

The Royal British Legion have asked me to thank everyone in our villages who so kindly supported this year's November Poppy Appeal. You donated the splendid sum of £832.12.

And may I please add my special thanks to all our volunteers who so generously gave of their time to raise this magnificent amount.

Robin Shercliff, Park Farm House

FIVE LANES WI

Our December meeting was a chance to make a Christmas tree shaped decoration from an old, unwanted book. We were talked through the instructions as usual, by Sarah, and all managed to produce something by the end. (Or took it home to finish if we were a bit slow!) We enjoyed warming mulled wine and home-made mince pies, and as always, a good natter.

We had a stall at the Village Hall Bazaar to sell some beautiful crafts made by our lovely Rosemary over the last few years. It proved very popular and we were able to donate £120 to the Village Hall and £120 to Dorothy House, an amazing result. We hope to have another sale of what's left in the New Year/Spring.

We will be having our New Year meal on 10th January at the Raven in Poulshot. Sarah will be sending out details by e mail.

It will be our AGM on February 14th when we keep business to a minimum and follow with a Quiz.

If members could give a thought to joining the committee, which now numbers only 4 of us, it would be much appreciated.

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WORTON & MARSTON LADIES GROUP

In October we entertained the Poulshot Ladies. 'Honey Graham' gave a fascinating talk on Bee Keeping. Graham brought along a beehive (minus the bees thankfully) and explained how it all comes together. Lots of questions were asked. Nature's a wonderful thing. We ended the evening with a buffet and a glass of wine. It was a great evening. Many thanks Graham.

In November, 18 of us met in Devizes for a Ghost Walk. John Girvan took us around some spooky churchyards and passageways, places I hadn't been before. I must go back in daylight. It was a good evening, enjoyed by all.

On December 3rd the Ladies Group had a gift stall at the Christmas Bazaar, which was well attended, Thank you to all who donated gifts.

Our final meeting of the year on 7th December was the AGM and after 'business' we tucked into mince pies, stollen and mulled wine (which was much appreciated on such a cold night).

Well ladies, we have completed our first full year back after COVID and everything has gone well. I am looking forward now to 2023 when the first meeting will be a visit to the Wharf Theatre to see 'Ladies Night'; very appropriate.

Finally, I hope you have (or had) a Very Happy Christmas and wish you all a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Pam Woods

Snowdrops

In the next few days the bulbs will be showing. For the last 22 years, Back Lane has been cut ready for the snowdrops. It is an incredible sight when in full bloom. I would encourage villagers and others to take a little time to view them even if it means going a couple of times to get it right. Make the most of them as, according to research, it seems snowdrops could be endangered.

Roger Wilshire



From Christ Church:

It's been good to get back to a more normal December following 2 years of Covid disruption.

Five Lanes School did their Christmas Nativity in Church, with the theme of Children's Christmas around the World. All very well performed with their families joining them.

The Toddlers group also came into church, as they do every year, and made decorations for the Christmas tree, heard the Christmas Story, and enjoyed refreshments. The Christmas tree looked lovely, a special thank you to Mandy and John Fielding for their gift of the tree.

We are sorry that the school Carol service was not able to be held in church as there had been a hiccup with the church heating, on one of the coldest weeks for a long time, so relocated back to school.

The Christ Church Community café will have been held, together with the raffle for the superb Christmas hamper generously donated by Karl Wiltshire, of Worton, Financial Adviser, Wiltshire Wealth Management, Devizes for which we thank him very much.

More details next month, with the lucky winner!

We continue to pray for those we know who are sick, including in the Ministry team Revd Ali, and Revd Jane Knowles.

