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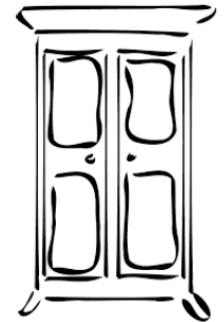
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THE BRIDGE

Editor: Giles Collins editorofthebridge@gmail.com

Wanted - A new Editor for The Bridge

After more than 12 years (around 150 editions), I think it is time for a change. It's an interesting role, with plenty of flexibility. I am happy to continue until November if required but would then like to hand it on. The role could perhaps be split, if it makes it less daunting - editing, overseeing advertising, proof-reading? I can give as much, or as little, guidance as required.

If you are interested, please get in contact:
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Bring a dog if you've got one & children too if you have them, and we'll have a 20 -30 minute walk and talk with pauses to reflect, pause & pray (if you want to join in) finishing up with tea, cake and a chat. Meet up dates below. We'll meet at **3:30pm** for a walk, followed by refreshments; 5pm finish.

Sunday 3rd September: gather at **Christ Church, Bulkington**

Sunday 17th September: gather at **St Marys, Potterne**

Sunday 1st October: gather at **St Peters, Poulshot**

We would love to see you!

Revd Caroline O'Neill
Wellsprings Benefice

VILLAGE HALL 200 CLUB

Recent 200 club winners were:

June: Jenny Wright

July: Jeff Stocks

August: Pauline Chivers

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Sun Sept 3rd	TRINITY 13 9.30am. 6.00pm	CHRIST CHURCH Holy Communion <i>MARSTON CHAPEL</i> <i>Eric Clifford</i>
Sun Sept 10th	TRINITY 14 9.30am	CHRIST CHURCH Morning Praise
Sun Sept 17th	TRINITY 15 9.30am 6.00pm	CHRIST CHURCH Holy Communion <i>MARSTON CHAPEL</i> <i>Revd Gary Gotham</i>
Sun Sept 24th	TRINITY 16 9.30am	CHRIST CHURCH Harvest Family Service

OCTOBER

Sun Oct 1st	TRINITY 17 9.30am 6.00pm	CHRIST CHURCH Holy Communion <i>MARSTON CHAPEL</i> <i>Revd Gary Gotham</i>
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The Baptism of Christopher Inigo Campbell-Hill took place at Christ Church in July.

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



WELLSPRINGS BENEFICE SERVICES SEPTEMBER 2023

Sunday 3rd (Trinity 13)

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

Sunday 10th (Trinity 14)

9:30am	Holy Communion	Poulshot
9:30am	Harvest Service	Bulkington
9:30am	Morning Praise	Worton
11am	Holy Communion	Potterne
6pm	Evensong	Seend

Sunday 17th (Trinity 15)

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

Sunday 24th (Trinity 16)

9:30am	Harvest Family Service	Worton
11am	Holy Communion	Potterne
11am	Harvest Service (inc HC)	Seend
4pm	Evensong	Poulshot
6pm	Holy Communion	Bulkington

Wednesday 27th

5pm	Celtic Meditative Service	Poulshot
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Friday 29th (tbc)

3:30pm	Messy Church	Potterne Village Hall
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Every Tuesday, 9am Daily Prayer service at Poulshot

Churches are open for private prayer during the week.

Tuesday Group meets each week at 10am in Potterne.

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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: Vacant
 Associate Priest: Rev Caroline O'Neill 01380 828302
 Benefice Administrator: Sarah Leckie 07516 224057
sarahleckie.wba@gmail.com

Church Registers

Funerals

Rosemary Few on 11th August at Christ Church, Worton.

No baptisms or weddings this month.

The Children's Society - House Boxes

Just a short reminder that October is box opening month for us and I shall therefore be visiting all boxholders to collect their boxes for counting during next month.

If any of you would like to volunteer to help me count the money, I would be most grateful. Many thanks for your support of this very worthy charity.

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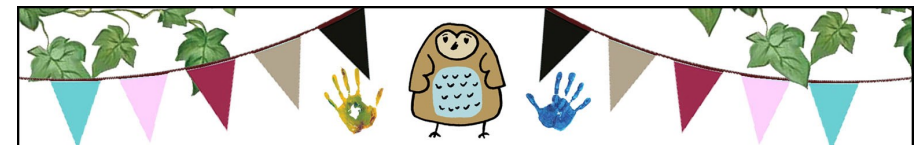
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From Christ Church:

On a lovely sunny afternoon the recent cream teas and croquet in the churchyard were enjoyed by many. Thank you to all those who helped with this.

