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We seem to be in a state of turmoil at the moment with an unpredictable US president, Brexit and a minority government. Add to this the recent terrorist attacks and the dreadful North Kensington fire and I wonder where it's all going to end. And yet out of these disasters we see hope, human resilience and courage shining through. The response by the emergency services to the tragedies was outstanding. Alongside this was the public response by turning their shock and revulsion into positive action; strangers helping out, donating food, clothing, shelter and money. It is the milk of human kindness. We hear talk of communities 're-building' themselves after such dreadful events as in Kensington and Borough Market; and there shines through the thought that we value where we live and how we interact with our neighbours.



So, let us treasure and support what we have here in Derry Hill and Studley, and celebrate when we come together as a community on such occasions as our Fete.

Ed

TOWN HALL MOVIOLA

Our last film before we take a break during August will be '**Hidden Figures**' (PG)

This is the largely untold story of the women mathematicians who played a vital role behind the scenes at NASA during the early years of the space programme. This will be showing in the **Town Hall on Weds July 12th**. At 7.30.pm. Doors open at 7.00pm. Refreshments available. Tickets; £6.00 from the information office or on the door. **Viv**



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Nan and friends from Derry Hill MU are doing a fundraiser for this worthwhile charity at the **Lansdowne Hall Derry Hill.**

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The Wilsaetas

The transition from Roman-Celtic Britain to England after the Roman legions c.410 took about 300 years. But the chronicler Bede still thought it necessary in the 8th. century to give both Saxon and Celtic versions of place names (Calne is a Celtic place name). And it wasn't until the time of King Alfred's grandson, King Athelstan (buried at Malmesbury Abbey) in 927, that the whole of what is now England became one country.



Each of the main tribes colonising England (Angles, Saxons, Jutes) were not distinct nations, as we know today. They were rough federations of clans and small tribes. Some of which are seen in the names of counties today (Essex= East Saxons; Middlesex= Middle Saxons; Sussex= South Saxons, Norfolk= North Folk; Suffolk=South Folk; East Anglia= East Angles. Within this there were further subdivisions of small tribes reflected in, for example, the names of counties and towns: Dorsaetas, the Somersaetas, the Hwiccas and the Meonwara, each being smaller chiefdoms of the main West Saxon (Wessex) grouping. The main designation of the peoples of Wessex (initially Hampshire, Dorset Berkshire, Wiltshire) was that of the 'peoples of the Gewissas': again being a tribal confederation of several smaller chiefdoms or clans.

The county of Wiltshire got its name from the tribe the Wilsaetas. They were possibly from the area around the river Weser in Northern Germany (Lower Saxony). Lower

Saxony, Westphalia and Saxony-Anhalt are the modern regions of Germany that correspond to Old Saxony (the ancestral land of the Saxons that came here) although modern DNA research shows a tendency of origin from the Dutch/Danish areas in the modern English folk. It is also a fact that Anglo-Saxon makes up about 33% of English DNA showing that the immigrants overwhelmed and then absorbed and intermarried with the majority Celtic population, also changing its language and culture.

These chiefs carved out their own territory often giving their name (usually with a *ton*, *ham*, *stoke* or *ing* in it) to today's towns. For example: Bucca (Buckingham); Snota (Nottingham); Raeda (Reading); Wocca (Wokingham); Bassa (Basingstoke); Ebba (Epsom); Botwulf (Boston); Beda (Bedford); Gippa (Ipswich); Hwaesa (Washington); Cofa (Coventry); Beorma (Birmingham). And of course Cippanhamm: the settlement (ham) of the people (n/ing) of Cippa(Chippenham), which was well established in Alfred's Wessex of 878. Many of the place names locally hereabouts are testimony to the settlement of the Saxons and I will discuss this another time.

It is part of the rich tapestry of what I call the tribal triggers of history beneath our feet. We must never lose our history and our roots. Modern consumerist society has done much to rip us from both, just as it has damaged the fabric of our wildlife. But without these things we become mere flotsam, inconsequential units of consumption and mere shadows of our valiant and pioneering ancestors who lived all around us.

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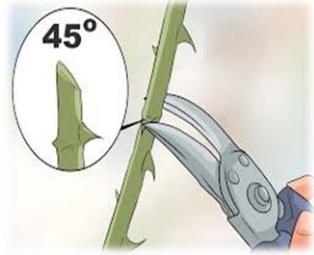
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Stephen Starr Bowood Gardener



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Information from Stephen Starr 01249 821325.

