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Christ Church Derry Hill

*The Marden Vale Team Ministry*

# DERRY HILL DEFIBRILLATOR



On **Thursday 13th February** an 'awareness' evening was held in the Lansdowne Hall attended by **40** people. Mr Richard Schofield of Community Heartbeat Trust explained how and when defibrillators are used. The emphasis is on dialling 999 as soon as the emergency occurs. The Ambulance Service will then direct you to the nearest public

access defibrillator, if appropriate, and if one is near enough and will tell you what to do from then on.

Richard also refreshed us on **CPR (Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation)**, which we were able to practise on mannequins.

Many thanks to Richard for providing us with a very informative and interesting evening.

We will be holding another session soon for anyone who missed the first one. Look out for details in this magazine. Please register an interest in this if you would like to come.



We are now combining forces with the Methodist Chapel to raise funds for a defibrillator to cover the people of Studley

Please contact **Paula** or **Emma** for more details of our activities or if you would like to help in any way.

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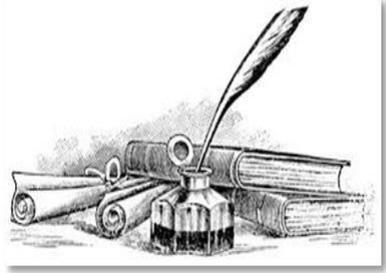
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# EDITORIAL

What an exciting month February turned out to be!

Apart from the dreadful weather we had two interesting gatherings down at the Hall: an exhibition of Bowood's building proposal for Blount's Court and the wonderful pantomime.



Bowood's announcement was a shock to those who thought there would be no building there in the present Lord Lansdowne's lifetime. Others thought it was inevitable. Whatever emotions this move stirs, when the formal application is made I don't doubt it will be formidably opposed.

Turning to more pleasant events, what a great time some of us, who managed to get tickets, had at the Panto. I'm sure I speak for all who saw it when I say that it was so very entertaining and just the tonic we needed in gloomy February. Not only that it was an event that brought the whole community together. Well done everybody who took part and all strength to Jane and her crew and let's look forward to the next one.

February also saw the getting together, under Peter Prater's guidance, of the voluntary group leaders in the village. There was much discussion on what was going to be celebrated in the villages in the next few years and how we could co-operate on this; worthwhile exercise and a chance for leaders to meet each other. The WW1 theme will predominate this year in the Fete and the Church's Flower and Open Garden Festival and no doubt elsewhere.

Dig out those memories! Ed

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**28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> June 2014** in Christchurch Derry Hill

Things are getting under way for this event with what promises to be a good weekend. Would you like to open your garden for people to view over this weekend? Your display garden could be your front or back, large or small. The event opens from **10am** till **5pm**, with last entry to the gardens **4pm**. All we ask is for you to be there to welcome people to your garden.

2 years ago we had 8 gardens open, we hope to have around that number again.

If you would like to open your garden please contact me, Stephen Starr, **01249 821325** and I will be able to answer any questions.

This year we will be commemorating the centenary of the outbreak of World War One and 75 years since the start of WW2. As part of decorating the church the Flower Guild plan to create ten arrangements designed to invoke memories of the war as a tribute to the fallen. In order to cover the costs of these arrangements we are inviting sponsorship of **£35** per arrangement. For details please contact; Claire Satchell on **07968 091217** or email Claire on; [newleaffloristry@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:newleaffloristry@hotmail.co.uk).

The Vicarage will be open for refreshments and a Teddy Bears picnic.

*Go Teddy Go* will once more be featured from the church tower!

On the **Friday** evening **27th June** there will be a preview evening at church where you can view the flower arrangements. The evening will be on a war theme where you may come dressed up in wartime clothes (optional). Wartime food and drink will be served. Look out for the adverts in the magazine for more updates. All proceeds will go to the upkeep of the church.

Stephen Starr. Event manager.

## CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES

Please bring your boxes into church for the Mothering Sunday Service at 11am on **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March**. Thank you for your support. Please contact Sarah Hooper on **01249 658285** if you are unable to bring your box to church for Mothering Sunday or have any queries.

