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A big thank you to everyone who helped with making 'The Newcomers Party' such a success. I have lived in several villages but never heard of this enjoyable and unique event before!

Jill Duckworth



June 18/19 Open Weekend Update

Hopefully around 20 gardens in Worton and Marston will be open over the two days, in aid of Dorothy House and the Christ Church 175th Anniversary. However the organisers would welcome further gardens of any size - please either contact Nick Stokes (698319) or any member of the Gardening Club Committee for details. Plans are also underway for activities in the Church and in Church Lane - please put these dates in your diaries.

Nick Stokes

Lost pink scarf – did anyone accidentally pick up a pink (and white) scarf from The Rose and Crown on New Year's Eve. Last seen in the dining room by the coat hooks. Would be great if anyone did as it was one of my favourites. If so, please ring 01202 657124.

Thanks, Gill Holiday

Meeting for **Worton and Marston** residents at the **Village Hall**

Monday 12th March 7.30pm

Members of both parish councils have met to discuss how to enhance the relationship between us. We suggested a meeting for residents to raise ideas and suggestions about joint enterprises, meetings, events etc. that would increase the social interaction between the two parishes. To this end we have booked the Village Hall for this. We will supply snacks and tea and coffee, if you want to bring something stronger please do.

Many thanks, Bill Francis

'..... you never know the true value of a moment until it becomes a memory'.

Iman (David Bowie's widow)

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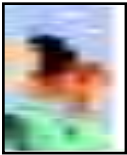
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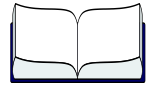


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Letter from the Vicarage



Ann and I were driving home listening to the radio. On came 'The Infinite Monkey Cage', Radio 4's light hearted science programme.

I was fascinated to hear the latest scientific theories which tell us that the universe consists of 95% dark matter and dark energy. Apparently the total of everything we can see, experience and measure is only the remaining 5%.

This is arrived at by calculating certain forces e.g. gravity, and deciding what is needed to produce that force. There is just not enough 'stuff' in the universe to cause gravity to act like it does. So, scientists have to make up (or 'hypothesise' as they say, it sounds better), something to explain why. That's where dark matter comes in.

What is dark matter? No-one knows. And what does it look like? No-one has ever seen any. Yet scientists expect us to believe it exists.

"One day we shall know", said Professor Brian Cox, "we just don't know yet".

Which brings me to God.

Scientists ask us to believe something exists they cannot see and which they cannot even describe; and presumably, because it is science, most people are happy to go along with them. Yet the same people will say to me 'I cannot see God so I will not believe in him'. Hang on a minute; why do you use two different standards, just because one is labelled 'science' and the other is labelled 'faith'? Science is based on observing, forming theories to explain what is seen, and then testing those theories by experiment.

I am very happy for people to use the same method when they think about God. First look: what is the evidence for the existence of God? It comes in many forms, e.g. creation. 'The heavens declare the glory of God' says Psalm 19, and many people, scientists among them, find their faith strengthened the more they discover about this amazing universe.

But as a Christian I believe the first place we should look is to Jesus, and especially to the events of Easter.

Something happened to transform Jesus followers from a frightened, beaten group of people into a force which, as their enemies said, is 'turning the world upside down'. I first looked at the resurrection seriously many years ago, and couldn't explain the events of Easter in any other way than that Jesus was raised from the dead, appeared to his followers and transformed them. If that happened, this is the most important moment in history, and can change your life like it changed Jesus first disciples (and mine). Think about it, and then test it by asking Jesus to become part of your life. He has promised to answer that request, and if you need to talk about it give me a ring, I'd love to hear from you. A blessed Easter to you all!

