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Editor: Giles Collins

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## Lifeboats

Once again I am appealing for helpers to participate in the door to door collecting for the RNLI, which takes place between Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April - Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

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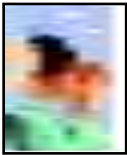
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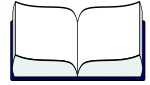


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## Letter from the Vicarage



For the next few days the flower shops, card shops and stationers will be full of hearts. Valentine's Day looms as I write!

Of course, the traditional shape of a heart is nothing like the real thing. I was talking today to someone who recently watched on a screen while a procedure was being carried out on his heart. What he saw was unrecognisable as the red 'heart shape' we all know and love. Today it is possible to control the heart with a pacemaker, to open arteries with stents – even to give someone a new heart.

'Thought for the day' last Friday was about a man who received a pacemaker which transformed his life. Within days of the operation he was out and about for the first time in months.

As the speaker said: "A new heart, a new life. A miracle."

On Valentine's Day it is not medicine or operations we think of, but rather what the heart has come to represent over the years.

**Love**, the Beatles told us, is all we need. When Jesus was asked to sum up the law he said there were only two commandments: First to love God with everything you have, and second to love your neighbour as you love yourself.

But to define love is not easy. It has to be more than a feeling; feelings are far too flimsy to be a foundation for love.

The original language of the Bible was Greek, and there are four words

for love in that language.

The first word is *eros*, love between the sexes. The famous statue in Piccadilly Circus is of *Eros* with his bow.

'*Storgé*' describes the love parents have for children and children for parents, it is a family thing.

'*Philia*' means friendship; similar to our word *cherish*. *Philadelphia* means the city of friendship.

*Agapé* is the final word, and the one Jesus used. The best definition I have heard of this love is **'to want the best for another person, regardless of the personal cost'**. This is a love which is based not on emotion or passion but on will and resolve. With our rather soft view of love it seems impossible that anyone could really follow Jesus command to 'love your enemy'. But it is possible to want the best for your enemies whilst hating what they do – possible but not easy. It is at this point that we really need some external help. And that is precisely what Jesus promises us. He said that anyone who followed Him would receive God's Holy Spirit, the power of God Himself; something to make the heart strong and enable real love to flourish.

As the radio speaker said: "A new heart, a new life. A miracle."

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**SERVICE CALENDAR**

**March**

**Sun 1<sup>st</sup> LENT 2**  
 8.00am CHRIST CHURCH  
 Holy Communion  
 9.30am CHRIST CHURCH  
 Family Service  
 6.00pm *Marston Chapel*  
*Rev Gary Gotham*  
*Holy Communion*

**Sun 8<sup>th</sup> LENT 3**  
 9.30am CHRIST CHURCH  
 Parish Communion  
 6.00pm *Marston Chapel*  
*Rev Simon Edwards*

**Sun 15<sup>th</sup> MOTHERING SUNDAY**  
 9.30am CHRIST CHURCH  
 Family Service for  
 Mothering Sunday  
 6.00pm *Marston Chapel*  
*Rev Cathy Arscott*

**Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> PASSION SUNDAY**  
 9.30am CHRIST CHURCH  
 Parish Communion taken by  
 Annie Wintour from Bromham  
 6.00pm *Marston Chapel*  
*Rev Jennifer Haynes*

**March**

**Sun 29<sup>th</sup> PALM SUNDAY**  
 9.00am Joint Breakfast with St Mary's  
 in Worton and Marston Village Hall,  
 followed by Procession to Christ  
 Church for a Palm Sunday Service  
 at 10.00am  
 6.00pm *Marston Chapel*  
*Rev Simon Edwards*

**April**

**Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
 7.00pm CHRIST CHURCH  
 Candlelight Communion with  
 St Mary's Potterne

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> GOOD FRIDAY**  
 11.00am *Marston Chapel*  
*Short Service followed by a walk of Witness*  
*and Hunger Lunch in the Village Hall*

**Sun 5<sup>th</sup> EASTER DAY**  
 6.00am *St Mary's Sunrise Service*  
 9.30am CHRIST CHURCH  
 Easter Communion  
 for all the family  
 6.00pm *Marston Chapel*  
*Rev Gary Gotham*  
*Holy Communion*

**Please look elsewhere in The Bridge for more details of Easter Services**

There were no Weddings, Funerals or Baptisms at Christ Church during January 2015

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

**CHURCH ROTAS**

**Sidesmen – March 2015**

Sun 1 <sup>st</sup>	8.00am	Mr R Shercliff	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Mrs M Boyns, Mr T Brewer	Family Service
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mrs S Courth, Mr L Courth	Parish Communion
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mrs J Mason, Mr P Witcher	Mothering Sunday
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30am	Mr T Walker, Mrs A Pratt	Parish Communion
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Mrs D Barcham, Mrs A Cross	Palm Sunday

