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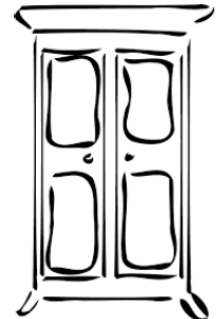
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# THE BRIDGE

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## Advance notice:

The distributors of The Bridge will be collecting the annual subscription when they hand out the March edition of the magazine. As we all use much less cash than we used to, please can you set aside **£4** in advance so that it is ready for them.

(We have had to put the price up from £3 a year to help cover the increased cost of paper and printing).

Many thanks.

## NEWCOMERS' WELCOME PARTY 2023

All being well this will have happened at the end of January and a report will be put in the March Bridge. We hope everyone had a good evening. As has been explained before, this event is organised by the FAMILY OF CHURCHES here (with a lot of help from other villagers!) and this very small committee is in urgent need of more members. Ideally we would like representation from the Catholic community here. We also need a Treasurer which is a VERY SMALL JOB. Please give me a ring if you might be interested.

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## Pastoral Letter

### Maureen's Ramblings

I love reading. I will need to live until I am 150 to read all the books on my shelves and Kindle! And my TBR pile gets bigger and bigger because I can't stop adding to it! I particularly enjoy getting so engrossed in a novel that I forget to get up/go to sleep/work/do anything else – because I need to know the ending! But how incredibly disappointing when the ending is not what I wanted. Seriously?! Where's the justice?! Where's the happily ever after?! I hate it when things end without a good and reasoned conclusion.

But isn't this true to life? Unanticipated, sudden and unpredictable endings can be so intensely frustrating and difficult. In life there are no rewrites; the story is over when the story is over and we probably won't get to decide how it ends.

It is two years ago this month that my dear friend Anne died. This ending wasn't what we had planned, expected or wanted. Anyone who has experienced a loss of any kind, through death, divorce, loss of health, unemployment or infertility, etc already knows the "this is not how it was supposed to end" feeling.

After a loss we face many challenges. We step into new roles; we face unprepared-for changes; we reorder our lives and expectations. We hope above all that, along the way, we'll find strength, joy, purpose and happiness again and that, on most days, we'll like the person we've become. It's hard work – adjusting, reframing, and rethinking our lives – but finding balance and a new sense of self is possible.

The church begins its journey through Lent on Ash Wednesday this month (22<sup>nd</sup>). The word "Lencten" means "Spring!" It is a time of "new" beginnings in our faith, and a renewed joy of God walking alongside us. It's like the anticipated excitement of beginning a new book; it's the child-like delight at the prospect of new life re-emerging from the cold earth; the tedious grey-ness of winter gently being shouldered aside by the beautiful blossom on the trees and the bright colours of the emerging crocus. The evenings get longer and the sky seems to be filled with bird song. In the face of unexpected endings there is something about the spring that

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makes me feel optimistic about life and lifts my heart from the spiritual winter I have been living through.

Spring excites us because it is so full of promise. It whispers that, though summer has not yet arrived, winter, and the grey, cold, sadness of loss is passing. The random green shoots prepare us for the tide of green to come; the apple blossom tells us to get ready for the off; the bird song reminds us of the long warm evenings to come and of new life. Lent is a beginning that, like the best books, is full of promise. We don't know how the next ending will be, but we will keep on living (and reading) with hope.

*The Revd. Maureen Allchin. Retired priest*

### St Barnabas Church Easterton Christmas Tree Festival 2022

The results for the 2022 Christmas Tree Festival were:-

Judges vote: No9 The Tuesday Club with *Away in a Manger*

Public Vote: No6 The Community Choir with *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*

The Carols depicted were:-

1. The Guides: *The Holly and the Ivy*
2. Trinity Church: *We Three Kings*
3. Easterton Village Hall: *In the Bleak Mid-Winter*
4. Sewing Bee: *Oh Christmas Tree*
5. Museum: *12 Days of Christmas*
6. Community Choir: *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*
7. W.I: *While Shepherds Watched*
8. St Barnabas School: *Away in a Manger*
9. The Tuesday Club: *Away in a Manger*

A huge thank you to all those who contributed, your imaginative trees and support helped to make the event a tremendous success and enabled us to raise nearly £400 for church funds.

