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From Keith, Margaret, Tash and George

We would like to thank everyone who turned out for our leaving party and to everyone who contributed to the collection for us.



AUGUST BOOK SWAP

Saturday 8th August
10.00am - 12 noon
at 1, Sandleaze Court
(hosted by Joy and Nick Stokes)

Advance notice:
Saturday 12th September
at Oakley House, 80 High Street, Wor-
ton (hosted by Norah Brierley)



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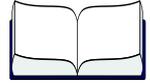


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Letter from the Vicarage



Two recent government initiatives have sparked a flurry of comment. One is to run tube trains in London 24 hours a day; the other is to relax Sunday trading restrictions. Both are designed to ‘increase economic growth’. Unions object, saying their members would be forced to work even if they did not want to, and the speaker on Thought For The Day recently urged us all to consider spiritual principles, not just economics. In fact, he said, economics taken alone have caused many of the problems in society today, encouraging dissatisfaction and unhappiness as a result of what he called ‘craving’.

The answer of course, is to be found in an attitude of contentment, and that is not related to wealth or lack of it. I have known poor and rich people who are content, and poor and rich people who are not.

St Paul in the Bible describes contentment as being linked to godliness. “We brought nothing into the world”, he says, “and we can take nothing out.”

The big question for us all is this: Will your goal in life really bring you contentment or not?

I think that if you are aiming at material things - a bigger house or better car, you are doomed to live forever on a treadmill which will never satisfy. Maybe your goal is linked to family or friends. That is better, but again human beings have a habit of letting us down, no matter how good they may be. Because none of us is immortal, ultimately everyone will find themselves without someone they love, the hardest of all losses to bear.

That is why St Paul links contentment with godliness.

‘God created us for himself, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in him.’ That famous quote from St Augustine sums up the route to real contentment for the Christian, and, in my opinion, for us all.

God is the only one who has not and never will let us down. He is the source of love, beauty and joy. It is in knowing Him that real fulfilment is found.

So is there anything wrong in wanting to better yourself? Not at all, as long as you never lose your perspective and think things you buy will make you content. They have a nasty habit of doing just the opposite. Anything money can buy will one day pass away, only the things of the Spirit will last forever.

I have to say, I understand the reservations of those anxious about these new initiatives. Human beings need time set apart for rest and relaxation and this does not appear to help. At the least, they should come with a health warning: ‘Beware, concentrating on economic growth at the expense of everything else can seriously damage your health’.

David Howard 01380 723189
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SERVICE CALENDAR

August

August

Sun 2nd TRINITY 9
 8.00am CHRIST CHURCH
 Holy Communion
 9.30am CHRIST CHURCH
 No Service
 4.00pm *United Open Air Drive-In
 Service on Marston Green*

Sun 30th TRINITY 13
 10.00am CHRIST CHURCH
 Joint Service with St Mary's
 Potterne, following breakfast
 at 9.00am
 6.00pm *Marston Chapel
 Rev David Coppard*

Sun 9th TRINITY 10
 9.30am CHRIST CHURCH
 Parish Communion
 6.00pm *Marston Chapel
 Mr Peter Walker*

September

Sun 16th TRINITY 11
 9.30am CHRIST CHURCH
 Morning Worship
 6.00pm *Marston Chapel
 Rev Gary Gotham*

Sun 6th TRINITY 14
 8.00am CHRIST CHURCH
 Holy Communion
 9.30am CHRIST CHURCH
 Family Service
 6.00pm *Marston Chapel
 TBA*

Sun 23rd TRINITY 12
 9.30am CHRIST CHURCH
 Parish Communion
 6.00pm *Marston Chapel
 Rev Cathy Arscott*



There were two baptisms at Christ Church during June:
 Artemis Iona Edsell and Albie Robert Lee Beechey-Stone.