**Sidesmen – April 2015**

Sun 5 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mr R Boyns, Mr T Brewer	Easter Family Service
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	<b>Altar Flowers</b>	<b>Brass Cleaning</b>	<b>Church Flowers</b>
March 1 <sup>st</sup>	LENT	Mrs Mason	LENT
March 8 <sup>th</sup>	LENT	Mrs Hailstone	LENT
March 15 <sup>th</sup>	LENT	Mrs Brierley	LENT
March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	LENT	Mrs J. Wright	LENT
March 29 <sup>th</sup>	LENT	Mr Keates	LENT
April 5 <sup>th</sup>	All to decorate	All to decorate	Mrs Hale

**Church Cleaning**

March 1 <sup>st</sup>	Mrs Leggat	Mrs Sperring
March 15 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Cross	Mrs Nixon



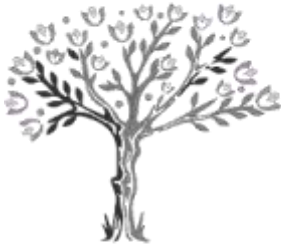
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### **Worton and Marston Ladies Group**

Our next meeting is on March 25<sup>th</sup> in the village hall.  
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Sheila Hale

### **Women's World Day of Prayer**

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2015

A reminder of the service written by the women of The Bahamas ...What have I done to you.  
Look forward to seeing you at 10 30am at Christ Church and meet with others afterwards over a cup of coffee.  
Margaret Boyns

### **Mothering Sunday**

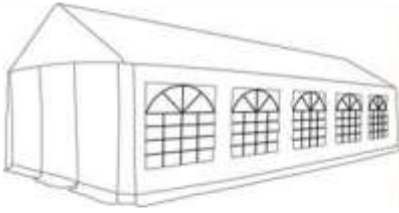
On 15<sup>th</sup> March there will be special services at 9.30 am at Christ Church and 11.00 am at St. **Mary's to celebrate Mothering Sunday. We shall be giving thanks to God for all those who have made a really positive difference to our lives, especially mums.** Small bunches of flowers will be prepared 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](http://www.makeamothersday.org) where you can buy ethical gifts that will make a difference to families around the world. Alternatively you can give a gift in memory of your mother, as a tribute to a life-time of caring. **Your mother's name can be placed in a Remembrance book** which will be kept at the Mary Sumner House Chapel.



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# Easter Services

All our services this week will follow the theme of the stations in each church and will be based around those events.

Mon	30 <sup>th</sup> March	'Hopes and Dreams'	St Mary's
Tues	31 <sup>st</sup> March	'Servant King'	Christ Church
Weds	1 <sup>st</sup> April	'Remember me'	St Mary's

All beginning at 7pm, for 30 minutes

## Maundy Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 'Alone' Christ Church

7.00pm at St. Mary's, to include an informal service of the Last Supper (Holy Communion)



## Good Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 'Sharing our sorrows':

11am Walk of witness from Marston Chapel to Christ Church, Worton for a short service

12.15pm Hunger Lunch in Worton Village Hall

1.45pm A service based on Jesus 7 last words from the cross, musical setting by Haydn



## Easter Day 5<sup>th</sup> April 'The Empty Tomb'



6.00am Holy Communion at St. Mary's, Potterne

9.30am Parish Festival Communion, Christ Church, Worton

11.00am Parish Festival Communion, St. Mary's, Potterne



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## More about Easter...

We have two special events over Easter weekend, 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> April, both in St Mary's, Potterne.



**Good Friday at 1.45 pm the Wiltshire String Quartet will lead us in Haydn's Seven Last Words From The Cross.**

The first public performance was on Good Friday, April 6, 1787, in Cádiz. The plan was for the contemporary equivalent of a dramatic multi-media work, based on the seven phrases Christ spoke from the cross as recorded in the Bible. The potential for a profoundly moving spiritual experience was obvious to the composer, but even he was surprised by the popularity his music quickly achieved. Today we use beautiful music to help us enter in to the wonder of what Jesus has done for us all.



**Easter Day there will be a sunrise service starting at 6.00am.**

The service begins in darkness with the lighting of the new Paschal Candle. The light is then passed round the congregation, each of whom has a candle.

It was in the darkness of the first Easter Day some women went to the tomb of Jesus. There they met with the Light of the World, the one who cannot be overcome even by death. We trust that this Easter you will meet Him too, in a way which is real and relevant to you.



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# Messy Church March 2015

Please join us again for the next **Messy Church** which will be on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March** from 3.30 pm or straight from school, again in Potterne Village Hall.

We hope that you may be able to bring others with you. Everyone is welcome, children with parents or guardians. Don't forget you get your tea too!



## What's happening on the farm!

As I begin to write this article, I am drawn to the recent articles in the national press about a young lad called Harley Baxter a 22 year old farmer from Yorkshire. A few weeks ago his flock of 55 ewes shrank by 11. These ewes were all killed by a single loose dog. To Harley this was not just a few sheep, it was his livelihood and his passion. This heart wrenching story is a stark reminder that no matter what breed your dog is they all have that hunter instinct. So please keep your dogs on leads whilst walking footpaths where there are livestock.

