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As I write this, news has come out that the government is going for an election on June 8th 2017. No doubt screeds will be written on policies past, present and future by the press. However before June 8th we have our own election in Derry Hill and Studley – West Ward of Calne Without Parish. If you are not sure which ward you are in have a look at your voting card – West ward has 'MU1' printed on it. The other wards in the Calne Without Parish, which stretches all around Calne Town, have just enough or not enough nominations. There are six seats in West ward and seven nominations, hence the need for an election. In addition we have the seat of Calne Rural on Wiltshire Council to vote for too. This is one seat with three candidates, Labour, Conservative and Liberal Democrat. Lets hope for a good turnout in both elections in May and June and be thankful we can exercise the right to freely vote for those who we believe will best look after us. £d



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In 1151 the Empress Maud and her chamberlain, Drogo, gave to the Cistercian monks of Quarr in the Isle of Wight 'a singular and romantic spring on the summit of a hill in Pewsham forest', to be the site of a 'chief abbey'. This was at Loxwell, a name that survives in Loxwell Farm in Pewsham, a little to the west of the Chippenham-Devizes road.

Between 1151 and 1154 Henry, Duke of Normandy (the future Henry II), confirmed Hugh de Plugenet's gift to 'St. Mary of Drownfont' of a hide of land in Lambourn (Berks.), and added gifts of his own in the forest. As king he gave the important estate of Worth, including Wadley, Littleworth, Thrupp, and Wicklesham, a member of his manor of Faringdon (Berks.), part of the royal demesne which Stephen had granted to Thame Abbey (Oxon.), as well as £5 a year in alms. The name 'Drownfont' was derived from Drogo's fount or spring. The compilers of the 'Red Book of the Exchequer', a few years after the community was founded, referred to it as '*the monks of Drogo's fountain*', or '*the grey monks of Worde*'; a later clerk noted in the margin 'now Stanley in Wiltshire'. Jocelin de Bohun, Bishop of Salisbury (1142-84) used the name Drogo's Fountain when he confirmed a number of gifts. The sheriffs knew the brethren for at least 50 years as '*the monks of Chippenham in Locheswella*'.

They only stayed at Loxwell for three years, for in 1154 when their patron King Henry II ('Curtmantle' r.1154-1189) ascended the throne they moved their home a mile northward to Stanley, near the River Marden close to us here.

Stephen won the war and became king for 19 years and Maud went into exile to her estates of Normandy and Anjou. However her son succeeded as Henry II (the first monarch of the House of Plantagenet). The Anarchy had passed and Stanley Abbey and England was at

peace. In 1156 Henry II confirmed the grant of a manor near Farringdon to the monks of Stanley. Our local Cistercian abbey thereafter continued to prosper and grow until its utter destruction by another Henry (the VIII) in 1536. Nothing now remains but bumps in the fields. A local splendour had passed.

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VOTIVE CANDLES IN CHRIST CHURCH



Just in case you were unaware, you are able to light candles in Christ Church during the day in memory of loved ones. Alternatively, you may wish to just come and sit quietly and reflect.

GARDENING STEVE

Hi, as I write this piece it has been a very dry month [April] so far and they forecast a frost tonight. Frosts in May are not uncommon especially after clear bright days. Keep a sheet of horticultural fleece to cover vulnerable plants. Pests and diseases are increasingly common now in the warmer days, so keep spraying all your plants especially roses. Spray on a still day early morning or late in the evening and keep spraying fortnightly, as this will keep the plants healthy. Keep watering containers and hanging baskets; this is best done every 2 days. Also feed them all weekly; Miracle Gro works well. Keep on hoeing the borders weekly this will keep the weeds down and they will be less likely to seed.

Happy gardening!

Enjoy your time in the garden and see you next month.

Stephen Starr Bowood Gardener.



CALNE WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL

(Derry Hill and Studley are in this Parish)

The Parish Council met on Monday 3rd April. As I was on holiday I am unable to give you a first hand report. However, I can give you a summary of what I have read in the draft minutes.

