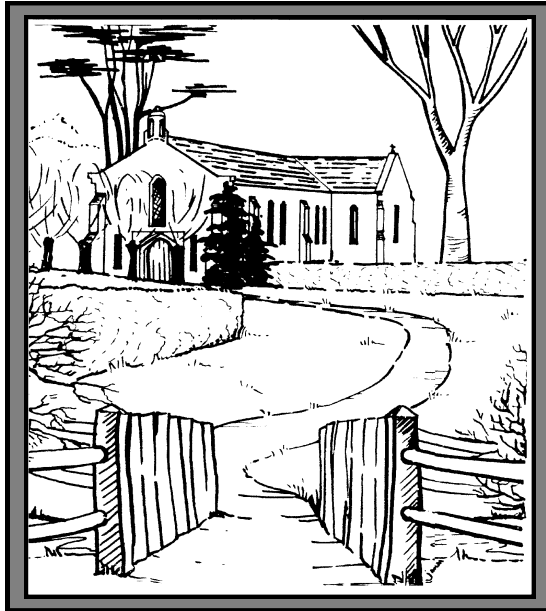


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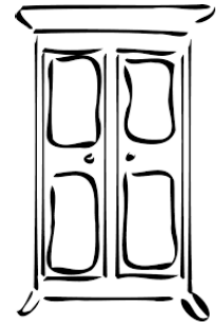
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# THE BRIDGE

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## FAMILY OF CHURCHES in Worton and Marston

This small group is represented by members of Christ Church and the Methodist/URC Chapel in Marston at the moment. It would be ideal if we had at least one member of the **Catholic Community** in our villages to join us. Only about four very short meetings a year to plan New-comers' Welcome Party, Good Friday walk and lunch, sometimes a summer outdoor event, carols in the Chapel and Beer and Carols at the Rose and Crown. Please consider very seriously if you might be just the person we need! Call Jean on 722069.

On **GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 7<sup>th</sup>**, we will meet at Marston Chapel for a short service at **11:00am**, walk to the Village Hall via Christ Church, erect the cross, and return to Christ Church for home-made soups and rolls and a great time of chat. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Jean Lane

## Christ Church Worton & Marston APCM

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting for the parish of Christ Church Worton & Marston will take place on **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 11:00am (approx.)**, following the 9:30am service.

The meeting will include election of Churchwardens and Parochial Church Council (PCC) members, as well as information and updates about the work of the church, the upkeep of the church and grounds and the church's financial situation.



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## Pastoral Letter

We all have our unique goodbyes - times of parting after we have lost someone or something that gave our lives meaning and value.

This month we will celebrate Easter when Jesus prepared his disciples for his death. The way that Jesus says farewell to the disciples helps them take hold of their new life and new relationship with him. It helps them to adapt to the change that this will make to their lives. The fellowship they had shared with him would be no more, so he offers them comfort. There will be no more intimate conversation with Jesus as they wrestle with understanding him and his mission. Now it is their opportunity to work out their own salvation and to discover that God is at work in them. He takes the time to say goodbye so that they may be Easter people with the hope of resurrection and eternal life that he has prepared for them.

After his death and resurrection on the road to Emmaus, two people felt their hearts to be strangely warmed in an hour of empty coldness. Then at a table they met their risen Lord. There they said goodbye to one dream, but began to embrace the possibility of a more profound reality. Aware of resources that, in anguish, they had forgotten, they start to claim the resurrection first his, then theirs. They then began a task that changed this world. A task that has been handed over to us to continue.

Saying hello and goodbye is an integral part of human existence, the necessity of change in order to have growth, and the need to let go before one can truly move on. As a follower of Christ I have discovered that hello always follows goodbye in some form if we allow it. There is, or can be, new life, change is inevitable, although it will be different from the life we knew before. The resurrection of Jesus and the promise of God are too strong to have it be any other way.

This month it is with great sadness and a heavy heart that I am saying goodbye to my role as Rector of the Wellsprings Benefice. I'm not good at saying goodbyes especially when it's not something I want to do. This is a role that I felt called to, that I have loved, and is not something that I thought would come to an end after 5 years of being here. But sometimes we are asked to lay things down and that God knows what is best for us to flourish.

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Since my cancer diagnosis 2 years ago and because of my ongoing condition and treatment, I can no longer serve in the way I would want to, so have taken early retirement on grounds of ill-health.

Thankfully there will be an opportunity for saying goodbye. My last service will be at St Mary's Potterne on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April at 11am.

I would love to see you there. Please come and celebrate as we give thanks for those we have lived, worshipped and shared life with here for these past 5 years - the many people, places and communities whose fellowship has enriched, encouraged and taught us so much. If you are unable to make it and we don't get to see you before we leave, we send our love and sincere thanks for everything.

*Rev Ali and Stu Bridewell*

### Holy Week and Easter in Worton & Marston

#### **PALM SUNDAY – 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

#### **9:30am Holy Communion**

Led by the Bishop of Ramsbury, The Right Reverend Dr Andrew Rumsey

#### **HOLY WEEK**

#### **Compline and Ignatian Prayer**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 7:30pm at St Mary's Church, Potterne

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April, 7:30pm at Christ Church, Worton

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April, 7:30pm at Christ Church, Bulkington



#### **Maundy Thursday – 6<sup>th</sup> April**

7:30pm Holy Communion followed by The Watch of Prayer at St Peter's Church, Poulshot. This will be preceded, at 6:30pm, by the Last Supper.