On a much more cheerful note, our new barn is now completed and is full with cattle. They all seem very happy and contented in their new home. We finished laying the concrete in the barn a couple of weeks ago, however we wanted to wait for the lights to be fitted before we put the cattle in the barn. With all the lights on at the farm I have been told it looks like a Christmas tree!

With space for more cattle at the farm, we have been going to sales buying extra heifers. Father has been to Devon and Somerset. There are plans to go to Cheshire, Kent and Dorset buying. With so many sales being advertised we try to choose the sales where the cattle for sale are pedigree, because when it comes to selling them again it is generally the pedigree heifers that are fetching the higher prices.

With this prolonged period of dry weather I have been able to get out onto the fields to spread some manure. This will add long term fertiliser to the soil and I hope to see the benefits throughout this coming growing season. If there are any keen gardeners out there who require well-rotted manure please do contact me on 07732593872.

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## Easter in Potterne, Worton and Marston.



**This year we are celebrating the events of Easter in a rather different fashion, to make it even more special than usual.**

There will be six 'stations' around each of our churches, each station focussing on a different aspect of Holy Week (the last week of Jesus life). The themes will be:

Hopes and Dreams:	The story of Palm Sunday
Servant King:	Jesus washes the disciples' feet
Remember me:	The last supper
Alone:	In the garden of Gethsemane
Sharing our sorrows:	The crucifixion
Resurrection:	The empty tomb



The services during Holy Week will be based around these themes, for details see elsewhere in this magazine.

Our village schools will be coming to Church to experience Easter through the displays.

In addition to the Holy Week services, you are invited to come in any time during the week (or maybe for a few minutes each day) to spend time quietly remembering what Easter is about.

To help you, a leaflet will be available for you to use as you journey around the Easter stations, with thoughts for prayer and meditation at each station.

At each station will be a card with ideas to encourage you to stop and ponder the meaning of what you see.

We hope and pray that the experience will help you to enter more deeply into the meaning of this amazing time, and to discover for yourself the extraordinary love God has for you in his son Jesus.





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Looking for additional players for rest of this season and looking ahead to next season. If interested then contact Neil (Coach) 01380 818193.

This international touring side are currently planning their German Summer Tour, with various fund raising events, for which we look forward to your support:

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Feb – Sponsored 100km relay run at Devizes Leisure Centre – all players, coaches and some parents all contributing to completing the distance.

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February – Bag Packing at Asda - Melksham

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Fundraising Ball, £22.50 including 2 course supper. If interested then contact Neil.

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Bag Packing at Morrisons - Devizes

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April – A 54 hole sponsored event at Erlestoke by the team coach, with funds being split between the football tour and Devizes Opportunity Centre (Capts Charity for 2015)

At the younger ages of the Club, the Under 7s and Reception Year continue with their indoor training at Lavington School Sports Hall on Fridays from 5.00 pm. If you want a ‘taster’ session, please come along or contact Mark on 01380 813160 - new players always welcome.

The Under 10s, despite being equal at half-time in a hotly contested match at Home against Frome Town, were narrowly outdone in the second half with a header which was just out of reach. Again, for both the Under 10s and Under 9s, we still need more players for the team. Please contact Jason on 07590-427999 (both boys and girls welcome).



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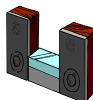
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## Five Lanes CE Primary School



On Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February a group of children from Years 3- 6 took part in Len Holloway's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration in Potterne village hall. The pupils sang a number of World War themed songs, some of which were taken from their Christmas plays. It was great to see Len singing & tapping his feet along with the tunes and the children enjoyed watching themselves on the local News programme!

Book Character Day took place on the 5<sup>th</sup> February, when all the children had the opportunity to dress up as a favourite book character and bring in a book to share stories with each other. The whole school were together at the Worton site for the day and it was lovely to see all the outfits, which included Alice in Wonderland, Cat in the hat, Tarzan's gorilla, Mathilda, Joey the horse (Warhorse) and one inventive boy wrote a short story book about himself!

The 'Open the Book' groups continue to visit every Monday and act out short stories from the Bible for the children at both Worton & Potterne. All the children look forward to their visits and we are grateful to the teams of local parishioners who plan & fulfil their roles voluntarily for our community.

Just before we broke up for half term, four children from Year 5 were selected to attend Lavington School as part of the 'Able, Gifted & Talented' programme. The two boys & two girls met with children from other local primary schools and did some team building games, which included making an indoor cave. They worked on improving some of their athletic skills and enjoyed a game of netball & tag rugby. We are fortunate enough to work closely with both Lavington & Devizes secondary schools and the children benefit from sports coaching and training, as well as other shared opportunities throughout the year.

