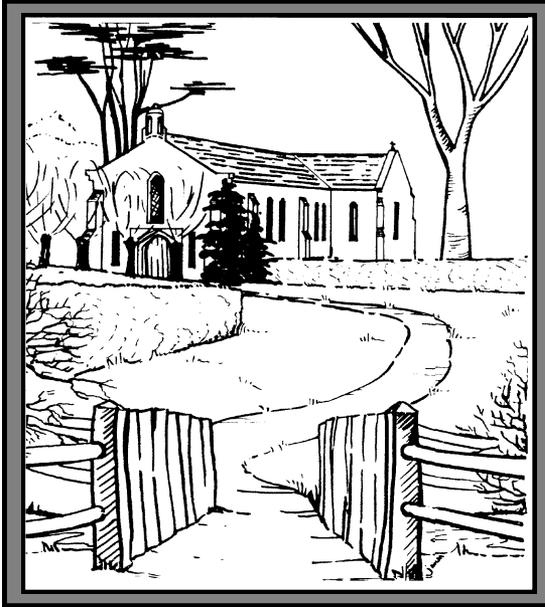


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September

Sun 6th TRINITY 13
No Services

Sun 20th TRINITY 15
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Sun 13th TRINITY 14
10.00am CHRIST CHURCH
Morning Praise

Marston Chapel
No Service

Sun 27th TRINITY 16
8.00am CHRIST CHURCH
BCP Communion

Marston Chapel
No Service

In order to comply with C of E regulations relating to Covid, please advise either of the Churchwardens if you wish to attend any of the Christ Church Services. Also please bring a face mask for use inside the building, and follow instructions to maintain social distancing.

See separate notice in The Bridge regarding other Services available in the Wellsprings benefice, both live and via Zoom.



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

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Pastoral Letter

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. Paul writes this in his first letter to the Thesalonians in chapter 5. (16-18)

Interesting words, Rejoice always? Can we rejoice during the pandemic times? We live in a context where we are always exposed to sad news – more and more everyday through every media. There is still anxiety about many things including opening of the schools, movement of people, availability of jobs and restoring the health and other social serving institutions to normal life.

In spite of all harsh realities and sad news, one of the main purposes of God's creation is to invite us to rejoice with God in celebrating the life here and now. This joy comes by celebrating our lives together with family, with community and with the world around and beyond us. When we look at the world around and beyond us, many are not privileged to have access to food, medical facilities, income support and even a place to stay. We need to be thankful to God for what we have and for what we have re-

ceived from God.

In the exodus story of the Old Testament on their way to Israel during their long walk after facing the harsh realities of Egypt, the Israelites were commanded by God to rejoice together. The question is why should one rejoice? How is this possible during the hard times?

One of ways of defeating fear and anxiety is to maintain our relationships and interdependence on one another, including others who bring not only a lot of comfort but also joy to our lives. Joy comes with hope and faith in our lives, having survived this far. We rejoice because we have got a family and a community around us that loves us and that helps us. It is like God has given us a second life after this pandemic rather than worrying about the bad news. The word Rejoice does not necessarily mean to spend money or to go on holidays or to just forget everything, rather rejoice means to forgive, to be thankful, to relate and give time to people, to listen, to love, to serve, to be generous, to celebrate what one is, what one can

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bring to one's own life and to others with a little smile. In simple terms it means to be happy and celebrate our life along with others and also in memory of others who made our lives feel better.

I remember one of my friends was advised by the doctors to enjoy life as his incurable disease would only let him live for six months. He went around enjoying life with his family and friends, and cherished all relationships with laughter and with joyful memories. Then, to the doctors' surprise he survived in spite of further complications and he still lives as my friend near Birmingham fighting the illness but with joy. Being cheerful might have given him more confidence and more strength to fight this illness than before. As we plan to celebrate our harvest festival seasons in September let us be thankful to God and also celebrate this life with joyfulness so that it might help us to overcome the fear and despair that we have had. We had services via Zoom and now we have services at 8 am and 10 am at the churches along with Zoom worship services. Please join us to worship the Lord, who calls us to rejoice for giving us a life to live and to be thankful to all who have supported us through these times. We pray for all who are affected by this virus and for those who care and treat others. Particularly we are thankful to the medical doctors, nurses and carers who risked their lives to save many lives. We are also thankful to those who provided public services supporting all in community. Let fear NOT overtake and bring us down, may our joy overcome and defeat fear and anxiety particularly at this time. So rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice.