A special thank you to Karl Wiltshire at Wiltshire Wealth Management for his kind donation and raffle prizes.

Watch this space for further information about next year's theme.

<b>SERVICE CALENDAR</b>
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<b>FEBRUARY</b>
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<b>Sun Feb 5<sup>th</sup></b>	3 <sup>RD</sup> BEFORE LENT 9.30am	CHRIST CHURCH Holy Communion  <i>MARSTON CHAPEL</i> <i>No Service</i>
<b>Sun Feb 12<sup>th</sup></b>	2 <sup>ND</sup> BEFORE LENT 9.30am  6.00pm	CHRIST CHURCH Morning Praise  <i>MARSTON CHAPEL</i> <i>Rev G Gotham</i>
<b>Sun Feb 19<sup>th</sup></b>	NEXT BEFORE LENT 9.30am	CHRIST CHURCH Holy Communion  <i>MARSTON CHAPEL</i> <i>No Service</i>
<b>Sun Feb 26<sup>th</sup></b>	LENT 1 9.30am  6.00pm	CHRIST CHURCH Family Service  <i>MARSTON CHAPEL</i> <i>Rev G Gotham</i>

<b>MARCH</b>
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<b>Sun Mar 5<sup>th</sup></b>	LENT 2 9.30am	CHRIST CHURCH Holy Communion  <i>MARSTON CHAPEL</i> <i>TBC</i>
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The Baptism of Ezra Vine took place at Christ Church in December 2022.
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**FEBRUARY**

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> (3<sup>rd</sup> before Lent)**

8am	Holy Communion	Potterne
9:30am	Matins	Poulshot
9:30am	Holy Communion	Worton
11am	Morning Praise	Bulkington
11am	Holy Communion	Seend

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> before Lent)**

9:30am	Morning Praise	Bulkington
9:30am	Morning Praise	Worton
9:30am	Holy Communion	Poulshot
11am	Holy Communion	Potterne
4pm	Evensong	Seend

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> (Sunday before Lent)**

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Seend
9:30am	Holy Communion	Poulshot
9:30am	Holy Communion	Worton
11am	Morning Praise	Potterne
11am	Holy Communion	Bulkington

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>**

5pm	Celtic Meditative Service	Poulshot
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**Friday 24<sup>th</sup>**

3:30pm	Messy Church	Potterne Village Hall
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**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> (Lent 1)**

9:30am Family Service Worton  
 11am Holy Communion Potterne  
 11am Holy Communion Seend  
 4pm Holy Communion Bulkington  
 4pm Evensong Poulshot

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**Church Registers**

**Baptisms**

Ezra Vine on 4<sup>th</sup> December at Christ Church, Worton.

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## From Christ Church:

December, as usual, was a busy month at Christ Church.

As part of the Family of Churches, the Beer and Carols was held at the Rose and Crown, many thanks to the two Johns on the Music, Gary the MC and to Jackie and John for their excellent hospitality.

Five Lanes school held their Christmas Nativity event in church and the Toddlers group enjoyed their morning making decorations, decorating the tree, and hearing the Christmas story.

Then..... we had problems with the heating on the coldest week for a long time! We had two services and our Community Café with no heating but the congregations and those who attended the Café morning were very loyal and sympathetic, for which we thank them very much. Many thanks to John Lane for the enormous amount of time he spent with Simon Church, and the SSE who diagnosed and rectified the fault in the supply into church. We are warm again now!

Just in case you missed it, the winner of the wonderful hamper donated by Karl Wiltshire, of Wiltshire Wealth Management was Alison Cross, and the second prize was won by Sylvia Parry. Lovely goodies for Christmas! The raffle made £149.00 towards much needed church funds along with £83.00 from the Community café and other donations.

