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Armistice Day

Villagers customarily gather at the War Memorial outside the Village Hall to remember those who died in both world wars. This year the event will be at 11.00 am on Wednesday 11th November, and will consist simply of the reciting of the exhortation followed by two minutes silence.

Robin Shercliff

IVOR MOXHAM

The late Ivor Moxham known as Larr in the village.

The family would like to thank all their friends for their kind messages and letters. Larr was a rare and wonderful village character. He was often seen going down the village with his walking stick. He always made time to have a chat to villagers and strangers on his way to the Rose & Crown where he loved to chat and have a pint of cider with his pipe.

He joined the RAF on 4th September 1943 and started training at Hereford. After four weeks he was posted to RAF Kenwood with 617 Squadron (i.e. the Dam Buster Squadron) and trained as a tail gunner. In 1945 he was posted to North Africa and Palestine where he served for three years with the Sunderland Flying Boat Squadron. He came out of the RAF on 3rd March 1948 and got married to Jean on the 4th November 1950. He had three children: Sandra , Francine and Trevor.

He was caretaker of Worton Village Hall for 25 years, caretaker of the church yard for 38 years, in the church choir for 25 years, and on the parish council for 35 years. He also played football for Worton, and darts and skittles for the Rose & Crown. He had a lovely sense of humour and was a wonderful husband & father & grand-father. Indeed he was a gentleman in every sense of the word. He will be sadly missed.

Thank you to all who donated at Larr's funeral. His wishes were to donate the collection to the RAF. The total was £350. Thank you also to all his friends from the Rose & Crown who have collected for a brass plaque to go on his chair in his remembrance.

From Francine and the rest of the family

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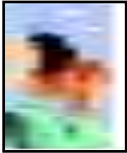
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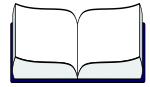


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Letter from the Vicarage



Do you have favourite months? May is tops for some, with spring moving towards summer. October is the best for others, the beauty of changing colours and falling leaves. December has Christmas and all that surrounds it. So what about November? I admit it's not my favourite, and not just because it coincides with dark evenings and coming winter. There are things in November I don't like, and one I really have a problem with is Halloween.

The shops are currently filled with ghoulish masks and spooky costumes. Spending on Halloween in Britain in 2012 was £350 million, compared with £12 million 10 years ago! No wonder the shops push it. As well as simple commercialism, experts put the phenomenon down to the success of things like Harry Potter and Vampire Diaries. But that is only part of what I think is an unhealthy modern obsession with ghosts, spirits and suchlike. Until recently, in the Christian Church All Saints Day was a time to give thanks for saints in general. It was a day of light and celebration. Sadly, the recent trend has been to revert to pre-Christian ideas, to focus on the day when pagans believe the spirits of the dead walk the earth. It is no coincidence that the rise of practices like Halloween, consulting mediums and things like Ouija boards has coincided with the decline in Christian belief in this country. Jesus warned us that 'many will turn away from the faith to false gods', and St Paul said people 'will turn their ears from the truth and turn aside to myths'.

The question then is: how should Christians react to such things? I think there are two ways. The first involves active opposition. It is right to stand firm against things which are blatantly wrong. It was Christian opposition which was largely responsible for the abolition of the slave trade and the exploitation of children at work. In those cases Christians were able to show how these practices degraded all of society and banning them would be positive.

The second way, and I think this is the right one here, is for Christians to demonstrate how much superior Jesus is to every other power in the world.

A single light is enough to dispel a whole roomful of darkness; Jesus called Himself the light of the world, and lived in such a way that people were attracted to Him like moths to a candle. Christians should shine with the light of Christ so that people see He is obviously better than anything they may try to put in His place.

Why bother with a false god when the True one invites you to know and follow Him? The Light of Christ, not the darkness of some dodgy practice; that's the way to fullness of life.

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SERVICE CALENDAR

November

November

Sun 1st ALL SAINTS' DAY
 8.00am CHRIST CHURCH
 Holy Communion
 9.30am CHRIST CHURCH
 Family Service
 6.00pm ST MARY'S POTTERNE
 Commemoration Service
 6.00pm *Marston Chapel*
Holy Communion
Rev Cathy Arscott

Sun 22nd CHRIST THE KING
 9.30am CHRIST CHURCH
 Parish Communion
 6.00pm *Marston Chapel*
Rev Simon Edwards

Sun 8th REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
 11.00am CHRIST CHURCH
 Meet at the War Memorial at
 10.50 then process to Christ Church
 for the Remembrance Service
 6.00pm *Marston Chapel*
Rev David Ellis