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SERVICE CALENDAR

March

Sun 6th MOTHERING SUNDAY
 8.00am CHRIST CHURCH
 Holy Communion
 9.30am CHRIST CHURCH
 Special Family Service for
 Mothering Sunday
 6.00pm *Marston Chapel*
Rev Simon Edwards

Sun 13th PASSION SUNDAY
 9.30am CHRIST CHURCH
 Parish Communion
 6.00pm *Marston Chapel*
Mr Douglas Colborne

Sun 20th PALM SUNDAY
 9.30am CHRIST CHURCH
 Service for Palm Sunday
 6.00pm *Marston Chapel*
Rev David Coppard

Thurs 24th MAUNDY THURSDAY
 7.00pm ST MARY'S, POTTERNE
 The Last Supper

March

Fri 25th GOOD FRIDAY
 11.00am Marston Chapel
 Short Service followed by a
 Walk of Witness and
 Hunger Lunch
 in the Village Hall

Sun 27th EASTER DAY
 9.30am CHRIST CHURCH
 Easter Communion
 for all the family
 6.00pm *Marston Chapel*
Rev Gary Gotham
Holy Communion

April

Sun 3rd EASTER 2
 8.00am CHRIST CHURCH
 Holy Communion
 9.30am CHRIST CHURCH
 Family Service
 6.00pm *Marston Chapel*
Local Arrangement

Please look elsewhere in The Bridge for more details of the Easter services.

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

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

CHURCH ROTAS

Sidesmen – March 2016

Sun 6 th	8.00am	Mr R Shercliff	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Mrs M Boyns, Mrs J Mason	Family Service
Sun 13 th	9.30am	Mrs A Pratt, Mr P Witcher	Parish Communion
Sun 20 th	9.30am	Mrs D Barcham, Mrs M Armand-Smith	Palm Sunday Service
Sun 27 th	9.30am	Mr R Boyns, Mr T Harwood	Easter Communion

Sidesmen – April 2016

Sun 3 rd	8.00am	Mrs J Buckley	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Mrs A Cross, Ms L Hale	Family Service

	Altar Flowers	Brass Cleaning	Church Flowers
March 6 th	LENT	Mrs Brierley	LENT
March 13 th	LENT	Mrs Hailstone	LENT
March 20 th	LENT	Mrs Lane	LENT
March 27 th	EASTER - all to decorate		Mrs A Darling
April 3 rd	Mrs Brierley		Mrs S Horn

Church Cleaning

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March 20 th	tbc



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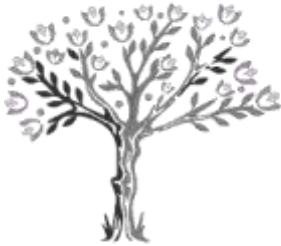
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- Monday 21st March } Journeying with Jesus...
- Tuesday 22nd March } Short services for Holy Week
- Wednesday 23rd March } 7pm at St. Mary's, Potterne

Maundy Thursday 24th March



7.00pm at St. Mary's, Potterne
Passover Supper and Holy Communion
Come and celebrate the Last Supper, something like Jesus would have celebrated it. For catering, please book your place by signing the list at the back of all three churches.

Good Friday 25th March

- 11am Walk of witness from Marston Chapel to Christ Church, Worton
- 12.15pm Hunger Lunch in Worton Village Hall
- 2pm A quiet hour at the cross, St. Mary's, Potterne



Easter Day 26th March



- 8.00am Holy Communion at St. Mary's, Potterne
- 9.30am Festival Communion, Christ Church, Worton
- 11.00am Festival Communion, St. Mary's, Potterne

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3.00 pm

Family and Friends

Easter Trail

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Start at St Mary's Church Potterne,
treasure hunt around the village.

Fun, prizes and tea at the end in the Youth Centre

Children, please bring a responsible adult!!



Please note the change of time



All Welcome

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During the coming year they will be taking part in a series of fun challenges, going on camp and taking part in a county fun day.

For more information contact:

Colin.osborn@wiltshirescouts.org.uk

<https://sites.google.com/site/1stlavingtonseascouts/>



Amazing Grace



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

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

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

This is a great way to prepare for Easter.