With the introduction of a new National Curriculum in September 2014, it is important to keep parents updated with the changes that are taking place within the school system. On Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February a second Parent Forum evening took place – this one concentrating on the changes in mathematics in particular. Also on the agenda was a discussion on what the school is doing to improve following its recent good Ofsted report.

Dates for your diary:

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May - Village & School fete at Worton

Easter Bingo – date to be confirmed. A fund raising event for the school PTA. Any chocolate donations for prizes will be gratefully received at either school office.

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Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March

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Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March

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We also are happy to consider any requests for financial assistance from people living in either village. Any requests should be made in writing to Alison Cross, 9 Mill Road, Worton. We will of course protect any issues of confidentiality.

Yours

Bill Francis, Chairman

### **Marston Parish Council report**

27th January 2015

Philip Salaman chaired the meeting attended by 17 parishioners.

The following items were reported on:

The gates have been installed on ROW11. Thanks to all the volunteers who completed this task.

Wiltshire have still not completed their review of footpaths but have promised to do so in February.

A quote for £2,000 has been received for fencing the village field and it was agreed to accept and go ahead with the job.

The following issues were discussed:

MPC has asked the developers of Stoke Marsh Farm solar park to make a contribution to improving broadband access to Marston. SW Solar have agreed to a sum of £15,000. As this represents a considerable portion of the £25,000 required by Open Reach, it was agreed to go ahead with the project. Good Energy will be similarly approached. It is expected that high speed Broadband will reach Marston in approximately 9 months.

Wiltshire Highways have agreed to come and inspect the verges which have deteriorated this winter.

MPC will support Worton Council's proposals to implement measures to restrict speeds. Owing to the spacing of road lights through Marston it is believed that a speed limit of 30mph should be adhered to. Wiltshire will be asked to provide appropriate signs.

MPC have agreed to give temporary permission for contractors parking outside Breach Cottage.

MPC agreed to donate £300 to The Village Hall and to make an annual donation of £150 to the Wiltshire Air Ambulance appeal.

Date of the next meeting: 7.30pm 24<sup>th</sup> March 2015 in the Chapel.

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Toddlers has been as busy as ever to start the year. We have been receiving great support from local families for the past couple of years and it has been a pleasure to be part of such a lovely group. However, I am resigning at the end of this term as my son is going to school in September and I need to hand over the reigns to somebody else.

In order for the Toddler Group to run we need to have an official committee which includes a chair, secretary & treasurer. The current committee, comprising parents & grandparents, all bring children who will be going to school in September. As a consequence of this, a whole new committee will need to be established at the next AGM (these normally take place at the beginning of the summer term). If there is anybody who is prepared to take on one of these roles please let me know. For me Toddlers was a lifeline when I had two very young children; it forced me out of the house, introduced me to other Mums, and taught my children to get on with other children, share toys and make lifelong friends! And running it isn't anywhere near as time consuming as I thought it would be as everyone mucks in. But we do need someone to take up the reins, so please do come forward and maybe speak to me at a Wednesday session, 10.00am at the Worton village hall.

Every Wednesday in term time 10am - 12pm, all babies & children welcome, £1.50 per family.

Please contact Corinna 01380 727739 for any further information.

**“COFFEE, CAKE & CHAT”  
at Christ Church on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March from 10.30am**

We were delighted to see those who came along to Christ Church on a very cold morning in January to enjoy friendship and refreshments - welcome hot coffee & cake. Their generous donations enabled £66.80 to be sent to the Wiltshire Air Ambulance.

Our “Spring” Coffee Cake & Chat will be held on 21<sup>st</sup> March from 10.30 - 12noon. These mornings are an opportunity to spend some time in a pleasant relaxed environment and to chat to friends and neighbours, and perhaps to meet new friends.

There is no charge, but donations received will be sent to Devizes Food Bank.  
Jean Lane & Heather Walker



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Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April  
Venue & host - to be confirmed



**Christ Church PCC Meeting**

The Parochial Church Council of Christ Church met on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February and the business included the following:

1. Thanks were expressed to those who had organised the recent coffee mornings in church, both of which had raised useful sums for, respectively, Dorothy House Hospice and the Wiltshire Air Ambulance. For further details, see the separate notice in The Bridge.
2. The Annual Meeting of Parishioners and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting will both be held in Christ Church on Sunday 19 April, after an evening service at 6.00pm.
3. In preparation for these, both the Independently Examined Accounts for 2014 and the Annual Report were approved. These will be displayed in due course in the church. It was noted that the reported shortfall of receipts to cover expenditure in 2014 was due largely to the drop in planned giving by church members, compared to 2013.
4. Both the Treasurer and the churchwardens drew attention to the recently received report of the church architect, following his five-yearly inspection of the church building, and the significant costs likely to be incurred in undertaking the repair work he recommends.
5. Thanks were expressed to all of those who had assisted in the organisation of the Family of Churches' Newcomers' Party. The event had been widely supported (and enjoyed) by both long-term residents and those newly arrived in the villages.
6. The church's provisional annual charity giving schedule was agreed and details will be included, in due course, in the 2015 annual accounts.
7. A significant number of events to prepare for and celebrate Easter were agreed and will be shown, in due course, in The Bridge.

