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THE BRIDGE

Editor: Giles Collins

Rock 'n' Roll at the Rose & Crown

On behalf of the estimated 15 or 20 people who came to listen to "Old School" on Saturday 8th November, I wanted to say a big thank you to Keith for providing such superb entertainment.

Sadly, I know you must have been well out-of-pocket on the evening, but I wanted you to know that everyone (I think) enjoyed such glorious music, so energetically and professionally performed. Let's hope we can hear them again, hopefully with a bigger audience!

Peter Witcher



Armistice Day

Each year there has been an increasing number gathering at the War Memorial on 11th November. This year we had rising forty from our two villages which was a splendid turn out in the rain. Thank you to everyone who supported this important and worthwhile occasion.

Robin Shercliff

A plea from two of the youngest inhabitants of the village to return their little red bikes that were taken (possibly for safe keeping in someone's garage?) from outside of the church a few weeks ago. Please call Patty 07791127682 or drop them off at Worton House, High Street, Worton

ASHY STOKES

It is with great sadness, I record here the death of Ashy Stokes on Tuesday 4th November. She made a big impact on many of us in her three years in the village and she will be much missed. Our condolences go to Michael and the family.
Giles Collins

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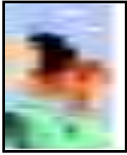
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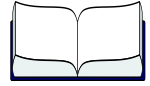
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Letter from the Vicarage



Many stories have emerged from the First World War - tales of heroism, loss and sacrifice. But perhaps the most remarkable is what happened at Christmas, one hundred years ago.

December 1914, and the war is six months old. The opposing sides dig in for winter. Soldiers resign themselves to spending Christmas in the trenches.

Christmas Eve, and the British troops are struck by a surreal and beautiful sight - hundreds of tiny lights illuminating the enemy trenches. The Germans are putting up Christmas trees.

As the guns fall silent there's a new sound on the wind. From across no-man's land comes the sound of singing - Silent night, Holy night. The opposing sides sing back into the darkness, trading verses, harmonising with the enemy.

Christmas morning. One by one, men dare to put their heads above the parapet, then stand on it, advancing towards the enemy, open hands outstretched. Soon no-man's land is full of officers and men of both sides, shaking hands, sharing stories, exchanging souvenirs.

Someone brings out a ball. Hats and coats are thrown down. With dozens on each side, in between the shell craters, a shambolic game of football breaks out.

The following morning comes the

order to resume firing. The men refuse or fire into the sky. But then the artillery starts up again and shells begin to fall. The Christmas truce is gone; nothing but a hopeful memory in diaries and letters.

But that memory is an example of the power of Christmas, which is the breakthrough of peace into a disturbed and violent world. Jesus was born into a family living under cruel occupation. His followers thought he would bring in a rebellion and overthrow the oppressors. But his way was different. The 1914 ceasefire could not last, but the peace God sent to us in Jesus endures.

The baby born on that silent night so long ago went on to model love and forgiveness, through his actions and his teaching. Through his death and resurrection he reconciled us to God. We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Now may Jesus, the Lord of peace himself, give you his peace this Christmas time and in every situation you face in this coming year.

David Howard

SERVICE CALENDAR

December

Sun 7th ADVENT 2
8.00am CHRIST CHURCH
Holy Communion
9.30am CHRIST CHURCH
Family Service
6.00pm *Marston Chapel*
No Service

Sun 14th ADVENT 3
9.30am CHRIST CHURCH
Parish Communion
6.00pm *Marston Chapel*
Christmas Carol Service
Ruth McGregor

Sun 21st ADVENT 4
9.30am CHRIST CHURCH
Matins
6.00pm *Marston Chapel*
No Service
(Carol Service by Candlelight
at St Andrews, Devizes)

Wed 24th CHRISTMAS EVE
9.30am CHRIST CHURCH
Carol Service

December

Thu 25th Christmas Day
9.30am CHRIST CHURCH
Family Communion

Sun 28th CHRISTMAS 1
10.00am CHRIST CHURCH
Joint Parish Communion with
St Mary's, Potterne
6.00pm *Marston Chapel*
No Service

January

Sun 4th CHRISTMAS 2
8.00am CHRIST CHURCH
Holy Communion
9.30am CHRIST CHURCH
Family Service
6.00pm *Marston Chapel*
Covenant Service
Rev Gary Gotham



There were no Weddings, Funerals or Baptisms at Christ Church during October.

