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A Village Weekend

An advance notice for your diaries!

The village will be running an open weekend on June 18/19 in aid of the Church funds (as part of the 175 years anniversary) and Dorothy House.

This will involve an exhibition in the Church, refreshments and stalls along Church Lane, and up to 20 Open Gardens across Worton and Marston organised by the Gardening Club, following the successful event we ran two years ago. The gardens and the church will be open over the two days between 11am and 5pm.

Discussions are under way for other events – including a possible street party in Church Lane for the Queens’s 90th on the Saturday evening plus activities in the Village Hall. Watch this space!

We want to involve as many people in the village as possible over this weekend so that it becomes a celebration for both Worton and Marston as well as a major event to commemorate the 175 years of Christ Church.

Ann Howard (723189) is leading the group responsible for the Church events, and Nick Stokes (698319) is coordinating the Open Gardens on behalf of the Gardening Club. They will be seeking your support /involvement over the next few months, and would welcome any help anybody can give. For example, we are targeting 20 gardens to be open for the weekend and will be looking for residents to participate. Please call us.

So please put this in your diaries and make sure you are around to take part!

Coffee, Cake & Chat

With the winter hopefully behind us, our first Coffee, Cake & Chat for this year will be held on Saturday 19th March in Christ Church, a chance to relax and to share some time and refreshment with others.

Heather & Jean

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Letter from the Vicarage



This appeared on a notice board in Coventry Cathedral in July 2015 and has been copied in churches across the world.

"We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, widowed, gay, confused, filthy rich, comfortable, or dirt poor.

We extend a special welcome to wailing babies and excited toddlers. We welcome you whether you can sing like Pavarotti or just growl quietly to yourself. You're welcome here if you're 'just browsing', just woken up or just got out of prison, We don't care if you're more Christian than the Archbishop of Canterbury, or haven't been to church since Christmas 10 years ago.

We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet, and to teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome keep-fit mums, football dads, starving artists, tree-huggers, latte-sippers, vegetarians, junk-food eaters. We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted.

We welcome you if you're having problems, are down in the dumps or don't like "organised religion". (We're not that keen on it either!) We offer a welcome to those who think the earth is flat, work too hard, don't work, can't spell, or are here because granny is visiting and wanted to come to the Cathedral.

We welcome those who are inked, pierced, both or neither. We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now; had religion shoved down their throat as kids or got lost in the

city centre and wound up here by mistake. We welcome pilgrims, tourists, seekers, doubters ... and you!"

That seems to sum up nicely Jesus attitude to people. He sought out those who were excluded and neglected and simply made them feel accepted.

The Church has sometimes given the impression it's for certain people only. "Become like us and then we'll accept you". How different that is from Jesus. His ministry was all about finding people who somehow didn't fit and making them feel at home.

Of course, in our churches we sometimes get it wrong because we're human, but radical welcome and hospitality should be something that characterises our church communities.

If you haven't been to see us for a while drop in and meet us. If we can get within a mile of making you feel how Jesus made people feel it will be worth it. Who knows, you may find you enjoy the experience and come back for more!

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SERVICE CALENDAR

February

March

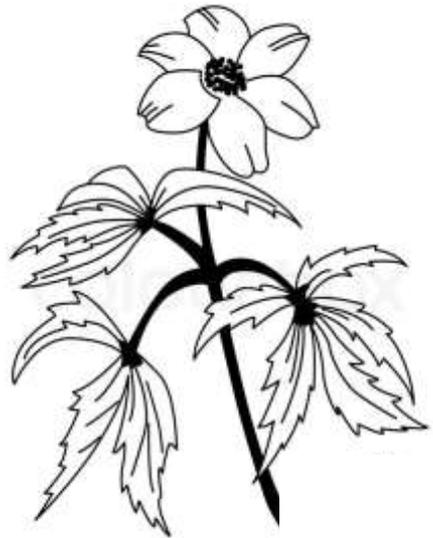
Sun 7th NEXT BEFORE LENT
8.00am CHRIST CHURCH
Holy Communion
9.30am CHRIST CHURCH
Family Service
6.00pm *Marston Chapel*
No Service

Sun 6th MOTHERING SUNDAY
8.00am CHRIST CHURCH
Holy Communion
9.30am CHRIST CHURCH
Family Service
6.00pm *Marston Chapel*
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Sun 14th LENT 1
9.30am CHRIST CHURCH
Parish Communion
6.00pm *Marston Chapel*
Rev Simon Edwards

Sun 21st LENT 2
9.30am CHRIST CHURCH
Morning Worship
6.00pm *Marston Chapel*
No Service

Sun 28th LENT 3
9.30am CHRIST CHURCH
Parish Communion
6.00pm *Marston Chapel*
Rev Gary Gotham



There was one funeral at Christ Church during December for Dennis Alfred Barton.