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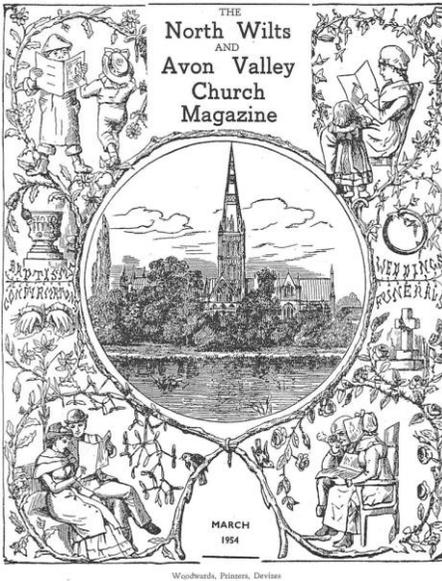
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# ARTICLE FROM THE PAST



....for Derry Hill, March 1954.....

We shall be starting Lent with our special services on Ash Wednesday. These will be Holy Communion at 7.30 and 10.30. Children's Service, 9.5 a.m. In the evening there will be an Ash Wednesday Service at church at 7.30 p.m. This will inaugurate our regular Lenten Services, which will be held in church on Thursday evenings at 7.30 p.m. This year I plan to give a series of lectures entitled "Christian symbolism – its meaning and significance in the church through the ages." This will be illustrated with chalk and

blackboard, etc. We shall be having our Children's Lenten Services on Fridays as in the past, when yet another interesting story, with stamps, will be given. Times will be announced in school. There will be a celebration of Holy Communion at 10.30 a.m. on Wednesdays in Lent, in addition to the 7.30, with the exception that the 25th, being the feast of the Annunciation, it will be on that day instead. It is hoped that as many housewives as are able will make a special effort to be at the Lord's table on these days.

It is hoped to be able to announce the date of the Annual Meeting before Easter this year. Please watch the notice board for the date.

The work party, under the able guidance of Mrs. Tapper, will be holding a church jumble sale at the Social Centre from 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, March 20th, admission 3d. There will be many fine bargains. A very invigorating Lenten training to you all.

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In January, John Baumber gave us a talk on Derry Hill AD, BC and BWI (was there life before WI?) which was fascinating. Most of us have read the local publication on the history of the area but John took us back to Neolithic times and gave us much, much more information. It certainly wasn't dull!! The competition was won by Janet Baumber with an old photo of children playing in the road near The Golden Gate – imagine trying to do that now!

Dates for diaries: **Monday 10th March** will be a **Knitting and Craft Evening** at Margaret's and the following day will be a walk to The Dumb Post, if the weather allows! The walk will be in the morning, times to be arranged nearer the date, and will be followed by lunch – so if anyone would just like to come for lunch, please do.

Our **next meeting**, on the **26th March**, will be a practical session of **Tai Chi** and the competition will be an Oriental Artefact.

For those paying attention to last month's 'blurb' you will notice that I married Tina off to the wrong man! Her husband is, of course, Julian – apologies to both Tina and Julian.

If you are interested in coming to a meeting, please phone Sally on **01249 817945** or Tina on **01249 814145**, or just pop in, we'd love to see you. Our meetings are held on the **fourth Wednesday** of **every month**, at **The Lansdowne Hall, Derry Hill**, starting at **7.30pm**.

Sheila

## CHRISTIAN AID

Christian Aid week 2014 is from the **11th - 17th May**. We are looking for someone to help us organise the collection for this year with a view to taking over from us next year as we will be stepping back from organising this event. This collection is well supported in Derry Hill and Studley and sends about **£1,000** each year to Christian Aid. If you would like to help then please contact us on **01249 822157**. We look forward to hearing from you. Thank you. Goff and Deirdre Lias

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# MOTHERS' UNION – DERRY HILL

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Gratitude to the Fete Committee was voiced for their generous donation to branch funds.

Notice was given of the **Lady Day Service** at **All Saints Church, Westbury** on the **25th March** at **3pm**.

