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An interesting list of what affects the quality our lives where we live. Whilst there has been much debate about the proposed development at the Studley Cross Roads, a lot of us are feeling powerless to influence the outcome. Although the development has been opposed at Parish level and hopefully at Wiltshire Council level, the ultimate decision maker is a government inspector who appears to have the minister sitting behind him saying, "*We must build more homes*".

Interestingly this same minister bought in the Localism Act **2012** to empower local communities to work out the type of place they wish to live and work in. The way this is done is through a Neighbourhood Plan, which I have mentioned in this magazine before.

The first steps for this plan are about to take place to gauge what we want. If you are coming to the Fete on **July 12** please pop in and see your local parish councillors, but most importantly make sure you have your say by filling in the initial questionnaire and subsequent in-depth ones on such topics as Transport and Housing. We are aiming to give a paper copy to every household and have it online ([www.myenvolve.com](http://www.myenvolve.com) - enter your postcode and you'll find them there) as well. This is your chance to future-proof the Calne Community by having a plan that says the type and where we want housing, employment, the travel network, tourism and heritage.

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*Ed*

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June 1st saw Christ Church Derry Hill welcome the Bishop of Ramsbury for an All Age Family Communion for all three parishes (Derry Hill, Bremhill and Foxham). At the service Bishop Edward baptised four little girls, all from the Saxty family; Ellora, Nevaeha, Athea and Orelia, aged between 10 and 4. All four were dressed in pretty long dresses as you can see from the photo' inside the front cover of this magazine.

It was lovely to see the church so full, with people from all three parishes, as well as the baptismal party. The New Testament reading was by Elizabeth Hannah, Church Warden from Foxham, and the Gospel reading was by Revd. Jim Scott. Bishop Edward delivered a lovely address, emphasising the 'secret sign' that we all have when we are baptised and carry for life, that is, the sign of the cross made on the forehead. The baptism followed, and all four little girls were beautifully behaved. After the baptism a second Gospel reading was read by Aaron Saxty, the children's father. Following the Prayers of Intercession came The Welcome and Peace and then the Liturgy of the Sacrament.

It was such a happy service, with everyone joining in the final hymn, '*Lord the Light of Your Love*', complete with musical instruments. I think everyone came out of church smiling. We all went outside (thank heaven the weather was very kind to us) and were served a drink whilst the church was made ready for the lunch.

The food was delicious and plentiful, and consisted of a first course of salads, quiches and a variety of cold meats and for the second course we had the choice of Pavlova, Chocolate Gateau or fresh Fruit Salad. A glass of red or white wine (or a soft drink) accompanied the meal. I think almost everyone went back for 'seconds'. Thanks to everyone who supplied the food and drink.

It was a truly lovely and memorable day.

*Averil Davis*

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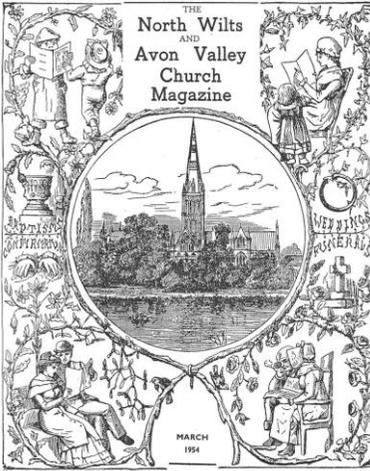
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# ARTICLE FROM THE PAST



....for Derry Hill, July 1954.....

May I thank those who have been helping in the churchyard, in cutting and clearing away the grass. There is more to be done, and the help of everybody will be appreciated. There is a committee formed of representatives of church and chapels, as mentioned last month.

Will you please save, and bring to church the following box-tops:- Oxydol, Tide, Fairy Soap, Dreft, Daz, Mirro and Sylvan Flakes. We are saving them on behalf of the C. of E. Children's Society, who will be paid 1d. for each packet top. Details

will be found in the church porch, together with a box to put the tops in.

Each year there is a Summer School for the Diocesan Clergy, held at Salisbury. In the past it has not been possible for me to attend, owing to church fetes, etc. This year I hope to attend, and therefore shall be out of the parish from July 12th to 16th. Make no mistake, this is parish work, and just as important as the refresher course taken by your doctor.

Holiday -time is here again. I hope that you will have a good rest, especially mother. Father and family need to see to it that she does. You will, of course, continue to eat three square meals a day for the sake of your body. (it is hoped that you will enjoy them, too.) Don't forget that your soul needs feeding too, and it can be just as enjoyable - especially when shared with others, in church.

L. W. G. Hudson

## DERRY HILL AND STUDLEY VILLAGE FETE

It's almost upon us!, We look forward to welcoming you to the fete again on **Saturday, 12th July**, doors open at **1:30pm** and the official opening, that is the **Nat West** sponsored Parade of the Decorated Barrows takes place at **2pm**. Do you remember the great entries from last year?



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Our raffle ticket and programme sellers should be on your door step soon. Please support the raffle and through it our village groups and community. We have some great prizes again this year including:

- Annual membership at **St Mary's Sports Centre, Calne;**
- Tea for two at **Beechfield House Hotel;**
- A spa break at the **Best Western Lamphey Court Hotel and Spa**

Again this year we are pleased to be able to hold the lucky programme draw for annual membership of the **Bowood House and Gardens**

Please encourage everyone you know to support the **PSP Insurance and Financial Solutions** Arts & Crafts show. The schedule of classes and entry instructions can be downloaded from [www.calnerural.org](http://www.calnerural.org) and whether its decorating cakes, writing out a poem, photographing your favourite view of Derry Hill or Studley or the wonderful idea to create your image of **1914** in a shoe box there are some brilliant classes for all to enter and prizes to be won including the **Michael Antony Estate Agents** Cup for the best **1914/Great War** themed entry (see schedule for classes for details).

