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Some of you may be aware from the publicity on the Neighbourhood Plan that the '*Large Village*' of Derry Hill and Studley, as defined in Wiltshire Council's Core Strategy, needs to build more houses between now and 2026. The minimum for Derry Hill and Studley to build, according to the Strategy, equates to some 75 houses. This is now reduced by the development at Blount's Court at Studley crossroads by 28 houses that have now been allowed by the planning authority.



So we are left with the residue of some 47 houses to build and the vexed question as to where they can be built. Wiltshire Council has a system of writing to landowners and asking them if they have any land they wish to put forward for housing development. The resulting SHLAA map for this in our area showed Blount's Court and the field between Old Road and the A4. Since then various other options have popped out of the woodwork, partly as a result of the call for sites instigated by the Neighbourhood Plan group and partly by approaches made by the Studley Action Group to individual landowners. The Studley Action group are proposing land alongside Norley Lane and in the form of ribbon development, which they say, reflects the historic style of development in Studley. Another option being aired by Bowood Estate is extending the Blount's Court development further east.

The Parish Council and the Neighbourhood planning group will have to comment on all the sites and their merits. The criteria used will include how sustainable each site is. By sustainability we are looking at access to services such as shops, pubs, school, hall and church. This has to be put alongside vehicular access and other factors such as type of houses and build style and environmental considerations.

As I have mentioned before in this column, the Neighbourhood Plan, when it is finished, will reflect the views of our community on such issues. So now is your time to put your views on these sites. To do this you can contact your local councillors, details of whom are on the Parish Council's website (www.calnewwithoutpc.org), or use the contact form on it to send your views to the council's clerk.

I hope you enjoy your summer holidays. *Ed.*

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trees are ok, they have a good root system and store enough water. When they can't find much water they begin shutting down and begin their autumn cycle so that's why sometimes we have early autumn colours. It is best to water late in the evening. If your lawn is brown don't worry it will green up when it rains a lot. By now you should have deadheaded your roses and you can give them another feed. This will put on more growth and give you wonderful blooms in and around September. Now is the time to think about spring flowering bulbs and decide on what is going to go where in the garden. So now is a good time to sterilize your containers for indoor bulbs. Continue deadheading Pelargoniums and Geraniums to encourage more flowers. For those growing their own veg I hope you are enjoying it.

Stephen Starr - Bowood Gardener

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On the **16th October** there will a **QUIZ EVENING** at the church, **7.30pm**. Teams of four; **£20** per team. Contact Stephen Starr to book a team.

To finish we are having a **special service** at **11am** on **Sunday 1 November** with the **Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Salisbury Nicholas Holtam** followed by lunch.

All these events take place in Christ Church and all proceeds will go to the Church Fabric Fund.

Contact Stephen Starr for details. More details to follow - look out for posters and more news in this magazine.

Stephen

ANYONE FOR TENNIS!



Seven couples and one single, plus several of their children, enjoyed an evening's tennis and a picnic, both on and just outside the court. The tennis threw up some surprisingly competent, competitive and even aggressive players, plus others who just ate and drank well.

No-one was anxious for the evening to end, so much so that a visit to a curry house was called for and responded to by several of those who were able to pass on their parental responsibilities.

The court was in good condition, the evening weather was perfect and it was great to see the court in use. Apologies if we disturbed anyone by our cheers of support but we plan to do it again. Thank you from Chapel Street. *John Carter*.



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Derry Hill Fete. We were delighted to bring residents along to the Fete to enjoy themselves with the fun of the fair. The residents entered lots of their craft work into the Craft Section and were delighted to win five first prizes, one second and a third!

Rag Bag scheme. Many thanks to all those who have brought their unwanted clothes in. We have collected **£247** so far this year, which will go towards our Resident's Comfort Fund.

Our Summer Fayre is on Sunday afternoon **2.15pm 30th August**. There will be a Bottle Stall, Bric a Brac, Books, Nearly New, Craft and Knitted Goods, Tea and Coffee, Tombola and a Plant Stall.

Free entry! Please put it in your diaries and come along.

