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Editor: Giles Collins



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Flower Show - 3rd September 2016

Just a reminder of the photographic classes in this year's Show:

Adult Section

1. Early Morning
2. Clouds
3. Pollinators

Under 16s (as at 31st August)

1. Tree bark
2. A spider's web
3. Around the pond.

Heather Walker for Flower Show Committee

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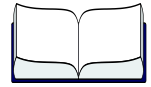


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Letter from the Vicarage



You probably have favourite characters in books or TV series. They are the ones who keep you reading or watching, you want to know what becomes of them.

I have favourite characters in the Bible. One of them you may know as doubting Thomas, but I think that is unfair, I believe he gets a bad press. OK, he could not accept that Jesus had risen from the dead, but put yourself in his place. If your friends told you that someone you had seen die was alive again and had appeared to them, how would you react? And Thomas was the only one of the group missing when it happened.

A week later Thomas was given absolute proof that Jesus was indeed alive. He was invited to see and touch the wounds in Jesus resurrected body – how could he deny any longer? He was completely transformed

(Incidentally, here is a real problem for those who deny the resurrection; if Jesus was not raised, what **did** happen to those followers of his, transforming them from a crushed and broken group into a force that changed the world?)

According to reliable tradition, Thomas spent the rest of his life sharing the Good News about Jesus death and resurrection across the globe. He went to India and in 52 AD founded a church which still bears his name, the Mar Thoma church.

Thomas story teaches me a number of things:

First, doubt does not put anyone beyond the reach of God's love. The thing to do with doubt is to look at it honestly, acknowledge it to God and work through

it. Jesus never dismissed anyone for doubting. Self satisfaction and self righteousness are certainly barriers to faith, but with doubt there is always a way back. Someone once wrote a book on doubt which they defined as 'faith in two minds'. I like that.

Second, no one should be judged by where they begin, but rather by where they end up. If we were to be remembered only for things we got wrong there would be no hope for us. Thomas was utterly mistaken at one point in his life, but that is not what we should remember him for. You may know someone who feels they are beyond God's forgiveness because of mistakes they have made. Will you tell them that God loves them as they are? He may want them to change certain things, but He is still there for them.

Third, Thomas shows me that faith has to result in action. Once he was convinced there was no stopping him! Travel from Palestine to India was no easy matter but now he is energised totally by his trust in the Lord who has called him, and nothing will stop him telling others what he knows to be true.

Doubting Thomas? Maybe, once, but what a lot he has to teach us all.

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SERVICE CALENDAR

May

May

Sun 1st ROGATION SUNDAY
8.00am CHRIST CHURCH
Holy Communion
9.30am CHRIST CHURCH
Family Service
6.00pm *Marston Chapel*
Rev Gary Gotham
Holy Communion

Sun 22nd TRINITY SUNDAY
9.30am CHRIST CHURCH
Parish Communion
6.00pm *Marston Chapel*
Rev Ward Jones

Sun 8th EASTER 7
9.30am CHRIST CHURCH
Parish Communion
6.00pm *Marston Chapel*
Rev David Ellis

Sun 29th TRINITY 1
9.00am ST. MARY'S
Breakfast followed by
10.00am Joint Worship Service
6.00pm *Marston Chapel*
Rev Graham Warmington

June

Sun 15th PENTECOST
9.30am CHRIST CHURCH
Matins
6.00pm *Marston Chapel*
Rev Wendy Tucker

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

There were two thanksgiving services at Christ Church in March 2016; for Eric Arthur Clack, and for Timothy Rendall.

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

CHURCH ROTAS

Sidesmen – May 2016

Sun 1 st	8.00am	Mr R Shercliff	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Mrs M Armand-Smith, Mrs A Pratt	Family Service
Sun 8 th	9.30am	Mr R Boyns, Mr T Harwood	Parish Communion
Sun 15 th	9.30am	Mrs J Mason, Mr T Brewer	Matins
Sun 22 nd	9.30am	Mrs J Buckley, Mr T Walker	Parish Communion
Sun 29 th	No service at Christ Church, breakfast and joint service at St Mary's Potterne		

Sidesmen – June 2016

Sun 5 th	8.00am	Mr R Shercliff	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Mrs S Courth, Mr L Courth	Family Service

