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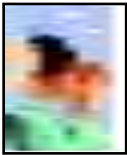
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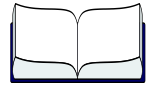


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Letter from the Vicarage



Do you like jigsaw puzzles? I am not a fan; I prefer to look at the picture on the box and go off and do something else. However, some puzzles do intrigue me; like the quest to find out how all things hold together. Maybe it's because I trained as a scientist in my early life.

A physicist speaking on the radio said he was hoping for great things now the Large Hadron Collider is up and running again. This massive machine, hidden underground at Cern in Switzerland, may have already identified the 'God particle'; something I can't comprehend, but is apparently central to an understanding of how the world is built. But he was also baffled by the fact that, even with this amazing resource, we are discovering more and more we simply don't understand.

The website of the Science Museum in London puts it well:

'The Standard Model of particle physics, the theory that describes all the known particles, and hence everything that makes up the visible universe, is considered one of mankind's greatest intellectual achievements. A triumph of our ability to uncover the basic laws that operate at the roots of reality. And yet despite its success in describing the stuff that we are made from, the Standard Model has one gaping (and rather embarrassing) hole. It fails to account for around 95% of the universe.'

Whoops, it is rather embarrassing to try and explain something; to realise you've only covered 5% of your target and then have to invent something else you can't even describe to explain the rest! And that, according to the website, is 'one of mankind's greatest intellectual achievements.'

I think it rather puts us in our place. It is an amazing universe we inhabit and one whose secrets we are only just beginning to unlock. And that doesn't surprise me. I believe that behind our wonderful world is a Creator who is so far beyond us that our best efforts only scratch the surface of what He has created. We can get hot under the collar over how He created everything; was it in seven literal days as some read the Bible; or over millions of years by some process of development? I'm not really too bothered to be honest; the important point the Bible makes is WHO created the universe, not how. We call the Creator God, and Johannes Kepler, the man who worked out the orbits of the planets, described science as 'thinking God's thoughts after Him'.

And even more amazing is the fact that God is interested in us. The Bible describes humans as the pinnacle of God's creation, each one of us precious to Him. Perhaps we spend too much time worrying about what we do not know, the mysteries of space and time; and too little time remembering what we do know, that the Creator of all things sent His son to die for us all, to rise again and to be with us forever if we ask Him. I prefer to look at the pieces of the puzzle I already have, not worry about the bits I don't. And that, I think, should be enough for any of us.

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SERVICE CALENDAR

October

October

Sun 4th TRINITY 18
8.00am CHRIST CHURCH
Holy Communion
9.30am CHRIST CHURCH
Family Service
6.00pm *Marston Chapel*
Harvest Festival
Rev Gary Gotham

Sun 25th BIBLE SUNDAY
9.30am CHRIST CHURCH
Parish Communion
6.00pm *Marston Chapel*
Mr Peter Walker

November

Sun 11th TRINITY 19
9.30am CHRIST CHURCH
Parish Communion
6.00pm *Marston Chapel*
Holy Communion
Rev Gary Gotham

Sun 1st ALL SAINTS DAY
8.00am CHRIST CHURCH
Holy Communion
9.30am CHRIST CHURCH
Family Service
6.00pm Commemoration Service
St Mary's, Potterne
6.00pm *Marston Chapel*
Holy Communion
Rev Cathy Arscott

Sun 18th TRINITY 20
9.30am CHRIST CHURCH
Matins
6.00pm *Marston Chapel*
Rev David Coppard



There was a Service of Thanksgiving at Christ Church during August for James Percy Keates.