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

CHURCH ROTAS

Sidesmen – August 2015

Sun 2 nd	8.00am	Mr R Shercliff	Holy Communion
	9.30am	No Service	
Sun 9 th	9.30am	Ms L Hale, Mr P Witcher	Parish Communion
Sun 16 th	9.30am	Mrs A Pratt, Mr T Walker	Morning Worship
Sun 23 rd	9.30am	Mrs J Mason, Mrs A Cross	Parish Communion
Sun 30 th	10.00am	Mrs M Armand-Smith, Mr T Brewer	Joint Service

Sidesmen – September 2015

Sun 6 th	8.00am	Mrs J Buckley	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Mrs M Boyns, Mr R Boyns	Family Service

	Altar Flowers	Brass Cleaning	Church Flowers
August 2 nd	Wedding	Mr Collins	Wedding
August 9 th	Mrs Brierley	Mrs Collins	Mrs S Hale
August 16 th	Mrs F Smith	Mrs J Wright	Mrs S Horn
August 23 rd	Mrs Puckle Hobbs	Mrs Lane	Mrs G Holiday
August 30 th	Mrs Brierley	Mrs Brierley	Mrs J Mason
September 6 th	Mrs Francis	Mrs Mason	tbc

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August 2 nd	Mr Harwood	Mrs Harwood
August 16 th	Mrs Walker	Mrs Brewer
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- ◇ Why and how should I pray?
- ◇ How does God guide us?
- ◇ How can I be sure of my faith?



We are running another course beginning September 17th. Those attending in the past have thoroughly enjoyed the evenings and found them helpful. Would you like to try it? Contact me as soon as possible, please, details below.

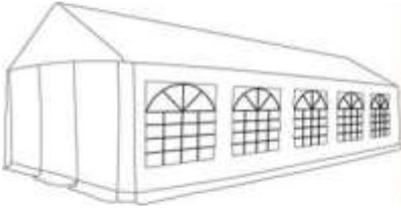
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**RNLI
2015 House to House Collection in Marston**

I would like to thank all the residents of Marston for their generosity during the recent house to house collection I undertook on behalf of the RNLI during May. The village raised a magnificent £79.72 - a new record.

We all appreciate the work of the many crew members based around the country's coastline. This contribution, added to that from the Devizes Branch, will help make a difference to their safety.

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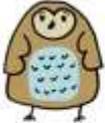


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Enjoy a barbeque with us after, salads and bread provided; please bring your own food to cook, and whatever you like to drink.

Please note; this is the only Family Service this week.



Look forward to seeing you there.

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On behalf of the entire Worton Toddler group I would like to thank Corinna Nickell for being such an amazing organiser. She will be greatly missed. I would also like to wish our leavers good luck and lots of fun at their new schools.

Worton Toddlers is a voluntary group run by the parents, grandparents and other carers of the children who attend. We welcome all children under school age including babies.

The fee of £1.50 per family per session includes a snack for the children and a hot drink for the parent/carer. The first session for newcomers is free.

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.

The group meets every Wednesday during term time between 10 and 12. We normally meet at the Village Hall but we understand that the builders will be there throughout September and October, so we are looking for somewhere that will take us and our equipment for two months. Can anyone help?

If you would like to come to Toddlers next term please let me have your details and I will let you know what we are going to do.

Hilary Hams

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WORTON & MARSTON LADIES GROUP

Eight of our members gathered at Trowbridge College for our June meeting where we enjoyed a very nice lunch prepared by the students. A hot Buffet lunch with a variety of dishes were available, with a choice of sweets. I can personally recommend the Bramley Apple Pancakes with Chantilly Cream - Yummy!!

Drinks were also available. Being the driver I chose the Rose Lemonade which was excellent. Well done to the staff and students. For the members who were unable to make it you missed a treat. We are hoping to visit again for Christmas lunch.

Our meeting in July was a talk on Heroes & Sweethearts of WW2 - more on this in next month's magazine. Tradition has it we don't meet in August due to holidays etc., so enjoy the summer, and we will see you all again in September when we will meet in the village hall. Details of speaker and date will be in next month's Bridge.

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This month we had our annual garden meeting at Jean Lane's lovely bungalow and garden. Thankfully, the rain held off while we had a wander around her garden. Hardly a weed in sight (unlike my garden, I might add!). Afterwards, we had a really excellent finger buffet, washed down with a few glasses of wine. It was nice to just sit down and chat amongst ourselves.

