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Editor: Giles Collins

Delay to Shrewton roadworks.....

Following the information published in earlier editions about closure of the A360 at Shrewton at various times in February and March, a new missive from the highways team has been received:

‘I can confirm that Shrewton resurfacing works have been suspended until later in the year due to the recent flooding issues. The latest date we have been given for the works is September, to be confirmed at a later date’.

Adrian Weissenbruch, Senior Technical Officer - Streetworks

Wiltshire Council, County Hall, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge, BA14 8JD, Tel - 01225 756157

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We are in desperate need of more volunteers to join the team of house to house collectors. It only takes a couple of hours each year but your help will make all the difference. Please phone 01380 728664 and ask for Sally or email the editor of the Bridge giles.collins@btinternet.com. Many thanks to you and the dedicated team who continue to help this worthy cause.

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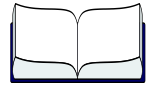
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Letter from the Vicarage



When the business world starts promoting a spiritual technique there must be money in it. Meditation is big business these days because so many working days are lost through stress-related illnesses, and anything which relieves that stress must be good, it is said.

Of course, many of these practices are far from Christian, but meditation has been part of the Christian Church since its foundation. So what sets Christian meditation apart? Much Eastern meditation is an attempt to empty the mind whilst Christian meditation seeks to fill the mind. Many forms of Eastern meditation stress the need to become detached from the world and lose individuality; Christian meditation seeks a deeper attachment to God so we can be more effective in the world.

At a Lent group last week we considered meditation and one of the exercises we tried was specially appreciated. The key to this form of meditation is to utilise the imagination. We are so mind-focussed in our society today, so keen on thinking and reasoning skills, we are in danger of forgetting that God also gave us imagination, and properly used that can help bring us closer to Him.

Begin by choosing a short episode from the gospels. The aim is to immerse yourself in the scene, so you feel as well as hear what Jesus wants to say to you. Take, for example, the appearance of Jesus to the disciples in the upper room (very appropriate for this Easter month). It is in John's gospel, chapter 20 verses 19 to 22. Make yourself comfortable.

Read the passage two or three times slowly, so you know it fairly well.

Now imagine yourself in that room. It is late, the oil lamps are lit; you are with the disciples

mulling over the events of the day. You are all perplexed; this has been like no other day. You are frightened, (the text says the doors were locked because you are afraid of the authorities). Listen to the conversation from the groups as they sit around the room. Feel the atmosphere; the warmth, the semi-darkness, the emotion.

Then, listen as the conversation dies away and the atmosphere changes. The reason becomes clear – there is someone else in the room – it is Jesus himself. He speaks to you all; “peace be with you”. And you feel the peace; there is no need to fear, Jesus is really here! He shows you the wounds in his hands and side to quell the last few doubts. The fear is now replaced by joy, hard to believe, but true. The man you saw die a few days ago is now alive again. Feel what that joy is like.

“Peace be with you”, Jesus says again. And then He does something very personal. He moves round the group. He breathes on each one and says “receive the Holy Spirit”, the very power of God. Imagine that when Jesus reaches you, you know that He is asking ‘what do you want me to do for you?’

So what will you say to Him? And your response is to say to Jesus: ‘And what do you want me to do for you?’ You may be surprised at what you hear.

Take your time with this meditation, don't force anything, just be in the situation and be open to what God will say.

A joyful Easter to you all.

David Howard

SERVICE CALENDAR

April

Sun 6th PASSION SUNDAY
8.00am CHRIST CHURCH
Holy Communion
9.45am CHRIST CHURCH
Family Service
6.00pm *Marston Chapel*
Rev Tom Hill

Sun 13th PALM SUNDAY
9.45am CHRIST CHURCH
Parish Communion
6.00pm *Marston Chapel*
Rev Gary Gotham

Thurs 17th MAUNDY THURSDAY
7.00pm CHRIST CHURCH
Joint service with St Mary's,
Potterne, commemorating
Passover and the Last Supper

Sun 20th EASTER DAY
9.45am CHRIST CHURCH
Easter Communion
6.00pm *Marston Chapel*
Rev Gary Gotham
Holy Communion

April

Sun 27th EASTER 2
6.00pm CHRIST CHURCH
Short Communion Service
followed by the Annual
Parochial Church Meeting
6.00pm *Marston Chapel*
Mr Douglas Colborne

