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List of Contacts

Due to popular demand, a pull-out list of village contacts has been put in the middle of this edition. If there are any other names/numbers/email addresses you think could be included, please email me with the details. Likewise, please email me if there are any that need to be corrected or removed. An updated version of this list could feature in the magazine every six months or so.

Giles



Five Lanes School and Christ Church Sports Tournament Fete & Plant Sale Worton Site



**Saturday 16th May
9.30 am**

The full advertisement for this event may be seen elsewhere in the magazine.

This is the annual combined village event for the benefit of both Five Lanes School and Christ Church. One advantage is the presence of sports supporters from other villages!! Support from all villagers is much appreciated – please would you once again look out the following items for this event. Thank you



- Raffle Prizes and items for a tombola.
- Bottles for the bottle tombola
- Food items and jams etc for the Country Kitchen
- Gifts
- And of course your young plants and separated roots!



Please look out for raffle ticket sellers

As everyone seems to be so busy these days, perhaps we could ask for your contributions to be brought either to the church or the school in advance please – notes will be delivered giving contact numbers if delivery is difficult.

If you have even the smallest desire to help out at a village event then please let the school or church representatives know – many hands make lighter work, and thank you.

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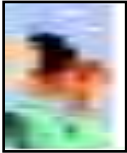
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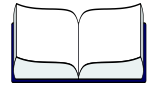


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Letter from the Vicarage



I saw my first butterfly of the year on a warm and sunny day at the beginning of March. It was a brimstone, and for me an indicator of spring. The warm day came at the end of a long and miserable spell and the contrast was striking, as though suddenly winter had become spring. The seasons seemed to have changed and new life, absent for months, was now here again. Moments like that have an impact on our feelings and attitude. That day everyone commented on how beautiful it was; ‘makes you glad to be alive’ was a phrase I heard more than once.

Easter, which we celebrate at the beginning of April, is a time of two halves. Death, coldness and misery, like winter, give way to new life, warmth and joy which we associate with spring.

It’s hard when you know the end of something to identify with characters going through the events, who do not know what will happen.

Jesus disciples on Good Friday were desolate. They had believed him to be a great national leader, they expected him to raise an army and throw out the hated Romans. What they did NOT expect was for him to be put to death on a cross. They had given up everything to follow Jesus. It is no wonder all of them except one ran away. It was for them the darkest hour of their lives.

On Easter morning, very early in the morning, some women came to Jesus grave. They were worried because they went to anoint his body and they didn’t know how they would move the stone covering the entrance to his tomb. It was

a complete shock to them that the stone was rolled away and they assumed the body had been moved by the authorities – until Jesus himself appeared to them!

It took some days for the reality of the resurrection to sink in, but it was one of those few moments which was literally life changing, not just for those first disciples but for millions of Christians following them over the centuries. Because of Easter, Christians know that out of darkness comes light, and from death comes life. That is what Easter is all about, that is why Jesus gave his life. The challenge now is to accept Jesus invitation to believe and trust in him; it is the gateway to new life.

Sometimes a children’s fable can convey truth better than logic and science. I started with a butterfly, and I’ll finish with one. How do you compare this new life Jesus gives with the old? The difference is as great as that between a chrysalis and a butterfly. No one looking at what appears to be a dead shell would believe that from this will come something as beautiful as a butterfly, but that’s what happens. From a cross comes resurrection. The new life Jesus offers is indeed life in all its fullness.

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SERVICE CALENDAR

April

Sun 5th EASTER DAY

6.00am *St Mary's Potterne,
Sunrise Service*

9.30am CHRIST CHURCH
Easter Communion
for all the family

6.00pm *Marston Chapel
Rev Gary Gotham
Holy Communion*

Sun 12th EASTER 2

9.30am CHRIST CHURCH
Family Service

6.00pm *Marston Chapel
Local Arrangement*

Sun 19th EASTER 3

9.30am CHRIST CHURCH
Morning Worship

6.00pm *Marston Chapel
Rev Gary Gotham*

Sun 26th EASTER 4

9.30am CHRIST CHURCH
Parish Communion

6.00pm *Marston Chapel
Rev David Ellis*

May

Sun 3rd EASTER 5

8.00am CHRIST CHURCH
Holy Communion

9.30am CHRIST CHURCH
Family Service

6.00pm *Marston Chapel
Rev Gary Gotham
Holy Communion*

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The Christ Church Annual Meeting will be held this year on Sunday 19th April, in church following a 6 pm service. 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.