Thank you to Jean and John for hosting the evening.

Next month, we are back in the Village Hall for a Bring Your Supper evening. This will be on Tuesday August 11th at 8pm. If you are intrigued, why not come along and see what this is about.

Jane Loveys, President.

Monster Making Workshop

Would you like to make a scarecrow monster for the Monster Trail on 31st Oct but aren't quite sure how to go about it or what to make?

Come & join us on **Friday 4th Sept from 5pm - 8pm** in the Village Hall where you'll get hints & tips, ideas & inspiration to make your very own Monster.

There'll be some crafty bits & pieces for you to use but donations of old clothes, fabric, art & craft materials, string, straw bales (for stuffing), & anything else that might be useful, would be most welcome.

All welcome, just turn up when you can.
Refreshments available!

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Letter to the Editor.....

On behalf of all the many responsible dog owners in Worton and Marston, I would like to remind those of you who own dogs and do not collect their deposits from the public paths that you are giving the rest of us dog-owners a bad name. Back Lane is used by children and people who are not dog lovers and we all know how unpleasant it is to step in dog poo even when you are. We want people to like our pets not be disgusted by them!

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Village Hall Refurbishment

We have a bit more information to give you on the refurbishment of the Village Hall. The tender has been awarded to Gaigers Bros. Ltd. and will start on (or around) September 7th with an end date of October 30th if the weather is kind to us. Obviously, as all the work is external, this may slip if we have a wet autumn, so fingers crossed for dry weather. Tim Weeding will be acting as Project manager for us.

Whilst the work is being undertaken, the hall will be surrounded with Harris fencing to secure the site. For some of the time at least it will also be covered in scaffolding. Unfortunately no one will be able to use the hall during the day and those regular hirers who do, have been notified. We have offered to help them in any way we can to find alternative arrangements during this period and to move equipment etc. The hall will be able to be used in the evening by groups as long as we can give Gaigers the date on which it is required. They will then secure it in a fashion that allows safe entry and exit. We will not be taking any additional bookings for September or October though.

Gaigers Bros. staff will need to use the car park in front of the hall for their vehicles (about three) and possibly for a skip. We have been assured that noise level and dust etc. will not be excessive.

Gaigers are keen to work with us to limit any disruption and hopefully the end product of a hall fit for purpose will compensate for any that is unavoidable. Should you have any concerns about the work, please contact Veronica Franklin, Chair of Trustees on 726845. Thank you to everyone who has supported us so far in this endeavour through encouragement, advice and fundraising. We still have some money to raise but we are waiting to hear the outcome of a number of grant applications - so again fingers crossed.

Village Hall 200 Club

The winners of the 200 club in June were Joy MacCuaig (£50) and Nick Stokes (£10).

Veronica Franklin



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Following last month's Presentation Day, one team was missing from the list – **the Under 14 'International' team** with award winners as follows: Players Player = Darius B.; Supporters Player = Jack C.; Manager's Player = Ben F.; Head Coach's Player = Ben G.

This long established Club prides itself on fairness and ensuring all children are given an equal opportunity to develop and play. It is run by volunteer coaches/assistants (more welcome), and represents all of the Villages in the area (Seend/Keevil to Urchfont), and is the only Club having teams in almost every age group.

Reception Year - Jason Reynolds 07590-427999 (*assistants required*)

Under 6 (Year 1) - Mark Goddard 01380-813160 (*assistants required*)

Under 7 (Year 2) - Jason Reynolds 07590-427999

Under 8 (Y3) - Mark Goddard 01380 813160 (2 teams)

Under 9 - Dave Kiddle 07843 678781 (2 teams)

Under 10 - Jason Reynolds 07590 427999

Under 12 - Stuart Swan 07756 540864

Under 13 - Jake Davis 07741 306303

Under 15 - Neil Black 01380-818193

Under 16 - Andy Duckett 07970 028330

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60th Edington Music Festival, August 23rd to 30th

Compline by candlelight at 9.15pm on Sunday August 23rd marks the opening of the 60th Edington Music Festival, which finishes with Solemn Eucharist at 11.30am on Sunday 30th.