In Public speaking time a presentation was given by the Foresight Group who are planning to increase the length of time that the solar farm in High Penn will be in place.



Also in Public Speaking time Keith Robbins, Angie Cleverly and Richard Fitter spoke about their concerns about the detailed plans (Reserved matters) for the Crest Company's layout of the Blount's Court development. Concerns were expressed over the design and layout not being in sympathy with the rest of Studley and whether the promised Toucan crossing over the A4 would actually be build. Angie Cleverly brought out the fact that there needs to be reference to the environmental part of the Neighbourhood Plan to ensure it complies with its aspirations.

Councillors were reminded to get their nomination forms into Monkton Pak if they wished to stand for another term. (The elections take place on 4th May 2017). The deputy chair of the council, Kate Morley announced she would not be standing. The council thanked her for her time in office.

The Sun Edison sub group reported on their deliberations on various applications for community grants to the council. They felt that the Lansdowne Hall request should still be refused, as it did not meet the criteria. The application for help with the Stockley Defibrillator was supported by a grant of 50% of total initial cost.

The next meeting is on **May 8th 7.30pm** in the **Lansdowne Hall**.

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

Richard Ayles, Parish Councillor.

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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 continue to meet weekly in the church where there is heating. However, we like to make a small donation towards the cost of the heating, so **50p** to **£1** is suggested as a guide from those that are willing to give a donation.

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KINGSTON HOUSE

The Easter Fayre was held on April 9th. We had a wonderful turnout and made over £1000! Many thanks to all those who contributed items for sale and those who came and supported.

Please don't forget the Derry Hill Antiques Road Show -20th May 10am to 2pm. Bring along any interesting items you would like the experts to have a look at and value. (£3 per valuation). Tim Weeks from Bargain Hunt will be attending!

Please keep the spare wool coming in. Also, we are still in need of good quality clothes.

Thanks for your support. *Lynda* **01249 815555**.



DERRY HILL AND DISTRICT WI

On 22nd March the ladies welcomed Alan Padwick who gave an illustrated talk on “Sir Thomas Lawrence – a local artist”. Lawrence lived at the Bear Hotel in Devizes from 1773-1781. The son of an innkeeper, he only attended school from the age of 6 to 8. He earned money prodigiously by drawing portraits of travellers before moving to Bath with his family and then to London. He had an amazing talent and soon made powerful friends including royalty, eventually becoming President of the Royal Academy.



For fifteen of the members, on 28th March Devizes Museum was the venue of an introductory talk by David Dawson, the Director, who later gave us a conducted tour of a couple of the galleries. He showed us some of the intricate gold and other relics retrieved from the Bush Barrow, adjacent to Stonehenge.

Only days later, on 31st March, seven hardy members took an exploratory Spring walk from Studley to Chippenham, through Stanley, via the former railway branch line. We noticed flowering cowslips, as well as blackthorn blossom, whilst pausing to listen to skylarks. As customary with our morning walks, subsequently we enjoyed a communal bar lunch, on this occasion, at the Rivo Lounge.

The 24th May meeting is to feature a talk on “Creative Photography” by Fiona Turnbull, and a completion for a “Favourite B/W photo”.

WI meetings take place generally at 7:30 on the last Wednesday evening of each month at the Lansdowne Hall. Potential members are welcome to sample freely 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.

REVEREND ANN WRITES

Lots of sunshine in April revived our spirits – I hope! The apple blossom, the leaves on the trees, the birdsong – all herald better times to come. The weeds though are also there, threatening our sunny view of the world.

Possibly, better to not listen to the radio or watch the television or look at Facebook, or Twitter etc etc...if we want to keep a sunny outlook!

My son tells me he has stopped using Facebook as he is finding the conversations meaningless! Perhaps the tide is turning and privacy is returning for those things which really should be kept personal and private!

And that brings me to the headline on the front page of the New Scientist this week – ‘What is the Self? The true you isn’t who you think it is.’

