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WALK FOR WARDS

20 of us from the Rose and Crown did the walk for wards on the 22nd June raising £2,053.50 for Salisbury Hospital, a big thank you to all involved and our sponsors. Keith Green



Worton and Marston Open Gardens June 2014

We were blessed with a lovely sunny day and plenty of visitors to our two villages. Thank you to all of the gardeners who opened their gardens and to all those who participated in any way to ensure the day was a great success. We raised over £600 which will be divided between the Gardening Club and the British Legion.

Dot Francis, Programme Secretary, Worton and Marston Gardening Club

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BRING & BUY SALE SUCCESS!

I would like to say a big “Thank you” to all those who contributed to the very successful Bring & Buy Sale and Raffle on the 12th July at St. Andrew's Church in Devizes.

The Sale raised £158.31 (which exceeded our similar sale in April) and was largely due to the wonderful weather which meant we could set up outside the front of the Church. Attendance was good and the lovely, friendly atmosphere was enjoyed by all. We hope our next Sale on the 11th October will continue this trend. Any contributions gratefully received. Please contact Janice Charlton on 01380 818533 for more information.

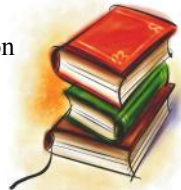
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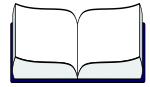
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Letter from the Vicarage



Today the news is dominated again by events in the Middle East, this time Israel and Gaza. An Egyptian peace proposal has just been rejected, rockets have rained down in Israel and in return, another seven people have died in air strikes on Gaza.

Our politicians seem helpless, and sometimes hopeless, in the face of huge and very complicated problems. Who would have thought that the very people some in this country wanted to arm against President Assad in Syria would turn up a few months later as the new enemy, Isis, in Iraq? It's hard to know who's who. So, is there any cause at all for hope?

In 'thought for the day' this morning, the speaker made a comparison between the Middle East today and Europe 100 years ago, because then it was our continent which was about to descend into the bloodiest war the world had yet seen. This month sees the commemoration of the centenary of the outbreak of World War 1. The twentieth century was a dark period for Europe with millions killed in two world wars, and millions more under communism later in the century.

Perhaps someone looking at this continent in 1916 or 1942 would have concluded there was little reason for hope ever to return to Europe. How could these nations ever get on together, or even tolerate one another? And yet, last week many people in this country turned to support Germany in the World Cup

after the early England exit. It may be a simplistic illustration, but it shows that new starts are possible, and firm friendships can be forged from what were once deep hostilities.

The Christian faith is a religion of hope. We know that our God is able to raise up hope from despair and life from death. That is what the cross of Jesus is all about, and the cross is at the heart of our faith. Even when the evidence of our eyes seems to tell us otherwise, we believe that our God of love is still able to bring about reconciliation and new beginnings. How will that happen in the situations we face today? I have no idea, but then people had no idea how the world wars would end, or how the Iron Curtain could ever be dismantled. But end they did, the Berlin Wall was torn down, and a new world order came about. Is it better than the old one? Probably not, because the heart of people is still fundamentally selfish (sinful is the Bible word for it), but God can change the human heart. Our job is simply to preach the good news of God's love in Jesus, believing in His power to change individuals. We have seen the light break through before, and we will see it again. There may not seem many grounds for optimism, but there are always grounds for hope, for God is always to be trusted.

David Howard

SERVICE CALENDAR

August

August

Sun 3rd TRINITY 7
8.00am CHRIST CHURCH
Holy Communion
9.30am CHRIST CHURCH
No service; the final service of
holiday club will be on
Marston Green at 4.00 pm.
4.00pm *Open Air Service*

Sun 31st TRINITY 11
9.00am ST MARY'S POTTERNE
Breakfast, followed by
10.00am Joint Service with speaker
from Tea Fund
6.00pm *Marston Chapel*
Rev David Ellis

Sat 10th TRINITY 8
9.30am CHRIST CHURCH
Parish Communion
6.00pm *Marston Chapel*
Rev Gary Gotham
Holy Communion

September

Sun 17th TRINITY 9
9.30am CHRIST CHURCH
Matins
6.00pm *Marston Chapel*
Mrs Ruth McGregor

Sun 7th TRINITY 12
8.00am CHRIST CHURCH
Holy Communion
9.30am CHRIST CHURCH
Family Service
6.00pm *Marston Chapel*
TBA

Sun 24th TRINITY 10
9.30am CHRIST CHURCH
Parish Communion
6.00pm *Marston Chapel*
Mr Peter Walker



There were no baptisms, weddings or funerals at Christ Church in June.