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So I tried to keep this humorous but, that's easier said than done.

Just think of all the things he's tried, to cater for us all
From Tit for Tat with Knit and Nat to skittles, what a ball.
And Sunday noon, with the same old crew
chewing the cud and asking 'What's new?'
If you want to know what's going on
just call in the pub and ask Nancy and John.

Sunday eve once a month the quiz night comes round
But don't question the Master he sure stands his ground
If your sort of answer is not on his sheet
Just don't start to argue, best admit you are beat.

And then there is something much more genteel
When neighbours meet up for a sociable meal
It is nice for a change, when you're wanting to munch
To gather together and enjoy the Lunch Bunch.

On Friday mornings join friends for a coffee
With Margaret's cakes and your drinks nice and frothy
And Friday eve's! well, there's a great crowd
All talking at once – they're really quite loud.

Now, the crib lot on Thursdays this is serious stuff
If you're not there on time, well, that is just tough
And, if someone starts pegging and gets it all wrong
They'll be out on their ear before very long.

So friends we say thanks to the family Green
For all they have done and all they have been
And good luck with the tea rooms let's hope there's a queue
We wish you all well and we'll miss you all too.

Prim "Ayres" 27th June, 2015



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

After my last Message with its historical theme, one resident wrote to me to suggest that I should concentrate more on current local issues. I was, of course, pleased to learn that I had at least one reader!

As it happens, there are quite a number of current local issues. One topical subject is the question of where new housing developments should be located. The Core Strategy, adopted in January, requires sites for 210 more houses to be found in the Devizes Community Area outside the town itself. A Wiltshire Council study is underway to prepare a Housing Development Planning Document (DPD) that will report with proposals for consultation later this year.

The Core Strategy anticipates that some new housing should be built in local service centres (which in this Division means Market Lavington) and in large villages (West Lavington/Littleton Panell and Worton. There are other large villages in the community area). In small villages (Erlestoke, Great Cheverell and Marston), infill only is allowed. Little Cheverell, for these purposes, is classified as “open countryside” where development would be permitted on an exception basis only.

It is appropriate that residents in Market Lavington and in West Lavington/Littleton Panell might wish to influence where the anticipated new housing should go and both communities are preparing Neighbourhood Plans, with which your engagement is welcome. Worton is also actively considering the possibility of preparing a Neighbourhood Plan.

It would be unwise of me to suggest that small villages and the open countryside are free from the risk of more than minimal development but the odds are stacked against an ambitious developer. As evidence, you need look no further than Great Cheverell where Gladman Homes had sought to put an estate of 25 houses on a green field outside the village against local wishes and all current planning policies. Fortunately, in May a planning inspector rejected their appeal against Wiltshire Council’s refusal of planning permission.

The question arises, however, as to how small villages, etc. might get developments that they do want. Such developments could provide housing for local families and could generate capital funds for local facilities through Community Infrastructure Levy payments and “section 106” contributions. For this reason, Erlestoke, Great Cheverell and Little Cheverell are all considering preparing a Neighbourhood Plan, perhaps working together for this purpose.

I commend all those who are contributing to these activities. A Neighbourhood Plan is no small task. At the end of the process, all residents in the respective communities who are registered to vote will be able to take part in a referendum before the Plans can be adopted. I hope they will be supported.

You may contact me about this or any other matter by email to:
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Five Lanes CE Primary School



It has been an action packed summer term at Five Lanes. We have attended Infant Fun days, visited a Solar Farm, had whole school Sports Day, Bikeability and attended the Devizes School Sports Awards evening.

On the 9th July, children from Years 3, 4 5 & 6 took part in the 'Superchoir' event at Dauntsey's school, along with 10 other local schools. The producer / song writer Simon May was involved with the Devizes Rotary Club and assisted all the children in performing together for an amazing concert.