There were no Weddings, Funerals or Baptisms at Christ Church during February 2015

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

CHURCH ROTAS

Sidesmen – April 2015

Sun 5 th	9.30am	Mr R Boyns, Mr T Harwood	Easter Family Communion
Sun 12 th	9.30am	Mr T Brewer, Mr R Nott	Family Service
Sun 19 th	9.30am	Mrs M Boyns, Mr P Witcher	Morning Worship
Sun 26 th	9.30am	Mrs S Courth, Mr L Courth	Parish Communion

Sidesmen – May 2015

Sun 3 rd	8.00 am	Mrs J Buckley	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Mrs J Mason, Mrs A Cross	Family Service

	Altar Flowers	Brass Cleaning	Church Flowers
April 5 th	All to decorate	All to decorate	Mrs S Hale
April 12 th	Mrs Brierley	Mrs Brierley	Mrs M Brewer
April 19 th	Mrs Francis	Mrs Lane	Mrs A Darling
April 26 th	Mrs Smith	Mrs Mason	Mrs S Horn
May 3 rd	Mrs Puckle Hobbs	Mr Keates	Mrs D Harwood

Church Cleaning

April 5 th	Mrs Holiday	Mrs Wright
April 19 th	Mrs Harwood	Mr Harwood



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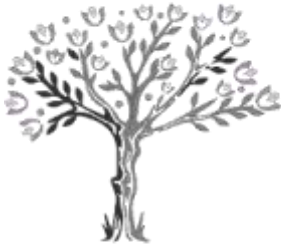
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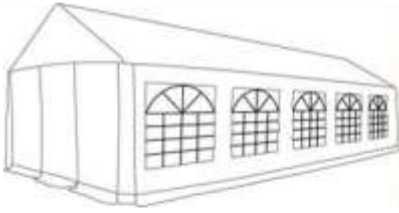
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Easter in Potterne, Worton and Marston.



This year we are celebrating the events of Easter in a rather different fashion, to make it even more special than usual.

There will be six 'stations' around each of our churches, each station focussing on a different aspect of Holy Week (the last week of Jesus life). The themes will be:

Hopes and Dreams:	The story of Palm Sunday
Servant King:	Jesus washes the disciples' feet
Remember me:	The last supper
Alone:	In the garden of Gethsemane
Sharing our sorrows:	The crucifixion
Resurrection:	The empty tomb



The services during Holy Week will be based around these themes, for details see elsewhere in this magazine.

Our village schools will be coming to Church to experience Easter through the displays.

In addition to the Holy Week services, you are invited to come in any time during the week (or maybe for a few minutes each day) to spend time quietly remembering what Easter is about.

To help you, a leaflet will be available for you to use as you journey around the Easter stations, with thoughts for prayer and meditation at each station.

At each station will be a card with ideas to encourage you to stop and ponder the meaning of what you see.

We hope and pray that the experience will help you to enter more deeply into the meaning of this amazing time, and to discover for yourself the extraordinary love God has for you in his son Jesus.





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Easter Services

All our services this week will follow the theme of the stations in each church and will be based around those events.

Mon	30 th March	'Hopes and Dreams'	St Mary's
Tues	31 st March	'Servant King'	Christ Church
Weds	1 st April	'Remember me'	St Mary's

All beginning at 7pm, for 30 minutes

Maundy Thursday 2nd April 'Alone'
Christ Church

7.00pm, to include an informal service of the Last Supper (Holy Communion)



Good Friday 3rd April 'Sharing our sorrows':

11am Walk of witness from Marston Chapel to Christ Church, Worton for a short service

12.15pm Hunger Lunch in Worton Village Hall

1.45pm A service based on Jesus 7 last words from the cross, musical setting by Haydn



Easter Day 5th April 'The Empty Tomb'



6.00am Holy Communion at St. Mary's, Potterne
9.30am Parish Festival Communion, Christ Church, Worton
11.00am Parish Festival Communion, St. Mary's, Potterne

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More about Easter...

We have two special events over Easter weekend, 3rd to 5th April, both in St Mary's, Potterne.