It was good to have the Carol Service back again, after a two year break due to Covid. Thank you to all who took part in readings and preparations.

Thank you, also, to Margaret and team for the wonderful flowers, not just at Christmas but all through the year, and to all those behind the scenes who support us and keep the church and services up and running so well.

We are now having a regular Family Service on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month, next one 26<sup>th</sup> February, a very informal service, with activities for children and some social time after the service.

Heather and Jean  
Churchwardens

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## Worton and Marston Garden Club

What is special at this time of year is how each small change in the garden is so noticeable; and whilst it may be the middle of winter, and it's wet, windy and chilly, Spring is not far away. Today, January 14<sup>th</sup>, I have picked a few of the glorious Hellebores just coming into flower in my garden. You only need 5 for a lovely display. Nip the flowers off close to the top of the stem and float them in a saucer of water to truly appreciate each one with different markings and colours. If you feel there's not enough winter interest in your garden from evergreen shrubs, grasses or early flowers then our Garden Club talk on Monday February 20<sup>th</sup> is all about planting borders for year-round interest. All are welcome.

Commemorative Tree - We have bought a beautiful Crab Apple tree, Malus Rosehip, to be planted near the bench alongside the path leading from Worton to Marston. The tree has lovely bark, beautiful spring blossom and rosy red crab apples which last well into autumn which will be good for wildlife. The club has some funds available for use in community projects and we felt it was an appropriate way to commemorate Queen Elizabeth II. As such, a plaque will be placed beside it.

Village Show Craft Section - This year we have extended the classes for Crafts as there are so many talented people making a huge range of lovely items in our community. Bill has described the classes in this month's article about the Village Show to enable people to have time to plan and produce such items. This is the show for all of the village and all residents are invited to participate.

NGS Gardens Open - For those of you keen to get out and see some lovely winter gardens and snowdrops, very soon the NGS Wiltshire County Booklet will be available and I will have some available. Meantime you can check on the website [www.ngs.org.uk](http://www.ngs.org.uk) and search by county. You can also follow Wiltshire NGS on Facebook and Instagram.

Alison Parker [aelparker@aol.com](mailto:aelparker@aol.com)

Diary Dates (Doors open at 7:30pm, in time for meetings starting at 8:00pm).  
**February 20<sup>th</sup>** is a talk by our old friend Ray Broughton talking about planning borders for year-round interest.

**March 20<sup>th</sup>** Sara Willman talks on growing flowers for cutting.

**April 17<sup>th</sup>** Paul Jupp Talk on a Meadow in My Garden

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### Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir

After reading the last edition of The Bridge, I would like to point out a misunderstanding in the Parish Council article. It states that one of the 2 bench seats is at Cuckolds Green. Cuckolds Green is in fact in Potterne whereas the seat is actually at Turnpike which is part of the history of Worton.

Yours

Roger Wilshire

### Youth Action Wiltshire

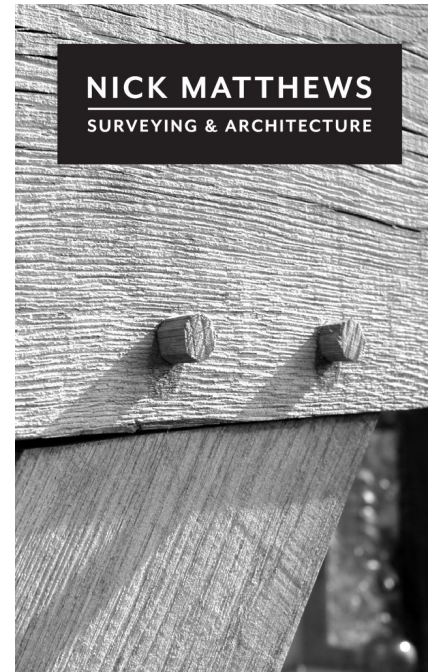
Thank you to everyone who kindly purchased our Wiltshire Young Carers Service charity cards from The Rose and Crown during December. Your support is very much appreciated and raised a fantastic £78 for the charity. This money will go towards providing fun respite activities for young people aged 5-19 who have a significant caring responsibility at home.

