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Criminal Damage

A disturbance was witnessed at Croft Farm, Plough Lane, Marston on Saturday 9th June. A neighbour heard the sound of breaking glass and a group of about 6 youths were seen running from the property. Area police officers visited the property in relation to a report from the home owners regarding significant criminal damage.

Witnesses or anyone with further information of the youths' identity have been asked to pass on relevant details to the Police. Community Support Officer Fiona Marno 6005 Phone: 101, E-mail: fiona.marno@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk

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Saturday 13th June
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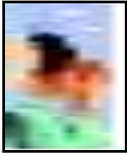
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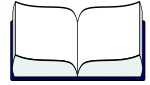


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Letter from the Vicarage



A Picasso has just been sold for £102 million, a new record for a painting. Has it been bought because the buyer likes it or as an investment? No-one seems sure. Ten years ago when £50 million was paid for a painting everyone thought the market had peaked. It raises the question: 'what is truly valuable?' Here is a lovely parable I heard on the radio.

There was an art collector who had a very valuable collection of masterpieces. But he was a sad man. He had never got over the fact that his only son, a soldier, was killed rescuing a comrade. The last image he had of this son was a simple sketch, drawn by the soldier whose life his son had saved. It was not great art, but meant a huge amount to the man.

The man died and his art collection was put up for sale. Rich people came from all over the world hoping to buy a painting. The first lot at the auction was the sketch of his son. The connoisseurs mocked the sketch, it was not real art, they said. No-one was willing to bid. 'Who will take the son?' the auctioneer asked. Eventually the man's gardener bid £10 for the sketch, a lot of money for him. No-one else bid, he bought the sketch and the auctioneer closed the sale. There was uproar. What about the other paintings the rich had come to buy? Then the auctioneer read from the dead man's will. It said that whoever bought the sketch of the son would also receive the art collection. The person who got the son got everything else as well. The man wanted his paintings to go to someone

who recognised where true value lay.

What do you make of the story? In Jesus' world people did not collect art, but today I think he would have told just such a parable. Jesus was concerned that people had a right perspective on life. He once told a story of a rich man who was so wrapped up in his wealth he forgot to think about God and other people and so eventually lost everything.

The world around tries to convince us that material things are all important and sadly I think some have fallen for the lie. I sometimes ask the question: 'what do you want most from life?' and many young people reply: 'to be rich' or 'to be famous'.

Sorry, wrong answer. If those things come along then fine, provided they do not turn our heads away from what is really important. And what is that?

Jesus said that real happiness comes from good relationships – first with Him and then with others. 'Love God and love your neighbour'. It is in keeping those commands we do God's will and find meaning and fulfilment in this world and the next. I hope the buyer of the Picasso knows that.

David Howard 01380 723189
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SERVICE CALENDAR

June

June

Sun 7th TRINITY 1
8.00am CHRIST CHURCH
Holy Communion
9.30am CHRIST CHURCH
Family Service
6.00pm *Marston Chapel*
Rev Gary Gotham
Holy Communion

Sun 28th TRINITY 4
9.30am CHRIST CHURCH
Parish Communion
6.00pm *Marston Chapel*
Rev David Coppard

July

Sun 14th TRINITY 2
9.30am CHRIST CHURCH
Parish Communion
6.00pm *Marston Chapel*
No Service - United Service at
Whitley Chapel at 6.00pm

Sun 5th TRINITY 5
8.00am CHRIST CHURCH
Holy Communion
9.30am CHRIST CHURCH
Family Service
6.00pm *Marston Chapel*
Rev Gary Gotham
Holy Communion

Sun 21st TRINITY 3
9.30am CHRIST CHURCH
Morning Worship
6.00pm *Marston Chapel*
No Service - United Service at
Wesley Road, Trowbridge,
at 4.00pm