**Altar
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**Church
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May 1 st	Mrs Brierley	Mrs Collins	Mrs P Woods
May 8 th	Mrs Walker	Mrs Hailstone	Mrs P Wright
May 15 th	Mrs Francis	Mrs Lane	Mrs M Brewer
May 22 nd	Mrs Puckle Hobbs	Mrs Mason	Mrs A Darling
May 29 th	Mrs Brierley	Mrs Brierley	Mrs S Horn

Church Cleaning

May 7 th	Mrs Leggat	Mrs Sperring
May 21 st	Mrs Cross	Mrs Nixon



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Why not bring a picnic to share on the green at Marston afterwards.
Hope you can come!



We are now into the summer term and already we are busy. If you go into the Village Hall, you will have seen the children's contribution to the Queen's Tea Party with pictures of queens and dragons (also celebrating St. George's Day).

You will find pictures of what we do on the Worton web site and our new Facebook page, including our Easter 'bonnets' and Easter egg trees.

On May 11th we have a visit from Devizes Children's Centre when we will be following a seaside theme with play dough and sea shells on one table and art-work on the other table.

Worton Toddlers is not just for the village and not just for Toddlers. We have a lovely friendly inclusive group of parents, grandparents and carers who welcome newcomers with babies, toddlers and pre-school children. You can ring or just turn up on Wednesdays 10-12 during term time for £1.50 per family. The first visit is free.

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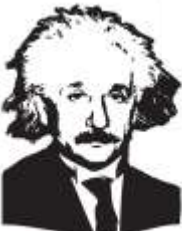
Joy Stokes about the exhibition – wedding and christening gowns and history of village property 698319

Ann Howard for refreshments and stalls. 723189 or 07531 123548

AND so that the garden hosts can all come together too, let's have a bring and share time together at 6 pm on Sunday Evening.

All welcome – we can toast the Queen together for her birthday.

More details for all the above later **KEEP THE DATES**



'Your mum is so mean, she has no standard deviation.'

Mathematicians' joke

WORTON PARISH COUNCIL meeting minutes

11th April 2016, 7.30PM

Present: Councillors: R Wilshire (Chairman); Mr M Fisher; Mr W Francis; Mr R Goss; Mr D Johnson;

Apologies: Mrs S Bonfield

Also present: 1 member of the public, Cllr P Salaman [Marston PC]; Cllr R Gamble; Mrs E Read (Clerk).

1. Apologies for absence - Cllr Bonfield sent her apologies and these were accepted by the Council.

2. Declarations of interest - There were no interests declared.

3. The minutes of the last meeting of the Council - Proposed by Bill Francis and seconded by Cllr Johnson to accept the minutes, this was carried and the minutes were signed.

4. Chairman's announcements - Waste bin in Whatleys - has a lock on it, which we do not have the key, and propose to remove.

Bus shelter has been sprayed with weedkiller, but will need to be done several times.

NP terms of reference – at least 10 or 12 people on the steering group, then Parish Councillors to the minimum, and when a chairperson is selected, it should be someone who does not have a close connection with any of the proposed sites, to reduce conflict. Until then Cllr Wilshire will chair.

Cllr Simpson has resigned, the Council accepted her resignation and thanks her for her work.

5. Public participation on matters set out below – for up to fifteen minutes, three minutes per person. [Note: this item is for questions or representations on any matter set out below and is the only opportunity for such at this meeting. New business cannot be raised but should be requested for a future agenda to a councillor or Clerk to the Council outside this meeting].

No issues were raised by the public.

6. Wiltshire Councillor's report - Bin lorries damaging the verge in Sandlease – partly because of the parked cars on the bend. Suggestion is to deter parking by putting an H bar with a white line to remind people that it is not a good place to park. CATg to determine. The men could check that they do not injure the verge. Register with WC to the CATg if ahead with this suggestion. RW to meet with Malcolm Beaven regarding the problem.

Balfour Beatty contract started on the 1st of April, and there will be a reinstatement of the Parish Steward Scheme, who will be regularly around doing the type of jobs that an individual may do rather than a gang. Contact the clerk.

Regarding the Mill Race footpath Cllr Midgely has identified that the land 6ft beyond the stream belongs to the Mill. Cllr Wilshire suggested arranging a meeting between Cllr Midgely, Miss Fry and Wiltshire Council. Clerk to contact Paul Millard regarding a meeting.