A few tickets are still available priced £7.50 in advance or £10 on the door; very good value for a production which has toured nationally and received great reviews. To check availability ring 723189

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

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For 2016 we are going back to basics and

taking a look at the Lord's Prayer.

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

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And more

I am pleased to tell you that numbers are creeping up and once again the future of the group seems secure.

By the time you read this we will have made a Valentine's card, had fun with toys in shaving foam, and made biscuits and pictures. In March we have Mothers' Day and Easter Day to look forward to. I wonder what we will make.

Just to remind you that we only meet in term time, so we will not be meeting on 30th March or 6th April.

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Make a Mother's Day

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2016 Flower Show

This year's Flower Show will be held on Saturday 3rd September. The photographic classes are listed below, to bear in mind whilst out and about during the summer - with lots of scope for some interesting photos.

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WORTON & MARSTON LADIES GROUP

Well here we are ladies well into the New Year and looking forward to our programme for the year ahead. At our January meeting we discussed and put forward suggestions for the coming programme which Teresa has now finalised and will distribute to all at the next meeting when we will also be collecting our subscriptions for the year of £10.

February's meeting will be the 24th so by the time you read this no doubt we will have had it so hopefully you all enjoyed the talk by Ann Bodden on "Her Life"

Our meeting in March will be on Wednesday the 30th at 8pm in the Village Hall when our speaker will be John Girvan who apparently is giving a talk on the "Life and times of a Garden Gnome" interesting! So if anyone has any of these little chaps in their gardens maybe they would like to bring them along!

If there are any ladies out there who would like to know what Ladies Group is about please come along you will be most welcome, any newcomers to the village it's a good way of meeting people and keeping in contact with each other. I look forward to seeing as many members as possible.

Pam Woods

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

It seems to me that crime is quite common at the moment. I've recently caught episodes of Midsomer Murders, Silent Witness, Death in Paradise, Shetland and Vera (and there may be other dramas that I have missed). In each case, the crimes are horrid but the police are wonderful, eventually.

Fortunately, the real-life crime rate around here is not nearly so bad. But that does not mean some does not exist and we each must play our part in preventing it.

Recently, one of our shops was victim to the crime of "making off without payment", which to you and me is theft. The problem was, no one reported the crime for three days. The police have much less chance of catching the culprit when the trail is so cold. From a location such as this, if the getaway car can be identified, the culprits could potentially be apprehended before they even reach Salisbury or Trowbridge or wherever if such a crime is reported promptly.

Occasionally, there may be other criminal activities around here. You may spot miscreants hare coursing on the edge of the Plain or joy riding up there in stolen cars. In our communities, bogus door to door salesmen may employ techniques involving pressure selling, unfair contracts, overpriced or substandard home maintenance or improvements, phoney consumer surveys or bogus charity collections. Fraudulent salespeople, if let in, can take note of your valuables and any security measures you have in place.

The rule is, if you think a crime is being committed and is in progress, phone 999.

Phone 101 if a crime has already been committed and there is no sign of the offender.

We have a great local team to help us. Our local officers are
PC Jo Newbery – Community Beat Manager
PCSO Fiona Marno
PCSO Ellen Carter

To keep in touch, I urge you to sign up for <https://www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk/> . And on the roads, look out for the 'Community Volunteer' marked police vehicle donated by Volvo for use in supporting public safety issues such as Community Speed Watch. It has its own calibrated speed monitoring device which can be used for enforcement action including fixed penalty notices by the police.

We are lucky to live in one of the safest places in the country. To keep it that way, keep alert!

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WORTON PARISH COUNCIL (WPC)

Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood Plan is starting in Worton, and the Parish Council has now designated the Worton Parish area as the area the plan will cover. This is subject to a six week consultation, so if you would like to give an opinion on this please contact Wiltshire Council. The Terms of Reference for the group are currently under discussion, and a meeting is planned for the 25th of February at the Village Hall.

