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In the centre pages, you will find details of the Worton and Marston Open Weekend on June 18/19. The organisers are still looking for volunteers to help in any way over the weekend and for donations to support the exhibition and displays in the Church. Please contact Nick/Joy Stokes (698319) or the Churchwardens with your contribution and/or offer to help.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CHRIST CHURCH, WORTON AND MARSTON?

You will be aware that David and Ann Howard will be retiring from our Parish at the end of October. They have been a large part of the life of our villages, not least providing vibrant and meaningful worship in Christ Church, Sunday by Sunday.

If you have never experienced the warmth and welcome of Sunday services, then these last few months of David's ministry will be your opportunity to give it a try. You will be warmly welcomed at any service at 9:30am.

**The Churchwarden team**

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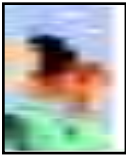
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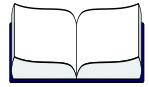


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## Letter from the Vicarage



No matter what you think about it, there is no escape. The EU referendum is this month and we will have to make a decision. The arguments range over economics, security, trade, immigration and many other topics. Basically, though, I suppose the issue is one of power; where does it lie?

I meet people who seem to know better than those in Westminster or Brussels. They tell me: 'The answer is this' or 'What they should do is that.' OK, but I have a feeling that actually wielding power is much harder than pontificating about it when you don't have responsibility.

To have power is an awesome duty, but to have **no** power is devastating.

As I write this, in the Christian Church, next Sunday we think about power. It is called Pentecost or Whit Sunday. Jesus disciples were utterly powerless in the days following his death and resurrection. To begin with they were afraid and anxious, and as time went by, they were perplexed as the risen Jesus appeared to them over 40 days. He gave them a promise; they were to wait in the city until 'power came upon them'. This power, Jesus said, was none other than the Spirit of God, the very same power which enabled Jesus to fulfil his ministry.

On the day of Pentecost amazing things happened; the writer describing the scene can only say that 'a sound like a rushing wind filled the house and what seemed to be tongues of fire fell on those in the place.' But it is the effect on those people rather than the details of what happened, which is important.

A huge crowd gathered to see what the rumpus was about and Peter, one of Jesus closest friends explained what was happening. 3,000 people decided there and then to follow Jesus, and so the church was born. This was the first demonstration of what God's power working in ordinary people could do.

Jesus friends found they could do the things Jesus did; they healed the sick and spoke without fear before the authorities. Before long the state viewed Christians as a dangerous force and tried to stop their activities, but nothing could withstand this group, inspired and energised by the Holy Spirit.

Everything the first Christians achieved was without any political power and influence, they simply trusted in God and got on with it.

Back to the twenty first century. Jesus promises the same Holy Spirit power to us today. No matter how you vote on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, important though that is, of far more lasting worth is to live your life in the power of God's Holy Spirit. Where power lies in nations is important, but far more essential is to know God's power in your life. The Holy Spirit is the gift to all who follow Jesus, and you will never be offered anything more valuable.

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**SERVICE CALENDAR**

**June**

**June**

**Sun 5<sup>th</sup> TRINITY 2**  
8.00am CHRIST CHURCH  
Holy Communion  
9.30am CHRIST CHURCH  
Family Service  
6.00pm *Marston Chapel*  
*Rev Gary Gotham*  
*Holy Communion*

**Sun 26<sup>th</sup> TRINITY 5**  
9.30am CHRIST CHURCH  
Parish Communion  
6.00pm *Marston Chapel*  
*Local Arrangement*

**July**

**Sun 12<sup>th</sup> TRINITY 3**  
9.30am CHRIST CHURCH  
Parish Communion  
6.00pm *Marston Chapel*  
*Mr Eric Clifford*

**Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> TRINITY 6**  
8.00am CHRIST CHURCH  
Holy Communion  
9.30am CHRIST CHURCH  
Family Service  
6.00pm *Marston Chapel*  
*Rev David Ellis*

**Sun 19<sup>th</sup> TRINITY 4**  
9.30am CHRIST CHURCH  
Morning Worship  
6.00pm *Marston Chapel*  
*Rev Tom MacMeekin*



There were no Weddings, Funerals or Baptisms at Christ Church during April 2016.