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

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

CHURCH ROTAS

Sidesmen – June 2015

| | | | |
|----------------------|---------|---------------------------------|------------------|
| Sun 7 th | 8.00 am | Mr R Shercliff | Holy Communion |
| | 9.30am | Mrs S Courth, Mr L Courth | Family Service |
| Sun 14 th | 9.30am | Mrs M Boyns, Mr P Witcher | Parish Communion |
| Sun 21 st | 9.30am | Mrs M Armand-Smith, Mr T Walker | Morning Worship |
| Sun 28 th | 9.30am | Mrs J Buckley, Mrs A Cross | Parish Communion |

Sidesmen – July 2015

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|---------------------|---------|--------------------------|----------------|
| Sun 5 th | 8.00 am | Mr R Shercliff | Holy Communion |
| | 9.30am | Mrs A Pratt, Mr T Brewer | Family Service |

| | Altar Flowers | Brass Cleaning | Church Flowers |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| June 7 th | Mrs Brierley | Mr Collins | P. Wright |
| June 14 th | Mrs Smith | Mrs J Wright | S. Hale |
| June 21 st | Mrs Puckle Hobbs | Mrs Lane | M. Brewer |
| June 28 th | Mrs Francis | Mr Keates | A. Darling |
| July 5 th | Mrs Brierley | Mrs Mason | S. Horn |

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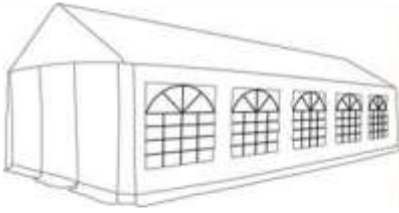
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Neighbourhood Planning Timetable - Every Voice Counts

There are 253 town and parish councils within Wiltshire. The Wiltshire Council Annual Parish Report for 2015 indicates that of the 253 parish councils, only 30 are currently involved with Neighbourhood Plans with others showing interest, of which Worton is one. Wiltshire Council outlines a number of essential elements for successful neighbourhood planning of which two are:

1. It should involve the whole community at all stages
2. It should be supported by at least half of the community

During the last few months there has been growing support for a neighbourhood plan. Your Parish Council has responded with a realistic timetable to maximise community involvement in this decision process. There will be a public open session in **October 2015** to which the whole community will be invited. At this open session the results of the recent parish survey will be presented, together with an explanation of the Wiltshire Core Strategy, what a neighbourhood plan is, process and timescale, as well as alternative options available to the Parish. This session will canvass the views of the parish.

In **September 2015** there will be a volunteer meeting for those who would consider joining a Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. The intention of the meeting is for potential volunteers to exchange experiences and lessons learnt from volunteers in other NP Steering Groups to gain a good understanding of the long-term commitment which will be needed.

A successful neighbourhood plan needs full community involvement. Worton Parish Council is committed to providing opportunity for all parishioners to participate in the future planning of the village. Thank you, Worton Parish Council.

VOLUNTEER EVENING

Could You Contribute to a Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group?

Worton Parish Council invites and welcomes all parishioners who would consider joining a neighbourhood plan steering group (NPSG) to a meeting in **September 2015** (date to be confirmed). A NPSG needs a wide range of skills as well as comprising a diverse mix of volunteers to represent the breadth of age, background, employment, interest and localities within the parish.

The intention of this meeting is for potential volunteers to meet existing volunteers in other parishes who are already engaged in the process of a Neighbourhood Plan. This will help volunteers understand the scope and long-term commitment which will be needed as well as sharing the benefit of others' experience and lessons learned. This will be an informal, relaxed evening with opportunity for open discussion and refreshments.

If you would like to attend this meeting and are considering joining a Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, please book a place by contacting the clerk@worton.org.uk. or by writing to the Chair, Roger Wilshire at 26 Sandlease, Worton. Thank you, Worton Parish Council.

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The church is financed entirely by its congregation and regular givers but over recent years the number of people able to give in this way has decreased through people dying or moving away from the villages. This is of considerable concern to the viability of the church for the future.

We have now reached the position where the existing contributors can no longer support the cost of running the church. In addition, following a report by the church architect, essential work on the building has been identified which will cost in the region of £30,000 over the next five years.