I haven’t read the article yet but the headline set me thinking!

Communication – we communicate in so many ways – speech, action, body language; and what we hear and see is immediately interpreted by those watching and listening. Their reaction is preconditioned by their own world – their own principles, ideas of what is right and wrong –by the people they have met, the jobs they have done, their upbringing, what they have heard about you from others and so on. The problem is that there are many interpretations and the negative interpretation nearly always seems to have priority over the positive one – even for close friends. Why do we so often give weight to the destructive voice rather than the positive one? This is what happened when Jesus went to the Cross and it continues to happen today. It can take years to build up a good relationship (or business!) but a bit of bad press and all can be destroyed. Why?

I can only think that evil is a very strong force and one that we must be truly on our guard against. We should look for the good in each other and build upon it. There is good in everyone even if well hidden, but; we must search for it and help it to grow so that the evil is overcome. So let us follow what Paul says to the Ephesians to try and build up one another. Paul says, ‘Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen’ and ‘Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you’. Ephesians 4:29 & 31.

With love, **Ann**



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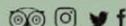
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Richard Ayles (1 Redhill Close)

I have been a resident of Derry Hill for 31 years and a parish councillor for approximately 18 years. As a Councillor I have taken part in many committees including the detailed working on the current Neighbourhood Plan, to help further the interests of this community.



During this time I have also helped in:

- Getting the Village Hall built and run.
- Taking an active part in running the church as a Deputy Warden.
- Helping set up and run the Defibrillator group.
- Promoting the public footpaths in the area.
- Taking an active part in many Derry Hill Fetes.
- Helping set up our Parish Magazine inSPIRE – Derry Hill and Studley Matters, editor since December 2014.

I enjoy living in Derry Hill and serving the community and would ask for your vote to continue to work on the Parish Council.

Richard French (19 Redhill Close)

I have lived in Derry Hill for the last 37 years and may perhaps now be regarded as one of the locals. It was on my return from Germany to RAF Lyneham that I searched the local area and found what I was looking for in Derry Hill –a village community with a forward looking attitude.



Over the years I have been involved with many village projects and groups and have enjoyed the rewards of watching the village grow with improving amenities and working alongside friends and neighbours all with the interest of the village at heart.

I have been lucky to hold the position of Councillor for the last 6 years and would like to continue to represent you as a West Ward Councillor to the Calne without Council. Please consider me for your vote in May.

Ed Jones (Studley)

I'm seeking to be re-elected to the Calne Without Parish Council. I have represented the West Ward for 30 years and I've had the privilege of being the chairman for the last 12 years. I was born in the 1952 and have lived and worked in Derry Hill and Studley all my life, therefore my knowledge of the area is considerable. In recent times I've been involved in creating a Neighbourhood Plan. I am extremely passionate to remain a Parish Councillor so please vote for me on 4th May.



Matt Maddicks (Old Road)

Originally from South Devon I have lived in Calne Without West Ward for the last 10 years and North Wiltshire for the last 25 years. I am a Chartered Engineer with a background in Naval Architecture and engineering management.

I have been married to Alison for 23 years and we have four children; two at Hardenhuish School and two at Derry Hill School.

Over the last 10 years I have served on Calne Without Parish Council, endeavoring to provide fair and measured input. I am passionate about the unique nature of our rural environment and protecting this whilst embracing the future.



Ioan Rees (Old Road Studley)

I moved to Studley in 1989 and live in Old Road with my wife Joanne. I am a Chartered Civil Engineer and was Director of Highways for Somerset County Council. I'm now in my early sixties and retired.

Anyone who has attended a parish council meeting will be wondering, what on earth would possess me to put myself forward as a Councillor? - I have never stood for a council before but in my career I have worked with numerous town and parish councils. I believe our parish council is not performing, as it should, it hasn't



listened to, nor represented our local community.

I care passionately about the future of Derry Hill and Studley and have shown my commitment by helping to write the Neighbourhood Plan, and campaigning against inappropriate urban housing in our rural environment.