Visit the church website: [www.christchurchworton.org.uk](http://www.christchurchworton.org.uk)

**CHURCH ROTAS**

**Sidesmen – June 2016**

Sun 5 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am	Mr R Shercliff	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Mrs S Courth, Mr L Courth	Family Service
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mrs M Boyns, Mr R Nott	Parish Communion
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mrs A Pratt, Ms L Hale	Morning Worship
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mr T Walker, Mr M Lewis	Parish Communion

**Sidesmen – July 2016**

Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup>	8.00am	Mr R Shercliff	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Mrs J Mason, Mrs Armand-Smith	Family Service

**Altar  
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**Brass  
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**Church  
Flowers**

June 5 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Francis	Mrs Collins	Mrs D Harwood
June 12 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Brewer	Mrs Hailstone	Mrs J Mason
June 18/19 <sup>th</sup>	Village Open Gardens & Church 175yrs		Mrs L Phillips
June 26 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Brierley	Mrs Brierley	Mrs P Woods

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June 18 <sup>th</sup>	Mr Harwood	Mrs Harwood



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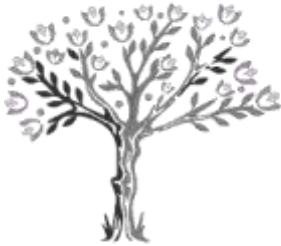
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A carer is anyone who cares, unpaid, for a family member or friend who cannot manage without their support. They might look after someone with a physical disability, long term health condition, mental health issue or a problem with substance misuse.

Many people don't identify themselves as carers, they feel they are just doing what anyone else would so they don't always know what support is available to them.

Carer Support Wiltshire is a local charity supporting carers in Wiltshire. They help them to access support, services, education and training, and breaks from their caring role. As part of Carers Week (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> June) they will be celebrating the contribution unpaid carers make to families and communities in Wiltshire with their Walk a Mile in My Shoes sponsored walk. Walkers are encouraged to decorate their trainers or swap shoes with a relative or friend and show their support for carers.

The walk will take place at John Coles Park in Chippenham. You can find out more at [www.carersinwiltshire.co.uk](http://www.carersinwiltshire.co.uk) or telephone 01380 871690.

### **EDINGTON MUSIC FESTIVAL 2016 MUSICAL EVENING & SUPPER**

The Musical Evening and Supper will take place at the Parish Field (adjoining the village Churchyard), by kind permission of Edington Parish Council, on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2016, 6:30 for 7:00pm.

Tickets, priced at £23, may be ordered on or after 1 June from:

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Cheques should be made payable to 'Edington Priory Church Music Evening' and please enclose a stamped addressed envelope with your application. We will endeavour to accommodate requests to sit with friends if this is stated when ordering tickets.

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

Keep it in perspective, they tell me. Don't sweat the small stuff!

Actually, I think the small stuff is often important. There are many issues that bother people but some are more tractable than others (I can't recall ever using the word "tractable" in my Message before, but the Cambridge English Dictionary says it means "easily dealt with").

So if you are worried or annoyed about something, let's hope it's tractable. On the whole, clearing footpaths, mending potholes, collecting litter – all should be manageable if common sense and goodwill can prevail. It must be said, however, that regulations and bureaucracy sometimes get in the way of common sense and one of the hardest parts of my job is finding a way around such barriers.

Issues arising from human character can be more intractable. Dog poo in a public place is probably a reflection of the ignorance or arrogance of the owner rather than the dog, and that may require sociologists to find a solution. If you have unpleasant neighbours, you may need the involvement of the courts to arbitrate.

At a higher level, defining problems and finding solutions are inevitably more complex. Climate change, education policy, immigration, the NHS, the EU – we all know there are problems but it is naive to think the solutions are simple. (I can't ever recall using the word "naive" but it means "innocent, unsophisticated, artless, ingenuous, inexperienced, guileless, unworldly, childlike..").