Can you help by making a regular monthly donation to support your village church and keep it open and available for all?

A bank standing order is printed below but if you require any further information or wish to make a donation in any other way please do not hesitate to contact me, the Treasurer or one of the Churchwardens.

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WORTON AND MARSTON VILLAGE HALL REPORT

The Village Hall AGM took place on Tuesday April 21st when the following Trustees were elected:

Veronica Franklin (Chair), Helen Morse (Vice Chair), Jo Banks (Secretary), Pauline Crisp (Treasurer), Jeff Stocks (Trustee with the lead on Maintenance and Health & Safety).

Our sincere thanks go to Tony Walker, Frank Marshall and Teresa Chandler who stood down after several years of service each. Teresa will remain a member of our management committee representing the Ladies Group.

We still have one vacancy for a Trustee and would particularly like to have someone from Marston since the other Trustees all live in Worton. We are also looking for someone who can lead on involving the young people of our villages in using the Hall. This could be the same person or not. If you feel you could actively contribute to the running of the Village Hall please speak to either Veronica Franklin on 726845 or Jo Banks on 726658. We are a friendly bunch committed to ensuring the continuance of the Hall for both villages.

VILLAGE HALL MAINTENANCE -

The Village Hall maintenance group met regularly in 2014 and worked on improving the inner and outer foyers and the internal décor of the Hall. This spring the trustees have concentrated on submitting grant applications to improve the external fabric of the building. At the time of writing this we have not heard the outcome of these but they are expected soon so watch this space. We would like to say thank you to both Marston & Worton Parish Councils and to Mr Tim Weeding for their support which has been invaluable for the grant funding applications.

VILLAGE HALL HEALTH AND SAFETY

Following on from a fire safety check on the Hall, we have ordered a heat proof shield which, by the time of reading this, should have been installed to prevent the hob setting fire to the fridge if it should over-heat.

VILLAGE HALL 200 CLUB

The first draw of this year took place on April 29th. We left it as long as possible to encourage people to renew their subscription. To date 74 people have either joined for the first time or renewed their subscription. This is a far cry from the target of 200 but we are still hopeful that some of you who have not yet re-joined have simply forgotten to. If this is the case please get in touch with Veronica Franklin on 726845. Please think of joining as the money is crucial for supporting the ongoing maintenance of the Hall and for providing match funding for grant applications. April's winners are John Goss (ticket 141) and Paul Hams (14).

Jo Banks

Christ Church PCC Meeting

The Parochial Church Council of Christ Church met on Tuesday 28th April and discussed the following:

1. Attempts will be made to try to get better representation on the Family of Churches from denominations other than the Anglicans and Methodists (who make up almost the whole of it currently). In the meantime, the organisational aspects will be undertaken at Christ Church PCC meetings
2. There is growing concern about church finances, with planned giving by church members no longer covering outgoings. This is due to a drop in income, rather than increased expenditure, which continues to be rigidly controlled. It is likely that further appeals will need to be made to the congregations and also more widely.
3. The following officers were elected for the coming church year:
Vice Chairman of PCC: Jean Lane Electoral Roll Officer: Peter Witcher
Honorary Treasurer: Louise Hale PCC Secretary: Peter Witcher
4. The churchwardens confirmed that very substantial sums of money are likely to be required, over the next five years, to meet the cost of repairs recommended by the church architect. A programme of dealing with these in a phased manner is being worked on.
5. Much appreciation was expressed of all of the preparation for and subsequent celebration of Easter. This involves a lot of work by David and others, but results in very moving services for those who attend.
6. Preparations were discussed for the annual Holiday Club in the school summer holidays. More details will be announced later. In the meantime, a joint meeting with the PCC of St Mary's, Potterne will be held to discuss how the youth work currently undertaken under the auspices of Bath Youth for Christ can be continued, after the sponsorship of the current generous donors ceases.

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Under 6s (next season's Under 7s) – a great thanks to Barber Gary Hatto for helping a local youth team look a cut above the rest by sponsoring the team's new kit.