May

Sun 4th EASTER 3
8.00am CHRIST CHURCH
Holy Communion
9.45am CHRIST CHURCH
Family Service
6.00pm *Marston Chapel*
Rev Jennifer Haynes



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

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

CHURCH ROTAS

Sidesmen for April

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|----------|--------|---------------------------|------------------|
| Sun 6th | 8.00am | Mr R Shercliff | Holy Communion |
| | 9.45am | Mr N Coleman, Mr T Brewer | Family Service |
| Sun 13th | 9.45am | Mr J Keates, Mr T Walker | Parish Communion |
| Sun 20th | 9.45am | Mrs J Mason, Mr R Boyns | Easter Communion |

Sidesmen for May

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|---------|--------|---------------------------|----------------|
| Sun 4th | 8.00am | Mr R Shercliff | Holy Communion |
| | 9.45am | Mrs M Boyns, Mr T Harwood | Family Service |

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| April 6 th | Lent | Mr Keates | Lent |
| April 13 th | Lent | - | Lent |
| April 20 th | Easter - All to decorate | | |
| April 27 th | Mrs Brierley | Mrs Brierley | J Mason |

Church Cleaning

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| April 13 th : | Mrs Purchas, Mr Mitchell |
| April 27 th : | Mrs Coleman, Mrs Pratt |





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- Monday 14th April } Journeying with Jesus...
- Tuesday 15th April } Short services for Holy Week
- Wednesday 16th April } 7pm at St. Mary's, Potterne

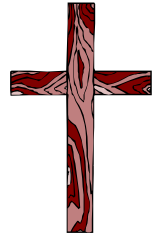
Maundy Thursday 17th April



7.00pm at Christ Church, Worton
Passover Supper and Holy Communion
Come and celebrate the Last Supper, something like Jesus would have celebrated it. For catering, please book your place by signing the list at the back of all three churches.

Good Friday 18th April

- 11am Walk of witness from Marston Chapel to Christ Church, Worton
- 12.15pm Hunger Lunch in Worton Village Hall
- 2pm A quiet hour at the cross, St. Mary's, Potterne



Easter Day 20th April



- 8.00am Holy Communion at St. Mary's, Potterne
- 9.45am Parish Festival Communion, Christ Church, Worton
- 11.00am Parish Festival Communion, St. Mary's, Potterne

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***This new course will begin on April 29th,
for full details please contact me.***

Those attending in the past have thoroughly enjoyed the course, and found it helpful. Contact me as soon as possible, please, details below.

Phone David Howard on 723189 or call in at the Vicarage.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The Christ Church Annual Meeting will be held this year on Sunday 27th April, in church following a 6 pm service. **This will be the only service that day.** There are in fact two meetings; all residents of Worton and Marston are welcome, and may vote for Church wardens at the meeting of parishioners. Only those who are on the church electoral roll can speak or vote at the second meeting, the annual church meeting.

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Sunday 6th April

Breakfast

9am-11am



Tuesday 8th April

Pie & Mash Night

6pm to 9pm Booking is recommended



Tuesday 15th April

Fish & Chip Supper

6pm to 9pm Booking is recommended



Monday 21st April

BBQ from 12pm

Wednesday 23rd April

St George's Day Banquet

Booking is required



Sunday 27th April

1pm Meat Raffle

7.30pm Pub Quiz

Followed by Rock & Roll Bingo



Tuesday 29th April

Ham, Egg & Chip Night

6pm to 9pm Booking is recommended

LUNCH BUNCH

The date for April is Wednesday 2nd when the menu will be:
Roast turkey, roast potatoes and vegetables, followed by an Easter cake
Tea or coffee
£12 per person

We gather from 12 noon onwards and sit down to eat at 12.45.

If you would like to come along, meet people and support your local pub
please contact Keith the landlord of the
Rose and Crown 724202

What's happening on the Farm!

Is spring finally here? Well it certainly feels like it at the moment! With the fields drying up we are able to get out on them and carry out some of the spring time jobs that need to be done.