Lynda



VISIT TO KINGSTON HOUSE OPEN DAY

19th June – Theme – The Seaside

For those of you who did not visit the Home you missed a real treat. The Lansdowne Luncheon Club was privileged to be invited for lunch. We enjoyed seaside fish and chips wrapped in paper plus mushy peas and orangeade. We finished with ice cream and wafers. After lunch we visited the house's gardens – a real eye-opener. The garden was beautifully decorated as the seaside. We had a coconut shy, Punch and Judy show, a sand pit and other games to enjoy. They were all contained in the beautifully kept garden with many seats and alcoves. After that on to the fruit and vegetable garden that is looked after by a resident.



We were well looked after by the staff, many of whom were dressed for the seaside in appropriate costumes. We had a 'Miss 1930' and several bathing belles. All the staff are to be congratulated on the day, but more importantly on their day and night care for the residents. We wish you all the best for the future.

Rosemary George – Luncheon Club member and resident of Redhill Close.

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MOTHERS' UNION



The July meeting of the Mothers' Union was held in church on the first of the month. Deirdre opened the meeting with readings and prayers. She went on to thank all who helped at last month's 'Big Lunch'. £168 was sent to the Mother's Union Holiday Scheme. All members were pleased with this result and it is hoped to repeat the event again next year. We are told that Teddy Bears are needed by the holiday organisers. They are to be new or as new condition and about eight inches tall. These are given to each child who attends the holiday. We decided that this could be an additional project for next year's 'Big Lunch'. Nan and Deirdre gave a report on the 'Sacred Space' conference. It is hoped to incorporate some of the ideas learned into our own Children's Corner in church. The 'Treasure Boxes' depicting Christian festivals were thought to be an idea we could adopt.

Village Fete. The MU cake stall was a huge success and many thanks go to all who donated cakes and to those who bought them. Four members and husbands Mike and Chris worked hard erecting the gazebo and manning the stall and were rewarded by having an enjoyable afternoon. The whole Fete had a good atmosphere and it was obvious that everyone young and old were having a super time.

The next Mother's Union is the **Summer Afternoon Tea at Lacock on August 5th**. Members are to meet at The **Sign of the Angel at 2.45pm**.

New members and visitors are always welcome.

For details ring *Deirdre* on **01249 822157**.

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Ferrets have been popular pets in Britain for many years. They do sometimes go feral and can survive in the wild. They can be escaped pets, or released deliberately to try and keep down rat and rabbit over-population. In the past of course they were used quite extensively for 'rabbiting'. The ferret as we know it today is a domesticated hybrid from the polecat. And this association between humans and the polecats/ferrets goes back at least **2,500** years according to written and pictorial records and analysis of mitochondrial DNA. Although what appear to be ferret remains have been dated to **1,500 BC**. It is thought that they may have been kept in ancient Egypt as long as **3,500** years ago. Ferrets were probably used by the Romans for hunting.

The name "ferret" is derived from the Latin *furittus*, meaning "little thief", a likely reference to the common ferret penchant for secreting away small items. They have an average length of **51 cm (20 inches)** including a **13 cm (5 inch)** tail, weigh about **1.5–4 pounds (0.7–2 kg)**, and have a natural lifespan of seven to ten years. Ferrets spend **14–18** hours a day asleep and are most active around the hours of dawn and dusk, meaning they are crepuscular. Unlike their polecat ancestors, which are solitary animals, most ferrets will live happily in social groups. They are territorial, like to burrow, and prefer to sleep in an enclosed area. Male ferrets are called hobs; female ferrets are jills. A group of ferrets is known as a "business", or historically as a "busyness". Most ferrets are either albinos, with white fur and pink eyes, or display the typical dark masked Sable coloration of their wild polecat ancestors.

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Ferrets are still sometimes used to chase out rabbits from railway embankments to reduce subsidence dangers. There are ferret sanctuaries in Chippenham and elsewhere nearby. So if you do see a ferret and are worried about its welfare do contact them. And if you've ever watched "*Last of The Summer Wine*" beware: they do like a trouser leg- so be careful of doing a Compo Simmonite impersonation!