Heather and Jean, Churchwardens

Update..... The winners of the raffle (prizes kindly donated by Karl Wiltshire) were: 1st Alison Cross 2nd Sylvia Parry



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SERVICE CALENDAR

JANUARY 2023

Sun Jan 1st	CHRISTMAS 2 10.00am	CHRIST CHURCH Benefice Service <i>MARSTON CHAPEL No Service</i>
Sun Jan 8th	EPIPHANY 9.30am 6.00pm	CHRIST CHURCH Morning Praise <i>MARSTON CHAPEL Rev G Gotham Covenant Service</i>
Sun Jan 15th	EPIPHANY 2 9.30am 6.00pm	CHRIST CHURCH Morning Praise <i>MARSTON CHAPEL Rev G Gotham</i>
Sun Jan 22nd	EPIPHANY 3 9.30am	CHRIST CHURCH Family Service including baptism <i>MARSTON CHAPEL No Service</i>
Sun Jan 29th	EPIPHANY 4	CHRIST CHURCH No Service (Benefice Service is at Potterne) <i>Marston Chapel No Service</i>

FEBRUARY 2023

Sun Feb 5th	EPIPHANY 5 9.30am	CHRIST CHURCH Holy Communion <i>MARSTON CHAPEL No Service</i>
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There were no weddings, baptisms, or funerals at Christ Church during November.

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



**WELLSPRINGS BENEFICE SERVICES
JANUARY 2023**

Due to ongoing health issues within our ministry team, we may be forced to change or cancel services at short notice. Please check our website or speak to the church warden for the latest information. We apologise for any inconvenience and ask for your understanding.

JANUARY

Sunday 1st (Christmas 2)
10am Benefice Service Worton

Sunday 8th (Epiphany)
9:30am Morning Praise Bulkington
9:30am Morning Praise Worton
9:30am Holy Communion Poulshot
11am Holy Communion Potterne
4pm Evensong Seend

Sunday 15th (Epiphany 2)
8am Holy Communion (BCP) Seend
9:30am Morning Praise Worton
11am Morning Praise Potterne
11am Holy Communion Bulkington
4pm Evensong Poulshot

Friday 20th
3:30pm Messy Church Potterne Village Hall

Sunday 22nd (Epiphany 3)
9:30am Matins Poulshot
9:30am Family Service Worton
11am Morning Praise Potterne
11am Holy Communion Seend
4pm Holy Communion Bulkington

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Wednesday 26th

5pm Celtic Meditative Service Poulshot

Sunday 29th (Epiphany 4)

10am Benefice Service Potterne

Every Tuesday, 9am Daily Prayer service at Poulshot

Please join us at our new informal gathering called Quest every Saturday at 5.30pm at Poulshot Village Hall.

Churches are open for private prayer during the week.


Please visit our website www.wellspringsbenefice.co.uk for more details of all our services, latest updates and to keep in touch.

Ministry Team

Rector: Rev Ali Bridewell (currently on leave)
 Associate Priest: Rev Caroline O'Neill 01380 828302
 Benefice Administrator: Sarah Leckie 07516 224057
sarahleckie.wba@gmail.com

Church Registers


No baptisms, weddings or funerals this month.



**JANUARY
BOOK SWAP**

**Saturday 14th January
10.00am - 12 noon**
 at Oakley House, High Street, Worton,
 hosted by Alison Parker

**Saturday 11th February
10.00am - 12 noon**
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Press Release

Date: 1st December 2022



“You Have Spoken, We Have Listened” – DOCA 2023 Event Dates Announced

Devizes Outdoor Celebratory Arts are pleased to announce the new dates for their 2023 event programme, including the anticipated Carnival decision following October’s consultation. The much-loved community event will be moved back to its traditional date on the first weekend of September.

The Colour Rush and fabled Confetti Battle will both take place on 19th August 2023, kicking off a Carnival Fortnight of workshops, parade preparations and other fringe events in collaboration with local businesses that will lead up to the Carnival on the 2nd September 2023.

Those that are keen to take part in the Carnival Committee are invited to form a community engagement group to help everyone who wants to take part in the event itself get involved. More information on this will be sent out in early 2023 about an initial meeting and next steps, so keep an eye on DOCA’s website and social media pages.