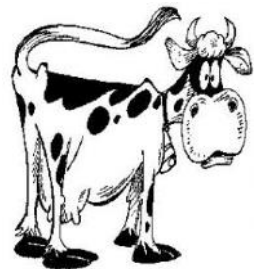
Last week we took delivery of the artificial fertiliser. In between the morning jobs, and getting dairy cattle ready for market, I have been applying the fertiliser to all the fields on the farm. We use artificial fertilisers as well as manure to maximise the productivity of every field. Manure spread on the fields over the winter months takes time to break down which means the nutrients in the dung are not readily available to the crops; it is a long term supply of nutrients. Whereas the artificial fertilisers (which are either pills or granular) are readily available to the crops because as soon as they hit the ground they are there for the crops to use.

At the beginning of the spring we always like to repair any broken or damaged fences around the grazing fields ready for the season ahead. This meant a trip during the week to Honeystreet saw mills to collect some bundles of fencing stakes and barbed wire. This is another time consuming but necessary job that we have started to do now the fields are drying up.

The calf with a broken leg is doing well; she had her cast off last week. The vet informed us that it has repaired itself. However to make sure that the leg is fully mended the cast was loosely put back on for another two weeks. This also allows the leg to flex and for the calf to start putting weight back on the leg.

With the growing season and the wild bird breeding season now upon us I would like to ask all dog walkers to respect this. Please keep your dogs on leads and keep to the footpaths. It is very important that we give all hedgerow and ground nesting birds a chance to breed as well as my crops a chance to grow. Let's hope this weather continues throughout April.

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With regard to your electric or gas bills - could your current supplier put you on a cheaper tariff? All it takes is one phone call to them and you could be better off. Alternatively you could switch supplier and save. If you buy oil, could you join an oil buying syndicate and save money? There are a number of syndicates around, including one run by Community First.

Are you on the best phone package? I recently rang my supplier and told them I was paying too much. They halved my monthly bill straight away.

If you have been with the same insurance company for years, you might well be able to save by switching to a different insurer. If you tell your current insurer you are thinking of leaving, they may give you a significant discount. To change insurer you can visit a broker or, if you have access to the internet, get quotes on line. You could save on your contents, buildings or car insurance.

Also check that you are claiming all the benefits that you are entitled to. These include Attendance Allowance, Pension Credit, Council tax and Housing benefit. If your financial situation changes (for example, your spouse dies or your savings fall) it could be worth having your benefits re-assessed.

If you would like any information on any of these things please contact me:-

Caroline Culley, Good Neighbour Co-ordinator for Devizes villages
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An appeal to older villagers

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£10 = No. 21, Heather Walker

Village Hall Annual General Meeting

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Five Lanes Women's Institute

Our speaker in March was a lady representing the Fairtrade Group. She explained how, by using the Fair Trade system, the producers had a guaranteed price for their produce rather than relying on a price dictated by market forces. This enables them to plan for the future more easily. The speaker brought a range of Fairtrade goods that we could purchase, including chocolate (which tasted very nice!), Easter eggs, tea and coffee. I was surprised at the range of goods and their quality.

Our April guest is Mr Trevor Heeks who is going to speak about his experiences as a Town Crier - oh yea, oh yea! Why not come along and join us.

The meeting is on Tuesday April 8th at 8.00pm in Worton Village Hall.

Jane Loveys, 01380 729539

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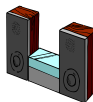
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Worton and Marston Gardening Club

Our visit to a winter garden in Lower Woodford proved very worthwhile.

Despite the terrible weather conditions we have experienced of late and the flooding of other properties in Lower Woodford, Mr and Mrs Trevor's garden at Avon Cottage has withstood the forces of nature.



The garden was planted for early season colour and looked bright and cheerful with snowdrops, hellebores and a range of evergreen and sculptural shrubs. This garden opens as part of the NGS Scheme and would also be lovely to visit in the summer.



Our April Meeting will include advice on planting herbaceous perennials in a range of different sites and situations.

Our speaker is Mike Burgess who also judges the flower exhibits at The Village Flower Show.

Come along to the Village Hall in Worton on Monday 21st April at 7.45pm

Dot Francis, Programme Secretary

If you would like to receive a copy of this year's programme please contact: suzanne.bonfield@virgin.net or Bill Francis at billyb01@aol.com

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Throughout our school the children have access to high quality PE sessions for two hours each week. As they get older there are teams in which they can play competitively against other schools. We encourage all children to become involved and, to that end, each term there are a range of clubs which have recently included netball, dance, hockey and tag rugby.