Peter Witcher, Secretary to the PCC.

Apparently to enable Wiltshire Council to save money bus passes will be restricted to being used after 9.30am from the beginning of April. At the moment the 85 service into Devizes picks up its first passengers from Sandlease at 9.28am.

However according to Wiltshire Council the timetable of this service is going to be amended slightly so that when the new restrictions come into force it will be picking up from Sandlease after 9.30am.

Good News!

Christine Purchas



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If you would like to join our team, please ask one of the members when you see them out and about, or contact Debs Mackay for more information 01380 730564 or [debsmackay@hotmail.com](mailto:debsmackay@hotmail.com)



The statistics for February:

Market Highest	42.0 ppl
Market Average	39.99 ppl
Internet Price	39.69 ppl
<b>Members Price</b>	<b>38.9 ppl</b>
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As part of Community First's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year celebrations, Wiltshire Life magazine will be writing a series of articles on 50 different ways that you can get involved more in your own communities. We were asked at Community First if we could think of any useful initiatives or activities going on locally that people could get involved in, and there were plenty that sprang to mind immediately.

The Erlestoke book swap and drop-in coffee morning was one of the initiatives that I suggested. Taking place in the church on the first Saturday morning of the month, it's a great opportunity for people of all ages to come along, eat cake, socialise and pick up a new book to read in the process.

As community activities go, book swaps in general are relatively simple to establish and a group in West Lavington are currently looking to set up something similar. The Churchill Arms pub has very kindly offered them the use of a book shelf and they are now looking to get hold of some books to fill it! If anyone in the West Lavington area has any books that they may like to donate to help get them started or would like to hear about how they can get involved, please give me a call.

LINK schemes are another great way to meet new people and get involved in your local area. With a network of almost 2,000 volunteers, the LINK schemes provide volunteer transport and good neighbourly services to others in our communities and are always looking for people to get involved and support their activities. For more information about how you might be able to get involved in LINK, you can contact Linda O'Gorman on 01380 722241.

**At Good Neighbours, we help link people in our rural areas with groups, organisations and services. If you think I may be able to assist you or a friend, or have any questions, please don't hesitate to give me a call.**

**Note:** For those of you that may not be aware, the Erlestoke lunch club that previously met in the George & Dragon every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month has now re-located to the Churchill Arms in West Lavington. For more info, please contact Helen Diskett on 01380 831127.

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

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**Steve Dewar is undertaking the challenge on March 28<sup>th</sup> 2015**, raising support for Wiltshire YFC.

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**Steve Dewar - Senior Youth Worker (Parish of Potterne, Worton and Marston)**

### **Changes to Bus Service 2 Devizes - Salisbury**

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### **Changes to Bus Service 270/X72 Urchfont & The Lavingtons - Bath**

Also from 23<sup>rd</sup> February, early morning bus service 270 which runs from Urchfont and the Lavingtons to Devizes will be replaced by a journey on Faresaver bus service X72. Please check the revised timetable.



### FEEDBACK & CRAFT GROUP MEETING

Our first Craft Group meeting in aid of 2015 Operation Christmas Child will be held on: DATE :- Friday 13th March TIME :- 10.00am – 12.00noon  
 PLACE :- St. Andrew’s Church

This meeting will give people a chance to discuss how the 2014 Shoe box Appeal went and how we would like to move forward this year.  
 Come and join us for coffee and a chat. See which activity takes your fancy and help fill the shoe boxes for the 2015 Christmas shoe box appeal. You do not have to have any previous experience as we have crafts suitable for volunteers of all standards.

### COFFEE MORNING/BRING & BUY AND RAFFLE

Our first fundraising coffee morning for Operation Christmas Child will be held on: DATE:- Saturday 18th April TIME:- 10.00am -12.00noon  
 PLACE:- St. Andrew’s Church

Please come and support us. Raffle prizes gratefully received.

For any further information, about either of these events, please contact Janice Charlton on 07740720434, 01380 818533 or email [mrs.charlton@gmail.com](mailto:mrs.charlton@gmail.com)

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## Village Hall – Volunteer request!

The Village Hall Annual General Meeting will take place on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April at 8.00 p.m. This year will see some changes on our committee and we are looking for people to join us in order that we can continue to manage the hall, according to our constitution. Tony Walker our Treasurer will be retiring, as will Frank Marshall, Trustee. Both of them will be greatly missed as they have been very pro-active in helping us obtain funding, managing finances, dealing with administration and lots of other general duties outside their committee remit. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them on behalf of our committee and village residents for their commitment, generosity and support over the past years whilst I have been Chairperson.