Unfortunately one of our minibuses, which we use to transport young carers to activities, has become too old to use and has had to be scrapped. We are now focussing our fundraising efforts on getting enough money together to purchase a replacement minibus. If anyone has any contacts in the minibus world please do get in touch. Alternatively, if you would like to donate to this appeal you can do this by visiting the following link: <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/yaw-minibus>

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Regards

Dawn Whiting



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The Toddlers have been having a lovely time this month, playing in the village hall and getting creative with their craft activities. We received some toy donations, with which the children have really enjoyed playing. We have also been having fun making a ball pit in the baby play pen. And, of course, we have all been munching on lots of delicious, homemade cake. Visit our Facebook page 'Worton Toddlers' for lots of cute photos.

If you would like to get involved, we are looking for helpers (who will be paid in cake)! If you can volunteer any time, whether it be every week or just once a month, please do contact me, Greta, on 07713 640912.

## Village Hall News

First of all, Trustees would like to thank those villagers who made kind donations to the Kitchen Fund over the Christmas period. The fundraising continues (slowly) and we have two grant applications being submitted in the next couple of months.

Trustees have met recently to plan events at the Hall in 2023. It is your Village Hall and we would therefore like to encourage all of you to come along to some or all of these. To this aim we have tried to cater for all ages and interests and have tried to plan something for most months. Details are:

### January

#### **Village Halls Week** (January 23<sup>rd</sup> to January 27<sup>th</sup>)

During this period we are holding two events, both of which are free. Although any donations will be gratefully accepted, there is no obligation to contribute. The first is a **coffee morning** to be held on **Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> 11am - 12.30pm**. We will be serving coffee, tea and best of all cake!!

The second will be held on **Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup> 12noon until 2pm** and is a **soup lunch**.

These events might have passed depending on when you receive your Bridge but they were in last month's so hopefully you have attended and enjoyed if so.

### February

On **Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup>** we are planning to hold a **Jigsaw swap and games afternoon** at the Hall **2pm-4pm**. We will have plenty of jigsaws for people to take away and you can bring any that you have finished with for others to take away. In addition, we will provide games for all ages to play during the afternoon, for example Scrabble, Snakes and Ladders and Rummicub. This will be a warm space for you to come to and enjoy some fun with family and/or neighbours. There will also be tea, coffee, squash and cake. Again, this is a free event with donations accepted for the refreshments.

### March

We are planning to hold the, now traditional, **Jumble Sale** on **Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup> 2pm to 4pm**. We hope you will come

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along and grab a bargain, or several, but we can't do it without your donations. So we are asking you to bring any good quality, clean clothes, bric-a-brac or books to the Hall on **Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup> 4pm to 7pm**. The entrance to the Jumble Sale will be £1 for adults, children free.

#### April

On **April 1<sup>st</sup>** we plan to hold a **Family Bingo** afternoon at **2.30pm**. This is an experiment because we have been asked about the possibility of families bringing children to the evening bingo events we have held in the past. Because we sell alcohol at these it is not possible to have children present, so this gives everyone a chance to come along and enjoy a game (no alcohol but tea, coffee, squash and cake). **Tickets will be £5 for adults and will include a card for each game. Children will have free entrance.**

#### May

We hope to hold an afternoon tea on the day of the Coronation (**6<sup>th</sup> May at 3.30pm**). More on this when we know more details of the Coronation timetable.

And that is as far as we have got. We look forward to seeing you at these events. If you have any ideas about what you would like to see at the Hall or if you would like to organise an event to raise funds for the kitchen, please get in touch with me on 07593 832481. Thanks.

Veronica Franklin, Chair of Trustees

### **Marston Parish Council**

[www.marstonpc.co.uk](http://www.marstonpc.co.uk)

The Parish Council website is now live and information will be added to it over the next weeks. The new email contact addresses for members are on the website. The contact email for the Clerk is now: [clerk@marstonpc.co.uk](mailto:clerk@marstonpc.co.uk).