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

CHURCH ROTAS

Sidesmen – February 2016

Sun 7 th	8.00am	Mr R Shercliff	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Ms L Hale, Mr T Harwood	Family Service
Sun 14 th	9.30am	Mrs A Cross, Mr T Brewer	Parish Communion
Sun 21 st	9.30am	Mr R Boyns, Mr R Nott	Morning Worship
Sun 28 th	9.30am	Mrs J Buckley, Mr T Walker	Parish Communion

Sidesmen – March 2016

Sun 6 th	8.00am	Mr R Shercliff	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Mrs M Boyns, Mrs J Mason	Family Service

	Altar Flowers	Brass Cleaning	Church Flowers
February 7 th	Mrs Brierley	Mrs Brierley	Mrs L Phillips
February 14 th	LENT	Mrs Collins	LENT
February 21 st	LENT	Mrs J Wright	LENT
February 28 th	LENT	Mrs Mason	LENT

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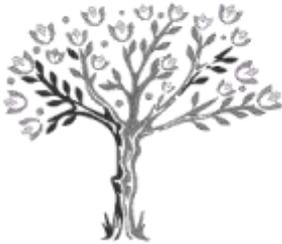
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Women's World Day of Prayer

Friday, 4th March at 10 30am at St . Marys, Potterne

This year's annual service, entitled "**Receive Children, Receive Me**", has been prepared by the women of Cuba. All will be warmly welcomed - men and women, - young and old - at St Marys for the service, and for coffee afterwards.



**Thursdays 18th, 25th February
3rd, 10th 17th March**

Potterne Vicarage 12.30 pm

Eat and Think

All Welcome

Donations for various charities



Five Lanes Women's Institute

Our first meeting of 2016 was back in Worton Village Hall. The main topic of the evening was the history of the Bear Hotel in Devizes. The building was constructed in Tudor times and many of the original features are still in existence. I will look with more interest the next time that I pop into the Hotel for coffee!

I knew that the Bear had cellars, but I was amazed to learn that there is a very deep cellar. There is one about 30ft below ground level. It must have been very difficult to dig out, given that mechanical diggers are a recent invention!

The Bear also has links with the artist, Sir Thomas Lawrence. Apparently, Queen Victoria was in Devizes as a young girl and asked to see some of his work. Somebody went to Marlborough and brought back a picture of his, which she copied. Later on, she bought the piece of art that she had copied, and this is still in the Royal Collection - along with numerous other pieces of work by Lawrence.

It was a very fascinating talk.

In February, our meeting will include our AGM, and we will be having a quiz. The meeting will be on Tuesday, February 9th in Worton Village Hall, from 8pm. Why not come and join us?

Jane Loveys, President

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Amazing Grace



You all know the hymn, but do you know the story behind it?

John Newton was a brutal slave trader who underwent a dramatic conversion to become a vicar. He wrote the hymn as his testimony. It's an incredible story which has been turned into a play.

On March 18th the Oddments Theatre Company will be presenting 'Amazing Grace' in Christ Church, as part of the 175th Anniversary celebrations.

This is a great way to prepare for Easter.

Tickets will be on sale shortly priced £7.50 in advance or £10 on the door; very good value for a production which has toured nationally and received great reviews.

A glass of wine and nibbles will be provided with a plate for donations. Don't forget, we are aiming to raise as much money as possible this year to fund urgent repairs.

Hope to see you there.

Ash Wednesday

Lent begins with a service on Ash Wednesday, which this year is February 10th.

We are marking Ash Wednesday with a **cluster service at Rowde Church at 7.30 pm.**

We shall join with friends from the Seend and Bromham groups of churches.

Lent is the season of preparation for Easter, a time of penitence and self examination in preparation for the joy of Easter Day.

