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Editorial

June brings all sorts of delights. Trooping of the colour (14th), Royal Ascot (17th to 21st), Summer Solstice (21st) and of course Glastonbury (25th to 29th). Wimbledon starts right at the end of June and carries on for a fortnight.

The most spectacular event is the Trooping of the Colour for the King's Birthday (14th). If you fancied a seat (£30) you had to apply last March!



Closer to home is the Masters of Motoring Show at Bowood, well worth a visit if you love the sight and sound of cars of yesteryear.

May is nearly out as I write this and I'm wondering if the 'inspectors' for the Best Kept Village have been around. I hope they liked what they saw. Certainly, a lot of effort went in to our villages' look and feel; all praise to those who took part in such activities such as the litter picking and organising the events such as the '40's dance and the Beacon Lighting.

Editor (Richard Ayles)

1st Derry Hill Rainbows, Brownies and Guides

All three sections meet at the village hall on a Monday at 6pm, we enjoy doing a variety of activities each week. We have enjoyed a joint unit VE day party and taking part in the village VE celebrations.



If you are interested in volunteering or if you daughter would like to join us please do get in contact via <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk>.

Lucy, Emma, Erica, Emma and Jess

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A donation to the church for the cost of the lighting is welcome.

Rector's notes for June 2025

This is a big month for the Marden Vale Benefice as we prepare to welcome Carly Taylor, the first training curate based here for over 20 years, to be ordained deacon in Salisbury Cathedral on Sunday 29th June. We have booked a coach, so please call Ann in the office if you'd like to book a place. Carly has prepared some Ember cards, to help us pray for her – these are available in church, and below Carly explains what they are all about.

With my prayers and best wishes

Caspar Bush (Team Rector)

Ember Cards - what are they and why are they shared?

Ember Days in the Church date back to the 4th century. These were days set apart to pray and fast for farming, and especially harvest. Over time the connection to agriculture has diminished, and Ember Days which occur in March, June, September and December are used to pray for people exploring new ministries in the church, whether lay or ordained.

Ember cards were probably first used to communicate news of a person's upcoming ordination, at a time when communication was less easy. Today Ember cards are sent out to friends, family, and parishioners, to ask for prayers in the time leading up to ordination.

For my card, I've chosen an image of the Beatitudes, by iconographer Kelly Latimore. The Beatitudes, recorded in

Matthew's gospel, are the words Jesus

proclaimed at the start of the Sermon on the Mount. We're given a glimpse into the heart of Jesus, of his compassion and love.

Jesus lived out the Beatitudes in who he chose to spend time with, who he called to be disciples, and in people he healed – often living on the margins of society.

Jesus' promise of blessings for all who are poor in spirit, meek, mourning, for the persecuted and for peacemakers, feels connected to some of the words the Bishop will speak in my ordination service, about being a deacon:

'They are to work with their fellow members in searching out the poor and weak, the sick and lonely and those who are oppressed and powerless, reaching into the forgotten corners of the world, that the love of God may be made visible.'



Please do pray for me in the weeks leading up to my ordination. As I become more aware of what I am about to move into, I really value being held in prayer, knowing this calling is only possible in God's strength and not my own.

With my prayers and all good wishes

Carly

Derry Hill C of E (VA) Primary School



What lovely weather we have been having! It has been so nice to see all the children enjoying the sunshine and exploring the great sights that nature has on offer.

We were lucky enough to be invited to Kingston House to join the residents in meeting ZooLab and their wonderful collection of creepy crawlies.

The children really enjoyed meeting the different species some being very BRAVE and holding or touching them.

The residents of Kingston House enjoyed sharing the experience with some of the Derry Hill children.

Squirrel Class had an enjoyable trip to the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford as part of their topic on Ancient Egypt. The children saw the only tomb from the period outside of Egypt and loved seeing the mummified humans and cats.

It was wonderful to see the children being able to share the knowledge they already have with members of the Ashmolean staff.