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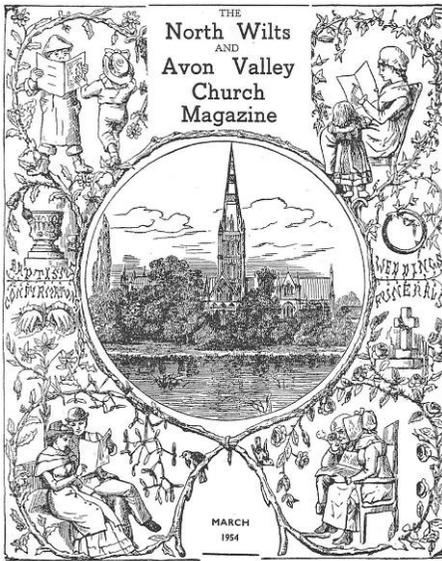
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For Derry Hill, August 1955.....

Those of us who were privileged to attend the great service in Salisbury Cathedral last month, were greatly uplifted and inspired by the wonderful sermon of the Archbishop of Canterbury. It made us feel afresh the great and historic church to which we belong. May I draw your attention to the Work Party's jumble sale, to be held at the Social Centre on Saturday, 17th, at 2.30 p.m, Anything suitable will be most acceptable, and should be brought to the Vicarage, or if you let us know we shall be happy to collect.

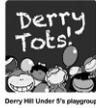
Then there is the Christmas bazaar on November 19th, when you will be able to buy all your presents cheaply and comfortably. Anyone who can knit or sew will be most welcome at the Work Party meetings. These are announced in the church notices, and at the moment are held at the Vicarage on Tuesday evenings.

What a wonderful time we had on our Sunday School outing to Sandbanks. Perfect sunshine was enjoyed by about sixty of us.

On September 10th we shall be saying adieu to a faithful member of our choir when Marina Cleverly is to be married to Tony Ruddle of Heddington. It will be a great event in our Parish Church for it will be the first fully choral wedding celebrated here.

We hope that by next summer we shall have a tennis court made in the Vicarage garden for the use of the congregation. Help in laying it out and in providing equipment will be appreciated. We hope, too, to have croquet and bowls if we can obtain second-hand sets.

L.W.G. Hudson.



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CALNE WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

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

The Parish Council met on July 7th.

A report was given by Councillors Morley, Jones and myself who attended the Wiltshire Council's Strategic Planning Committee's hearing on the Hill's Waste application to make a permanent recycling site at Lower Compton.



Your council, Compton Bassett Parish Council and Calne Town Council all opposed the very large recycling facility proposed. It would have meant a large increase in the vehicular movements in our area. The feeling amongst our councils is that this sort of Wiltshire wide operation would be best suited near a strategic route such as the **A350** and the **M4**. The committee voted eight against the proposal with one for and a couple of abstentions. Hill's say that they will appeal this decision so nothing is certain yet.

We had a discussion on the applications made for the Sun Edison community grants and agreed to give an extra donation of **£270** to the school to cover the survey costs of relating to the Solar Panel installation there, of which the Parish Council is paying half.

I reported that the goal posts were in the process of being erected and topsoil to fill in the depressions was expected the next day. Grass sowing will be carried out in the autumn when the seeds are more likely to take.

Anti-social parking outside Derry Hill School and the police response was discussed.

The council will meet, unusually, in August, on **3rd August 2015 - 7.30pm** in the New Meeting Room, **Lansdowne Hall, Derry Hill**. This is particularly to look at the sites put up by landowners for housing development in the area. Members of the public are welcome to come along.

Further information about how you may bring an issue to the council is now on the website. www.calnewwithoutpc.org

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

Richard Ayles, Parish Councillor

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MARDEN VALE TEAM - SERVICES IN AUGUST

2nd August – Ninth after Trinity

8.00am	Bremhill	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Foxham	Holy Communion (CW)
11.00am	Derry Hill	Mattins (BCP)
4.00pm	Derry Hill	Praise@4 – New Wine
6.00pm	Bremhill	Evensong (BCP)

9th August – Tenth after Trinity

9.30am	Foxham	Family Service
11.00am	Bremhill	Holy Communion (CW)
11.00am	Derry Hill	Holy Communion (CW)

16th August – Eleventh after Trinity

8.00am	Derry Hill	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Foxham	Holy Communion (CW)
11.00am	Derry Hill	Family Service
6.00pm	Bremhill	Evensong (BCP)

23rd August – Twelfth after Trinity

9.30am	Bremhill	Family Service
11.00am	Derry Hill	Holy Communion
6.00pm	Foxham	Evensong (BCP)

30th August – Thirteenth after Trinity

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11.00am	Foxham	Benefice Holy Communion

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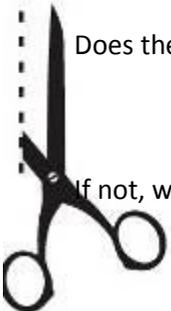
If it's a sense of duty, what could be changed to make it more appealing?