Under 14s: are ending the season with 3 wins and a draw in the last 4 matches, to move into 4th position in their respective league. The team now prepare for their International tour to Germany, departing on 26th May, with a visit to FC Koln (Cologne) and with 2 matches against local teams. Many thanks for all those who have supported the various fund raising activities over the last few months to allow this tour to take place.

Team contact details:

Reception Year (tasters) + Under 7 & 8s: Dave 07843678781 or Mark 01380-813160

U6 & 9 & 10 – Jason 07590-427999

U11: Ian 01380-848437

U12: Jake 07741-306303

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WORTON PARISH COUNCIL (WPC)

Key Messages from WORTON PARISH COUNCIL (WPC) who met on Wednesday, 6th April at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. (Agenda and Minutes of all meetings are on the Parish noticeboard located outside the Rose and Crown Pub.)

Village Survey - The response to the village survey has been overwhelming with almost 300 completed surveys. WPC would like to thank everyone who responded and look forward to sharing the results in due course. A quick assessment shows an interest in a youth council and support for affordable homes. The results will follow in The Bridge and on the Worton website, and will be on display at the WPC Open Session to consider Neighbourhood Planning in October.

Neighbourhood Planning - The Parish Council is preparing for an **Open Session in October** to facilitate all members of the community to consider options available to Worton and for parishioners to air their views on how we move forward.

In addition, there will be a **Volunteer Evening in September** (date to be announced). The intention of this meeting is for potential volunteers for a neighbourhood plan steering group to meet with volunteers from other parishes who are already involved with this process. This will be an informal evening and all are welcome. (see separate notice for more detail).

Worton Tree Regeneration - If you could accommodate at least one tree then please contact us - you will have a choice of tree to ensure it is suitable for the location and a protector and stake will be provided. All you have to do is plant it and admire it for many years to come!

Superfast Broadband - Superfast broadband is now available in Worton to all subscribers serviced through Cabinet 21 (near the post-box in the High Street) and to upgrade should contact their broadband service provider. Unfortunately, up to 40 houses (including the whole of Gaisford Chase) are linked to Cabinet 3 in Potterne which at present BT considers commercially uneconomic to upgrade to Superfast Broadband. WPC is pressing BT to transfer all Worton residents to Cabinet 21.

Parishioner Attendance - We are delighted to report that we have had a significant number of parishioners attending the last few meetings. 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. The next **Council Meeting is on Monday 1st June at 7.30 in the Village Hall.**

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

Well, you've had your chance to participate in democracy. Whether or not you voted and whether or not the result was what you wanted, the die is cast and we have a government selected by the people in accordance with the rules of our system.

In the Devizes constituency, the turnout was over 71%, which is the highest since the election of 1992, nearly a quarter of a century ago. If a high participation rate is a good thing, then perhaps the health of our democracy is improving.

Another statistic of interest is that nearly 58% of the voters in the Devizes constituency supported the winning candidate, which is the highest proportion since 1935.

The democratic process, by definition, is competitive. In some ways it can also be confrontational but the same can be said of the legal process (criminally accused vs prosecutor, civil litigant vs defender) and to some degree, the planning process (applicant vs objectors). It is a reflection on civilisation if these contests are conducted without rancour. As far as I could tell, the interchange in this area between the protagonists in the General Election was almost unfailingly polite, which I think reflects well on our community and our society.

Having selected our representatives, we may, from time to time, need access to them so that they can deal with our personal issues. In the case of our MP, we can write or seek a personal meeting at one of the regular surgeries.

At county level, there are other opportunities to take an active part in the process of government. Full Council meetings, Cabinet meetings and most committee meetings are open to the public, who can usually speak if they wish. Locally, there is easy access to elected members (including me) through the Area Board, which meets every two months.

The next meeting of the Devizes Area Board is on Monday, 27th July. Doors open at 6.00pm and the proceeding start at 6.30pm and usually go on until 8.30pm. It's too soon for me to confirm the location or the agenda but there are normally a number of topics of interest. Details will be published on <http://devizes.ourcommunitymatters.org.uk/> and on the Wiltshire Council website.