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

CHURCH ROTAS

Sidesmen – October 2015

| | | | |
|----------------------|--------|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Sun 4 th | 8.00am | Mr R Shercliff | Holy Communion |
| | 9.30am | Mrs A Pratt, Mr R Nott | Family Service |
| Sun 11 th | 9.30am | Mrs D Barcham, Mr P Witcher | Parish Communion |
| Sun 18 th | 9.30am | Mrs J Buckley, Mr T Walker | Matins |
| Sun 25 th | 9.30am | Mrs J Mason, Ms L Hale | Parish Communion |

Sidesmen – November 2015

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|---------------------|--------|--------------------------|----------------|
| Sun 1 st | 8.00am | Mr R Shercliff | Holy Communion |
| | 9.30am | Mrs A Cross, Mr T Brewer | Family Service |

| | Altar Flowers | Brass Cleaning | Church Flowers |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| October 4 th | Mrs Walker | Mrs Brierley | Mrs P Woods |
| October 11 th | Mrs Puckle Hobbs | Mrs Mason | Mrs G Holiday |
| October 18 th | Mrs Francis | Mrs Lane | Mrs J Mason |
| October 25 th | Mrs Brierley | Mrs Brierley | Mrs S Horn |
| November 1 st | Mrs F Smith | Mrs Hailstone | Mrs S Hale |

Church Cleaning

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| October 4 th | Mrs Leggatt | Mrs Sperring |
| October 18 th | Mrs Cross | Mrs Nixon |



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Remembrance Sunday

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Robin Shercliff, Village Coordinator



The 'Badgers'

Steve Dagnall
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Worton & Cheverell FC

<http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/wortonandcheverellfc/>

Activity within the Club has started at all levels, with participation in the local leagues organised under FA rules. We are always looking for new members to join, and trust you can support your local Club which covers all the Village communities from Keevil / Seend / to Urchfont areas. The annual membership fees are very low, and the Club is run by volunteers at all levels.

At the younger age levels the following training schedules are in place for October (Phone contact details below for all age groups):

New Reception Year 'Taster' sessions – Fridays at 5.30pm at St Barnabas School (Mkt Lavington) - contact: Mark Goddard

Under 6 (year 1) - same as above (Parent helpers required)

Under 7 (Year 2) - Friday at 4.00 pm at Five Lanes Worton School - contact Jason Reynolds

Under 8- Friday at 6.00 pm at St Barnabas School (Mkt Lavington) - Mark Goddard

Under 9 - same as Under 8 training - Dave Kiddle

Under 10/11 - Friday 5.00 pm at Five Lanes Worton site - contact Jason Reynolds

Other age groups - see coach contact details below.

Date for Diaries: 'Badgers Bash' = Saturday 10 October at 7.30 pm at Market Lavington Community Hall. The Club are organising a Band/Disco evening - please see poster in this edition or contact Mark Goddard / Dave Kiddle - details below. Come along and Support your Local Club.

Team contact details:

Reception Year (tasters) + U6 & 8s: Mark – 01380 813160 or 07974723008

U7and U10/11: Jason 07734627449

U9: Dave 07843678781

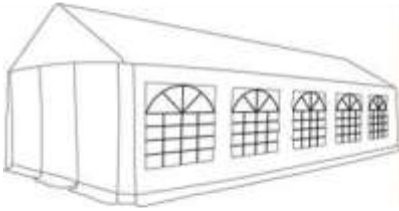
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The poem read by Alexandra Keates, granddaughter of Jim Keates,
at his Service of Thanksgiving

Crossing the Bar, by Alfred, Lord Tennyson

Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning of the bar,
When I put out to sea,
But such a tide as moving seems asleep,
Too full for sound and foam,
When that which drew from out the boundless deep
Turns again home.
Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark!
And may there be no sadness of farewell,
When I embark;
For tho' from out our bourne of Time and Place
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crost the bar.

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We welcome everyone to this service, but especially any who have been bereaved this past year, and others who feel that this service might help them in their journey following bereavement, no matter how long ago that may be.

If you would like your loved one to be mentioned at the service, please write their names on the lists which will be at the back of St. Mary's and Christ Church in October.



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Please telephone or email to book your place:

Dot and Bill Francis: 01380 739986 blyb01@aol.com

Suzanne Bonfield: 01380 724098 suzanne.bonfield@gmail.com

Notes for your diary:

Our AGM will be held at the Village Hall on Monday 16th November at 7:45 p.m. Please submit any agenda items to Suzanne Bonfield.

Make your own Christmas Wreath - date to be confirmed but near to Christmas. This is an opportunity to make a fresh Christmas wreath with all materials provided. Date and costs to be confirmed.

We look forward to seeing you all.