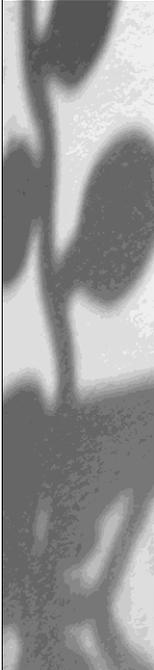
The remainder of the meeting was taken with the planning of the "**Celebration of Marriage**" service on the **16th of Feb**. Members will decorate the Church, supply refreshments and take part in the service. This is one of the main events that the Mothers Union organises for the Church.

The **next meeting** is on **March 5th**, when Mrs Anne Cowburn will give a talk on the Mothers Union Outreach activities. For more information phone Deirdre on **01249 822159**. Visitors and prospective members are always welcome.

## GARDENING STEVE



Let's hope March will be a drier month so the soil can start to dry out. As I write this on 9th February the forecasters give another week of heavy rain and gales. So far this month we have had 2 inches of rain. In January, the total was 7.82 inches - a record at Bowood. After all this rain it's a good time to mulch all the borders with well-rotted farmyard manure, covering with a thick layer. This mulch will cut down the rate at which water evaporates from the soil reducing the need to water. It also suppresses weeds and it looks good too! You can now start giving your lawns their first cut of the year. This winter has been fairly mild so the grass has not stopped growing. Don't give it too hard of a cut. Go gentle, and then start reducing the height once a month until June. Then it will be safe to go short. Prune your shrub and bush roses now. Bush roses are free flowering roses of bushy habit with upright stems. Remove any dead and diseased stems and any crossing in the centre of the bush and open it up.



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Stephen Starr, Bowood Gardener.

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The Parochial Church Council met on Tuesday 21st January, slightly later than planned to allow for the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) visit to be discussed.

The DAC were very supportive and enthusiastic about the proposed changes to the interior of Christ Church. First on the agenda was the choir stalls. To overcome any issues discovered once the stalls have been removed, a temporary licence could be granted. Temporary stalls would be installed so that the choir could try them out and decide what they wanted.

Safety issues about the balcony were addressed with a plan to remove the foot kneelers and the fitting of a brass rail to increase the height. The issue concerning the position of the Font was discussed. The DAC would prefer for the Font to be in a more prominent position and suggested the centre of the Church. However, it was felt that this would cause an unwelcome obstruction for processions. The issues with the sound system were discussed and it was agreed that the speakers should be renewed and added to and that a mobile system should be looked into so that the output during services can be controlled from the back of the church.

Plans for Shove Tuesday were agreed with pancakes served in Christ Church from 3.30 – 5pm. All welcome with a £1 charge for 2 pancakes. It was also agreed to hold a monthly All Age Communion Service starting in March on the second Sunday at 11am for a trial period of six months. The service will be slightly shorter than the one it is replacing due to a shorter talk and one reading.

The meeting ended with the Grace.

*Lucinda Prater (Secretary)*

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	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Derry Hill</b>	<b>Mattins</b>
	<b>4.00pm</b>	<b>Derry Hill</b>	<b>Praise@4 – Preparing for Lent</b>
	4.00pm	Bremhill	Evensong
			<b>Ash Wednesday</b>
5 Mar.	7.30pm	Derry Hill	<b>Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes</b>
9 Mar.	9.30am	Foxham	Family Service
	<b>11am</b>	<b>Derry Hill</b>	<b>All Age Holy Communion (CW)</b>
	11am	Bremhill	Holy Communion (CW)
16 Mar.	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Derry Hill</b>	<b>Holy Communion (BCP)</b>
	9.30am	Foxham	Holy Communion (CW)
	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Derry Hill</b>	<b>Family Service</b>
	4.00pm	Bremhill	Evensong
23 Feb.	9.30am	Bremhill	Family Service
	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Derry Hill</b>	<b>Holy Communion (CW)</b>
	6.00pm	Foxham	Evensong
30 Mar.	9.30am	Bremhill	Mothering Sunday Family Service.
	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Derry Hill</b>	Mothering Sunday Family Service
	6.00pm	Foxham	Mothering Sunday Family Service