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Cllr Gamble informed the Council that the B3098 it is closing between West Lavington and Westbury at night for around 20 nights which may lead to an increase in traffic through Worton at night.

Cllr Gamble apologised for the lack of progress with SIDs and confirmed that he would work on arranging the scheme.

7. Village condition survey feedback - Cllrs Johnson and Wilshire surveyed the High Street and identified 10 overgrowing hedges, foliage and gravel issues. The hedge outside Prince Hill is a highways issue as it is not accessible from the pavement. Clerk to contact Malc Beaven and to print 15 letters to residents about overhanging vegetation, Cllr Johnson to deliver.

8. Insurance for Mill Race footpath - The Council unanimously decided to include the Mill Race footpath – 250m from the Sluice to where the footpath widens to six feet along the rest of the Mill Race – on their Public Liability Insurance with no additional cost until further notice. This is as a special agreement.

9. Neighbourhood Planning - report and next steps - Neighbourhood Planning Area Designation application has not gone out for consultation yet and is in process with the clerk. Clerk to chase.

10. Report from the meeting with Marston - Three people attended to discuss how Worton and Marston can work together more, a village fete event or football match between the villages which is partly funded by Solar panel money from each village was suggested.

11. Update on Whatleys nursery application - The proposers have hired an architect and are approaching Wiltshire Council for pre planning advice.

12. Set a date for AGM/APM - Invite – speedwatch, Village hall, Link, WI, toddler group,

13. Planning matters – to receive those decisions notified and to consider application:and any applications received after agenda publication.

[16/02692/TCA](#) – Works to trees in a conservation area – fell one ash tree, 123 High Street, Worton – approved

[16/02686/TCA](#) – Works to trees in a conservation area – fell one pine tree, 121 High Street, Worton – approved

Sandleaze – extension – Cllr Johnson and Cllr Devine delegated authority to decide the application.

14. Disbursements - 1&1 internet, Goddard, Village Hall, Clerk and allowance

15. Date of next meeting (set for Monday 9 May 2016)

16. Items of maintenance (for information or the next agenda) - Sandleaze playground is waterlogged under the climbing frame. Clerk to get quotes for matting.

17. Key messages - Cut foliage back, clean up their gravel.

Parish Councillor Vacancy

NP area designation – not meeting until okay to proceed

Meeting ended 8.31pm

Five Lanes School and Christ Church Sports Tournament and Fete

Worton Site

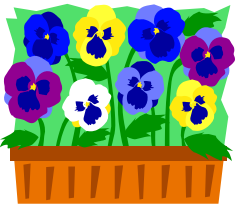
Saturday 21st May

Starting at 9.30 am!



The above event is a combined effort from which the proceeds are shared between school and church. We do hope you will come along.

Before that, however, we would like to invite you to help make the event a great success by contributing as much as you feel able to from the list below.



Plants - bedding plants, herbaceous,
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- Watching with quiet sorrow as you receive a different haircut to the one you requested
- Being unable to pay for something with the exact change without saying “I think that’s right”
- Overtaking someone on foot and having to keep up the uncomfortably fast pace until safely over the horizon
- “You’ll have to excuse the mess” – Translation: I’ve spent seven hours tidying in preparation for your visit
- Mishearing somebody’s name on the second time of asking, meaning you must now avoid them forever
- Leaving it too late to correct someone, meaning you must live with your new name forever
- Changing from ‘kind regards’ to just ‘regards’, to indicate that you’re rapidly reaching the end of your tether
- Hearing a recording of your own voice and deciding it’s perhaps best never to speak again

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WORTON & MARSTON LADIES GROUP

The March meeting of Ladies Group was a talk by John Girvan on the “Life and Times of a Garden Gnome”. I wouldn’t have thought someone could speak for so long on this subject and hold everyone’s attention, but he did. Gnomes originated from the region of the Black Forest, Germany. John’s collection covered from the 19th century up to date. He had stories associated with many of the gnomes: one “Naughty Norman” brought a smile to many faces for reasons on which I won’t elaborate.

The April Meeting will be “High Tea” at Whitehall Garden Centre at 3pm; all to make their own way there.