Rev'd Joshva

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MARSTON ANNUAL FOOTPATH WALK

Unfortunately we have had to cancel our planned footpath walk due to Government restrictions on the numbers of people allowed to gather in groups. If allowed, the walk might happen during the winter months or in the Spring.

Stay safe
Dave Hansford

Good news from Christ Church!

Following the easing of some of the Covid-19 restrictions and the redecoration of the interior of the Church, we are delighted that Christ Church will be re-opening on 6th September for private prayer and every following Sunday for the immediate future from 10.00am until 4.00pm, when there is no live service taking place.

The following services will also take place in September and October:

13th September, Morning Praise at 10.00am

27th September, BCP Communion at 8.00am

18th October, Holy Communion at 10.00am

25th October, BCP Communion at 8.00am

Similar services will be taking place around the Benefice, in Seend, Bulkington, Poulshot or Potterne on other Sundays.

All of the 10.00am services will also be available via Zoom

Please see the Wellsprings Benefice Website for details:

www.wellspringsbenefice.co.uk

Masks MUST be worn in church.

To maintain social distancing booking is required if you wish to attend a service.

Please phone Heather on 725785 or Jean on 722069

Please pray for Revd Ali and Stu and team, as they continue to plan for the future with changing guidelines. They have worked tremendously hard over the last few months to keep services going, mainly via zoom, a new experience for us all, for which we are very grateful.

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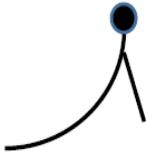
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| 13 th September | Trinity 14 | BCP communion | 8.00 | Potterne |
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| 20 th September | Trinity 15 | BCP communion | 8.00 | Seend |
| 20 th September | Trinity 15 | Holy Communion | 10.00 | Poulshot |
| 27 th September | Trinity 16 | BCP communion | 8.00 | Worton |
| 27 th September | Trinity 16 | Holy Communion | 10.00 | Bulkington |
| 4 th October | Trinity 17 | BCP communion | 8.00 | Seend |
| 4 th October | Trinity 17 | Morning Praise | 10.00 | Potterne |
| 11 th October | Trinity 18 | BCP Communion | 8.00 | Potterne |
| 11 th October | Trinity 18 | Morning Praise | 10.00 | Seend |
| 18 th October | Trinity 19 | BCP Communion | 8.00 | Seend |
| 18 th October | Trinity 19 | Holy Communion | 10.00 | Worton |
| 25 th October | Trinity 20 | BCP Communion | 8.00 | Worton |
| 25 th October | Trinity 20 | Holy Communion | 10.00 | Poulshot |





A Swallow Tale

The tails of Swallows and House Martins characterise and differentiate the species.

May: The House Martins have arrived and are taking particular interest in the old archway. The expensive 'des res' martin boxes, installed last year, are ignored and instead a lean-to nest gradually appears tight against the Martin box. High pitched alarm calls every time a door opens, disrupts the building, but soon the nest, nestled high in the eaves, is complete. A blue-black tail can often be made out in the gloom, protruding from the side of the coffee cup sized nest. After dark the male, claret throated white breast perches, arrogantly, on the Martin box, his long sleek blue-black tail in full view, as if to say " Swallows, not Martins, Stupid! "

The Swallows' activity passes for high entertainment in the groundhog days of 'lock down', despite nothing changing. Then one morning a thin pale yellow line appears on the nest edge, so briefly it may have been imagination. The next day there is a pair of yellow lines and on the ground beneath the nest, the tiniest, speckled egg shell. Within days there are a row of yellow beaks which open whenever the mother approaches. Five chicks in such a tiny nest seems optimistic, but when the largest, now sporting blue black plumage, balances precariously on the edge, jostled by his peers, it would seem the parents have shown a serious lack of judgement. Disaster must be imminent.

"Never interfere with wildlife!" Sensible but surely putting an old dog bed fleece underneath so a softer landing is ensured can hardly be classed as intervention.