There will be a village Meeting about Neighbourhood Planning
25th February at the Village Hall 7.30pm
for residents to find out more and volunteer to help

Vacancy for a Councillor

The Parish Council has a vacancy for a Councillor, and we are looking for someone who would like to take part in the life of the village. Do you have time, skills and ideas to help make Worton even better? The Council meets on the first Monday of each month except August. Come along to a meeting or contact the clerk if you are interested to find out more about the role.

18th/19th June – Queen's 90th Birthday Exhibition in the Church

The Council would like to encourage villagers to come forward to contribute photos and memories for an exhibition at the Church on the weekend of the 18th/19th of June. Old photos of the villages, Worton and Marston, people's houses, particular characters and old documents - all of which would, of course, be returned. If you have items you would be willing to loan please contact Liz Read on clerk@worton.org.uk

Dog walkers

Please stick to the footpath when walking through the fields and clear up dog poo. Both the dogs off leads, and their poo in the grass, present a hazard to live stock.

Website information – pictures please

The Council are looking to include more photos and detail from village events or clubs on the Parish website. If you have photos to share, or would like to write a short item about an event or history of the village please email it to clerk@worton.org.uk

Wheelie bins and cars on pavements

Please ensure that the pavements are not obstructed by cars or wheelie bins. Given the traffic through Worton it is important that pedestrians are able to walk through the village safely.

We look forward to welcoming you to our next meeting on
Monday 7th March 2016 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

If you have a query please contact the clerk Liz Read
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White Horse Opera's Spring Concert is to be held on Friday 22nd & Saturday 23rd April in Devizes Town Hall in memory of Vince Gaiger.

"A Night at the Opera" will include popular favourites such as the Easter Hymn and The Brindisi from La Traviata.

We are delighted to welcome back guest tenor Carlos Alonso.

Money will be raised for The Cystic Fibrosis Trust and The Nestling Trust.

Tickets £10 for Friday night are available from Devizes Books 01380-725944 and on-line at www.ticketsource.co.uk/whitehorseopera

(Saturday night is already sold out so please get your tickets for Friday soon to avoid disappointment).



Worton and Marston Gardening Club

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Our March meeting is on Monday 21st March at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.
 We welcome Kevin Hughes who will give a presentation entitled "Plants for the Spring Garden".

Kevin is based at Heale Garden Nursery near Salisbury. Kevin is on the RHS committee for Trees & Shrubs and he lectures in the UK and also abroad.

Kevin will also be bringing a selection of plants for sale. He specialises in hardy plants, suitable for local soils.

Non-members are always welcome too and admission is free.
 Tea and coffee will be available.
 We look forward to seeing you!

Dot Francis, Programme Secretary



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Games in early February continued to be disrupted by the weather, with limited matches being played. At the younger age group levels in the Club, training is progressing well, but new players are wanted **especially for the Under 10s – see poster in this edition for the age groups 5 to 11.**

Unfortunately we can only report on results at the higher age groups in the club due to F.A. regulations:

U12s – recent good away Cup win against Bemerton Heath (2-3) – well done.

U13s – at the time of writing they are joint 2nd in the League, with recent wins : 6-3 against Bradford, and a good 1-7 away win against Westbury.

U15s – last couple of matches have been lost by the narrowest of margins, and in the League Cup they lost to Warminster 4-6, despite being 2-1 up at Half-time. With the transfer window closing in the next month, new players are needed. Please contact Neil below.

Team contact details:

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

Mark – 01380 813160 or 07974 723008

Under 9s - Dave 07843-678781

U10s – Andy Duckett 07970-028330

U12: Stuart 07756-540864

U-13: Jake 07741-306303

U-15: Neil 01380-818193

Steve Dagnall

The **Tuesday Club Market Lavington** (previously known as **The Day Centre**) can only function because of a dedicated group of volunteer helpers and drivers. We are coping at the moment but would welcome more volunteers to enable us to have a rota of helpers and not lean so heavily on our existing Team.

It is work, and it is unpaid, but I know everyone who helps feels that they get so much more out of it than they put in. The friendship and camaraderie is the bonus for being part of a team doing such worthwhile work.