Mrs H Roberts

June 2025 Church Services

Time	Church	Service
Sunday 1st Easter 7		
8am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
9.30am	Christ Church, Derry Hill	Spoken Holy Communion
10.30am	Christ Church, Derry Hill	All age Holy Communion
4pm	St John the Baptist, Foxham	Family Service
6pm	St. Martin's, Bremhill	Evensong
Wednesday 4th		
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
Thy Kingdom Come – Week of Prayer: details to follow		
Sunday 8th Pentecost		
8am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
9.30am	St John the Baptist, Foxham	Holy Communion
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
11am	Christ Church, Derry Hill	Holy Communion
6pm	Bowood Chapel	Evensong
6pm	St. Martin's, Bremhill	Holy Communion BCP
Wednesday 11th		
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
Sunday 15th Trinity Sunday		
8am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
9.30am	St. Martin's, Bremhill	Holy Communion
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
10am	Holy Trinity, Quemerford	Family Service
11am	Christ Church, Derry Hill	Holy Communion
6pm	St Mary's, Calne	Choral Evensong
Wednesday 18th		
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
Sunday 22nd Trinity 1		
9.30am	St Peter's, Blackland	Holy Communion BCP
10am	St Mary's, Calne	All Age Morning Praise
10am	St. Martin's, Bremhill	All age Holy Communion
10,45am	Holy Trinity, Quemerford	Holy Communion
6pm	St John the Baptist, Foxham	Evensong
Wednesday 25th		
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion

June 2025 Church Services (cont'd)		
Time	Church	Service
Sunday 29th Trinity 2 Petertide		
8am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
10.30am	SALISBURY CATHEDRAL	Ordination of Carly Taylor
11am	Christ Church, Derry Hill	Holy Communion
6pm	St. Peter's, Blackland	Patronal Evensong

Join us on the coach to Salisbury Cathedral!

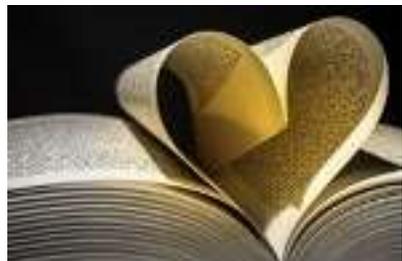
On Sunday 29th June, our new benefice curate Carly Taylor will be ordained in Salisbury Cathedral, and we are all invited to be part of this very special service, in this amazing building. To that end we have booked a 50-seater coach! It will leave at 8.30am from outside the library in Calne, getting us there in plenty of time for the 10.30am service. Afterwards there'll be time to enjoy a picnic lunch (bring your own!) and soak up a bit of Salisbury atmosphere before the bus leaves Salisbury at 3pm. The price is £15 per person. Please book your place with Ann in the benefice office. You can email her on admin@mardenvale.org.uk or phone 01249 816522

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Tuesday: 10th & 24th June 2025

Kingston House Derry Hill
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2nd & 30th June 2025



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Many thanks for all your support

Julian Derry Hill and Studley Heartbeat

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The Sky at night

The summer solstice.

Here in the Northern Hemisphere, we will mark the summer solstice on 21st June, the 'longest day of the year', when there will be around 16.5 hours of daylight. .



No doubt we will see photos of the celebrations at Stonehenge at this time! The exact moment of the solstice is at 3.42 am BST, which is the point at which the Northern Hemisphere is tilted farthest towards the Sun. From that point on, days will get progressively shorter until the winter solstice on 21st December

Look out for the moon on 11th June the so-called Strawberry Moon. This is because in North America, the harvesting of strawberries in June gives that month's full moon its name. However, Europeans have dubbed it the Rose moon, while other cultures named it the Hot moon for the beginning of the summer heat.



Another June date of interest is that on 22nd June 1675 King Charles II founded the Royal Observatory at Greenwich. The first Astronomer Royal, John Flamsteed, was to observe and record the positions of the stars in order to "find out the so-much-desired longitude of places".

It was this search for a way to measure longitude – a person's position east or west - which led to the world's first Prime Meridian, laying the foundations for Greenwich Mean Time and the global time system we still use today.