If you now only attend church infrequently, what are the main things that have led to this?

What could be changed in order for you to be more committed and attend more regularly?

Does the pattern of services fulfil your needs? YES / NO

If not, what would you suggest?



Do you attend church functions – YES / NO

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Were you aware of the shared ministry? YES / NO

Would you like us to contact you? YES / NO

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SHORTBREAD AND LEMON CURD SLICE

For the base

½ a cup of soft butter

½ cup of icing sugar

1 cup of Self Raising Flour

¾ cup of Ground Almonds

¼ teaspoon Salt

Mix butter and sugar together. Add flour, almonds and salt and mix. It'll be a bit crumbly but



should hold together when you press it with your hand. Press the mix well into a greased/lined square oven tray, prick with a fork, Pop in oven at **180°C for 20-25 minutes**, until slightly golden. Take out of oven.

Lemon Curd

4 Eggs

4 Egg Yolks

1 cup caster sugar

Zest of 5/6 lemons

¾ cup Lemon juice (or more if you like it sharp)

¼ tsp Salt

½ Cup of soft cubed butter

Pop Eggs, yolks and sugar in a pan, whisk. Add the lemon zest, juice and salt and mix well. Put over a medium heat and stir continuously until thickens...roughly about **8-10 minutes**. When the mixture is thickened and still warm, add the butter, stir until melted.

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DERRY HILL AND STUDLEY VILLAGE FETE



Well, we were lucky with the weather weren't we? Warm and windy made for a good but-occasionally unpredictable afternoon. Led by the Guides, the barrows rolled (albeit three of them a little slower than the others); the Mothers Union, FoDHS and Christ Church stalls all sold out and took the time to enjoy a Pimms and watch the arena entertainment; Family Wise Genealogy told us our past;

children bounced and rolled; and, Dave Hickory, Europe's top children's entertainer, made a triumphant return to the fete. All in all, a good afternoon, topped off by a wonderful evening at the Lansdowne Arms for the extremely popular Cider and Sausages event.

It takes a lot of people a lot of time and invention to pull together the fete in its entirety. It's not just the fete committee but each of the community groups, the school, the Hall Committee and many others. I have had several comments praising the quality of the stands and the welcoming feel of the fete grounds. The main arena acts were well executed and enjoyed by a very receptive audience. Above all, the Parade of Decorated Wheelbarrows was simply brilliant again this year and our thanks go out to all the groups that entered barrows, each one of them was a work of art and we can only guess at the amount of work that goes into them but we truly hope it is a labour of love. We were extremely pleased to see how many of the children had dressed up in support of the barrows and I hope that they enjoyed the whole experience as much as we did, even if our MC managed to re-write the story of the Railway Children somewhat! The SpaceyTracy Cup for Best Barrow went to the Derry Tots for its amazing 3 bears entry.

The Arts & Crafts Show witnessed a record number of submissions in the children's age groups and the quality was incredible (come on adults, more entries from you next year!!). We were so pleased to award the **PSP Insurance and Financial Solutions** Best in Show cup to Scout Johnstone for

her garden on a plate and the **Michael Antony Estate Agents** cup for Best Children's Literature Themed Entry to Liz Gallup for her white rabbit.

Congratulations to all our raffle prize and lucky programme winners, we hope that you enjoy your prizes. Finally, I hope that all of you who attended the fete on 11th July had a really great afternoon since that is our first ambition. The feedback that we are getting suggests that you did, which makes it all worthwhile from the committee's point of view as we begin to think about the themes and attractions for next year - you should put the **9th of July 2016** in your diary now!

If you would like to write to me with your feedback or ideas for the improvement of the fete then my contact details are presented below.