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

CHURCH ROTAS

Sidesmen – December 2014

Sun 7 th	8.00am	Mr R Shercliff	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Mrs A Pratt, Mr T Harwood	Family Service
Sun 14 th	9.30am	Mrs M Boyns, Mrs J Buckley	Parish Communion
Sun 21 st	9.30am	Mrs A Cross, Mr T Brewer	Matins
Wed 24 th	6.00pm	Mr T Walker, Mr R Boyns	Carol Service
Thu 25 th	9.30am	Mrs J Mason, Mr P Witcher	Family Communion
Sun 28 th	10.00am	Mrs D Barcham, Mrs A Pratt	Joint Parish Communion

Sidesmen – January 2015

Sun 4 th	8.00am	Mr R Shercliff	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Mrs A Cross, Mr T Harwood	Family Service

	Altar Flowers	Brass Cleaning	Church Flowers
December 7 th	ADVENT	Mrs Brierley	ADVENT
December 14 th	ADVENT	Mrs Collins	ADVENT
December 21 st	ADVENT	Mrs Hailstone	ADVENT
December 23 rd /24 th	All to decorate for Christmas		
December 28 th	-	-	A. Darling
January 4 th	Mrs Brierley	Mr Keates	J. Mason

Church Cleaning

December 7 th	Mrs Cross	Mrs Nixon
December 21 st	Mrs Holiday	Mrs Wright



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Christmas Services

Sunday 14th 6 pm Carols at Marston Chapel

Christmas Eve (Wednesday)

4.00 pm Crib Service for all ages, Potterne

6.00 pm Christ Church Carol Service

*11.30 pm Christmas Holy Communion at
St. Mary's, Potterne*

Christmas Day

**9.30 am Christmas Communion for all the
Family**

28th December

10.00 am Joint service,

*Worship Christ, the new-born King'
Without Christ there is no Christmas.
Do join us over this wonderful season*

Next Worton Parish Council Meeting

**8 December 2014 (7.30pm)
Worton & Marston Village Hall**

Not the usual first Monday of the month

All welcome

Worton and Marston Ladies Group

We had a very enjoyable evening at our October meeting with the ladies from Poulshot. Bob and Gill entertained us with folk songs and explained folk singing to us. We were told that not many folk songs originate from Wiltshire. Our November meeting is on the 19th (please note the date) and will be about the village war history. The hostesses for the meeting: J Mason, P. Wright

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The carol sheets we shall use at the carol services this year have been specially produced by Tearfund as part of the commemoration events surrounding the First World War.

Tearfund is working in the biggest refugee camps in the world arising from the Syria crisis. Our offerings this year will go towards that work. Please come prepared to give generously. Thank you.



Seend Acoustic Club

Upstairs in Seend Community Centre 7.45 for 8pm:

Wednesday 3rd Dec - all the way from Devon - Wildwood Kin - entry £5

Wednesday 17th Dec - festive madness from The Cleverly Bros - entry £4

Wednesday 7th Jan - a favourite local group - The Yirdbards - entry £4

Wednesday 21st Jan - the unique sound of Lightgarden - entry £4

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Grand New Year Quiz Night!

Saturday 10th January in Seend Community Centre, 7.45pm

Cash first prize plus other prizes. Teams of four, £2 per head.

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See also www.seendcommunitycentre.com and our facebook page.

Thanks, and Yuletide wishes to you all.