## ADVANCE NOTICE OF APRIL SERVICES

6 <sup>th</sup> April 11am	Mattins
4pm	Praise@4 - Passiontide
13 <sup>th</sup> April 11am	All Age Palm Sunday Service
6pm	Bowood Chapel Palm Sunday Service (HC)
14 <sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm	Reflection & Compline
15 <sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm	Reflection & Compline
16 <sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm	Reflection & Compline
17 <sup>th</sup> April 6.00pm	Passover Family Seder Meal
7.30pm	Holy Communion & Stripping of the Altar
18 <sup>th</sup> April 2pm	Stations of the Cross
19 <sup>th</sup> April 10.30am	Children's Holy Week Story Parade
7.30pm	Easter Eve Reflection
20 <sup>th</sup> April 6am	Son Rise Service (Place to be decided!)
8am	Easter Holy Communion (BCP)
11am	Easter All Age Communion
27 <sup>th</sup> April 11am	Holy Communion (CW)

## CALNE WITHOUT COMMUNITY SPRING 2014 WALK.

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Meet at **Quemerford Gate** at **14:30 Hrs.** Further details will be posted on [www.calnerural.org](http://www.calnerural.org) or contact [DerryHill@aol.com](mailto:DerryHill@aol.com).

# THE SANCTITY OF COMMUNITY

The hamlet of Studley has its own unique identity. Indeed, it is hundreds of years older than Derry Hill. It has managed to retain this identity, comprising many 3rd generation families, including just 2 families who have run the Saw Mills for over 100 years, beginning with the Beint family and now a 3rd generation Barnes family. It continues to be a successful rural business that is thriving.

Sadly, this hamlet is being threatened. Despite potential opportunities to develop the old Blount's Court Garden Centre for rural businesses (for example a Farm Shop), Bowood Trustees are consulting about a housing development, Phase One consisting of nearly 30 houses.

Having lived in the hamlet of Studley for nearly 40 years, I have helped to set up an Action Group, made up of concerned residents. These people are not NIMBYs (Not In My Back Yard). They represent the whole community, including those offering a commercial perspective. We would be delighted to see the site developed for rural businesses.

This is of course early days, but already we have noted that there is a lack of clarity concerning information about this possible submission for a housing estate.

At a recent Parish Council meeting and subsequent public exhibition, there was an attendance of nearly 100 people, all with concerns about the impact this proposed Phase One and subsequent submissions will have on the unique identity of Studley.

So, many things are unclear and it is early days, but from the limited information, the proposed submission is very much an open ended one, with a large area leading to what initially appears to be an open space. This is of course a worry at this stage.

The Action Group will continue to meet and will welcome new members from the community, including those with particular specialisms that can help form the future of our very small community of Studley, which has its own clear and unequivocal identity.

On a final note, a very elderly, wise person was asked how they felt about this possible development and they said that they hoped someone would consider the sanctity of a very small discrete community.



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Sanctity is not a word used in planning terms, but a word for us to bear in mind as we move forwards during this difficult time.

Janet Robbins

**NB** If you wish to be kept informed or would like to offer support, please contact me on the email below.

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## FRIENDS OF DERRY HILL SCHOOL

There will be a Barn Dance at the Lansdowne hall on **Sat March 8th, 7.15pm -11pm**. At time of writing there are just a few tickets left.

**Bikeathon at Bowood on March 29th**. A 6 mile bike ride around the grounds of Bowood, the weekend prior to its opening to the public for the Summer Season. From **12.30** onwards, final timings to be confirmed. Sponsorship forms are available. Refreshments available.

**Derry Hill School Ball 2014** – to be held on **May 10th** at **Wellington Barn**. Tickets **£45** to include a 3 course meal and disco until very late (**2am**).

For further information on any of the events please contact [soniajcalvert@gmail.com](mailto:soniajcalvert@gmail.com) and your query will be forwarded to the relevant committee member.

If you are able to help with this it would be much appreciated, if you would like to discuss further I can be contacted after 11.00 most days on my mobile **07813 880560**

Sonia Calvert

## LENT LUNCHESES

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday – **5<sup>th</sup> March 2014!** A series of Lent Lunches will be held in **Christ Church, Derry Hill** each **Saturday** from **12.30pm – 2 pm**. All are welcome. Please pop in at any time during lunchtime for a warm welcome. We will decide on the charity to receive our donations at the first meeting, so do come along and have a say!