Derry Hill and Studley Fete



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Peter Prater Chair, Derry Hill & Studley Fete Organising Committee

Email: peterprater@btinternet.com Phone: **07912 466453**

DERRY HILL FETE

Derry Hill PCC would like to thank all those who came and supported the Bottle Stall and the BBQ at the Fete. Thanks to the hard work of those involved and the generosity of the public we made altogether over **£300** which will go towards the upkeep of the church. *Richard Ayles*

MOBILE LIBRARY VISITS TO DERRY HILL

Wiltshire Council is currently reviewing its library service and has published a list of those mobile sites where the service will be discontinued. The Derry Hill stops are **not** on that list.



Lansdowne Hall Derry Hill,

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Kingston House Derry Hill,

9.40 - 10:25

Mondays: 10th August and 7th September

REVEREND ANN WRITES

Dear All

Busy, busy, busy!!! This time of year makes New Year celebrations in January look rather half-hearted and meaningless! We don't have the experiences of moving on in quite the same way in January as we do now! If anything we struggle to find New Year resolutions other than those that say we will not indulge further in good food and wine once January is here!

With regard to education year-ends we can do our endings properly before turning to preparing for the new. In fact there is at least six weeks to restore ourselves and store up the energy to begin afresh in September/October. Bliss! The weather should be warm too which only adds to the feeling of wellbeing and relaxation.

It is a wonderful to have time to prepare for transition! God specifically said that we must have time off to renew our spirit and recharge our batteries. If you saw Andy Murray in his third match in the recent Davis couple quarterfinals you would have seen the struggle he had to maintain form on the court because of the fatigue of a packed schedule previously. We are the same, we cannot give our best without rest and relaxation. God says so too (that is what the Sabbath was created for!)

So, enjoy the holidays, make yourself rest and enjoy the summer with family and friends wherever possible. You will feel so much better for it when it comes to getting back into a routine in September! Incidentally, the church is a wonderful place to go and 'be' in at any time of day – it is so extraordinarily peaceful. You are unlikely to be disturbed! Use it!

With love and best wishes always.

Ann

PAT DAY

Pat passed away on 20th July. She was a wonderful ambassador for the church and a fantastic pastoral visitor in her role as Lay Pastoral Assistant. She will be missed greatly by all who knew her and we pray that her family may find comfort in knowing God as Pat did. Words cannot express the deep loss we feel at losing such a fantastic member of our congregation.

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This is a lovely thing to do to remember loved ones and to celebrate special anniversaries and birthdays. The Spire is currently lit between 7pm and midnight, though this varies with the time of year.

Floodlighting the Spire can be arranged through Dave Massey Tel. **01249 817926** or jd.massey@btinternet.com. A donation to the church for the cost of the lighting is welcome.

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

DERRY HILL AND DISTRICT WI



Kirsty Gray gave us an insight into tracing family history. Using her own family as an example, she took us through the minefield of researching an unusual family name - spelling is an obvious problem together with transcriptions errors. She gave us a number of good tips on using the online search facilities and finished an interesting talk with some

amusing stories. Very interesting to see that some people have put their pets on the Census form and one poor girl had names beginning with all the letters of the alphabet!

The '*Glass Item*' Competition winner was Deirdre.

Our thanks to Robyn for another lovely Tea Party – excellent food and good weather!

Terri told us all about her visit to the Buckingham Palace Garden Party.

Margaret gave a run-down on the WI Annual General Meeting, which she attended.

Janet B is taking orders for **2016 WI Calendars and Diaries** and advised members that the subject for the **2017** calendar is '*Hidden Corners of Wiltshire*'. So, ladies, get those cameras clicking! Angela and Sheila had knitted poppies, for members to see, and Sally has the patterns.

Dates for Diaries:

Saturday August 1st will be **Andrea's Lunch Garden Party** – we're hoping for glorious weather but don't forget to bring a chair!

Our **August Meeting** will be Crazy Golf or Pitch & Putt at **Monkton Park**, on **Wednesday 26th**, and we will be joined by husbands and partners. This will be followed by a meal at **The Dumb Post**.