Richard Aylen

2025 VILLAGE FETE -

The fete committee is almost there with planning this year's Village Fete and we look forward to welcoming you all on the 12th July at 1.30pm. It will be the usual fun-filled family day out with all the usual favourite activities, stalls, arena acts and fun and games! This year's theme is 'Community - what is that?'- look out for further information over coming weeks.



Please look out for further information about the Arts and Crafts competitions on the [village website](#) and the [Derry Hill and Studley Facebook page](#) over the next couple of weeks.

All the usual stalls have confirmed their attendance again this year so many thanks to all those involved. Look out for specific requests over the next few weeks from our stall holders such as bottle contributions etc. The Dumb Post will be on-site with a food offering so why not come and have your lunch at the fete?!

Further information regarding the programme of activities will be circulated soon so look out for that on all the usual channels. Rub-a-Dub will be having their usual races before we have a dance performance from FitzGraham Dance School, followed by Colin Bell's traditional fete games, a magic performance from Dave Hickory before we finish with our exciting Tug-of-War battle.

We've got plenty of fantastic raffle prizes so please remember to buy your tickets when you arrive at the fete.

As always, we couldn't do it without our Sponsors. So, this year we'd like to thank PSP Insurance / Assured Partners and The Dumb Post Inn for their contributions.

We look forward to seeing you all again this year on the big day! Hopefully the sun will be out for us.

If you have any questions in the meantime, or if you would like to get involved in the fete with a stall, or by joining the fete team, then please let me know. We are short of volunteers on Fete Day this year so if you'd like to help us on a stall then please let me know as soon as possible, it would be great to have you onboard!

Tom Metcalfe – Chair – Derry Hill and Studley Village Fete Committee. 07841 131623 Tom_metcalfe@sky.com

Fetes!

The Derry Hill and Studley Fete will be on the 12th July this year. The fete has been a steady feature on the village diary – second Saturday in July. Looking back, there has been a strong history of fetes.



On August 20th 1868 the North Wilts Horticultural Society held its annual fete at Bowood. The newspaper of the day commented:

‘The readiness with which Mrs Colston – and since her death, the family of that lady – have always thrown open Roundway Park for the holding of the annual Fete of the North Wilts Horticultural Society will not be forgotten by the inhabitants of Devizes; and it was from no want of appreciation past kindnesses that the locus in quo of the Society’s fete was this year shifted a little further afield.

It seems to have been thought by those that who undertake the management of the Society’s affairs that it would be well for once to vary the scene of the attraction and upon an invitation from the Marquis of Lansdowne that this year the show to be held in the beautiful park of Bowood.

It was for this reason that Bowood became the scene of this year’s fete (1868). Everything that could be done was done to render the fete worthy of the occasion.

There was the magnificent band of the Grenadier Guards pouring forth Moore's Melodies with a sweetness which seems to bring back the features that joy used to wear. But besides the Guard's band there was our own county band of the Royal Wilts Militia, and the band attached to our local Volunteer Corps. All the music which delighted those that heard it.

On the day, just as every arrangement had been completed – when the tents were up, and the flowers arranged – and the bands ready to awaken the glades and the woods – down came the rain. Not a mere sprinkle but a regular downpour. It was about half past one when it began, and by this time a large number of carriages were on their way to the scene, filled with the fashion of the neighbourhood. Some 6 or 7,000 persons entered the enclosure around the house where the tents had been arranged and the bands stationed.

As the afternoon wore on various amusements were started – there was archery and Aunt Sally, and dancing and all sorts of fun. Fireworks had been announced for 9 pm in the evening, by which time Bowood was pretty well enveloped in darkness. The number of persons present had by this time considerably increased – it is computed that there could be 10,000 people present. The effect of the fireworks in the part was singularly grand – and when the 'grand finale' came with its terrific Vesuvian blaze terminating with the motto 'Prosperity to the Flower Show' the crowd cheered and cheered again.

The final consideration of the crowd was how to get home for the drives through the park were as dark as pitch, so dark that those without lamps had to grope their way along.

What a result of the fete, with receipts in excess of £205 – noting in 1861 the fete made just £98 and in 1862 (the year of the balloon ascent) they made £110.'