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

CHURCH ROTAS

Sidesmen for August

Sun 3rd	8.00am	Mr R Shercliff	Holy Communion
	9.30am	No service at Christ Church (Open air service on Marston Green at 4.00pm)	
Sun 10th	9.30am	Mrs J Mason, Mr T Harwood	Parish Communion
Sun 17th	9.30am	Mrs M Boyns, Mrs D Barcham	Matins
Sun 24th	9.30am	Mr T Walker, Mr R Boyns	Parish Communion
Sun 31st	9.30am	No service at Christ Church (Joint Service at St. Mary's Potterne at 10.00am)	

Sidesmen for September

Sun 7th	8.00am	Mr P Witcher	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Mrs A Stokes, Mr T Brewer	Family Service

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August 3 rd	Mrs Brewer	Mrs Brierley	Mrs G Holiday
August 10 th	Wedding	Mr Keates	Wedding
August 17 th	Wedding	Mrs Mason	Wedding
August 24 th	Mrs Shercliff	Mrs Collins	Mrs P Wright
August 31 st	Mrs Smith	Mrs Brierley	Mrs P Woods
September 7 th	Mrs Puckle Hobbs	Mrs Lane	Mrs J Mason

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Five Lanes Women's Institute

During June and July, the group has taken advantage of the sunny weather and left the village hall behind us, going out and about. In June, we took a day trip to visit the National Trust property of Mottisfont Abbey in Hampshire. The visit was very enjoyable, and we timed it perfectly to see and smell the roses in the gardens there at their best. The house, built over an old priory, was very interesting and is certainly worth a visit. The art gallery there was an added bonus.

July's meeting was at Wellaways, a private house in Marston. There, Pam Lewis, our host, gave an excellent demonstration of the art of flower arranging - she makes it look so easy. While we were devouring scrumptious tea and cakes, Pam very kindly raffled the arrangements she had made. Finally we toured her beautiful garden. We appreciated the hospitality and hope we can return in the future.

Our August meeting will be back in the village hall, on Tuesday the 12th at 8pm. We will be learning about, and possibly putting into practice, the skill of Tai Chi Qigong. We would welcome anyone who wishes to join us.

Jane Loveys, President. (01380 729539)

Worton & Marston in the Great War

A year or more ago The Bridge carried a call for an effort to mark the centenary of the start of the Great War. Mrs Wendy Ellis and I responded, and together we've researched and compiled a professionally printed colour booklet giving an account of the men from Worton and Marston who lost their lives in that war and the effect on their families, and indeed on our two villages. It also contains a narrative and pictures of the villages at the time, particularly the school, and much more of special relevance besides.

Owing to generous grants from both Parish Councils, together with one from the Devizes Area Board of the Wiltshire Council, we are able to freely give a copy to every household in both villages in the last week of July, in time to mark the centenary on the 4th August.

For this project to remain an integral part of Worton and Marston's remembrance of the sacrifice our men made we hope that when residents move away they will leave the booklet behind for the benefit of those who follow.

If by chance anyone is missed out please do let me know so things can be put right.

Robin Shercliff
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The schedules for this year's show are now ready. Keep a watch on the village website: www.worton.org.uk, as the schedule will soon be available there for viewing only. If you wish to enter the Show you will need to buy the schedule/entry form from any Committee member or the Rose & Crown.

A final reminder of the photographic classes:

Adults 1. Yellow (this could be a bit challenging! Anything yellow in the garden)

2. Poppies

3. A single butterfly or moth

Children: Children - aged under 16 on 30th August 2014

1. A garden shed

2. Creepy crawlies (slugs, snails, worms, insects etc.)

3. A big flower.

We shall be pleased to receive any raffle prizes for Show day.