Early next morning, an anxious peek to check all is well, goes badly.

Catastrophe!

Five tiny blue-black corpses lie stark and immobile on the snow-white fleece. The nest in two small halves lies with them. It is a dismal sight but what has transpired? Has a raptor visited? Surely it wouldn't leave them all intact. Has the nest failed? It seems more probable. Were the acrobatics of the larger chick too much, sheer weight of numbers, or was the build unsound? Green sand mud may not be reliable mud or the treated wood may lack adhesive quality. The parents circle at speed with high pitched screeches. Nature is so cruel.

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The tiny bodies, adults in miniature but still fluffy, need to be dealt with before anyone else sees them. The largest chick is gently picked up and the flaccid but warm body alarmingly bursts into life, flapping and then running behind a nearby bucket. On embarrassed reassessment, the other chicks are warm and alive, though immobile. As it was a cold night, this disaster has only just happened.

"Let Nature do what Nature does!"

Sensible but hard, cold tiles in a busy thoroughfare limits Nature's options. It's fairly obvious what Nature will do. If the fleece were to be placed on the nearby bench and fashioned to be nest like, that might give them half a chance. The five tiny chicks look like an inanimate pile of lack lustre blue black feathers on the snow-white fleece. It does not look hopeful.

Within the hour the parents, and every other swallow in the neighbourhood, are visiting the chicks in what appears to be a communal effort. The sky is full of them and they swoop aggressively making irate alarm calls at any interloper, only veering off at the last moment. No gratitude here then. The chicks lie seemingly immobile, a constant reminder of the foolhardiness of compassionate intervention. They will make a fine repast for a passing fox, or the resident stoat or one of the many local raptors. The makeshift nest looks extremely vulnerable but there are no obvious options.

The night is unseasonably cold and the visit in the morning is with considerable trepidation. No predation as all five are there, but it is hard to detect signs of life. The parents are still making their presence felt, so they must have hope. An hour later, still no movement but on closer inspection the chicks now seem to be facing the same way. They weren't before.

Encouraged but anxious about the cold, the nest design could be improved. A hyacinth pot is placed under the fleece and now the chicks nestle in a proper nest-shaped receptacle where heat retention will be better. The parents, unfazed, start feeding continually and now the chicks are seen to move.

Day three and five live chicks. There is considerable excitement as a kestrel flies too close only to be mobbed by the entire swallow population of Wiltshire who miraculously appear from nowhere. The noise is phenomenal and the kestrel rapidly decides on discretion.

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Day five and the biggest chick, still fluffy, is now bravely perched on the top of the bench, retreating rapidly into the huddle at any sign of human activity. Feeding is continuing apace and the chicks are growing. Fledging must surely be soon.

Day six and there are only four chicks. One of their number is missing but high above, perched on top of the House Martin box a tiny chick is watching. The maiden flight was back up to where the nest has been. Impressive. Shortly after another chick followed.

Day seven. The morning roll call is two up above and three in the nest, but within minutes another has fledged and on the next inspection all five are perched up on the nest boxes, looking hungry. Now the feeding is stepped up and the pressure on the parents is relentless. By the end of the day the chicks are making short circular flights around the archway, their flying ability far exceeding their landing capability.

Day eight and no chicks seen, but they haven't gone far. They are in a line on a bean pole in the garden a few yards away.

Fledging is complete and with a one hundred percent survival.

Every tale should have a moral. Where Nature is concerned heartfelt decisions may trump perceived wisdom. More important, with Martins and Swallows, it's all in the tail.

Neil Soni

For film clips of the swallows, please see the Worton website:

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Letter to the editor

Dear Sir

In light of what was in The Bridge last month, I think it would be a good idea to point out to the village that Footpaths are not the responsibility of the Parish Council; they are the responsibility of Wiltshire Council. This is just so that people know what is what, to avoid any possible misunderstandings.

Yours

Roger Wilshire

Gardening Club

In view of the current situation, we shall try to follow the programme as far as possible, whilst making sure that we comply with the Coronavirus requirements for health and safety.

The September meeting is a visit to Kettle Farm Cottage in Steeple Ashton. The garden is open under the NGS scheme and the owners are keen for the visit to take place as their visitor numbers are down this year, so far.

