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find out about our plans for the hall & have your say.

ERIC ARTHUR CLACK

21st September 1923 – 23rd February 2016

It's with great sadness I write to announce the passing of Eric on 23rd February.

Eric, who was born and lived in Worton all his life, will be sadly missed by his friends and his family, daughters Rosalind, Dianna and brother Peter.

Eric served his time in the Royal Navy during the war, something of which he was very proud. He was a Parish Councillor for many years and enjoyed his pint at the Rose & Crown where he was part of the crib league.

Eric had a great sense of humour, and enjoyed having a chat with anyone. He could be seen during the summer pottering in his garden which gave him great pleasure. I'm sure many will miss seeing him in his window where he would wave to whoever went by.

It was lovely to see so many people at his funeral and thank you to all who donated to Help for Heroes.

We have lost another old character from the village and I personally will miss him a great deal.

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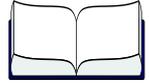


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Letter from the Vicarage



You may well know the Lord's Prayer by heart. We have been studying it during Lent because familiarity can obscure its depth and meaning.

Last week was 'forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us'. This is the only phrase of the Lord's Prayer Jesus comments on, because He knows how difficult and important it is. Jesus was quite clear; being forgiven by God must lead us to forgive others, no ifs, no buts.

Easter is about putting things right. Every human needs to be forgiven by God because we have ALL let Him down and fallen short of what He created us to be. The relationship which each of us should have with God has been broken by what the Bible calls sin. When Jesus died and rose again he made it possible for us to be right with God through faith in him. The relationship is restored, a new life begins. Forgiveness is offered to us as a free gift by God, but like all gifts it has to be accepted, and once we know the joy of being right with God we must begin the process of becoming more like Jesus, and that means forgiving others.

I meet some people whose lives are damaged by their inability to forgive. In fact, sometimes the damage passes down through generations until no one can remember the original hurt! If you want to see what unforgiveness can do, look no further than the news. The hatred between groups in places like Syria will only be healed by forgiveness. That's what happened in Northern Ireland; some people found the courage to say that, no matter what our grievances, we will forgive

and move on.

If you ever say things like: "he still owes me an apology", or "it serves her right because of what she did to me", or "I've got a score to settle with them"; I suggest you need to forgive and move on. Unforgiveness makes us prisoners and eats away inside us like a worm in an apple. Do you sometimes wonder why an individual is crabby or bitter? I think much of it is to do with not being willing to forgive. Unforgiveness can even make us ill. Carl Jung, one of the founders of psychoanalysis, claimed that not forgiving contributes to many mental illnesses.

Don't worry if you can't forget, 'forgive and forget' is not a Biblical phrase, and while it is always the goal of forgiveness, sometimes it is never achievable.

And don't worry too much about feelings. Forgiveness begins with wanting the best for whoever hurt you even if you can't like them at this moment.

Jesus wants us to be free, and the only way to do that is to decide to forgive. Try praying for the person you find it hard to forgive, it is very difficult to lift them to God and still hate them. Do what Jesus says: forgive, and be free!

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SERVICE CALENDAR

April

April

Sun 3rd EASTER 2
8.00am CHRIST CHURCH
Holy Communion
9.30am CHRIST CHURCH
Family Service
6.00pm *Marston Chapel*
Local Arrangement

Sun 24th EASTER 5
9.30am CHRIST CHURCH
Parish Communion
6.00pm *Marston Chapel*
Healing Service
Rev David Howard and
Rev Gary Gotham

Sun 10th EASTER 3
9.30am CHRIST CHURCH
Parish Communion
6.00pm *Marston Chapel*
Rev Cathy Arcscott

May

Sun 1st ROGATION SUNDAY
8.00am CHRIST CHURCH
Holy Communion
9.30am CHRIST CHURCH
Family Service

Sun 17th EASTER 4
6.00pm CHRIST CHURCH
Evening Worship followed by
the Annual Parochial Church
Meeting
6.00pm *Marston Chapel*
Rev Gary Gotham



There were no Weddings, Funerals or Baptisms at Christ Church during February 2016.