We are faced with growing congestion and safety issues at Studley Crossroads. Our roads are poor and we are threatened by planning proposals that seem to be driven by profits for big landowners rather than the needs of our two villages.

I can be your voice on these and other issues, and ask for your support on May 4th.

Keith Robbins (Studley Corner)

I am standing as an Independent candidate for the West Ward in the forthcoming Parish Council election to be held on the 4th May.

I have lived in Studley for over 40 years and both my children attended Derry Hill School. During the time I have lived in Studley, I have been a member of the Parochial Church Council and was a founder member of the village fete committee. I have also performed in many of the village pantomimes!!

As a Trustee of the Lansdowne Hall, it has been good to see the Hall continuing to develop.

One of the most rewarding roles has been on the Steering Group for the local Neighbourhood Plan. We are at the final stages of the Plan and if elected, I will endeavour to support its successful delivery.

Over the last 18 months, as a member of the public, I have attended most of the Parish Council meetings. I have now become familiar with the workings of the Council. It was a commitment I made to myself because I wanted to fully understand the way in which decisions are made in our local Council. When asked to do so, I have spoken on behalf of members of the community. If I were elected onto the Council, I would do my utmost to listen to and represent the views and needs of the 2 villages of Derry Hill and Studley.



Brian Vines (Ratford)

I have been a local resident all my life having been born in Sandy Lane I attended Derry Hill School and I've lived in Radford for over 50 years. I've served in the Parish Council continually since 1967, first serving on Middle Ward Court, the traverse the water when it was founded formed and lastly the West Ward. That coupled with being in business serving the local community for 30 years, as give me a vast knowledge of the local area and its needs. If re-elected I will continue to work with you on the issues that affect us all.



Road Closure 15th May - Hazeland Weir

If you go the 'back way' to the Dumb Post you will be familiar with the Hazeland Weir. This bit of road is being closed for about a day On 15th May. Diversions will be in place. Basically go round via Ratford.

Road Closure 22nd May for one week – Silver Street Calne

From the A4 roundabout to Whitehorse Way, (Silver street) is being re-surfaced between 7pm and midnight. You might go this way to get to the Sports Centre or John Bentley in Calne. Best thing is to approach them from the Mile Elm / Sandy Lane side.

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7th May 2017

11:00am Holy Communion (CW)

14th May 2017

11:00am All age Holy Communion

21st May 2017

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)

11:00am Family Service

25th May 2017

7:30pm Ascension Day Holy Communion (CW) with Reflection

28th May 2017

11:00am Holy Communion

CHRIST CHURCH EVENTS IN JUNE

4th June 2017

11:00am Holy Communion (CW)

11th June 2017

11:00am All Age Communion (CW)

18th June 2017

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)

11:00am Family Service - **Father's Day**

25th June 2017

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Lansdowne Hall Derry Hill, 14.30 – 16.00

Tuesdays: **2 May and 30 May 2017**

Kingston House Derry Hill, 9.40 – 10.25

Mondays: **15 May and 12th June 2017**



STUDLEY METHODIST CHURCH

Services for April 2017

7 May	10.30am	Rosie Beal
14 May	10.30am	Rev. A. Wigley – Sacramental Service
21 May	10.30am	Mr. G. Room
28 May	10.30am	Mr. S. Cooper



Prayer Prose and Poetry Afternoon

Our next meeting will be on Monday 8th May at 2.30pm

All welcome. A donation will be given to CAP (Christians Against Poverty)

NCH Action for Children

Many thanks to all those who continue to support Action for Children, the total proceeds will be advised in due course.

Advance Notice

A Quiz Evening is being organised for Saturday 1 July 2017 at the Methodist Hall

starting at 7.30pm - £2.50 per head to include light refreshments.

Please register your team (of four) to Eric Clifford 01380 870922.

Tina Clifford

CHRISTIAN AID COLLECTION

14th to 20th May 2017

Please support Christian Aid week!