The visit is due to take place on 21st September and the cost will be £9. We will contact everyone nearer the date, to confirm the full details and the parking arrangements.

The October meeting is a speaker, Gill Hazell, from the National Sweet Pea Society.

Under the present Coronavirus regulations, the number seated in the Village Hall is limited to 20. However, hopefully this could change in the meantime.

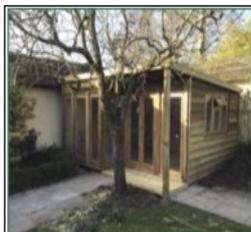
Nearer the date, we shall contact Gill, to see if she is still happy to go ahead with the talk and then if numbers are still limited, members will need to book a place by email.

Again we shall contact everyone nearer the time and review the situation then.

The November AGM will take place if possible, but this could be postponed to a later date if necessary.

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Gardening Club

What a strange year 2020 is turning out to be. First it was too wet, then too dry. Throw Covid into the mix and normal life seems an age ago. Since the drought of April and May the weather gods relented and gave us just about enough rain for our flowers to bloom and the vegetables to grow. Now however, our lawn is getting brown and our flowers are starting to look tired. According to the weather forecast, relief is on the way in the form of thundery showers. I have just come in having liberally watered some shrubs that were starting to look distressed. Let us hope I am in time to save them.

It is a pity the Village Show is not happening this year. Jane has grown some excellent runner beans this year, long and straight. I expect next year's crop will all be short and curly but you never know.

So far we have had a lucky year, the garden has been successful and I have lots of work on. I shall soon need a holiday! We were able to collect Anne's hay for her horses, baled up about an hour before the rain came last month. Apparently the rain was all around the hay field most of the afternoon but stayed away until the baling was finished. Having really good quality hay makes winter feeding so much easier, I hope our luck continues. I have to collect our winter straw tomorrow evening, please no rain until at least 9.00 pm! After that, a good soak at 65 High Street please weather.

We are hoping to resume our 2020 calendar of events in September all being well, so I look forward to seeing everyone again soon.

Best wishes

Dave

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A Message from Richard Gamble

Wiltshire Councillor for The Lavingtons & Erlestoke Division

The phrase “*Keep Calm and Carry On*” is now rather hackneyed and commercialised but the message seems appropriate for present times.

It was originally a poster produced by the British government in 1939 in preparation for World War II and was intended to raise the morale of the British public. Apparently, the poster was actually only rarely publicly displayed and my late father could not remember it from the time. But he did recall the phrase “*Carry On Regardless...*” which may also be appropriate now.

The poster has become very familiar in recent decades and appears in a variety of forms on a wide range of products. The original, however, is regarded as an evocation of British stoicism: the "stiff upper lip", self-discipline, fortitude and remaining calm in adversity. According to Wikipedia, it is now seen "not only as a distillation of a crucial moment in Britishness, but also as an inspiring message from the past to the present in a time of crisis".

On the whole, in the face of all the privations of the pandemic, the community in Wiltshire has fully demonstrated the virtues associated with the poster. In many places, neighbourliness has grown and communities have strengthened.

Unfortunately, a few individuals and groups have misinterpreted the message. Basically, they have carried on regardless without consideration of others! At the present time, bad behaviour seems even more reprehensible.

At a simple level, some refuse to wear masks in shops and have no hesitation about reaching past vulnerable and nervous customers in supermarkets. Some gather in large groups without social distancing, increasing the risk of transmission of disease. Some persist in leaving litter wherever they go. In Devizes, I witnessed a man throw his plastic sandwich packaging on The Green just where children were playing. I won't tell you what I shouted at him! I have also received very alarming reports of much litter at the top of the Westbury White Horse. Off-road bikers and drivers have recently ruined footpaths on the edge of Salisbury Plain at Erlestoke and have been abusive to walkers.

One of the other posters from the war read: “**Your Courage, Your Cheerfulness, Your Resolution Will Bring Us Victory”.** In the face of continuing pandemic risks, I urge you to maintain the spirit that supported our forebears 80 years ago. In the meantime, I hope the anti-social brigade learn some old-fashioned manners.