Tessa tessa@tessadoe.org.uk 01380 828617

LUNCH BUNCH

Book Now for our Christmas lunch bunch which will be on Wednesday 17th December when the menu will be apple and parsnip soup followed by roast turkey and all the trimmings, followed by Christmas pudding, tea or coffee and a mince pie.

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Pie Night



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Tuesday 16th December
Sausage night



6pm-9pm booking Recommended
Wednesday 17th December
Christmas Lunch Bunch 12.45pm

3 course meal, tea or coffee for only £15 per person

Booking is required

Saturday 20th December

Christmas Draw 8pm

Wednesday 24th December

Christmas Eve Carols 7.30pm

Thursday 25th December

Christmas Day 11.30am-2.30pm Drinks only

Friday 26th December

Boxing Day 12pm-3pm Limited Menu

Sunday 28th December

Christmas Quiz 7.30pm

Thursday 31st December

New Years Eve Party



Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir

In early November I attended a meeting arranged by Worton Parish Council to consider the issue of speeding on the Worton to Seend road (the C20). I had assumed the motivation for this was to attempt to reduce the numbers of vehicles speeding through Worton.

It is an undeniable fact that speeding through Worton village is a problem, yet to reduce the speed limit on the C20 may not have any effect on this. The course of the road naturally encourages drivers to slow before entry to Worton and Marston, and the real issue is how to ensure drivers slow to an appropriate speed though an urban area.

The meeting almost immediately concluded that a reduction of the speed limit on the C20 was the way forward. There was little consideration to facts such as the historical safety records - there has been one fatal or serious incident in the last 10 years (and this was not due to speeding, source crashmap.co.uk), and obviously that is one too many, yet makes it statistically one of the safest roads in Wiltshire.

Whilst those that live on this road must be inconvenienced by fast traffic, it remains a largely rural road with good visibility and few bends. Roads have to balance the need for goods and people to travel at appropriate speeds, and the safety for pedestrians and other road users. Personally I think the 60mph speed limit is appropriate for the majority of this road, and perhaps if there were to be any change it would be at either end i.e. the entry to Seend, and to Worton.

If there is to be lobbying of the County Council and of our MP for a change in speed limit of the C20, then it would be useful to know that all local residents have had an opportunity for their views to be heard, and the majority view prevails.

Finally, if there were to be a change to the C20 to be a 50mph limit, it would be ironic that the limit on the road through Marston village would remain at 60mph.

Regards, Philip Salaman Marston

Afternoon Cream Tea

Thank you to everyone who came along to our afternoon cream tea on the 11th October. It was a busy afternoon in the village hall and we were very happy to have made £157.20 which will go to the Girl Guiding census and The Wiltshire Air Ambulance.

We hope you enjoyed your afternoon.

Georgina Morse & Leila Salaman



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Christ Church PCC

At the meeting on Thursday 6th November the Parochial Church Council of Christ Church discussed the following:

1. It appears that the regular income of the church no longer covers the regular outgoings, despite the attendances at most of the services holding up very well over the years. It is likely that a fresh appeal will shortly be made to encourage people who value what the church does in the community to dig a little deeper into their pockets to ensure that this is able to continue for the foreseeable future.
2. The five-yearly inspection of the church building by our architect is expected to identify some items which will be expensive to repair. This is coming after the very expensive removal of asbestos from the organ for which we were lucky enough to have received a very substantial donation.
3. The Harvest Festival at Five Lanes Farm had been much enjoyed on a glorious late summer Sunday. Thanks were expressed to those who had provided food for a picnic, after the service, and particularly to the Chandler family who had so kindly made their home available for this event again.
4. Likewise the Village Theme meal, featuring mainly North African food, had been much enjoyed. The event raised over £1,000 which was shared between Christ Church and The Alzheimer's Society, augmenting the funds raised by Steve Pratt on his epic trek.
5. The Bonfire Family Service had been well attended and appreciated by everyone, including many children. It is likely that other similar more informal opportunities to worship and give thanks for our many blessings will be held in the future.
6. Steve Dewar's youth work continues to be much appreciated and he was widely recognised for this at the Deanery. There is now a branch of "Youth for Christ" operating out of Trowbridge and it is hoped that that will provide further help to Steve in this important work (which relies entirely on voluntary and anonymous contributions).
7. Finally, David drew attention to the priority now being given within the Church of England hierarchy to the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults. This topic will become a regular feature at future PCC meetings.

