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# THE BRIDGE

Editor: Giles Collins

Trevor Maynard would like to thank his friends and neighbours in Worton and Marston for their kindness following the recent sad passing of his mother Edna.

The **Rose & Crown** has entered a team of 14 for the walk forwards at Wilton House on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

If anyone wants to join us, please contact Keith on 01380724202, or please sponsor us at: [www.justgiving.com/rose&crownworton](http://www.justgiving.com/rose&crownworton)

**Date  
for the  
Diary**

## **Annual Worton Parish Meeting 12<sup>th</sup> May 2014**

The Annual Parish Meeting for Worton villagers is being held in the **Village Hall on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> May**, starting at **7.30pm**. This is a real opportunity to find out about future plans for the village and how you can get directly involved in helping plan for Worton's future. It's a chance for you to hear from and question the Parish Council members, and to share your views (good and not so good) about living here in the village.

Please do come along and make the meeting a worthwhile "two-way conversation".

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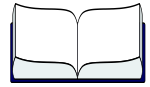
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## Letter from the Vicarage



I want to draw together three things this month.

First is my dog. Pip is normally well behaved and comes to my whistle. Last week, however, Ann and I were walking when Pip picked up the scent of a hare. The hare ran with dog in hot pursuit! Then a second hare broke cover and my whistling was useless. Pip's animal instincts had taken over and eventually in her own time, she trotted back exhausted.

Second is Coronation Street (yes, I know it's sad!) There are two characters at the moment who are behaving like my dog – obeying their animal instincts. Both got into situations they knew were wrong and would lead to disaster, but neither had the strength to stand up to temptation (Peter and Marcus, for those of you who watch it) and both are now deeply regretting their actions.

It is a sad fact that, although human beings are made in God's image and are given the insight to know right from wrong, there are times when all of us go off on our own track instead of following God's way. So what happens when we realise we have messed up again?

That brings me to number three, a picture we have in the Vicarage. It is a stunning drawing called *The Prodigal*. It shows the moment when the Father in a story of Jesus goes to meet his wayward son who is coming home.

You may well remember the parable: a son demands his inheritance and heads off to enjoy himself. For a while he is fine, he spends his money like water on 'wild living' and in the process becomes

very popular. Then one day he finds the last penny has gone. Surprise, surprise, his 'friends' disappear with the money and he has to take the most degrading work to enable him just to survive. Eventually he comes to his senses and remembers that back at home even his Father's servants live better than him. He composes a speech of apology and sets off home. His Father sees him coming and runs to meet him, flings his arms round him and orders a party because this lost son has come home.

Jesus used stories to tell fundamental truths, and this is one of the most important. There is only one human being ever, who was perfect, and that was Jesus himself. The rest of us need forgiveness; some us very obviously and others more subtly. But ALL of us fall short of what God wants us to be. The story of the lost son tells us that, regardless of how far short we have fallen of God's standards, God will still forgive us if we come back to Him in genuine sorrow. In fact, even more than that, God actively seeks us out so that He might offer us forgiveness. That is why Jesus died on the cross, paying the penalty for our wrongdoings, and rose again to new life so we might be sure of our forgiveness.

I forgave the dog, I don't know what will happen on Corrie, but God will certainly forgive anyone whose sorrow is genuine.

David Howard

**SERVICE CALENDAR**

**May**

**May**

**Sun 4<sup>th</sup> EASTER 3**

8.00am CHRIST CHURCH  
Holy Communion

9.45am CHRIST CHURCH  
Family Service

6.00pm *Marston Chapel*  
*Rev Jennifer Haynes*

**Sun 25<sup>th</sup> EASTER 6**

9.45am CHRIST CHURCH  
Parish Communion

3.00pm *Marston Chapel*  
*Rogation Walk starting*  
*at the Chapel*  
*Rev Gary Gotham and*  
*Rev David Howard*