You may contact me about this or any other matter
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Marston Rights of Way

Over the last few weeks we have made vast improvements to the Horse Road (ROW 9) which runs from End Farm down to and alongside the brook so it now provides a more suitable route for horse riders, avoiding the much narrower path to Ray Bridge (ROW 10). We would encourage horse riders to use the Horse Road to improve safety for pedestrians. Historically the Horse Road was the way through to Worton for the working horses in the village to the blacksmith at the site of the Old Forge Garage. The other path was at the time a footpath with stiles and gates.

You will have seen in a separate notice in the Bridge that we have had to cancel our proposed Annual Footpath Walk this year. However this does not mean that we can't continue to enjoy the many rights of way in and around our villages. Marston has an ongoing programme to improve and enhance our network of paths for everyone's benefit. Many of you will have seen the first phase of new fingerposts and we are now looking at providing more signage in the village.

We would of course remind everyone to stay on the designated paths, especially when crossing fields and other people's property, keeping dogs on leads, and also ask landowners to keep the footpaths and stiles clear and in good repair.

We are very fortunate to live in our two villages and to be able to enjoy our surroundings during this very difficult time. Please continue to stay safe.

Dave Hansford, for Marston PC.

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‘Volunteers clearing the Horse Road in Marston in June 1972.
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Dave Hansford

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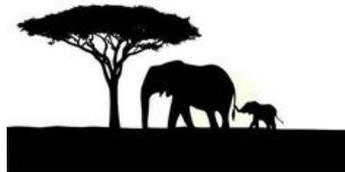
‘If you offend, ask for a pardon; if offended forgive.’

‘Knowledge without wisdom is like water in the sand.’

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Our number is 0741 391 2828; please give us a ring, we will always try to help.

The above number is the one to use to talk to us if you would like to join us. The difference between our scheme and volunteering on your own is that all communication goes through 07413912828 so no prior contact with the client is necessary. Volunteers can say no to a trip if it is not convenient, also costs for mileage are refundable. There will be a police DBS check on volunteers, the scheme has its own Public Liability Insurance and covers any extra insurance costs if they arise. All we need is someone's time, not any financial contribution. If you have any questions, please give us a ring. There does not need to be any regular commitment and we only deal with our two villages. More information is available on both the Worton Parish and the Christchurch websites, if you do not want to ring 0741 391 2828.

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Village Hall News

Trustees have been preparing the Hall in case any group or individual wants to return to using it in the near future. The maximum number of people able to use the Hall and socially distance at 2 metres (which is what we are still being told to require) is 19 and we have marked out 2 metre positions. In addition, we now need hirers to sanitise the Hall both before and after use to ensure that it is kept safe for all users. So you can imagine that we have not had many takers as yet. We have, however, applied to Wiltshire County Council for a grant to help us over this period and both the Ladies Group and the WI have offered to pay for the times they would have hired the Hall this Autumn, as a way of supporting the Hall for future use (once this strange time is behind us). Trustees would like to express our thanks for this and to Joy Franklin who has raised over £200 by selling face coverings.

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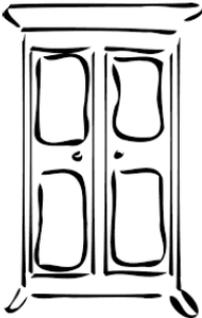


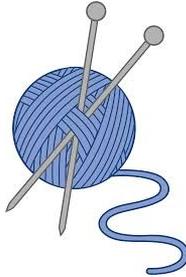
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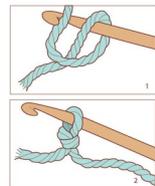
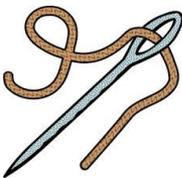
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- You will be required to wear a face covering inside the hall
- Social distancing must be followed
- There will be no seating available

If you are unable to comply with the above rules, assistance and help will be provided to ensure you don't miss out on the event.