Dot Francis

Programme Secretary



The statistics for September:

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VILLAGE HALL 200 CLUB

The winners of the Village Hall 200 club in August were Keith Green - £50 and Rosemary Rosenfeld - £10 and for September are Eric Clack - £50 and John Goss - £10. Congratulations to all of these and many thanks to all of you who continue to support the Hall in this way.

VILLAGE HALL

After generous additional donations from the two Parish Councils I am pleased to say that we have reached our target sum required for the refurbishment of the external fabric of the Worton and Marston Village Hall... and not a minute too soon, as work is already in progress and due to complete on October 30th (hopefully), just in time for the monster trail and bash. The Trustees would like to thank the Parish Councils for their continuing support and also acknowledge a substantial grant from Viridor credits, plus additional grants from the local Area Board, the Community Foundation, and Devizes Lions, without which the work would not have been possible. Finally thank you to all villagers who have been so supportive in our endeavour, especially those living in the vicinity of the Hall whilst the work is in progress.

Veronica Franklin

Some of the jokes voted the funniest at the Edinburgh Fringe:

"I just deleted all the German names off my phone. It's Hans free"

"What's the difference between a 'hippo' and a 'Zippo'? One is really heavy, the other is a little lighter"

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

Where would you draw the line? I am not thinking about social behaviour (as you may have guessed) but geographical, administrative boundaries. To a geography geek like me, it is an interesting subject.

The definition of administrative boundaries is an ancient art. You may know that the origin of shire counties goes back to Saxon times (Sussex = south Saxons, Norfolk = north folk, etc.). So do parishes. It is not by accident that five of the parishes in this Division are on the spring line at the edge of the Plain (Erlestoke, Great Cheverell, Little Cheverell, West Lavington and Market Lavington) and each has a component on the high chalk-land (grazing) and the lower greensand and clay (arable and forest). It is not by accident either that the parish once owned by the Bishop of Salisbury (West Lavington, formerly called Bishop's Lavington) has the strongest spring and the largest area of the Plain. Look at the map if you want an indication of where power then lay!

Today, the sense of identity that runs with these ancient boundaries still runs deep. How many of you would wish Little Cheverell to merge with Great Cheverell? West Lavington with Market Lavington? Marston with Worton?

No such changes are planned but, elsewhere, change is in the air. Before the next town and county elections in 2017, Roundway parish will merge with Devizes Town, and bits of Bishops Cannings will too. This will reflect the fact that Devizes has effectively grown to absorb these formerly rural areas.

After 2017, boundary changes to Unitary Council Divisions will be necessary to accommodate the population change that army rebasing will bring to Tidworth, Ludgershall, Bulford and Larkill. Perhaps that review will also correct the current anomaly that Poulshot, in sight of Devizes, is aligned administratively at county level with Melksham.

Not long ago, the national Boundary Commission proposed that this Division should become part of a new constituency of Shaftesbury and Warminster. We saw off that foolish idea but the fact that it arose in the first place indicates that the bureaucrats charged with reviewing boundaries are not always aware of geography. Clearly, the Boundary Commission knew nothing of Salisbury Plain.

The administrative boundaries of the Police & Crime Commissioner, the Fire Service, the NHS and the EU are also potentially contentious. We geographers have much to keep us interested.

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What's happening on the farm!

After another busy couple of months here on the farm, harvest is finally over. I think I must have jinxed the weather after my last entry, what a wet August we have had!

We were able to haul home the barley straw that we buy from a local arable farmer at the beginning of August. However because of the bad weather during August the wheat was not cut until September. This was bad news both for him and us! Because of all the rain the wheat had started to shoot, which may have meant that instead of going for bread making it may only be good for cattle feed. This means that he may lose the premium that he would achieve for milling wheat. And for us the straw is black and brittle (and dusty), not the nice and golden colour that you would expect from wheat straw.

By the time you all read this article the maize will be harvested. It has done well this year and looks like it will yield very well. With all the wet weather we have had recently, the cobs are very well grown. All we need now is the sun to come out to finish ripening the cobs and then it will be fit to cut.