Even if you can only spare an hour we would love to hear from you.

If you are interested and would like to know more please telephone either Janice on 01380 818533 or Barbara on 01380 699978.222

We look forward to hearing from you.

WORTON PARISH COUNCIL 2015 VILLAGE SURVEY - THE RESULTS

Worton Neighbourhood Plan starts now!

The council carried out a survey of the Parish last year. The aim being to gather local opinions regarding the future of the village and creating a possible plan or strategy. The results of the survey have clearly demonstrated local people's commitment to the village and desire to have a structured plan for its long term future. **This has led to the decision to establish a Steering Committee to create a Neighbourhood Plan. At the public meeting on 28 January 2016 it was decided to republish the survey results to remind people of its key findings.**

There were 275 responses; an overwhelming response demonstrating peoples interest in the issues! In order to get a comprehensive analysis of the responses, a report was commissioned and has now been completed.

The report is 17 pages long and is clearly too large to publish in its entirety in the 'Bridge'. However the full report is available on the Worton Parish Council web site: www.worton.org.uk

A hard copy can also be obtained by contacting the Parish Clerk on: clerk@worton.org.uk

However I felt that as there was such an overwhelming and positive response to the survey that I would put a brief summary of some of the key findings in the Bridge.

ROADS

Not surprisingly speeding traffic and volume of vehicles was identified as a key issue.

67% wanted a 20mph limit through the village.

38% wanted a 50mph limit from the west end of the village to Seend.

42% suggested a wide range of other traffic related issues, of which 33% wanted traffic calming measures.

BUS SERVICE

47% of those who use the local bus services are over 55 years of age.

Of the 66 people who use the bus service, 35 stated that they are happy with the service, while 26 indicated they are not happy with the service. There was a sizeable desire to have more frequent services.

YOUNG PEOPLE / LOCAL SCHOOL

34 respondents have children under 11 years old, but only 13 respondents indicated that their children went to Five Lanes School or Village Hall toddlers group. However 12% of respondents indicated that their 12-18 year olds would take part in a Parish Youth Council.

HOUSES

In any long term planning for the future of the village, housing is a vital and sensitive issue, so a number of questions were asked in the survey about this. A

detailed analysis of the results is contained in the 17 page report, however a summary of some key findings are as follows:

Number of new dwellings wanted in the next 5 years:			Number of new dwellings wanted in the next 5-10 years:		
No houses	4 Respondents		No houses	4 Respondents	
Max 10 houses	41 Respondents		Max 10 houses	25 Respondents	
10-15 houses	24 Respondents		10-15 houses	18 Respondents	
15-20 houses	12 Respondents		15-20 houses	22 Respondents	
20+ houses	12 Respondents		20+ houses	16 Respondents	

Some respondents specified the types of housing they would like to see. A full summary of these are in the 17 page report, however a few of the comments quotes are as follows:

- “More housing that is affordable for young people to buy.”
- “Further housing might be acceptable if it included a good mix of types/sizes and an element of ‘affordable housing’.”
- “Housing for people to down size to. Single story for elderly and disabled. Affordable housing to attract young families.”
- “...cheap as possible to rebalance the village community.”
- “More 2 and 3 bed houses suitable for both first time buyers and downsizing elders.”

LIKE AND DISLIKE / WANTED AND NOT WANTED IN WORTON

The top two issues were identified for the following four questions. Specific comments about these issues and a detailed breakdown of all the other issues raised is contained in the 17 page report. E.G ‘Do not want’ issues contained comments & concerns about large scale housing development and additional traffic. ‘Wish had’ issues contained comments about wanting a shop / Post Office.