Advance notice for May meeting which will be in the Village Hall on Wednesday 25th May at 8pm when our speaker will be Yvonne Brinton, who is a Community Fundraiser for Dorothy House. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible, and any new ladies who may be interested in joining us.

Hostesses for May: Teresa Chandler & Frances Moore

Pam Woods

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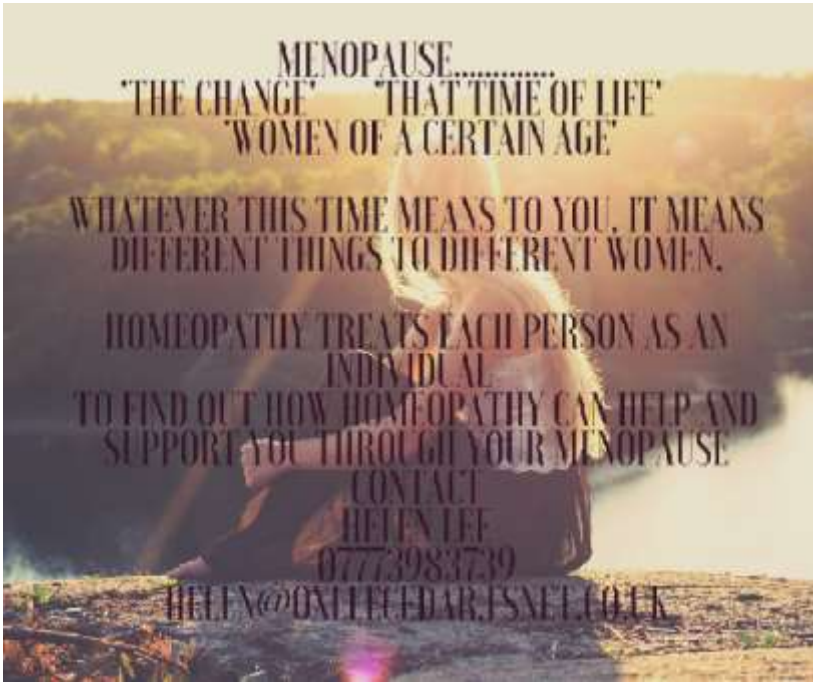
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Worton and Marston Gardening Club

Garden Visit



Our Garden Visit this year will be to The Manor House Steeple Ashton on Monday 16th May. This garden is new to the NGS and we are fortunate to be seeing it before its opening to the public later in the week. Please meet at the Village Hall at 6p.m to arrange sharing of transport.

For more information please contact Dot Francis Tel 01380 739986 or dfrancis162@btinternet.com
It would be very helpful if you would please confirm your attendance either by email or telephone.

Non-members are very welcome to join us and the cost is £5 per person. All takings go to the NGS Charities. Refreshments may be available at an additional cost.

More dates for your diary:

June 18th and 19th Open Gardens (there will be no meeting in June).

Monday 18th July Gardening Club Barbecue at Joy and Nick Stokes house in Worton



This year's programme is available via e mail from

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12 – 2 Ploughman's Lunch

2 – 5 Cream Tea



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Green maintenance - It was agreed to appoint Alex Mackay to mow the Green through the summer months.

Broadband upgrade - A formal complaint has been lodged as the agreed deadline for commissioning has been missed. It is hoped that the problem will be resolved shortly.

Speed limit - When the speed signs are in place, MPC will share the use of a SID with other local villages.

Solar Farm - MPC has now received the first £5,000 from Good Energy. A suggestion has been made that we use some of the funds to purchase a footbridge to cross the grip near the pond. A display of possible options will be put in the bus shelter so parishioners can express opinions on the design.

Vandalism - There have been recent, disturbing incidents in the village. Croft Farm has been broken into again and a particularly unpleasant act of vandalism occurred in the bus shelter. Please be vigilant and report any further problems to the police.

The next meeting of the Council will be at 7.30pm on May31st in the chapel. It will be preceded at 7pm by the Parish Meeting.

‘Cille Packer



Five Lanes Women's Institute

This month, the members of Five Lanes WI were treated to a cookery demonstration, entitled "Picnic Food", given by Stephanie Honeychurch. In no time at all (at least, that is what it felt like!), she had made various pastries, desserts and a lovely bulgar wheat salad. After the demonstration, all the delicacies were devoured by the group. My favourite was the cider apple cake - very yummy!