The entire DOCA event programme for 2023 will be:

Festival of Winter Ales – 18th February (Devizes Corn Exchange)

International Street Festival - 27th & 28th May (Devizes Market Place)

Picnic in the Park - 18th June (Hillworth Park, Devizes)

Colour Rush & Confetti Battle - 19th August (Devizes)

Carnival Parade - 2nd September (Devizes Town Centre, starting from the Green)

As always, volunteers and Festival Makers are welcome to express an interest to get involved with DOCA events. They’re not possible without you! If interested, please email docavolunteer@gmail.com.

For more information, please visit www.docadevizes.org.uk

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Worton Community Speedwatch

(Note: all Wiltshire Speedwatch sessions are restricted to 45 minutes only)

November 2022

Sessions: **Seventeen**

Total Vehicles Counted: **5,251**

Vehicles recorded for exceeding the 30mph speed limit: **327**
(of which **60** were reported to Wiltshire Police for excess speed)

Maximum Speed Recorded: **44mph** on Wednesday 16th between 08.30 and 09.15

Highest Vehicle Count: **462** on Thursday 17th between 08.15 and 09.00

December 2022

Sessions: **Eleven**

Total Vehicles Counted: **2,774**

Vehicles recorded for exceeding the 30mph speed limit: **218**
(of which **40** were reported to Wiltshire Police for excess speed)

Maximum Speed Recorded: **44mph** on Thursday 8th between 14.30 and 15.15.

Highest Vehicle Count: **340** on Friday 9th 14.15 and 15.00.

Total Figures for 2022

In 2022 the Worton Community Speedwatch volunteers completed: **129** sessions of 45 minutes duration.

Total vehicles counted: **42,111**

Vehicles recorded exceeding the 30mph speed limit: **3,101**
Of these **656** were reported to Wiltshire Police for excessive speed.

Highest speed recorded: **53mph** on Thursday 11th August.

Highest number of vehicles during a session **574** on Tuesday 17th May.

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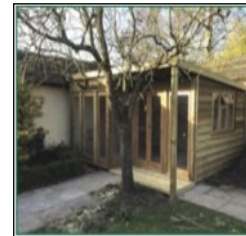
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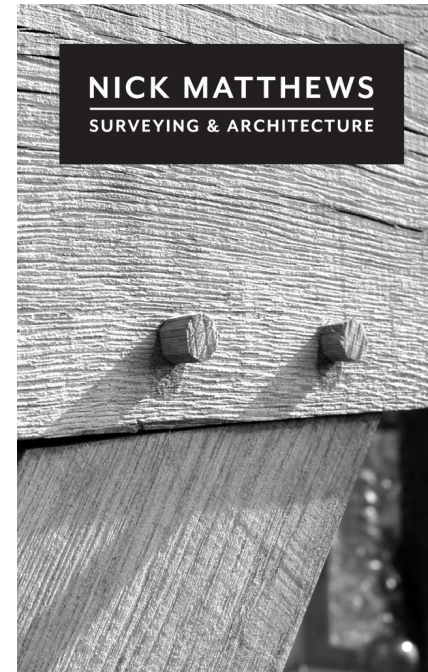
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We hope that everyone had a lovely Christmas. We start back on Wednesday 4th January, 10am-12pm in the village hall. Everyone is welcome. There will be the usual toys, games, craft activities, baby area and snacks for the toddlers. Plus, homemade cake and teas and coffees for the grown ups.

This year, we will also be shaking things up on certain weeks by bringing out various additional activities including musical instruments, parachute games and the messy play tray, all to keep the toddlers on their toes!

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Worton and Marston Village Show 2023

We wish you all a very happy 2023 and encourage everyone to get growing, cooking and crafting. A quick reminder that our show is to be held on Saturday 2nd September.