All are welcome



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Lent Series

Lent is the time to prepare for Easter, the most important time of the Christian Year. Each year we have a lent series to help us think through some aspect of faith.



For 2016 we are going back to basics and

taking a look at the Lord's Prayer.

It is the best known prayer in the world, but also some of the most challenging words we can pray if we think about it seriously.

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On 6th March there will be special services at 9.30 am at Christ Church and 11.00 am at St. Mary's to celebrate Mothering Sunday. We shall be giving thanks to God for all those who have made a really positive difference to our lives, especially mums. Small bunches of flowers will be prepared beforehand for distribution in the service, and we warmly invite everybody to come along.



Make a Mother's Day

This Mothering Sunday help change a life

If you would like to give an unusual gift to the mum in your life then please have a look at www.makeamothersday.org where you can buy ethical gifts that will make a difference to families around the world.

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**A Message from Richard Gamble
Wiltshire Councillor for The Lavingtons & Erlestoke Division**

At this time of year, for many in the public sector, the mind is focussed on money.

Wiltshire Council, for example, will decide in February what level of council tax to set for the coming financial year that runs from April 2016 to March 2017. Although the figures are not yet determined, we know that the grant from government will again fall by a significant amount. Just like you, local government must balance its expenditure against its income so all departments across the council are yet again considering where savings can be made.

The task of deciding where to spend money is often not a matter of free choice. Many of the tasks undertaken by local government are laid down by statute and are thus obligations that cannot be avoided.

For example, any child that lives more than 3 miles from its designated school (2 miles for the under-eights) is entitled to free transport to that school. In a rural county like Wiltshire, that involves moving many thousands of children many miles every school day. The total cost over the year runs into several million pounds. It is a cost that cannot be avoided, although you may agree that it is spent in a good cause.

The council also spends several million pounds on supporting rural bus services. In this case, however, there is no obligation to do so. One such subsidised service is Wilts and Dorset service 2 between Devizes and Salisbury. In contrast, the X72 to Devizes and Bath is commercial and operates without subsidy. Wiltshire Council is consulting on where savings can be made and, if you are a bus user, I urge you to take part. Details can be found here <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/news/articles/bus-service-consultation> .

Wiltshire Council also spends money on traffic management. You would think that painting a yellow line to control parking or moving a speed limit sign to a better position would be cheap and simple tasks. Indeed, the cost of actually painting the line or moving the sign is negligible. But the bureaucratic procedure required to issue a Traffic Regulation Order costs several thousand pounds, so the council is generally very reluctant to undertake these otherwise simple tasks.

Such examples are not uncommon. Therefore, if local government is to find the money to support good causes like rural bus services, a reduction in the burden of unnecessary, bureaucratic regulations would be a great help.

You may contact me about this or any other matter by email to richard.gamble@wiltshire.gov.uk or by phone on 07762 018209

What is 175 and still going strong? Christ Church, Worton and Marston.

Christ Church was consecrated in 1841 and to celebrate the anniversary a programme of events is being organised to which we hope you will come and bring your friends.

Here is the outline programme, subject to minor alterations.

March 5th

Victorian meal in the Village Hall. Always a sell out and great fun.



March 18th



The Oddments theatre company, present 'Amazing Grace'; the extraordinary story of John Newton who encountered God and changed from slaver to vicar. This has played to great acclaim around the country.

During April

A trip to Coventry; travel by bus with a tour of the Cathedral followed by a chance to look round the city. Tea on the way home in the Cotswold village of Tredington, where Ann and Dave served in the 1980's.



May 15th



A **Pentecost walk** in the bluebell woods at Erlestone followed by a picnic on Marston Green.

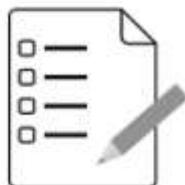


June 18th/19th

Open gardens round the villages; we shall provide refreshments at tables along Church Lane.

September

Quizzine; a combination of food and questions which has proved very popular in the past



October 9th

Visit of the Bishop of Salisbury to close the celebrations (the church was actually consecrated on the 5th October).

So you see there is something for everyone. Please enter into as much as you can, this is a year to celebrate and give thanks, God has blessed us through this building and we want to rejoice.

During the year we are also hoping to raise money for repairs to the church fabric so it lasts another 175 years. The estimate for all necessary work is £30,000. Let's see how far we can get in 2016.