Good Friday at 1.45 pm the Wiltshire String Quartet will lead us in Haydn's Seven Last Words From The Cross.

The first public performance was on Good Friday, April 6, 1787, in Cádiz. The plan was for the

contemporary equivalent of a dramatic multi-media work, based on the seven phrases Christ spoke from the cross as recorded in the Bible. The potential for a profoundly moving spiritual experience was obvious to the composer, but even he was surprised by the popularity his music quickly achieved. Today we use beautiful music to help us enter in to the wonder of what Jesus has done for us all.



Easter Day there will be a sunrise service starting at 6.00am.

The service begins in darkness with the lighting of the new Paschal Candle. The light is then passed round the congregation, each of whom has a candle.

It was in the darkness of the first Easter Day some women went to the tomb of Jesus. There they met with the Light of the World, the one who cannot be overcome even by death. We trust that this Easter you will meet Him too, in a way which is real and relevant to you.





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Village Hall AGM - Tuesday 21st April 2015 at 8.00 p.m. Volunteer request!

The Village Hall Annual General Meeting will take place on Tuesday 21st April at 8.00 p.m. This year will see some changes on our committee and we are looking for people to join us in order that we can continue to manage the hall, according to our constitution. Tony Walker our Treasurer will be retiring, as will Frank Marshall, Trustee. Both of them will be greatly missed, as they have been very pro-active in helping us obtain funding, managing finances, dealing with administration and lots of other general duties outside their committee remit. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them on behalf of our committee and village residents, for their commitment, generosity and support over the past years whilst I have been Chairperson.

The Village Hall is reliant on volunteers to keep it operational and we would appreciate you considering if you have a few hours spare to assist us. The Trustee Management Committee is made up of 6 people, Jo Banks (secretary), Veronica Franklin, Teresa Chandler and myself. The accounts role is fairly straightforward, computerised and there will be a hand over procedure, as well as help on hand. If we don't receive any nominations for a Treasurer, then we'll have no option but to pay for this service, realistically something which the Village Hall can't afford to do. Frank's position on the committee is that of Trustee and he has been fundamental in helping us with grant applications, etc, however as this position is 'Trustee', it can be diverse and if you feel you have some skills that you are able to offer the committee in this role, including time, then this would be very welcome.

We are a friendly, approachable bunch, with our main aim being to maintain and improve the hall for the future of the villages of Marston & Worton. Our AGM is coming up in April and any of the current committee members would be delighted to hear from you if you feel you able to join the committee or contribute in any way.

AGM Tuesday 21st April at 8.00 p.m. in the Village Hall

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The Under 6s (year 1) have over 18 children turning up for training on Friday afternoons after School, at Worton Five Lanes School site, followed by training for the Under 9s and 10s.

The Under 7/8s and Reception year who were training at Lavington School Sports Hall, will be changing to an outdoor location.

The Under 12 group have had a 100% success record so far this year, with a recent win at home against Melksham Harriers - well done to all team members.

At the Adult level of the Club, the Saturday team who are in the Trowbridge & District league have not fared so well this season picking up only 9 points at the time of going to print. The Sunday adult team who are in the Chippenham League have so far put in a great season's performance, currently in 2nd with 38 points.

Team contact details:

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**Movies in Concert, in Support of the Mayor's Appeal
Monday 20th April 7.30pm, at the Corn Exchange, Devizes**

This year as a new departure from our usual St George's Day Concert, Devizes Town Band will be rolling out the red carpet to present 'Movies in Concert', celebrating almost 100 years of film. Let us take you on a journey from 'Dracula' to 'Star Trek', from 'Breakfast at Tiffany's' to 'Notting Hill'. We will perform for you over twenty pieces of film music - classic, swing, pop – it's all in there and more, arranged for symphonic wind band. For our finale we are joined by local talent, 17 year old Sarah Carroll who will be leading medleys from 'Mamma Mia' and 'The Sound of Music'.

We will all be in evening dress and invite you to do the same should you wish to make this a special Gala style event. Your ticket will include a drink on arrival, nibbles on your table, and free entry to the draw for a basket of fruit. There will also be a bar and a raffle. So why not get your friends together and book a table or make new friends on a mixed table. We try to make our concerts fun and we are sure you will not be disappointed.

The Mayor's Charities this for 2014-2015 are Devizes Foodbank, The British Heart Foundation and Bag 4 Sport.