This month can we focus on vegetables. You may think it too early but it is a good time to go through your half used seed packets to check what you have, what's in date and think about what you want to grow during the year. There are many seed catalogues about to look through. Garden centres will be full of displays. I think Wilko's are good too.

Most of the vegetables will be picked fresh for the show so will not be sown until early summer but two main classes to think about now are onions and potatoes.

To grow big onions, many people start by planting seeds now in modules. You can find special varieties of giant onions such as Kelsae. The seeds may need a bit of heat such as a windowsill to get started. Onions can be planted out from about March and will be harvested and stored before the show so you can pick out your best entries.

And keep an eye out for potato days. Pennard plants who are based near Shepton Mallet are one such nursery that holds events in village halls, some fairly local. Rather than buying a big bag, you can buy individual tubers. The nurseries will have many different varieties to choose from, all sorts of sizes and colours, some that you harvest early, others that can stay in the ground until autumn. We have two classes in the show, whites and coloured. You will find varieties that are meant to grow uniform crops so again you can choose potatoes that are of similar size for the show bench. Potatoes are traditionally planted on Good Friday.

More details regarding the schedule next month. We hope that by giving regular updates about the show, we can encourage you to take part. If you want further information, please get in touch.

Many thanks

Bill Francis, Show chair, 739986



Worton Parish Council

And so we reach the end of another year and, at last, we have at least one of the Speed Indicator devices up and working (fingers and toes crossed!). Cllr Powell provided us with a demonstration which was most impressive (particularly as we were inside the Village hall and thankfully without traffic!). It will take time to iron out the most effective way to use the SIDS and make best use of the data they provide. An immediate issue was insurance, which we have now solved and the practicality of securing the devices at the various sites. In practice this will mean that we won't be changing locations as often as we had intended.

We are now continuing with our mission to improve the traffic situation in Worton and have decided to prioritise the idea of widening the pavement which will be submitted to Devizes LHFIC in January. We will also be examining the possibility of improving road markings. We are also continuing to press for a review of the weight limit applicable to transport using the road through the village. This topic will be under review at County level next year and we will certainly contribute vigorously to the discussion.

Plans to plant trees sourced from the Woodland trust have moved a step forward with a new site on Sandlease bank being agreed on. We are very grateful to Oliver Sykes, the local resident who has worked so hard on the project and the Goss family who have been so supportive in facilitating and finding what looks like an excellent result. Public will get access to the trees and we will not lose any of the existing recreation area which, we hope, will get a new lease of life following the completion of the Sandlease Farm housing development.

The Council agreed the budget for 2022/2023. This will see a small increase in the Precept (in the region of 4%), but will be the first increase in four years. I'm sure residents will appreciate why this is necessary in view of the on-going financial background we all operate in, but we continue to try to use your money wisely and are very conscious of the need for sensible frugality and self-help.

With that in mind, the maintenance work carried out by Cllr Powell and his volunteer team is more important than ever. We are always appreciative of the support given, for example in relation to the re-

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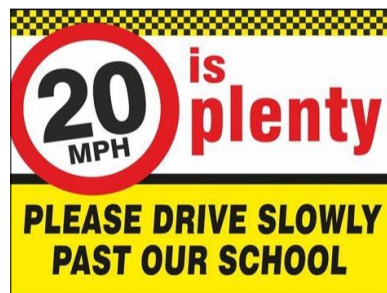
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placement of the damaged planter at the western end of the village, but more willing hands are always needed. One example is in relation to the two benches at Cuckold's Green and Cedar Close, which are in need of maintenance. When this was last done, they were removed to a resident's workshop. If and when this happens again, it could be an ideal time to possibly re-site one or both of the benches if there was sufficient support from residents. In this regard, it would be interesting to know what residents seek and to find out who currently use and appreciate the benches in their current locations before any potential re-siting happened. Please let myself or any of the other councillors know what you think.

There remains the on-going issue of finding a Parish Clerk. Whilst we have managed as best we can in the interim, this isn't a situation that can go on much longer. We may even need to bring in the Wiltshire equivalent of Jackie Weaver!