All we need now is some nice weather so we can all put this into practice and have a picnic. Failing that, I shall be going to visit Stephanie in her tea rooms at Townsends Garden Centre.

Next month, a complete change of pace. We will all be fascinated at a talk by Stephen Wells on the "Life and Crimes of Jack the Ripper".

Why not join us on Tuesday May 10th at 8pm in Worton Village Hall?

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The Annual Presentation event for the Youth section of the Club will take place on Saturday May 21st at Lavington Community Centre. The time slot for all those up to Under 8 level is from 5pm until 7pm, and then the Under 9s from 7.30 to 9.30 pm. For complete details please contact the relevant coach. New members for next season are welcome to come along; please contact the age group coach below.

Training is progressing well for the Under 6/7 age group every Friday from 5.30pm at St Barnabas' Primary School. At the Under 8 age level there have been some recent great match performances and they are now looking forward to some tournaments later this season.

The Under 9s recently had two good tournaments at Highworth Town and Chippenham Town, which they really enjoyed. Training continues for this group on Fridays 6-7pm at the Northbrook ground in Market Lavington.

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

MAY BOOK SWAP



Saturday 14th May
10.00 - 12 noon
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Advance notice:
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Village Hall Update

Hallmark - The Village Hall Trustees are very pleased to announce that we have been successful in obtaining Hallmark one. This is a kite mark which indicates that the Hall is in good nick and well run, with appropriate processes and protocols in place to ensure good management oversight. This is often looked for by people considering hiring a Hall. The assessor was so impressed that we achieved a rating of 100% and were advised to apply for Hallmark two, a higher level of assessment, requiring additional and more in depth governance. We hope to apply for this later in 2016 but, in the meantime, look out for the plaque in the Hall commemorating this success.'

Jumble Sale - A big thank you to everyone who helped make the jumble sale a roaring success, from those of you who donated goods to those who came and helped sort and sell on the day. The final sum made was in excess of £600 which is an amazing achievement.

200 Club - The final winners in the 2015/2016 year were Joy Stokes (£50) and Alison Thornhill (£10). At the time of writing I have yet to make the first draw of 2016/17 as I am still hopeful that some of you may renew your subscriptions. It is not too late. Please consider it as an excellent way of contributing to the running costs of the Hall. If you no longer have the appropriate form just put your name and address on a sheet of paper and enclose £12 and pop in through the door of 11 Gaisford Chase or give it to any of the Trustees.

Many thanks and good luck.

Veronica Franklin, Chair of Trustees.

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Ronnie Corbett



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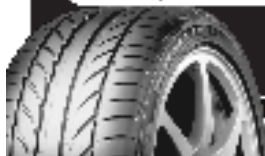
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The **Hope Nature Centre** is situated in the Southwick Country Park in Trowbridge. We provide work placements for 40 adults with learning disabilities who work in our tearoom and nature park.

In May 2016 The **Hope Nature Centre** will reach its 10th anniversary. Started in 2006 by two local parents of adults with learning disabilities, the charity now occupies a 15 acre plot with a variety of animals including emus, alpacas, donkeys, chickens and rabbits and a tearoom that provides freshly cooked meals and refreshments as well as catering for birthday parties, wakes and business breakfasts. Last year we were awarded a Certificate of Excellence by Trip Advisor and in 2011 were awarded a Queens Award for voluntary service.

Aside from the animals we have a range of play equipment for children including trampolines, slides and swings and have recently installed a specialist inclusive playground area with a wheelchair accessible roundabout, one of only 5 in the county. We also have a fantastic storyteller's chair and stalls that were kindly donated by a local family and run story sessions during the summer months. The addition of a Fairy Wood in March all makes the nominal entrance fee of £2.50/adult, £1.50/child or £7 for a family of 4 great value for money. As a charity that is not government funded all money raised is used to sustain the maintenance and upkeep of the facilities.

To celebrate our 10th Birthday we will be running a week long celebratory event starting on Sunday May 22nd with our Annual Fete.

Monday 23rd May: We will be having a Big Birthday Giveaway where all visitors to the animal park have an opportunity to win free admission, free refreshments and cakes as well as Hope Nature Centre goodie bags.