**Sun 11<sup>th</sup> EASTER 4**

9.45am CHRIST CHURCH  
Parish Communion

6.00pm *Marston Chapel*  
*Rev David Coppard*

**June**

**Sun 18<sup>th</sup> EASTER 5**

9.45am CHRIST CHURCH  
Morning Worship

6.00pm *Marston Chapel*  
*Rev David Ellis*

**Sun 1<sup>st</sup> EASTER 7**

8.00am CHRIST CHURCH  
Holy Communion

9.45am CHRIST CHURCH  
Family Service

6.00pm *Marston Chapel*  
*TBA*

There was one wedding at Christ Church in March,  
between Thomas Sutton and Sarah Gill.

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

**CHURCH ROTAS**

**Sidesmen for May**

Sun 4th	8.00am	Mr R Shercliff	Holy Communion
	9.45am	Mrs M Boyns, Mr T Harwood	Family Service
Sun 11th	9.45am	Mrs S Courth, Mr L Courth	Parish Communion
Sun 18th	9.45am	Mrs A Pratt, Mr N Coleman	Morning Worship
Sun 25th	9.45am	Mrs J Buckley, Mrs D Barcham	Parish Communion

**Sidesmen for June**

Sun 1st	8.00am	Mr P Witcher	Holy Communion
	9.45am	Mr T Brewer, Mr T Walker	Family Service

**Altar  
Flowers**

**Brass  
Cleaning**

**Church  
Flowers**

May 4 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Walker	Mrs Mason	Mrs A Darling
May 11 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Brewer	Mrs Brierley	Mrs S Hale
May 18 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Keates	Mr Keates	Mrs S Horn
May 25 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Shercliff	Mrs Lane	Mrs P Wright
June 1 <sup>st</sup>	Mrs Brierley	Mrs Brierley	Mrs P Woods

**Church Cleaning**

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May 25 <sup>th</sup> :	Mrs Holiday, Mrs Wright





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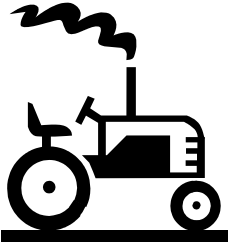
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## Rogation Sunday May 25<sup>th</sup>



Rogation is the time when people traditionally ‘beat the bounds’. It was the custom to walk the Parish boundary and pray God’s blessing on crops and animals.

We may not be able to walk the whole parish boundary, but we are walking through all three villages for Rogation this year. Starting from Marston Chapel at 3 pm, the route will pass through Five Lanes Farm, where at 4pm we shall have a short act of worship.

Then on again to Sheila Anderson’s garden in Potterne for tea about 5.15pm.

If you are not able to walk you can, of course, drive to the venues and catch up with the important bits as they take place. If you are coming, please bring a contribution of food for tea to the chapel, where a car will transport it to Potterne.

At the end a lift will take drivers from Potterne back to Marston to collect cars left there - you do not have to walk back unless you want to!!

Do join us if you are able.



## Messy Church May 2014

Please join us again for the next **Messy Church** which will be on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May** from 3.30 pm or straight from school, again in Potterne Village Hall.

This time we will be thinking about Messy Communion – the special meal Jesus gave his friends to remember Him.

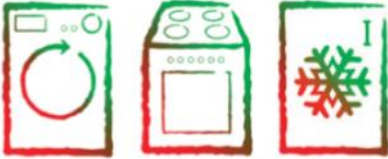
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One would hope that horse riders are familiar with the Highway Code in relation to horses but would refer anyone to sections 49-55 which sets out the rules very clearly.

Rule 54 also states that you MUST NOT take a horse on a footpath. Unfortunately we have had several instances of horse riders ignoring this law, particularly on ROW 11 which links Lower Road and East End, i.e. the 2 spurs of Plough Lane in Marston, making this footpath unusable by pedestrians. We are taking urgent steps to get signs put in place but in the meantime please ensure that you only use the many bridleways in the area. If you are unsure then check the local maps, they are all marked. Just to reinforce, it is against the law to ride on a footpath.