Tickets are £10 (£8 concessions - under 16 and over 60) and available at Devizes Books, Sidmouth Street, from band members or from the Band Secretary – secretary@devizestownband.com, or ring Hilary on 07805 303961 to collect in the village.

Find us at www.devizestownband.com, on Facebook at Devizes Town Band and on Twitter @DevizesTownBand

A quiz for the oldies (sent in by Gill and Keith Holiday)

You could say it is specially aimed at the oldies as all the answers are units of pre-decimal currency. Still puzzled? Well the answer to the first question

"A kind of pig" is guinea or in pre-decimal currency £1 1s. Get the idea? All the answers add up to £18 7s. 9d.

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|-----------------------------|---|----|----|
| 1. A kind of pig | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 2. Old form of transport | | | |
| 3. Mars, the Moon and Pluto | | | |
| 4. Boy's name | | | |
| 5. Weight | | | |
| 6. Girl's name | | | |
| 7. Unwell sea creature | | | |
| 8. Singer | | | |
| 9. Leather worker | | | |
| 10. Royal headgear | | | |

(answers on p 42)

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Worton & Marston Link Scheme

are holding their **AGM** in the Rose & Crown on **Tuesday April 14th at 7.30pm**

At the AGM we will discuss what has happened in the past year and our plans for the next. Our finances will be presented for scrutiny and any questions will be answered.

If you have any dealings with Link, or just fancy visiting the pub with friends, please come along. If you have an odd hour to spare, and would like to volunteer to drive, this is a good time to see what is involved in the Link Scheme. The main aim of the charity is to take residents of the two villages to medical appointments. Please ring 720207 or check www.worton.org.uk or www.wiltshirelink.org.uk for further details.

What's happening on the farm!

After some confusion at the last parish council meeting about the name of our farm, due to some recent planning applications, I would just like to say that in these articles I have used Sandlease Farm because you are all familiar with that name because that is where my family have been farming since the late 1940s. However where the new farm buildings are and the land surrounding them we have named Home Farm. For those who do not know, this name has significance to us because we have completed a full circle of buying and selling farms and ended up in the place where we started.

Now on to farming matters.....this month sees us preparing our maize fields ready for this year's crop. We have decided to grow the same variety of maize as we did last year. Its yield was fantastic as was its energy content. As they say the proof is in the pudding, the cattle have done extremely well this winter and because of the extra condition they have gained they have been fetching some of the higher prices at market.

By the time you all read this I will have applied the artificial fertiliser to all the grassland on the farm. I have not been able to apply it as early as I would have liked because of the prolonged wintery weather and the soil temperature being too low thus not allowing the grass to start growing. And with the grass not growing there wasn't any hurry in applying expensive fertiliser.

With myself tied up dung spreading and father at cattle sales, there has been little time to do early spring jobs such as chain harrowing and rolling. However I have had a volunteer....Grandfather! He did a perfect job and I don't think he wanted to give the tractor back at the end of the day!

Robert Goss

Four brothers from Devizes visit London for the first time. They go to a bar and, determined to keep costs down, look carefully at the price list, and then order four pints of corkage.

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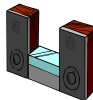
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Five Lanes CE Primary School

Rice Challenge - The whole school spent the day together at the Worton site to launch our theme 'Helping Hands'. During the day the children learnt about the school's challenge this term to sell 90kg of rice as part of a project to support a Malawi family educate their children. During the day the four House groups each took their turn to do African dancing, learnt about faith and beliefs, found out about how rice is grown and made a rice salad.

Red Nose Day - The school raised a fantastic total of £167 on Red Nose Day, by having a non-school uniform day & staging an event chosen by the children. Huge congratulations to all the children who took part in the first ever 'Five Lanes Got Talent' for comic relief! The children did amazingly well and there was an exciting range of talents from singing and dancing, puppet shows, rapping, gymnastics and unicycling!

Fete and School Tournaments - This year we will be holding the Worton & Mars-ton Plant Sale, Fete and Five Lanes School Tournaments on Saturday 16th May at the Worton site. This is an enjoyable event and everyone is welcome to attend, so come along to support the local community. See the advert in the parish magazine for further information. If you would like to get involved please contact either school office for more information – 723565 or 723068.