Peter Witcher
Secretary to the PCC.



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November 200 Club - drawn by Year 6, Five Lanes pupils Marcy & Eleanor
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Usually at this time of year we start asking you to renew your membership of the 200 club or to consider joining it if you are not yet a member. However, because we don't seem to be attracting any new people to the lottery, the Trustees have decided to move the start of the 200 club year to April in 2015, in the hope that more people may feel able to support if the renewal does not fall at the same time as Christmas. We will not therefore have a draw in January, February or March in 2015 and we will be asking you for renewals in March instead of December. We rely on this money for the maintenance we have been undertaking and towards match funding for any grants we may apply for, so please do try to support us in the spring. If you want to pay in advance of March you can and if you have set up a standing order to renew your subs we will take regard of this.

Thank you. Veronica

PS If anyone wants to buy a membership as a Christmas present, this can be arranged by speaking to Veronica

Maintenance Team

We are delighted with the refurbished lobby area in the hall – it's much more practical & welcoming. Thanks to a grant from Aster Community Board & village council, we have been able to carry out the work, however this couldn't have been achieved without the dedicated work of the maintenance team, led by Mark Fisher & Jeff Stocks. A very big thank you to the Maintenance Team, who have worked tirelessly in making the entrance hall look smart, as well as carrying out jobs throughout the hall in order to prepare it for the harsher winter months and prevent more damage occurring.

The Maintenance team are village volunteers who give up their time to keep our hall and grounds in as best condition as possible. If anyone notices anything in the hall when using it or visiting, in the first instance please make the caretaker aware of this or let one of the committee members know - it can then be acted on accordingly and where relevant the maintenance team will become involved.

It can't go unnoticed that our 100+ year old hall is in desperate need of repair & renovation. The Trustees are committed in their role of protecting the future of the hall for the villages of Marston & Worton and to this end investigation continues into trying to secure funding in order to carry out vital work to the hall. In the meantime, smaller projects have been carried out in order to keep the hall looking neat and tidy and functioning at its best without major investment.

From all the Village Hall Committee we would like to wish all villagers a Happy Christmas & Best Wishes for 2015 - thank you for your continued support.
 Helen Morse

Worton Parish Council

Traffic Count. During one week in September, Wiltshire Council conducted a survey of traffic on the High Street (near the Cedar Close junction).

- ◆ 17,360 vehicles were counted.
- ◆ Virtually half (49.9%) exceeded the speed limit (30mph).
- ◆ BUT 85% of all traffic was travelling at or under 34.7mph, below the speed at which enforcement action would be taken.
- ◆ That still means 1000 drivers would have picked up speeding tickets, if caught by the police.
- ◆ The overall average speed of all the vehicles counted was 30mph.

Traffic Management. Worton Parish Council (WPC) plans for improving road safety and traffic management along the High Street (first set out in November 2013) will be implemented by the end of the year. This work includes:

- ◆ An informal crossing point near the Cedar Close junction.
- ◆ Designated parking spaces for school buses near the school gates.
- ◆ An informal coach stop opposite the Sandlease junction.
- ◆ Red tarmac with "slow" markings on the road at the western entrance to the village

The 30mph speed sign on the High Street (the C20) at the east end of the village is to be moved further round the bend. WPC's proposal to Wiltshire Council to have the 30 mph

sign moved further out of the village at the western end has been turned down.