Please be reassured that we will be taking extra precautions this year to make the sale as safe and enjoyable as possible:

- Hand sanitiser will be provided, and we encourage you to use
- There will be a one-way system in place. 1 entrance and 1 exit
- Please bring your own carrier bags, however cake boxes will be provided for any purchases made.
- Toilets will be open and cleaned regularly
- Face masks will be available if you require one

If you are unable to attend our event please feel free to make any size donation through our Just Giving Page, every little helps 😊
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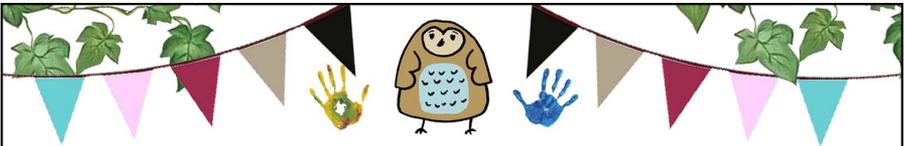
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Sadly, due to the Covid-19 pandemic Worton Toddlers has been closed since March 18th. Unfortunately we will remain closed for the foreseeable future due to the continuing strict Government guidelines on use of the village hall. Please see our Facebook page for updates on when we may be able to return. In the meantime we hope you are staying safe and keeping well.

Ali, Hilary, Tina and Ellie xx

Worton Parish Council

As I write this the strange world of COVID19 continues to dictate much of our lives. One thing I know is that we in Worton are doing our best to look after each other even though the worst impacts of the virus seem more remote at the present.

One area causing me practical concern is just how we should hold our Parish Council meetings. Whilst the delights of Zoom have worked quite well as a means of continuing our work during lockdown, and indeed we are getting better at it, like so much at the moment, it just isn't "the same".

I personally had been hoping that we could resume some sort of version of a physical meeting in September to deal with issues that have, from a practical point of view, been left, so to speak, on the back burner - or perhaps I should say barbecue!

There is a difference between what we as a council are required to do and what we would like to do. At the same time, we are able to access guidance to find our way through the complexity of the guidelines and instructions. When one bears in mind the instructions that each organisation should be following, set in the context of national guidelines that change frequently and seem to become ever more difficult to understand, compliance becomes a real challenge.

Thus, we will only be able to resume "normal" meetings when we are confident that we can ensure, as far as we can, the safety of all those who participate whilst endeavouring to follow the latest "rules" to the letter. Your parish council team is under legal obligations which we must adhere to and the difficulty of compliance is currently unprecedented. So, in short, we are uncertain as to when we can resume a more "normal" structure for meetings -so please watch out for updates via the website.

I have become aware of some issues that have recently arisen, though these are by no means new!

With regard to footpaths, residents have recently reported an increase in dog fouling and the presumed failure of dog owners to remove the mess. This is not, of course, a new issue, though has seemingly got worse during the crisis as walking around the village has increased. In fact the Parish council had already put aside money for the purchase of a new receptacle for the offending items

which we had planned to site close to the post box. In addition, we have set aside funding for a large number of dog fouling signs which we intend to mainly site along Back Lane and Joiners Lane (WORT23). Whilst issues linked to the COVID19 crisis have delayed our plans we still intend to action them as soon as we can. In the meantime it would help greatly if dog walkers could remember their duty to look after us all by clearing up any mess left by their canine friends!

Another antisocial issue that has come to our attention is that of lighting bonfires which has caused considerable distress for those in proximity. There are rules which apply to these sorts of situations and it would be good if these were adhered to without any need for further upset. A need for common sense and careful consideration of others seems clear, especially in the current climate - both meteorological and social, when we are so dependent on the need to be able to use and enjoy our outdoor spaces.

On a more positive note, I learnt recently that one family in our community have made very successful use of the Bobby Van service that was presented to the Parish Council recently. They inadvertently found the keys to their property would not work one evening. Having managed to get in, they could not lock their doors! Being over 60, they sought help from the Bobby Van home security service. A very prompt response early next morning was followed by a service visit before lunch, with the installation of new locks, the provision of new keys and the assessment and modification of their security across the property. The Security Operator stayed for over 2 hours. And all for just a donation to the Bobby Van service! It is what they are there for!

So, a reminder, you can contact the Bobby Van team on 01380 861155 or via bobbyvan@wiltshire.police.uk. Whilst the great majority of their services are free of charge, they are a registered charity and donations are always welcome. They also provide advice on online and digital activities, for example with Cyber and Scam Prevention advice.

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Teams are starting to train and line up friendly matches in preparation for the new league season which will hopefully start around 12/13 September.

