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## PAMELA RENDALL

Pam passed away peacefully at Dorothy House Hospice on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2020 aged 88.

Her funeral service took place at West Wilts Crematorium on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July.

Pam, mum to Keith Green ex landlord of the Rose & Crown, will be sadly missed by all who knew her. Deepest sympathy to Keith, Margaret and family.

If you would like to make a donation in memory of Pam, please send to Dorothy House Hospice, Winsley,Bradford-on-Avon, BA15 2LE

#### Just for the record......

This is the first edition of The Bridge that has been printed and distributed since the March edition. Due to the risks associated with the coronavirus, the past three editions (April, May, June) were instead published directly to two websites:

> www.worton.org.uk and www.christchurchworton.org.uk

#### **Christ Church Team**

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Churchwardens: Jean Lane 01380 722069 Heather Walker 01380 725785



## **Re-opening of churches**

The latest government guidance now permits churches to re-open if they can do so safely.

At Christ Church, there is some pre-planned work to be carried out before re-opening.

The interior of the church is to be decorated, commencing the end of July through to mid-August (Dates to be confirmed shortly).

On completion of this work, a risk assessment has to be carried out, and much work has to be done in respect of cleaning, placement of furniture, signage, sanitisers etc, to ensure the safety of all clergy, church members and visitors.

It is hoped that Christ Church can re-open by the end of August, for private prayer followed by gradual re-opening for services.

Please see separate poster detailing opening times of the other churches in the Wellsprings Benefice.

Meanwhile, we know that the current situation is difficult for lots of people so if you need any help or need to speak to Revd. Ali Bridewell or a member of the clergy team please phone 01380-739064, or the churchwardens:

Jean on 01380-722069 or Heather on 01380-725785.

July 10<sup>th</sup> 2020

www.christchurchworton.org.uk www.wellspringsbenefice.co.uk

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

☆ **OUR CHURCHES ARE OPEN FOR PRAYER!** "I was glad when they said unto me, "let us go to the house of the Lord."" (Psalm 122 v1) Seend, Potterne, Poulshot, and Bulkington churches will be open for private prayer from Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July from 9am - 5pm. The churches will then be locked for cleaning and will re-open the following Sunday. We are following the guidance laid down by the Government regarding social distancing. Please use the hand sanitiser on entry and only sit where directed. For more information please visit the Wellsprings Benefice website https://www.wellspringsbenefice.co.uk Please join us for the Wellsprings Benefice Zoom Service at 10am each Sunday



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## **Pastoral Letter**

#### Maureen's Ramblings...

With my brain freed from the tramlines of "normal" life, my rambles are even more rambling this month! Even as we begin to see the light at the end of the tunnel I look back on a bizarre few months. Weeks and weeks of not going to church; not being alongside my church family in worship; not celebrating one another in giving the peace, not receiving the visual aid of God's love – the bread and the wine. But I have enjoyed some new adventures of church. The buildings may not have been open but the church has been alive and active in all our communities. I so appreciate the Revs Ali and Josh and others for getting the Zoom services and meetings up and running. How great that those who find it difficult to access organised religion due to disability or their age, own struggles with faith or church, have been able to join, in full view or anonymously, with those who have worshipped on line. How important it will be to keep this accessibility going when the buildings have opened again. And I have enjoyed worshipping around the world – joining Zoom and YouTube ser-

vices in Jerusalem, Cape Town, Melbourne, and Nigeria - experiencing different forms of worship and realising again that the church is NOT its buildings but people, seeking to love and follow Jesus, who are living out their faith in their own homes and communities – showing the love of Jesus in the phone calls they make, in the cards they send, in the queuing at pharmacies and shops to meet the needs of others, in all the encouragement and support given. I don't want to get caught up again in a church that feels just to be about buildings and endless discussions on things that no longer feel important. I want the church to look up and out; to be missional and serving; to be about living the faith in ways that make profound differences in our broken and wounded world. There was a social media post of graffiti daubed on a wall in Hong Kong that read, 'We can't return to normal, because the normal that we had was precisely the problem.' Amen!