Stephen Starr



CALNE WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL

(Derry Hill and Studley are in this Parish)

The Parish Council met on Monday 5th June.

The Chairman outlined what he had found out about the continuing investigation into what appears to be the groundwater problems at Studley Hill. It is currently classified as not the most urgent in the county but it is hoped that investigation will start in September.

It was conformed that the latest dog bin had now been installed on the car park side of the Lansdowne Hall fence and seems to be well used.

The Sun Edison Sub Group reported that there had been no further requests from members of the public or other local bodies. The group will now launch a further publicity drive to encourage applications for the remaining funds of approximately £15K.

The council voted on outside group representation and working groups such as Calne Area Board, Calne Area Transport Group, Calne area Parish Forum and Church Road Safety Review.

Annual returns on such items as audit and governance were reviewed and voted on.

These are my own jottings to help keep you up to date.

The website www.calnewithoutpc.org contains the official minutes, once passed. The next meeting is on **July 3rd at 7.30pm** in the **Lansdowne Hall**.

Richard Ayles, Parish Councillor.



DEFIBRILLATOR NEWS

We've had our quarterly meeting in June and we had a range of topics to do with the Defibrillators in Derry Hill and Studley.

Possible sites for new defibrillators

We now think that Old Road and Norley Lane are two areas where additional defibrillators could be sited. Elise Baird has been very kindly helping us on this. We would like to hear back from other people who live in these two areas as to what they think. Elise has kindly offered the garage wall on her house in Studley and there is the possibility of the Scout Hut in Old Road being another place. But there may be other sites we have overlooked.

Presently we would be able to help fund one defibrillator, but which site should take priority?

Fundraising

We are happy to tell you that we shall have a stall at the Fete (July 8th) when we will be having a raffle plus a tombola and listening to your comments. Please pop and see us and support the cause. If you have a new unwanted gift you'd like to donate to the tombola please contact Hazel below.

On the evening of the Fete the Lansdowne Arms is holding a Sausage and Cider event. Going on previous years this promises to be a great evening. John and Becca are kindly donating the sausage proceeds to our fund. Brilliant! Members of the Defibrillator team will be on hand to talk to you and join in the fun.

In other news, we are looking to refurbish the telephone box in Church Road which houses one of the defibrillators and have been discussing whether we ought to change the colour to something brighter like yellow so it stands out more. Again, we'd like your views.

Routine

As usual, we have been checking the defibrillators and making sure they are ready to go in an emergency. We do this every month and report this to the national database so the ambulance service is aware.

Hope to see you in July!

Emma Dadd emma.dadd@hotmail.co.uk

Hazel Eastham hazeleatham@aol.com



Pink Balloons 🎈

This poem was written the day after the attack in Manchester on May 22 this year, as a tribute to those who died or injured. It was however written before the subsequent attack on June 3 in London.

They all counted down the final weeks and days,
As eagerly as children might come late December.
Checking their precious paper tickets over and over
Where we sitting? Which entrance? What date in May?

They boarded planes and trains or simply grabbed an Uber.
As the smile on their T-shirts mirrored those on happy faces
Posing for selfies, Snapchats and status updates galore-
The fan forums had been awash with excited rumours.

The Dangerous Woman tour would be the best one yet,
Featuring a checklist of countries as long as your arm
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A hot pink passport to a night you'd never forget.

So they came dragging mothers, sisters, fathers and friends
So proud and pumped to be out 'super late' on a school night,
Tickets bought on impulse and for surprise birthdays treats
A reward for a good grades or saved from working weekends.

Dressed up to the nines in oh so sparkly tops and shoes.
Little girls came to hear their favourite pop princess live,
A name emblazoned across endless T-shirts and wristbands
Her style mimicked in eyeliner, cats ears and high up do's.

Dancing in their seats and waving both hands in the air.
The arena was humming with love, laughter and joy
Camera lights sparkled like fireflies glowing in the night,
Thousands sang lyrics that would later sound like prayers.

And suddenly it was all over and she gave one last cheery wave,
Glossy pink balloons rained down as a final parting gift!
As one by one people gathered their coats grinning from ear to
ear
Others checking train times knowing it would be a close shave.