With the breaks in the weather we have been able to plough up a 20 acre field and reseed it with a longer term silage and grazing mixture of grass rather than the quick growing ryegrasses that we have grown previously. Before ploughing I gave the field a good coating of manure to help put body back into the soil as well as adding to its fertility. Hopefully the grass should be up and growing soon.

On a final note as I keep writing about the weather I thought I would give this a mention. I recently came across an article which stated that: "We are set for the coldest winter for 50 years!" We shall have to wait and see!

Robert Goss



Themed Meal

Sorry to all those who were looking forward to an evening of fun and fine dining in the Village Hall next month. It is not happening this year owing to the rebuilding of the hall.



BUT

Look out for next year!

Christ Church was built in 1841, one hundred and seventy five years ago and we are planning a year of celebrations. There will be a variety of different activities throughout the year to suit most tastes and all ages, including that meal!

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WINTER LECTURE**

Sat 10th October, 2.15pm in Seend Community Centre.

The first talk in this season's series is 'Lacock Abbey and the Magna Carta', by Annalise Gerrish. Admission £3 (£2 Association members).

WEAR IT PINK!

Friday 23rd October from 6pm in the Lounge Bar at Seend Community Centre

Wear something - or everything - pink to support Breast Cancer Research.

Suggested entry donation, £2.



In case you have not seen the posters in the village the Toddler group has encountered a few logistical problems at the Rose and Crown and decided that it is not going to be possible to use the skittle alley. Thank you to the Rose and Crown for their generous offer, but back to the drawing board.

It may be possible to do some craft work at Christ Church, so look out for posters. In the meantime babies and children under school age are welcome with their parents/grandparents/carers at 130 High Street between 10 and 12 on Wednesdays during term time until the work at the village hall is complete. There will be no charge.

If you are a new parent or new to the village or have just never been to Toddlers before we would love you to come along.

The future of the group depends on enough children attending and enough adults with good ideas for crafts and games and help with the organisation of the group. If you would like to become involved please let me know.

Dressing up box

We have decided to have a dressing up box. If you would like to give a home to any outgrown outfits, hats etc. that you no longer need please leave them in a bag outside my door at 130 High Street. They don't have to be off the peg - homemade is great.

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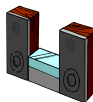
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Christ Church PCC Meeting

The Parochial Church Council of Christ Church met on Tuesday 25 August and discussed the following:

1. Following a further report from the church architect, it is evident that repairs will shortly be required to the cupola which surmounts the west face of the building. It is not yet dangerous but may become so, if further deterioration to the structure occurs. The churchwardens were authorised to commence the steps needed to effect the necessary repairs, which are likely to cost in excess of £10,000.
2. As also reported at the APCM in April, work is required to various parts of the building to make it more weather proof, and this will be undertaken shortly.
3. The financial situation continues to cause concern. The positive response to the recent appeal should ensure a better financial result than originally forecast, but still little better than break-even on this year's income and expenses. The costs referred to above will have to be met from reserves and it will then be necessary to try to rebuild them, by making further special appeals and fund-raising activities in 2016.
4. The Holiday Club children's activities in the summer were again a great success, with a total of 95 children attending overall throughout the week. The topic was very popular and the team of supporting volunteers, enthusiastic. David warmly thanked all those who had taken part, on behalf of the PCC.
5. The Marston Green Open-air service, which concludes Holiday Club week, had also been well attended and, with lively music and a BBQ, was enjoyed by all who went.
6. Autumn Events: David listed the various things which are planned for the season, all of which will be advertised in The Bridge. Some doubt currently exists, regarding the date of the annual Village "Theme" Meal, due to the likely disruption which will be caused by the repairs to the Village Hall.

Peter Witcher, Secretary of the PCC.

Speed-watch update

During the most recent week of monitoring the speed of vehicles travelling through our village, our team monitored 223 vehicles travelling in excess of the 30mph speed limit.

The Worton Speedwatch team have lost some of our team members due to several recent house moves and would appreciate your help.