I have been challenged to use the enforced silence and stillness to rejoice that God is with

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me everywhere, at all times and in all circumstances and to ponder some hard questions about how I live, about my priorities, about my values and about my faith. Where is God in this? What is Christian hope in such times? What is church when people can't be together physically? How can the suffering of so many people be transformed by God? My big brother died in April – not of the virus but of cancer. Like so many others I couldn't give him one last hug or attend his funeral and like so many others I have faced again the reality of death. I pray for myself and for the many people living in a Good Friday world - in your loneliness, God be your consolation; in your anxiety, God be your hope; in your darkness, God be your light. Amen

The Revd. Maureen Allchin. Retired Priest

There are no plans to commence regular Services at either Christ Church or Marston Chapel during the month of August.

Information about how to join in regular on-line services within the Wellsprings Benefice can be found on the benefice website www.wellspringsbenefice.co.uk

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



## <u>200 Club</u>

The new year for the 200 Club started on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Many of you renewed your membership before lockdown took over and we had a number of new members **but** a lot of our regular members have not yet renewed. If this is you and you have just forgotten to renew **please do get in touch with me on telephone number: 726845.** We haven't held the draws for April through to July because we had hoped to hold a cheese and wine event for 200 Club members to celebrate things getting back to normal, during which we planned to make the draws. However, since it doesn't now seem likely that we will be able to hold events of that size in the Village Hall for a while, Trustees will undertake the first four months' draws at the beginning of August. We understand that lockdown has had an impact on many peoples' financial situations but **if you can support your Village Hall in this way, we would really appreciate it.** The cost of membership is **£12 per year**.

Thank you.

Veronica Franklin

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If you are worried about your memory, or that of a relative, please contact Alzheimer's Support. You do not need to wait for a formal diagnosis to access the charity's services and talking things through with someone who understands can make all the difference.

The Trowbridge office at 1 Park House, BA14 8AQ is open every weekday between 10am and 2pm. Staff can also give advice over the phone on 01225 776481 between 9am and 4pm on weekdays and, in some cases, make home visits. Further information can be found at <u>www.alzheimerswiltshire.org.uk</u>

The charity also has an online Dementia Roadmap with advice and support for anyone going through the process of being diagnosed with dementia in Wiltshire. It includes a downloadable symptoms checker for people to use while waiting for a GP or memory clinic appointment. The Wiltshire Dementia Roadmap is at <u>www.dementiaroadmap.org</u>

Alzheimer's Support says referrals to its team of Dementia Advisers dropped by two-thirds during the coronavirus pandemic, with just 66 new cases referred during lockdown instead of the 200 expected. The reduction came as people avoided going to their GPs with non-urgent symptoms, and as memory services scaled back while the NHS focused on fighting Covid-19.

#### **About Alzheimer's Support**

Alzheimer's Support is an independent charity with its head office in Trowbridge, founded in 1990.

- We operate throughout Wiltshire to provide flexible services for people living at home with all types of dementia and their family carers.
- Our services include: award-winning daycare, support at home, carers' groups, carer training, Music for the Mind singing groups, memory cafes,

art groups, Movement for the Mind exercise groups, discussion groups, wildlife clubs and life story groups.

- Our Dementia Advisers give information and signpost to services that offer support to people with dementia and their families throughout the course of the illness.
- We support communities, businesses and organisations to become dementia-aware.
- We campaign on issues that affect people with dementia and their families.
- We employ 150 staff and have more than 160 volunteers.

There are more than 7,000 people living with dementia in the Wiltshire CCG area.

- Of these 66 per cent have a diagnosis.
- The number of people living with dementia in Wiltshire is expected to rise by 44 per cent by 2021.

Dementia affects 850,000 people in the UK.

- It is a progressive condition affecting memory, thinking and reasoning and communication.
- The majority of people with dementia are older, with one in 20 people over 65, and one in 5 over 80 affected.
- Alzheimer's disease is the most common form of dementia.

#### For more information please contact

Stephany Bardzil, Head of Communications and Engagement 01225 776481 email stephanyb@alzheimerswiltshire.org.uk

#### Alzheimer's Support contact details

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## Worton Parish Council

Another month goes by and time continues to play tricks actually it was only recently that I wrote my usual column for the Bridge, but as we are now going back to a physical edition, deadlines have changed for copy to be submitted. May I take this opportunity to praise the work that went into producing the online version of the Bridge? I thoroughly recommend (again!) taking a look at the online version on either the Worton.org.uk site or christchurchworton.org.uk.