Five pairs of Year 5 & 6 children took part in an Orienteering competition at Devizes School and we won! This then led on to participating in the Sainsbury's Active Kids Wiltshire finals, held at Marlborough College. The children did really well, had a great day and got to meet some sporting celebrities.

Well done to the PFA who made £270 at the beginning of July by holding a Jumble Sale and serving cream teas & refreshments at school – thanks to everyone who donated and attended. Many thanks to the PFA and supporters who have put on various events throughout the school year in order to raise money to support school excursions & buy new equipment, etc.

Sadly we said farewell to Mrs Cutler, our Beech Class Teaching Assistant, who is moving on to a new job in September. Thank you to Sandra for her 11 years at the Potterne site and we wish her well in her new role.

We are still collecting snowy pom-poms, snowflakes or icicles in preparation for our PFA school carnival float. If you have any spare time to make these over the summer, then they can be dropped off into school before Thursday 3rd September, ready for the carnival on the 5th.

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Lifeboats

A huge thank you once again to all of you who generously donated to the RNLI House to House collections earlier this year. A fantastic total of £299.55 was raised (an increase on last year's total of £295.55), bringing the total for the Devizes area to £5700. Thank you so much again to the Lifeboat collection team and I hope we can persuade you to give up your valuable time once again next year to collect for the RNLI. We are always looking for more people to help with the House to House collections - please contact me on 01380 728664 if you would like to join the team.

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What's happening on the farm!

After a couple of busy months silaging and hay making, harvest is about to begin. Although we do not grow any cereal crops, this will still be a busy period for us as we buy the straw from a local arable farmer on Salisbury Plain and haul it back to Home Farm on trailers where it will be stored in our newly constructed straw barn. It will be stored and kept dry until we need to use it.

In June we fly sprayed all the heifers here at Home Farm. During the summer months flies can cause certain infections and illnesses that can make the cattle very ill so we bring the cattle back in from the fields group by group and individually pour the fly spray along each animal's back. How much the animal weighs usually determines how much fly spray needs to be used. This gives the heifers 8 weeks protection against flies. The procedure will have to be repeated in August to make sure the cattle have the full protection over the summer.

July has been filled with various summertime jobs along with attending cattle sales both buying and selling dairy heifers. Father went to a sale a few weeks ago where the Kington Magna herd was being sold. This herd is renowned, winning local and national shows with many of their animals. He came home with six, one of which is a potential show calf. I may have to talk my little brother into showing her at one of the local shows around here and see if we can win a rosette!

I was talking to a neighbouring farmer recently who has had a case of Neosporosis diagnosed on his farm. He has asked me to ask you all whilst walking your dogs, not only in Worton and Marston but wherever you walk them, please pick up your dog poo and dispose of it in the appropriate manner. Although scientists are working on a vaccine (in a laboratory in New Zealand) there is no known cure.

I am sure most people's bbqs have been pulled out the shed, dusted off and put to good use already but remember when buying meat for the bbq, buy British and support your farmers.

Robert Goss

HELP NEEDED FOR LADIES SKITTLES

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The Bring & Buy Sale held in aid of Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Appeal on Saturday 11th July 2015 at St. Andrew's Church in Devizes raised the grand sum of £181.11. This is a great boost to our fund raising for the year and 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 packed 300 boxes and hope to pack 100 more at the end of August.

FEEDBACK & CRAFT GROUP MEETING

Our next Craft Group meeting in aid of 2015 Operation Christmas Child will be held on

DATE: Friday 28th August TIME: 10.00am – 12.00noon PLACE: St. Andrew's Church

Please bring any empty shoe boxes you may have and any donations of items for the shoe boxes. Craft materials will be available to take away and this is your chance to say what materials you would like to be available for the next meeting. We are hoping to pack 100 5-9 year old shoe boxes so appropriate items gratefully received especially hats, scarves and mittens.

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

COFFEE MORNING/BRING & BUY AND RAFFLE

Our third fundraising coffee morning for 2015 Operation Christmas Child will be held on

DATE: Saturday 10th October TIME: 10.00am -12.00noon PLACE: St. Andrew's Church

Please come and support us. Raffle prizes gratefully received.