Next time you visit the grounds in Bowood just imagine the scene with the band of the Grenadier Guards playing and 10,000 massed to see the grand finale of the fireworks.

Steve Calder

Calne Neighbourhood Policing Update

Introduction

Welcome to our latest Neighbourhood Policing update. If there is anything you wish for me to add to these updates, or concerns you may have, please do contact me using my email address: mark.cook@wiltshire.police.uk



Crime and incident updates

- Between 26/04/2025 and 28/04/2025, unknown persons have entered a site and damaged several heavy plant machines.
- On 30/04/2025 at 16:54hrs, a road traffic collision occurred in /Beacon Hill, Hilmarton. The driver of the offending vehicle failed to stop at the scene. Damage caused to the reporting person's vehicle. Enquiries are ongoing.
- On 04/05/2025 at 17:00hrs, report of a vehicle travelling too fast around a sharp bend in Spirt Hill. Substantial damage caused to the reporting person's vehicle.
- On 10/05/2025 at 19:33hrs, two male youths have been seen to throw a brick from the Millennium Bridge over the A4 at Black dog Hill. The item narrowly missed a windscreen of a passing vehicle but has caused damage to the body work.
- On 09/05/2025 at 06:59hrs, officers attended an address in Church Road, Derry Hill where a male was arrested on suspicion of conspiracy to supply class A drugs. During a search a large amount of cash and drugs were located. Enquiries are currently ongoing.
- On 13/05/2025 at 16:48hrs, unknown persons have hung a flag which was reported to have anti-Jewish wording from Millennium Bridge over the A4 at Black Dog Hill. The flag was removed and seized by the attending officers.

Road safety

We are continuing to monitor any collisions or incidents on the A4 and surrounding routes of Derry Hill and will look to target those locations for preventive patrols and enforcement action where possible.



We are seeing a decrease in traffic on our rural roads due to the section of Dauncey, near Lyneham re-opening.

We will be paying particular attention to all routes including those in East Tytherton, Derry Hill, Bremhill and Foxham over coming weeks.

We have forwarded on reports of vehicles travelling at excessive speeds through the 20mph limit in the village of Derry Hill to our Roads Policing Unit, who will also be looking to target this area in the coming weeks.

The Calne Neighbourhood Team are fully committed to keeping our roads as safe as possible and we will continue to conduct speed checks throughout our area.

Wiltshire Bobby Van seeking referrals for Ring doorbells

If you know of anyone who would benefit from a Ring Doorbell, in the Calne rural area please email on BobbyVan@wbvt.org



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PCSO Mark Cook

Calne Neighbourhood Police Team

Regular updates for the Calne area can also be found on community messaging and Facebook page: Calne police



Derry Hill and Studley Parish Council



What we have been doing in the last month

We have been busy wrapping up projects begun by the outgoing councillors. You will see new bike planters dotted around the village to help encourage green travel around the village and provide a visually pleasing location to secure bikes when visiting areas of the village.

The next stage of tackling the drainage issue on the steps behind Barry Place was undertaken to help link Derry Hill and Pewsham by foot.

The new councillors have now attended their first meeting and work has begun. Your new councillors and contact information are:

Pewsham Ward is represented by:

Cllr Barnes John.barnes@derryhillandstudley-pc.gov.uk

Derry Hill & Studley Ward is represented by:

Cllr Handsides Martin.handyside@derryhillandstudley-pc.gov.uk

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We have two vacant seats that we can fill via co-option, one seat representing Derry Hill & Studley Ward and the other representing Bowood & Sandy Lane ward. Please get in touch if you would like further information.

Councillor Ashley O Neill was re-elected to Wiltshire Council and we will continue to work closely with him to secure positive outcomes for the Parish.

Next Full Council Meeting Dates

Monday 9th June 2025 7.30pm

Monday 14th July 2025 7.30pm

All council meetings are held at the Lansdowne Hall, Derry Hill.

