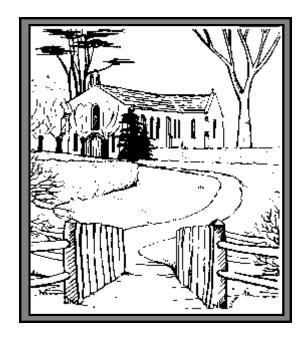
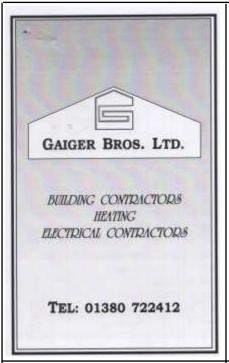
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THE BRIDGE

Editor: Giles Collins giles.collins@btinternet.com

I write in response to the following article published on page 14 of the December magazine:- "Just a thought, if villagers wore high visibility jackets when they walked along the High Street, perhaps through traffic would slow down...??"

Well, if it was not such a serious subject I might have laughed and thought "Pigs might fly" because, over the past 44 years, in my own small way I have tried to highlight the problem of speeding vehicles through our village. Obviously there was not the same volume of traffic back in the 1970s but it was still a matter of concern to a young mum like me walking two little boys to the village school. I began my 'campaign' on my walks to the school and back by carrying a home made bright orange sign with 30mph in black lettering on it. Nowadays I wear a yellow jacket with the all important 30mph on show when walking in the High Street.

Yes, I get some odd looks, some mouthing and gesturing but I just hope that at least some drivers take it as a reminder! We can no longer safely walk two abreast on our pavements and in spite of the valiant efforts of our speed watch teams we have yet to come up with an effective deterrent.

So, high visibility jackets? Yes why not give it a try.

Primrose Wright.

Worton and Marston Gardening Club

Following a meeting of the committee on 17th January following on from the AGM last November, as there have been no volunteers for the posts of chairman or programme secretary, it has been decided that there will be no programme of meetings of the Club this year. Neither will the Flower show will take place.

Further details of our discussions will be given to members in due course and to the wider public in next month's magazine.

Bill Francis

Advance notice:

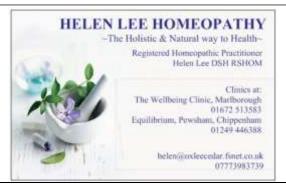
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Pastoral Letter

There rarely seems to be any good encouraging news these days in the media. Instead we hear of suicide bombings, fraudsters, crisis in the NHS and breakdown in family relationships. Admittedly there is sometimes good news in towns, cities and villages where communities have come together to care for each other. Two headings caught our attention – 'The silent epidemic of loneliness brings shame on us all' and 'in the age of social media we have never been further apart'.

The cause of this worrying trend seems to be a lack of care for one another in our society which can lead to isolation and loneliness. Jesus in His ministry urges us to love and care for one another and also bear one another's burdens so that we can encourage each other to be the people Jesus wants us to be.

When Jesus met the Samaritan woman at the well, she was isolated by the community in which she lived. Jesus senses her isolation and initiates a conversation by asking her for a drink and saying to her that He himself is the Living Water. She runs off to testify to her community about her amazing encounter.

Let us take the gifts God has given us of love and friendship to those around us in our community. It also reflects the gifts the Wise Men brought to the infant Jesus – Gold to represent His Kingship; Frankincense because he was worshipped as Lord, and Myrrh for He would become a sacrifice in dying for each one of us.

Let us take heart from these stories for ourselves and find ways to open up conversations with others which may lead to seeking the deep questions of life itself and also open up the opportunity for people to seek their true identity in God's world

At the time of writing, the advert and profile for our new incumbent will be publicised, please pray that we find the right person to lead us into the future of our communities.

Janet Molland and Keith Thorman – Churchwardens at Potterne

SERVICE CALENDAR

February

Sun 5th 4 BEFORE LENT

8.00am CHRIST CHURCH Holy Communion

4.00pm CHRIST CHURCH Christingle Service

6.00pm Marston Chapel No Service

Sun 12th 3 BEFORE LENT

9.30am CHRIST CHURCH Parish Communion

6.00pm Marston Chapel Rev Simon Edwards

Sun 19th 2 BEFORE LENT

9.30am CHRIST CHURCH Morning Worship

6.00pm Marston Chapel No Service

Sun 26th NEXT BEFORE LENT

9.30am CHRIST CHURCH Parish Communion

6.00pm Marston Chapel Rev Gary Gotham

March

Wed 1st 3 ASH WEDNESDAY

7.30pm CHRIST CHURCH Cluster Service

Sun 5th LENT 1

9.30am CHRIST CHURCH Family Service

6.00pm Marston Chapel TBA



There were no funerals or baptisms at Christ Church in December.