Please don't think this is a "dig" at horse riders. I'm sure the culprits are in the minority. If you know any horse riders who are not from the villages but who come here to ride please pass this on. Thank you.  
Jill Hansford, Marston



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**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May**

Lunch Bunch 12.45pm

2 course meal, tea or coffee for only £12 per person

Booking is required



**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May**

Fish & Chip Supper

6pm to 9pm Booking is recommended

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May

Tapas Night

6pm to 9pm Booking is recommended

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May

1pm Meat Raffle

7.30pm Pub Quiz

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May**

BBQ from 12pm

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May**

Burger Night 6pm-9pm

Booking is recommended



### **LUNCH BUNCH**

The date for May is Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> when the menu will be:  
Roast Beef, roast potatoes and vegetables followed by Lemon Meringue  
Tea or coffee  
£12 per person

We gather from 12 noon onwards and sit down to eat at 12.45.

If you would like to come along, meet people and support your local pub  
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**Rose and Crown 724202**

### **What's happening on the Farm!**

With the sun shining and the grass growing at last the cattle are out on their summer pastures!!! This puts to an end the daily task of cleaning out, bedding up and feeding, well until November anyway.

This month sees us preparing two fields ready to grow maize for the cattle to eat over the winter months. This job involves several processes before the actual maize seed can be planted. Firstly the fields are sprayed to kill any weeds that are growing. Maize is a crop which does not like any competition so the cleaner the seed bed the quicker the seed will germinate and grow. Secondly the fields are given a coating of manure to help the fertility of the soil. Thirdly father ploughs the fields to turn over the manure and the top six inches of the field leaving clean topsoil on the surface. Then the fourth job is to work the soil down to produce a clean and level seed bed. The machine used for this is a power harrow; it breaks the soil down and rolls it ready for the seed to be drilled. Finally we employ a contractor who has a specific drill to plant the maize seed; it plants eight rows at once so the job of planting does not take very long at all.

With the cattle out it gives us a chance to assess any repair jobs that need to be done around the yard. Because of the wet weather over the winter we are now able to plan the concreting of the rest of the yard and to erect the other new barns, that we have planning for. Trying to do these jobs in the rain would have been a nightmare.

Now that the cattle are out I must ask everyone when walking the footpaths where there are cattle to please take care and be alert. With both heifers that are calving and heavy in calf heifers out in the fields, dogs must be kept on leads at all times. Cattle are very protective over the offspring; we do not want any accidents to happen.

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This will be my last article, sadly, as I am leaving Wiltshire Good Neighbours at the end of April. The person replacing me will be starting work in May and will retain the same phone number and email address, so do feel free to get in touch with him/her.

Good Neighbour Co-ordinator for Devizes villages on 07557 922027  
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### WORTON COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH OPEN MEETING

Interested in seeing how the scheme works or even joining the group? Then you are welcome to sit in on an "open" committee meeting at **7pm on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May** in the Rose and Crown, High Street, Worton. This is an ideal opportunity to observe a speed monitoring session, or go on a training course, or meet members from the many other speed watch groups which exist across Wiltshire.

### WORTON GARAGE SALES

**10am - 1pm - SATURDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> MAY**

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## Village Hall Maintenance

Thank you to everyone that turned up to 'muck in' on the maintenance day, which took place in the village hall on the 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Seven volunteers set to task, some helping replace the front door with the new one made for us by Mark Fisher, whilst others undertook the job of giving the kitchen a deep clean. We also took the opportunity to try and sort some of the store room to allow easier access for the various clubs / groups who store their equipment. Also poppy seeds were sewn around the curve of the railings to commemorate the centenary of the First World War and the men of our villages who lost their lives in it.