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### Worton & Marston Link


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## ECO-CORNER

### Plastics are again on the Eco-agenda

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In January 2023, plastics are back on the agenda. Having already banned the sale of plastic straws, stirrers and cotton buds in England in its fight against single use plastic waste, the Government is now expected to announce the phasing out of the use of single-use plastic cutlery, plates and polystyrene cups, to be replaced by biodegradable alternatives. It is also thought to be looking at wet wipes and tobacco filters among other single-use plastics.

A spokesperson for The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) said:” We are determined to go further and faster to reduce, reuse and recycle more of our resources in order to transform our waste industry and deliver on our commitments in the ambitious 25-year environment plan.”

Environmental groups have welcomed this initiative and, as we’ve said in the past, each of us can choose not to use products containing plastic and purchase sustainable alternatives instead. As consumers, we can also look to make manufacturers change the way they produce by changing the way we consume.

Hoping that our 2023 will be as plastics-free as possible!

Anne Wilson [mrsannewilson@gmail.com](mailto:mrsannewilson@gmail.com) and  
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## Worton and Marston Village Show 2023

We have done more work on the schedule and hope to have it finished next month. But for the "crafters" (is that a word?) out there, we have gone from four to six classes in the craft section which are:-

- 84. A handmade Greeting Card. Max size A5 Theme "Congratulations"
- 85. A Painting - any medium
- 86. An item of decorative Needlework
- 87. An example of hand knitting or crochet
- 88. An item made of wood, ceramic or metal
- 89. An example of a sewn textile including patchwork

There will be further guidance within the schedule but I hope this gives you a chance to start thinking about what you can create.

We have made a few changes in the home produce section too. We are taking out the Victoria sponge and replacing it with a coffee and walnut cake. We will give more details next month. However it is Seville orange season coming up so get ready to make your marmalade. The oranges freeze well if you want to make some later in the summer.

Good crafting and good cooking

On behalf of the Committee

Bill Francis, Show chair, 739986



### **FEBRUARY BOOK SWAP**

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## Worton Parish Council

Tom Sheppard, representing Newland Homes attended our January meeting in order to clarify things and answer questions ahead of the deadline for comments on the Sandlease Housing Development which is moving to the latest stage of planning consultation process.

I am pleased to report that, as we have become accustomed, discussion was amicable and constructive. Your Parish Council has made no objections, but we have made a number of comments following forensic examination of a huge range of data and detail. These were all intended to produce the best result for all concerned but with the interests of the whole community at their heart. Largely these points relate to fine details and included potential drainage issues, parking provision etc.

An important issue for us is the detail of how the process of allocation of affordable housing will be managed. We are determined that the village residents and their families will have priority in the process, with the Parish Council having a central role. This has been the intention expressed by the parties involved but we are determined to hold them to their word!

It should be noted that, even though we understand the ongoing concerns about the access issues linked to the new development, the planning process has moved beyond that and raising the issue again would be fruitless. We are rather disposed to work as closely with Newland as we can in order to gain the maximum benefits that we can secure for the whole village community. Signs continue to be positive in this respect.

An update on SIDS (Speed Indicator Devices). One set should be up and running by the time you read this. The main reason for delay has been testing out the software and determining the best way to deploy and use the devices. Once we have tested out a device in practice, the second one will be put into action as well. Their location will move within the village periodically. The SIDS will be operated by the Parish

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Council and Speedwatch team working together.

I have previously shared ideas which have been considered with regard to improving the traffic concerns that have been raised consistently by residents. Obviously any proposal will raise issues of practicability and funding implications. At this stage we are simply sharing ideas which we can present to the Devizes LHFIFG (Local Highway and Footway Improvement Groups) who represent the most likely source of practical and financial support. They and their predecessor, CATG (Community Area Transport Group), have supported us with the SIDS project and change of speed limit. At this stage, specific details have not been entered into but we are well aware that issues and concerns will arise. However, it's important to get our ideas on the table as support is obviously limited and can take considerable time to come to fruition.