Tuesday 24th May: We are holding an Open Day for our wonderful donors over the last 10 years to take a look at the facilities that their donations have helped supply. In addition this is an opportunity for parents and carers of adults and teenagers with special needs and anyone working with Special Needs to take a look behind the scenes. Adults with Learning Disabilities are really committed and hard working. We'd love to help some of them find mainstream jobs. If you are a local employer then we'd love you to come along too. Please get in touch. Booking Essential as a complimentary buffet lunch will be supplied.

Wednesday 25th May: Our Birthday Present to the young adults on work placements with us: A Kaya Drumming Session

Thursday 26th May: A private party for all those who have helped the charity become what it is today.

Friday 27th May: Free Cake for all visitors to the tearoom purchasing a hot drink.

Saturday 28th May: A Family Fun Day with FREE activities all day [usual admission fee applies], Storytelling with local children's author Sarah Hill, A talk on Beekeeping with Graham Davison and a Falconry Show with Falconry UK

If you haven't visited before then this is the week to come along and discover your local tourist attraction.

Check out our website for more information on www.hopenaturecentre.org.uk . You can also find us on Facebook under Hope Nature Centre and on Twitter @hopenaturecent for updates of all events.

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What's happening on the farm!

Whilst thinking what to write this month I was going to start with: "Spring is finally here". However the rain is still coming down and the cattle are still in. But hopefully by the time you read this the weather may have improved enough to let some of the cattle out to grass for the grazing season.

For those of you who are keen bird spotters, the barn owl has been out and about recently. It is such a fantastic sight to see and hopefully we will see it for many years to come. Whilst we are on a bird theme, father informs me that the cuckoos that migrate to this country from Africa for the summer months are on their way back. You can follow their progress on the BTO website.

The preparation for the year's maize crop is progressing however because of the wet weather it has made it difficult to get out on the ground. But the dung is now spread and the soil preparation can begin. The variety we have chosen to grow this year is called Ambition a high yielding yet early variety. An early maturing variety means that we can harvest the crop much earlier than other varieties allowing us to, (hopefully) miss any bad autumn weather and get the crop in without making a mess of the fields.

The artificial fertiliser was applied to all the grassland at the end of March, two weeks later than last year. This is a good indication that spring is much later this year than last. The timing is crucial when applying the prills of nitrogen; too wet it all gets washed away, too cold it burns up in the atmosphere. The ideal conditions are a dry day, where there is some moisture in the soil to allow the prills to be absorbed the soil and plant, with some rain a few days after. Even though it was two weeks late being applied I think I achieved those conditions.

With the grazing season ahead I would like to remind everyone, please keep to the footpaths and dogs on leads whilst walking through our fields. We do not want any accidents to happen whilst the cattle are out grazing this summer.

Robert Goss

Endnote ...

Dance *like nobody's watching*
 Love *like you've never been hurt*
 Sing *like nobody's listening*
 Live *like it's heaven on earth*

Great advice!

(Found on a wall in the Butts Farm tearoom, just off the A419)
 (sent in by MK)

VILLAGE DIARY

Regular Meetings

In the Village Hall

- **Gardening Club**
3rd Monday 8.00pm (not Aug /Dec)
- **Ladies Group**
Last Wednesday (not Aug/Dec)
- **Women's Institute**
2nd Tuesday 7.45pm
- **Worton Toddler Group**
Wednesday 10.00 am—Noon
- **1st Worton & Marston Brownies**
Every Tuesday
- **Potterne Rainbows** (term time)
Tuesday 4.45-5.45pm
- **Worton Parish Council Meeting**
1st Monday (not Aug) or as shown on notice boards

In the Chapel at Marston

- **Marston Parish Council Meeting**
Last Tuesday (every odd month)

Various Venues

Announced Monthly

- **Book Swap**
2nd Saturday 10.00 - Noon

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Next Dates

- Monday May 2nd

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Forthcoming Events

- 7th Coffee, Cake, Chat
- 10th W.I. Meeting
- 14th Book Swap
- 16th Gardening Club
- 21st School/Church Fete
- 25th Ladies Group meeting

Devizes Farmers' Market

Next: Saturday 7th May

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Every Tuesday

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