If you are interested in coming to a meeting please phone Sally, on **817945** or Janet on **814152**, 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

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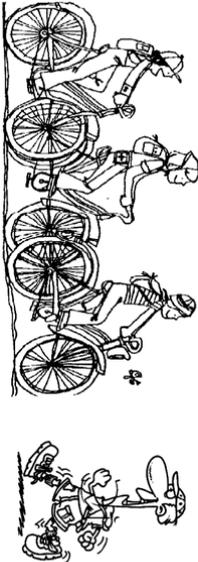
HAVE AN INTERESTING DAY OUT!

Saturday 12th September 2015

Here's a chance to peek into the many and varied places of
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Visit as few or as many as you wish!



Various prizes for most churches visited etc.

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from: Ride and Stride coordinator Richard Aylen. 01249 814632
richardaylen@aol.com

THE MYSTERY

The mystery of the lovely floral arrangement on the War Memorial is solved. In response to my appeal last month I have had the following moving email from Pam Vaughan:



I have placed poppies on the War Memorial for many years and as this was the 70th anniversary of Teddy's death thought it fitting to lay flowers. He, and his fellow crew members, have no grave and his name appears only on a War Memorial in Singapore. My brother was passing through Singapore earlier this year and took the opportunity to lay flowers there.

Edwin (Teddy), was my father's eldest brother, one of four children born to Edwin and Elsie Wright, Portsmouth. All four served in the armed forces, Teddy in the RAF, my father, Donald and uncle David in the Army and Aunt Margaret was a Naval nurse. Members of my close family have and continue to serve in war zones from WW1 to the present day.

The details below are from the **Aviation Safety Network** and were last updated on **4th July 2014**:

Date:	Thursday 3 May 1945
Type:	Douglas C-47B Dakota IV
Operator:	Royal Air Force - RAF
Registration:	KN202
C/n/msn:	15621/27066
First Flight:	1945
Crew:	Fatalities: 6/Occupants: 6
Passengers:	Fatalities: 0/Occupants: 0
Total:	Fatalities: 6/Occupants: 6
Airplane damage:	Missing
Airplane fate:	Presumed damaged beyond repair
Location:	between Meiktila and Payagi (Myanmar)
Phase:	En route (ENR)
Nature:	Military
Departure airport:	Meiktila (VYML) Myanmar
Destination airport:	?

Narrative:

Douglas Dakota KN202 of **194 Squadron RAF** was scheduled to take off from base at **14:55** hours on **3 May 1945** after being briefed to land supplies at Payagi, Burma. The aircraft and crew were last seen by the Duty Ops Officer at the time the aircraft took off. Since then nothing further heard from the aircraft. Four of the crew were RAAF and the following was found when investigating RAAF 10765 PO Walton, G.A Pilot: At **11:46** the aircraft was reported overdue to the HQ **341** wing and an air-sea-jungle search organised, all aircraft returned to base with nil results. A **1953** report by the Far East Graves Service stated:

"Local villagers stated that a two engine British aircraft was forced to land a few miles from Payagi in the forest area in May 1945 which was still occupied by the enemy. None of the crew were brought in or buried or taken prisoner. The villagers had no knowledge of graves near the wrecked aircraft or elsewhere. The fate of the crew could not be ascertained and the graves un-located after a search."

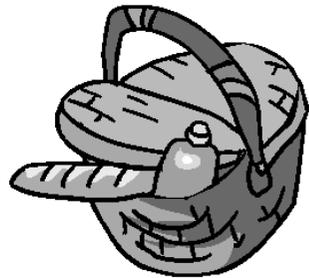
Crew:

RAAF 10769 PO Walton, G.A. - Pilot
RAF Flt Sgt, Wright - Pilot
RAAF 432007 PO Leavey - Navigator/Bomb-Aimer
RAAF 421488 PO Gunn - Wireless Op/Air Gunner
RAAF 434575 PO Pittendrigh - Wireless Op/Air Gunner
RAF Sgt Kemp - Air Gunner

As a sad end note, my cousin Teddy was killed in a Star Fighter whilst serving with CRAF in late **1969**. Kindest regards, *Pam Vaughan*
Thank you Pam for sharing this part of your family history with us. Ed