Please will all trophy holders return them to any committee member before Show day.

Committee contacts are:

Sally Brooks - 720587, Bill Francis - 739986, Frank Marshall -729575

Jeff Stocks - 726845 and Heather Walker - 725785.

Heather Walker for Flower Show Committee



Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust 30th Anniversary "Ride & Stride"



This year's "Ride & Stride" takes place on Saturday 13th September. Participants may cycle, walk, ride a horse or a mobility scooter, choosing their own route to visit as many churches as they wish. This is a sponsored event, enjoyed by many people and raises funds to maintain local churches. Half of the money raised will be given to the church selected by the participant and half to the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust to be used in grants for the repair and maintenance of churches in the County.

We would be delighted if any local walkers/riders wished to take part. Please contact me if you would like a sponsorship form. Please note that young people under 18 need parental consent, and those under 13 must be accompanied by an adult. Christ Church, and Marston Methodist Chapel will be open and manned during the day to welcome visitors from other parishes.

Heather Walker 01380 - 725785

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Tuesday Special 26th August
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Sunday 31st August
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7.30pm Pub Quiz followed by Rock & Roll Bingo



LUNCH BUNCH

The date for August is Wednesday 6th when the menu will be:
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Lunch, lots of learning and becoming a Dementia Friend

It has now been two months since I started with Wiltshire Good Neighbours and I have met some fantastic people, been to some great groups and learnt a lot along the way. One aspect of the role that I am particularly enjoying is getting out to the lunch clubs that we support and meeting with all the people that attend. Whilst putting names to faces isn't as easy as I at first hoped (there are almost 100), I am trying to speak with someone new every time I go and hopefully it won't be long before I can take everyone's orders without hesitation!

The reason I enjoy these so much isn't just because of the amazing food and more than reasonable prices, but because of the friendly and welcoming atmosphere at each and every one. After the initial shock of seeing someone so young enter and sit at the table, I have been made to feel incredibly welcome and I have enjoyed the conversation and banter at all of them. These lunch clubs are great places to meet new people, eat good food and learn a little about the local area (or a lot in my case!). If you are interested in finding out more about these lunch clubs and how you and others can get involved, please give me a call on **07557 922027**.

Dementia Friends - Recently I became a 'Dementia Friend.' Whilst this may sound quite formal and arduous, it was as simple as meeting with a group of others in someone's sitting room and learning a little about what it may be like to live with dementia. We discussed how we can help those around us that may have the condition and at the end everyone was asked to commit to an action that would ensure our new found knowledge and understanding extend past the four walls of the room.

I learnt the importance of patience and positivity in our interactions with those with the condition and about the social groups that meet all across the county, including **Singing for the Brain**, **Movement for the Mind** and the **Carers Support** group that have been set up to support both those with the condition and those that care for them.

The aim of Dementia Friends is to raise understanding of the condition and becoming a dementia friend is very simple and costs nothing. If you are interested in finding out more you can go to the website at www.dementiafriends.org.uk/ or just give me a call - I would be more than happy to chat with you about the evening, my experience and put you in touch with the local **Alzheimer's Support** group.

Finally, I have included the picture below for your reference. If you see me out and about in the community, please don't hesitate to come over and have a chat and please get in touch via the details below if you think I may be able to assist in any way.

Alex North, Good Neighbour Co-ordinator for Devizes villages.
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Village Hall Jumble Sale

The Trustees of the village hall would like to say a huge thank you to all who contributed items and/or helped at the jumble sale on Saturday July 12th July. A particular thanks goes to Primrose Wright, Pam Woods and June Mason as their experience in running such a sale ensured it was a success. Also deserving a mention for their help are - Jean Lane, Pam Rendle, Jeff Stocks, Joy Stokes, Sandra Barnes, Jenny Wright, Mark & Jane Fisher, Helen & Georgina Morse, Jo Banks and myself from our villages. Gratitude also goes to Sian Stables, Marilyn & Paul Longden who became honorary villagers for the afternoon to help raise funds. It was a sunny day, so we put seating outside for refreshments and everyone seemed to enjoy the social afternoon. We made a grand total of £386.95 to go towards the village hall maintenance.