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

CHURCH ROTAS

Sidesmen – February 2017

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Sun 5 th		Mrs J Buckley Mr T Walker, Mr R Boyns	Holy Communion Christingle Service			
Sun 12 th	9.30am	Mrs J Mason, Mr M Lewis	Parish Communion			
Sun 19 th	9.30am	Mrs S Nixon, Mr T Harwood	Morning Worship			
Sun 26 th	9.30am	Mrs S Courth, Mr L Courth	Parish Communion			
Sidesmen – March 2017						
Wed 1st	7.30pm	Mr T Walker, Mr P Witcher	Cluster Service			
Sun 5 th	0.000	Mr R Shercliff Ms L Hale, Mr T Brewer	Holy Communion Family service			

	Altar Flowers	Brass Cleaning	Church Flowers
Sun 5 th	Mrs Puckle Hobbs	Mrs J Wright	Mrs A Darling
Sun 12 th	Mrs Duckworth	Mrs Lane	Mrs S Horn
Sun 19 th	Mrs Nixon	Mrs Hailstone	Mrs D Harwood
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From Christ Church:

The advertisement and profile for a new incumbent for the proposed new Wellsprings Benefice (Potterne with Worton and Marston and Seend, Bulkington & Poulshot) has now been published, a copy of which can be viewed in Christ Church. Interviews are planned for the end of February. Please pray for those involved in the appointment and for our whole community as this process takes place.

The collection from the Carol Service which amounted to £358.04 has been sent to Julia's House, the children's hospice due to open in Devizes later this year.

Sunday 5th February – Christingle Service

There will be the usual 8 o'clock Holy Communion service, but the Family Service will be a Christingle Service at 4pm. All welcome, especially families and children.

Wednesday 1st March – Ash Wednesday

The Ash Wednesday service will be held at Christ Church at 7.30pm. We will be joined by 'Cluster' members from Rowde & Bromham and Seend, Bulkington and Poulshot, as well as our friends from St Mary's Potterne, with an opportunity to chat with friends over coffee after the service. Everyone welcome.

Heather and Margaret, Churchwardens, Christ Church

WORTON & MARSTON LADIES GROUP

I don't have much to report this month as we have had a quiet time over the Christmas New Year period. By the time you read this month's magazine we will have been to the Raven for our Christmas Dinner (25th January) which I'm sure we all enjoyed!

Our next meeting on 22nd February will be a talk on 'Wills & Power of Attorney' as usual 8pm Village Hall. Also ladies, I will be collecting our subs for this year (£15).

Hope to see as many as possible, and if there is anyone who would like to come along to see if it's a group they would like to join you would be most welcome.

Pam Woods

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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – AFFORDABLE HOUSING

What exactly is AFFORDABALE HOUSING? The term 'affordable housing' is heard a lot these days but in the context of local and national government and in the planning environment it has a very specific meaning.

The definition of **Affordable Housing** used by the government and Wiltshire Council is:

'Social rented, affordable rented and intermediate housing, provided to eligible households whose needs are not met by the market. Eligibility is determined with regard to local incomes and local house prices.

- **a.** Social rented housing is owned by local authorities and private registered providers for which guideline target rents are determined through the national rent regime.
- **b.** Affordable rented housing as above but subject to rent controls of up to 80% of the local market rent.
- c. Intermediate housing is homes for sale and rent provided at a cost above social rent, but below market levels subject to the criteria in the Affordable Housing definition above. These can include shared equity (shared ownership and equity loans), other low cost homes for sale and intermediate rent, but not affordable rented housing.

Homes that do not meet the above definition of affordable housing, such as "low-cost market" housing, are not considered as affordable housing for planning purposes.'

In other words all 3 types of 'Affordable House' are **only available** to persons who qualify for the provision of social housing as determined by Wiltshire Council, allocation of this social housing is controlled by the council on a county-wide needs basis. It **is not** subsidised or cheaper than market value housing available for the general public to buy or rent.