I have become aware of concerns about car parking and access in Sandlease. We have every sympathy and have done our best to share and support residents' concerns. However, it's important to recognise that the Parish Council has very limited power in many situations and, whilst we will always listen and advise as best we can, there may be very little we can actually do to fix the problem. Please remember that the MyWiltshire portal <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywilts-online-reporting> is there for individual residents to use to raise concerns and is likely to be the most effective way to "get things done" more speedily.

Unfortunately, there appears to have been a spate of burglaries in recent weeks, especially in outbuildings. Hopefully this trend has died down for the time being, but as Shaw Taylor used to say "Keep 'em peeled"!

Finally, again, I'm making an appeal for someone to take on the role of clerk. The hours are generally flexible and easy to fit into other routines and responsibilities. It's a chance to get to see how proper local government works and would be an excellent way to build a CV for anyone interested in a career

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## Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

The council's current household waste management strategy follows the waste hierarchy, aiming to **reduce, reuse and recycle** as much as possible, while dealing with residual waste in the most sustainable way currently available. The council has two landfill diversion contracts in place to help manage its residual waste and very little, if any, Wiltshire household residual waste is sent to landfill, and so any food waste present is used to contribute to the generation of energy or processing into a fuel.

You may have seen in other local authorities and indeed overseas, weekly or bi-weekly doorstep food waste collections. Wiltshire Council's current waste strategy is to not provide a separate collection of food waste as the provision of such a system would be prohibitively expensive to implement and operate across the large rural county. The current strategy prioritises working with residents to reduce the amount of food that they waste in the first instance, helping families to not waste money, and by continuing to offer subsidised home food waste digesters. Wiltshire Council has teamed up with Great Green Systems to offer Wiltshire residents discounted food waste composters, called a Green Johanna. These "hot composters" are available for only £60 (discounted from £129.99). More information is online at [Reducing your waste and composting - Wiltshire Council](#)

However, the Government has consulted widely on proposed policy which would mandate consistency in household and business recycling collections in England. This is expected to include the mandatory introduction of weekly food waste collections by 2025.

All of the council's kerbside collected recyclables are managed by Hills at a Materials Recycling Facility at Sands farm, Calne. The council benefits from a 79% share of the income generated from the sale of materials collected through the kerbside recycling service. During the six months April to Sept '22, this realised £2.24m in income, as recycling commodity prices were particularly strong during the first part of the year. However, increasing levels of contamination can result in downgraded prices paid, or material being rejected. Residents can help improve recycling rates, and ultimately reduce the cost of managing waste to the council taxpayer by ensuring that:

- Only recyclables are put into blue bins – sadly all too often bags of general waste and nappies find their way into the blue bins;

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- Flexible or soft plastics, such as bread bags, packaging film and carrier bags cannot be recycled through the blue-bin scheme – people should place these in their residual waste bins where the waste is used to generate energy, or alternatively take to a local supermarket if they have facilities to collect them for recycling;
- Packing materials in cardboard boxes (such as polystyrene). This can't be recycled so we recommend that non-card packing materials are put into the residual waste
- Wrapping paper - only paper wrapping paper can be recycled. To check if wrapping paper is made of paper, people can use the "scrunch test". Scrunch the paper and if it stays in a ball, it can be recycled in your blue-lidded bin;
- Scrap metals – large biscuit tins can be recycled, but large car parts cannot!

Wiltshire Council has recently introduced a kerbside battery collection service. People can now leave most small household batteries for recycling (as long as they are not leaking) including D, C, AA, AAA, 9V and button-type batteries and these should be placed on top of blue-lidded bins in a sealed, transparent plastic bag ready for collection. Every year hundreds of fires at waste facilities across the country are linked to batteries thrown out in the bin. People can help to prevent fires and keep staff safe by only disposing of batteries using the new kerbside collection service or at battery collection points at locations such as supermarkets.