As I have a feeling that there may be several readers who haven't accessed the online editions, I may be at risk of repeating myself, but here goes anyway!

COVID, Lockdown etc presented an unprecedented challenge to which Worton (not to mention Marston!) has responded in a way in which we should feel proud. In a formal sense, we have had a large number of residents offering to support their Neighbours via our official Good Neighbour scheme. Although this reached its peak in the first 6 weeks or so, requests for help still come in occasionally. My personal hope was that this would morph into an opportunity to get to know our neighbours better, encouraging links to be made that were geographically as close as possible. To the best of my knowledge, this has worked well and sets us up well in the future for what is nationally given the title of "village resilience."

Parallel to this, other support groups sprang up, such as Chris Johnson's Knit and Natter group and of course, Alun's Worton LINK. In addition, many people simply asked if help was needed by their friends and neighbours. There were challenges, such as the practicality of prescription collection and the frequent changes of advice or instruction that came from above as the crisis developed. Through it all, common sense ruled and much that was good transpired.

Examples are the Worton and Marston community group on Facebook and the similar WhatsApp group which owe much

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to the inspiration and effort of Carla Mendonca - not to mention the Sperrings' regular efforts to brighten the mood in Gaisford Chase - a good excuse for a stroll in that direction on a Sunday afternoon! We even got a chance to blow our own trumpet via an interview on BBC Wiltshire Sound! As I write, many residents will have a smile on their face due to being able to see John, Jackie and friends down at our beloved Rose and Crown and there are other signs of a return to something a little more like normality. I would also like to thank James Phipps and family who found a way of thanking many of those involved in Worton Good Neighbours via a rather delicious cream tea (sampled of course as academic research into the correct order of cream and jam (Devon or Cornwall) - requiring further investigation we feel!)

Along with councillor Gamble, we have also been impressed by the sterling work happening at Five Lanes school. The happy sound of the youngsters is testimony to the commitment shown by the staff. We are proud of our excellent school -long may it thrive!

When considering what is "normal", we are hoping to be able to hold a more "normal" Parish Council meeting in September. We had our third "virtual" Zoom version last week. There are advantages. Some councillors were able to participate from remote locations and business could be concluded more swiftly due to the constraints of the medium. We have also added another IT skill to our personal capabilities!

However, it is hard to have proper discussion about issues, most specifically due to the difficulty of members of the public attending and contributing. With this in mind, the important topic of the footpath WORT 13 (Back Lane), whilst getting a good airing, did not lead to any specific decision other than that further discussion should take place. here has been a good deal of investigation and communication over the status of the path and changes that have occurred. This has involved the responsible officers of Wiltshire Council, local

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residents, landowners and the Parish Council. You are probably aware that there have been significant changes to the footpath recently which have not only greatly improved its usability for a whole range of residents, but are also in agreement with the official criteria used by Wiltshire Council. This issue can appear complex, but we are in communication with Wiltshire council who have been helpful in determining what actions could be taken, if any.

Our intention is that as many of the community as possible who are interested in this important resource should be able to express their views before any other actions are determined. Hopefully this can be under the auspices of a "normal" council meeting- perhaps in September, by which time the situation should have had time to settle down as the changes "bed in".

We also discussed the re-opening of the play facilities at Sandleaze. The advice in this regard is lengthy and, frankly, impractical for a village like ours to implement fully. We have therefore decided to do what we can to ensure safety and have posted advice about how the facility should be used, along with a suitable disclaimer.

Keep well and safe -and enjoy the summer! What better place to be than Worton?

Barry

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I would like to say a big thank you to all of the volunteers who have supported Worton's Community Speedwatch during my nine years as Team Leader.

Debs Mackay

## VILLAGE HALL NEWS

As most of you know we have been closed since the 24<sup>th</sup> of March. Obviously, Trustees have been calling in to check that all is OK and Jeff and Giles have been keeping the grass cut. We have also managed to keep Debbie, our cleaner, employed for most of it, undertaking a deep clean which has involved washing all the plastic chairs, amongst other things.