#### **Good Friday – 7<sup>th</sup> April**

#### **Walk of witness and soup lunch**

11:00am Short service at Marston Chapel followed by walk to Christ Church, Worton for a soup lunch (if you don't wish to walk, join us for lunch at 12:00pm)



#### **EASTER DAY**

#### **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April**

9:30am Holy Communion at Christ Church, Worton followed by Easter Egg Hunt and refreshments



The Churchwardens of the parishes of  
Seend, Bulkington, Poulshot, Potterne and Worton & Marston  
in the Devizes Deanery

invite you to the celebration and leaving service of

**The Reverend Alison Bridewell**

within the Wellsprings Benefice by the Bishop of Ramsbury,  
The Right Reverend Andrew Rumsey on

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 11am**

**in the parish church of St Mary's, Potterne, SN10 5NF**

During this service we will celebrate and give thanks for all we have shared together as Rev Ali prepares to leave the Benefice. Please continue to pray for Ali as she lays down her ministry in this place to begin a new stage of life and discipleship in Salisbury.

Rev Ali says...." *Please come and celebrate as we give thanks for those we have lived, worshipped and shared life with here for these past 5 years – the many people, places and communities whose fellowship has enriched, encouraged and taught us so much.*"

Parking will be available in the Old School playground.  
Refreshments will be served in the church after the service.

RSVP to Benefice Administrator on 07516 224057  
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<b>SERVICE CALENDAR</b>
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<b>APRIL</b>
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<b>Sunday April 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	PALM SUNDAY 9.30am	CHRIST CHURCH Holy Communion <i>MARSTON CHAPEL</i> <i>TBC</i>
<b>Tuesday April 4<sup>th</sup></b>	7.30pm	CHRIST CHURCH Compline and Ignatian Prayer
<b>Sunday April 9<sup>th</sup></b>	EASTER SUNDAY 9.30am	CHRIST CHURCH Holy Communion <i>MARSTON CHAPEL</i> <i>TBC</i>
<b>Sunday April 16<sup>th</sup></b>	EASTER 2	CHRIST CHURCH No Service-Benefice Service is at Potterne (10.00am) <i>MARSTON CHAPEL</i> <i>TBC</i>
<b>Sunday April 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	EASTER 3 9.30am	CHRIST CHURCH Family Service. <i>MARSTON CHAPEL</i> <i>TBC</i>
<b>Sunday April 30<sup>th</sup></b>	EASTER 4 10.00am	CHRIST CHURCH Benefice Service following breakfast at 9.00am <i>MARSTON CHAPEL</i> <i>TBC</i>

<b>MAY</b>
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<b>Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup></b>	EASTER 5 9.30am	CHRIST CHURCH Holy Communion <i>MARSTON CHAPEL</i> <i>TBC</i>
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There were no weddings, funerals or baptisms at Christ Church during February.
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**WELLSPRINGS BENEFICE SERVICES**  
**APRIL 2023**

<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> (Palm Sunday)</b>	
8am	Holy Communion (BCP) Potterne
9:30am	Matins Poulshot
9:30am	Holy Communion Worton
11am	Morning Praise Bulkington
11am	Holy Communion Seend
<b>Mon 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	
7:30pm	Compline and Ignatian Prayer Potterne
<b>Tues 4<sup>th</sup></b>	
7:30pm	Compline and Ignatian Prayer Worton
<b>Weds 5<sup>th</sup></b>	
7:30pm	Compline and Ignatian Prayer Bulkington
<b>Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> (Maundy Thursday)</b>	
7:30pm	Maundy Thursday Service Poulshot (preceded by "Last Supper" at 6:30pm and followed by a vigil)
<b>Fri 7<sup>th</sup> (Good Friday)</b>	
10am	Messy Easter Workshop Seend
2pm	Hour at the Cross Seend
<b>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> (Easter Eve)</b>	
8pm	Service of Light Potterne
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> (Easter Sunday)</b>	
9:30am	Holy Communion Bulkington
9:30am	Holy Communion Poulshot
9:30am	Holy Communion Worton
11am	Holy Communion Potterne
11am	Holy Communion Seend

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### Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> (Easter 2)

10am Celebration and Leaving Service Potterne  
of Rev Ali Bridewell (followed by refreshments in church)

6pm Holy Communion Bulkington

### Friday 21<sup>st</sup>

3:30pm Messy Church Potterne Village Hall

### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> (Easter 3)

9:30am Family Service Worton

11am Holy Communion Potterne

11am Holy Communion Seend

6pm Evensong Poulshot

6pm Evening Service Bulkington

### Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>

5pm Celtic Meditative Service Poulshot

### Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> (Easter 4)

8am Holy Communion Seend

10am Benefice Service Worton

(preceded by breakfast at 9am)

### Every Tuesday, 9am Daily Prayer service at Poulshot

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### Ministry Team

Rector: Rev Ali Bridewell (currently on leave)

Associate Priest: Rev Caroline O'Neill 01380 828302

Benefice Administrator: Sarah Leckie 07516 224057

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### Church Registers

### Baptisms

No baptisms, weddings or funerals this month.

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**From Christ Church:**

The Community Café held in February was well attended with a lot of coffee and cake being enjoyed along with chatting to people, some who knew each other and some who met people for the first time. There were games available, a good relaxing time for all. It is planned to hold the Community Café regularly through the year. The next one will be the Coronation Celebration which will be held after a Songs of Praise service on Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup>. The service will be at 10am and if you don't wish to join the service, please come along to the Café afterwards, at 11am to enjoy coffee, celebration cakes and time with others.

A busy time coming up at Christ Church:

Five Lanes School children will have been in church on 27<sup>th</sup> March, to 'Experience Easter' visiting the Stations of the Cross around church and hearing and taking part in different parts of the Easter story. They will also have had their Easter service in Church in the last week of term.