Speeding on the C20 (Seend-Worton). An informal meeting of representatives from the five Parish Councils close to the C20 was held in November to air concerns about speeding traffic along this stretch of the road which currently has a 60mph limit. It was agreed:

- ◆ To co-ordinate the actions of the five parishes in raising the traffic concerns to Wiltshire Council.
- ◆ For each Parish Council to submit their specific issues (eg. relating to junctions, speeding or overtaking) for their communities.
- ◆ To organise a petition to enable villagers express their concerns to the authorities.
- ◆ To invite individuals to submit their own concerns over incidences/accidents/near misses they have encountered on the C20 to their respective parish councils.

Without such evidence, Wiltshire Council is unlikely to make any changes to this stretch of road.

Council Vacancy. Keith Bellamy has stepped down from the WPC. If you are interested in becoming a councillor or want to find out more about the role; please contact Peter Baxter (WPC Clerk on 01380 816183 or clerk@worton.org.uk) or any of the WPC team (go to www.worton.org.uk/parish-council/who-we-are/ or see the High Street Notice Board).

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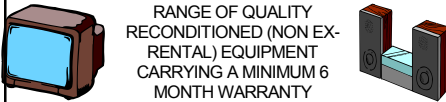
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Holistic Survival Guide for the Festive Season

The lead up to the festive period is a busy time for everyone and over indulgence in food and drink during the festive season is all part of the fun – but it can take its toll on our bodies and leave us feeling bloated and unwell.

We need to look at the festive season and plan ahead.

Alongside the mince pies and yule logs, I make sure my cupboard is well stocked with homeopathic medicines to help my family through the ailments of the season.

A particular favourite with patients, is the homeopathic remedy **Nux vomica**, which many people use to help with the symptoms of a hangover. Something I also pack for my daughter when she starts back to Uni!

Minor complaints and acute illnesses are more superficial and remedies can be used at home with good results. **Nux vomica** does help many people with hangover symptoms. While it's important to lead a healthy lifestyle, it's also good to let your hair down once in a while!

Here are just a few remedies which might help you through the ailments of the festive period:

Nux vomica: this is known as “the hangover” remedy but can also be used for the general symptoms of over-indulgence. Symptoms include heartburn, indigestion, and nausea, a headache, sensitivity to noise and light, and irritability. Particularly suits “workaholics” who tend to burn the candle at both ends, keep going with coffee and feel the cold.

Arsenicum: this remedy comes into play when the symptoms are like that of food poisoning, with vomiting and diarrhoea, a pale palour and anxiety. Symptoms are worse at night, with burning in the digestive tract and a desire to sip water. It suits restless people who worry, need to plan ahead and feel the cold.

Sulphur: symptoms include offensive diarrhoea which drives the patient from bed in the morning, excessive sweating, and burning feet. Suits stubborn proud people who are always hot, and crave sugar and spicy food.

Lycopodium: symptoms include bloating with wind, a huge appetite, and waking as if from a fright. There is heartburn with sour burping. Suits fearful people lacking in confidence, especially in new things, but can be bragging and assertive at home.

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

As we approach Christmas, I hope you are in good cheer!

For some, life may not be easy and I trust that the season of goodwill will bring a measure of comfort.

For others, you may agree that there is much to be thankful for. After the spring floods, the summer and autumn weather was pretty good. The economy in Wiltshire is performing above the national average and the number of job-seekers is down. The economy of the nation as a whole is better than all our principal competitors. Average life expectancy in the county is the highest it's ever been for men and for women. Our local schools are all doing well in their respective categories. Our farmers had a respectable harvest. Our crime rate remains low.

So far, so good and I hope, like me, you will be raising a glass over the Christmas period to toast the successes of our local businesses and our local public servants. In my view, after a challenging few years, the private and public sectors alike, in all their guises, have performed pretty well.

But before you over indulge, remember that not only is the weather still getting colder but the financial pressures, particularly on the public budgets, remain severe. It's too soon to know exactly how much Wiltshire Council will have to spend next year but it looks as if we may yet again have to find about £30 million of savings on top of the £100 million or so the Council has cut over the past few years.