BAD NEWS: We have been subject to vandalism/'Anti-Social Behaviour' at Northbrook again with damage to our store. This has been reported to the police. This is very undesirable and detracts from the good work the club does as club finances have to pay for rectifying the damage.

TEAM NEWS: Badger cubs. (3-6). Started well and all having fun. Training Saturdays 9-10am Elisha field Market Lavington. Please contact Dave Kiddle if your child would like to try for free.

U7s & U8s: Glad to be back. Learning new skills and drills ready for the league campaign. Friendlies lined up with Westbury Utd, Pewsey Vale and Devizes Town. Looking for more players for their squads.

U14s: Continue to train and get match ready. Pre-season matches v Devizes Town, Pewsey Vale and Hungerford Town

U15s - Training continues and friendly match lined up vs Pewsey Vale and will arrange 1 or 2 more before season starts.

At the time of writing other teams have not yet started training and preparation, but they wont be far from starting. Contact managers below for more information.

Team Contacts for 2020/21 Season:

Contacts

Badger Cubs - Dave Kiddle - 07843 678781

U7 - Pete Huntley - 07974 756131

U9/10 - Mark Goddard - 01380 813160

U12 - Paul Miller - 07917 582873

U14 - Dave Kiddle - 07843 678781

Adults - Pete Drew - 07885 527546

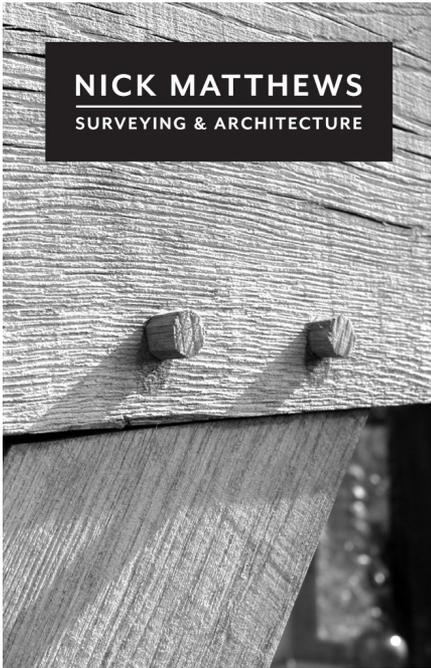
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ready your duties to take
The daily tasks seem lighter
after you've been away
And things will seem much brighter
as you journey along life's way*

I. Hale

A PLEA TO DOG OWNERS

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Apparently, so the story goes, they advertised in a "Metal Detector Weekly", I believe, for anyone wishing to avail themselves of the Clubs' expertise to contact them; as they were short of sites to search. This resulted in some 12 or 13 members travelling to Seaton in Devon one Sunday a few weeks ago, to meet the farmer, a George Salter. He told them that his Dad lost his gold watch as he ploughed up the field, some 50 years ago. "Dad and I spent hours searching the field" he said, "the loss made him very sad". But sadness turned to joy, when lo and behold, the detectors found the watch surprisingly lying under just 3 inches of soil. It was a 200 year old family heirloom, now worth £1,000 - but the group would take no reward for the find, saying it had been a very enjoyable day out and they were very glad they had found what they had been looking for. However the farmer reimbursed them for petrol used for the journey and a welcome drink, before they left for home.

I. Hale

THE MILL AREA REJOICES

*Lovely the red of the sunset glow:
Carmine of maiden's blush:
Red on the lips of a laughing babe
And the sunrise' rosy flush.*

*Welcome the crimson opening rose
Scarlet geranium and phlox:
But more welcome still is that nice red blob,
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VILLAGE DIARY

Regular Meetings

In the Village Hall

(all currently suspended or on Zoom)

- **Gardening Club**
3rd Monday 8.00pm (not Aug/Dec)
- **Pilates classes**
Thursdays 7pm-8pm & 8pm-9pm
- **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**
Alternate Tuesdays (term time only)
- **Worton Parish Council Meeting**
1st Monday (not Aug) or as shown on notice boards

In the Chapel at Marston

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

Various Venues

Announced Monthly

- **Book Swap**
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- 12th Book Swap
- 16th Are you Crafty?
- 21st Gardening Club visit

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