The next Community Café will take place on Saturday 23rd September 2-4pm including tea and cake, cards and games, and activities for children. The Harvest Family service will follow in church the next day at 9.30am.

The Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride takes place on 9th September. If you would like to spare an hour or so to be at church to welcome cyclists and walkers as they visit please let us know. It's good to chat to those who come in, and to offer refreshments. Half of sponsorship raised comes back to the nominated church of those taking part. So if you wish to support our riders, there is a sponsorship form at the back of the church.

The advertisement for the post of Rector for the Wellsprings Benefice has now been published, with selection interviews planned for Mid October.

Meanwhile, if you, or anyone you know, needs any pastoral support during this time of vacancy, this is still available. Please let one of us, or Sarah Leckie, the Benefice administrator know, and this can be arranged.

Heather and Jean, Churchwardens

Sandleaze Play Area – Dog free zone

I took my grandson to the Sandleaze Play area today and he got dog poo on his hands and knees. Please can dog owners make sure they do not take their dogs in there and please can any passing villagers shut the gate if they see it has been accidentally left open.

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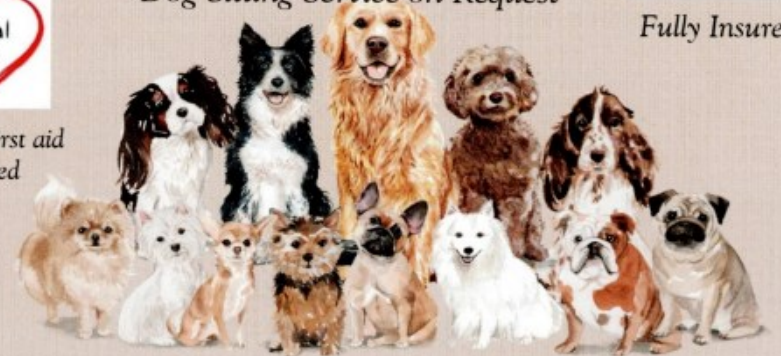
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Worton and Marston Village Show Saturday 2nd September 2023

A final reminder for the show. Entries have to be with one of the committee by 30th August. On the day, the doors open to visitors at 2.30pm. Whilst entry and tea and cake will be free, donations will be gratefully accepted. There will also be a grand raffle draw. Please come and see if all the hard work has been worthwhile.

Bill Francis, Chair of Show Committee

Village Hall Update

There hasn't been much to report in the last few months but this does not mean that Trustees have been idle. As well as the regular maintenance checks and lettings we have been meeting with potential new Trustees, trying to enthuse new people to join us. So far Pam Woods, Brian Badge and Joe Kidd have committed and we hope to hold a meeting of the whole Management Group on Thursday September 7th to formally vote these in as Trustees.

Pam Woods will take over the 200 Club, Pauline Crisp will remain as Treasurer and Bookings Secretary and Rowena Groves will remain as Trustee and back up for Pauline. Other roles remain to be confirmed.

So, the situation looks less bleak than it did a few months ago but there is still the role of Chair to fill. Without this the committee cannot continue to operate (requirement of Charity Commission). So if anyone is keen to put themselves forward I am happy to meet with them and work with them until Jeff and I move (on that note we have now accepted an offer on our house so expect to move before Christmas).

The other thing that the Trustees have continued to do is administer the 200 Club although apologies for not informing you of winners. Pauline let you know April's and May's winners in the last Bridge. Since then the winner for June was Jenny Wright; for July Jeff Stocks; and for August Pauline Chivers. Congratulations to them all. Pam has now taken over the administration of the 200 Club.

Veronica Franklin

Chair Worton and Marston Village Hall Trustees

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WORTON & MARSTON LADIES GROUP

We didn't have a speaker for our July meeting instead we called it our 'Summer Gathering'. We all brought along a plate of food, a good selection of savoury and sweet goodies which went down well with a couple of glasses of Prosecco (we ladies know how to enjoy ourselves) along with plenty of chit chat. The evening flew by and we all said what a lovely evening.

Traditionally there is no meeting in August (summer break), but we will return on Wednesday 27th September when we hope to see you for a talk by Keith Hicketts, an ex-police dog handler. The talk is entitled 'It's a dog's life'.

The hosts for the evening are Pam and June.

Advance notice – the October meeting should be a visit to Poulshot Ladies; more details next month.