Innovation and streamlining processes have got us through so far without much loss of service on the front line but, each year, the task gets harder. I am, therefore, immensely impressed with the resilience and fortitude of our staff who have achieved so much with fewer and fewer resources. 2015 could be tough but I am confident that, as always, the Council will do its best for the good people of Wiltshire.

Merry Christmas!

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

Thank you to the volunteers from the Worton walking group, Parish Council and keen villagers who took part in the clearing up session on the Worton the Marston path on 16 November. In the space of a morning the volunteers cut away lots of undergrowth, removed spoil and revealed the full extent of the long - hidden path. Thank you to the keen volunteers who put aside a Sunday morning, brought their own tools and equipment and did something important for the local community!

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Five Lanes Women's Institute

We had a very enjoyable meeting in November. We spent some time making jewellery and decorations using wire and beads, under the guidance of Rosemary Rosenfeld. Thanks for providing the materials and making sure we followed the instructions!

As Christmas is rapidly approaching, next month we are having our annual festive meal. So we will not be in the village hall. We will be back in January, when we will be flexing our taste buds with some wine tasting. Why not do something different for the New Year, and come along and see us.

Date: Tuesday 13th January

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Let me take this opportunity to wish you Season's Greetings and I hope you all have a wonderful festive period.

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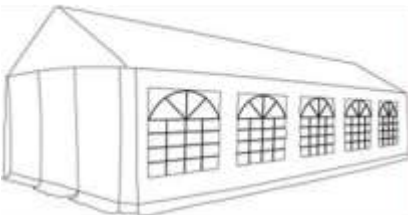
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In the league, the Under 14s have now moved into 2nd in their respective league with a recent tough match winning 6-5 against Westbury Lions. However, November matches may prove a challenge.

At the younger age groups of the Club, training for the Winter months has moved to new locations on Friday evenings, due to weekend matches, with the Under 8s having a great start to the season - being unbeaten.

Reception Year new players are welcome to come along and play in our short 'taster' sessions at Market Lavington School indoor sports hall, on Friday evenings from 5.00 – 5.30. Come along on the night or contact either Mark (U7 coach) on 01380-813160 or Dave (U8) on 07843678781 who are also training here.

New players are also welcome to join at Under 6 (Year 1), Under 9 and 10 age groups – please contact Jason Reynolds 07590427999. Training is now at Devides Leisure Centre on Friday evenings, on the outdoor Astro pitch 1: Under 6s from 16.00 to 17.00, and U9/10 from 17.00 to 18.00.

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The Annual General Meeting took place on October 20th. All current members of the Gardening Club and Flower Show Committees were re-elected and will stand for a further year.

The Biggest Pumpkin Competition was won by Dennis Rennie. Most of us were able to carry our pumpkins to the Village Hall. However, Dennis arrived with his pumpkin on a flatbed truck and wheeled it in on a sack trolley! We all enjoyed pumpkin soup and home-made bread at the end of the meeting.

We have yet to finalise our programme for next year. However we plan to have our Quiz in January. By popular request, Keith Wright will return as Question Master. Members and non-members are all welcome to attend the Quiz and entrance is free.

Do come long if you can – teams of 4 if you can manage it, although we can make up teams on the evening if necessary.

Bring along your own drinks if required, we will also be serving tea and coffee.

A date for your diary then, is Monday 19th January 7.30 p.m. at the Village Hall

Wishing you a very happy Christmas and we hope to see you in the New Year.

Dot Francis, Programme Secretary

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Rainbows is a group for girls aged between 5 – 7 and we meet in Worton village hall on a Tuesday during term time between 4.30 – 5.30 p.m.

We have been working on our All About Me badge, writing time capsule letters to ourselves which we're not supposed to open until we are 18!, making promise mobiles and thinking about what our promise means to us, playing parachute games and making friendship webs.