Before the world as they knew it fell away in seconds.
And smiles of joy were replaced by worried frowns,
Then screaming, crying, confused shouts and fear
Families ripped apart and countless lives threatened
Yet no one knew what was going on.

It's become all too clear that this act was utterly deliberate.
Carried out by those who seek to poison people with hate!
So we'll pick ourselves up and bravely, courageously carry on
For it's the moment to grieve not point score, dictate or berate.

In the days ahead there will be harder questions to answer,
How to fight back against those who spread death like cancer
But don't forget love is sweeter than chocolate honeycomb
As the nation mourns twenty-two that'll never come home.

Kirsty Braik - Scivyer
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Book Review

To Kill A Mockingbird by Harper Lee

“Shoot all the bluejays you want if you can hit ‘em but remember it's a sin to kill a mockingbird”.

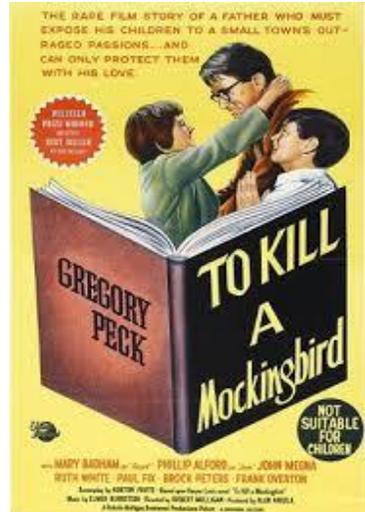
A lawyer's advice to his children as he defends the real mockingbird of Harper Lee's classic novel—a black man charged with the rape of a white girl. Through the young eyes of Scout and Jem Finch the author explores with exuberant humour the irrationality of adult attitudes to the race and class in the U.S.A. Deep South of the 1930's. The conscience of a town steeped in hypocrisy, prejudice and violence is pricked by the stamina of one man's struggle for justice.

This is a warm, funny and touching book recommended by all the members of our Book Club.

The next book to be reviewed is The Gustav Sonata by Rose Tremain.

If anyone would like to borrow a copy of ‘To Kill a Mockingbird’ or any others we have read, please contact Dani **01249 816106**.

Ann Vaid



Spare a bottle!

The Derry Hill and Studley Fete is coming!

Christ Church is taking part as usual and members of church will be manning the **Bottle Stall and BBQ**. Both stalls bolster church funds and help keep our church well run, comfortable and able to perform its tasks.

How can you help?

The bottle stall most importantly needs bottles. If you would be so kind as to bring bottles to church that would be great. Some roads have door to door collecting and we are hoping that will happen again, so please look out for the slips. Any queries contact Stephen Starr (01249 821325). There is a box in the kitchen area of the church for your bottle donations.



The BBQ also needs volunteers to take a turn in helping prepare and cook lots of tasty food. Please contact Richard Aylen (01249 814632) if you are able to join the team. Failing that do pop along and buy one of our delicious burgers!

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High Tea Bingo On **Wednesday 26th July 7.00pm** we are going to have a High Tea Bingo night with tea and cakes. Come along and have some fun!

Farewell to Carol Grainger Thanks to all who came to give a fond farewell to Carol after all her years of service. A splendid, if not slightly sad, but fun time was had. Carol was showered with gifts of money vouchers and flowers.

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DERRY HILL AND DISTRICT WI

On 9th May Andrea and Doug Colborne kindly entertained a dozen or so members to a Ploughman's Lunch at their home, in order to help raise funds for a replacement minibus for Kingston House, and eventually cleared £75.



The 24th May meeting featured a talk on "Creative Photography" by Fiona Turnbull, and a completion for a "Favourite B/W photo". Fiona runs a comprehensive photographic training concern based in Lacock, but for the benefit of the Derry Hill ladies, kept technical references to a minimum. Fiona demonstrated various simple techniques to produce eye-catching compositions. Despite being one of the hottest days of the year to date, on Friday 26th May, a handful of members walked along the former railway line from Studley to Calne, and Castlefields riverside, eventually enjoying lunch in Fay's Bistro.

The Derry Hill WI planned to supply cakes at the Lackham Flower and Food Day on Sunday 4th June.

Sally Hole kindly offered to host a Garden Party for members at her home on Friday 16th June.

A conducted tour of Chavenage House was scheduled for Tuesday 27th June.

The speaker invited for the 28th June meeting was Hilary Bowen on the topic of "Silver Clay Jewellery", and there would be a competition for a Silver item (not jewellery).