Sun 29th ADVENT
 8.00am CHRIST CHURCH
 Holy Communion
 4.30pm ST MARY'S POTTERNE
 Joint Harvest Tea followed by
 Advent Service at 6.00pm
 6.00pm *Marston Chapel*
No Service (Bible Society
Service at St Andrews at 6.30pm)

December

Sun 15th 2 BEFORE ADVENT
 9.30am CHRIST CHURCH
 Parish Communion
 6.00pm *Marston Chapel*
Holy Communion
Rev Wendy Tucker

Sun 6th ADVENT 2
 8.00am CHRIST CHURCH
 Holy Communion
 9.30am CHRIST CHURCH
 Family Service
 6.00pm *Marston Chapel*
TBA

There was one Funeral Service at Christ Church during September
 for Ivor William Lawrence Moxham.

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

CHURCH ROTAS

Sidesmen – November 2015

Sun 1 st	8.00am	Mr R Shercliff	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Mrs A Cross, Mr T Brewer	Family Service
Sun 8 th	11.00am	Mrs S Courth, Mr L Courth	Remembrance Service
Sun 15 th	9.30am	Mr T Harwood, Mrs G Nott	Parish Communion
Sun 22 nd	9.30am	Mr R Nott, Mr R Boyns	Parish Communion
Sun 29 th	8.00am	Mrs J Buckley	Holy Communion
	9.30am	No Service	

Sidesmen – December 2015

Sun 6 th	8.00am	Mr R Shercliff	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Mrs A Pratt, Mrs M Armand-Smith	Family Service

	Altar Flowers	Brass Cleaning	Church Flowers
November 1 st	Mrs F Smith	Mrs Hailstone	Mrs S Hale
November 8 th	Mrs Brierley	Mrs Brierley	Mrs D Harwood
November 15 th	Mrs Brewer	Mrs Lane	Mrs L Phillips
November 22 nd	Mrs Walker	Mrs Mason	Mrs P Wright
November 29 th	ADVENT	Mrs Brierley	Mrs A Darling
December 6 th	ADVENT	-	Mrs A Darling

Church Cleaning

November 1 st	Mrs Holiday	Mrs Wright
November 15 th	Mr Harwood	Mrs Harwood



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BUT

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Christ Church was built in 1841, one hundred and seventy five years ago and we are planning a year of celebrations. There will be a variety of different activities throughout the year to suit most tastes and all ages, including that meal!

Watch this space for more details coming soon



Advent Sunday

29th November

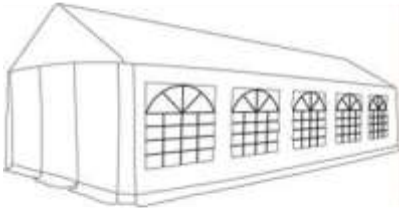


Advent is the start of the Church's year, when we begin the preparation for the coming of Jesus.

To celebrate Advent we are holding an
Advent tea in St Mary's at 4.30 pm
followed by an Advent evensong with
advent hymns
at 6.00 pm

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Commemoration Service

**Sunday November 1st
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at 6.00 pm**

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We welcome everyone to this service, but especially any who have been bereaved this past year, and others who feel that this service might help them in their journey following bereavement, no matter how long ago that may be.

If you would like your loved one to be mentioned at the service, please write their names on the lists which will be at the back of St. Mary's and Christ Church in October.



Our prayer for you is that this service might be an important step on the road you are travelling, and that God may meet you with His love and blessing.

Remembrance Sunday 8th November

Our Remembrance Sunday services will be held on 8th November. The main service at Christ Church, Worton will be at 10.50am, beginning at the village war memorial. All are welcome as we look back with thanksgiving and forward with hope.



The **Link** quiz is being held on **Friday 13th November** in the Village Hall, builders permitting. We are always looking for people to do the occasional drive to doctors etc. If you would like to get to know us first and also have a enjoyable evening, 7.30 start, please come along.

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Ideally the scene will be set somewhere in your village and be made using as much recycled material as possible. Don't necessarily try to depict the whole scene, a focus on one or two aspects is fine. How about sheep on a local hillside, the wise men going to buy their gifts at the shop, a stable at the village pub? It's not just for families with children; if you knit or sew you too can add a scene using your skills.

The scenes will be enjoyed and 'judged' using coins, the one with the most votes receiving £50. The coins donated to Mothers' Union for work with families.

It's a great way to use your creative gifts to enhance our Christmas Celebrations, and also a reminder that Jesus came not only to Bethlehem 2.000 years ago, but to us in Wiltshire in 2015.