We are part of the Devizes School Sports Partnership. A PE teacher from Devizes School has worked with the children at KS1 and those in Y3 and Y4 at the KS2 site, coaching in Dance and Gymnastics so far this year. The children have learnt new skills and really enjoyed each session. The teachers are able to watch an expert and develop their own subject knowledge. Each term has culminated in an event for all the local schools belonging to the partnership. The recent Circus Skills event was thoroughly enjoyed by all the children who took part.

The children in Y5 and Y6 have coaching from the staff at Dauntsey's School during which they learn skills to use in tournaments hosted at the school. This opportunity to play against teams from several schools is a fantastic experience for the children.

We currently have two netball teams playing in the Devizes Primary School League. Each time they play we are hugely impressed by their teamwork and resilience and, of course, the support received from parents and other family members.

The children in KS2 go swimming each week at Melksham Blue Pool where they receive excellent teaching from the staff at the pool. They develop skills in swimming on their front and their back and spend some time learning about basic water survival.

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Wiltshire Councillor for The Lavingtons & Erlestoke Division**

It's not just young people who seem to spend an inordinate amount of time in front of a computer these days. I do, and you may be the same.

The fact is that many of us rely on computers and the internet to fulfill our daily duties and to communicate with others. The efficiency of the internet, therefore, is pretty important to our lives.

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The good news is that the installations for our area are scheduled to start by the end of this year. You will be able to track what is happening on the Wiltshire Council website at <http://www.wiltshireonline.org/index.php/broadband-rollout>

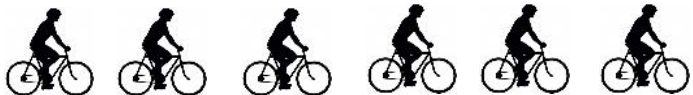
You may contact me about this or any other matter by email to richard.gamble@wiltshire.gov.uk or by phone on 07762 018209.

Saddle Sore...

Myself and Julie Pennell, along with 4 other ladies, have entered into 100k bike ride in aid of Women's Cancers. It is on the 31st May and we will be starting at Windsor and riding around the landmarks of London starting at 10pm. We are training hard at present and if anyone would like to support us then they can search for us at justgiving.com or we have paper sponsorship forms so just give us a call (07811593897).

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Phylis 'Edna' Ellen Maynard
15th May 1920 - 24th February 2014



Phylis, or as we knew her, Edna, was born and raised in Yew Tree Cottage, High Street, Worton. When the 'new' houses were built in the 1940s, Edna moved up the road.

While in her first home, Edna worked in the 'big' house in domestic service. Wally delivered meat to the house and that is how he met Edna. They married in 1941. Trevor completed the family in 1947 and the family moved to their new house on the High Street in 1950.

Edna continued in domestic service, until she progressed to the heady heights of what became known as the housekeeper, in the same house Ashton House, until she was 85! The house burnt down shortly afterwards!

Sadly Wally passed away in 2011 aged 95 - there must be good water in Worton!

Edna had a brother, Ken, who worked at Mr Jack Cox's farm until taken ill and then he went into hospital at Green Lane 'Roundway'. Edna used to go to Devizes every Thursday on the bus and walk from the Market Place down to meet Ken and arm in arm they walked to town and back again, after he had bought his sweets and cigarettes! She never missed a Thursday!

Edna's hobbies included being a great fan of Formula 1. She loved animals - Tally the dog and the neighbours' cats when they came to stay. Edna was particularly fond of Christmas with the Christmas tree staying up as long as possible.

And what of Edna's personality? With the most amazing memory she always had a story about the village.

Edna was immensely kind; helping a lot of people. She always made you feel better if you had had a hard day at work. Edna looked after her neighbours and her parents in their old age. She always looked on the bright side of life, never made a fuss and always put others first.

Worton and Marston Chapel are the poorer without her.

Dauntsey's School Grand Summer Concert

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We all have stories in our heads, memories which can be triggered off by anything. You don't have to write anything personal if it would be painful.

We could call it - *pen to paper club*. What do you think?

