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We've survived January! What can we say about February? I suppose the one day is the 14th. when all sorts of romantic happenings take place. I was talking the other day to a couple who had been living together for 12 years and eventually the lady had to propose to the man, but of course she had to wait until a leap year came along! Strange convention but somehow it still works for some. It got me thinking of 'conventions'. There are lots of conventions in all manner of places and occupations. Conventions for writing English; for example, the use of capitals and lower case letters in writing. Conventions are quite often a custom, which we have inherited over the years. The weight of law reinforces others; the side of the road we drive on for example. Other conventions vary from country to country. We tend to greet people with hand shaking. Kissing is a more popular greeting in France. It's conventional to send Christmas cards to friends at Christmas, but not everybody adheres to that. I have read that the Buddha felt that when conventions are considered absolute realities then they can be turned into dogma which could end in conflict. Better to examine each one you come across and decide for yourself. Don't forget Valentine's Day!

Ed



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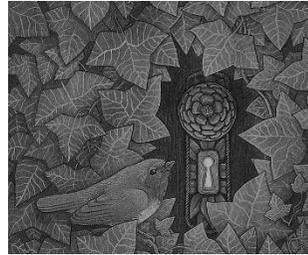
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No less so today: a garden is a small piece of heaven on Earth and a place where our respect for and love of Nature and Wildlife can flourish. It is at once a sanctuary, a haven, a repository, and a place of repose and harmony.

Our gardens can make a real difference to the range of species in our local environment. So has the garden 84 Studley Lane been created. It is a garden for sharing with many animals and is offered to residents in our two villages and students therein. Since starting from a little field in 2012, the range of wildlife attracted so far includes: Bats, Newts, Toads, Frogs, several species of: Damselfly and Dragonfly, Pond skaters, Water boatmen, Water beetles, Bees; Shrews, Voles, Field Mice, Badger; **23** species of Butterfly; large range of bird species- and many other creatures. Sympathetic nectar rich planting additional to areas for habitat has encouraged this.

2017 will see a rapid expansion of Community Projects as well as Wildlife Workshops and educational courses. Specialist placements have been created, and these include: Arboriculture Assistant; Landscape and Environmental Assistant; General Horticultural Assistant; Crafts and Design Assistant. These are available from half a day upwards per week and full tuition and supervision is provided. Additionally, there is a garden library of over **1,000** books on a wide range of wildlife / environment / heritage / design / landscaping / history / ecology / arboriculture / horticulture and related subjects the student can access.

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Restoring Nature and Wildlife in our local environment may not be as grand as the hopes that we may in the very near future to re-introduce the Lynx, the Bear, the European Bison and the Wolf to Britain. The Beaver and the Wild Boar have already been re-established and extinct species such as the large Blue butterfly reintroduced. But the great plans of the future to restore and enrich the planet start with what we do here and now in our two villages. The more you do and the more you refocus your life then the greater you will be rewarded. And remember winter is always a hard time for wildlife because of human depredations and carelessness. Various guides on how you can help it through are available. So, I hope you will join in supporting the Trust and get involved in its projects and facilities for local wildlife and the local community.

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BURN'S NIGHT SUPPER

Friday 27th was a great success with nearly **40** people attending. Scottish fare was served throughout the evening which finished with entertainment from **Conchordia** (Carol, Rita, Neil, and Peter) singing a selection of Scottish songs. Everyone joined in with some of the songs which finished with '**Auld Lang Syne**'. Many thanks to all involved with the preparation of the food, which was superb. Everyone entered the spirit of the evening and a great time was had by all. The supper evenings held at Christ Church continue to be well attended and enjoyed.



Once again well done and thank you to all involved. *Peter*

CALNE WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL (Derry Hill and Studley are in this Parish)

The Parish Council met on Monday 9th January. The council doesn't normally meet in January, but decided to have a meeting just to consider the Draft Neighbourhood Plan, which was out for consultation. (The six-week consultation finished on 11th January 2017)



The Council voted to unanimously to support the plan subject to some submitted comments. Apart from occasional textual mistakes and more detail required in one section, the council asked for more emphasis and detail to be added on air pollution, long term infrastructure plans and how and when development areas added were to be added to the plan.

The next meeting is on **February 6th 7.30pm** in the Lansdowne Hall.

The website www.calnewwithoutpc.org contains the official minutes, once passed, and other information.