Last year we did very well and collected over **£900** during Christian Aid week, and perhaps we might make **£1,000**

this year! We have a faithful band of volunteer collectors who are always ready to do their bit for Christian Aid. We do need extra volunteers, however, as there are a few regulars on holiday during the collection week. In particular we still need additional volunteers to cover Studley!

Christian Aid supplies help to the needy across the world as well as campaigning on such issues as climate change, tax dodging, gender-based discrimination, sexual violence and human rights. In the medical field, it works to combat HIV and Malaria. In emergencies, such as earthquakes, civil wars and drought it is there to help the victims.

This is made possible by donations such as ours.

If you feel you can support this very worthwhile charity please contact Mary Aylen, tel. **01249 814632** or email maryaylen@aol.com

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BOOK REVIEW

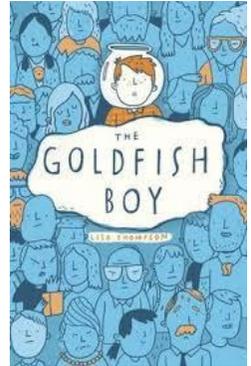
The Goldfish Boy by Lisa Thompson

Lisa Thompson's first book is a perceptive and sympathetic book featuring a young boy who suffers from Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD). Although aimed at pre-teens it has much to offer the adult reader and was well received by Book Club members.

Matthew, the boy in the title, is confined to his room by his fear of germs. We learn that he was in some responsible for his brother's death and that the baby died at birth. We see the world through Matthew's eyes and know only what he know or believes to be true. As he watches his neighbours from his bedroom as they go about their daily lives and notes their quirky behaviour. When a toddler goes missing Matthew feels compelled to find out what has happened to him.

We learn about OCD, the importance of friendship and the ways in which people deal with personal tragedies. Although the book touches on serious issues such as death in childhood, loneliness, bullying and kidnapping this is an uplifting and hopeful book. The children are believable and the storyline retains interest throughout.

If anyone would like to read this book please contact Dani for a copy.
Tel: 01249 816106



SALAD AND PUDDING SUPPER EVENING

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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



The April meeting of Derry Hill Mothers Union was held in Christ Church and began with the talk by Jan Burns from Julia's House, the new Children's Hospice due to open in Devizes on May 6th. She explained how fortunate they have been in receiving funding and donations from many different sources, but would still need to continue fundraising for its upkeep. Julia's house will provide respite care for disabled children on a daily basis and also have an 'end of life' facility with private rooms for parents and family. Therapists will provide treatment free of charge. Volunteers are welcome to help in the kitchen and in the garden. There will be an open day on June 15th. Jan was thanked by Deirdre.

The next New Start coffee morning will be held on April 28th. Our June 7th meeting will take the form of the Big Lunch for members, friends and villagers to raise funds for the Away From It All MU Holiday Fund for families that otherwise would be unable to get away for a summer break.

Members decided to enter the fete competition to make a flag and many designs were discussed.

The next meeting will be in on May 3rd when it will be a quiet afternoon where members can share their favourite prayers and readings. New members and visitors are always welcome and details can be found from Deirdre on 01249 822157

A THANK YOU

I wish to express my sincere thanks to all those who sent cards and messages of condolence to us, in memory of my dear sister June, it was much appreciated.

CHRISTINE POWELL

Greetings from Papua New Guinea!

I wanted to firstly thank everyone for helping me get here, both through funds and prayers. I brought with me a group of 30 young people who are passionate about making a difference in PNG and they have been doing just that. Each village we go to we bring hope with the ship, in the form of Primary Healthcare, Dentistry, Optometry, Lab (for TB diagnosis) and Community Engagement.



This month we are spending time in Gulf and Western Provinces of Papua New Guinea, the poorest regions in the country. One of my highlights so far has been seeing a solar light installed in one of the rural clinics so that midwives do not have to operate by torchlight when mothers give birth. We also saw a patient who we diagnosed with TB one year ago, healthy and well.