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WORTON PARISH COUNCIL VILLAGE SURVEY - THE RESULTS

The council carried out a survey of the Parish during April / May this year. This was as a result of the actions promised at last year's Annual Parish meeting in May 2014. The aim being to gather local opinions regarding the future of the village and creating a possible plan or strategy.

There were 275 responses; an overwhelming response demonstrating peoples interest in the issues! In order to get a comprehensive analysis of the responses, a report was commissioned and has now been completed.

The report is 17 pages long and is clearly too large to publish in its entirety in the 'Bridge'. However the full report will be available on the Worton Parish Council web site: www.worton.org.uk

A hard copy can also be obtained by contacting the Parish Clerk on: clerk@worton.org.uk

However I felt that as there was such an overwhelming and positive response to the survey that I would put a brief summary of some of the key findings in the Bridge.

ROADS

Not surprisingly speeding traffic and volume of vehicles was identified as a key issue.

67% wanted a 20mph limit through the village.

38% wanted a 50mph limit from the west end of the village to Seend.

42% suggested a wide range of other traffic related issues, of which 33% wanted traffic calming measures.

BUS SERVICE

47% of those who use the local bus services are over 55 years of age.

Of the 66 people who use the bus service, 35 stated that they are happy with the service, while 26 indicated they are not happy with the service. There was a sizable desire to have more frequent services.

YOUNG PEOPLE / LOCAL SCHOOL

34 respondents have children under 11 years old, but only 13 respondents indicated that their children went to Five Lanes School or Village Hall toddlers group.

However 12% of respondents indicated that their 12-18 year olds would take part in a Parish Youth Council.

HOUSES

In any long term planning for the future of the village, housing is a vital and sensitive issue, so a number of questions were asked in the survey about this. A detailed analysis of the results is contained in the 17 page report, however a summary of some key findings are as follows:

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Number of new dwellings wanted in the next 5 years:			Number of new dwellings wanted in the next 5-10 years:		
No	houses	4 Respondents	No	houses	4 Respondents
Max 10	houses	41 Respondents	Max 10	houses	25 Respondents
10-15	houses	24 Respondents	10-15	houses	18 Respondents
15-20	houses	12 Respondents	15-20	houses	22 Respondents
20+	houses	12 Respondents	20+	houses	16 Respondents

Some respondents specified the types of housing they would like to see. A full summary of these are in the 17 page report however a few of the comments quotes are as follows:

“More housing that is affordable for young people to buy.”

“Further housing might be acceptable if it included a good mix of types/sizes and an element of ‘affordable housing’.”

“Housing for people to down size to. Single story for elderly and disabled. Affordable housing to attract young families.”

“...cheap as possible to rebalance the village community.”

“More 2 and 3 bed houses suitable for both first time buyers and downsizing elders.”

LIKE AND DISLIKE / WANTED AND NOT WANTED IN WORTON

The top two issues were identified for the following four questions. Specific comments about these issues and a detailed breakdown of all the other issues raised is contained in the 17 page report. E.G ‘Do not want’ issues contained comments & concerns about large scale housing development and additional traffic. ‘Wish had’ issues contained comments about wanting a shop / Post Office.

LIKE ABOUT WORTON?		NOT LIKE ABOUT WORTON	
Friendly community / village	52%	Traffic – volume, speed and noise	58%
Rural countryside / views / walks	48%	No shop / Post Office	17%
WISH THEY HAD IN WORTON		DO NOT WANT IN WORTON	
Shop / Post Office	63%	Large housing estates	33%
Faster broadband / internet	11%	More traffic	15%

The Parish Council hopes to arrange a Village Hall open evening / day in the autumn where residents can add any additional thoughts on the results of the survey. It will also be an opportunity for residents to detail their ideas for the future of the village. These combined with the survey will form the basis of a possible long term vision / plan for Worton.

Cllr David Johnson

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VILLAGE DIARY

Regular Meetings

In the Village Hall

- **Gardening Club**
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- **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**
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- 11th W.I.
- 22nd Flower Show

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