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Meditation is very simple and open to all. There are no “experts” in meditation. Some people come on a regular basis and some come occasionally. Everybody is welcome.

We will continue to meet weekly through the winter and we are so pleased to be meeting in the church where there will be heating. However, we would like to make a small donation towards the cost of the heating, so we would suggest **50p** to **£1** as a guide, but this would be up to each person.

Do come along and feel the benefit of a quiet still place amidst the business of life. *Janet Robbins* - **01249 814845**

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GARDENING STEVE

Hi, I cannot believe that it's February already!

This month you will notice that the daylight is getting longer. It can still get very cold; I often think that January and February are the coldest of the winter. You can start to apply organic fertilizer around trees and shrubs; this is much better than inorganic.

A sprinkling of fertilizer such as seaweed meal, blood fish and bone or pelleted chicken manure around the plants will

do them a world of good after a long winter. Spread the fertilizer according to the manufacturer's instructions then lightly stir into the soil with a hoe or fork. Make sure birds have food and water. It's a very hungry month for wildlife and this will also distract them from taking buds and bulbs.

In the greenhouse continue to bring on more bulbs for the house and keep an eye on pelargonium and geraniums, they should not be overwatered, its best if they are kept slightly dry.

Happy gardening

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but were leaving just before it was due to happen. Well Becca and John stepped up to the mark and took this over, at a time when they had only just arrived; so good for them. Becca tells me they are up for the Sausage Fest this year as well.

Before coming here Becca was the Deputy Manager at The Barge in Seend and John had been at the Bell in Sutton Benger and the Bull at Hinton; so they are both familiar with this part of Wiltshire and the pub trade.

Becca told me that they love village life and find Derry Hill just the place for them. They love the fact that walkers pop in and customers can also bring in their dogs.

New for 2017, Monday – Thursday, they are putting on a Lunchtime Special Menu **Noon until 2.30pm £13.95** for **2** courses or **£16.95** for **3** courses, so I'm looking forward to trying that. Becca tells me that they are always looking to vary the menu to reflect the seasons and excite our taste buds. Certainly, the food is of a very high standard I find - I always go away feeling blessed we have such a great place to eat in locally.

Becca and John are gradually increasing events at the pub and are great fundraisers; their main charity being the Air Ambulance. One event coming up this month (**4th February**) is our local village band Sloe Train; this will be a great, enjoyable evening. A popular regular event is the monthly quiz, (**Last Sunday of the month 8pm**) which also raises money for charity and gives folk a chance to pit their wits against others in a friendly environment. *Ed*

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12 February 2017

11:00am All Age Marriage Celebration

19 February 2017

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)

11:00am Family Service

26 February 2017

11:00am Holy Communion (CW)

STUDLEY VILLAGERS AND METHODIST CHURCH

Services for February 2017

5 Feb	10.30am	Rev Mark Barrett
12 Feb	10.30am	Mrs Helen White
19 Feb	10.30am	Mr Eric Clifford
26 Feb	10.30am	Songs of Praise



Prayer, poetry and prose fellowship

Our first meeting of **2017** will be on **Monday 6 February** at **2.30pm** for about an hour and a half. Please bring along your favourite poem or short stories.

The afternoon will be rounded off with tea and homemade cake.

If you're unable to make **2.30pm** then please feel free to drop in at any time during the afternoon.

Notices

Following a recent coffee morning at the Methodist Community Hall a donation of **£50** has been forwarded to the Derry Hill and Studley Defibrillator Group. We would like to wish everyone involved with the this group much success in **2017** in furthering this worthwhile cause.

Daffodil day Monday, 6 March 2017 a coach outing from Chippenham to Central Hall Westminster. Further details to follow or see outside noticeboard.

World Day of Prayer Friday 3 March 2017. We look forward to joining with friends at Christ Church Derry Hill. All welcome to join us for this annual service. See noticeboard for times.

KINGSTON HOUSE

Valentine's Bingo. On **February 13th 6.30pm** we are going to have a Valentine's Bingo night with Valentine themed prizes. Come along and have some fun, who knows, win a Valentine prize for the love in your life!