Why not tear this page out and keep it for reference during the year?

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Surely I can't be the only person who is bored by social media, and totally uninterested in what my friends had for breakfast, what they are shopping for, and all the other minutiae of everyday life. I am therefore trying to make friends outside of Facebook while applying the same principles.

Therefore, every day I walk down the street and tell passersby what I have eaten, how I feel at the moment, what I have done the night before, what I will do later, and with whom. I give them pictures of my family, my dog, and of me gardening, taking things apart in the garage, watering the lawn, standing in front of landmarks, driving around town, having lunch, and doing what anybody and everybody does every day.

I also listen to their conversations, give them the "thumbs up" and tell them I like them. And it works just like Twitter and Facebook.....

I already have four people following me:

two police officers, a private investigator, and a psychiatrist.

(Plymouth Argyle website)

What's happening on the farm!

So the bookies got it wrong!! No white Christmas! However as I write this the temperature is dropping below zero with the actual potential of snow, so we might actually see some of the white stuff this winter.

The past month has been busy here at Home Farm, before Christmas we had our annual herd bTB test. All the cattle passed the test and the test sheet was rubber stamped CLEAR. What a relief! It is always a worrying and stressful time when the annual test comes around, all of our fingers and toes are always crossed.

As calving happens all year round here at the farm, we are continuously having calves born however nine months before Christmas and new year our bull must have been busy over that two week period we had 22 heifers calve. Father is generally on calving duty at night, he plays the part of midwife very well!

The English partridge seems to be surviving well here at the farm, a small covey of six was spotted by the farm buildings just last week this is very encouraging as last year there were only four. This may only be a small increase however it's a step in the right direction.

Over the winter period we have a flock of 200 ewes which are all pregnant here on the farm grazing over the pastures. Over Christmas these sheep were subject to several dog attacks. One day we actually had a ewe killed by an unknown dog and the following day we had a ewe that had been chased into the brook, luckily our neighbours had seen what was going on and rescued the sheep that otherwise would have drowned. I must stress that all dogs are to be kept on leads and everyone to keep to the footpaths; it is no laughing matter when livestock is being harmed.

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Saturday 13th February 2016

10.00 - 12 noon

Saturday 13th February

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Advance notice:

Saturday 12th March

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Curling up by the fire with a good book is an antidote to the dark, cold & wet outside at this time of year so come & select something from our 'stock', which may also include some DVD's, & even videos still - but also the latest Booker prize winners & best sellers as well as history & the classics - something for everyone, + coffee & friends new & old.

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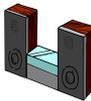
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Unseasonable December and part-January weather, together with the Christmas break, meant that there were not many matches played recently.

The Under 9s re-start the season from 16th January, and training continues every Friday at 6 pm at Northbrook pitch in Market Lavington.

We have a new coach (temp) for the Under 7s, with training taking place at Lavington School indoor sports hall every Friday at 5.30pm - please contact Mark Goddard for details. In addition we welcome Andy Duckett as new temp coach for the Under 10s who train on Fridays with the Under 9s at Northbrook at 6 pm, again contact details are below. Many thanks to Jason for all his help and commitment in running both teams over the last few years, and encouraging the development of the children from an early age.

For both teams and other age groups in the Club new members are welcome to come along and join in.

The Under 15s had an entertaining but very muddy away draw 4-4 against Bath City. The team will shortly be taking part in the quarter finals of the County Cup at home to Chippenham, and the following week they will also play in the 2nd round of the League Cup against Warminster.

Team contact details:

Reception Year (tasters) + Under 6s/7s/8s:

Mark 01380 813160 or 07974 723008.

Under 9s: Dave 07843 678781

Under 10s: Andy Duckett 07970-028330

U12: Stuart 07756 540864

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U15: Neil 01380 818193

Steve Dagnall



'If you think you are too small to make a difference, you have never spent a night with a mosquito in your room'.

Nelson Mandela



Worton and Marston Gardening Club



Our February meeting is on Monday 15th February at 7:30pm in the Village Hall. Simon Tucker will be attending to give us a presentation on the British Trust for Ornithology Garden Birdwatch Scheme.