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April: Palm Sunday, Bishop Andrew, Bishop of Ramsbury will be leading the service and spending some social time after the service, a chance to chat to him and enjoy coffee and cake.

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April: the celebration of Ali's Ministry and leaving service at St Mary's Potterne at 11am .

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May: Songs of Praise and celebration Coronation Community Café- see above.

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May: 10.30am-12.30pm Christ Church Spring Fete and Plant Sale. All the usual stalls and plant sale. We welcome donations to stalls and any offers of help.

Details of all Easter services, including an Easter Egg hunt on Easter Day are elsewhere in 'The Bridge'.

Please pray especially now for Ali & Stu as they prepare to leave the Benefice and everything they have loved doing, and continue to pray for a return to good health for Ali.

Heather and Jean, Churchwardens



**Devizes & District Foodbank**

**Collection box for donations in Christ Church**



With the cost of living rising and more families than ever asking for support from our local foodbank, we have set up a donation box at the back of Christ Church. The Devizes & District Foodbank is very grateful for any non-perishable items that you are able to donate. Perhaps you could consider popping in with one small item each week to put in the box, such as a tin of tomatoes, a sachet of instant mash or a bottle of shampoo. All donations are much appreciated.



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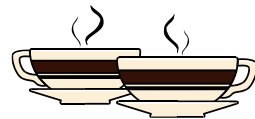
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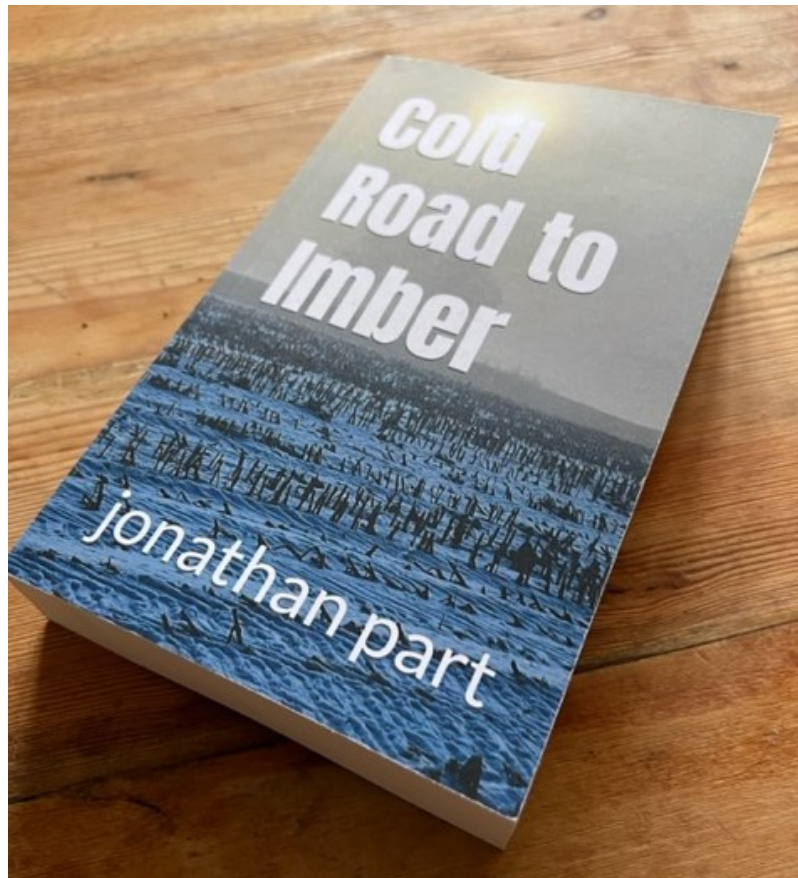
Local novelist, Mark Pearson (writing as Jonathan Part) has written a book called 'Cold Road to Imber', set in the 1950s. Kitty, a young Jewish émigrée, has fled with her family to America from Berlin to escape the Nazis. When her father is accused of being a Communist by Senator McCarthy in 1952, she has a change of political heart, returning to East Berlin, where she aims to teach English. But the East German Intelligence Service choose to groom her for espionage. On a trip to Cambridge, where her mission is to find potential, Communist spies, she meets Alec, a headstrong student from the abandoned village of Imber, who has never forgotten the trauma that the villagers suffered in 1943. To Kitty's professional dismay, he steals her heart, leaving her mission exposed. While the ebbing of her political conviction poses the greatest danger of all.

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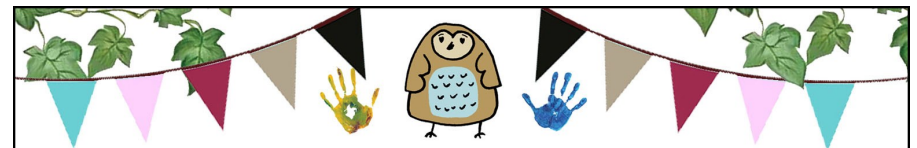
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These beautiful songs well repay some in-depth attention, and will challenge us to explore a different kind of singing. Jeremy, well-known broadcaster and Director of the Edington Festival Consort, will give a short talk on their history and context before we get down to business. Some of the spirituals will be familiar (though we may remember them wrongly!) and others will be new to us. Either way, it will be a rewarding day's music led by a knowledgeable musician and experienced and tolerant educator.

The day will run from registration at 9.30am, till approximately 4.30pm, ending with a run-through for family and friends after tea and cake to which all are welcome. The cost, at £20, (students £10), is less than last year, and includes arrival and mid-morning refreshments and music hire.