Help request - We are looking for volunteers to sell raffle tickets in advance of the fete – there are some great prizes to be won! Also in preparation for the very popular 'Decorated jam jar tombola', we would appreciate your help by collecting empty jam jars - these can be dropped off to either school office before the 9th May.

Parents & Friends Association (PFA) - The PTA Annual General Meeting took place on the 9th March. The school appreciates all the hard work that the members do in organising events and raising money for the school. Last year the PTA bought a covered sandpit / stage for the Worton site, as well as paying for pantomime goody bags & assisting with various trips throughout the year. Whilst we rely on the school parents / carer volunteers to assist for fund raising events within the school, the group recognise that friends, acquaintances and extended family may wish to lend their support to the PTA. It has therefore been decided that the PTA will change its name to the Parents and Friends Association (PFA.), to encourage more help and support with fund raising, events, etc. Look out for news of future events. We are also asking for donations of Easter eggs & chocolate for the Bingo event - see below:

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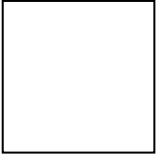


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There will be no formal Gardening Club meeting in April. However members are encouraged to go along to West Kington Nurseries on the morning of Saturday 25th April. This is a public plant sale with proceeds going to charities. Refreshments will be available at the Nursery or at the Allington Farm Shop Cafe.

If you need help with transport or you would like to know more about the visit, please contact Dot Francis either by telephone 01380 739986 or by email bllyb01@aol.com

Note for your diary: A private visit to Windmill Cottage Gardens will take place on the evening of Monday 18th May at 6-30p.m. Members and non-members of the Gardening Club are welcome to take part in the visit. More details to follow in the May Magazine.

Dot Francis, Programme Secretary,
Worton and Marston Gardening Club



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sizes can't be used now. If you'd like to start giving items to fill the boxes we would be delighted to receive them, as we're aiming to fill as many boxes as possible each month to avoid the last minute rush in November.

Due to import regulations we can't take liquids, clothing apart from scarves, hats and gloves/mittens, nor handmade stuffed toys. We're often short of small soft toys that have a CE label, toy cars, jewellery, games and puzzles.

FEEDBACK & CRAFT GROUP MEETING

Our next Craft Group meeting in aid of 2015 Operation Christmas Child will be held on Friday 10th APRIL, from 10.00am-12.00noon, in St. Andrew's Church.

Please bring any empty shoe boxes you may have and any donations of items for the shoe boxes. Craft materials will be available to take away and this is your chance to say what materials you would like to be available for the next meeting.

If you haven't been before please come and join us for coffee and a chat, see which activities take your fancy and help fill the shoe boxes for the Christmas shoe box appeal. You do not have to have any previous experience as we have crafts suitable for volunteers of all standards.

COFFEE MORNING/BRING & BUY AND RAFFLE

Our first fundraising coffee morning for 2015 Operation Christmas Child will be held on Saturday 18th April, from 10.00am-12.00noon, in St. Andrew's Church

Please come and support us. Raffle prizes gratefully received.

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The job is for part-time employment, for an annualised average of 7 hours per week (including paid leave) conditioned to national terms and conditions and model contract. The payscale is currently under review by the Council but will be in a range of between £10.00 and £11.00 per hour (subject to PAYE as applicable) and can depend on skills and experience.

With a home-based, flexible outlook, the successful candidate will need access to room/desk space, file storage space, personal computing/printing and a broadband/phone connection. A separate office allowance is paid monthly to support these facilities, together with expense re-imburement for consumables as arising. Residing in Worton parish is not a requirement.

The Clerk, who is also the Responsible Financial Officer, is responsible for preparing meeting agendas and supporting papers, managing the Council's finances and accountancy, attending at and providing advice to its meetings, taking minutes and completing administrative actions arising from the meeting. The Council operates a website which is also managed by the Clerk, as is the High Street Notice Board.

The Council meets 12 times per year in the evenings of the first Monday of each month in the Village Hall (twice in May, none in August) with very occasional extraordinary meetings too.

Applicants should have experience of spreadsheet accounts, minute taking, and correspondence. A working knowledge of Parish Council procedures and/or public administration is also desirable, but not essential as training will be given. Good literacy, numeracy and IT skills are essential to the position as are the personal qualities of integrity, discretion, objectivity, and impartiality.