Any new housing development of more than 4 houses in our area should provide 30% affordable housing. This affordable housing becomes a Wiltshire Council social housing asset and is managed by them or their representative, such as Aster.

HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY - At the end of February the Worton Neighbourhood Plan Group will be distributing a survey to Worton households. This survey is written and processed by Wiltshire Council. This Housing Needs Survey is only designed to calculate the future types and numbers of 'Affordable Housing' in our community. From this information we can estimate the overall housing requirement for Worton. Please complete and return the Housing Needs Survey.

If you have any questions about Neighbourhood Planning, or would like to be involved, please contact the team at: wortonneighbourhoodplan@gmail.com

Our meetings are held on the second Sunday of the month at 7pm in the pub and anyone is welcome to attend.

Kind Regards, Worton NP Group



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WORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Vacancy for a Parish Councillor

In May there will be an election of the Parish Council, as well as Wiltshire Councillors. The Parish Council currently has a vacancy for a Parish Councillor. If you would like to be more involved in the life of the village, and have some time and energy to spare, please get in touch with the Clerk and consider standing for election in May. The Council meets on the first Monday of most months, at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Whatleys Playing Field

Planning approval has now been received and the Parish Council is preparing to lease parts of the Whatleys Playing Field for use as a children's nursery for the community. The Whatleys Playing Field will be closed for two weeks soon for a percolation test. Access to the field will be restored when possible.

Parish Council and Neighbourhood Plan group joint message

Views expressed at the recent village meeting were individual views, and not those of the Parish Council or the Neighbourhood Plan group. It is not the aim of the Parish Council or the Neighbourhood Plan group to support or oppose any proposal at this stage.

Please come forward to represent your views on the group. Contact the Clerk or look at the Neighbourhood Plan page on the Worton website.

Available

The Parish Council have a stock of gel bags and sandbags to prevent flood water intrusion. If you need them please contact the Clerk.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council is on the 6th February 2017 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. All are welcome to attend.

Liz Read, Parish Clerk <u>www.worton.org.uk</u> <u>clerk@worton.org.uk</u>



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Full programme information, and the full list of 2017 events, can be found on the Edington Arts website, www.edingtonarts.org.





Happy New Year from 1st Potterne Rainbows! We had a busy but hugely enjoyable Christmas term where we made The Twits for the Monster Trail, lots of craft for the Bazaar and visited Longleat for the Festival of Light. A highlight was the amazing afternoon tea served by Keith at the Wharf Café followed by a walk around the museum, we hope to visit again and is highly recommended by our Rainbows!

We start this term thinking about the Rainbow journey and the promise that we make in Girlguiding. We have lots of activities planned and our Olivia doll will be spending time with each Rainbow and recording her adventures!

If you would like any further details then please do contact us.

Best wishes

1st Potterne Rainbows

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I would like to start this article by welcoming our new caretaker Adrian Goss to our brilliant school.

Also, on Wednesday the 11th of January the girl's football team went to the county semi-finals at Stanley Park in Chippenham. They amazingly came third winning them a place in the county finals the following week.

Next, we would like to say a big thank you to Marston Parish Council who kindly donated our poultry fencing for our school chickens, who are now laying lots of delicious eggs. The eggs can be purchased from our school office, £1 for half a dozen.

This week we have started clubs again and we have some new interesting ones like: Bloodhound club, junk modelling and knitting.

We are also working very hard to get KS1 a grass area and we are going to try to get some play equipment to go on it.

Finally, remember to check our Facebook and twitter accounts as we are updating them regularly, and our website (www.fivelanes.wilts.sch.uk) which we update almost every week!

By Harriet Cuthbert (Head Girl)

Wiltshire Link Schemes

In 2016 Wiltshire Link schemes have a combined total of almost 1,700 volunteers who completed 52,981 tasks and journeys. Between them, the Link drivers travelled an astonishing 941,008 miles. This is enough to:

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You may see the above in various publications. Thanks to all Worton & Marston drivers who contributed to this total so that nobody was left on the moon. Anybody who would like to join our local Worton & Marston Link Scheme and offer lifts to other villagers, please ring Hazel on 720207 to obtain further information.

We also have a page on <u>www.worton.org.uk</u> under village organisations.