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## APRIL BOOK SWAP

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April**

(NB 3rd Saturday, to avoid Easter weekend)

**10.00am - 12 noon**

at Brookfield House, on Back Lane, Worton

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## Valentine's Ball A Success!

Off the pitch, approaching 100 people attended the club's Valentine's Ball on the 18<sup>th</sup> February at the West Lavington Community Hall. With a live band, DJ, food van and licensed bar, a rip roaring night was had by all. The event raised £500 towards the clubhouse fund raising appeal. The club would like to thank all who supported us and attended. Look out for another similar event later in the year!

On the pitch, all the teams are back in action, trying to catch up on the many missed weeks of fixtures due to the weather. A special shout out to Mark Goddard our groundsman for doing such an excellent job of keeping our Northbrook pitch playable every week when many other teams can't.

**W&C girls** are a friendly and supportive group of girls ranging in age from 6-11. They welcome new players with open arms and big smiles! We've a few friendlies organised for the next few weeks and hope to enter a league next season for regular matches. Training 9:30 Saturday's at Elisha Field, Market Lavington.

**U6s-** are now training 9 am Saturdays at Lavington School Sports Hall with a good core group enjoying a diverse array of coaching. More players always welcome.

**U7s** - relishing their games at the moment after a string of away matches. Training at Dauntsey's School on Wednesday nights. Unfortunately, we are not currently able to take any new players in this age group.

**U8s** -Both under 8 teams settling into the new stage of the season with more evenly matched teams which means the boys are enjoying their football more than ever.

**U9s:** looking forward to first cup competition, having a good season with lots of positive results. Training 6 pm Fridays at Dauntsey's School.

**U10s:** enjoying their training and regular Sunday morning matches. We're looking to arrange a few friendly games for our newer/ less experienced players and are always on the look out for additional players as we move to 9-a-side next season so please get in touch if your

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child is keen to join! Training 5 pm Tuesdays at Green Lane, Devizes.

**U11s:** having some close competitive games. Looking forward to training on grass when clocks change. New players welcome.

**U13s:** squad doing well and numbers good. Performance improving each game. Training moving to West Lavington after clocks change. Training 7pm Fridays at Dauntsey's School.

**U15s:** Team have been having an up and down season, hit by injuries and losing three home games on the bounce before winning their next two. Performances and morale remain strong as the team heads into a run of away fixtures. Training 7pm Fridays at Dauntsey's School.

**U16s:** Still going strong and sitting 3rd in league with games in hand. Unfortunately knocked out of cup in quarter final by Bradford Town after a win at local rivals Devizes in 2nd round. Training 7 pm Fridays at Dauntsey's School.

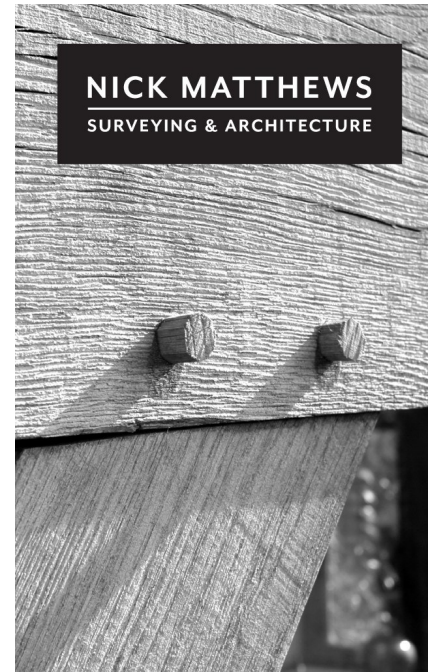
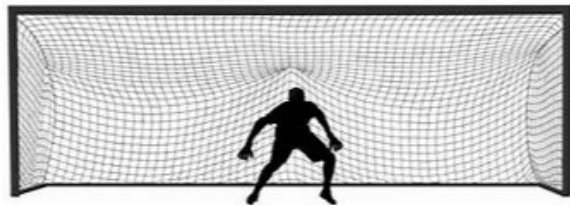
**U 17/18s –** The team remain second in the table. Spirit and attendance at training, and availability for matches, remain exceptionally positive. Training 7pm Fridays at Devizes Rugby Club.

**Committee**

Chairperson: Pete Huntley    Secretary: Rob Nuttall  
 Treasurer: Vicky Goddard    Welfare Officers: Hannah Kervin  
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It's been another busy month for Worton Toddlers. Our role-play area has been transformed from a spaceship, to a bus, a library, and a toy hospital. The children are really enjoying the different settings. We have astronauts, bus drivers, librarians, and surgeons in the making!

The children made some beautiful Mother's Day bouquets for that special person in their lives too!

Visit us on Facebook at 'Worton Toddlers' for lots of great pictures. We meet on Wednesday mornings, term time only, from 10am until 12. No booking needed.

Holiday dates: We will be closed on 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> April. We hope you have a great Easter break!

## Worton and Marston Garden Club

It's spring and such a busy time for gardeners. Each winter I think I will be much more organised this spring with seeds sown, perennials split and more of our garden renovation achieved. Then - reality strikes; it has been very cold, wet and wintry!

Our speaker Ray Broughton in March was superb. Head of Horticulture at Sparsholt College and an RHS examiner he imparted lots of knowledge and tips for healthy plants and colour in our gardens. An important message for this time of year, reinforced by Ray, is to feed your plants. We all hope for amazing results from our plants, however without feed they soon get tired and less vigorous. A good slow release feed of Seaweed, Blood Fish and Bone or Growmore to start the season for shrubs and perennials and a specific Rose feed in March and repeated in June should give good results. Once borders are planted or weeded, a mulch of home-made compost or a commercial mulch helps to reduce weeds, retain moisture in the soil, slowly feeds the plants and is hugely beneficial.