What we see from the media on each of these topics often appears to be a war between zealots rather than an informed debate. Like you, probably, I have opinions about the issues but I don't pretend I am certain about the solutions. There are always questions to be asked. Are my ambitions for the outcome realistic or merely idealistic? Is short term pain worth long term gain? Can I rely upon the probity and efficiency of the institutions involved? More often than not, the answers are less than perfect.

If "certainty" implies "ignorance", I suspect the more zealous the commentator the more wrong they might be.

Your judgment is as good as mine on what is right but, on 23 June, we are no longer dealing with the small stuff.

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



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If anyone is interested please phone me on 739986.

Many Thanks

Bill Francis, Chairman

### EDINGTON ARTS

A day of learning and singing from one of the UK's most experienced, musical and entertaining conductors is on offer in Edington Priory Church on Saturday 18th June.

Brian Kay, a founder member of the King's Singers and an award-winning music broadcaster with the BBC, will be working on Morten Lauridsen's 'Lux Aeterna' and the opening movement of John Rutter's 'Magnificat'. Both these beautiful works are staples of the modern choral repertoire – tuneful, memorable, and eminently approachable. It will be a hugely enjoyable day for everyone who enjoys a good sing, whatever your level of experience.

The day will run from 9.30 to 5.30, followed by a run-through performance from 6-7 to which all are invited. Application forms for the workshop, which costs £20 plus £2.50 for music hire, are downloadable from [www.edingtonarts.org](http://www.edingtonarts.org), by phoning Anne on 01380 831454 or emailing her at [anne@edingtonarts.org](mailto:anne@edingtonarts.org). Concert tickets are £10 from 01380 831256. Forms need to be with Edington Arts by June 17<sup>th</sup>.

Anne Curtis



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Potterne Village Hall, Mill Lane SN10 5ND

Refreshments when you arrive, then crafts and activities, Bible story and song, followed by supper

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### Loo 'Lympics Entry Form

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July, Rose & Crown, Worton, 4pm for 4.30pm start**

10 toilet themed games suitable for all fitness levels and abilities. Team competition, maximum of 6 players per team. Put your best player forward for each game. Points awarded for each game, winning team is one with most points at the end of all 10 games. Play your joker on one game to double the points for that game.

Games: not necessarily played in this order

Track	Field
<b>1. Game of Thrones</b> Musical chairs, of a sort Fitness level: A bit Skill: Tactical	<b>6. Toilet Brush Coits</b> No explanation needed Fitness level: Not much Skill: Below Average
<b>2. Bog Rolling</b> Loo roll dribbling Fitness level: Ussain Bolt Skill: Beckham	<b>7. Down the Drain</b> Splat the Rat with a difference! Fitness level: None Skill: Timing
<b>3. Go Potty</b> Egg & spoon style Fitness level: MAMIL Skill: Steady hand	<b>8. Flushed Away</b> Apple bobbing but with poo! (No, it's not real!) Fitness level: Sloth Skill: Anybody's guess
<b>4. Squat Off</b> Who can do the most squats in a minute? Fitness level: Strong thighs Skill: None	<b>9. Pee Shooter</b> How many peas can you get in the bowl? Fitness level: Good lungs Skill: Some
<b>5. Poo Sticks</b> It's nothing like Poo Sticks! Fitness level: 3 legged donkey Skill: Average	<b>10. Turdlywinks</b> Tiddlywinks renamed! Fitness level: Couch potato Skill: Good aim

Now you've read about the games, fill in the below and return to Jo Banks at 76 High St, Worton or Chris Johnson, 10 Gaisford Chase, Worton by 30<sup>th</sup> June along with your £10 entry fee

Team Name:

Team Members:

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# Loo 'Lympics

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**Where:** Rose & Crown, Worton

**When:** Saturday, July 16, 2016

**Time:** 4pm for 4.30pm start for games

**What:** Max of 6 players per team (all ages welcome), £10 per team

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### **Christ Church Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting was held in Christ Church on Sunday 17 April, preceded by the Annual Meeting of Parishioners, at which both Mrs Heather Walker and Mrs Margaret Armand Smith were elected as churchwardens for the coming year.