I look forward to seeing you at the next Area Board.

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



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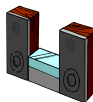
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We need people in Worton & Marston* who can be **Monster Makers** for the Monster Trail (it's like a scarecrow trail but with monsters)

Monster Makers will need to make a monster & put it outside their house on 31st October so it's visible to passers-by.

What you make is up to you but be creative – we don't want lots of Frankenstein's.

We'll need to know what you're going to make so we can design the trail.

All proceeds from the day will go to the Village Hall, Five Lanes School & the British Heart Foundation.

Please get in touch with Chris Johnson on 720580 or Jo Banks on 726658 if you want to sign up to be a Monster Maker – please let us know by end June.

*Mill Road, Norney Bridge & some others (depending on where your house is) – for safety reasons we can't unfortunately include your houses in the trail BUT if you'd like to make a monster anyway, these will be displayed outside the Village Hall.



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Five Lanes CE Primary School



The children have been very busy making things to sell at the school fete, which included friendship bracelets, painted bird feeders and a competition was held for the best decorated Jam Jar.

Our sports teams have been active too, completing the local netball tournament competitions and also a group of 10 took part in the School Games Swimming Gala held at Devizes Leisure centre.

The Year 6 students have just completed their SATs (Standard Assessment Tests) week, whilst at the other end of the age scale, preparations are underway to welcome the new intake of Reception children in September. The school continues to work closely with Carer's Nest Pre-school in Potterne and welcome visits by any families making their preparations for their child(ren) to start school. Please contact the school or call into the office if you would like a copy of the current prospectus & recent Ofsted report – we are happy to answer any questions or arrange a school visit. Later in the year an Open Day will be held at Five Lanes School , more information to follow in the next few months.

The PFA held two cake stalls in April, which raised £141.95, as well as a film night, that the children enjoyed whilst raising £73. Thank you to all the bakers & supporters!

Request – if anyone has any white or silver wool to donate for the school carnival project we would be very grateful. Alternatively if you have some spare time to make small white or silver wool pom-poms we would be delighted to receive these by the 3rd September.

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SEEND PARISH PLAN STEERING GROUP CONSULTATION

Seend Parish Plan Steering Group is conducting a Research Project into whether or not the parishioners want to create a Parish Plan. A lot of data was collected in the Village Appraisal undertaken by members of the Parish Council in 2011. It is being used by a Steering Group to create a village Parish Plan, based on present day views. (This project is not led by the Parish Council).

Who owns this village? THE INHABITANTS DO!

Parishioners are now being asked to share their ideas about how they want the village to be ten years hence: some change will inevitably take place but here's a chance for Parishioners to influence that change. It is hoped that by doing this the village will have a voice that can better control what happens to the village in the future.

The Steering Group wants the community to be involved and is working towards a presentation at the Pavilion on Wednesday 24th June (7.00-9.00pm) and Saturday 27th June (3.00-6.00pm) at which there will be ample opportunities for people to contribute their views. **These are open drop-in meetings and the Steering Group will welcome visitors from neighbouring communities.**

A website www.seendparishplan.org has been launched with information and data about the village, with links to Facebook so that a dialogue can take place for those who like to use a modern format, and hope that this will encourage the younger members of the community to be involved.

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(Contribution from a well-meaning Seend resident)

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The **Bring & Buy Sale** held in aid of **Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Appeal** on Saturday 18th April 2015 raised £170.94. This is a great start to our fund raising for the year and, with the donations already coming in, we are very optimistic that this could be one of our best years yet.

Thank you so much to all those who came along on the day to donate, buy and help.

Please continue to look out for empty shoe boxes for us to wrap as we have already started filling boxes and last year they were in very short supply.

If you would like to get involved this year, please contact either Janice Charlton on 01380 818533 or Sheila Mitchell on 01380 722424.