Brendan has been renovating the 2 containers sited in front of the White Gates as you approach Worton from the West. Worton and Marston Committee have accepted the challenge of planting them. A tricky site and aspect for plants, never mind for those who have to water them! We hope to have them in situ by mid-April. We will be using good compost, drought resistant plants and mulch!! Fingers crossed.

Wiltshire NGS Garden visits rack up in April. Opening for the first time for the NGS is Brow Cottage. Some of you may have visited there during Seend Open Gardens. If not, it is beautifully designed and planted, on our doorstep and well worth a visit. It is open as a combined visit with Seend House at the other end of the village. Further details at [ngs.org.uk](http://ngs.org.uk)

I'm very much looking forward to hearing Paul Jupp of Meadow in My Garden our speaker for May. Introducing some wild flowers into the garden is great for beneficial insects of all types and lovely to look at. He is locally based and will have all the knowledge we need to get a good mix for our location.

We are delighted that we have had several new members recently how-

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ever, we have room for more so please do come along to one of the meetings listed below either as a visitor or to join the club.

Alison Parker aelparker@aol.com

Diary dates

These meetings are held in the Village Hall - doors open at 7:30. New members always welcome.

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April** - talk by Paul Jupp 'A Meadow in My Garden'. Paul talks about wildlife friendly meadows and has seed mixes for attracting pollinating insects to our gardens.

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May** - talk by Rupert Wade Rupert is from Market Lavington and is coming to give us hints and tips for showing fruit, vegetables and flowers; plenty of ideas for when it comes to the Village Show in September!

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June** – Visit Beggars Knoll Chinese Garden, Westbury.

Sally Brooks svwood90@hotmail.com

**Worton Community Speedwatch – February 2023**

(Wiltshire Speedwatch sessions are restricted to 45 minutes)

Sessions: **EIGHTEEN**

Total Vehicles Counted: **4,752**

Vehicles recorded for exceeding the 30mph speed limit: **213** of which **31** were reported to Wiltshire Police for excess speed.

Maximum Speed Recorded: **45mph** on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> between 15.30 and 16.15.

Highest Vehicle Count: **346** on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> between 14.45 and 15.30.

These were the first sessions undertaken with both SID's now operational and early indications are that they are having an effect on vehicle speed in the village.

With longer daylight hours now we will be operating earlier and later in the day and it will be interesting to see how the results compare.

Bob Mitchell



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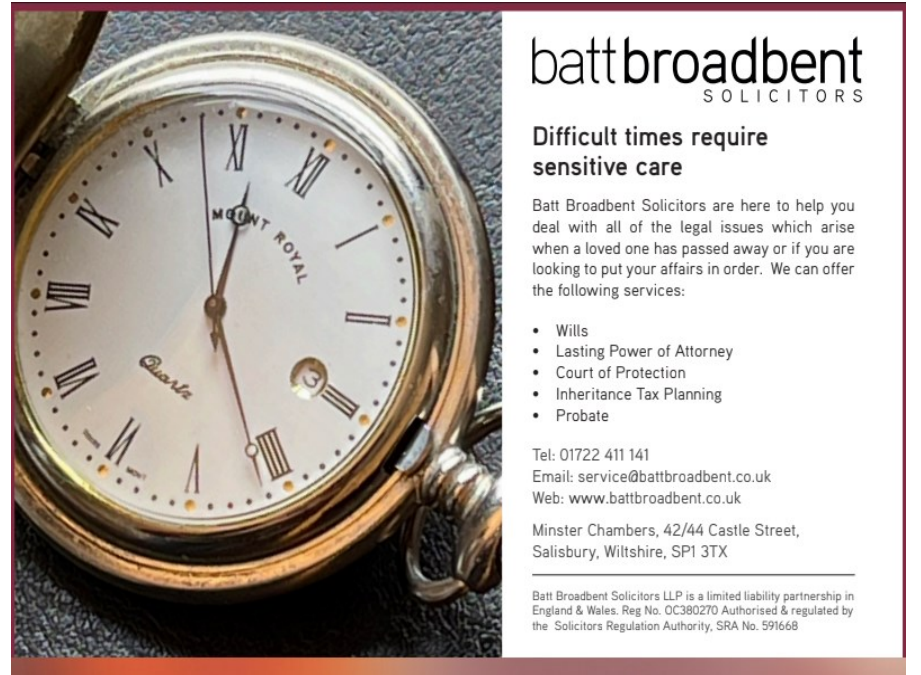
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## Worton and Marston Village Show

We have now just about finished the schedule for this year's show. We intend to make it available electronically in due course but all households will get a copy through the letter box, probably in July.

By getting rid of the men's section, we have been able to introduce a number of new classes for this year which include:-

In the **vegetable section**, we have included climbing beans and chillis.

In the **home produce section**, we now have two jam classes, one soft fruit, one for other jams, eg stoned fruit or vegetables. We have a class for a fruit curd. We have introduced coffee and walnut cake (instead of the Victoria sandwich), fruit scones and slices of lemon drizzle cake.

In the **flower section**, we have added cosmos and a formal flower arrangement. We will give further details in due course.

Below is a reminder of the classes in the adult photography section.

They are:

Chimney/s

Sunrise/sunset

Texture

As I write this the temperature is just above freezing but hopefully when the magazine is delivered, spring will have arrived and planting can begin in earnest. Potatoes, onions and shallots, carrots, beetroot and broad beans can be sown outdoors. And you can start off tomatoes, chilli's, courgettes and squashes and lots of flower seeds indoors or in the greenhouse. Also you can start getting dahlias to shoot but beware of frosts which can hurt tender leaves.