Pam Woods



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Saturday 9th September
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Worton Parish Council

August is traditionally an 'off' month for the Parish Council as we all bask in the joys of the British summer. Oh well!

We do keep abreast of what's happening - Jules still deals with the communications and we respond appropriately. Any new Planning Applications are considered and the daily comings and goings of the village continue. If anything arises that might be considered as significant beyond the ordinary then we hold an extraordinary meeting. As I write this we haven't needed to meet formally. Whilst there have been one or two issues raised by residents we have responded appropriately in as timely a fashion as we can.

By the way, we do keep an eye on social media in case there are issues that might concern the Parish Council. Arguably any community concerns are our business but it would generally be inappropriate for direct Parish Council involvement, except to offer a sympathetic ear and perhaps offer advice.

In September we will return to the normal Parish Council routines, with particular emphasis on the plans I outlined last month and with an eye on the anticipated housing project.

So, I thought I might take the opportunity to introduce myself! That might seem odd, and indeed somewhat belated, but I think some residents might be interested in who exactly writes this stuff every month!

I'm Barry...my wife is Sarah. We are both retired teachers - I was Head of Humanities, Sarah specialised in Autistic Spectrum disorder. We both taught in schools in the London area before moving to Wiltshire, where we both worked in local schools. We have lived in Worton since the early 1990's. Put simply, we fell in love with the place and were exceptionally lucky to be able to move from Devizes when we did. Nothing wrong with Devizes of course, but we wanted to sample village life.

Our good fortune was in the form of the others who took up resi-

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dence around the same time. We were of a similar age and background with a willingness to get involved in village life. Our children - and there were many of them - got on famously and virtually all went to the local primary (now Five Lanes) and then on to Lavington. The friendships they made have lasted in an extraordinary fashion, even though many have left the area. Sarah and I both share a passion for education, especially the local schools which can be the lynch pin of the community. Sarah is now in her second stint as a governor at 5 Lanes and I was teacher governor at Sheldon (Chippenham).

Over the years I've played a big part in the early years of Worton and Cheverell Badgers FC, captained the Rose and Crown quiz team and was a member of the legendary boy band 'Get This! (AKA Worton's answer to Take That). I now run a tennis group at Devizes tennis club for mainly those of a 'certain age', (but all are welcome) and, lest I forget, I'm currently Chair of the Parish Council, which I have been since 2017.

This was a classic case of last man standing at the time, but I think I've generally 'done OK', and if you don't know who I am, I suppose I've proved my point!. My skills do not include those of a practical nature (just ask Sarah), but luckily there are others in the team who cover that area (we all owe them huge thanks). My skills? Well , a career in teaching gives one confidence in addressing groups of various sizes from a handful to millions (well, sort of, but don't let me bore you with my obsession with Game Shows). I've also become used to resolving disagreements - fortunately not needed often, and I'm quite good at organising.

Both Sarah and I see our futures in the village. Whilst Essex continues to have a pull for Sarah in the form of her redoubtable father, our children now have their own roots in the area and our recent membership of the grandparent club has given us a rather important enhancement to our lives that we want to enjoy from a close proximity!

Barry Devine

Worton and Marston Garden Club

"My favourite poem is the one that starts "thirty days hath September" because it actually tells you something" – Groucho Marks

I love it when on a long distance train journey, meandering through the suburbs, you espy quirky, maybe pristine, rustic, beloved, allotments. Each as individual as its owner.

As I write this, it just happens to be National Allotment Week although, truth to tell, I had no idea there was one! However, it did make me think how lucky we are to have our own allotments here in our Worton and Marston community. Many places, particularly over the last 4 years, have seen an increased interest in gardening and "Grow your Own" produce. Great if you have sufficient space in your garden or you embrace the traditional cottage garden ethos of inter-planted flowers and edibles, which can be both beautiful and productive, as well as meeting much of the criteria of the organic growing principles and pest control. Lack of a garden, or desire to garden in such a way may restrict one's efforts so what better than to rent an allotment. So I have chatted to 3 experienced allotment holders.....

Question – what are the pros and cons of an allotment?

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If you have not grown on this scale, consider sharing one.

This leads me perfectly into whatever produce you have grown, cooked, sewn, woven, knitted, photographed or decorated please find something to enter in The Village Show, Saturday 2nd September.