LIKE ABOUT WORTON?		NOT LIKE ABOUT WORTON	
Friendly community / village	52%	Traffic – volume, speed and noise	58%
Rural countryside / views / walks	48%	No shop / Post Office	17%
WISH THEY HAD IN WORTON		DO NOT WANT IN WORTON	
Shop / Post Office	63%	Large housing estates	33%
Faster broadband / internet	11%	More traffic	15%

The Parish Council and Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group hopes to arrange several Village Hall open evenings during the year where residents can add any additional thoughts on the results of the survey and detail their ideas for the future of the village. Volunteers are always welcome to join or support the Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group. Watch out for future details!

Cllr David Johnson www.worton.org.uk clerk@worton.org.uk

Treating Seasonal Illnesses with Homeopathy

The weather and seasons can affect our health in a variety of ways. In the winter there is a general increase in acute respiratory illnesses, which in several recent studies has been linked to vitamin D deficiency (see 'Vitamin D deficiency is why you get Flu' on Mercola.com), especially notable in climates such as ours in the UK where we have limited hours of sunshine. It makes sense to supplement with Vitamin D in the winter months therefore, and also to maximise your exposure to the sun by getting out in the fresh air as often as possible.

Some individuals are especially susceptible to respiratory infections. This can include recurrent coughs, colds and 'flu; sore throats; sinusitis; and deeper infections such as bronchitis and pneumonia. We each have different sensitivities, and vary enormously in our response to seasonal changes and the weather. Homeopathy has an important place in treating acute respiratory infections, as well as long term lung conditions including asthma.

The homeopath will take into account the character of your health problem in context of your whole health history. There are many possible homeopathic remedies that may be needed, including for example **Calc carb** (individuals needing this remedy tend to be chilly, and aggravated by cold and damp; are prone to sluggish metabolism and are aggravated by exertion; as well as being anxious about their health) or **Dulcamara** (strongly aggravated by damp, and prone to repeated coughs, colds and asthma from living in damp houses).

Some people are strongly affected by winter weather and less daylight, to the point where it affects their whole outlook. Depressive illness that appears during the cold, dark months of the year and tends to disappear in spring, has been called Seasonal Affective Disorder. If you are susceptible to persistent low mood in the winter, homeopathic treatment can be very beneficial. Among the many remedies that can be helpful are **Aurum** (individuals who benefit from **Aurum** tend to low mood, and are conscientious and responsible; prone to heart and circulatory disturbance, and feel worse in winter) and **Arsenicum** (persons who tend to fall ill if chilled, are typically chilly and can become weak from exertion, and are aggravated from darkness - both at nighttime and in the winter). A cold and damp climate may also trigger or exacerbate joint pain in those susceptible to rheumatic conditions, including osteoarthritis and rheumatoid arthritis. Homeopathic treatment will consider all factors involved in your condition, including the way you experience your symptoms, and prescribe a course of treatment tailor made for you.

Homeopathic treatment can also be very effective in acute illnesses brought on by exposure to cold, wet or windy weather, or in health problems that are exacerbated by cold or wet - these can include earaches, rhinitis, exacerbation of asthma and other respiratory conditions, joint pains, Raynaud's syndrome.

For more information on treating seasonal illnesses and other conditions
contact: Helen Lee DSH RSHom
07773983739 helen@oxleecedar.fsnet.co.uk

Christ Church PCC Meeting

The Parochial Church Council of Christ Church met on Thursday 28 January and the business included the following:

1. Thanks were expressed to those who had taken part in the Szopka Competition, which had been judged at Christmas. This had involved reflecting Nativity scenes in a local context and helped to remind everyone of the relevance today of the events of 2,000 years ago. The standard had been very high.
2. The Annual Meeting of Parishioners and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting will both be held in Christ Church on Sunday 17 April, after an evening service at 6.00.
3. In preparation for these, both the Independently Examined Accounts for 2015 and the Annual Report were approved. These will be available in due course in church. The small surplus of receipts over expenditure was largely due to the success of the earlier stewardship campaign, together with the postponement of some scheduled repair expenditure.
4. Significant repair expenditure will be necessary in 2016, however, and it is hoped that many of the fund-raising activities planned, as part of the 175th Anniversary celebration, will contribute to the approximate £30,000 total estimated to be required by 2020.
5. Many of the plans for the Anniversary are now firmed up, and details will be included in The Bridge for all of the major events.
6. Satisfaction was expressed that, despite the tight financial situation, charity giving by the church had reached totals comparable with earlier years, largely due to the success of the regular coffee mornings etc.
7. The programme of events to celebrate Easter was agreed and will be shown, in due course, in The Bridge.