Seriously, whilst the role isn't right for everyone (and we appreciate the small number who have shown interest), we are frankly baffled that nobody has responded to the adverts we have placed. I have stressed what a good way this is to support your local community, it's also a rather good way to boost the family coffers in challenging times. The hours are very flexible and just about right to make it worthwhile without being onerous. The only fixed commitment is a meeting once a month, with August totally free. In addition, the pay rates are very fair, suitable support would be provided and possibly training if appropriate. Most of the role is carried out at home and easily fits in with other arrangements. I can assure you of a warm welcome and very friendly and harmonious group to work with. If you want to find out more, please contact myself at clerk@worton.org.uk, or Liz Starling at Finance@worton.org.uk

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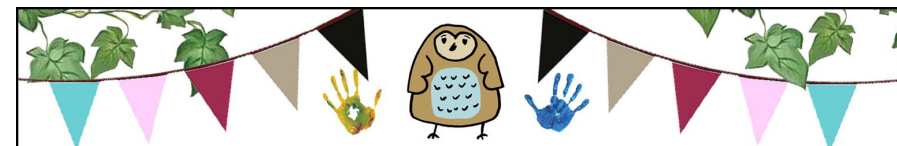
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BEER AND CAROLS outside at the Rose and Crown was a great evening of community spirit and the singing of well-known carols. Those spirits were not dampened by a little rain as people squeezed into the gazebo or put up umbrellas. Thanks to the two Johns for the music, Gary for being a great MC despite the jokes! Big thanks to Jackie and John for hosting the event and bringing out refreshments half-way through.

CAROLS AT MARSTON CHAPEL on the 11th had to be called off sadly as the snow had arrived and made travelling dangerous.

NEWCOMERS WELCOME PARTY will be on **FRIDAY JANUARY 27th at 7:30pm** in the Village Hall. If you moved into Worton or Marston during 2022 please phone the following numbers to check you are on our list. You will then receive an official ticket for your household to attend free of charge. Other villagers can also obtain tickets from the beginning of January.

Contact Jean Lane on 722069 or Heather Walker on 725785

These events and the Easter Walk and soup lunch are organised by the Family of Churches which is made up of representatives from Christ Church, Marston Chapel and in theory members of the Catholic community in the villages. We are in need of some Catholic representation at the moment. We only meet to plan events about 3 times a year (in the Pub!). We are also in need of a Treasurer, which again is a very small job. Please consider joining this small but friendly group so that these great village events can carry on. Please contact one of the above numbers if you want to know more.

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Worton and Marston Gardening Club

Following the club AGM in November I am delighted to take on the role of chairman of the club. Whilst I won't be able to match the inimitable style of Dave Loveys' lovely stories in The Bridge, I hope to continue to represent the club and give a flavour of what we are up to.

I am really looking forward to planning my vegetable plot this year with timely advice from Bill Francis in the form of a month by month column in The Bridge. I start the veg growing year full of enthusiasm and intent, however, I soon 'lose the plot' as I forget to do the next sowing, planting or preparation. Hoping for better things this year.

If you're out for a walk along Back Lane in Worton, there is a beautiful winter flowering Clematis on the hedge/ metal gate across from the back gate of Prince Hill House. Clematis Cirrhosa 'Freckles'. Always good to unexpectedly find something tough, hardy and beautiful in flower at this time of year.

Finally from me, we are a friendly group of people with varied interest and experience in gardening. We welcome everyone to our club. As our new gardening year starts again, we welcome new members either novice or experienced gardeners. Our Subs are a mere £8. We hope to see you at one of our meetings very soon. Our wide range of activities include talks, visits, quiz, BBQ; and also members get a discount when ordering seeds etc from Dobies..

Alison Parker aelparker@aol.com

Diary Dates

We are looking forward to our monthly gatherings again this year, doors open at 7:30, time for a cuppa and a catch up, meetings start at 8:00.