NGS Gardens September

Several gardens open in September ngs.org.uk however locally: Wellaway, Close Lane, Marston 16 and 17th. Pam's lovely garden on our doorstep opening for the NGS lots of Autumn colour. 1 Southview, Wick Lane Devizes. Sunday 10th.

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Diary Dates

Village Show September 2nd

September 18th 2.30pm NB change from normal time for meeting.....

Garden Club visit to Westwind, Manton. New to the NGS 4 acre garden with lots of autumn colour and planting.

Happy gardening

Alison Parker aelparker@aol.com

The **Rose & Crown quiz teams** were invited to visit the **Wiltshire Air Ambulance** base in Semington. This is the result of the teams donating over **£3,000** from the monthly Sunday night quiz see cheque in picture. The helicopter was out on a rescue but we saw the control room and the two critical care vehicles which are used by paramedics and were packed full of equipment including fresh blood. This was a very informative visit and I expect quiz winners will continue to think of them when deciding where to donate their winnings.

Alun Newman



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Congratulations to William Warden and the ‘Unlikely Cyclists’

A group of cyclists who completed a 100 mile trip from Wiltshire to Devon have raised £30,000 for the Stars Appeal at Salisbury District Hospital. The so-called Unlikely Cyclists have 12 members who took on their challenge over two days last month.

William Warden brought them together after his wife Sarah was diagnosed with breast cancer last year and cared for at the Stars Appeal funded Breast Unit. He said: “Sarah was diagnosed with Breast Cancer in late 2022 and while sitting in Salisbury Hospital’s Breast Unit, one grey and damp morning, I read through the list of companies and individuals who had donated to fund the unit to provide a calm and peaceful atmosphere for treatment, and I felt I would like to do something to help. The care Sarah received from the dedicated team of nurses was faultless.”

William says the group's initial fundraising target was £5,000: “We never envisaged getting anywhere near that amount. To get over £30,000 we were astonished. We hope it will make a difference to a lot of people. We can’t thank everyone who supported us enough.”

The Stars Appeal aims to raise over £1 million each year to fund projects offering direct, practical support to patients, their families, and the Hospital’s staff. Alongside its Breast Unit the charity has provided the Hospital with additional CT and MRI scanners and a range of new facilities including an enhanced Children’s Unit and Cardiac Suite. Donations also help fund projects supporting cancer patients, including free aromatherapy, headwear for patients who lose their hair, free drinks for chemotherapy and oncology outpatients, and a prehabilitation programme offering one-to-one support to help patients prepare for surgery and treatment.

Dave Cates, of the Stars Appeal, said: “We are so grateful to William and Sarah, and all of the cyclists and their supporters, for raising such an incredible sum for our charity. It will enable us to continue our work enhancing care for thousands of patients every week at Salisbury Hospital and supporting their families and the NHS staff that care for them.”

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FIVE LANES WI

On 9th August we met back in the Village Hall having had 2 meetings away from the village.

Helen had had a letter of thanks from Dorothy House for the money raised from selling Rosemary's craft materials and finished items. In total we had given them £1463. Any more raised in the future will go to the Village Hall and Five Lanes WI.

We welcomed Susan Simpson who gave us a short history of paper bead making. Since learning the craft and beginning demonstrating, she has joined the Heritage Craft Association, where she has rubbed shoulders with some of the team from The Repair Shop! Apparently Victorian ladies were some of the first to try this craft, using wallpaper and newspaper wrapped round knitting needles. Shaped strips of paper are wound round needles or nowadays, boat pins, so you can slide the paper strip in and hold it tight while you wind.

There was a resurgence in the 1920s and these often had a dab of perfume on the last layer to make expensive scent last longer! There was discussion on such beads being found in some African countries and further back among the Mayans.

Susan had some beautiful examples of finished and glazed beads made into necklaces, bracelets and earrings, after several layers of glazing have been applied. We then all had a try at rolling up the paper strips into beads, applying a little glue every few turns. We all enjoyed some measure of success and thoroughly enjoyed the challenge, alongside much chatter, of course.

Our September meeting will be on **WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 13th at 7:00pm** in the Village Hall when we will welcome a chocolatier from **HOLLYCHOCKS** in Poulshot. There will be a small charge for this meeting so if you would like to make this your first visit to our WI, give me a ring as numbers may be limited!

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(Wiltshire Speedwatch sessions are restricted to 45 minutes)

Sessions: **ELEVEN**

Total Vehicles Counted: **4,227**

Vehicles recorded for exceeding the 30mph speed limit:

167 of which **27** were reported to Wiltshire Police for excess speed.