THE STUDLEY VILLAGERS

The Studley Villagers Group have held a number of really enjoyable coffee mornings and plant sales during this winter and spring. But it was time to test the elements and the Studley Village Picnic was held on Sunday 29th June. If you had been in the village on the day, you would have seen over fifty villagers, young and not so young, new and old residents, walking



through the village with their picnics and favourite tippie. We were a little worried about the weather, but the rain held off and the marquee was used to shelter us from the sun. There were giant games to play; Jenga, Connect4 and Pick up Sticks, whilst music accompanied the highly competitive skittles games! I think the youngsters definitively had the edge! There was plenty of room for the families to spread out over the newly mown paddock that was made ready by Robin and Sarah Collyer and their three children. The paddock offers views right over the valley and as the sun set, the families continued to share their food and memories of past events in Studley. These village events are bringing families together in a way that is reminiscent of bygone days of rural England. *Janet Robbins*

BOOK REVIEW

'Testament of Youth' by Vera Brittain chosen by Tanya Dolman

Vera Brittain's **'Testament of Youth'** is a memoir of her childhood and experience as a Voluntary Aid Detachment (VAD) nurse in the First World War. She was born into a middle class and comfortably well off family. Vera found home life very oppressive and soon realised that being female was a handicap in those days and she struggled to have further education and a career. She envied her younger much-loved brother, Edward, who could leave home without having to get married to do so.

1913 was a significant year for Vera. She was accepted to study at Somerville College Oxford. She also met and fell in love with her brother's school friend Roland Leighton. All three were going to study in Oxford.

But in **1914** everything changed when the country was at War. Vera encouraged her brother to join up. As she said later, she was *'carried away by the wartime emotion and deceived by the shining figure of patriotism'*

'Testament of Youth' tells the story; how she left Oxford to train as a VAD, how she went on to nurse wounded soldiers in England, Malta and France and how one by one the friends she cared most about were killed, including her fiancé Roland and in **1918**, her brother Edward.

This book is a heart wrenching account of the experiences of young men and women at the onset and during the First World War. Through her personal account, given in such depth, the reader is engaged from the beginning. She describes the horror of treating both British and German

POW patients and the relentless work mopping up the after effects of conflict.

We felt that this is an important book to read because the subject of war is written from a woman's perspective whereas historically war was written by men about men. Brittain writes both from the view of those back home in Britain and from the view of someone at the front cleaning up the wreckage.

All of us who attended the meeting would highly recommend this landmark novel.

The **next meeting** will be in **September** and we will be discussing two novels, 'Diary of a Provincial Lady' by E M Delafield chosen by Andrea Colbourne and 'The Girl on the Train' by Paula Hawkins chosen by Sinéad Clegg.

DEFIBRILLATOR NEWS

Fete News

Our group was honoured by an award for community service by the fete committee of which we are very proud. So thank you to Peter and the rest of the committee for the cheque which we will put to good use. We have enjoyed working together for a good cause.

Thanks to everyone for your support for our stall and at the Sausage and Cider Festival in the evening. Pens galore for everyone! The sausages were generously donated by **Walter Rose of Devizes** so we are very grateful to them and to Paul and Ginnie of the **Lansdowne Arms, Derry Hill** for organising and hosting the occasion and donating the proceeds to our funds. Just under **£300** was raised. This will go towards replacement batteries and electrode pads as they are needed and general maintenance and contingency funds. We are very lucky - great to have such public spirited people in our midst. Thanks so much to Paul and Ginnie!

Thanks also to Hazel who was such a convincing James - with his Giant Peach in the children's literature wheelbarrow competition.



She designed the wheelbarrow and her own costume! Like the socks Hazel!
It was a lovely afternoon – dry but not too hot and we took over **£100** altogether.

First Aid courses for Youth Groups in the village

We are busy planning the above to start in September. So if you are a youth group who has not been contacted please get in touch.

Thanks again to everyone for your support!

Emma Dadd 01249 817438 emmadadd@hotmail.co.uk

Paula Edwards 01249 816364 bryher3@talktalk.net

RURAL CRIME



During the daytime on 12th June, a rear UPVC window at a residential property at Derry Hill was forced and entry gained into the house. An untidy search was made within, fortunately nothing was stolen, but none the less, distressing for the owners.