We hope to keep the momentum of this day going. The W.I. has kindly offered to take on the deep cleaning of the kitchen twice a year and we are planning a second maintenance day on Saturday May 10<sup>th</sup> at 9.00am. On this day, depending on weather and on how many turn up, we hope to do some of the following: sand and paint the door frame, paint the railings around the hall, tackle some of the holes in the west wall, box in the electric board in the cloakroom, and start preparing the cloakroom for a renovation.

Do please try to come along even if it is just for a couple of hours - every little helps!! And if you have a particular skill you can offer then please let Veronica Franklin (726845) or Mark Fisher (726489) know.



## Five Lanes Women's Institute

Our speaker for April was Mr Trevor Heeks, a town crier from Trowbridge. He gave a very entertaining and informative talk about his experiences. These ranged from winning a world championship, to civil events and weddings. If you get the chance to go and listen to him, it would be well worth it. I recommend it!

Next month, our speaker is Esther Fairfax, recalling "Fun and Tears of a Mother and Daughter". I hope that you will come and join us.

The meeting is on May 13<sup>th</sup>, starting at 8pm, in Worton Village Hall.

Jane Loveys, President

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**Advance notice for June:**  
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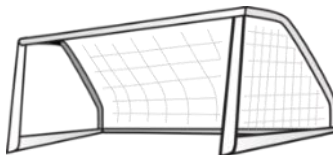
An unfortunate set of results in the Cup competitions following on from last month's article.....

At the Adult stage we were knocked out in the semi-finals, although in the league we achieved a respectable mid-table status, with the last game being won 6-3 against Bradford United (goals: Craig Campbell hat-trick, Adam Bewley x 2, and Ben Mason). Whilst at Under 15 level the Badgers lost 4-0 to Corsham in the Cup.

**The Annual Fun Day and Open Day, is confirmed for Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June at the Lye Fields in Seend, starting at 12.00 and ending approx. 17.00pm,** with the theme for the year being the World Cup in Brazil. As usual there will be tournaments, competitions, and Team presentations. We trust that all members of the Club and parents can attend from all age groups. Please advise your team managers of attendance for planning purposes. New members are also very welcome to come along to this event, and participate.

For the following season we ask all members/parents/supporters to register on the Club website (above - managed by 'pitchero'). This will in future serve as the method for registering membership and payment of fees for the season-please start to use it now. This website will serve as the main information hub for the Club during the season. The Club is run on a voluntary basis, and we seek your help to make things easier to manage (any issues please ask your team coaching staff).

Steve Dagnall



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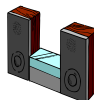
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## Worton and Marston Gardening Club

Our meeting in March was chaired by members of the Gardening Club with particular expertise in growing wild flowers and fruit and vegetables. Many thanks, to Frank Marshall and Richard Snow, for their help on the evening. For some of our new gardeners it was a chance to ask for guidance in planting up their own gardens.



We also launched our Pumpkin Growing Competition. Seeds were distributed to all who wanted to try their hand at growing the biggest pumpkin. The weigh in will be at our AGM in October. If you were unable to come to the meeting or would like to grow a pumpkin you can buy plants from the plant sale at the School Fete.



Our May meeting is on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 7.45 pm, at the home of Sue and Andrew Lower (Little Ashton, 36 High Street). Sue & Andrew have been renovating their home and are now turning their attentions to their garden. Some of the garden is newly acquired and offers a range of challenges to them.



Bring along a plant as well as any thoughts you might have as to how Sue & Andrew may transform their garden. We hope that by the end of the evening we will have proposed a planting plan and collected a range of plants to help them get started.

Tea and Coffee will be available on the evening. We will also be serving canapés and if you wish you can bring along a bottle.

Dot Francis, Programme Secretary

If you would like to receive a copy of this year's programme please contact: [suzanne.bonfield@virgin.net](mailto:suzanne.bonfield@virgin.net) or Bill Francis at [blllyb01@aol.com](mailto:blllyb01@aol.com)

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## Worton & Marston Ladies Group

We had a very interesting talk about Hypnotherapy at our March meeting, which was held at the Rose & Crown.