For the third year we are sending Christmas presents to children of prisoners at Erlestoke and Guys Marsh prisons.

We are REMEMBERING THE CHILDREN and helping to keep family relationships alive while father is in prison, hoping and praying this will help alleviate re-offending.

Last year we sent 67 gifts, so this year on 2nd December we are having a fun time at Potterne Youth Centre wrapping this years parcels.

We would like donations of £15 to buy, wrap and post each gift. (Any surplus money will be used next year).

If you would like to join with this worthwhile project please send any donations to Mothers' Union Office, Crane Street, Salisbury SP1 2QB clearly stating 'Angel Tree Project' or give to Sandra Gamble / Ann Cowburn

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Locally we are holding a service in;

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

Every so often a word appears in the public vocabulary with unusual frequency. Not so long ago, the vogue word was “Sustainable”, which has been used to define everything that is supposedly desirable, such as renewable energy, organic farming and cycle routes.

Then “Resilient” appeared, which rather implies some sort of forthcoming apocalypse when only resilient communities or institutions could survive.

“Community” has also emerged as a convenient geographical definition for administrative purposes.

Now, the fashionable word is “Devolution”. We are already familiar with this in the context of Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland but the topic now has renewed interest. In addition, “Devo-max” has appeared, at least in the Scottish case, where it seems to mean “everything but responsibility”.

The equivalent word to devolution in Euro-speak is “Subsidiarity”, which is defined as “an organizing principle that matters ought to be handled by the smallest, lowest or least centralized competent authority.” You may be thrilled that this will probably be a central topic of the debates to come regarding the EU “Stay or Leave” referendum, whenever that will be. I only hope that such a hideous word as “subsidiarity” won’t be over used.

A patronising tone should not confuse the principle question. Where should decision-making lie? If the central theme is “Political decisions should be taken at a local level if possible, rather than by a central authority”, then I am inclined to start at the bottom.

Can decisions be made by individuals? If a group decision is required, can it be made by volunteers? Are corporate bodies led by elected volunteers required (i.e. Parish and Town Councils) with limited professional support? Where do professional administrative bodies like district, county or regional authorities fit in, with political guidance (paid or not)? Is a national authority appropriate (government, parliament)? Must nations defer to a higher multi-national community (the EU, UN or what)?

It looks as if the fashion for “devolution” is pushing decision-making down the line. This is not the place or the time for me to enter into EU debate. But Wiltshire Council wants as much independence as it can get from Westminster, and I can go along with that. Wiltshire also wants to devolve its powers and responsibilities. I hope the parish councils and the voluntary organisations are ready to accept their share!

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The Under 15s have had a mixed start to the season with one win against Malmesbury 6-2, but losing 2 matches against difficult opponents: Bath Arsenal and Trowbridge. However, in the Wiltshire Cup they go through to the next round having beaten a Swindon team (Northside Athletic) 3-2. The U15s are currently in the planning stages for their Summer Tour (having been to France and Germany previously).

Under 13 – good start with 3 wins and only losing one match 5-3 away at Frome.

Under 12 – recent 2-2 draw against Corsham, having won the week before away at local team Bromham 2-3.

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We are all looking forward to our return to the Village Hall in November, which with all its improvements including double glazing should be very cosy in the coming winter months. Look out for the sign on the hall railings once the work is complete and we can go back in. In case there are any delays please feel welcome to drop in at home if the sign is still there from 10 – 12 in term time. If anyone wants to come in half term please ring in advance otherwise I may make other plans.

If you are a new parent or new to the village or have just never been to Toddlers before we would love you to come along. The future of the group depends on enough children attending and enough adults with good ideas for crafts and games and help with the organisation of the group. If you would like to become involved please let me know.

Dressing up box

We have decided to have a dressing up box. If you would like to give a home to any outgrown outfits, hats etc. that you no longer need please bring them to the house. You can call at the front door but if I am out please leave them on the back porch. They don't have to be off the peg – homemade is great.

Christmas Bazaar at the Village Hall

We are expecting to have a table at the Christmas Bazaar. If you have any unwanted toys you wish to offload please let me know, or perhaps you would like to come and help.....?

Thank you.

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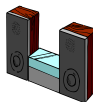
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DEFIBRILLATOR – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Following the recent play area inspections, the Council needs volunteers to check the play equipment on a regular basis. Please contact the clerk if you would be interested in helping with this, training will be provided.