The APCM was attended by 20 members of the Electoral Roll, and it was reported that the Roll remains at 63, the same as last year, after four names were removed and four more added.

The Financial Statement for the year to 31 December 2015 was presented and satisfaction expressed that, contrary to an earlier forecast, a small surplus was recorded, reflecting the success of the Stewardship campaign mounted in the Spring, together with the postponement of much of the anticipated repair expenditure. The latter will still have to be faced and will cause a significant drain of the church's resources, in the absence of specific further fund raising. The policy of the PCC is to maintain reserves at such a level as to be able to face the unexpected, as has been our salvation in recent years.

The Churchwardens, in their Fabric Report, explained the progress being made with the priority repairs. Decisions regarding these will have to be made by the new PCC. Copies of the report were made available to everyone and thanks expressed to the numerous people who help to keep the church and the churchyard looking so well - church cleaning, flower arranging, brass polishing and churchyard maintenance.

A report was received about the work done by the Deanery Synod, which had met three times during the year. Copies of the report were made available and also left in church. Louise gave a report on the work of the parish magazine team, and thanks were expressed to the editor and the many others who contribute in various ways. It is widely recognised that *The Bridge* provides a useful medium for keeping abreast of (and commenting on) village matters.

Three new members were elected to the PCC: Jean Lane, who has stood down as a churchwarden; Peter Witcher, the PCC secretary and Alison Pratt, secretary of the Family of Churches committee. The current sidesmen were re-elected enbloc and the comment made that more would always be welcome. Frank Marshall was felt to be willing to continue as the Independent Examiner of the church accounts and his re-appointment was authorised on that basis. He was warmly thanked for his work on the recent Financial Statement.

The vicar discussed his personal comments, as included on the cover of the Annual Report. These featured the many achievements of his 12 year tenure of office. He also explained the likely changes to the Benefice when he retires in October. Details of these will be made more widely known, in due course. Both David and Ann were enthusiastically thanked for their tireless work and major contribution to the life of the villages over more than 12 years. They will be sorely missed.

Peter Witcher (Secretary to the PCC).

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The "Bake-off for the Queen" held in the village hall on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April was a great success. Lots of highly imaginative cakes were submitted.

The winners were:

Under 10 years: Erin Wiltshire

10-16 years: Freya Reynolds

Adult: June and Lynn Mason

Thank you to all the other entrants who put in time and effort for their entries. Other activities at the event included dragon egg hunt, crown, dragon making, face painting and teddy stall.

Thank you to all those who volunteered to help run this for-fun community event.

Jo Banks      Christine Johnson



There has been a scout group in Market Lavington since the 1920s. The group has its own hall and has many young members from the local villages as far away as Seend.

At the end of the year 2 leaders who have each been with the group for over 20 years are leaving.

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These are the roles that need to be filled:

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**Cub Helper** - Cub helpers help run the meetings about 7 times a year, running activities and acting as a witness to the events of the evening. There must always be at least 2 adults at every meeting.

**Group Scout Leader** - This is the person, who is the public face of the group. He or she will manage and support the Scout Group and its Leaders to ensure it runs effectively and that Scouting within the Group develops in accordance with the rules and policies of The Scout Association.

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## Christ Church PCC Meeting

The Parochial Church Council of Christ Church met on Thursday 28 April and discussed the following:

Thanks were expressed to all those who had helped in any way to make the annual Newcomers' Party in January such a success. As usual this appeared to have been appreciated by all who went: established residents and newcomers.

The following officers were elected for 2016/17:

- 2.1 Vice chairmen: Jean Lane and Margaret Armand Smith
- 2.2 Electoral Roll Officer: Peter Witcher
- 2.3 Treasurer: Louise Hale
- 2.4 Secretary: Peter Witcher

The Treasurer reported that she is investigating the possibility of obtaining a grant from Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust to help with the estimated £9,500 cost of refurbishing the cupola.