The speaker planned for the 26th July meeting is Debi Evans on the topic of "Dragons and Rescue Dogs: My Inspiration to Write Children's Books".

WI meetings take place generally at 7:30 on the fourth 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.

Terry

Apologies for the mix up with the June edition's WI article, somewhere along the line the gremlins managed to implant last June's edition into the mag! Ed.

Thought for the Month

Maybe like me you are glad to be leaving the months of May and June in 2017 behind. They have been months of shock, suffering and upheaval for many within our nation. On 22nd May thousands of young people poured out of a pop concert in Manchester when 22 year old Salman Abedi detonated a suicide-bomb vest killing 23 people (many of them young people and children) and injuring 119 others (many of them critically). On 3rd of June a van mounted the pavement of London Bridge running over many pedestrians and then 3 men armed with knives went on the rampage stabbing many people on the streets and in restaurants. Eight people were left dead and 48 were injured. And this only 2 months after a similar incident on Westminster bridge.

We were still reeling from these terrible and tragic events when on Monday 12th June a fire broke out in Grenfell Tower in central London when (as I write) there are 17 confirmed fatalities and 58 people missing and presumed dead and again scores of people injured.

In the face of events such as these we feel overwhelmed and helpless. Where are we to turn and how are we to pray? There is much in scripture that can help us, especially in the Book of Psalms. Read Psalm 102 for example which begins: "*Hear my prayer, O LORD; let my cry come to you. Do not hide your face from me on the day of my distress*". Sometimes there is nothing more than we can do but pray with lamentation.

And yet this is not the whole story of these last 2 months. Alongside prayers of lamentation we can also pray prayers of thanksgiving. We can do this because alongside the human tragedy of these recent events we can place the stories of human courage and compassion. Many people have put themselves at risk to help others who have been injured or have not turned away from them in their dying moments - doctors, nurses, police and fire officers etc. but also many ordinary people who have helped in whatever way they can and often at great cost to themselves. In the last 2 months, we may have seen the worst of humanity but we have also seen the best, and I thank God for that.

Every blessing, **Rev'd Bob Kenway – Team Rector of Marden Vale**

Marden Vale Team Ministry

On Sunday 25th June, we said farewell to Ann and Dave Massey as Ann retires from her role as team Vicar within the Marden Vale ministry. During the past 7 years she has faithfully served the parishes and congregations within the team especially at Derry Hill, Bremhill and Foxham. We wish them both well in their retirement and all God's blessings to boot. The churchwardens of the 4 parishes and myself are now working with the Bishop of Ramsbury and the Archdeacon of Wilts to find a new priest to serve in the team. Please pray for wisdom and discernment for us all and may God send us a new priest to succeed Ann - and we pray that this will be in the not too distant future!

With every blessing
Pet/id Bob Kenway
(Team Rector)

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Should you wish to assist in this way then please contact Eric/Helen 01380 870922 eandhclifford9@btinternet.com or any member at Studley Methodist Church. Our next fundraising event for Action for Children is the Quiz Night at Studley Methodist Church on **Saturday 1 July 2017 at 7.30 p.m.** all are welcome to bring or join a 4-member team.

Kind regards, *Christina*



Can you spare a couple of hours now and again?

The mowing team at Christ Church could do with some help, especially with the strimming. In the summer months. Please contact Stephen Starr 01249 821325

Or email: stephen1.starr@btinternet.com



Antiques Road Show 20th May

Many thanks to all those who attended with their curios and those who helped to make this a successful occasion. Tim Weeks (as seen on Bargain Hunt) with his colleagues from Wessex Auction Rooms did us proud. Particular thanks to Jacqui Bonardi for organising it and her Kingston House team who came up with some wonderful raffle prizes and yummy cakes! The whole event raised over £380, which has been split between Kingston House Resident's fund and Christ Church.

[Richard Aylen](#)

Wednesday Walkers

In May our longer walk was to Lacock and we had good weather for it. On the way, we saw a native Orchid in the woods. In the summer season we have decided to add a monthly longer walk on the final Wednesday of June, July and August. We plan to walk to (and back from) **Chippenham (June), Maud Heath's Monument (July) and Calne (August)**, starting at 9am and returning to Derry Hill by approximately 3pm.