If you are fed up with the speed at which some vehicles travel through Worton then please come and join our speedwatch team. All you need to do is ask one of our members when you see them at the roadside or contact Debs Mackay for more information - 01380 730564 or debsmackay@hotmail.com

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For an informal chat phone The NAOPV South West and Wales Regional Secretary on 07762616763

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If you are already a box holder I will be contacting you soon as it is almost time for your boxes to be opened.

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Five Lanes CE Primary School



During the first week back at school in September the Year 5 & 6 children went on a residential trip to Plas Pencelli, Wales. The weather was kind to them and they enjoyed many activities, including gorge walking, canoeing and rock climbing. Two parent helpers also accompanied the teaching staff on the trip and a great time was had by everyone.

It's lovely to see all the new arrivals in Reception class and they have already been on two 'welly walks' around Potterne and Worton.

The whole school is getting involved and enthusiastic about the Rugby World Cup and have various activities and events within their classes.

Open Day – Wednesday 30th September 2015, from 9.30 a.m.

We are inviting all prospective new parents, who have children starting school in September 2016 to come along and see what your local school has to offer. Various classes can be observed during the day - please contact the school if you wish to know the timetable. We look forward to welcoming you.

Harvest Services

Wednesday 7th October - St Mary's Church, Potterne at 9.45 a.m.

Thursday 8th October - Christchurch, Worton at 9.30 a.m.

More of the jokes voted the funniest at the Edinburgh Fringe:

"If I could take just one thing to a desert island I probably wouldn't go"

"Jesus fed 5,000 people with two fishes and a loaf of bread. That's not a miracle. That's tapas"

"Red sky at night. Shepherd's delight. Blue sky at night. Day"

"If you don't know what introspection is you need to take a long, hard look at yourself"

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Over 55s are being repeatedly contacted with cold-calls and emails offering fraudulent pension opportunities, warns Citizens Advice.

Over four months after the pension reforms came into effect, figures from the national consumer body find that two in five Citizens Advice pensions staff across England and Wales have seen people targeted repeatedly with pension scams.

Albert Ball, Project Manager at Wiltshire Citizens Advice Pension Wise said: “Pension scams threaten people’s financial security. Scammers are finding new ways to go after people’s pension pots including offering free pension reviews and promising to invest funds that don’t necessarily exist. If you’ve had an offer or signed up to a pension scheme you’re unsure about, I urge you to contact your local Citizens Advice where our staff can offer free help and support.”

Citizens Advice offers Pension Wise guidance where people aged over 50 can access free face to face guidance sessions. To book an appointment call 01722 580052

Common signs of a pension scam:

- Pension help for free: an offer of help with your pension, such as free review or help tracing a lost pension
- High rates of return: any promotion offering you a much higher rate of return than other investors
- Time pressure: if you are told you must give your details within a short time frame or sign paperwork from a courier
- Early access: an offer to help you access your pension before the age of 55

How to avoid being scammed

- Never be rushed into making a decision
- Check if the company contacting you is regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA)
- If you are unsure, contact The Pensions Advisory Service on 0300 123 1047 or contact Citizens Advice on 03454 04 05 06
- Look at the FCA’s Scamsmart warning list, which gives the names of investment schemes that are known scams. www.fca.org.uk/scamsmart
- If you have already accepted an offer you think is a scam, report it to Action Fraud

For further information on pension scams, visit pensionwise.gov.uk

Worton Parish Council

Worton Parish Council met on the 7th of September at the School as the Village Hall refurbishment has started. Many thanks to the School for hosting the meeting.

There will be a meeting about Neighbourhood Planning at 7pm on the 23rd of November in the Village Hall. All are invited to learn about how Neighbourhood Planning works, and what it would involve. We will be welcoming people from other communities who are either in the Neighbourhood Planning Process, or have taken a different route such as a Village Design Statement and we will be able to learn from their experiences.

The Council accepted the resignation of Martin Rose, and thanked him for all his hard work for the Council. There is therefore a vacancy for a Councillor, please contact the clerk if you are interested to know more about the role.

Representatives of the Council and residents met Clare Perry and a BT regional manager to discuss the problems some villagers are having connecting to superfast broadband, the work is still ongoing to find a solution to this.

The Council noted that the 30mph has been moved and 50mph zones have been instigated, with new signage, this is something that the Council have been working towards for a long time to improve road safety.