We have now been given permission to open the Hall to certain activities (no sport or physical activity; no play equipment) but with many restrictions which require a lot from us and whoever is hiring the space. Trustees have sent out an email to regular hirers explaining these constraints and asking for some indication of whether organisations feel they want to return to the Hall, and if so, when. Thank you to all those who have replied. It looks as if many are thinking of returning in September/October.

If you haven't been party to information about what will be different but would like to know, please do give me a ring and I will go through it with you, but, as an example, you may notice in passing that the curtains have been removed as these are considered a risk area. In addition, the storeroom and kitchen will be out-of-use and users asked to bring their own refreshments.

Obviously these directions may change over time and as soon as Trustees have had a chance to digest any changes we will be notifying regular users and keeping you up-to-date via 'The Bridge'. In the meantime, thank you for your patience and understanding.

Veronica Franklin Chair of Trustees

## **Mixed Dry Recycling Collection Rounds**

We are aware that some of the recently changed Mixed Dry Recycling (MDR) collection rounds are struggling to complete on their scheduled day, and have been for some time. Whilst we had anticipated an increase in recyclable materials being presented as a consequence of the co-mingled collection making it easier for more people to participate, as well as the widespread promotion that took place, one of the consequences of the Covid-19 lockdown has been that most if not all households have presented on each collection, and many have also been placing more material out for collection than anticipated.

Compared with the average tonnage of recycling collected at the kerbside during April and May over 2018 and 2019, we have seen a 27% increase in recyclable materials collected over the same period in 2020.

In addition, tonnages of glass and cardboard in particular have both increased significantly as more people are drinking at home rather than going out to socialise, and many are shopping online which can often result in relatively small items being delivered in large cardboard boxes. The glass "pods" on the standard collection vehicles are filling up earlier than would be considered typical, leading to vehicles needing to tip earlier than planned adding pressure onto the rounds. This problem with increased recycling tonnage is not unique to Wiltshire and I am aware of other councils in the south west that are experiencing similar difficulties with their recycling collection rounds in particular.

Whilst I appreciate and understand the frustration of residents who find their collections are not made on the scheduled day, we do appear to be facing a continuing and exceptional increase in material being presented. The change in material composition and volume as people's consumer habits and behaviours have changed under the lockdown, has resulted in significant challenges. Hills are regularly deploying additional resources in order to ensure as many scheduled collections are completed as possible, and where this is not achievable they do have a plan in place to return the following working day with additional resource. Officers are continuing to monitor the situation daily in relation to round completion and tonnages being collected. I would seek to assure you that the majority of households are continuing to receive their MDR collections on their scheduled day. Despite the ongoing disruption to the MDR service, all waste collection services have continued to be provided during the period of the pandemic.

I trust this information proves helpful.

Head of Waste Management



## Worton & Marston Link Scheme

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Welcome back to those who did not read The Bridge on the websites. From a practical point of view, our Link Scheme is coping during this strange regime. Requests for trips to hospitals and doctors' surgeries have not recommenced yet. We have not had a surge of telephone calls but unlike the NHS we are easily contactable. We are available for shopping, chemist pickups and any other important journeys. Please use our phone. It is important that over the following months, as the government advice is relaxed, care is taken to continue maintaining our distances and keeping safe, so please use any help available. We can't do anything unless you talk to us. Our phone number is **07413 912828.** Phone us even for a chat; who knows what may transpire.

All our drivers have been checked by the police (DBS). When it comes to shopping, the drivers do not take payment. Your credit is good as we know where you live (as they say in films). All money is made payable to the Link Scheme and will be picked up at an agreeable time later.

Many thanks to Giles for keeping the magazine going during these difficult times. However I prefer to have the feel of paper in my hands even though it takes more work for the team so thank you all very much.

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**Carer Support Wiltshire**, the charity that supports unpaid carers in Wiltshire, has launched a **'Time for Carers Appeal'** to raise money that will allow carers to take a break.

Carers often struggle to find time for themselves; for hobbies and to socialise with others. They may not be able to leave the person they look after on their own at home, or they feel guilty taking time to enjoy themselves. Many have been hit hard by the coronavirus pandemic as the closure of day centres and other groups has meant they are caring more than ever, in more difficult circumstances with little or no support.