We have started working on our Poppy challenge, finding out about why we wear poppies and how long it is since the First World War, making poppies to wear on Armistice Day and laying a wreath at the war memorial. We will be icing biscuits with poppy decorations which will be available at the village hall bazaar (where we are also running a stall), and, we are hoping that some ladies from the Military Wives choir will come along to one of our meetings in the new year to sing with us. Some of them even sang at the closing ceremony of the Invictus games this year! The rest of the term is filled with lots of activities including an indoor assault course, having a go at some Indian dancing, preparing decorations for a promise celebration and a Christmas party when we are hoping that a very special person will be able to visit us!

Some of us are also going on a trip to @Bristol with other members of our Guiding family and our leaders, Snowy Owl and Bluebell are off to Sparkford to attend a training day and we will be at the bazaar on the 29th November – a very busy term, so more about that next time!

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Voltaire (1694 – 1778)



Steve's Sahara Desert Trek – completed!

I returned to the UK on Monday 10th November with 34 incredible colleagues having successfully completed our Sahara Desert Trek. Below are just a few images of a life-changing and unforgettable challenge.

The highlights:-

Amazing scenery / the dunes / the very different desert landscapes

The stars at night

The team work / and friendships built up with colleagues

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my own fundraising - now over £9,000 - and heading for £10,000!!

So - what were the lowlights? It was tough - whilst the trekking was manageable (I was one of the few who escaped blisters!) - this was due to the many hours and 100s of miles of training. I hadn't realized how much the lack of sanitation / hygiene and sleep would affect me. We also had to battle thousands of flies each day - and a sandstorm that lasted near on 24 hours (I am told that's very unusual!) 28/34 of us suffered with sickness at some point in the trek. Whilst I was "lucky" to escape until the last night in camp, I am full of admiration for those who trekked whilst not feeling well. This was testament to their resolve and determination to succeed!

And so this chapter closes.

Can I thank everyone in Worton and Marston for their fantastic support through the various events we have held over the past six months. My very grateful thanks to those who have organised the events.

and to Ali, who has had to put up with me "going on about the Trek" constantly. I can now start to bring some element of normality back to our family life!!!

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The Toddlers of Worton have been extremely busy so far this term making spooky halloween lanterns & delicious scary biscuits. We have also just celebrated one of the children's 4th Birthdays with a dressing up session which was a huge success. A dressing up collection is something that Worton Toddlers is lacking and we would very much like to rectify this - if anybody in the villages has any fancy dress clothes or props to get rid of the children will be thrilled to make dressing up a more regular event on a Wednesday morning.

With Christmas fast approaching Worton Toddlers have a very busy agenda of festive activities, culminating in decorating Christchurch's Christmas Tree on Wednesday 17th December as part of our Christmas Celebrations. If all the boys & girls have been good this year we might even have the pleasure of the company of Father Christmas!

Lastly Worton Toddlers will be manning a toy & cake stall at the Christmas Bazaar on 29th November - we would be very grateful for any donations!

Please deliver any fancy dress items or items to sell at The Christmas Bazaar to Hilary Hams, 130 High Street, Worton, or Corinna Nickell, East End Farm, Marston

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Worton&Marston Link would like to thank all who turned up for the Quiz Night and made it a fun evening allowing us to raise £202 which will go mainly towards our insurance costs. Many thanks go to Lesley Hawes for supplying the questions from her sick bed and Keith Wright for being Master of Ceremonies. The winners of the quiz were Terry from Ray Bridge and his team, with the team of Walkers & Harwoods as runners up. The raffle prize of the sweet cart package donated by One-Off Services was won by Joy Stokes, the Rose & Crown Sunday Lunch was won by Pam Woods. Thanks to Linda Vickers for putting together a hamper which was won by Jane Loveys, also many thanks to everyone who donated a raffle prize.

We are looking volunteers, who are able to spare a few minutes when convenient, to offer lifts to doctors and such like, please ring Hazel on 720207 where further information may be obtained.