PEAS – Parish Emergency Assistance Scheme – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Your Parish Council has signed up to this scheme and will have a stock of sand, salt and sandbags for use in case of flooding. We also need volunteers to fill sand bags (on off task) and to assist if flooding occurs. If your property is potentially at risk from flooding and you would like some sandbags or you would like to help, please contact the Parish Clerk.

COMMUNITY PLANNING – VOLUNTEER EVENING

There will be a volunteer meeting on the 23rd of November 7.00 until 9.00 in the Village Hall. Residents can come and meet with parishioners from other Parishes to exchange views about the pros and cons associated with Neighbourhood Planning as well as other options for influencing the issues that matter to us. If Worton was to proceed with a Neighbourhood Plan we would need a large number of people to join a steering group, this is an opportunity to find out what commitment would be needed. If you can't come to all of the meeting please just pop in, or contact the clerk to be kept informed or visit the Parish website.

PARISH COUNCIL SHLAA SITE

Your Parish Council considered listing part of the Whatleys playing field as a SHLAA site – this is a site which is registered with Wiltshire Council as somewhere that may be available for development at some point in the future. This site could provide housing of the right type and appropriate size for the village, on terms agreeable to villagers. This will be discussed at the next meeting of the Parish Council on 2 November 2015.

VILLAGE HALL FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Your Parish Council has pledged £15,000 to the village hall this year in addition to the circa £2800 provided by Marston. This is a significant contribution towards a valued community asset and we hope that new and existing users will gain many years of benefit now it has been refurbished.

The Council meets on the first Monday of the month, agendas are available on the website and noticeboards from a week before. If you would like to contact the council please email the Clerk on clerk@worton.org.uk and visit www.worton.org.uk for more information.

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Village Hall

Find out more about the different types of plans available

Find out what the plans can do and what they involve, then have your say

Talk to people from other communities

Volunteer to get involved

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Five Lanes Women's Institute

The speaker at our October meeting was Kirsty Gray, who came to give a talk about family history. Kirsty is an heir hunter from Calne - someone who traces family members when someone dies without leaving a will. She gave a very interesting and humorous talk, outlining some of the pitfalls she had encountered. For instance, in the days when everything was written by hand, it is easy to see how people's names changed, as records were copied many times. If you have trouble reading the original, differences will emerge! She gave us some useful tips on how to find out things related to family history on the internet.

Our November meeting is on the 10th, at 8pm in the Village Hall in Worton. We will be getting into the Christmas spirit (yes, it is rapidly approaching again!!) as Sue Mason is coming along to show us some Christmas flower arrangements. Why not come along and join us?

Jane Loveys, President

Village Hall Christmas Bazaar

Sat 5th Dec, 2pm - 4pm

Usual mix of stalls, gifts, raffle, refreshments

If anyone would like to have a stall, please contact Jo on 01380 726658

All proceeds to Village Hall funds

WORTON & MARSTON LADIES GROUP

Our speaker for the September meeting Matthew Armstrong from the police force was unable to attend so a last minute replacement by the name of 'Vincent' stood in. As he wasn't prepared and his time was limited he suggested a question and answer session which went down well. The remainder of the evening was spent having a good 'natter'.

Remember girls our next meeting will be at 8pm on **Tuesday 27th October** at Poulshot Village Hall where we will be entertained by the Poulshot ladies.

Advance notice for November back in the Village Hall on **25th November** at 8pm when our speaker will be Jean Parsons who will give a talk on her experiences of living through the German occupation of Guernsey in WW2; I'm sure this will be most interesting.

Hostesses for November: Pat Barton & Lorna Phillips.

Pam Woods

Seend Happenings

60s Night

Saturday 14th November – 8 till late!

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Live music from The Heartbeats plus Colette Cassin

60s dress optional!

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Wine and Food Fair

Saturday 21st November - 7.30-10.30pm

in Seend Community Centre, Rusty Lane, Seend SN12 6NS

Tickets £8 - to include six free wine tastings and a buffet supper.

A dozen or more wines to taste and buy (with special offer prices on orders) plus a mini-marketplace of local food and drink providers to stock up on your festive season needs! Tickets from Seend Community Centre and Seend Shop/PO.

Seend Acoustic Club

Upstairs in Seend Community Centre, Rusty Lane, Seend, SN12 6NS, at 8pm.

Entry £5.

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If you couldn't make it last Saturday you have more chance to get involved in this year's Operation Christmas Child on the 30th October from 4.30pm until 7.30pm at St. Andrew's Church Devizes, when we will be receiving items for the shoe boxes, and Saturday 31st October from 10.00am until 1.00pm (also at St. Andrew's Church) when members of the public can come and pack boxes.