Good luck and good gardening.

Bill Francis, on behalf of the Show Committee



## Wonders of Worton!

### The first in a series!



### Turnpike

For those of a certain age - and musical taste - their favourite turnpike might well be the New Jersey one on which Paul Simon famously counted cars. However, if you live in Worton, you can count the cars on our very own turnpike, though it's now called the C20- much less romantic. (Mind you, rumour has it that there's a very romantic location nearby - our very own Lovers' Lane, not quite as welcoming now as the hedges have been cut back - it's the footpath that ends in the small layby).

As many of you will know, turnpikes played an important part in improving transport links in Britain. The earliest ones were in the 18th century, but they reached their peak in the 1830's. Turnpike Trusts were set up which raised money to finance road improvement. Tolls were charged to use the roads which would pay back the loans and make money for the trust that administered them. In other words, they were a type of toll road. The trusts were largely abolished by the 1870's, though a small number remain.

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The charming building that sits on the bend is Turnpike Cottage and was where the tolls were collected for traffic wishing to use the road as it provided an important route towards Salisbury and other settlements. Of course, the road has been free to use throughout living memory (if anyone has more specific dates when the last tolls were charged we would be delighted to know). The current road layout at Turnpike has been largely unchanged since the early 1960's when the banks were taken back to improve safety on what can still be quite a nasty bend.

Of course, Turnpike Cottage needed to have a "twin" which marked the other end of the turnpike. We believe this to be the building at the junction between Inmarsh Lane and Bell Hill (leading up to the much-lamented Bell Pub with its amazing views). The speed of the turnpike users would thankfully have been much slower than it is today, so maybe they got more value for their money as they enjoyed the rural surroundings!

As suggested above, we would like to cover further points of interest (and potentially interesting Worton residents) in the future and would welcome suggestions, information and personal recollections.

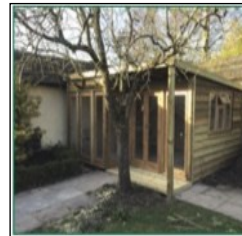
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## Worton Parish Council

The first thing I need to report on is the continuing success of the SIDS in reducing traffic speed. Whilst the device at the eastern end of the village is certainly slowing traffic, the one at the western end has been even more impressive. We are currently planning the next positions of the two devices which we hope to action in April. (They are heavy and require a team to move, so we continually owe thanks to our neighbours who are improving our lives in this way.)

We are still looking into what can be done to make the traffic issues even better. One idea has been to get a weight restriction of some kind. This idea faces a host of barriers as, although we can present a good case, particularly in terms of numbers of vehicles and the fact that our road is a minor road, the power to make a change is largely at County level. We will continue to make the village voice heard on this issue and will not give up, but we intend to pursue other ideas whilst keeping an eye on national and regional policies which might improve our chances of success.

I have previously referred to the idea of improving pavements within the village. We intend to progress this by having a careful look through the village at locations where a change could be both practical and effective. If anyone has any ideas on this, please let us know ([clerk@worton.org.uk](mailto:clerk@worton.org.uk)). It is very unlikely that any change would happen for at least a couple of years, so there is plenty of time for proper consultation on what could be a sensitive issue.

On a related point, we have been reconsidering proposals for improvement at the notorious Black Dog crossroads. Various proposals have been considered and strong feelings have understandably been stirred on what is a very important issue. Unsurprisingly choices come down to a combination of costs, practicality and effectiveness. We are, along with several other interested parties, endeavouring to get the best result as soon as possible.

It's probably a good time to remind everyone to please maintain your vegetation growth when it interferes with pavements and footpaths. Of course, this is very much a seasonal issue, but we need to be sure pedestrians are safe, especially those with mobility issues and those using pushchairs. Please take this as a polite reminder and request!

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Still on the environment, Patricia is sharing information about the next stage of the tree planting initiative begun by Oliver Symes which is taking a delightful form. Please see below.

Finally, and to my great relief (!), we have a new clerk in post. Having interviewed a number of candidates, we are delighted to appoint Jules Slack who lives in the village and will be familiar to many of you. Our former clerk, Liz Starling, was, of course, excellent in the post and will be missed, but I'm sure Jules will soon put her own stamp on the role and we are all looking forward to working with her.

Barry Devine

### Worton's Woodland Trust Tree Planting Project

Video clip about how to plant trees: <https://youtu.be/PDGkCHnUBH0>

Hello all, to confirm the date 2.30pm Good Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April. I do hope you can all come.

Our 90 tiny woodland trees (project initiated by Oliver Symes through the Woodland Trust) are due to be delivered mid March with guards and stakes, and we need to plant them on the field below Sandlease playground to form a beautiful new copse.

Would you be part of the Planting Posse? Robert Goss will be the main man in charge with Oliver. We would love you to come along and help, and in particular to get the children/young of the village involved (including your own!), and show them how to plant .

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- Pressure - this happens when a scammer puts pressure on you to pay for something quickly, for example, a limited time offer. They're trying to panic you into making a payment without thinking it through.

### What to look out for

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- Never download an app, click on links or open attachments without taking time to think about if it's genuine.
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- Be very wary of requests to pay by bank transfer. Always use the secure payment method recommended by reputable online retailers.

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Carer Support Wiltshire are currently looking for volunteers to fill vacancies that directly support people who are caring for someone. If you would like to find out more, or if you have a skill you feel could be put to use, they'd love to hear from you.