Answers to me via email mo.osborne84@yahoo.com

Thank you

Rita (Burton)

PUBLIC NOTICE WORTON PARISH COUNCIL INVITATION TO TENDER

The Council has a requirement for Grounds Maintenance for its two play areas, at Sandleaze and Whatleys Close, for the year 2014/15. Grass cutting/strimming and associated tasks are set out in a specification. For this, terms, and the application process please contact:

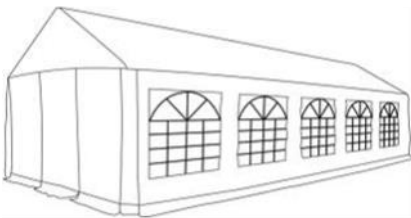
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**ARTICLE FOR THE BRIDGE, APRIL 2014 EDITION
WORTON PARISH COUNCIL
OUT AND ABOUT**

Spring has definitely ‘sprung’ and the rains seem (well, almost) far away. At its March meeting the Council considered how the water in our ditches and water-courses could be better managed, prompted not least by new Byelaws set out by Wiltshire Council for landowners to consider, and by knowledge that parishes further downstream have put arrangements in place to improve their own surroundings. We know several homes have suffered in this parish, and we are pleased to report that at this Council’s request Highways engineers have visited and will be arranging some remedial clearing out of drains and gulleys leading off the highway – but if a gully or pipe then lies under private land, it must be cleared by the landowner.

Still on the subject of Spring, and as we look forward to getting out a little more, the Council is pleased to report that it is to receive a grant from Aster Communities to fund the purchase of two public benches. Through consultation with residents in Cedar Close there has been support for the siting of one bench on the grassed area to the right of the Close. The other is to be placed on the Cuckold’s Green bend, opposite the turning to Potterne.

VOLUNTEERS

Last month the Council appealed for volunteers to get involved in the life of the community. There is now another opportunity if you would like to support the continued provision of play equipment for our young children. The Parish Council provides two play areas, in Sandlease and Whatleys Close. We would like to improve our management of these facilities, ensuring particularly that they remain safe and hazard-free. If you would like to help by joining a rota for looking at the equipment regularly then please contact our Clerk as below.

FUNDING

Finally, we know that Council Tax bills have arrived for 2014/15 and as announced in the February edition, you will see that the Parish Council’s element of that bill has increased. This year the decision was taken to increase the precept by the equivalent of 75p per month for the equivalent Band D house, or £9 per year. This is the first increase since April 2011, and even then the budget rose by just £200. Over this time this represents an average increase of just £3 per year per Band D house, with this year’s increase at less than half the average charge across all Wiltshire town and parish councils. With a small grant from Wiltshire Council included, the budget will now be £10,000 per year.

The Council can now plan ahead for a number of phased community projects, but most importantly introduce sustainable support for the Village Hall, which is seen as an essential component of village life. Other projects planned for the year include highways safety improvements that would not otherwise be funded by Wiltshire Council, replacement community notice boards, and provision for maintain-

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ing rights of way. Parking control lines are already marked out for painting as the weather permits. We continue to pursue other forms of income, and another grant application has been made for the provision of a defibrillator – more information to follow on this life-saving opportunity, if this proves successful.

AND...

And really finally, thank you to those good neighbours that have been siting wheelie bins away from the pavement in response to requests to avoid creating obstructions. Together with approaches made to the refuse collectors themselves, there has been a noticeable improvement for pedestrians.

After our 7 April meeting in the school, our next meeting will be the Annual Meeting of the Council on **Tuesday 6 May** – not our usual evening, but avoiding the bank holiday. The Annual Parish Meeting will be on **Monday 12 May** in The Village Hall – all are invited to this opportunity for the whole community to come together, with councillors and the Trustees of the Village Hall present, and get involved in shaping the future.

Roger Wilshire, Chairman

www.worton.org.uk clerk@worton.org.uk 07734 483883

Seend Happenings.....

SEEND ACOUSTIC CLUB

Upstairs in Seend Community Centre 7.45 for 8pm - guests this month are:

2nd April - award-winning duo The Black Feathers

16th April - Melksham’s own Wessex Contraband

Along with support acts, floorspots, huge raffle and free chocolates!

SHAKESPEARE’S BIRTHDAY & ST GEORGE’S DAY PARTY

Wednesday 23 April, 7.45pm upstairs in Seend Community Centre, £6.50.