The decision was taken to include refurbishment of the bell mechanism, as part of the cupola repairs and a non-restrictive grant will be sought for this too.

Work is already underway preparing for the annual Holiday Club for school age children in the Vicarage garden, at the end of the summer term.

Many events have already taken place to mark the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the dedication of Christ Church. These have been very enjoyable and raised useful sums towards the huge total which is required to complete all of the recommended repairs. Future events include the annual joint fete/sports tournament with Five Lanes School and a weekend of celebration to mark the Sovereign's Official Birthday in June. Full details of the latter can be found in The Bridge.

The proposed extension of the Benefice with St Mary's Potterne to include the parishes of Seend, Poulshot and Bulkington (as discussed at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in April) is now being discussed by the Church hierarchy, and it is hoped to have this approved before David retires in October.

Peter Witcher  
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The season is now at an end, with full results / positions available to see for the Mid Wilts Youth and Minor League on the F.A. website. The tournament season is now starting for certain age groups. Members are always welcome - please contact the relevant age group coach below.

Under 15s: after 3 wins in a row, they finally lost to Melksham (who are likely to complete a league and Cup double).

Awards for players: Player's Player – James Stobbart; Parent's Player – Jack Churches; Manager's Player – Ed Cooke.

U13s: finished 2<sup>nd</sup> position in the League, recently beating Melksham: 5-2, although losing final game of the season away to Warminster.

U12: mid table 5<sup>th</sup> with 23 points, the same points tally as 3<sup>rd</sup> team Corsham who they recently beat 1-5

We are not permitted to publish results for the younger age groups.

U6/7/8 and U9 teams will be participating at the St Barnabas' School fete on 18 June.

At U9 level, the tournament season has already started, with some great performances so far at Highworth Town, Frome Town, and Salisbury FC. Training will continue for this group until July, every Friday at 6 pm at Northbrook.

The summer looks exciting with the European Championships.....**but it is not all about Football, there are various local Cricket teams in the area who also need your support!**

## JUNE BOOK SWAP



Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June  
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The Village Hall management committee held its AGM on 26<sup>th</sup> April. Thank you to everyone who made time to come; your support is appreciated. Both Helen Morse and Chris Johnson stepped down from their role as Trustees; thank you to both for your time, energy and enthusiasm. Thank you also to Tom Harwood for his time and expertise in auditing the annual accounts, as always, much appreciated. The following people have been re-elected:

Chair - Veronica Franklin  
Treasurer - Pauline Crisp  
Secretary - Jo Banks  
Trustee (H&S) - Jeff Stocks  
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As you can see, we now have two vacancies to fill. We are actively seeking new Trustees but would gladly hear from anyone who would like to find out more about the role with a view to getting involved. We'd particularly welcome someone from Marston and someone younger joining us. However, if you don't fit this criteria, please don't let this put you off. Just get in touch with one of us for a no obligation chat.

### Other news

200 Club - the first draw in 2016/17 was won by Lyn Vickers £50 & Jane Fisher £10. If you've yet to renew your subscription, or would like to join, just jot your name and contact details down and drop off at 11 Gaisford Chase along with payment, £12 for 12 months pro-rata'd.

Finally, thanks to everyone who came to the **Right Royal Tea Party** and especially to those who made cakes, provided bunting, flags, dragons & signs. We hope you enjoyed yourselves and left suitably stuffed with cake (there was quite a lot!). The event was about bringing people together to celebrate the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday rather than fundraising although we did make a few pennies.

Finally, finally - look out for the info about our next event coming up in July - **Loo 'Lympics** - fun, toilet themed games for all - all in the best possible taste of course! This will be kick-starting our next fundraising campaign to update the loos.