Research shows that 40% of carers haven't taken a day off from their caring role in over a year. Yet taking regular breaks has been shown to be the most effective way to reduce feelings of loneliness and isolation and promote good mental health.

Previous appeals have enabled all sorts of breaks, by providing cinema memberships, climbing sessions, spa days and counselling sessions. It has also been used to pay for respite care.

Carer Support Wiltshire are looking for individuals, businesses and local groups to help to raise funds for the appeal or to donate.

#### More information can be found at carersupportwiltshire.co.uk/timeforcarers

Kath Brice Communications and PR Officer (Monday and Wednesday) Direct Line: 01380 819606 Email: kathb@carersupportwiltshire.co.uk

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## **BOOK SWAP**

Probably many of us have growing piles of books we have read - & hopefully enjoyed, taking our minds off the gloomy news & comment of the last few months - & might be ready to bring them to a gathering of unseen, but not forgotten, bookworms again. Circumstances permitting we will plan for Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September, usual time 10.00 - 12 noon, at a venue to be confirmed - if the weather is



still good in a garden, a 'real' one, having seen so many lovely photos during our 'virtual' open gardens. Meanwhile continue to keep safe & well, & look forward to more sociable times.

Judy



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At the time of writing, the club continues to be constrained by government and FA guidance over what can and cannot be done in terms of coaching. One team that has the quantity of coaches has been able to resume some form of training, groups of 5 plus a coach, no contact, own ball and clean everything before and after training with cleaning materials. Essentially working on fitness and individual ball work.

We are hoping for a further relaxation of the rules in the next few weeks. This again highlights the importance of people coming forward to help coaches throughout the season as many more teams could be doing something.

Mid Wilts, to which most of our teams will be affiliated, have indicated that they are planning on a season start of 12/13 September subject to guidance and regulations.

Hopefully teams will be starting back soon. We are hoping to be able to get Badger Cubs, U7s and U8s back in August. U11 will start and keep going through summer when permitted. Other teams should contact their coaches for information. New players for ALL teams welcome – contact names below.

So whilst there has been no football happening, the committee have been busy trying to improve things for the clubs. Some big thankyous need to go out to:

Ben Pearce former player who has kindly donated new match tops to the under 13s & 14s in support of Dorothy House and Salisbury Hospice and the charities logos will be appear on the new kits.

Erica Mildenhall from EMPT training who have donated a defibrillator to the club which will be kept at Northbrook Pitch

The Football Foundation for support to pitch improvement at Northbrook (we cannot get support through FF for pitches owned by other organisations).

The ML Parish Council for some funding support towards new youth goals.

A huge thankyou to all for their support of our club.

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Follow us on Facebook – Worton and Cheverell Youth Football Club (No other pages are approved by the club)

### A Message from Richard Gamble

#### Wiltshire Councillor for The Lavingtons & Erlestoke Division

An acute illness can strike suddenly and unexpectedly. For a time, the victim may be laid low and be totally incapacitated. All being well, however, the ailment will be brought under control and the body will start to recover.

But recovery from a serious affliction can be slow. Convalescence may take time and some normal activities may be denied for a period. Careless conduct may cause the illness to return. Ideally, a return to full functionality will be possible in due course but, in some cases, some abilities may be lost forever.

So it is with this pandemic. The nation, indeed the world, has been struck down and, after more than 4 months, I hope we are beginning the recovery period. Your guess is as good as mine as to how long the convalescence will take.

Compared with some places, Wiltshire has suffered from fewer infections and, mercifully, fewer deaths as a proportion of our population. We may have been blessed in this good fortune by our rurality or we may have conducted ourselves more wisely. But even then, the cost has been high. Many institutions are still closed. Some businesses may never recover. Jobs will have been lost. Prospects will have been curtailed.

Yet not all is bad news. Locally, Devizes <u>is</u> open for business. Our supermarkets appear to be well-stocked and our wonderful independent shops are coming back to life. The Museum is reopening. Meanwhile, local suppliers of produce have provided a magnificent service delivering seasonal fruit and veg and meats and I hope they have prospered from the effort.