The Village Hall is reliant on volunteers to keep it operational and we would appreciate you considering if you have a few hours spare to assist us. The Trustee Management Committee is made up of 6 people and includes Jo Banks (secretary), Veronica Franklin, Teresa Chandler and myself. The accounts role is fairly straightforward, computerised and there will be a hand over procedure, as well as help on hand. If we don't receive any nominations for a Treasurer, then we'll have no option but to pay for this service, realistically something which the Village Hall can't afford to do. Frank's position on the committee is that of Trustee and he has been fundamental in helping us with grant applications etc. However as this position is 'Trustee', it can be diverse and if you feel you have some skills that you are able to offer the committee in this role, including time, then this would be very welcome.

We are a friendly, approachable bunch, with our main aim being to maintain and improve the hall for the future of the villages of Marston & Worton. Our AGM is coming up in April and any of the current committee members would be delighted to hear from you if you feel you able to join the committee or contribute in any way.

**AGM** Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April at 8.00 p.m. in the Village Hall

## Jumble Sale

We are holding a fundraising Jumble Sale in the Village Hall on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March. Please bring any suitable items to the hall between 10.00 – 11.30 a.m. on the morning of the sale. Alternatively contact one of the committee members to organise.

Helen Morse 723214 / Jo Banks 726658, Veronica Franklin 726845, Tony Walker 725785 & Teresa Chandler 725643.

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**Allium Cepa** - Common, feverish cold with streaming eyes and nose. Profuse, watery nasal discharge which burns upper lip. Red, running eyes with bland discharge. Head-ache, worse in warm room. Worse: evening and stuffy rooms. Better: open air and cold room.

**Arsenicum album** - Catches cold easily: burning, watery nasal discharge alternating with dryness. Frequent sneezing without relief. Very chilly and shivery. Nostrils become sore and red and nose feels blocked alternating with watery discharge. Worse: change of temperature, cold, damp and after midnight. Better: heat and warm applications, hot drinks.

**Eupatorium perfoliatum** - Chill followed by heat and sweating. Intense aching of bones as if broken or bruised. Great thirst for cold drinks. Worse: movement, cold, open air. Better: Resting, warmth, sweating.

**Ferrum Phos** - Tired and weary, not feeling quite right. First signs of a cold or flu. Red inflamed eyes. Chill with shivering and fever with flushed face. Hot, burning, gritty eyes. Worse: quick movements, cold air. Better: rest, cold applications.

**Gelsemium** - No 1 remedy for flu. Dull, sluggish, with heavy looking eyes and dull headache usually at the back of the neck. Chills and shivering up and down the spine. Aching muscles in limbs and back. Burning throat. Colds and flu usually comes on gradually. Worse: cold, damp weather. Better: after urination.

**Nux vomica** - Colds and flu with extreme chilliness; just cannot get warm. Nose blocked at night but runs during the day, or lots of sneezing alternating with blocked nose, sides can alternate. Sore or raw throat and teeth may ache. Thirsty and Irritable. Worse: early morning, eating, cold air. Better: heat, lying down, sleep.

**Pulsatilla** - Chilliness even in a warm room, nasal catarrh, bland and thick. Dry mouth with no thirst. Painful headache with changing, shifting symptoms. Worse: in a warm room, after lying down. Better: in the open air.

**Rhus toxicodendron** - Very restless with aching in all muscles and stiffness. Just cannot get comfortable. Heat alternating with chills; pain in the head and eyes with red face. Worse: night, first movement. Better: warmth.

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## Worton Parish Council

**Road Safety** - WPC has received the Speed Statistics taken in January at the eastern end of the village. The metro counter was in place from 15<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> January. WPC continues to be concerned about the number of vehicles exceeding the 30 mph speed limit. Of the 19,885 vehicles passing this point in our village, 8,720 were breaking the speed limit.

This means that more than 40% of vehicles are still travelling above the legal limit for our village and it is evident from the speed watch data collected that the Community Speed Watch volunteers are providing an invaluable service by slowing vehicles down by virtue of their presence. We sincerely thank them for their contribution in deterring vehicles from speeding through the village.

WPC is committed to improving road safety in the village and will continue to address this regularly at our meetings.

**Rose & Crown** - Following the request by members of the public for the Parish Council to register the pub as an Asset of Community Value (ACV), it now appears that this could prevent a potential sale of the pub. Therefore, for the moment, WPC have agreed to withdraw the application to register the building as an ACV in order to maximise the opportunity for the pub to be sold as a going concern. If necessary, we do have the option to re-apply to register the pub as an ACV in the future.

**Worton Tree Regeneration** - As mentioned in the last message, WPC would like to initiate a tree planting programme to replace trees which have been lost for a variety of reasons within the village. If you have a suitable piece of land where you would like to plant trees or you would like to nominate a place in the village which would be appropriate, then please contact us with your ideas. We intend to apply for a grant to cover the costs.