Hall maintenance

There will be no village hall maintenance day in August as we are planning to have major work undertaken to the foyer, thanks to a grant from Aster Group and a generous donation from Worton Parish Council. However, once this has been completed we will be looking for volunteers to paint and help box in the electrics etc. - so watch this space!

Veronica Franklin, Trustee

Worton & Marston Ladies Group

Although not many members turned up for our June meeting, they missed a very interesting time with the representative of Wiltshire Farm Foods. We sampled some of their foods and puddings and heard how they obtained their ingredients and how they were cooked. Everyone will be notified about our July meeting - details not available at present.

Sheila Hale



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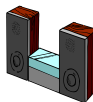
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Worton and Marston Gardening Club



Recently, a small contingent from the Gardening Club visited a garden in Frome. Dave and Prue Moon gave a presentation about the NGS Scheme last winter and we saw glimpses of their garden then. The garden was a revelation to those of us who were able to visit. Dave & Prue describe their house as very ordinary and indeed as you approach it that would seem the case.

However, their garden is spectacular and looks out over the Somerset Hills. The range and combination of planting was beautiful. The garden is open as part of the NGS scheme and is one of two Frome town gardens which open under the scheme. Further details are on the NGS web site and in the NGS yellow catalogue. If you get the chance, we recommend that you go along to visit Dave & Prue at 9 Catherston Close, Frome.

The Flower Show will be held on Saturday 30th August at Worton and Marston Village Hall. Therefore there will be no meeting in August.

We plan a return of the Grow it Cook it event for our September Meeting which will be on Monday 15th September at the Village Hall. We will have a soup and pudding evening. Cost is £4 to members and their guests. We use as much of our own produce as we can for this event. More information will follow in the September edition of the Bridge.

Dot Francis, Programme Secretary

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

What's the point of studying history? Any school child may ask that question as they try to put Romans, Anglo Saxons, Vikings, Normans, etc into some sort of order.

I remember spending many lessons on the English Civil War when we learnt that Cavaliers were wrong but romantic while Roundheads were right but repulsive. Curiously, I was taught nothing about the Victorians, although that period marked a pinnacle in British power and progress.

This year, historical recall has received a public prominence that I have not seen in my lifetime. The centenary of the start of the First World War in August 1914 has a poignancy that is unmatched by other anniversaries, and rightly so - Lest we Forget.

But is history just a narrative or can we learn from it as a guide for our own time and a pointer to the future? It seems to me that there are an alarming number of parallels to be drawn between then and now.

In 1914, Britain was the predominant superpower controlling a global empire, being challenged by an economically resurgent Germany seeking its own place in the sun. Britain was democratic while Germany was more autocratic. Today, the supremacy of the democratic United States is increasingly challenged by the rise of an autocratic China.

In 1914, the critical trouble spot was the Balkans, where nationalist passions were overlaid with religious conflicts. Austria-Hungary, run by Roman Catholic Habsburgs and backed by Germany, was being challenged by Orthodox Serbia backed by Russia and France. Currently it is the conflicts in the Middle East we have to worry about, with vicious turmoil in Syria and Iran between rival Islamic factions standing proxy for the rivalry between Shia Iran and Sunni Saudi Arabia, with Israel a serious side issue. And then there is Ukraine.

Such tensions may be the triggers of war - an assassination, perhaps, or an airliner shot down.

1914 was also a hot summer. Henley Regatta and Ascot took place much as now. Cricket was played at Lords and tennis at Wimbledon. I hope the comparisons go no further but the suggestion that the end of the Cold War in 1989 marked the triumph of liberal democracy and the end of history is, sadly, wrong!

You may contact me about this or any other matter by email to:
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The Alzheimer's Society is the leading UK care and research Charity for people with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, their families and carers.

I am delighted that we will be holding two events in the village over the coming months in support of this cause. It is, perhaps, fitting that the Farewell Tour for "Get This" is supporting (we have been together for nearly 20 years now and not getting any younger!!) I am very grateful for the support of my fellow Band members.