From my point of view, however, an extra excitement comes from the success of our bid to the Restoring Your Railway fund to undertake a Strategic Outline Business Case for a new station on the main line to serve the Devizes area. Regular readers will know this has been an ambition of mine since time immemorial and I must record my thanks to the Devizes Development Partnership and others in helping to move this forward. We have the support of Great Western Railway and of our MP and we have the constructive attention of Network Rail. There is a long journey ahead but I hope we are now on the right track. Success will improve the well-being of the entire area.

You may contact me about this or any other matter by email to <u>richard.gamble@wiltshire.gov.uk</u> or by phone on 07762 018209

## The Village Show 2020

We sadly inform you that we have decided to cancel this year's village show. The social distancing rules are too difficult to overcome.

See you in 2021.

Bill Francis, on behalf of the organising committee

## **Five Lanes WI News**

Like most groups we have not been meeting in person since March and lockdown. However, we have held meetings and craft sessions by Zoom which have been well received and members have been supporting each other via telephone support, visits to the garden gate, and undertaking practical tasks for each other such as shopping.

Still it's not the same as meeting up in person, so it was with great joy that we held our first 'real' meeting on Tuesday July 14<sup>th</sup> (Emmeline Pankhurst day) in the garden of Sarah Devine. It took a bit of planning, with chairs well-spaced to follow social distancing and each of us providing our own snacks, crockery, glass and blankets. The committee provided wine and soft drinks which were poured by two committee members to avoid any cross contamination and Sarah provided hand gel at the entrance to the garden. Our thanks go to her for all the work she put in to ensure a successful and very enjoyable 'safe' evening.

In fact we enjoyed it so much that we have decided to try to hold our August meeting also in person, in the garden this time of Jean Lane as long as our speaker is willing and the weather is kind. This will be on Tuesday August 11<sup>th</sup>. If any new person wishes to join us please get in touch with me (Veronica tel: 726845); or Pauline 720248; Jean 722069; or Rosemary 725859.

Veronica

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## <u>Macmillan Coffee</u> <u>Morning</u>

## Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Market Lavington Community Hall 10am – 12pm

As a result of Covid-19 we have unfortunately had to amend our plans for this year's Macmillan coffee morning. This year's event will be slightly different...

Our proposal is to hold a cake and produce stall in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. Alongside this there will be a "Just Giving" page where we would appreciate any donation, however big or small! Any donations for the cake & produce stall will also be greatly appreciated.

Further details will be issued in September's parish magazine.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please don't hesitate to contact Sally Hale on 01380 813708.







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#### Worton and Marston Gardening Club

#### Dear All,

Over the last four or five weeks I have managed to spend a lot of my time in the workshop working on my Allard sports car exhaust manifold. Jane has been tending our garden, which is continuing to flourish. I have just been involved in any heavy digging required, just the odd plant position transfer etc. I have found since living in Worton that quite sizeable, well-established plants or shrubs seem to be able to survive digging up and being moved at any time of the year provided I dig well around them and deep enough to keep their root ball reasonably intact. I can usually manage to do this because of the depth of top soil in our garden. Usually my biggest problem is lifting a plant, complete with root ball from its old home to its new position. Once done, we keep the plant well watered for a while and all is usually ok. When we moved here about fifteen years ago in mid April the garden was still partly asleep. A month later, we realised all bar the vegetable garden was totally infested with ground elder and ivy. We quickly found that the only way forward for the potentially entombed shrubs and roses to be liberated, was to dig them all up, clean out all the ground elder, nettle, (yes, there were nettles and some bindweed amongst the plants as well) and ivy roots out of the roots of each plant we wanted to keep, and out of the soil, and then replant them. This work took from late May until well into the autumn to complete, and we expected a lot of the shrubs and roses would die as a result. In fact, a large proportion of all the plants survived this treatment and many are still thriving now. Needless to say, over the years we have discarded some of the original plants and planted something different, but every plant we inherited with the garden was given a chance to impress us. Only now have we decided that a large mass of honeysuckle under the wall that divides our garden from the Coach House is never going to give us any flowers. My job for tomorrow is to dig it up. Dave.

At the time of writing, restrictions are gently lifting. We do not usually meet in August so there is no meeting to remind you about. We will be in touch as soon as we are clear about how we can safely meet up. Until then, keep gardening.