Keeping in Touch

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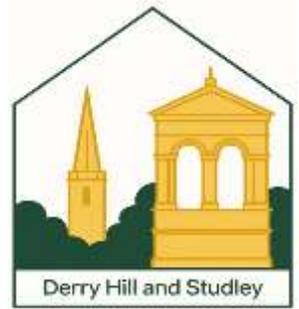
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Derry Hill & District WI

The village had a wonderful week of events commemorating VE Day. Members attended the dance, picnic and beacon lighting and the parade to the War Memorial. Thank you to all the organisers. What a week!

Several of our members went for lunch at the Angel Inn, Upton Scudamore, followed by a visit to Dents Gloves in Warminster.



They had a great time and many came home with purchases!!

The speaker at the May meeting was Philippa who talked about 'How a Hobby Became a Job'. She spoke of her crafting history, and how making miniature food (very niche) became a job. Philippa also told us a bit about writing for magazines and teaching abroad. We had time afterwards to peruse the amazing display of her craft. What a talented lady. Thank you, Philippa.

Our Annual Meeting followed. We now have a new President, Alex. Alex was a popular choice and I know will lead our WI brilliantly. Sadly, this means Sally has stepped down and will take a backseat after 3 years of being President. She has done an excellent job. We had a lot of fun in the last 3 years, so, thank you Sally. WI is thriving.

In June we have Chris Churchman, who will talk about 'Losing England's Landscape'. Chris has over 3 years' experience talking to Wis. He'll explain the pressures facing our rural landscapes and communities which are undergoing a process of transformation, both positive and negative. Should be very interesting.

A new Programme of speakers and events will be published in June. Lots of exciting speakers and experiences to look forward to. We meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month at the Lansdowne Hall, 7.30pm.

If you are interested, please email our secretary, Liz, at derryhillsec@wiltshirewi.org

Tina

Friends of Derry Hill School



A big thank you to everyone who donated to our Bags2School collection at the beginning of May. We were able to raise £80.00, which will help us support the extracurricular activities and projects the children of Derry Hill School enjoy so much!

Most recently we were able to purchase a new sound system for the school to support with sports day and other events and we have also been able to buy lots of new outdoor toys for the children to use and enjoy - especially in this beautiful weather we're having!

Our members and school community are gearing up for the next cake sale, which we know goes down very well with the children! And as the weather continues to stay warm, we are making sure we are stocked up with ice lollies for Friday afternoons - another crowd pleaser!

We're looking forward to holding our stall at the Village Fete again this year, so we hope to see you there!

Thank you to everyone for your ongoing support!

Many thanks,

Lina Middleton. FODHS Secretary

Future dates and performers for the Jazz Club

Re JAZZ CLUB -- CALNE

Tuesday 24th June

Our 20th Anniversary!!!

Playing for us will be:

DAVE NEWTON - piano

& ALAN BARNES - virtually all the saxes + clarinet



bookings by phone please on 07976 945055

Thanks

James

Walking Netball

Things are moving on for Walking Netball. We will no longer be part of WI and will rebrand ourselves shortly. In the meantime, we continue to enjoy playing outside in the fresh air and sunshine. The timing of our sessions are such that you could play netball and still pick up children from school. The sessions are term time only.



We will have a stall at the Village Fete again this year and monies raised will go to support our village Heartbeat defibrillators. So, if you consider yourself a good shot come and have a go to see how good you are!

If you would like to come and have a go it is £2 per session, Monday and Friday at 1.45-2.45 pm, term time only, on the outside multi-pitch next to Lansdowne Hall. An excellent way to socialise, have fun and keep fit.



Tina



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Tickets are now on sale for the inaugural Paws For A Cause charity dog show at Rainscombe Park, Oare, on June 21.

The show will be a fantastic day out for families and four-legged friends in aid of the Wiltshire and Bath Air Ambulance Charity and Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust. Held amid the splendid grounds of Rainscombe Park, the canine cavalcade will have something for everyone.

As well as all the fun and competition there will be a children's activity section, stalls and refreshments.