- Bank Holiday Monday 25th August – Rose & Crown – from 2pm
- Saturday 27th September – The Village Hall – 8pm (also raising funds for the Village Hall)

You will find details of these events elsewhere in this edition of The Bridge. Please come and support us – you will have fun!!

Details of my fundraising can be found on my "Just Giving" page

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'A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty'.

Winston Churchill

What's happening on the farm!

Well after a few very busy months for us on the farm, I was unable to meet the last deadline for the magazine. So I am going to have to fit in two months' worth of news in one month's write up.

Firstly, all the hay making is complete; we made just over 60 acres of top quality hay that will be used to help complement the cattle's diet over the winter months. Father and I both said it was very unusual to make over 60 acres of hay all at once with the British weather actually being kind to us for once!

At the beginning of June it was time to fly spray all the cattle. This is done every four weeks over the summer months at Sandleaze Farm. This involves putting all the cattle through the handling crush and putting a clear, oily liquid (known as fly pour) along every animal's back. Once the fly pour has soaked in, it gives the animal one month's protection against flies, fleas and mange. In the hot summer weather if we did not fly spray the cattle the flies would not leave the cattle alone and in some cases can cause illness.

I have some fantastic news about the English partridges, they have successfully bred. One pair hatched seven chicks however due to predators this pair are down to three half grown partridges. Father saw them in one of the fields feeding just yesterday. By the looks of it another pair of the English partridges have successfully bred too; they were out with several baby chicks behind them. This is such a great achievement as the English partridge is becoming a rare sight in the English countryside.

Some more great news about the wildlife in our area, the barn owl has made its return. We were loading up the dairy heifers as they were going to market early one Saturday morning and it came swooping over us and flew low all across the field looking for food. Since then it has been spotted by us and by many others in the village several times. What a great sight to see.

Robert Goss

WW1 – Remember and Celebrate our Freedom

We have a lot to be grateful for and I was wondering if villagers would be interested in organising a number of events to mark each year of the World War I to show our gratitude to those who gave so much, ending with a celebration to mark the centenary of the end of this terrible war in 2018.

If you have ideas and would like to share them or would like to help in any way please contact: Cathie Simpson at Orchard Cottage, Back Lane, via the Parish Council or on 723032.



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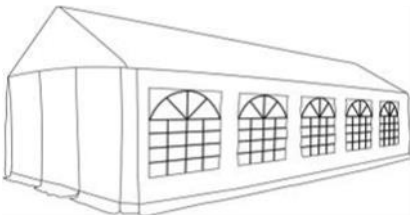
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This long established Club prides itself on fairness and ensuring all children are given an equal opportunity to develop and play. It is run by volunteer coaches/assistants, and represents all of the Villages in the area (Seend/Keevil to Urchfont), and the only Club having teams in almost every age group:

Reception Year – Steve Dagnall (temp) 01380-727976

Under 6 (Year 1) – Jason Reynolds 07590-427999

Under 7 (2 teams – full) – Mark Goddard 01380 813160

Under 8 - Dave Kiddle 07843 678781

Under 9/10 - Jason Reynolds 07590-427999

Under 11 - Ian Cook 01380-848437

Under 12 – Jake Davis 07741-306303 (1 team)

Under 14 – Neil Black 01380-818193

Under 16 – Mike Coleman 07854-320605

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Under 6 - 2 teams	W.Ramsey	K.Wildman	A.Brewitt	J.Jennings
	T. Corbin	T.Buckle	T. English	L.Brewitt
U7	J.Beavan	H.Clough	F.Kiddle	O.Croizer
U8	O.Reynolds	J.Gore	O.Reynolds	
U9	E.Wright	J.Cooke	J.Money-Penny	
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U11 Wizards	J.Hobman	W.Morris	J.Davis	T.Curtis
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Seend Acoustic Club - 7.45 for 8pm on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month, upstairs in Seend Community Centre. Entry £4. Forthcoming guests are:
6th August - LOWRI EVANS
20th August - HUNGRYTOWN
3rd September - JAMIE R HAWKINS
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Road Safety - We are very pleased that Wiltshire Council agreed to implement a number of road safety changes in our village. There will be a crossing point near Cedar Close and the school, a designated area for the Lavington School bus opposite Sandleaze and red tarmac with SLOW at the western end of the village, all of which are planned for October. Our request for a reduced speed limit has been agreed for the eastern end of the village and on up to the Black Dog crossroads, but not for the western end of the village. By the time you read this, we will have lodged an appeal against the decision and approached Claire Perry MP, so please be assured that WPC will continue its campaign to improve road safety until we are satisfied that all necessary steps have been taken to protect residents.