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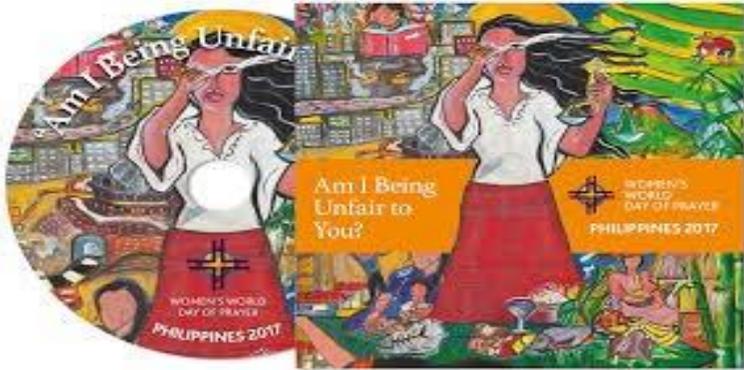
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Do come along and join us on **3rd March at 7.30pm** for an evening of music, song and colour. It's a lovely service where you can join in as much or as little as you wish. Everyone always enjoys it.

My only problem this year is trying to make a banana leaf!

Hope to see you there.

Averil Davis.

WHO CARES? TALKS FOR LENT WITH CONVERSATION AND COFFEE

Who matters in our society?

7 Mar Rev Mia Hilborn—Chaplain Guy's & St Thomas'

Food and Faith

14 Mar Rev David Osborne—Iona Community

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21 Mar Dr Tim Davy—Redcliffe College

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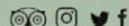
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1 March 2017

7.30pm Ash Wednesday – Imposition of Ashes

5 March 2017

11:00am Holy Communion (CW)

12 March 2017

11:00am Holy Communion All Age (CW)

19 March 2017

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)

11:00am Family Service

26 March 2017

11:00am **Mothering Sunday** Family Service

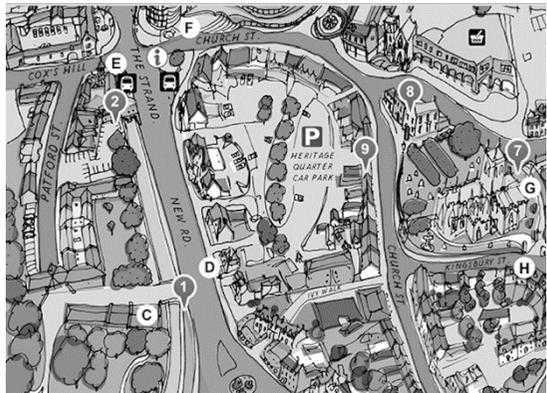
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Like several thousand other rural communities in the UK, Derry Hill and District has a branch of the Women's Institute. Following an earlier start in Canada, as part of the war effort in **1915**, the WI began in Britain. Initial objectives were to provide support for the front line armed forces, notably with knitwear and domestic garden produce, particularly jam! At that time, such patriotism was often associated with the popular hymn "Jerusalem".



Over a century later, the apolitical WI is mostly a social, educational, and secular organization, open to women over 21, although we do petition national government in some matters of social concern.

Derry Hill has an annual programme of monthly evening meetings with informative talks from guest speakers, together with informal competitions. The WI joins in with local community activities such as the Village Fete and the Christmas Fayre. During the warmer months, our members make visits to interesting houses and gardens, whilst we have some modest countryside walks generally terminating with lunch in a local hostelry. Some members kindly open their homes for coffee mornings, cocktail evenings, and even garden parties, to which spouses are usually invited.

Meetings take place generally at **7:30pm** on the last Wednesday evening of each month at the Lansdowne Hall. Potential members are welcome to freely sample a couple of meetings before deciding whether to join. If you are interested in coming to a meeting, please phone Sheila on **814538**, or Janet, on **814152**, or just pop in - we'd love to see you.

Terry

MARDEN HOUSE CONCERTS

Sunday 26th February at 3pm

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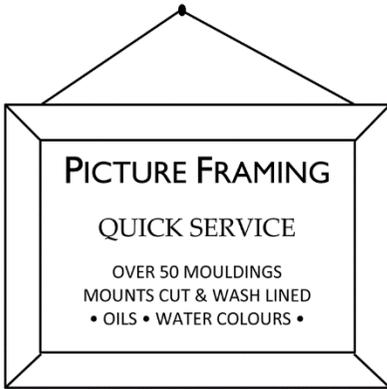
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Floodlighting the Spire can be arranged through Dave Massey Tel. **01249 817926** or jd.massey@btinternet.com. A donation to the church for the cost of the lighting is welcome.