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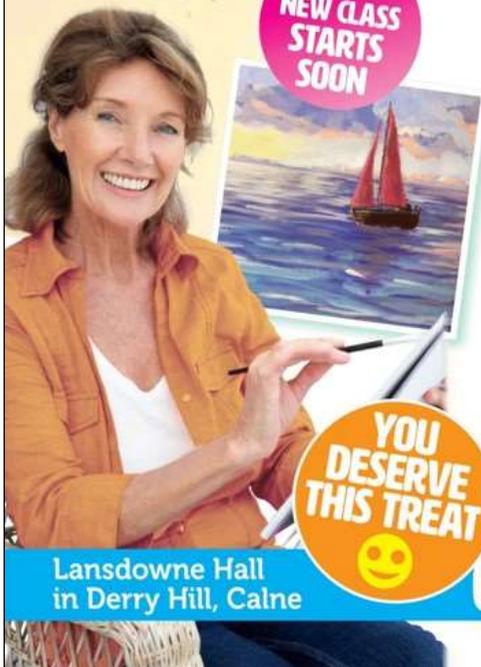
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At our May meeting, James Allison gave a very informative and interesting talk about Successful Water Gardening. The winner of the Spring Posy Competition was Roberta Nolan.

Members of the Garden Club have been very busy making hanging baskets for the pub, making initial steps towards establishing a small nature reserve at the Bowood Sports Ground and tidying/maintaining the War Memorial Garden.

Our next meeting on Tuesday 3rd June is our Summer Social.

Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month February to November 7.30pm at Christ Church, Derry Hill. New members welcome.

Paula Wheatcroft

pdoel@live.co.uk 0783 3755232.

Fruit and Vegetable Competition!

The Derry Hill and Studley Gardening Club will be holding a fruit and vegetable competition at this year's village fete. There is only one category:

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Mothers' Union Prayer & Fellowship Group



We met on Wednesday 7th May in Christ Church and after the necessary admin we handed over to Rev'd Caspar Bush who gave us a superb talk with pictures, as he brought his projector. Being from farming stock it was not surprising that he progressed into farming himself with wonderful pictures and tales of farming in Cornwall and how he eventually became a vicar, which is always a fascinating subject. Everyone enjoyed his talk very much. We were then introduced to a charming lady called Carole Britton who spoke briefly about a book written by her friend Hilary Peters, which is a companion guide to the Athelstan Pilgrim Way, a new 100-mile walking and cycling route linking all 36 historic churches in the North Wiltshire Deanery. Sadly, Hilary died before the book was finished but Carole took on the challenge and finished it for her. It's an interesting book, especially as many of the churches are known to us in this area. We were indeed fortunate to have two interesting talks and a great meeting, many thanks to Caspar and Carole.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 4th June when Deirdre will give a talk about the Nation's Favourite Bird. As always you are welcome to join us.

Barbara M Parry

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Our film for June will be 'GLADIATOR II'.
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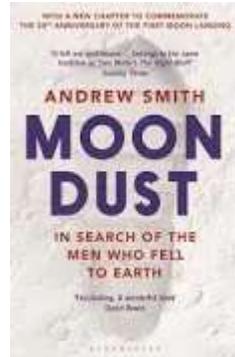
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Book Club Review

Moon dust – In Search of the Men Who Fell to Earth by Andrew Smith (originally published 2005)

As part of the Apollo Space Programme, between July 1969 and December 1972, twelve men walked on the Moon....where do you go after you've been to the Moon?

Over three decades after the first men walked on the Moon, in a chance encounter, journalist Andrew Smith met with Charlie Duke (the youngest 'Moonwalker', then 69). His realisation that only 9 were still alive and in the near future, there would be none, sets him on a journey to find the remaining men and discover the answer to the question.



An original approach and an amazing story, we were all intrigued to read about the moonwalkers, fellow astronauts, families, and the Apollo programme. Particularly powerful was (re)learning about the politics and social history of the time, the tragic deaths of men killed during training that gave these men their chance, and the lack of financial reward and support for their extraordinary bravery and courage when they 'fell-back to Earth'. (Pay was their same army pay - \$8 a day, minus deductions for their free bed on the Apollo mission - Buzz Aldrin had a framed receipt which says: "From Houston to Cape Kennedy, Moon, Pacific Ocean. Amount claimed: \$33.31.")