We arrived back from Gulf Province, a little muddy but just in time for Easter, being able to embrace the hope the resurrection of Jesus brings.

Update - We've just set sail for Western Province and even though the ship has been visiting this province since 2010, I haven't been lucky enough to go until now! There is a lot of poverty in the region of PNG that we're going to - but I'm determined to highlight to the DTS students the difference they can make, as well as showcase the beauty and uniqueness of the province through media.

Once again many thanks for your support and prayers!

Lucy (Volunteering with YWAM Medical Ships)

p.s. Follow the progress of the ship through our website:

www.ywamships.org.au

Not nice!

There have been several reports recently about sewage welling out of manholes in Studley area. Wessex water apparently deal with 13,000 blockages a year in our area. Here's how we can all help!

Wessex Water writes:

Be smart – love your loo

We're leading calls to ban the word "flushable" on wet wipes, which are clogging up the nation's toilets, drains and sewers.

A report has been sent to the Advertising Standards Authority (ASA) – backed by environmental groups City to Sea, Surfers Against Sewage, Marine Conservation Society and Litter Free Coast and Sea – which highlights the fact that wet wipes don't break down like conventional toilet paper after going down the U-bend.

We're called to resolve more than 13,000 blockages annually at a cost of £5 million – last year wet wipes were responsible for more than two thirds of those blockages.

As the video below shows, the consequences of flushing wet wipes can be highly unpleasant and expensive.

In the kitchen

Pouring fat, oil and grease down your kitchen sink will block this too. Simply let these cool before scraping the solid fat into your food waste bin for recycling. Alternatively, pour them into a non-recyclable container and put it in with the household waste.

Quite often [sewage flooding](#) can be caused by a nearby neighbour not disposing of fat, oil and grease properly or flushing the wrong items down the toilet.

The blockage could occur further down the pipe from them - potentially near your home - so it is worth making sure your neighbours also do their bit to prevent blockages.

Coffee grounds can be placed into the household bin or wrapped in newspaper and placed in the kitchen waste bin. Alternatively, leftover coffee grounds can be washed and used in the garden to help repel slugs and snails and promote plant life.



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News from 1st Derry Hill Scout Group



Last summer, after years of collecting rain water in buckets and ongoing roof repairs, the Group managed to get the very leaky roof replaced. The leaks had also caused a lot of internal damage. Recently the internal repairs have been carried out and the inside has had a fresh coat of paint.

These necessary repairs were only made possible by a matching grant made by our Parish Council from the Sun Edison Community fund. The hut is once again water proof, and the internal repairs make it a much more pleasant place for our Cubs and Scouts to enjoy their meetings.

The whole of the 1st Derry Hill Scout Group would like to express their thanks to the Parish Council for agreeing to fund these repairs, as this has secured the future of the hut. Thank You!

During March a group of 32 Cubs and Scouts went to PGL Liddington supported by a group of leaders and parents. The children had a fantastic time as always, getting involved in a variety of challenging activities such as fencing, canoeing, aero ball and climbing.

The very tired Cubs and Scouts were collected by parents on Sunday evening, but we are sure that they were looking forward to telling parents all about their adventures.

It is also rewarding for the leaders when they see one of the cubs or scouts giving a new activity a go especially when it may be something very challenging for them, such as launching themselves off a 10 metre high platform in a harness attached to a zip wire for the very first time!

The cost of PGL is subsidised by the Scout Group collecting Sainsbury Active Kids Vouchers; so a reminder to our parents, please remember to donate your vouchers to the group!

On April 24th to mark St George's Day the group will be involved in the re-whitening of the White Horse at Cherhill. No one has a recollection of being involved in this community event before so we are really excited about getting involved in preserving a landmark that we all go past. We will give an update on how it all went in the June edition!

The group is always on the lookout for helpers. If you would like to find out more about volunteering please get in contact with the group leader Dave Stovell at davestovell@1stderryhillscouts.org.uk . If you feel that you would like to help but are unable to volunteer on a regular weekly basis, please do.

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