Maximum Speed Recorded:

43mph on Monday 17th July between 07.15 and 08.00

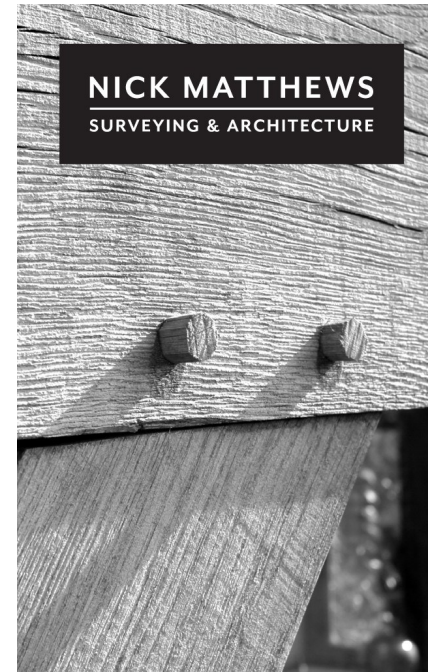
Highest vehicle count:

434 on Monday 17th July between 16.30 and 17.15

(The comparable figures for **JULY 2022** were:

Sessions **11** Vehicles **3,729** with **344** vehicles exceeding 30mph of which **77** were reported for excess speed.)

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Email: WortonToddlers@gmail.com



We welcomed everyone back and hoped that they had all had a great summer.

We have some new ideas for our sessions this term, which will include craft, music, messy play, cooking, stories and eventually a climbing frame!

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Danielle as a member of our team. It's great to have you onboard Danielle and we hope you enjoy your time with Toddlers.

Newcomers welcome. Toddlers meet on a Wednesday morning in the village hall from 10am until 12 noon please contact Hilary on 07805 303961 or myself Linda on 07821 867206 for any queries.

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email wandmlink@gmail.com or ring our normal number 07413912828. If anyone has contacts in Potterne who they think would be willing to set up their own Link service then we would be willing to show them what we do and who we talk to in Community First which is the part of Wiltshire Council we deal with.

Alun Newman

Newcomers to Worton and Marston during 2023

If you have moved in during this year, we need to hear from you so that you are on our list to be invited to the **NEWCOMERS' PARTY on FRIDAY JANUARY 26th in the VILLAGE HALL**. Please call one of the numbers below so we can add you to our list.

We try (Family of Churches Committee) to call on all Newcomers with a welcome booklet. This has now become quite out-of-date, and a lot of the information now appears here in the Bridge. We have produced a simpler card to give to people moving in, but we do need help to know when this happens. If a house has changed hands near you, please give us a call.

A very early warning for another event we organise. This is the evening of **BEER AND CAROLS**, outside at **THE ROSE AND CROWN** which this year will be held on **MONDAY 4th DECEMBER**.

Jean 722069 Heather 725785

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W.I. CHARITY APPEAL

I would like to thank all who helped with and supported Worton & Marston W.I.'s effort to raise money for the Police Air Ambulance. A special thank you to Dorothy Barcham and helpers who ran the Skittle Week on Marston Green, raising £95, and also to the people who served behind the stalls or sold teas in my garden on Saturday 31st July, raising a further £122.

We have not yet collected all the money from it, so a final total will be published in the October Bridge.

THANK YOU

Babs Stockwell

SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE

The Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust sponsored cycle ride will take place on Saturday 11th September. If you would like to have go, or help to man the church, please contact me. Any money that you raise is shared between the fund and the church or chapel of your choice.

Symon Haynes - 723911

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

Next singing rehearsals for the
show will be held on 1st & 15th
September at 7.30 pm prompt

Primrose Wright

MARSTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the Marston Parish Council Meeting on 2nd August the Council was pleased to be able to report the re-opening of the horse road from East End Marston to Raybridge.

It was agreed to write to Mr. Gooding of Wiltshire County Council thanking him for his role in organising the work to such a high standard.

Many horse owners in the area are already using the new road and it is hoped that all will continue to do so thereby keeping the access open.

Among other items discussed at the meeting, the Council considered the new Local Plan. There seemed to be little change for Marston, but the inclusion of wording which appeared to permit some in-filling caused concern and this was drawn to the attention of Kennet District Council.

NEXT MEETING: 11th OCTOBER at 7.30 PM

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Chairman

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- **Pilates classes**
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- **Ladies Group**
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- **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**
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