**Village Survey** - To help plan for the future in terms of housing and facilities for the village, WPC will shortly be carrying out a Village Survey. This will be distributed to residents and the council would be grateful if as many residents as possible would please take some time to complete it in order to help us to consider what the future requirements for the village might be.

**Youth Projects** - A presentation by Wiltshire Council, and local church-based youth workers took place outlining plans to meet the needs of young people in the area. Further information is available at [www.facebook.com/DevizesLYN](http://www.facebook.com/DevizesLYN) , [www.sparksite.co.uk](http://www.sparksite.co.uk) , [www.wiltshireyfc.org.uk](http://www.wiltshireyfc.org.uk) .

**Wiltshire Air Ambulance** - WPC agreed to support this essential rural service and will make an annual donation of £320 beginning in April 2015. Next Meeting Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 7:30, at the Village Hall. Do join us if you would like to.

Cllr Roger Wilshire

[www.worton.org.uk](http://www.worton.org.uk)

[clerk@worton.org.uk](mailto:clerk@worton.org.uk)

## A Message from Richard Gamble

### Wiltshire Councillor for The Lavingtons & Erlestoke Division

It may still be winter for a few weeks yet, but spring is on its way. The days are getting longer, the snowdrops are out and when the sun shines, it is just about possible to feel a little warmth.

The economy is rather like that. Slowly, the gloom of the worst recession since the war is beginning to lift. On the most recent data, for example, only 2.0% of 18 to 24 year olds in Wiltshire were on Job Seekers Allowance, and the proportion is steadily falling. Just 1.1% of 16 year olds were not in education, employment or training. That amounts to a mere 53 individuals, all of whom have access to support to help them find their feet and to plan for the future.

From another angle, there is a burst of new business formation. At the last count, 2,825 businesses in Wiltshire were under 2 years old. Starting a new business can be tough so if you know someone locally who has set up a new enterprise, I urge you to give them your support and your custom. The whole local economy will benefit from their success.

Of course, a growing economy poses some challenges. The construction industry has been one of the first sectors to feel the upturn and that, to most of us, must be a good thing. However, having regard to the “education” part of my portfolio responsibilities (the others are “skills” and “youth”), the result has been that bids for school building contracts are coming in rather higher than I would wish. I am delighted, therefore, that government has agreed to increase the amount of capital available to Wiltshire for “basic need” (i.e. new school places) to nearly £16 million in 2017/18 (up from £5.4m in 15/16 and £5.7m in 16/17).

Not everything in the economic garden is rosy, of course, and there may be storms still to come. But there are unmistakable signs that we are past the worst.

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**.

POTTERNE VILLAGE HALL PRESENTS  
SINGALONG  
with

MAMMA MIA!

THE MOVIE

BASED ON THE SONGS OF ABBA

Friday March 6th

Doors open 19.30 at Potterne Village Hall, Mill Road

£10 which includes Ploughman's Buffet

and first glass of wine, beer or soft drink

For tickets contact Nesta on npudney1@sky.com Phone 01380 500098



**Press Release - Hillworth Park Events**

**Gardener’s Question Time** Sunday 1st March, 4pm to 5.30pm – having trouble taming the wisteria? Want to start to grow vegetables but don’t know your carrots from your turnips? Join Devizes & Roundway in Bloom Chair Zena Robson, allotment king Albert Wooldridge and Emma Taylor from Townsend Nursery at our very own Gardener’s Question Time. Event held in partnership with Fantasy Radio and hosted by presenter Mark Jones. Free event.

**Stargazing** Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March - safely enjoy the spring solar eclipse with experts from Greenacres (the Richmond Fellowship). We are in talks with our astrological friends and will confirm the best time to see the eclipse nearer the time. Free event.

**Easter Egg Hunt** Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April, 12pm to 3pm – join in the Café’s annual eggstraordinary hunt around the Park! Entry fee - £4.00.

**Plant in the Park** Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April, 10am to 2pm - meet local gardening heroes and learn how to get the best from your garden at Plant in the Park. Know-how sharing for the adults and plenty of nature themed activities for the children. Free event.

**Events Location: Hillworth Park, Devizes, SN10 5HB**

For further information contact Devizes Town Council on 01380 722160 or look at the park website: [www.hillworthpark.org.uk](http://www.hillworthpark.org.uk)  
Sarah Williams, Direct Services Manager, Devizes Town Council. Direct line – 01380 738906

**Market Lavington**  
**Old School Day Centre**  
**SPRING SALE**

Try your luck on our **TOMBOLA** and **GRAND RAFFLE**.

Look around our **many stalls**.

Join us for a cup of **tea/coffee** and a **piece of homemade cake**.

Date: **SATURDAY 28<sup>th</sup> MARCH**  
Time: **2.00PM – 4.00PM**  
Venue: **OLD SCHOOL**

Donations for the sale gratefully received. Thank you!  
Please contact Diane (812204) or Janice (818533)

**Part-Time Job Opportunity**

The Old School Day Centre, Market Lavington, is seeking to appoint an organiser to share the post with Mrs Janice Charlton. The Day Centre meets on Tuesdays between 10am and 3pm at The Old School. The organisers usually work alternate months, but this is a flexible arrangement. This is a paid post.