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[For more information on volunteering for Carer Support Wiltshire, email \[volunteer@carersupportwiltshire.co.uk\]\(mailto:volunteer@carersupportwiltshire.co.uk\) or phone 01380 908158.](#)

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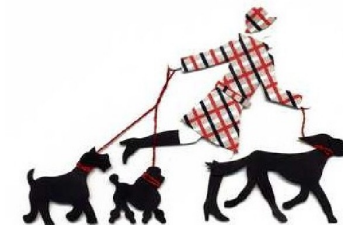
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### Climate change – the effect on gender equality

The theme for International Women's Day (8 March) this year was "Gender equality today for a sustainable tomorrow."

According to **UN Women**, advancing global gender equality in the context of climate change and disaster risk reduction is one of the 'greatest global challenges' of the 21st century.

The reason? Roles as primary caregivers and providers of food and fuel make women more vulnerable when flooding and drought occur. Men go to the towns, leaving them to look after the community. Women are then working harder to feed and care for their families without support. Girls often have to leave school to help their mothers manage the increased burden.

Jocelyne Razafiarivony, the **Mothers' Union** provincial coordinator for Madagascar, speaking about the relationship between climate change and gender inequality at the UNCSW66, said: "Because of famine, the men left the region to go to the capital of Madagascar in a massive rural exodus. Women could not go anywhere. They were a burden so they had to stay. As caregivers, they were not able to feed their families any longer. They were only eating cactus and boiled water. They were really starving."

So, climate change isn't just changing our weather; its consequences are a daily reality for millions of people. When women and girls are displaced, they are also at greater risk of violence, including sexual violence, the tragic reality of their lives as migrants or refugees, the increased danger of human and child trafficking, and early and forced marriage, which women and girls on the move endure.

However, many organisations now advocate that women must be part of the solution. **Women Deliver** says: "The first step towards tackling the challenges of climate change is empowering women to safeguard the environment": <https://womendeliver.org/investment/invest-women-tackle-climate-change-serve-environment/> and The **World Economic Forum** reports that when women are involved in decision making about the climate more effective and equitable outcomes are generated: <https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2022/02/women-gender-equality-climate-change-leadership/>

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ActionAid as well considers that as women and girls living in poverty are some of the most affected by the climate crisis, their voices must be central to the discourse surrounding it:

<https://www.actionaid.org.uk/our-work/emergencies-disasters-humanitarian-response/climate-change-and-gender>

Please take some time this month to read more about this important topic by following the links above and consider whether you can offer your support.

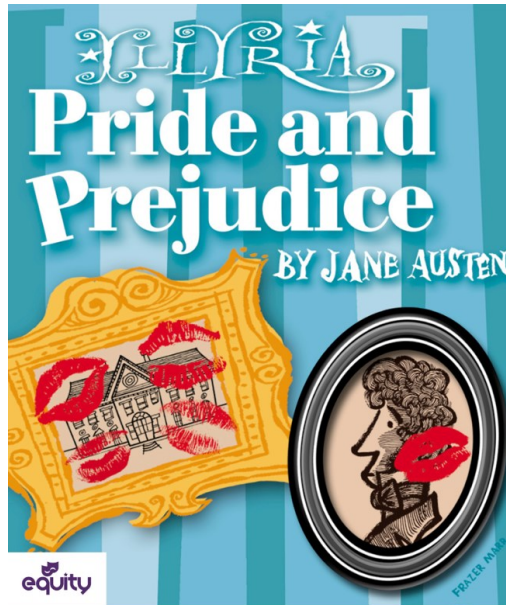
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## Worton & Marston Link

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## WORTON & MARSTON LADIES GROUP

Our craft meeting in February was a great success. Thanks to Val we all created some interesting cards. It certainly kept us all quiet until coffee and cake arrived which we all enjoyed.

On 29<sup>th</sup> March, Katy from Bath Cats & Dogs Home will be giving a talk so please come along - 8pm in the Village Hall. It should be interesting.

Advance notice 26<sup>th</sup> April Karen Hurley doing 'Wet Felting' and 31<sup>st</sup> May Jerry King giving a talk on Family History.

I'm pleased to welcome two new members to the group ,Alison and Christabel.

Hosts for March: Val & Rosa

Pam Woods

## FIVE LANES WI

Our March meeting was a fun craft session under the guidance as always of Sarah! Sarah had produced some examples of Easter wreaths and a table FULL of ribbons, material, buttons and beads, fluffy chicks and bunnies and much, much more, to fasten in ingenious ways, onto a metal frame. We all produced something to be proud of; some more amazing than others, of course! We enjoyed the happy chat and refreshments too.

A reminder that the Annual Subs are due now. Cheque or bank transfer to Pauline by April 1<sup>st</sup> please.

Also a reminder of our change of night and time from April. We will meet, from now on, on the second WEDNESDAY at 7:00PM. This will be APRIL 12<sup>th</sup> and will be a games night. We have things like "shove-halfpenny", table skittles, and a variety of board games to enjoy. Sounds like great fun!

If you couldn't ever get to WI because of the night, then now's your chance, if a Wednesday suits you better, to come along and give it a try.

Jean Lane 722069

## Shared Lives: Home from Hospital

I am sure that many of us will have heard about or had some personal experience of Ambulance waiting times at A&E this winter. Wiltshire Council is working closely with the NHS to reduce A&E waiting times with a new support service to help people who are medically fit to leave hospital and continue their recovery in a safe environment while regaining the daily living skills and confidence they need to return to their own home.

The Shared Lives Home from Hospital Service enables people to stay and be cared for, in the home of a Shared Lives carer for up to 12 weeks before either returning to their own home to live independently or moving to somewhere that can provide the ongoing support they need. The Home from Hospital Service means people don't have to stay in hospital when they are ready to leave, and as well as creating a more supportive and homely environment; it also means more hospital beds are available for those who need them.