The Council also decided to provide more funding to the Village Hall refurbishment to cover VAT shortfall.

If you would like to contact the Council please call the Clerk Liz Read on 01380 813 294 or email clerk@worton.org.uk



Five Lanes Women's Institute

For our September meeting, the Five Lanes WI had a skittles evening in the Rose and Crown in Worton. We all had a great time. Sheila got the biggest score, and we felt that she was in a league of her own. After we were all bowled out, we feasted on scones and cream provided by the pub - delicious.

Our meeting in October is due to be held in Worton village hall, on Tuesday the 13th at 8pm. We will be having a talk on the pitfalls and pleasures of Family History. I am sure that it will be interesting, and I am looking forward to it. I hope that you will come and join us.

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Argentum nitricum: This remedy can look much like Gelsemium in that it has strong anticipatory anxiety with loose stools. Children needing this remedy are often overly emotional with vivid imaginations. Arg nit has to do with a dread of ordeals.

Arsenicum album: This homeopathic medicine is indicated when your child is very restless and insecure whilst anxious. They may feel exhausted but you know this tiredness has an emotional basis and is linked to anxiety. Children needing this remedy will make lots of plans and organise themselves carefully to reduce their anxiety. They are likely to organise themselves, their clothes, their school supplies, their schedule impeccably – to assure that nothing goes wrong, so nothing is out of their control. Lack of confidence

Calcarea carbonica: Children needing this remedy tend to be happy and easy-going for the most part, but can get very anxious with worries about small things. They are usually easily distracted from their worries, but when left with time to think, will start worrying again. Children needing this remedy are often a bit sluggish, and almost always very obstinate – this trait being especially visible when worried.

Gelsemium: This is a remedy for acute, anticipation in which the child seizes up with fear – trembling, stuttering, unable to think correctly. Very useful before the first day of school, before exams, public speeches, performances etc. Useful giving this remedy the night before an event causing anxiety, such as starting school, and again the morning of the event.

Lycopodium: This homeopathic remedy is indicated when your child is fearful that they will fail and look foolish or incompetent in front of others. They are likely to cover **this anxiety up with an overly confident manner but they don't feel confident. Often these types will 'perform very well each time but still have the preceding anxiety.**

Pulsatilla: A remedy for children who find change difficult. Children needing this remedy tend to be very sensitive and highly emotional, needing lots of affection and support. Children display their anxiety by excessive clinginess and whining. Older children can become very quiet and moody. They may lie in bed with overactive minds, thinking the same thoughts over and over, especially at times of change in their lives. Once asleep, they tend to have anxious dreams with twitching limbs.

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Release me from craving to try to straighten out everybody's affairs.

Make me thoughtful, but not moody, helpful but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom it seems a pity not to use it all, but Thou knowest, Lord, that I want a few friends at the end.

Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details, give me wings to get to the point.

Seal my lips from my many aches and pains. They are increasing and my love of rehearsing them is becoming greater as the years go by.

I ask for grace enough to listen to the tales of others' pains. Help me to endure this with patience.

Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally it is possible that I may be mistaken.

Keep me reasonably sweet. I do not want to be a Saint. Some of them are hard to live with; but a sour old woman is one of the crowning works of the devil.

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Hostess for September Teresa Chandler & Francis Moore.

Pam Woods

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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 4.45-5.45pm
- **Worton Parish Council Meeting**
1st Monday (not Aug) or as shown on notice boards

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Announced Monthly

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

Mobile Library

Location: The School - 1.00-1.40pm

Next Dates (every other Monday)

- Monday October 5th
- Monday October 19th

Call Wiltshire Library Services on 01225 713727 for information

Forthcoming Events

- 10th Book Swap
- 13th W.I.
- 19th Gardening Club
- 21st 'Monsters'

Devizes Farmers' Market

Next: Saturday 3rd and 17th October

The Shambles Antiques Market

Every Tuesday

Kerbside Collections

Black box and Plastic bottle and card recycling:
Wednesday 14th & 28th

Household waste:
Wednesday 7th & 21st

Garden waste (chargeable):
Friday 9th & 23rd



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

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