Finally, I would like to thank residents across Devizes Rural West for everything you do to reduce the impact on the environment and the cost of managing waste to Council Taxpayers. More detailed information is online at [Rubbish and recycling - Wiltshire Council](#)

Tamara Reay, Wiltshire Councillor for Devizes Rural West.  
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Advance notice March 29<sup>th</sup> we have a lady giving a talk from Bath Cats and Dogs Home.

Anyone wishing to join our group, please come along to the village hall at 8pm on the last Wednesday of the month; you would be most welcome. Alternatively, please contact me on 01380 726679.

Pam Woods



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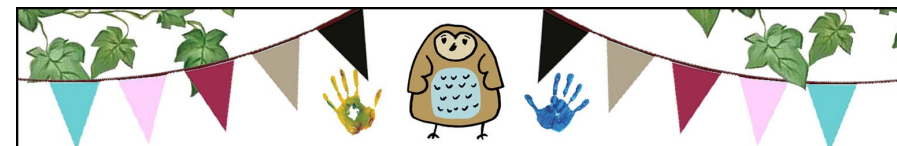
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They have put together a programme for the afternoon which combines the 'late great' composers Beethoven and Dvorak, with short works by two female composers, Gabriela Lena Frank, and Lili Boulanger. Frank is Peruvian/American, and a giant of the contemporary US classical music scene, who as well as being mixed race Latina, has also overcome serious hearing loss. Lili Boulanger, a child prodigy, died in 1918 at the tragically early age of 24 having already demonstrated a genius which would have ranked her among the greats of 20<sup>th</sup> century composition.

The concert starts at 2.30pm in Edington Priory Church, and we hope you will stay on afterwards for tea and cake, and the chance to chat to these three sparky and very talented musicians.

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### **Job Purpose**

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### **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.

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- Assist in building custodian duties (opening/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.

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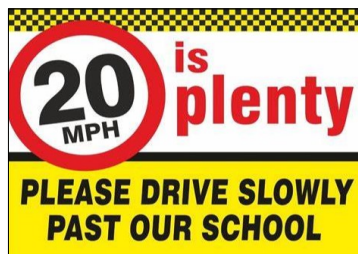
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## GOOD MANNERS

Please and Thank You, two little words  
So seldom used today  
Yet what a wealth of meaning  
Those same two words convey  
Give us today our daily bread  
Is in our Father's prayer  
But Grace before a meal is not  
The usual sort of fare  
Good manners and politeness  
Should be taught when very young  
And we should set examples  
To see that this is done  
The home of course is the best place  
To teach and show today  
That a little love and kindness  
Can go a long, long way.

*I. Hale*

### The biggest crisis for the Church of England since the Reformation...

...is the way the result of the vote on the Ordination of Women to the Priesthood has been described.

The Bishops met in January and proposed a scheme for oversight by bishops for those congregations that find the result of the vote unacceptable. There is still a long way to go to find a way through to a satisfactory arrangement.

In order that views may be expressed by local people the Bishop of Salisbury has arranged to meet lay people only at St John's Church Hall, Long Street, Devizes from 7.30pm to 9.30pm on Friday, March 5th.

Please attend if you hold views that you think necessary for the Bishop to hear.

*Paul Wilkinson.*

## VILLAGE DIARY

### Regular Meetings

#### In the Village Hall

- **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**  
Tuesdays 6pm-7.30pm
- **Potterne Rainbows**  
Tuesdays 4.45pm-5.45pm
- **Worton Parish Council Meeting**  
1st Monday (not Aug) or as shown on notice boards

#### In the Chapel at Marston

- **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 27<sup>th</sup> February

Call Wiltshire Library Services  
on 01225 713727 for information

### Forthcoming Events

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ladies Group
- 11<sup>th</sup> Book Swap
- 14<sup>th</sup> WI meeting
- 16<sup>th</sup> Crafty
- 20<sup>th</sup> Gardening

### Kerbside Collections in February

**Black box, and plastic  
and card recycling:**  
Tuesdays 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>

**Household waste:**  
Thursdays 2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>

**Garden waste:**  
Fridays 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>



### Worton and Marston Link

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

**Call W&M Link  
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