For further information, please contact Mrs Janice Charlton 01380 818533 or [mrs.charlton@googlemail.com](mailto:mrs.charlton@googlemail.com)

### VILLAGE TRAFFIC SURVEY

Readers may be interested in the following facts and figures that we have compiled from four separate surveys carried out from our home in High Street, Worton over the past 25 years. The survey was carried out between the hours of 07:30 and 09.00 hours on the same day of the week i.e. Tuesday.

	1990	1993	2008	2015
Cars & Light Vans	461	517	766	756
Midsize Lorries & Vans	55	39	61	77
Coaches/Buses/Large Lorries	31	34	35	22
Tractors	3	2	0	2
Motor Cycles	4	7	6	3
Cycles	6	2	4	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>601</b>	<b>872</b>	<b>860</b>

You will see from these figures that there has been a 53% increase in traffic volume since the first survey in 1990. Are there any volunteers to do the 2040 survey (25years on) as we may not be around?!!  
Keith and Primrose Wright.



### Worton and Marston Gardening Club

Our next meeting will take place on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March at the Village Hall. The doors open at 7-30 p.m. Our guest speaker will be Charles Clark who will make a presentation on Bougainvillea. Charles runs a small specialist nursery in Bradford on Avon which, once the weather improves will be well worth a visit.

If you would like to give the gardening club a try, do come along to one of our meetings, entry is free. Our members just pay a small yearly membership fee of £6. You will receive a friendly welcome and we always serve tea, coffee and biscuits!

We have a varied programme throughout the year and try to cater for all interests and levels of gardening expertise.

This year's draft programme is now available. If you would like a copy please contact:

Suzanne Bonfield at [suzanne.bonfield@gmail.com](mailto:suzanne.bonfield@gmail.com) or Bill Francis at [bilyb01@aol.com](mailto:bilyb01@aol.com)

We look forward to seeing you soon!  
Dot Francis, Programme Secretary





## Five Lanes Women's Institute

One a year, our group is required to hold an Annual General Meeting, and this took place as part of our February gathering. The meeting saw Jean Lane step down from the organising committee, to be replaced by Cheryl Hailstone. Jean has served as our event organiser for many years, and has done an amazing job. I would like to thank her for all her efforts. Luckily, she is still a member of our group!

Once the official business was concluded, we held a fun quiz, which was enjoyed by all.

In March, Lyn Blyth is back to talk to us about "Herbal remedies from the Hedgerows". When she last visited us, she was an excellent speaker, and very interesting. Do try to come along, and see what we are about, you will be most welcome.

Tuesday March 10th, 8pm. Worton Village Hall.

Jane Loveys, President

## Worton & Marston Village Hall

Spring clear out **JUMBLE & BRIC A BRAC SALE**  
on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2pm - 4pm  
Featuring an **Easter Egg Tombola**

**We need:** Donations of saleable clothing & bric a brac  
(can be dropped at the Hall on the day or in advance to 76 High St, Worton)  
Easter Eggs of all sizes for the Tombola

**We need people:** to man the stalls, to sell refreshments  
to help set up in the morning, to put up advertising posters in surrounding villages  
& Devizes, and **to come and buy on the day**

Contact: Jo Banks on 01380 726658  
All proceeds go to helping maintain & improve the village hall

**White Horse Opera's Spring Concert** this year will be Rossini's Petite Messe Solennelle which, as Napoleon III is said to have pointed out, is neither little or solemn! It is however very beautiful and not to be missed.

St John's Church Devizes 7.30pm on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April

Directed by WHO's MD Roland Melia.

Solists Barbara Gompels, Paula Boyagis, Sebastiano Cipolla and Niall Hoskin

Tickets £10 are now on sale at Devizes Books and online at

[www.whitehorseopera.ticketsource.co.uk](http://www.whitehorseopera.ticketsource.co.uk)

**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 4.30-5.30pm

**In the Village Hall**

- **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 - 1.00-1.40pm

**Next Dates (every other Monday)**

- Monday March 9<sup>th</sup>
- Monday March 23<sup>rd</sup>

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

**March**

- 4<sup>th</sup> Lunch Bunch
- 14<sup>th</sup> Book Swap
- 10<sup>th</sup> WI
- 16<sup>th</sup> Gardening Club
- 25<sup>th</sup> Ladies Group
- 28<sup>th</sup> Jumble Sale

**Devizes Farmers' Market**  
Next: Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> March

**The Shambles Antiques Market**  
Every Tuesday

**Kerbside Collections**

Black box and Plastic bottle and card recycling:  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>  
Household and Garden waste:  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>



**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 15<sup>th</sup> March 2015.**  
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