Garden BirdWatch monitors the changing fortunes of birds and other garden wildlife through its network of 'citizen scientists'. Observations collected by BTO Garden BirdWatchers are analysed by BTO researchers and published in leading journals. BTO Garden BirdWatchers have charted the decline of the House Sparrow, the rise of the Woodpigeon, and have discovered that urban birds get up later than their rural counterparts. They have also alerted conservationists to the impact of an emerging disease in Greenfinches.

We all love to see birds in our gardens and this promises to be a very interesting evening.

Non-members are always welcome too and admission is free. Tea and coffee will be available.

Dot Francis
Programme Secretary

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Edington Arts are launching their 2016 concert programme with an organ recital by Ashley Grote, Master of Music at Norwich Cathedral and former Director of the Edington Music Festival, in the Priory Church on Saturday April 16th. The full programme will be announced as soon as it is to hand!

Ashley is a consummate organist and great communicator – and also headed the successful fundraising Appeal for the Harrison and Harrison organ which was installed in the church in 2014.

Future events include “An Evening with Claire Jones” on May 14th; Claire is a former Royal Harpist, and will talk about her instrument and career as well as perform a variety of magical music.

Then on June 18th the great choral conductor Brian Kay will be leading a workshop on Lauridsen’s Lux Aeterna and Rutter’s Magnificat. Application forms are available now through the Edington Arts website.

Tickets and full information are available NOW through the website, www.edingtonarts.org or phone 01380 831256 or 01380 831454.

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Alex North, Good Neighbour Co-ordinator for Devizes villages.

T: 01380 715892 M: 07557 922027

E: devizesgnc@communityfirst.org.uk

Watch This Space!

Steve Dewar is leading a new fortnightly discussion group for 11-14s to be held at St Marys church, Potterne 7.30pm till 8.30pm starting February 11th 2016. It's FREE and the evenings will consist of some food, fun activities and opportunities to discuss any of life's tough questions faced by young people.

Young people are welcome to join Steve and others in a safe and encouraging environment and take time to discuss and talk about real questions and issues in a relevant and engaging way. No question is a silly question. To get you started and something to think about - Which came first, the chicken or the egg? If the universe is so big and I seem so little, why am I important?

If you are a young person and would like to know more or someone who is young at heart and would like to help, please contact Steve Dewar on 07930982520 or email steve@wiltshireyfc.org.uk to find out more.

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WORTON PARISH COUNCIL (WPC)

Neighbourhood Plan

The Council voted to start the process of creating a Neighbourhood Plan in Worton. We are now looking at terms of reference for the Steering Group, and deciding on the area that the Neighbourhood Plan will cover. Please come to the Village Meeting to get involved.

There will be a Village Meeting about Neighbourhood Planning

28th January at the Village Hall 7.30pm

for residents to find out more and volunteer to help

Bus shelter maintenance

The Council is seeking volunteers to help keep an eye on the bus shelters and keep them clean.

Vacancy for a Councillor

The Parish Council has a vacancy for a Councillor, and we are looking for someone who would like to take part in the life of the village. Do you have time, skills and ideas to help make Worton even better?

The Council meets on the first Monday of each month except August. Come along to a meeting or contact the clerk if you are interested to find out more about the role.

Mill Race Footpath

Due to difficulties in negotiations with Wiltshire Council, the diversion for the Mill Race footpath may have to close.

We look forward to welcoming you to our next meeting on
Monday 1st February 2016 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

If you have a query please contact the clerk Liz Read
01380 813 294 clerk@worton.org.uk www.worton.org.uk

VILLAGE HALL HEATING

The village hall heating is now managed through a timer. This is set for all the regular bookings and for one-off bookings. However, if you use the Hall erratically, for example, some months but not others, it is vital that you ensure that the booking secretary, Pauline Crisp, knows the months you will be requiring it or the timer will not be set for your meeting.

Also, please do not turn down the thermostat when you leave.

Many thanks.

Veronica Franklin



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VILLAGE HALL 200 CLUB

The winners for January are: £50 No 125 Norah Brierley and £10 No. 148 Pauline Dark. Congratulations to both.

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Now that Christmas and New Year are behind us the Trustees of the Village Hall have started to plan 2016. We are pleased with our success in 2015 in improving the external fabric of the Hall but now intend to focus on raising funds to improve the loos. We would like to re-design the toilet space to provide a disabled toilet as well as a male and female toilet if possible. To kick start this we have been shortlisted in a funding exercise being run by Devizes Lions. More on this next month.