The dates are (all Saturdays) from **12.30pm – 2pm**:

<b>8<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> March</b>
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For all ages, parents are welcome to stay (and please do) with under-fives. Please let Reverend Ann or Marnie Forbes Eldridge on [marniefe@talktalk.net](mailto:marniefe@talktalk.net) or via telephone on 07971191398 know if you are interested. We are meeting on **Thursday 20th March** in **Christ Church** to make preparations, from **10am** – do come and help us prepare for this exciting worship through dramatic storytelling.

## A MESSAGE FROM JOE JONES OF PETTY LANE

I am running in this year's London Marathon. I live in Petty lane and I decided at the age of fifty I wanted to raise some money for a charity, so I chose **Age UK**. It will be the first, and maybe my last, marathon as after months of running the **26.2** miles it seems as far as ever.

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Thanks again. Joe



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# DERRY HILL AND STUDLEY VILLAGE FETE

The **2014** fete will take place on the afternoon of **Saturday 12th July**.

May I start this year with a plea for help? The committee is down a couple of people due to re-location and growing commitments elsewhere and we really could do with filling those gaps to ensure the delivery of another great fete. Please, if you can spare some time and would like to be involved in such a worthwhile community cause then please contact me. We really need some help to keep the momentum going. Thanks.

Turning to this year, things are starting to take shape already. To commemorate one hundred years since the beginning of the Great War we are bringing some 1914 themed activities to the fete. We hope to once again entice you to join in the fun of the opening ceremony – the parade of barrows – by decorating a standard wheel barrow (and its driver) in a World War One/1914 theme. There will be prizes for the best barrow and if last year is anything to go by then I for one cannot wait to see what is wheeled into the main arena. We have already booked some WW1 exhibitions and there will be more on that over the coming editions of InSPIRE.

Last year, we re-introduced the classic Arts & Crafts Show and you were generous in your support but I know we can take this to a new level this year and I have a feeling we might find some WW1 oriented classes appearing in the schedule of classes. We are really pleased to announce that **PSP Insurance and Financial Solutions** will again be a Silver Sponsor of the fete supporting the Arts & Crafts Show enabling us to offer cups and prizes for our winners. Look out for further advice about where to pick up the Schedule of Classes, which should hit the streets in the next few weeks.

Thanks also to **Michael Anthony Estate Agents** who have agreed to sponsor our Entertainment Zone, more news on the nature of that entertainment in due course. So, put the date in your diary and keep your eyes on InSPIRE, [www.calnerural.org](http://www.calnerural.org) our twitter page (@dh\_fete) and the fete Facebook page for more information and ways to get involved and have a great afternoon out.

Peter Prater

Chair, Derry Hill & Studley Fete Organising Committee

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Roughly 30 Whole blanched almonds

Packet of marzipan

125g dark eating chocolate, melted

Pop the whole almonds into the oven on a baking tray, watch them until they turn golden brown. Take them out and leave to cool.

When almonds are cool mould a teaspoon of marzipan around them and roll them into a rough shaped ball. Leave, uncovered, on a wire rack until dry. It takes at least ¾ hrs for them to dry out. If you can resist the temptation try and leave them overnight.

When they're dry dip each ball into the melted chocolate. I use a fork and a couple of cocktail sticks to stop my hands getting all covered but you can use whatever makes it easy. Pop them on some baking parchment and leave to set. If you want them set extra quick pop them in the fridge. It should only take half an hour.

This is a lovely simple recipe which you can make with the younger bakers in the family.....they look really pretty in Petit Four cases. You can decorate the top for an extra special occasion - gold dust or a silver ball perhaps.

I've also used pecan halves too and it's equally yummy. You could also try other things like cherries or stem ginger. Or like me you have to buy extra marzipan so as you're rolling out the neat little balls you can munch on the other packet without anyone knowing! Happy baking. From the **Secret Chef**.

## DERRY HILL BOOK CLUB



### March Book of the month

Highly recommended is **Red Joan** by **Jennie Rooney**.