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School Community Governor Vacancy

Although some schools struggle to appoint directors to the governing board, Lavington has always been fortunate in having sufficiently interested parents, guardians and members of the community that we have only had occasional vacancies on our board. However, some long serving governors have recently left and to keep the balance between parents and non-parents we are now seeking community members to join the Governing Board.

Governors are very much valued at Lavington, which as an academy enjoys a degree of autonomy which the Governors oversee, the role is interesting and rewarding and need not take too much of your time. Our governors tend to be busy people so we work hard to make meetings efficient and meaningful. There are about 6 full meetings per year, but much of the work takes place at small committee meetings (also termly) of around 3 or 4 governors with one member of the senior leadership team. Occasionally special interest groups are formed to oversee particular projects (e.g. 6th form or multi-academy trust).

Full meetings are generally at 6:30 pm and committee meeting vary to suit the individuals concerned, they typically last about 90 minutes.

You do not need experience and there is no qualification that makes a good governor, although you may happen to have some skills which we would put to good use in for example the law and young people, safeguarding or special educational needs. Enthusiasm and a willingness to listen, learn and contribute are more important than anything else.

Governors are expected to read around the subject, keeping themselves informed of Lavington school life, expectations of Governors and best practice. To help this at Lavington we subscribe to the National Governors Association and encourage Governors to take on training as required.

This is an important time for Lavington School and I would welcome the opportunity to speak to any member of the community who might like to be involved. Please call or email me if you would like to find out more. A formal application would then be sought followed by an interview.

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As we continue to grow the teams and age groups concerned, we are looking for people who wish to enter coaching for youth football. If you are interested, even if you don't have children in our teams, then please get in touch with our Secretary Vicky Goddard. The club will handle all governance documentation etc. Head or assistant coach trainees welcome!

Not many games have been played since last report but the highlight of the month has been the Under 14s in the top Mid-Wilts league.

Sunday 8th saw the U14 team deliver a very encouraging performance against arch rivals Devizes Town. A close encounter, particularly in the first half, was eventually won by Worton & Cheverell 5-1 after a tremendous second half performance. The team now sit 3rd in their first season in this division.

Team updates:

Our younger age groups are still looking for more players to join in and have fun whilst learning and developing skills, so please get in touch if your child (boys and girls) would be interested.

U5s/6s Training will resume in March when it warms up a little!

U7s and U8s training on Friday evenings at Northbrook starting at 5:30pm.

U9s training on Friday evenings at Northbrook starting at 6:00pm

U10 numbers are growing all the time and wins still keep coming. Training will continue on Friday evenings at 7.00pm.

U11 training on Friday evenings at Northbrook starting 5:30pm. The team are enjoying the muddy start to this year so far J

U13 continue to do well in U13 Green league.

U14 maintaining a 3rd position in U14 Blue league.

We have spaces in the following teams and would welcome any new joiners (boys and girls) who are interested in learning, developing and playing football. Please contact managers:

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As you read this, I would ask you to spare a thought for all those who have made this magazine possible – the editor and the contributors, the compiler and the printer, the advertisers and the distributors. It's quite a team and, as far as I know, the work is more or less all done by unpaid volunteers. It is, and they are, a credit to the community. A parish magazine reporting a healthy mix of local events, services, facilities and people is rather reassuring when national media often portrays the world as increasingly uncertain.

Part of the pleasure for me is that the magazine is in print. A great part of my time is spent in front of a computer screen and most of the communications I receive come electronically in the form of emails or texts. Likewise, much of the information I need is obtained via the internet – and a wonderful resource it is. The scope is infinite and instant. When I entered "parish magazines" into Google (other search engines are available) I received 604,000 results in less than a second. Amazing!

Yet the digital world also seems ephemeral. I have recently been looking through old family albums and other archives that provide a tangible link to the past. I have found much to treasure. In contrast, the information and images that in times past would have been on paper are now stored on computer. If the computer fails (as mine did not long ago), what then? "Back-up!" you might say, but my attempts at that were only partly successful. My address book of 20 years ago has proved to be a more reliable source of contacts than my Contacts page on Outlook that went down with the computer.

About 15 years ago, I stored stuff on floppy discs, some of which I still have. I doubt if I will ever again get access to whatever is there. Indeed, I defy anyone to find their way through my computer records now. This piece, for example, is filed as "C:\Users\richard.gamble\Documents\A Message\2017\15-01-17". It doesn't exactly attract the eye (and nor should it, you may think!).