January 16th is our ever-popular fun Quiz evening, questions loosely based on gardens and gardening. All are welcome so bring friends and neighbours. Snacks provided, just bring along anything you want to drink - doors open 7:30.

Teams of up to 6 (can be organised on the night).

February 20th is a talk by our old friend Ray Broughton talking about planning borders for year round interest.

March 17th Sara Willman talks on growing flowers for cutting.

Sally Brooks svwood90@hotmail.com

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Big Improvements for Local NHS Provision in Devizes

Shortly before Christmas I enjoyed a visit to the new Devizes Integrated Care Centre in Marshall Road, Devizes to see the new facilities and hear about the services which will be offered from the brand new £10m NHS facility. The new Health Centre which will serve patients at the four Devizes area GP practices (St James', Lansdowne, Southbroom and Market Lavington) is the brainchild of Dr Richard Sandford-Hill, Senior Partner at Market Lavington and one he has championed, alongside other local healthcare professionals for many years. Dr Sandford-Hill together with former MP, Claire Perry, lobbied the NHS, and Ministers in Westminster to ensure that Devizes was one of the first towns in the region to secure the funding for a new Integrated Health Centre to complement the work of the local surgeries and as a modern fit-for-purpose base for healthcare services.

The new facility will open fully on 9 January 2023 and will accommodate the services formerly provided at Devizes Community Hospital alongside significantly increased primary care capacity, out of hospital urgent care services, enhanced extended hours services provision, and an expanded range of other health care services. Royal United Hospital Bath (RUH) is providing outpatient services including audiology, care of the elderly, paediatrics, rheumatology and urology. The Avon and Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership (AWP) will provide some of its mental health services from the new health centre. A summary of the services is below:

- Same day or next day medical care
- Physiotherapy
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- Pace and oxygen
- Dietetics
- Audiology
- Maternity
- Retinal screening
- Blood tests
- Neurology
- Urology
- Care of the elderly
- Memory & dementia services
- Mental health outpatient services

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One of the new enhancements is the provision of same-day, urgent GP appointments - if you need same day or next day care, you should call your usual GP surgery and the receptionist will book a telephone appointment with a clinician at the Devizes Health Centre and if needed, you will be offered an appointment at the health centre.

The new centre is in Marshall Road (SN10 3UF), adjacent to the existing Practice Plus Treatment Centre and is easy to get to by car, bus and cycle.

Tamara Reay, Wiltshire Councillor for Devizes Rural West.
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Potterne Youth Club Support Worker

Job Title: Youth Club Support Worker

Hours: up to 4-5 per week initially, to include max 2 evenings a week with occasional weekend or school holiday work

Location: Potterne Youth Club, 11b Silver Street Devizes SN10 5NQ

Salary: £15 per hour.

Pre-requisites: Candidate will need to be self-employed as the Charity is not scaled to employ staff at this time This role is subject to an Enhanced DBS along with relevant background reference checks, a probation period and potentially some additional mandatory training to enable the candidate to fulfil their responsibilities and general duties.

Job Purpose

Provide a range of holistic support for young people aged 5-17 who attend Potterne Youth Club, creating a safe, fun, appealing environment for young people. Although the target age group is wide, more focus is desired for the 11-17 year bracket due to the lack of other provision for this age group within the village and the lack of volunteers who feel confident in enabling sessions for this age range. Therefore, the desire is that a 80/20% split of time is allocated accordingly.