At turning 40, American-born, UK-lived journalist, Smith's reflections on how they all made their mark around the age he is writing, his experiences of the moon landings and his relationship with his 'home' country, means the book becomes more of a vehicle for his own self-searching and re-discovery of his native country.

On a personal note, I met Charlie Duke in 2008, and he was very kind when I asked if I could touch someone who had walked on the Moon! Back to the book: more moonwalkers, less author was our overall feeling.

Footnote 1: As at April 2025, four of America's moonwalkers are still alive: Buzz Aldrin (Apollo 11), David Scott (Apollo 15), Charles Duke (Apollo 16), and Harrison Schmitt (Apollo 17).

Footnote 2: Looking ahead, and almost 60 years later, the Artemis Programme is hoping to launch a 10 day, 4 crew lunar flyby mission in April 2026, followed by a lunar surface landing mission in mid-2027.

Elizabeth

The Beacon lighting at Bowood

On the evening of Thursday, 8th May 2025, Bowood Estate marked the 80th Anniversary of VE Day with a commemorative beacon lighting ceremony for estate staff, their families, and residents of the local Derry Hill and Studley villages. Guests arrived early with picnics and drinks to enjoy the surroundings before the national beacon lighting at 9.30 pm. Lord Kerry lit the beacon following a tribute read by Alex Tibbett, a Reservist in the Adjutant General's Corps, and the event concluded with everyone joining together to sing 'I Vow to Thee, My Country'. Lord & Lady Lansdowne attended, making it a special and memorable occasion.



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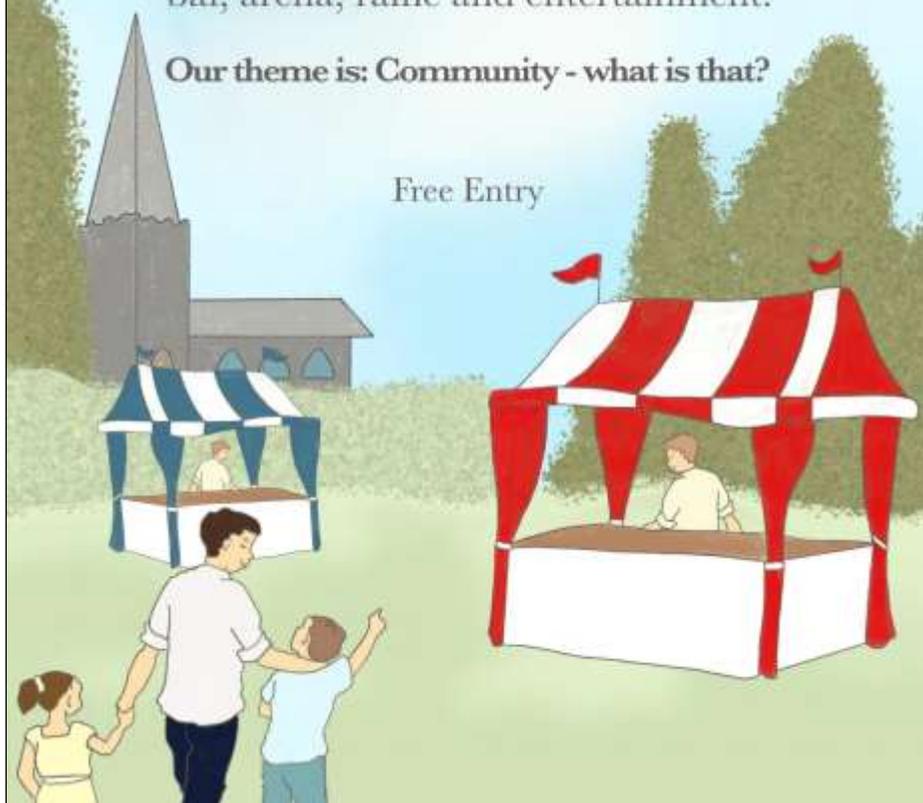
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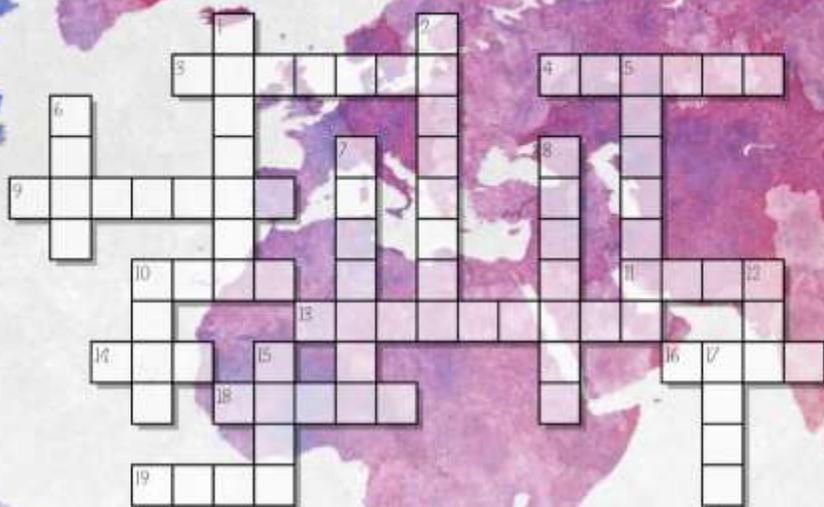
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ACROSS