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

CHURCH ROTAS

Sidesmen – April 2016

Sun 3 rd	8.00am	Mrs J Buckley	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Mrs A Cross, Ms L Hale	Family Service
Sun 10 th	9.30am	Mrs S Courth, Mr L Courth	Parish Communion
Sun 17 th	6.00pm	Mr T Harwood, Mr T Walker	Evening Worship
Sun 24 th	9.30am	Mrs M Boyns, Mr R Nott	Parish Communion

Sidesmen – May 2016

Sun 1 st	8.00am	Mr R Shercliff	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Mrs M Armand-Smith, Mrs A Pratt	Family Service

	Altar Flowers	Brass Cleaning	Church Flowers
April 3 rd	Mrs Brierley	Mrs Brierley	Mrs S Horn
April 10 th	Mrs Francis	Mrs Lane	Mrs D Harwood
April 17 th	Mrs Brewer	Mrs Mason	Mrs J Mason
April 24 th	Mrs Smith	Mrs J Wright	Mrs L Phillips
May 1 st			Mrs P Woods

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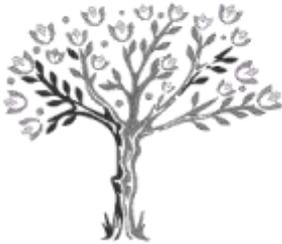
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Annual Parochial Church Meeting (with wine and cheese)

The Christ Church Annual Meeting will be held this year on Sunday 17th April, in church following a 6 pm service. There are in fact two meetings; all residents of Worton and Marston are welcome, and may vote for Church wardens at the meeting of parishioners. Only those who are on the church electoral roll can speak or vote at the second meeting, the annual church meeting. This year we have an extraordinary topic to discuss, which is the amalgamation of this benefice with Seend, Poulshot and Bulkington. If you wish to hear more please come to the meeting.

Sent to Coventry

Do you fancy a trip to Coventry Cathedral by coach, with a guided tour, on the way back stopping for tea in a Cotswold village? If so, sign up on the lists at the back of each church. There are a few seats remaining.

April 26th, leaving at 8.30 am and getting back mid-evening.

Total cost, a maximum of £25, it may be cheaper.



Victorian Meal

A great evening was had by all in the Village Hall on 5th March. The theme was enthusiastically adopted by many of the guests, in terms of dress and their participation in Victorian parlour songs. The food, as ever, was delicious and a total of £1.090 was raised for the Christ Church anniversary fund. In addition Traidcraft received £210 from the raffle. Thanks to all who supported the evening and especially to the small team of caterers and decorators without whom these amazing events would not happen.

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Saturday 21st May

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Before that, however, we would like to invite you to help make the event a great success by contributing as much as you feel able to from the list below.



Plants - bedding plants, herbaceous,
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whatever you can grow

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AND so that the garden hosts can all come together too, let's have a bring and share time together at 6 pm on Sunday Evening.

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More details for all the above later **KEEP THE DATES**

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**Worton
Cheese Quiz
2016**

(answers on page19)

What cheese is made backwards?

How did the cheesemonger paint his wife?

Why was the cheesemonger lopsided?

How do you handle dangerous cheese?

WORTON & MARSTON LADIES GROUP

We had a very enjoyable meeting in February when our speaker Ann Bodden gave a talk on “Her Life”. From being a town girl she went for the country life after getting married. Ann and her husband bought a smallholding where they raised mainly pigs. While her husband was working she had to learn what to do on the job. She had many stories to tell of life with “PIGS”. Hopefully we can book her again for another time.

At our next meeting, in the village hall at 8pm on March 30th, John Girvan’s talk will be on the “Life and Times of a Garden Gnome”.

Advance notice for the April 27th meeting: we will be out and about that day at Whitehall Garden Centre for “High Tea” at 3pm. All to make their own way there. If we can have some idea of numbers at the March meeting this would be helpful.

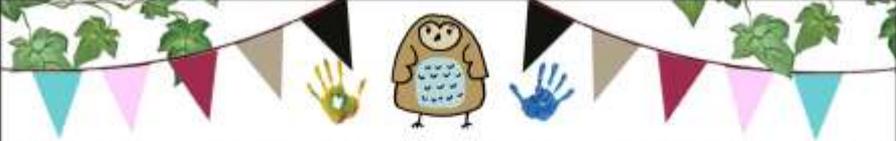
For those who missed last month’s meeting please could you bring your subscriptions of £10 along; thank you. We now have our full programme for the year in place. If any ladies would like to join us please come along; you would be most welcome.

Finally one of our longest serving members, Sheila Hale, has moved to Trowbridge and we send our best wishes to her in her new home. But she hasn’t left us; her daughters are still going to bring her each month.

Looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible in March.

Hostesses for March: June Mason & Cheryl Hailstone.

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

The process of determining where new housing should go is not entirely straightforward. At a high level, the National Planning Policy Framework has set the principles in favour of more housing and the Wiltshire Core Strategy has laid down policies and minimum numbers for the county. In some cases, the Core Strategy specifies where new housing should go but in non-strategic locations like this Division, the picture needs colouring by other means.

The first driver for new developments can be developers themselves. Some of you will know that one developer proposed a very unwelcome housing estate outside Great Cheverell. Fortunately, they were seen off at appeal last year after much helpful input from the community. At a smaller scale, the Eastern Area Planning Committee has recently rejected a proposal in Market Lavington on the grounds that entry and exit to the site would be very dangerous, but this may yet face challenge at appeal.

A different problem has been encountered in Victoria Park where many residents would welcome some housing development if it would facilitate repair of the crumbling roads and footpaths and allow their adoption by Wiltshire Council. However, despite already having 50 houses, Victoria Park is designated in planning terms as "open countryside", which would normally prevent new development. I am trying to find a way around that problem.

More positively, Neighbourhood Planning teams in West Lavington, Market Lavington and Worton, are working to identify possible development sites and to assess community opinion about them. The required procedures are challenging to say the least, particularly for a small community reliant on volunteers with little or no professional experience. I commend their hard work (and some of you may know I should probably declare an interest here).

In all of these considerations, one common theme is the problem of highways and traffic. Our local road network is among the worst in the county. Let me know if you have a spare £15,000,000 or so, which could fulfil my ambition for a relief road on the Plain.

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

Answers to Worton Cheese Quiz 2016 (page 17):

Edam He Double Gloucester He only had one Stilton Caerphilly

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We celebrated Thinking Day in February where we explored the theme of "Connect" as the Lavington District. We looked at our superpowers and made a short video as well as doing lots of activities and having a friendship cake to look after, nourish then eat!

A common theme came out of our Thinking Day... Girl guiding helps us to feel connected and we enjoy it because "we make friends, we like cooking and eating, we work towards badges, it's fun, we make things and do craft" and these are just a few points. Girl guiding is available for girls/ladies of all ages and if you would like to be involved then we'd like to hear from you!

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Our next meeting will be on Monday 18th April. Our subject will be Soft Fruit. One of our flower show judges, Mike Burgess will be talking to us about all aspects of growing fruit in our gardens and allotments.

Do come along, even if you are not a member we will be pleased to see you. There is no admission fee and tea and coffee will be served on the night. We look forward to seeing you.

Later in the year we will be having our pumpkin growing competition and we will be distributing seeds for you to give this a try. Weigh in will be at our October Meeting.

Dot Francis
Programme Secretary
Worton and Marston Gardening Club



This year's programme is available via e mail from
Dot: dfrancis162@btinternet.com 739986 Or Suzanne: suzanne.bonfield@gmail.com 724098



Five Lanes Women's Institute

The March meeting of the Five Lanes WI was an Easter crafts event in the village hall. One of our members, Rosemary Rosenfeld, is a very talented lady in all aspects of craftwork, so she led us in our endeavours. She set us the task of decorating a polystyrene egg in the style of the famous Faberge eggs of Russian royalty fame! We were given a wide range of materials to use including netting, beads, sequins and ribbons. Despite the members' misgivings, we all made very good imitations (although whether they would fool Sotheby's, I don't know!)

It was a very enjoyable evening, made even more so by the very tasty cakes and tarts provided by Frances and Ann. We all had a good time.

Our April meeting will be held on April 12th in the village hall from 8pm. Stephanie Honeychurch is coming along to give a cookery demonstration of easy picnic food - which I hope we can use this summer! Why don't you come along?

Hope everyone has a great Easter.

Jane Loveys, President

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Advanced date for your diaries: Annual Presentation event on May 21st at Lavington Community Centre....details will follow to all parents nearer the event, and the invitation is also open to new members interested in joining for next season at all levels of the Club.

The U13s continued their fine form since January. After beating leaders Bradford Town, the previous home game, they won a very physical encounter with second placed Frome Town 6-1. Goals from Jacob Duckett, Joe Davis, Luke Wilcox and Sammie Jones (3) moved them to second place in the table, 5 points behind leaders Bradford.