You will need to pack a light day sack with snacks/lunch and drinks etc. You may also wish to bring money for a pub/cafe stop for a drink and toilets.

Other Wednesdays we will continue with our shorter walks, starting at 9am and returning to Derry Hill by 10.30am we are finding that we regularly walk between 2.5 and 3 miles. Sorry no Dogs.

Phone 814278 for the start point, further details or check cancellation in adverse weather. [Colette](#)

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2nd July 2017

11:00am Holy Communion (CW)

9th July 2017

11:00am All Age Communion (CW)

16th July 2017

8:00am Holy Communion (CW) at **St. Mary's Calne**

11:00am Family Service

23rd July 2017

11:00am Holy Communion

30th July 2017

11:00am Combined Holy Communion Service with Foxham and Bremhill at Bremhill Church

CHRIST CHURCH EVENTS IN AUGUST

6th August 2017

11:00am Holy Communion (CW)

13th August 2017

11:00am All Age Communion (CW)

20th August 2017

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP) at **St. Mary's Calne**

11:00am Family Service

27th August 2017

11:00am Holy Communion



COMMUNITY FUNDING

Calne Without Parish Council still has funds remaining from the Sun Edison solar farm grant.

Projects that we have helped to fund so far include solar panels for Derry Hill School, a new roof for the Derry Hill Scouts and a new hut for Calne Tennis Club. Several other donations are in the pipeline.

If you are interested in applying for funds, please go to the Parish Council website and follow the link
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Wiltshire and Swindon History Centre

EVENTS JULY 2017

Below is a list of the events the History Centre is running in July 2017.

To book tickets or for further information please call 01249 705500 or email localstudies@wiltshire.gov.uk

Please note not all these events are being held at the History Centre. Please see individual events for location and price details.

Wednesday 12th July 2017, 10:30am

Historic Houses and Cottages in the Warminster Area – a talk by Dorothy Treasure Discover some interesting houses researched by the Wiltshire Buildings Record in the Warminster area.

Location: Wiltshire & Swindon History Centre **Price:** £3

Thursday 13th July, 2pm-4pm

Conservation Road Show

Come and talk to our expert conservators to find out how to look after your precious family keepsakes, photographs and treasures.

Get advice on the best materials and techniques to care for your items at home and when to seek help from an expert.

If you have items in need of a little TLC see if our conservators can give you hints and tips for cleaning without damage or a quote to get them repaired.

Location: Wiltshire & Swindon History Centre **Price:** FREE but please book a place

Sunday 16th July 2017, 2pm-4pm

Exploring Prehistoric Barbury Castle and the Marlborough Downs

This event will include a tour of the spectacular Iron Age hill fort at Barbury and a walk of approximately 2 miles in and around it. The event will be guided by expert archaeologists from the Archaeology Service at Wiltshire Council. visit <http://www.archaeologyfestival.org.uk/events/3046>

Location: Barbury Castle Country Park. Meet at 2pm in the visitor car park at Barbury Castle.

Price: FREE, but advance booking is required

Tickets: please phone 01249 705503 or email archaeology@wiltshire.gov.uk

Tuesday 25th July 2017, 10:30am

Wonder Woman! – a talk by Claire Skinner

Stories of some extraordinary Wiltshire women.

Location: Wiltshire & Swindon History Centre Price: £3

Sunday 30th July 2017, 10am-1pm

Exploring the Archaeology of the Castle Combe Area

This event will include a tour of a Castle Combe Camp, a motte and bailey castle, and Lugbury long barrow, an early Neolithic burial mound. The walk is around 4 miles long taking in some of the surrounding historic landscape. Guided by archaeologists from the Archaeology Service at Wiltshire Council in partnership with a Cotswolds conservation warden.

For further information please

visit <http://www.archaeologyfestival.org.uk/events/3045>

Location: Castle Combe Camp. Meet at 10am in the free car park off Dunns Lane, Upper Castle Combe

Price: FREE, but advance booking is required

Tickets: please phone 01249 705503 or email archaeology@wiltshire.gov.uk

Sunday 30th July 2.30pm-5pm

Exploring the Avebury World Heritage Site

Visitors will walk out from the Stone Circle in Avebury into the World Heritage Site landscape to explore examples of the attributes of Outstanding Universal Value that make the site internationally important and qualify it for its place on the UNESCO World Heritage Site List. We will also consider how we meet our obligations to safeguard the Site for this and future generations. The walk guided by the World Heritage Site Partnership Manager will last around 2 - 2.5 hours. It is mostly level with one hill to climb.