As part of the process to improve road safety, we learnt that unless the police attend an accident (and they will only do so if there has been an injury or significant traffic disruption) the accident will not be recorded in the road safety statistics. Apparently it was the lack of RECORDED accidents at the western end of the village that contributed to the decision not to reduce the speed limit. Therefore, we ask all residents to record accidents; take the registration number, note the time, date and weather conditions, take a photo if possible and then give this data to any member of WPC.

Whatleys Close Playground - We have removed the swings at the Whatleys Close playground because the wooden posts are rotting at the base of the swing supports, so apologies to any disappointed younger residents. However, there are swings, a climbing frame and slide, a see-saw and a roundabout at Sandleaze to keep you entertained over the summer and a new picnic bench is being delivered soon. If you have ideas on how the playgrounds could be developed please come along and share them with us at the September meeting (no meeting in August).

Defibrillator - Margaret and Keith at the Rose and Crown have kindly agreed for the defibrillator to be mounted on an external wall. So you should see this over the summer holidays. Once in place, there is an invitation to all villagers to meet with South Western Ambulance Service to learn basic first aid and how to use the defibrillator - although the defibrillator is fully automated and would 'talk' anyone who had to use it through the simple procedure. This event will be from September onwards, so look out for the date. Thanks again to Aster Communities for funding this item for our village.

Footpath Clearance - Worton Parish Council is actively working with villagers to keep footpaths clear for the benefit of all parishioners. A sample section of the Worton to Marston footpath has been cleared to reveal sound tarmac beneath. Therefore, the entire footpath between the Church and the bridge will be cleared which will improve access for all. Please look out for invitations to join in these events.

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Himalayan Balsam and Japanese Knotweed - These Victorian introductions are devastating our native plants, fauna, insects and animals so please be vigilant and take action if you spot any. There is Himalayan Balsam along the stream banks in our parish so could land owners please remove it before the seeds burst (each plant can produce 800 seeds!). Thank you to the vigilant parishioner who spotted a Japanese Knotweed look-alike in Back Lane. Fortunately, it was not Japanese Knotweed - but it could have been! Take a look at the Worton website for more information on both of these pretty but highly invasive plants.

Thank you for your support - We enjoy the increased contribution from parishioners who join us for all or part of the meetings and look forward to our next meeting on Monday 1st September at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Cllr Roger Wilshire

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Christ Church PCC Meeting

The Parochial Church Council of Christ Church discussed the following at their meeting on Wednesday 16 July:

1. A new Child Protection Officer for the church has been identified and a notice confirming her appointment will be put up in due course.
2. The wording of a plaque in memory of Anne Shand has been agreed and this will be attached to the organ which was restored in her honour.
3. The high cost of electricity remains a problem and investigations will be made to ensure that we are getting the best deal.
4. A fire risk assessment has been made and notices, and other steps requested by the insurers, implemented.
5. The new start time for services at Christ Church, which now commence at 9.30am each Sunday, for a trial period to December, seems to be becoming accepted. Only a few objections have been raised, compared to many supportive comments.
6. A major discussion took place on the subject of attempting to meet the spiritual needs of those known to be supportive of the church and its work, but not regular or frequent worshippers. This is a very vexed (and common) problem for rural churches, with no easy solution, but attempts to try to bridge the gap between the perceived needs and the church's offering will continue.

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- 6th Lunch Bunch
- 9th Book Swap
- 12th W.I. meeting
- 25th 'Get This' at the Rose & Crown
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