- 3 Real(7)
- 4 Arm muscle(6)
- 9 Condiment(7)
- 10 Male bovine(4)
- 11 Leave out(4)
- 13 State(9)
- 14 Redish-brown horse(3)
- 16 Close(4)
- 18 Bare(5)
- 19 Frail(4)

DOWN

- 1 Sport(7)
- 2 Kept(8)
- 5 Bright red(7)
- 6 Court order(4)
- 7 Frog larva(7)
- 8 Science(7)
- 10 Male pig(4)
- 12 Beverage(3)
- 15 Small nail(4)
- 17 Ova(4)

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Wellbeing notes

The world from our neighbours' windows

There's an old stone house on a hill that I can see from my back window. Today, that distant building is bathing in sunlight. It looks rather idyllic over there, surrounded as it is by rolling pastures.

I've always supposed that the residents of that old stone house must look over to us, perched on our own hillside, in much the same way that we view them. But recently I discovered this wasn't the case at all.



We took a detour from The Dumb Post Inn and came across the old stone house. For the first time I was able to look across from it, towards our street. However, there were too many trees surrounding the homes there to glimpse a single brick or stone.

What people see depends very much on their perspective, of course. But it's so easy to forget that fact, until you metaphorically step into another's shoes. Even people who live next door to each other can perceive life very differently.

Somewhere, deep in our tribal minds, we might on occasion decide that people who don't see things exactly as we do, are not 'our' people. We may even blame them unfairly for a host of ills. But the truth is, people are people wherever you go.

We all share the same human hopes and fears. Therefore, being understanding of another's perspective, whether they live in Derry Hill or Dnipro, Studley or Seattle, has to be one of the most valuable life skills of all.

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- 3 Louth(6)
- 5 Sour(4)
- 8 English county(5)
- 10 Partiality(4)
- 11 Hue(5)

13 China(9)

- 14 Egg part(4)
- 16 Inheritor(4)
- 17 Ointment(5)
- 18 Small seal(6)

DOWN

- 1 Box(5)
- 2 Tavern(3)

4 Homage(7)

- 5 Dusk(8)
- 6 Intention(7)
- 7 Stylish(5)
- 9 Burst of fire(5)
- 12 Nobleman(4)
- 15 Be aware of(4)



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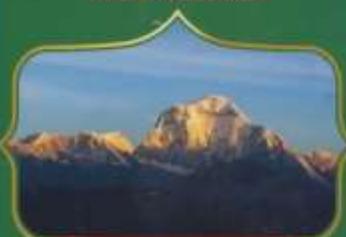
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