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CLlr David Johnson

As you will be aware from previous Parish Council articles, Worton was connected to high speed broadband earlier this year. This was to all those houses connected to Cabinet 21 (near the post-box in the high street) However due to the fact that some homes in the village are connected to Cabinet 3 in Potterne they were missed out. In fact there are 39 houses at the eastern end of the village that were missed out, (including all of Gaisford Chase).

However Worton Parish Council have continued the fight to get the 39 houses included in the next phase of the superfast broadband improvements.

To this end I held a meeting with Claire Perry MP, Matthew Lloyd of BT Group BDUK and a representative of Gaisford Chase at my home a few weeks ago. This was to put the case for the missing 39 houses to be included in the phase 2 plans.

Following the meeting (as you may have seen in Claire Perry's article in the Gazette & Herald and her electronic newsletter), BT have agreed to include the rest of Worton in the next phase of upgrades! Survey work is to be in 2016 and complete in 2017.

Households can check details by going on the Wiltshire online web site.

This demonstrates the power of keeping up pressure to achieve success in our aims, just as the recent traffic / speed improvements to the eastern end of the village were the result of several years of campaigning by Worton Parish Council.

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**Marston Parish Council Report
29th September 2015**

Philip Salaman chaired the meeting attended by 11 parishioners.

The following items were discussed:

1. Good Energy have paid a contribution to enable broadband work to be updated. They will be asked to comply with planning permissions and reinstate the access to Long Street as previously agreed.
2. Quotes are being obtained for work to improve the village pond.
3. The obstruction to Horse Lane has been cleared and we would encourage riders to use it which will help keep it clear. A work party will be organised to improve it further.
4. It is expected that, in the near future, a 30mph speed limit will be introduced to the centre of the village.
5. The Parish Council are looking for assistance with bookkeeping of the accounts. If anyone can help they should contact Philip@salaman.com

Please note that the next meeting will be held on Monday 23rd November preceded by the Village meeting at 7pm in the Chapel.



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After a previous cancellation due to the weather, we made the 3 hr journey to Duxford airfield in the hope that the expected weather front moving down from the North wouldn't arrive. We had a guided tour of the Battle of Britain section of the museum while waiting for the flight to be confirmed. Along with others I had a 1 hour pre-flight briefing including H & S instructions which included what to do if we needed to bail out, adjust seat, raise cockpit cover, lower side flap, undo seat belt and jump, pulling rip cord if parachute did not open automatically. Kitted out with flight suit, gloves, helmet and goggles and not forgetting the parachute, I was led out to meet the pilot and be strapped in to the plane. Excitement overtook anxiety as we taxied along the grass to take off. With the roar of the engine competing with air control we took off to soar away with the birds.

The pilot then handed me the controls telling me to bank and turn and for 10 minutes I was really flying a WW2 Spitfire. With the pilot at the controls we did a couple of amazing victory rolls before making a perfect landing.

On leaving the plane I was speechless as I couldn't believe what I had just done. I had flown this iconic aircraft from Duxford one of the main Spitfire stations of WW2.

I had been seated in the cockpit occupied by 'some of the few'. I had enjoyed immensely the victory rolls which were the pilots' expression of their feelings of a job well done and a safe return. On my safe return I was mindful of those brave young men who didn't make it and thankful to all the B of B pilots who made it possible for this war baby to celebrate her 70th birthday in such a fantastic way.

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The minister was wondering how, after the service, he was going to ask the congregation to stump up more money than they expected for repairs to the church building. Therefore he was annoyed to find that the regular organist was sick and a substitute had been brought in at the last minute. The substitute wanted to know what to play.

"Here's a copy of the service," the minister said impatiently. "But you'll have to think of something to play after I make the announcement about the finances."

During the service the minister paused and said, "Brothers and sisters, we are in great difficulty; the roof repairs cost twice as much as anticipated and we need £4,000 more. Would any of you who can pledge £100 or more please stand up."

At that moment the substitute organist played the national anthem ... and that's how the substitute became the regular organist!

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VILLAGE DIARY

Regular Meetings

In the Village Hall

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

In the Chapel at Marston

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

Various Venues

Announced Monthly

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

Mobile Library

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Next Dates (every other Monday)

- Monday November 2nd
- Monday November 16th
- Monday November 30th

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Forthcoming Events

- 10th W.I. Meeting
- 13th Link Quiz
- 14th Book Swap
- 25th Ladies Group meeting
- 28th 'Coffee, Cake & Chat'

Devizes Farmers' Market

Next: Saturday 7th and 21st November

The Shambles Antiques Market

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