Key duties:

- Recruit, co-ordinate and manage volunteers to support regular sessions and initiatives in support of Potterne Youth Club aims and values. Regular sessions as a minimum should be 75 minutes weekly children aged 5-11-years and 2 hours weekly for teens aged 11-17 years. Both sessions have previously been held on Wednesday evenings.
- Provide information, advice and guidance and supported signposting to specialist services and agencies when appropriate for young people and families.
- Assist in building custodian duties (opening/ (continued on next page)

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closing the club, basic checks and stock levels)

- Monitor and promote appropriate communication on the Potterne Youth club Facebook site to support regular sessions, bespoke events, and fundraising activities. Additionally promote suitable content which would be of interest to the youth club audience.
- Maintain the established policies for the Youth Club (health and safety, security safeguarding, data protection, dignity at work and lone working). Facilitate basic training to meet these with the support of Community First staff.
- Work collaboratively with the Youth Club Committee and support all volunteer staff in their roles.

If you are interested, please email Ash Wilson on a.a.greenwood@googlemail.com to ask any further questions or to request an application form and full job description

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

We held our Christmas Bazaar in early December for the first time since 2019. Jeff and I were both ill so couldn't attend but we were told that it was successful and that all who attended had a very good time. We hope this is so.

Our first event of 2023 is Village Halls Week - January 23rd to 29th. This is a time for Halls to welcome their communities to pop in and share some time together. In order to celebrate this Trustees plan to hold a coffee morning on Monday January 23rd 11am til 12.30pm and a soup lunch on Thursday 26th 12pm -2pm. We would love to see you at one or both of these.

And don't forget the Newcomers Party on the 27th.

Trustees will be meeting in January to plan events for the rest of the year so if you have any ideas or would like to run an event at the Hall, do get in touch.

And finally, HAPPY NEW YEAR to you all.

Veronica, Chair of Trustees

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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our supporters from everyone at the club!

Committee

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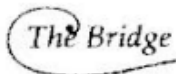
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The world is passing through troubled times

Modern society can appear to be very depressing.

So many events leave the individual feeling helpless and hopeless. The frequent breakdown of traditional family and community values leaves many relationships seeming very fragile. Marriages today end with apparent ease, whilst parents and children spend their time arguing and building up resentment. No generation seems to respect its elders. Greed and self-interest can dominate the lives of people.

I read with surprise the following:

"The world is passing through troubled times. The young people of today think of nothing but themselves. They have no reverence for parents or old age; they are impatient of all restraint; they talk as if they alone knew everything, and what passes for wisdom with us is foolishness with them. As for the girls, they are foolish and immodest and unwomanly in speech, behaviour and dress."

The writer ? - Peter the Hermit. The date ? - 1274.

How things don't change ! Maybe there is a future.

My best wishes to you all for 1993.

Paul Wilkinson

TRIALS and TEMPTATIONS

We all have trials and temptations
Some are easier to bear
What about the really hard ones
Those we dare not even share
With our loved ones or relations
Who believe that we're sincere
Will they stand by us and give help
If only with a word of cheer
A trouble shared is halved they say
But who is there to care
Enough to listen to those troubles
Take them to the Lord in prayer
He is always there and ready
To answer in his own way
Why not try and contact Him
And why not start to-day,
The New Year is a good time
To turn over a new leaf
And vow to be a better person
No more causing others grief.

I. Hale

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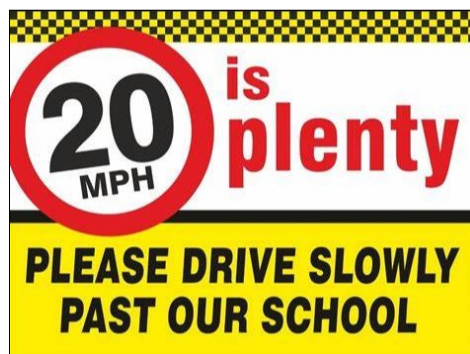
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- **Pilates classes**
Thursdays 7pm-8pm & 8pm-9pm
- **Ladies Group**
Last Wednesday (not Aug/Dec)
- **Women's Institute**
2nd Tuesday 7.45pm
- **Worton Toddler Group**
Wednesday 10.00 am - Noon
- **1st Worton & Marston Brownies**
Tuesdays 6pm-7.30pm
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