This is an interesting and challenging position, where you would be supporting an active and community-focussed Parish Council. It would suit a person with an interest in community development and engagement.

There are no forms to fill in – just write a letter and include your CV and a personal statement on your suitability for the role and send to the Chairman of the Council, Cllr Roger Wilshire, 26 Sandleaze, Worton SN10 5SA. For an informal discussion about the role do not hesitate to contact the current Clerk, Peter Baxter on 07734 483883 or clerk@worton.org.uk

Closing date for applications is 15 May 2015 with a view to appointment from 1 June 2015.

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WORTON PARISH COUNCIL (WPC)

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Broadband - Superfast Broadband is not yet connected, but some will be run through Cabinet 21 and some through Cabinet 3; the latter is not in the Council-supported programme and it may therefore mean that residents connected to Cabinet 3 may be delayed in being able to receive superfast Broadband.

Village Survey and Neighbourhood Plan - Worton Parish Council is undertaking a village survey with the kind assistance of a number of parishioners in order to establish views on a range of matters affecting the village. Please look out for the survey which will be delivered in the next month or so and do share your thoughts with us by completing the survey. The information that we collect will assist us in our considerations as to whether or not the development of a Neighbourhood Plan is the appropriate way forward for Worton. We will be discussing the pros and cons of undertaking a Neighbourhood Plan at our next meeting in April so please do come along and share your views and listen to the discussions. A Neighbourhood Plan would be heavily dependent upon volunteer resource from the community and would also require financial expenditure by the Parish Council as well as being required to follow a defined procedure set by Government. Therefore, if you have any views about a Neighbourhood Plan for Worton or would like to find out more, then please do come along to the April meeting.

You can now see more about neighbourhood planning and housing development on the parish website, on the 'Planning' page.

Parishioner Attendance

We are delighted to report that we have had a significant number of parishioners attending the last few meetings which is very encouraging for the Parish Council. All your Parish Councillors are volunteers who have made a commitment to give up their time each month to attend meetings and to consider matters affecting the village and wider surrounds. By attending the meetings you will be able to gain a better understanding of what the Parish Council is doing and how you can support its efforts to maintain and enhance our village. The next meeting is on TUESDAY 7th April at 7.30 in the Village Hall.

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But perhaps the most influential moment that we are marking this year is the 800th anniversary of the signing of the Magna Carta in 1215. That document was a foundation of the emerging English Parliament and established the principle that the liberty of the people should prevail over the despotic rule of kings.

I cannot profess that Magna Carta proves that the pen is mightier than the sword as it has often been used to justify military action. Protagonists in the Civil War, the Glorious Revolution and the American War of Independence each cited Magna Carta to warrant their cause.

Edmund Burke, writing at about the same time as the American War of Independence (he was pro) and the French Revolution (he was anti), said “Those who don’t know history are destined to repeat it”. If he was right, we should sit up and take notice.

Fortunately, tyranny has not recently prevailed in this country and we can take comfort that the liberty of the people will again be exhibited by a General Election in May. Sadly, however, despotic rule continues to be prevalent in some other parts of the world. The tyrants are rarely kings these days but they can be political dictators or, increasingly, cultural or religious oppressors who seek to deny freedom of thought or the right to debate. Burke, said “All tyranny needs to gain a foothold is for people of good conscience to remain silent”, so we must not be complacent.

As for the lessons of the past, Henry Ford said “History is bunk”. Of course, he was trying to suggest that we should not dwell too much on what happened before but we should live in the present and look to the future. He may have had a point. Easter is upon us and, of all the Christian festivals, Easter encourages us to look forward with confidence.

Happy Easter!

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New Housing For Worton?

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Why does this affect you? Well, Worton has been identified as a 'large village' by the WCS, so between West Lavington, Bromham, Potterne, Rowde, Urchfont and Worton a minimum of 210 new houses are required. This is not necessarily evenly spread so Worton, as the smallest village, could theoretically end up with more houses than some of the larger villages. Housing allocation will depend on many factors but here are 2 of the really significant ones:

1. Whether Worton has a 'Neighbourhood Plan'. This is a development plan based on a village wide community consultation; it is managed by the Parish Council. Worton doesn't have a Neighbourhood Plan yet, the Parish Council are considering it at their next meeting on Tues 7 April 7:30pm Village Hall.