Alun Newman

A very big 'Thank you' to everyone who turned out on a wet & windy Saturday morning to help pack boxes for the **Operation Christmas Child** shoe box appeal. We packed over 300 boxes in 4 hours and our grand total (including those packed at St.Barnabas Primary School, Market Lavington, earlier in the year) reached an impressive 793! Lots of people gave donations of items and money on the day which helped us reach such a wonderful amount. Fund raising and donations during the year raised nearly £1,900 towards postage so, including on-line donations, I am hopeful that we will have covered the cost of transporting all of the boxes to their destination.

Thank you as well to all our helpers and volunteers who supplied tea, coffee and biscuits (keeping us all going), sorted through donations as they came in, and those who helped first time packers with finding the right items for the right age groups. If anyone is interested in getting involved next year, please contact Janice Charlton on 01380 818533.

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Voltaire (1694 – 1778)



Five Lanes CE Primary School

Open Day - In September Five Lanes held its annual Open Day for prospective parents. This gave parents, carers and children the opportunity to walk around the school sites with two Year 6 guides and see the classes during teaching time. It was a successful day with some great feedback and comments received from the visitors. The new school prospectus was handed out at the Open Day – please call into either school office to pick up a copy or telephone if you would like one posted.

Topics - In September Chestnut class (Years 2 & 3) went on a trip to visit the historic dock yard in Portsmouth. This visit was to coincide with the children's history subject of Tudor explorers. “We had a fantastic trip to the Mary Rose on Monday. We learned all about the similarities and differences for rich and poor people on the boat”, reported one pupil.

The older primary children at Worton are learning about World War 1 and 2 and in particular gaining an insight into what life was like during the wars in our local area. A group from Devizes Good Afternoon Choir visited, dressed in WW1 period costume and brought some artefacts to show the children from the World Wars. The children & choir shared a singing experience with traditional military songs. On Tuesday 2nd November Hazel & Elder classes (Years 4 – 6) went on a trip to Bovington Tank museum and learnt about the history of tanks. As well as being able to go inside a real WW1 tank, they also experienced what conditions were like in war time by entering reconstructed trenches. At a workshop the students learnt about the roles of air raid wardens, the women's land army, the home guard and what life was like at home in Britain during WW2.

Harvest & Remembrance Services - The children celebrated Harvest with services at Christchurch and St Mary's and brought in food donations for the Devizes Food Bank. On the 11th November classes in Potterne & Worton attended special remembrance services. At Worton each child shared who they were remembering, before adding their poppy to a collective piece and singing the National Anthem

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and a moving rendition of ‘Keep the home fires burning’, a popular War song that they learnt whilst working with the Golden Oldies Charity.

Sport - Our sport teams continue to take part in local league tournaments for Netball, Hockey & Football, with several fixtures being played over the past few months. All the teams showed great resilience and determination in their matches - well done to all the participants!

In November Chestnut class went to Devizes School to a Dance Festival. The year 2 & 3 pupils danced to ‘The Music Man’ & ‘Hokey Cokey’, before learning new dance routines to the Macarena & Cha Cha Slide. At the end of the afternoon the schools had a dance off – Five Lanes were amazing!

PTA - The PTA continues to play a vital role in the school, by fund raising to assist with expenses for school trips, equipment and special events. During October & November the PTA raised money by holding a Halloween Disco, running 2 cake stalls and a film night at school. Thank you to everyone who helped and supported, also please look out for our stall at the Potterne Christmas market on 5th December and give us a wave in the lantern parade at The Devizes Festival on the 29th November.

Helen Morse



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Every Tuesday
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- Monday December 29th

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on **01225 713727** for information

December

- 5th Potterne Christmas Market
- 10th Ben the Juggler
- 13th Book Swap
- 17th Lunch Bunch
- 26th Train Rides, Bulkington

Devizes Farmers' Market
Next: Saturday 6th and 20th December

The Shambles Antiques Market
Every Tuesday

Kerbside Collections (Wednesdays)
Black box recycling - 10, 24 December
Plastic bottle/cardboard - 10, 24 December
Household waste - 3, 17 December
Garden waste - 3, 17 December



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?

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Deadline for items for the next Bridge is 15th December 2014.
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