This is based on a true story of a British female spy and is set during the Cold War. Have a read and see if you agree with the Book Club's comments next month. Sally H.



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## REVEREND ANN WRITES

Dear All

As I write this we have just enjoyed a relatively sunny Sunday in the middle of February at the beginning of the half-term holiday. What a welcome relief from all the rain!

Not far from Derry Hill though there is still a village that has not had a day without rain, so a friend of mine recalls, since the 19<sup>th</sup> December!

I have been told that the life on land under water for more than four weeks is destroyed and the farmer will need to begin again to tend and till the land when it is eventually exposed so that crops can once again grow productively.

The storms have humbled those who may have thought this would never happen. It has made people who were self-assured think that perhaps they are not as in control of their lives as they thought.

Industry and carefree use of the world's resources are perhaps just two contributing factors as we work to improve the standard of living.

Water is essential for life. Not one thing can live without water. It is the most precious commodity on the whole earth. And yet, there is so much of it at present that it cannot be controlled. It is everywhere. It is not sinking into the earth to water the tender plants but surfing the tarmac roads and pavements; skimming off roofs; bouncing off massive shopping malls – and it has nowhere to go except into the drainage systems which are overcome. And with nowhere to go the water eventually arrives at the rivers, the rivers overflow and drown the very plants and creatures that are dependent on the water, and also upon which we rely for food and, the farmers a living.

Water is life giving, and yet very destructive when it is out of control.

There is much for reflection as we contemplate the excessive rain and wind experienced here against the droughts that will inevitably come in other parts of the world – if not here over the summer!

Maybe, it is time to review our attitude to water as part of our engagement with God and what has happened over the winter months.

May the Lord bring us fruitful reflection and sunshine in equal measure!

With love. Reverend Ann



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# CALNE WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

*(Derry Hill and Studley are a part of the Calne Without Parish)*

Parish Council met on 3rd February.

At the beginning of the meeting there was a presentation to the Parish Council by Charles Leather, Bowood Estate Manager, and Planning Consultant Peter Lawson on the proposal by Bowood Reversionary Trust to build 28 houses on the land known as Blount's Court, on the Studley side of the A4 crossroads. They emphasised that the proposal was in the early stages and there were to be consultations with the Vastern Wood Yard owners next to the proposed site. Janet Robbins, on behalf of the residents of Studley, outlined the objections the residents had and said they would be fighting the proposals.

It was noted that an exhibition of the proposals would be taking place at the Hall later on in that week.

The councillors heard that Calne Town Council had agreed to the amendments put forward by the Parish council on the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee make up. There was discussion on who might be asked to join the Steering Committee to represent Rural affairs and the Environment. Councillors were allocated to this committee and the Calne Community Neighbourhood Development Order Steering Committee on Renewable Energy.

Councillors heard that Wiltshire council had renewed the whole of the pathway on the Bowood side of Church road in Derry Hill. However it was noted that the Wiltshire Highways department had failed to consult at Parish level as to which were the most appropriate pavements to repair in light of the survey that local councillors had conducted.

These are my unofficial jottings from the meeting, which I hope you find informative.

A full list of Councillors and minutes of previous meetings are available on the web site, <http://www.calnewwithout.org>

Richard Aylen, Parish Councillor

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## ALTAR GUILD

*Flowers in Church:* The Flower Guild are inviting flower sponsorship for the single pedestal in Christ Church, Derry Hill each week. If you would like to do this or sponsor part of a pedestal, in memory of a special occasion then, to find out more contact Claire Satchell, on 07968 091217 or email [newleaffloristry@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:newleaffloristry@hotmail.co.uk)

# THE DERRY HILL THEATRE GROUP

The Derry Hill Theatre Group would like to thank everyone for their fantastic support of our first production 'The Lost Book'. We thoroughly enjoyed both shows ourselves and now have a very enthusiastic group looking to decide on our next show.

If you would like to be involved, or find out more, we invite you to our next meeting at the **Lansdowne Pub** on the **2nd March** at **8pm**. Please contact Jane Clark on **07733 231735** or [janeakpass@hotmail.com](mailto:janeakpass@hotmail.com).

We look forward to hearing and hopefully meeting you. Jane



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