Under 15s have managed to play a couple of games since last report including a derby win over Devizes Town.

No International tour being planned this year as in the past, but we are in the early stages of planning for an U16 team and post exams tour for next season.

Team contact details:

Reception Year (tasters) + Under 6/7/ 8:

Mark – 01380 813160 or 07974 723008

Under 9s - Dave 07843-678781

U10s – Andy Duckett 07970-028330

U12: Stuart 07756-540864

U-13: Jake 07741-306303

U-15: Neil 01380-818193

APRIL BOOK SWAP



Saturday 9th April

10.00 - 12 noon

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Village Hall 200 Club

Thank you to all those who have responded to our mail drop about the 200 Club. We have had a lot of new members and, if all last year's members renew as well, we would be at nearly 170, well on the way to our goal of 200. So if you haven't yet renewed, or if indeed you would like to become a new member, it is still not too late. Just give £12 and an application form to any of the Trustees or put it through the door of 11 Gaisford Chase. If you don't have an application form handy then we need to know your name, address, telephone number and we will contact you if you win!! The first draw of the year takes place in April.

Veronica Franklin, Chair of Worton and Marston Village Hall

Worton and Marston Village Hall

Just a quick reminder that our AGM is on April 26th at 8pm in the Village Hall. All are welcome. We are looking for one or maybe two new Trustees for the next year, so please think whether or not you would like to join our small but very enthusiastic group and help continue with the improvements to the Hall (Loos this year). If you would like to know more please contact Veronica Franklin on 726845. Many thanks

Standard Phonetic Alphabet

A – Alpha	J – Juliet	S – Sierra
B – Bravo	K – Kilo	T – Tango
C – Charlie	L – Lima	U – Uniform
D – Delta	M – Mike	V – Victor
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New councillor

We welcome Cllr Barry Devine to the Council, who was co-opted at the meeting on the 7th of March. Cllr Devine has recently retired as a secondary school teacher and is looking for fulfilling ways to use his extra time.

Salt bins

The Council has purchased two salt/grit bins which will be positioned on Sandleaze and Gaisford Chase to ensure that should we have a cold winter salt can be spread to make surfaces safer.

Bins in Whatleys

The Council are aware that the bin in Whatleys has been overflowing lately - if you see the bin is full please call the clerk on 01380 813 294. Many thanks.

Clean for the Queen – volunteers needed

The Council are considering a ‘Clean for the Queen’ litter pick. If you are willing to take part please contact the Clerk. As part of this initiative, the Council are keen to ensure that pavements are kept clear of obstructions. These include overhanging vegetation, gravel from drives, and cars parked on the pavement.

The next meeting of the Council will be on the 11th of April 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

Please come along.

Liz Read , 01380 813 294 www.worton.org.uk clerk@worton.org.uk

Letter to the editor.....

Sir,

This week my husband cut the village hall grass. While I was checking for stones etc. I noticed someone had allowed their dog to foul the grass by the railings, which I had to clear up. One would have assumed this owner stood there while their dog did his/her business and simply walked away. Have they no pride in their village? The same goes for the footpath down back lane all the way to the church. While the majority of us clear up after our dogs, there is a minority with no consideration for others who walk the footpaths. You know who you are.

Pam Woods

(Having just celebrated Easter)

“... And finally, don't fear death. Every good story has an ending. If you've lived your life well, it's proper that there will be a final chapter. Make sure it's worth reading ...”

(Extract from Cicero's “How to Grow Old”

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(Sent in by MK)



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

In the Chapel at Marston

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

Various Venues

Announced Monthly

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

Mobile Library

Location: The School, 1.10 - 2.00pm
Next Dates

- Monday April 4th

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on **01225 713727** for information

Forthcoming Events

- 9th Book Swap
- 12th W.I. Meeting
- 18th Gardening Club
- 18th Link Scheme AGM
- 19th Dance yourself fit
- 23rd Right Royal Tea Party
- 26th Village Hall AGM
- 27th Ladies Group meeting

Devizes Farmers' Market

Next: Saturday 2nd April

The Shambles Antiques Market

Every Tuesday

Kerbside Collections

Black box and Plastic bottle and card recycling:
Wednesday 13th & 27th

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Wednesday 6th & 20th

Garden waste:
Friday 8th & 22nd



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Deadline for items for the next Bridge is 15th April 2016.
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