WORTON& MARSTON LINK SCHEME Charity No. 1061770

Last month at the Rose & Crown we held our AGM, the meeting as normal did not go on for too long, there is a chairman's report, a financial report which are available together with the minutes, please ring the Link number 720207 if you would like a copy.

In brief, volunteers in Wiltshire Link Schemes carried out a million miles in supportive journeys in 2014. Of that, Worton & Marston Link undertook 179 journeys which entailed 360 driver hours, these included 24 to hospitals. The other trips involved visits to various local surgeries, dentists and other essential trips.

We have 24 named drivers on the books, which is the same as last year. It may seem like a large number but with holidays, illness and other commitments, at any one time there is less than half that number available to be telephoned. For insurance purposes we insure for twelve drivers even though we never need more than two drivers on the road at once. It can be difficult to fulfil our obligations so please ask your friends and neighbours if they would like to join, it only entails on average approximately about an hour a month. Please ring the Link number 720207 for further details.

Our annual fund raising Quiz Night has been arranged for Friday 13th November, in the village hall please put that in your diary, it is usually a very good night.

I would like to thank the committee members for their support during the year and give my appreciation to the volunteers for the hours they put in. In addition, a special mention must be given to Hazel Rennie who as treasurer and Co-ordinator puts in a large amount of valuable time. We may be one of the smaller Link schemes in the county but we work well, long may we continue so that in the future we may all use it when necessary.

Alun Newman

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Proposal for
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Public meeting 22 June 2015
7pm Lavington School

There will be a presentation on our vision for Lavington School Sixth Form, followed by the opportunity for the public to ask questions relating to the proposal. The full consultation document is available to view on our school website.

Consultation on a proposal to change the age range of Lavington School from 11-16 to 11-18 years, effective from 1 September 2017.

Why we want a Sixth Form:

- To provide high quality education for our community at all key stages.
- To meet parent, student and community demand.
- To aid successful transition, so reducing the number of students who drop out of year 12.
- To promote high aspirations and ambitions for our students across the age ranges.
- To bring more depth and vibrancy to our school and local community.
- To recruit and retain high quality staff.
- To grow our successful academy, so securing viability.
- To reduce the travel time and cost for students, allowing them to continue to study in our rural community.
- To grow our own future employees for our local economy.

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The date for June 2015 is Wednesday 3rd when the menu will be:

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The maize was planted on the 24th April this year, a week later than last year, however I do not think it has made much difference. The soil was warm and moist when the seed was drilled. It is now up and growing at a rapid rate. When the seed was drilled we had fertiliser, called maize kicka, placed by the seed. In essence the fertiliser kick starts the maize seed and gives it essential nutrients right from day one, aiding establishment and growth.

We have started first cut silage making, with 35 acres cut on the 11th May with another 70 acres to do. However by the time you all read this I would hope that we will be finished, weather depending of course. I will be then praying for good weather in June so that we can make some quality hay.

With spring here, the farm is awash with wildlife and I am pleased to say that the English Partridges are still here on the farm. With their breeding season nearly upon us, I hope they will find somewhere with cover where they will successfully breed. I have been getting advice from a local game keeper on how to enhance parts of the farm so that wild game birds will successfully breed here.

On a final note with the cattle out in their fields please take care whilst walking the footpaths where there are cattle and please make sure you keep your dogs on leads. We do not want any accidents to happen.

Robert Goss

1st Potterne Rainbows

This week has seen us complete the final activity of the World on our Doorstep challenge which was in line with our Thinking Day activities. We have covered the continents of the world decorating Russian spoons, undertaking chopstick races, making crowns, origami swans, bath salts and much more. It’s been very busy but we have all enjoyed it especially eating our apple owls this week!

Our Poppy Challenge badge came to a close this term as we sent our cheque to the Royal British Legion for £88.40. Thank you to everyone who supported our sponsored doughnut eating and cakes at the Christmas Bazaar.

We have a busy term coming up with lots of suggestions for cooking, eating, researching other countries and playing games outside so the leaders are working on new projects and badges to undertake.