Like the real world, the digital world is ever changing so who knows what electronic gadgetry will store and transmit information in years to come. It will, I am sure, be wonderful – as long as the internet continues to be accessible. My instinct, however, is that if you want a permanent record, put it on paper - like this magazine.

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Five Lanes Women's Institute

For our first meeting of 2017, we had a representative from the Julia's House charity to talk to us. Julia's House is an award-winning children's hospice charity dedicated to bringing comfort and care to families across Dorset and Wiltshire.

The charity is named after its inspiration, Julia Perks. Julia had been a dedicated paediatric nurse, working at Great Ormond Street Hospital. When she moved to Dorset, she realised that there was a need for a service aimed at sick children and their families in the county. The fund raising was started, and premises were established in Dorset. Unfortunately, Julia died before it was all completed.

The charity gets the majority of its funds by donation and contribution. Luckily, they have some patrons who are very much in the public eye. These include the actors Martin Clunes and Rupert Everett. They get hardly any money from the government but are now expanding. A new Julia's House hospice is nearly ready in Devizes, on the site of the old Registry office. Please take a look at their website to see the fantastic work that they do-www.juliashouse.org.

In February, we will be holding our Annual General Meeting, as well as having some fun doing a quiz. Why not come along and see us? We will be in Worton Village Hall, on Tuesday February 14th from 8pm.See you there.

Jane Loveys, President

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W.I. NEWS

At the January meeting we were very pleased to welcome visitors from the villages and elsewhere. The business of the evening having been concluded, members and visitors were transported to warmer climes by two very different aspects of India.

Lady Johnston talked about her walking holiday in the Himalayas, and this was accompanied by some superb slides illustrating the wonderful views and fascinating flowers that they had seen on their travels.

The Brierleys then showed slides of a holiday in the tiny state of Goa, on the West Coast of India, about 400 miles South of Bombay. All of this showed how varied the conditions and terrain of so vast a continent as India can be - yet it was still only the "tip of an enormous iceberg"!

The February meeting will be a talk on the origin of surnames. Village Hall, 7.45 pm, on Feb. 10th.

WORTON AND MARSTON VILLAGE HALL

Maintenance Day

Thank you to everyone who came and helped at the maintenance day on January 14th. A huge amount of work, both inside and out, was achieved and the Village Hall looks so much better for it. I was told that the day was enjoyable and the shared lunch, delicious, though sadly I was not able to attend myself. The next maintenance day will probably be in March/April; the date will be advertised in a future edition of the Bridge- so keep a eye out for this.

Dates to be aware of:

March 4th - 'Article 51' will be providing an evening gig at the hall in aid of funds for the 'Spend a Penny' campaign. More details on this can be found elsewhere in the Bridge.

March 18th - Our now annual Jumble Sale. Start saving all your unwanted clothes and bric a bric and bring them to the hall on the morning of the 18th or drop them off with one of the Trustees beforehand.

200 Club

It will soon be time to renew subscriptions to the 200 Club. If you are currently a member please consider continuing to support the Hall in this way; if you are not yet a member please consider joining. It is a very effective way of raising funds. If you would like to find out more about it, please 'phone Veronica Franklin on 726845.

The winners for December were: £50 - Nick Stokes £10-Tony Walker and for January: £50 - John Goss £10 - Jenny Wright

Many thanks for your continued support., Veronica Franklin, Chair of Trustees

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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)

In the Rose & Crown

 Neighbourhood Plan Meeting Second Sunday 7pm

Various Venues

Announced Monthly

Book Swap
 2nd Saturday 10.00 - Noon

Mobile Library

Location: The School, 1.10 - 2.00pm Next Dates

Monday February 6th

Call Wiltshire Library Services on **01225 713727** for information

Forthcoming Events

6th Worton PC meeting

11th Book Swap

12th Neighbourhood Plan meeting

14th W.I.

22nd Ladies Group

Devizes Farmers' Market

Next: Saturday 4th February

The Shambles Antiques Market

Every Tuesday

Kerbside Collections

Black box and Plastic bottle and card recycling: Wednesday 1st & 15th February

Household waste: Wednesday 8th & 22nd February

Garden waste: Friday 10th & 24th February



Worton and Marston Link

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Deadline for items for the next Bridge is 15th February 2017.

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