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THE 14TH SEEND BEER FESTIVAL

Saturday 3 May in Seend Community Centre, 12 noon till 11pm

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I have just got back from our morning session and the children at Worton Toddlers have had hours of fun playing with boxes, making cars or trains, building them into houses and knocking them down! The next couple of weeks sees us gearing up for Mothers' Day & Easter. We have card making and an Easter Egg hunt which we are doing as part of our day out at Woodland Adventurers in Box; it promises to be a really fantastic day. The summer term will be full of the usual antics so please come and join us! Wednesdays 10am - 12pm. All babies and under 5s welcome. See you there! Corinna 01380 727739

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At last some matches now starting to take place, with a backlog of fixtures for the remainder of the season. For some teams the last competitive football was early December !

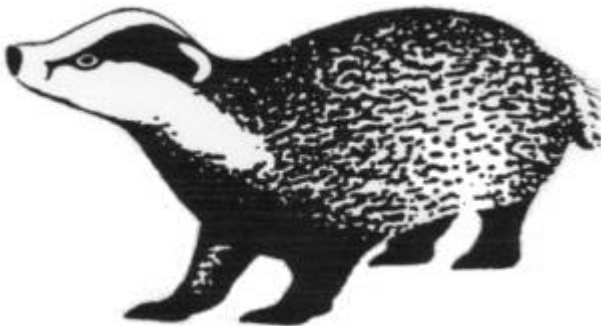
A date for diaries : the Clubs 'Fun and Open Day' will take place on Saturday 7th June at the Lye Playing field in Seend, starting at midday. Of course the theme this year will be the World Cup. Full details on this event in next months' edition.

Other Club developments include the regeneration of The Spring soccer pitch in Market Lavington, with the Club's goalposts now in place, and ensuring the playing surface is 'playable'. A couple of the Club's teams currently play here, including the Under 17/18 team, who recently lost in the Cup 4-2 to Amesbury.

Elsewhere in CUP competition : - congratulations to the 1st Adult team, who are through to the Semi-Finals in the Trowbridge & District League. They will play Lacock on 5th April in Corsham . (last year we lost to Lacock in the Final). The Under 15's are also through to the Semi's after a recent win 0-2 against Chippenham Town Youth Blue. At Under 13 level there was no such success after an amazing 6-8 loss against Warminster Highbury, who also recently beat the Badgers 2-1 in the League.

At the younger age group in the Club, matches have restarted over in Worton, and due to the numbers forecast at Under 7 level for next season we will probably have two teams at that age group, and also develop the playing area at St Barnabas'. At the newly created Under 9 team , the players are coming on leaps and bounds, with good passing ability, and holding their own against teams from Chippenham and Trowbridge.

Steve Dagnall



Another tragic loss...

Yesterday, 18th February 2014, saw another tragic story unfold before our eyes as six day old Eliza-Mae Mullane died as a result of her injuries inflicted upon her by the family dog.

This time by an Alaskan Malamute, who has been described as being gentle with children.

The Dog Safety Education Executive share the distress that the rest of the nation feel about this heartbreaking story and, as parents and fellow dog lovers, extend their greatest of sympathies with the Mullane family.

Regardless of how lovely a dog is and how much we think we can trust them, we can never forget that accidents happen. Babies have an irresistible smell about them to dogs and it's natural for dogs to want to investigate the smell; toddlers can fall or stand on dogs and if we're not there to step in when it happens, especially when dogs are asleep, then instinct can take over and an automatic 'snap' can follow.

The majority of bites incurred to children are as a result of an accident rather than because of a dog being 'vicious', and so DogSEE urge all dog owners that have children in the home to take sensible precautions concerning the management of dog and child. If in any way, you are concerned about the dog, seek professional help immediately.

In the same way we would be mindful of accidents happening with a boiling pan of water on a hob or an open fire, so too we need to be mindful of accidents happening with our much loved pet dogs, and so rather than take a risk, please take the dog (or the child) with you when you leave the room.

We run an array of responsible dog ownership courses and education programmes to keep you safe around dogs. www.dogSEE.org



Worton & Marston Ladies Group

We had a lovely meeting with Jowen Jewellery at our meeting on 26th February. Handbags, scarfs and jewellery wer brought along which we could buy. We will hear about Hypnotherapy at our next meeting on March 26th. The meeting will be held at the Rose & Crown thanks to landlord, Keith Green, as we are unable to use the village hall.

Sheila Hale

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