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Thought for August: *'If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need.'* – Marcus Tullius Cicero

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#### LOOKING FOR A BABYSITTER?

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via: email: Leila@salaman.com Mobile - 07414 203066 Telephone - 01380 720120

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## Thank you.....

To all those who contribute regularly to The Bridge, keeping us informed about all that is going on in Worton, Marston and the surrounding villages.

Thanks also to those who are closely involved in the production and delivery of The Bridge each month: Sally, Helen, June, Bill, Dot, Peter, Kim, Alison, Brian, Jane, Pat, Heather, Helen, Jane, Dennis, Felicity, Chris, Nicky, Jan, Averil, Ann, Primrose and Jenny. (Apologies if anyone has been omitted from the above list).

Finally, thanks go to Christine and Bob who are leaving The Bridge after many years of being involved in its distribution.

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#### THE 150th ANNIVERSARY OF THE LAYING OF THE FOUNDATION STONE OF CHRIST CHURCH

Sunday, 5th August 1990, is the 150th anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone of Christ Church, Worton and Marston. In 1840 the 5th of August fell on a Tuesday. Worton and Marston were then part of the parish of Potterne and did not become a separate parish until 1853. The building was completed during the following year and was consecrated on Tuesday, 5th October 1841. The stone was laid by the Reverend George Edmonstone who was vicar 1807 - 1837 and who was retired and living in Potterne. The Reverend Joseph. Medlicott was his successor as vicar.

The following description of the ceremony is a summary of an extract from the "Devizes and liltshire Gazette":-

"On Tuesday last, the foundation stone of a new church at Worton, in the parish of Potterne, was laid by the Reverend George Edmonstone, assisted by the Reverend Joseph Medlicott, in the presence of a large and respectable assemblage of persons ..... Reverend Mr. Edmonston, in a short address congratulated the inhabitants of Worton and Marston, on the good work just commenced ..... exhorting them to avail themselves of the opportunity ..... by a constant attendance ..... and by diligent attention to the counsels of him who will minister therein to God's glory and their temporal and eternal happiness ..... the company dispersed; the blessing having been pronounced ....."

To commemorate this important anniversary in the life of our parishes we have arranged a Parish Communion Service at 6.30 p.m. when the celebrant and preacher will by the Venerable John Smith, Archdeacon of Wiltshire, and we hope that once again there will be "a large assemblage of persons" from both Worton and Marston.

Symon Haynes, via Frank Maggs



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#### GARDENING CLUB

A number of people have shown interest in a Worton & Marston Gardening Club. It is proposed to hold a preliminary meeting in Dysart House, Church Lane, Worton on Monday, 6th August at 8,00 p.m. We can then discuss what we would like to do.

Mary Vint

#### QUEEN NOTHER'S BIRTHDAY

Don't forget, for  $\varepsilon$  nice supper and village-gettogether, come along to the villahe hall on Saturday, 4th August at 7.30 p.m. and halp celebrate our Queen Mother's 90th Birthday. Ering your own wine/beer.

. Tickets from the shop or J. Clack (725414) or P. Wright (721837).

Primrose Wright



The village hall now owns this 9m x 3m party gazebo Ideal for parties or even wedding receptions It is available for hire for just £50. Please contact: Pauline (720248) or Jeff (726845) or any other Trustee

## VILLAGE DIARY

#### **Regular Meetings**

In the Village Hall

- 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

• Marston Parish Council Meeting Last Tuesday (every odd month)

#### In the Rose & Crown

 Neighbourhood Plan Meeting Second Sunday 7pm (not Aug)

> Various Venues Announced Monthly

Book Swap
2nd Saturday 10.00 - Noon

#### **Mobile Library**

Location: The School, 1.10 - 1.50pm Next Date: tbc

Call Wiltshire Library Services on 01225 713727 for information

## **Forthcoming Events**

Crafty 3<sup>rd</sup> August W.I. meeting 11<sup>th</sup> August

## **Kerbside Collections**

Black box and Plastic and card recycling: Tuesdays 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>

Household waste: Wednesdays 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>

> **Garden waste:** Fridays 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>



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