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 newleaf floristry@hotmail.co.uk

MOTHER'S UNION

A New Year Blessing

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Throughout the new year.
Happy New Year!

(From: The Mothers' Union. The Prayers We Breathe)

At our Annual Meeting we reflected on our highlights of **2016**.
They are:

The Wedding Fayre held in Christ Church in February

New Start, our coffee morning held on each Friday of the new term, for the parents of children in Dormouse Class.

Providing craft activities for the children during **Family Service**.

The Big Lunch, held in June, in aid of **Mothers' Union Away From It All Holidays**. These provide a much-needed break for families who otherwise would not have a holiday.

The Village Fete, we had fun with our wheelbarrow.

Making a **Baptism Basket** for Reverend Ann, to help to explain Baptism to children.

Making our knitted **Nativity Set** for the manger in church.

We enjoyed them all. In the next issue, I will tell you about our programme for **2017** and what it means to be a member of Mother's Union.

Visitors are always welcome at our meetings held on the **first Wednesday of each month** at **2.30pm**. If you would like to know more, please contact me on **01249 822157**. *Deirdre*.



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LUCY AYLEN

Outreach to Papua New Guinea

Lucy, who was brought up in Derry Hill and went to Derry Hill School, is a full time volunteer with Youth With A Mission (YWAM) a worldwide Christian movement. Lucy is based in Townsville, Australia where she works alongside the ship ministry, which goes to Papua New Guinea. See <http://ywamtownsville.org>.

In her leadership role at the YWAM Townsville Campus, Lucy helps to empower and equip young people to know God and to make Him known. At the beginning of the year, Lucy will be one of the leaders of a Discipleship Training School (DTS) and needs additional funding to help her lead a team to Papua New Guinea. They will be working alongside the ship ministry, doing advance work on the land as well as serving on board the ship.

Lucy is funded month to month by supporters in this country and abroad who have faith in what she and YWAM are achieving.

Lucy needs the extra funding to pay for the inoculations, extra living expenses and the airfare to Papua New Guinea with her students.

A message from Lucy about her aims at the moment:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=9r8uhvf2aY8

At Derry Hill Church we are doing a sponsored walk for Lucy. The walk is going to be almost entirely off road and will take in the beautiful grounds of Bowood and the Sustrans Cycle and pedestrian footpath.

So, if you fancy just coming for a walk and donating that's fine too!

The walk will take place on **Saturday March 11th 9.30am** from **Christ Church Derry Hill**. The first half is just less than **5** miles and ends up in Castle Fields Calne. Coffee may well be taken at this point! Then it's a shorter way back of about three miles. If you don't fancy the walk back from Calne there are frequent buses (normally every **20** minutes) back to the Studley Cross Roads.

If you fancy sponsoring somebody the following walkers are happy to be sponsored: (They have sponsorship forms!)

Reverend Ann Massey, Mary Aylen, Stephen Starr, Richard Aylen
You may want to donate directly to Lucy please do so on her fundraising page here <https://www.youcaring.com/lucyinpng>.

Can you help our Church Grow?

Derry Hill PCC are currently looking for 2 Church Wardens and PCC members to join our committee. We meet 6 times a year and discuss matters within the church i.e. ways we can move forward as a church and talk about fundraising and new events. New ideas would be great to help the church grow. If you are interested in joining, then please speak to Reverend Ann or Richard Ayles for more information.

01249817926



A MESSAGE FROM JANE VAUGHAN

Following on from the Keep Britain Tidy '*Clean for the Queen*' event last year, the Area Board and Wiltshire Council will be encouraging people to sign up for This year's '*Great British Spring Clean*' on **3-5 March 2017**. I know that many of you arrange parish/community clean up days and so it would be great if you would consider arranging this during the **3-5 March** weekend and would sign up for this with us.

I hope to be able to provide you with promotional materials and a limited amount of Area Board funded equipment and so, if you are interested, please let me know whether you would require any equipment to help with an event and also what day/s you will be having a clean-up as soon as possible and I will see what the Area Board can do to help. Thank you for your continued hard work in looking after our community area - I look forward to hearing from you

Kind regards, *Jane* - jane.vaughan@wiltshire.gov.uk

ACTION FRAUD

Action Fraud has received several reports from victims who have been sent convincing looking emails claiming to be from Amazon. The spoofed emails from "service@amazon.co.uk" claim recipients have made an order online and mimic an automatic customer email notification. The scam email claims recipients have ordered an expensive vintage chandelier. Other reported examples include: Bose stereos, iPhone's and luxury watches.