For further information please

visit <http://www.archaeologyfestival.org.uk/events/3044>

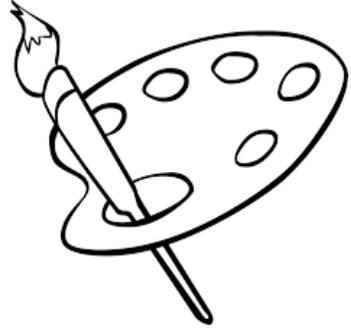
Location: Avebury. Meet at 2.30pm the National Trust car park at Avebury **Tickets:** please phone 01249 705503 or

email archaeology@wiltshire.gov.uk

Price: FREE. However there is a car park charge of £7 for the day if you are not a National Trust or English Heritage member

Chippenham & District Artists – display at the Wiltshire and Swindon History Centre

Tuesday 2nd July – Saturday 29th July during Centre opening hours

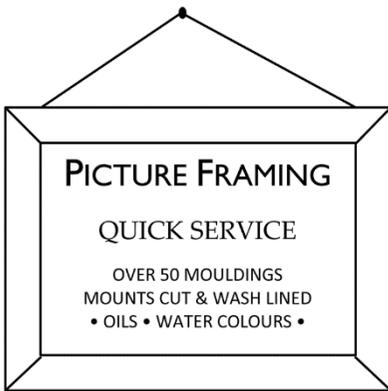


Chippenham & District Artists are delighted to be invited back to display their members' work in the foyer of the Wiltshire and Swindon History Centre. The group aims to offer support to artists in the local area, to help them develop and improve their skills and meet people to share ideas, techniques and topics of interest.

It is a great opportunity to showcase the talent and versatility within the group and introduce those using the facilities of the centre to the artists within the locality. All the paintings are for sale and several of the artists also sell cards which are an excellent taster of the work available. Sales are managed directly with the artists.

The Group also shows its work in two Exhibitions a year in the Summer (24 June – 1 July 2017) and Winter (end November/early December 2017) in venues in the centre of Chippenham.

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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



In May the Derry Hill Mother's Union raised £200 at their annual 'Big lunch' held in aid of the 'Away from it all' holiday scheme. The event was organised by Robyn in spite of not being able to attend. Other members supplied the food and helped on the day. 30 people enjoyed salads and puddings at tables decorated by flowers supplied by Judy. The raffle was organised by Barbara with holiday related prizes. A number of fellow members from St. Mary's in Calne were



able to attend with Carrie, our deanery representative, who told us all about the 'Away from it all' holidays for families who would not normally manage to get a break. For some it was their first trip to the seaside. Deirdre presented Carrie with a floral posy and thanked her for her informative talk. Many thanks to all our members for their hard work and to our guests for their generosity. Our July meeting will have a speaker to tell us about the 'Virtual baby' project. Visitors and new members are very welcome. Details of Deirdre on (01249) 822157

Nan

A message from Robyn Summers

I would like to say a very big thank you to all MU members for their huge support with helping out with the Big Lunch in my absence due to hospital commitments. Thank you for all the donations of food and money for the MU Away From It All Holiday Fund. It was a joint effort and the grand total of £200 will be sent off, as well as a number of teddy bears for each child going on holiday.

Thank you again. **Robyn Summers**



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Dear Editor

Through your magazine I would like to thank all those villagers that supported me in the local Parish elections on May 4th. I was delighted to be elected to the Parish Council for the first time and very pleased to receive so many votes and messages of support for my election leaflet. I intend to produce a regular email updating villagers on the issues affecting Derry Hill & Studley, anyone wishing to receive that email should contact me - ioanrees@email.com or 819428.

Thank you for publishing the statements from each candidate in last month's *Inspire*. The interest in the election lead to a turnout of over 49% which was amongst the best in Wiltshire.

May I also apologise to all those residents of Devizes Road and the small sections of Church Road and Studley Hill who received my leaflet but were not allowed to cast a vote. The boundaries of West Ward, bizarrely, do not include some houses that, to me and others are clearly in Derry Hill and Studley. The Council is likely to discuss this at a future meeting - I would welcome people's views on drawing up new electoral boundaries that more closely reflect our local communities.

Kind regards

Ioan Rees

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