2. The DPD (Wiltshire Housing Site Allocations Development Plan Document). Wiltshire County Council have the power to adopt sites for development that would normally not be considered under normal planning scope and they are approaching the end of a 5 week consultation on the methodology of exactly how they will do this. (type 'wiltshire housing dpd' into Google and open the top answer)

A Neighbourhood Plan is a very powerful legal document in terms of new development. It offers you as part of the village community the power to state where development should be sited in the village, how much development you want and in how large a package – for example, a site is currently being offered into the assessment process for upwards of 25 houses at the east end of Worton behind the Sandlease bungalows and the High Street.

So whether you are pro or anti development or ambivalent it could be a good time to take an interest. If you want to find out more you could visit the Wiltshire Planning website, attend the next Parish Council meeting (Tues 7th April 7:00pm) or speak to one of your Parish Councillors. Or you could just hope for the best!

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As to be expected, one of the main obstacles that I come across when working out in the villages is the sheer lack of transport available to those without their own means. For the people I meet this is often heightened by the lack of immediate family and physical limitations that prevent people from walking to and from a bus stop for example, or actually climbing onto, or off of, a bus!

Many people in our rural communities depend on the services offered by their local LINK scheme, and without these schemes many of the people that I speak to would be well and truly stuck! There are five Link schemes in the Devizes Community Area – Devizes & District Link; Four Villages; Easterton, Market Lavington & Urchfont; Village Care & Link and Worton & Marston Link. These schemes are all run by local people, for local people and all of them are always very keen to welcome others.

There are many ways to get involved in your local scheme and much to be gained from doing so. It is a fantastic way to get to know people in your community and a great way of keeping active and getting out of your home!

The majority of people that support their Link service do so by offering to drive others who may have difficulty accessing public transport and do not themselves drive. Some Link schemes offer good-neighbourly services and welcome people with skills that want to volunteer their services locally – gardening or DIY for example. You could also help out by co-ordinating calls and arranging for volunteers to visit people or take them to hospital appointments. There are many opportunities and the beauty of it is that you can get as involved as much or as little as you wish!

The easiest way to find out how you might be able to get involved in your local scheme is by calling them and asking. The contact details for each are below:

Devizes and District – 01380 721775

Easterton, Market Lavington and Urchfont Link - 01380 812623

Four Villages Link - 07852 256939

Village Care & Link – 01380 816826

Worton & Marston Link – 01380 720207

Alternatively, if you would like more information about LINK in general, contact Linda O’Gorman on 01380 722241.

As ever, please get in touch if you think I may be of assistance to yourself, a friend, family member or neighbour by contacting me on the details below.

Alex North, Good Neighbour Co-ordinator for Devizes villages.

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VILLAGE DIARY

Regular Meetings

In the Village Hall

- **Gardening Club**
3rd Monday 8.00pm (not Aug /Dec)
- **Ladies Group**
Last Wednesday (not Aug/Dec)
- **Women's Institute**
2nd Tuesday 7.45pm
- **Worton Toddler Group**
Wednesday 10.00 am—Noon
- **1st Worton & Marston Brownies**
Every Tuesday
- **Potterne Rainbows** (term time)
Tuesday 4.30-5.30pm

In the Village Hall

- **Worton Parish Council Meeting**
1st Monday (not Aug) or as shown on notice boards

In the Chapel at Marston

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

Various Venues
Announced Monthly

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

Mobile Library

Location: The School - 1.00-1.40pm

Next Dates (every other Monday)

- Monday March 6th
- Monday March 20th

Call Wiltshire Library Services
on **01225 713727** for information

April

- 1st Lunch Bunch
- 7th Worton Parish Council Meeting
- 11th Book Swap
- 14th Link AGM
- 21st Village Hall AGM
- 22nd Ladies Group

Devizes Farmers' Market

Next: Saturday 4th and 18th April

The Shambles Antiques Market

Every Tuesday

Kerbside Collections

Black box and Plastic bottle and card recycling:
Wednesday 1st & 15th & 29th

Household and Garden waste:
Wednesday 8th & 22nd



Worton and Marston Link

Need help getting to hospital appointments or visiting the doctor and dentist? Or maybe, need some transport to get you to the shops?

**Call W&M LINK on
720207**

Deadline for items for the next Bridge is 15th April 2015.
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