Our next meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> April is a visit to Whitehall Garden Centre with lunch 12.30 for 1pm. Teresa will be picking up in the minibus.

Sheila Hale

Hi Everybody

As I am sure some of you are aware my Fiancé, Kevin, was diagnosed with a rare type of cancer last year which is referred to as NETs, (Neuroendocrine Tumours). It is a very slow growing cancer, thankfully, which is relatively uncommon, only between 3-5 people per 100,000 are diagnosed in the UK each year with new cases of NETs.

He has chosen as a personal challenge to take part in the Lambretta Club of Great Britain's event to ride (and probably a bit of pushing involved as well) from one end of the country to the tip of Scotland (Land's End to John O'Groats) over four days in May on his classic Lambretta (Scooter), along with a friend for support and me as the Service Van driver to follow behind and pick them up in case of any eventuality, or supply spares and lots of tea!!

He has chosen to support The NET Patient Foundation as they are the only charity in the UK and Ireland that offer information and advice to those affected by neuroendocrine tumours, they work hard to raise awareness of these unusual cancers, and raise funds for vital research projects.

His Virgin Money Giving page is:

[www.virginmoneygiving.com/team/LE2JOG2014](http://www.virginmoneygiving.com/team/LE2JOG2014) (or search for Kevin Earley)

If you prefer the old fashioned way I do have a Sponsor Form.

If any of you would be kind enough and would like to sponsor him and Paul (aka Lambretta Chop) in this challenge we would be very grateful for your support.

The NET Patient Foundation relies on donations to continue their work to support people affected by neuroendocrine cancers.

Many thanks for taking the time to read this.

Kind regards, Vicky Barton



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## Marston Parish Council Report 25<sup>th</sup> March 2014

Present: Philip Salaman (Chairman), William Warden, Richard Howard, Cathy Kavanagh, Cille Packer and 14 parishioners.

The following items were discussed:

- i. Investigation of the costs of repairs to the Phone Box. Our insurers have agreed we can make a claim.
- ii. The Council decided to donate £1000 to the Village Hall funds on the successful award of a grant from Viridor for the major repair works.
- iii. Dave Hansford reported that the remaining survey of footpaths will be available for the meeting in May. A group of 5 volunteers has been established to help with minor repair works. Wiltshire Council has agreed to provide signs and will be asked to offer help with replacing damaged stiles.
- iv. When the ground is dry enough the Christmas tree on the Green will be removed.
- v. William Warden will look into the repair of the seat at Norney Bridge.
- vi. Marston is entering the Best Kept Village competition and the Council would appreciate it if all parishioners could help keep the village tidy.
- vii. It was agreed to call a public meeting in April to discuss the proposed plans for a solar park at Lower End Farm. The Council wishes to represent the views of all concerned before submitting a response to Wiltshire Council.

Proposed date of the next meeting 27<sup>th</sup> May commencing at 7.30pm in the chapel. The meeting will be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting.

‘Cille Packer

### Flower Show 2014

Just a reminder that the date for this year's show is Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August. There are no major changes to the schedule but pansies will be reintroduced to the Flower section.

The photographic classes for this year are:

#### Adults

1. Yellow (this could be a bit challenging! Anything yellow in the garden)
2. Poppies
3. A single butterfly or moth

Children (aged under 16 on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2014):

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Heather Walker for the Flower Show Committee

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For further information,  
contact the Rose and Crown 01380 720580 or David Johnson 01380 720580

**Seend Happenings.....**

**Seend Beer Festival**

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 12 noon-11pm in Seend Community Centre

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May guests are: May 7<sup>th</sup> - Mark Abis

May 21<sup>st</sup> - Ben Maggs

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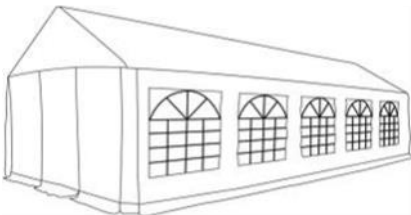


And of course your young plants and separated roots!