The emails cleverly state that if recipients haven't authorised the transaction they can click on the help centre link to receive a full refund. The link leads to an authentic-looking website, which asks victims to confirm their name, address, and bank card information.

Amazon says that suspicious e-mails will often contain:

- Links to websites that look like Amazon.co.uk, but aren't Amazon.co.uk.
- Attachments or prompts to install software on your computer.
- Typos or grammatical errors.

Amazon will never ask for personal information to be supplied by e-mail.

CONTACTING THE POLICE

This advice has recently been issued by the local police

In an emergency - dial **999**. An emergency is described as:

- a threat to life - by another person or by an injury
- or when there is a need for immediate police action

The Operator will need to be told:

- who you are, your address and telephone number
- where the incident is taking place, be as specific as possible
- what is happening

101 is used for non-emergencies such as:

- Reporting a non-urgent crime or incident (unless the crime or incident is in progress, when you should dial **999**)
- Contacting local officers
- Getting crime prevention advice
- Making us aware of policing issues in your local area
- Making an appointment with a police officer
- For any other non-emergency, such as making a complaint

Key facts

- **101** does not replace **999**
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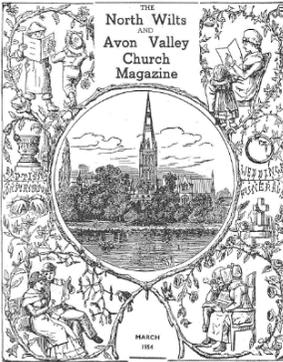
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Remember... **999** should be used for an emergency, when a crime is happening, someone suspected of a crime is nearby, someone is injured, being threatened or in danger.

THANKS FOR LOVE AND MARRIAGE!

Sunday 12th February, 11am at Christ Church we shall celebrate love and marriage. Love is a wonderful gift from God that is needed to create and sustain good relationships. How many of you enjoy being part of a loving relationship? Do come and give thanks to the Lord for creating love! We couldn't be happy without it!!

ARTICLE FROM THE PAST



Letter from Calne, February 1955...

We are grateful to our Ruri-Decanal treasurer, Mr M. Scott for the following:-

While we, as a parish, are meeting our normal financial obligations, it is by means of a gift day, garden fete, etc., that our marginal expenditure is covered. We ought to be putting aside sums of money every year to meet bills which must be incurred in the foreseeable future if necessary repairs to the fabric of the church are to be carried out.

You may remember that, just over a year ago, the congregations of our churches were strongly urged to plan their giving; by deed or covenant, or by membership of the Freewill Offering Scheme, or at least by careful consideration of the coin which is put in the collection. Many responded to this appeal and we are grateful to them. Thanks to their response we have been able to pay our diocesan quota, etc., in full; but many more must plan their giving if we are to face the future with confidence.

In these days it is not often practicable to return to God one-tenth of all that we receive, as was done in Biblical times. If however all those on our electoral roll were to give a one-hundredth part of their incomes, our receipts would be very greatly increased. *Are you* giving one per cent? In other words, does the church receive from you 1s. weekly for each £5 per week of your income? Can you, with an easy conscience, thoughtfully and prayerfully give less?

Please think very seriously about this, as we hope to approach each of you, individually, to ask you to do your best – which is your duty.

As usual there will be a series of services during Lent on Wednesdays at 7.30 in the Parish Church, starting on Ash Wednesday.

Communicant Figures: I am grateful to Mr. Burry for supplying the following from the Parish Church:- 1952: 6,453; 1953: 6,651; 1954: 6,797. I believe that Holy Trinity Church figures show the same upward trend.

Douglas O'Hanlan.

REVEREND ANN WRITES

Dear All

Christmas seems but a memory now as we move swiftly towards Spring and new birth!

Lent is late this year, so we have a little time to adjust to post-Christmas joy before beginning Lent and preparation for Easter.

Lent this year begins on **1st March** – also **St David's Day**.