We will also be having a Pot of Gold Party where one of our Rainbows will be leaving us so there will be lots of singing, games and more fun to be had.

We are back on 2nd June after half term, see you there!

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HELEN LEE - HOMEOPATHY

Alternative relief for hay fever sufferers

The [hay fever season](#) is well and truly upon us, but this is no reason to ignore the symptoms which can cause discomfort for so many. [Homeopaths](#) are busy helping [hay fever](#) sufferers who want an alternative to conventional medication to ease their symptoms. Between 15 and 20 per cent of the British population suffer from the often debilitating symptoms of pollen allergy, ranging from [sneezing to itchy swollen eyes](#).

Some of those turn to [homeopathy](#) because they find that anti-histamines don't work well or have side effects, and others want an alternative to conventional drugs or a longer term solution to tackling their symptoms.

[Homeopathic remedies](#) can not only tackle the symptoms when they happen, but by triggering the [body's own system of healing](#), can help to stop the symptoms occurring in the first place.

A number of research trials into the use of [homeopathic remedies](#) in the [treatment of patients with hay fever](#), have shown significant improvement in symptoms.

It is recommended that a [qualified and registered homeopath](#) is consulted as each sufferer will be treated according to their own individual combination of symptoms and how it affects them. However, [homeopathic medicines](#) (known as remedies) can be used at home, once the symptoms start.

Listed below are some common remedies and pointers to the symptoms that would indicate their use:

Euphrasia: eyes inflamed, with profuse watering which seems to burn. Can be a thick discharge from eyes and feeling of pressure. Nose streaming. Better in the open air.

Allium cepa: watery discharge from the nose, can drip, leaving nose sore and raw. Watery eyes. Violent sneezing. Better in the open air.

Arsenicum: burning watery discharge from eyes and nose, with tickling building up to a sneeze. At its worst just after midnight. This patient will be restless and anxious.


Nux vom: sneezing fits, nose, eyes and face very irritated and hot. Itching extends to the larynx and trachea. Eyes light-sensitive. Irritated, impatient and snappy.

Lachesis: sneezing fits worse after sleep. Headache and dry stuffed sensation through the head, with red puffy face and sore nostrils and lips. The throat can also be sensitive, especially to pressure.

[Homeopathy](#) is a [system of medicine](#) which involves treating the individual with highly diluted substances, given mainly in tablet form, with the aim of triggering the body's natural system of healing.

For more information on treating hay fever and other conditions contact:

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Bob will be working on his own St John Passion, and we have singers coming from all over the south of England, and Scotland with applications still coming in – but there are some places left, so please don't delay sending in your application.

The workshop will run from registration at 9.30 through to 5.30, with the run-through performance, complete with soloists, from 6-7pm. Perfect for friends and family to listen to what you've been doing all day!

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WORTON & MARSTON LADIES GROUP

We had a very interesting evening at our April meeting; Ann Howard spoke on the work done by the Mothers Union which was very informative, thank you Ann.

At our May meeting we are having, or by the time you read this we will have had, a talk by Richard Snow on Wild Flowers. The hostesses for May: J.Lovey, J.Stokes.

Our June meeting will be on the 24th June when we shall enjoy a lunch at the White Horse Restaurant, Trowbridge College. Hope to see you all there.

Advance notice: we are hoping to visit the control room Police HQ for our July meeting. (This has to be confirmed). Pam Woods

Information on Progress at the Solar Farm in Marston

(as at 11th May)

- 70% of the way through construction
- Piling the frames into the ground (one of the noisiest elements to the build) is complete
- The solar modules are being mounted onto the frames
- The substation building construction is underway
- A few spectators have been trespassing off the public right of way. Whilst it is great to have interest, **we encourage residents to stay on the footpath**. We can arrange a full site tour once construction is complete
- We expect the majority of on-site workers and deliveries to cease by the end of May, with post-energisation works to be completed by mid-June.

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

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June

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- 13th Book Swap
- 24th Ladies Group

Devizes Farmers' Market
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