Also the Trustees are keen that the Hall is used for the community and hope to put on some events throughout the year that are purely for fun as well as events for fund raising. So far the following have been planned:

- February - Thank you party for all those who helped with the village hall refurb
- March 19th - Jumble Sale
- April 23rd - Queen's 90th Birthday Celebration Party
- June 25th - Loo 'Lympics – fun family games to raise funds for the loo refurb.
- October - Return of the Monster Trail
- December - Christmas Bazaar

We'll also be applying for Hallmark 1& hopefully 2 during 2016. Hallmark is the quality accreditation scheme for Village Halls and gives users the assurance that the Hall has all the right policies & procedures in place to ensure their safety & wellbeing.

Keep up to date with all of the above by checking the Village Hall website on <http://www.wortonmarstonvillagehall.btck.co.uk/>

Veronica Franklin, Chair of Trustees

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New Group for 11-14s!



Starting February 11th, our youth worker, Steve, is leading a

**new fortnightly group for 11-14s
in St Marys church Potterne
7.30pm till 8.30pm.**

The evening will consist of some food, fun activities and opportunities to discuss, in a safe and encouraging environment, life's tough questions faced by young people.

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White Horse Opera

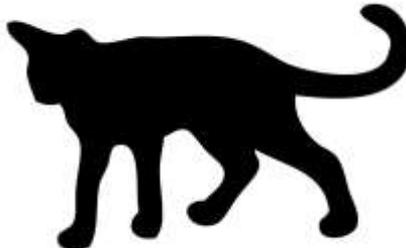
is dedicating its Spring Concert to **Vince Gaiger**

"A Night at the Opera" will be a concert of your favourites such as the Easter Hymn and The Brindisi from La Traviata to name just a couple.

We are delighted to welcome back guest tenor Carlos Alonso.

Devizes Town Hall Saturday 23rd April at 7.30pm

Tickets £10 from Devizes Books and on-line at
www.ticketsource.co.uk/whitehorseopera





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The term has got off to a good start and we find ourselves with a much younger group who are discovering the toys all over again.

We have an excellent range of toys, and the craft cabinet is full of materials, paints and glue. And at the end of each session we have a number of ride on/ride in vehicles for the children to let off steam with before home time.

I am hoping that by the time this magazine goes out I will have made some new contacts at the Newcomers' Party, but if you know of anyone in Worton or the surrounding villages who is looking for a friendly inclusive group, please tell them about us. From newborn up to school age, all are welcome.

Hilary Hams

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Local Actress.....

Local actress Lizzie Stables (from Bulkington) will be bringing her theatre company, **Folio**, to the West Country this February.

She will be performing in a brand new play written by up and coming playwright Alys Metcalf, called **Reel Life**.

Folio's debut play, '**unearthed**' received excellent reviews and was described by David Suchet OBE as 'Heart Warming'.

Performances of **Reel Life** will be at :

Trowbridge Arts Centre on February 5th, 7.30pm

(www.trowbridgearts.com or 01225 774306) and

the **Ustinov Studio Bath** on 8th and 9th at 8pm

(www.theatreroyal.org.uk or 01225448844)

before showing in London.

Tickets can be booked directly from the venues.

Veronica Franklin

VILLAGE DIARY

Regular Meetings

In the Village Hall

- **Gardening Club**
3rd Monday 8.00pm (not Aug /Dec)
- **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**
Every Tuesday
- **Potterne Rainbows** (term time)
Tuesday 4.45-5.45pm
- **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**
2nd Saturday 10.00 - Noon

Mobile Library

Location: The School, 1.10 - 2.00pm
Next Dates

- Monday February 8th

Call Wiltshire Library Services
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Forthcoming Events

- 1st Worton Parish council meeting
- 9th WI meeting
- 13th Book Swap
- 15th Gardening Club

Devizes Farmers' Market
Next: Saturday 6th February

The Shambles Antiques Market
Every Tuesday

Kerbside Collections

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Wednesday 3rd & 17th

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Wednesday 10th & 24th

Garden waste:
Friday 12th & 26th



Worton and Marston Link

Need help getting to hospital appointments or visiting the doctor and dentist? Or maybe, need some transport to get you to the shops?

Call W&M LINK on 720207

Deadline for items for the next Bridge is 15th February 2016.
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