The first day of Lent is Ash Wednesday, so called because of the custom of wearing sackcloth and ashes for penance or mourning for personal and national disaster whilst also praying for forgiveness and deliverance.

Sackcloth incidentally is a coarse, black cloth made from goat's hair that was worn together with burnt wood ash. It was very uncomfortable!!

There are many references to sackcloth and ashes in the Bible, the earliest being in the first book of Genesis (C37:34) when Jacob believes his son Joseph is dead and wears sackcloth and ashes to mourn him.

So, ashes are used to also offer repentance to God for those things done which are not in the will of God and to pray for the next forty days to be a period of change in our lives that brings us closer to God and the people God intends us to be.

I suggest that one of the most common deviations that contributes to our disobedience is the reduction in time we spend with God. There seems to be no time to fit him into the busy daily, weekly, or even yearly schedule for many; and when time is found it passes fleetingly with the eye on the clock to be elsewhere!

It is the nature of the world we find ourselves in – so much competition for our time which often leads to God being pushed into the background. But our time with God is fundamental to our well-being for coping with everything else!

As we approach Lent perhaps you could look at your own lifestyle and ask yourself where God is in it? Is God being treated as a distant friend, maybe not even that, receiving a Christmas message once a year? Incidentally, do you find that a card once per year is enough to continue to know your friend and appreciate who they are?

At **Christ Church** at **7.30pm** in the evening on **1st March** we will have a service called the **Imposition of Ashes**. At this service each person, who wishes to, receives a cross in ash on their forehead to symbolise their repentance for things done that are not in the will of God and to pray for a closer relationship with God. The invitation to come to this service is to all. The **40** days that follow, plus Sundays, are dedicated to knowing God better and discerning his will for our future journeys – just as Jesus did when he went into the Wilderness.... We walk with Him into the desert and beyond.

It is often said by those who take part - a good Lent leads to a good Easter!

With love Ann

DEFIBRILLATOR NEWS



In our quarterly meeting held in January, we welcomed Ian Liddle as a new member to our merry band of men and women.

We are always on the lookout for new recruits to join our group so if you care about your community and are up for a spot of fundraising, why not join us. Our aim is to provide defibrillators to cover the whole of Derry Hill and Studley and these are linked to the ambulance service. We maintain the defibrillators with monthly checks to ensure they remain in good working order. We hold fund raising events and get together about four times a year. If you are interested and would like to become involved, please contact Emma or Hazel.

Changes to activation radius for our defibrillators

You may recall from last month's news update that the South West Ambulance Service has reduced the activation radius for a defibrillator down to **200 metres**. This means that if you call for an ambulance and the nearest defibrillator is more than 200 metres away, the ambulance service will not give you details of the nearest one or how to access it. There are four defibrillators in Derry Hill and Studley and we now know that the 200-metre radius of each does not extend to one another, meaning we do not have full coverage. There are clear gaps between all of them but the distance between three of them is less than 100 metres (telephone box, village hall, Methodist Church).

The distance between the Methodist Church defibrillator and the football club is greater than 200 metres and it is this area to the south east of the village where we believe consideration should be given to placing another defibrillator. For example, if a defibrillator was placed somewhere along Old Road the radius from this might link up with the football club, the Methodist Church and the village Hall defibrillators. Whilst there may still be gaps of a few metres between each 200-metre radius, the overall coverage for the village should be good. The problem then arises as to where to install the defibrillator? The cabinet housing the defibrillator needs to be accessible to the public and have a trickle of electricity to ensure the cabinet is frost free. The cost of this is negligible. If any resident along Old Road would consider having the defibrillator on their property, for example, a wall, garage or outbuilding, please contact one of us.

Fundraising

Following on from Sarah's sterling efforts at the Christmas fayre, a big thank you to the people from the Methodist Church who have once again outdone themselves in raising funds for the defibrillator fund.

Emma Dadd emma.dadd@hotmail.co.uk

Hazel Eastham hazeleastham@aol.com

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES

It's that time of the year again.

Please hand your box into church in time for **Mothering Sunday on March 26th**. Any problems please telephone me.

Thank you for your support.

Sarah Hooper 01249 658285

TOWN HALL MOVIOLA

The February film is '**The Girl on the Train**' (15) based on the book and starring Emily Blunt and Justin Theroux.

A divorcee becomes entangled in a missing persons investigation that promises to send shock waves throughout her life.

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