Jo Banks (Secretary) pp Veronica Franklin (Chair)

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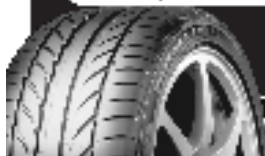
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Thanks to the Rose & Crown, we held our AGM in convivial surroundings, there are minutes, a chairman's report, a financial report which is independently examined, all are available, please ring the Link number 720207 if you would like a copy.

In brief, volunteers in Wiltshire Link Schemes carried out a million miles in supportive journeys in 2015. Of that, Worton & Marston Link undertook 192 journeys which entailed 430 driver hours, these included 19 to the major hospitals. The other trips involved visits to various local surgeries, dentists and other essential trips.

We have 18 named drivers on the books, which may seem like a large number but with holidays, illness and other commitments, at any one time there is less than half that number available to be telephoned. Sometimes it can be difficult to fulfil our obligations so please come and join us, or ask your friends and neighbours if they have a small amount of time to spare. It only entails on average about an hour or so a month and petrol expenses @ 45p/mile are reimbursed. Please ring the Link number 720207 for further details.

Our annual fund raising Quiz Night has been arranged for Friday 11th November, in the village hall please put that in your diary, it is usually a very good night. The funds go towards our public liability insurance of £125, our telephone costs of £250, together with miscellaneous expenses of £30 and the petrol expenses. This results in a fixed cost to us of approximately £6.50 for a 10 mile trip and £25.00 cost for a 50 mile round trip. Currently our donations with our fund raising, balance our costs so thank you all very much.

I would like to give my appreciation to the committee members and volunteer drivers for the hours they put in. In addition, a special mention must be given to Hazel Rennie who as treasurer and Co-ordinator puts in a large amount of valuable time and also Malcolm Powell as the financial examiner. We may be one of the smaller Link schemes in the county but we work well, long may we continue so that in the future we may all use it when necessary. Thank you all for your support during the year.

Alun Newman, Chairman Worton & Marston Link Scheme



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Charles Dickens



## WORTON & MARSTON LADIES GROUP

9 members enjoyed a “High Tea” at the Lavender Lodge Tea Rooms in Whitehall Garden Centre for our April meeting. Two of our members tucked into the “Luxury” afternoon tea which looked yummy if I hadn’t been going out that evening for a meal I may have succumbed!

Our meeting on May 25<sup>th</sup> will be a talk in the village hall at 8pm when our speaker will be Yvonne Brinton who is the Community Fundraiser for Dorothy House. I hope to see as many of our members as possible.

Forthcoming events for June: a number of us are going to see “Sister Act” which is being performed in St Mary’s Church, Devizes at 7.30pm. All to find their own way there. Don’t forget if you come dressed as a nun you can claim a free “Holy” drink! And later in the month, on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June, we will be meeting for lunch at the White Horse Restaurant, Trowbridge College, time to be confirmed with Teresa. If any members haven’t put their names down and would like to go check with Teresa as spaces are limited.

Finally one of our oldest members Sheila Hale missed our last gathering at Whitehall Garden Centre due to being in the RUH Bath; we all send our very best wishes for a speedy return to good health and we look forward to seeing her back with us again soon.

Hostesses for May: Teresa Chandler & Frances Moore

Pam Woods

### Endnote ...

#### Seek and ye shall find

Mankind can be, in fact, divided into three categories

- those who find God and serve Him
- those who, not having found Him as yet, are seeking for Him
- and those who have neither found nor yet seek.

The first are sensible and happy – the second sensible and unhappy – the last are unhappy and mad.

*“Pascal: The Man and the Message”*

*Roger H Soltan*

(sent in by MK)

## 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

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- Monday May 23<sup>rd</sup> (replaces May 30<sup>th</sup>)
- Monday June 27<sup>th</sup>

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### Forthcoming Events

- 11<sup>th</sup> Book Swap
- 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> Open Gardens and  
Church 175 year celebration
- 29<sup>th</sup> Ladies Group meeting

#### Devizes Farmers' Market

Next: Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June

#### The Shambles Antiques Market

Every Tuesday

#### Kerbside Collections

Black box and Plastic bottle  
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Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>

Household waste:  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>

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