Two vehicles have been broken into at rural locations this month where bags and purses have been stolen after having been left inside vehicles. One victim was parked in Norley Lane and the other at Cherhill White Horse.

On 14th June between 15:30 and 17:00 hrs offender/s stole two original Saddlestone tops from a property in Bremhill.

A burglary occurred at Foxham overnight on 21st June, where a Honda 440 Foreman Quad has been stolen from a secured barn.

At Charlcutt a resident had two front entrance gates, a rear wooden gate and a doormat stolen during June.

Please reduce the chance of being a victim of crime in making life as difficult as possible for would be thieves, and never leave anything of value inside your car.

Scams

People looking for cheap flights are being targeted by fraudsters. New websites are continuously being created with slight changes to the Company names with the intention to deceive the public. They offer tickets

at bargain prices and usually request for payment via bank transfer. These tickets do not materialize and the funds are retained by the fraudsters.

Protect yourself: Where possible, buy from well-known company names. If you have never heard of a company, conduct some due diligence.

Use the internet. Type the name of the Company/site you are buying from and look for reviews of what other customers are saying about the company. Bad customer service feedback usually finds its way online quite quickly.

Use companies that are ATOL or ABTA Registered.

You can check: www.abta.com/go-travel/before-you-travel/findamember

WPC 319 Sonya Stockhill

Community Beat Manager – Rural - Calne NPT

ADVANCE NOTICE OF SEPTEMBER SERVICES

All in Christ Church Derry Hill

6th September

11.00am Holy Communion

4.00pm Praise@4

13th September

11.00am All Age Holy Communion (CW)

20th September

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

11.00am Family Service

27th September

11.00am HARVEST!

ADVANCE NOTICE OF HARVEST SUPPER

in Christ Church Derry Hill

This year's Harvest Supper will be on the evening of **Friday 25 September**.

Put the date in your diary! The exact time is to be advised later.

WHO ARE YOU?

The veranda at the front of Henry's house was festooned with hanging baskets full of beautiful flowers. Without fail, every morning and every evening Henry could be seen watering these hanging baskets.

One day Henry had a visitor who said to him, "I saw you watering your hanging baskets the other day and I noticed that there was no water coming from the watering can!"

"I never put water in the watering can", said Henry. "But it doesn't matter because these flowers are artificial. They don't need water."

"So why do you appear to water them so regularly?" said the visitor.

"Because, if I didn't, my neighbours would know that they are not real."

Pretence is against nature's way and takes away our spontaneity. Sometimes we hide ourselves and project something synthetic – a mask. We deceive ourselves and the world around us. Once the show is over the makeup is gone. Do friends realise they are not seeing the real you?

"If you want to be happy, be." [Leo Tolstoy]

THE LOVE OF POWER

Versus the power of love

A landlord hired Henry to decorate one of his properties at £10 per hour. When the landlord came by to review progress he found Henry sitting on a box whilst another man was decorating. He asked Henry why he was sitting around when he was being paid £10 per hour to decorate.

Henry said, "I hired this man to decorate for me". The landlord asked, "How much are you paying him?"

Henry said, "£ 10.50 per hour. It's worth 50p per hour just to be the boss for once."

Humans tend to crave power and status. We all like to be masters rather than slaves. With power comes responsibility. Many of us want the power but not the responsibility. Misuse of power can make life miserable. Productive use of power can enrich lives.

"He who controls others may be powerful, but he who has mastered himself is mightier still." [Lao Tzu]



The art of Autism

Art competition

Closing date Friday 18 September 2015

Wiltshire Council, in conjunction with the Wiltshire Autism Partnership Board, is launching an art based competition to help raise awareness of Autism. Art breaks down barriers, promotes equality and healthy self-expression. It is a common language that can be used by all, including those who are on the Autistic Spectrum.

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Help raise the profile of Autism using the art style of your choice. Whether through drawing, painting, sculpture, photography or textile, we look forward to receiving your representation of what autism means to you.

Categories for entries: 17 years and under, over 18 or as part of a group of any age.

Artwork can be submitted at any library in Wiltshire with the following details:

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Your connection with Wiltshire (resident, studying, working)

A short paragraph describing how your artwork illustrates the impact autism has on people's lives.

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