There are many reasons why people ready to leave hospital cannot return to their own home immediately. They may be waiting for adaptations to their home to make it suitable, require day to day support to continue their recovery following medical conditions such as a stroke, or need to learn how to manage a long-term condition and there is no one at home to assist them. It could also be because they are waiting for the start of home care services or have had a period of mental ill health which required a hospital admission. It could be older people needing more time to recover, and regain their strength and confidence, following a hospital stay.

Wiltshire Council needs more Shared Lives carers to help deliver this very important service. The job is very flexible with carers able to work in their own home and fit around family life. Shared Lives carers do not need qualifications as training is provided but it helps to have a wide range of life experience.

- Shared Lives carers are paid £850 per week, per person for the Home from Hospital service.
- Carers are self-employed and eligible for tax breaks and can claim mileage.
- They have access to Wiltshire Council shopping rewards scheme and discounts at Wiltshire Council leisure facilities.
- They have membership of Shared Lives Plus.

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Can you help ensure that our hospitals can run more efficiently, our nurses and doctors are not run ragged and most importantly that people are able to recuperate well? More information is at [Becoming a carer - Wiltshire Council](#). Thank you.

Tamara Reay

Wiltshire Councillor for Devizes Rural West.

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Pauline (720248) or Jeff (726845) or any other Trustee



### Poulshot Cricket Club

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Matches are mainly on Wednesday evenings although there are also some Friday evening and Sunday afternoon fixtures. Kit is provided.

For more information, please phone the captain, Phil Ireson, on **07802 756465**

## Village Hall News

**Jumble Sale** - Thanks to all of you who contributed items for sale at the Jumble Sale and/or came along in the afternoon. We took just over £300 which was a bit disappointing when compared with previous years but satisfactory considering the financial climate at the moment and the fact that the weather wasn't on our side. This money will go to the general coffers rather than the Kitchen Fund as the former has been depleted somewhat by the rising costs of oil and electricity. We hope those of you who came had an enjoyable afternoon and managed to pick up a bargain or two.

**Christmas Bazaar** - We have been asked to publish the amount raised by the Christmas Bazaar held at the beginning of December 2022. I apologise that this was not done sooner. The amount was £507 all of which went into the Kitchen Fund.

**Kitchen Fund** - Thanks to a very generous pledge of support from Worton Parish Council, the Kitchen Fund is progressing well and the confirmed funds currently stand at £47,000. We have also just submitted a grant application for a further £11,700. One of our Trustees, Rowena, made a gauge to be fixed to the outside wall of the Hall to inform you of our progress but with the Russian invasion of Ukraine, it did not seem the right thing to be highlighting. However, we will discuss this at our AGM in May with a view to gauging opinion as to whether now would be a more appropriate time. We plan to carry out the work to the Hall in July and August 2024 as this will cause the least disruption to our regular users. The work will require the Hall to be closed during this period.

**200 Club** - Subscriptions for the 200 Club for 2023/24 are progressing well. If you haven't renewed yet you can do so via bank transfer or by putting a cheque or cash through Veronica and Jeff's door (11 Gaisford Chase). In both cases I need the form completed (inserted in last month's Bridge) to update records. If you have lost it, please let me know and I can make sure you have another one. The 200 Club winner for January was Victoria Maslen. Congratulations!

**AGM/Trustees** - Our AGM will be held on Wednesday, May 3rd at 7pm at the Village Hall. All residents are welcome to attend and all regular user groups are asked to send a representative as you are our management committee. This year we need to address the crisis of

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lack of Trustees. We are likely to lose at least half of our Trustees during 2024 but no one has volunteered as a replacement. Therefore, we need to consider how the hall can be managed in the absence of Trustees. At the same time I would urge any villager who thinks he/she might be interested in serving as a Trustee, to contact me on 01380 726845. I will be happy to discuss the role with you and you can come along to a meeting before committing yourself. Please do give this some consideration.

**Coronation Tea** - Trustees are planning to mark the Coronation with a traditional Afternoon Tea. This will comprise sandwiches, scones, jam and cream and cake plus tea or coffee. There will also be Prosecco for sale for those who wish to raise a toast. This will take place on Coronation Day - May 6th from 3.30pm to 5.30pm. Entrance to this event will be by ticket only to be purchased in advance from any of the Trustees (Veronica/Jeff on 07593 832481; Pauline on 720248; Sarah on 720244). This is to help us gauge numbers and any special needs for catering. Please tell us of the latter when you book along with how many you expect to be in your party. Tickets will be £8 each.

Please note that the Family Bingo on April 1st is cancelled through lack of interest.

Veronica Franklin, Chair of Trustees

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Monday	Closed	6pm -11pm
Tuesday	Closed	6pm -11pm
Wednesday	Closed	6pm -11pm
Thursday	Closed	6pm -11pm
Friday	Closed	6pm -11.30pm
Saturday	12.00 - 2.30	6pm -11.30pm
Sunday	12.00 - 2.30	7pm -10.00pm
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- **Garden 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 Wednesday 7.00pm
- **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  
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on 01225 713727 for information**Forthcoming Events**12<sup>th</sup> WI meeting  
15<sup>th</sup> Book Swap  
17<sup>th</sup> Garden club  
24<sup>th</sup> Link AGM  
26<sup>th</sup> Ladies Group**Kerbside Collections in April****Black box, and plastic and card recycling:**  
Tuesdays 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>**Household waste:**  
Thursdays 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>**Garden waste:**  
Fridays 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>

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