Please look out for raffle ticket sellers

As everyone seems to be so busy these days, perhaps we could ask for your contributions to be brought either to the church or the school in advance please - notes will be delivered giving contact numbers if delivery is difficult.

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If you are interested please contact Vicky Barton - 01380 720928 or 07702 033897 for more information.

We meet at Worton & Marston Village Hall on Tuesdays Term Time only, from 16:30 until 17:30

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

For most of us, I suspect, one of the joys about living in a lovely village or a house in the country is the relative tranquillity. In addition, in this part of Wiltshire, I think most of us know at least some of our neighbours and enjoy the friendships that go with being part of a community. It seems to me that, in our rural communities, there is a remarkable number and variety of activities in which we can participate if we so wish.

Of course, for some of us, a local shop or post office or pharmacy may not be immediately nearby but many of our material needs can be ordered by phone or via the internet and deliveries can be made to our door. Alternatively, a short car ride can take us to Devizes or Westbury or Trowbridge or Melksham or even Salisbury where, in every case, shopping can be a delight (with apologies to towns I have not mentioned).

So what's not to like? Well, for a few, life in a rural area may not be so easy. For example, social housing is in short supply, so if you want your growing family to live nearby, and they can't afford to buy, then until now there was not much you could do about it. I'm pleased to say, however, that Wiltshire Council is proposing to give local connections a much higher priority in housing allocations, so it should soon be easier for local families to live in the area where they have grown up.

It's also challenging out here if you are looking for a job and you don't drive. It is hard to get to a place of employment by bus, and subsidised bus services are under threat in these challenging times. Concessionary bus pass holders may also fear for the survival of bus services and I have asked government to consider allowing a small charge if this would allow threatened services to continue.

Young people in their teens or twenties can also be isolated from the activities enjoyed by their peers in towns, especially in the evenings. Cycling on our local roads is not for the fainthearted and I have an ambition to improve safe rural cycling routes where possible.

For the sick or frail or elderly, a doctor's surgery visit let alone a trip to hospital can require planning and the assistance of a friend or neighbour. I applaud the wonderful services provided by Care & Link volunteers in this regard.

For individuals and families in need, therefore, rural life can be tough. Treasure the pleasures that our lovely area can offer, but remember those for whom the isolation can be difficult.

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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### WORTON & MARSTON LINK SCHEME

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Worton & Marston Link Scheme held their AGM in the Rose & Crown this year with everyone welcome.

Volunteers in Wiltshire Link Schemes carried out almost a million miles in supportive journeys in 2013. Of that, Worton & Marston Link undertook 130 medical journeys, which included 42 to hospitals. The other trips involved visits to various local surgeries and dentists; there were 18 non-medical journeys. These 130 trips entailed 300 driver hours driving 2,916 miles, a slight increase from last year when 139 assignments involving 225 driver hours were carried out. The rise in hours was due to the increase in hospital trips.

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Our annual fund raising Quiz Night has been arranged for Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November in the village hall. Please put the date in your diary; it is usually a very good night.

The full report together with our finances is available by ringing the usual **Link Number 722845**, which is also the number to ring with any inquiries.

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- **Ladies Group**  
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Wednesday 10.00 am—Noon
- **1st Worton & Marston Brownies**  
Every Tuesday
- **Potterne Rainbows** (term time)  
Tuesday 4.30-5.30pm

**In the School**

- **Worton Parish Council Meeting**  
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- 7<sup>th</sup> Lunch Bunch
- 10<sup>th</sup> Village Hall maintenance day
- 10<sup>th</sup> Book Club
- 11<sup>th</sup> Walking Group
- 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Worton Parish Meeting
- 13<sup>th</sup> W.I.
- 14<sup>th</sup> Speed watch meeting
- 17<sup>th</sup> Fete and Plant Sale
- 19<sup>th</sup> Gardening Group

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