Peter Witcher
Secretary to the PCC.

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The project to refurbish the external fabric of the Village Hall was brought to a close with a cheese and wine evening to thank all those who had contributed in any way to keeping the Hall going and/or the success of the project. Thanks to everyone who came and made it a good evening. People seemed to have enjoyed it and we have had good feedback.

The Trustees are now moving on to the next project - refurbishing the loos. We want to demolish the current loos and reconfigure the space so that we can provide a disabled loo. We have been lucky enough to receive £600 to kick start our fund raising, from Devizes Lions at a Lion's Den event last week, where three of us presented our project to a panel of Lions (much in the way of 'Dragon's Den' from TV). In addition, we have had good responses from our initial approaches to other funders. BUT we need you to get involved too. You can help us raise the funds by joining the 200 club (we really do want to get it to 200 this year) or by attending our fund raising events (next one is the jumble sale on March 19th) or by organising a fund raising event on our behalf (Trustees will always help).

We also hope to put on some community events throughout the year...so look out for these too.

Finally, our AGM is April 26th when at least one of our Trustees is standing down...so if you feel you would like to join our small but enthusiastic group please do get in touch with me on 726845.

Thanks, Veronica Franklin

On behalf of Worton and Marston Village Hall Trustees

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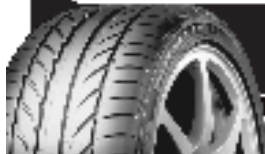
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Closure of the Good Neighbour Co-ordination Service

Wiltshire Council is working with area boards to change the way it works with communities to facilitate local wellbeing. As a result of this the Wiltshire Good Neighbours service which has operated successfully in parts of Wiltshire since 2010 is to come to an end. Local area boards across Wiltshire will set up local wellbeing groups that will bring together key individuals and organisations to ensure communities have the information and opportunities to remain healthy and well.

A Wiltshire Council spokesperson said: “Our local area boards sit right at the heart of our communities and are ideally placed to provide and coordinate this new way of working. The new approach will build on the success of existing networks and links the area boards have. This will ensure local people connect with the resources and services they need to improve their wellbeing and help them remain independent within their community.”

“We would also like to acknowledge the work that the Good Neighbour Co-ordinators and Community First have delivered over the last five years. This work has contributed significantly to our understanding of the support that vulnerable and older people across Wiltshire need.”

Lynn Gibson, Community First’s CEO said: “The work of the Good Neighbours has been well recognised and respected by partners and the people who have received it. We are therefore disappointed and saddened that this good work will no longer continue in its current form. However we are working with the council to ensure people who need support can receive it and looking at the arrangements going forward”.

The Good Neighbour Co-ordinator service will close on Thursday 31st March 2016.

At present, the exact arrangements being put in place by each area board have yet to be finalised and anyone requiring support in the meantime should contact the Wiltshire Council Adult Care Help Line on 0300 456 0111 or email customeradvisors@wiltshire.gov.uk

The lunch clubs are led by local people and will be continuing as usual.

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

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If you think this might be for you please come along to our first meeting on Friday 11th March at St. Andrew's Church, Devizes starting at 10.00am or contact either Janice Charlton on 01380 818533 or Sheila Mitchell on 01380 722424.

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- **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

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- **Book Swap**
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- Monday March 7th

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Forthcoming Events

- 7th Worton Parish Council meeting
- 12th Book Swap
- 19th Jumble Sale
- 21st Gardening Club
- 30th Ladies Group meeting

Devizes Farmers' Market

Next: Saturday 5th March

The Shambles Antiques Market

Every Tuesday

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