Anyway, if you think the foregoing is a load of old **bull** then you've seen nothing yet! We are **moov**ed to **steer** you towards the Entertainment Zone where those who are not cowards can **hog** the limelight as our **Rodeo Bull** returns this year together with its counterpart, the **Prancing Pig!** Are you brave enough? A variety of other bouncies and blow ups will be available so come join the fun. I am assured that this pig is nothing to do with **Mr Brown's Pig**, but I am still not worthy of being told more about that particular attraction, apparently, I will have to be there on the day to find out more. Also, any relationship between the **Rodeo Bull** and our ice cream vendor, **the Rowdey Cow**, is entirely coincidental and the fete committee cannot be held liable for any confusion.

All your usual favourites will be there. Skittles, coconuts, tombola, bottle stall, cake stall etc. So, come along and enjoy a great afternoon at the heart of this wonderful community!

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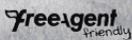
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If you feel you have an hour to spare, please let me know as we are very keen to get help with running one or two of the stalls at times during the afternoon.

***Peter Prater***

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## NEWS FROM KINGSTON HOUSE DERRY HILL

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### A Barn dance

We have some exciting news to share with you. We are trying a new venture in October – A Barn dance for all to join in with, young and old, families and singles. Get your Stetsons polished for a lively evening. Tickets will be **£10** and there will be a light supper and licenced bar. More details near the time.

## CHRISTIAN AID

The total raised, including gift aid , is **£1,064.51**. Thank you so much to all the collectors and everybody in Derry Hill and Studley who contributed to this fantastic total.



THANK YOU.

Deirdre and Goff

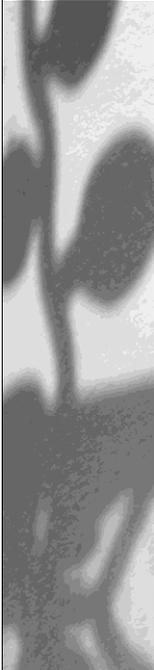
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Hopefully July will be kind and give us lots of dry days so the children can continue their outside fun - the balance bikes are clocking up lots of mileage, improved balance and laughs.

Last month our Rub-A-Dubbers completed their 'sponsored bounce' with a week of trampoline and a special visit from Reverend Ann - see photo. At time of writing we are still totting up the money raised but we'd like to say thank you to the friends and family who generously pledged their money

And of course the summer term isn't the summer term without Sports Day, which is right at the beginning of this month. The children have been working really hard, learning and practicing how to compete in each of our fun races.

We would also like to say thank you to **Beverbrook FC Calne** for coming to Rub-A-Dub and giving all our children a free football training session.

Finally, please come and visit our stall at the fete. We have some really exciting activities planned that you won't want to miss.

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# PARISH REGISTERS – ALL AT CHRIST CHURCH

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**1<sup>st</sup> June 2014 – Ellora Marcia Saxty**

**1<sup>st</sup> June 2014 - Nevaeha Diane Irene Saxty**

**1<sup>st</sup> June 2014 – Athea Lily Margaret Saxty**

**1<sup>st</sup> June 2014 – Orelia Mai Saxty**

**22<sup>nd</sup> June 2014 – Amelia Rose Fortune**

We congratulate on her

Confirmation and Admittance to Holy Communion

**on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2014**

**Ellora Marcia Saxty**

We congratulate on their marriage

**21<sup>st</sup> June 2014 –**

**Garreth Arthur Frank Saunders & Joanne Louise Caddick**

We remember:

**10<sup>th</sup> May 2014 – Mary Rhodes**

May she rest in God's peace

## ADVANCE NOTICE OF AUGUST SERVICES

<b>3rd August 11am</b>	Mattins
<b>4pm</b>	Praise@4 – Loaves and Fishes!
<b>10th August 11am</b>	All Age Holy Communion
<b>17th ~August 8am</b>	Holy Communion (BCP)
<b>11am</b>	Family Service
<b>24th August 11am</b>	Holy Communion
<b>31st August 11am</b>	<b>UNITED SERVICE AT FOXHAM</b>

## BELLS FEEDBACK

Thank you to all those who have sent their feedback forms back and to those who have sent a donation. We really do want to know your views so please, if you haven't sent your form back, please do – by the end of July at the latest please! Your views matter!!

*Reverend Ann*

## DERRY HILL AND DISTRICT WI

Frances Benton runs a company called 'Tears of the Dragon' - she started the company when her hobby, or obsession, became overwhelming. That was the start to our May talk and it didn't disappoint. The Dragon's tears are actually pearls and I doubt there is anything that Frances does not know about them. I am sure I am not alone in thinking that she was the best speaker we have ever had - she was informative, she was interesting, she was very funny and she is very obviously totally dedicated to her hobby. She talked for an hour and a half and I think we could all have listened for a lot longer. Then we were let loose on the pearls - necklaces, bracelets, earrings and other decorative items - I doubt there was anyone who managed to resist the temptation. Suffice it to say that a lot of money changed hands!! (Husbands don't read this!) We are glad to hear that she has been booked to come back and do a practical session of pearl knotting in **November 2015** - I certainly can't wait. For anyone interested, the idea that a pearl evolves from a grain of sand is not true but if you want to know the whole story, you'll have to ask a WI member!



*Dates for Diaries:* On **Friday the 18th July** there will be a walk from **Pewsham to Lacock** and on **Monday the 21st July** Ann V will host an evening for the **Crafts and Knitting Group**, at her home, from **8pm to 10pm**. On **Thursday the 7th August** there will be a visit to **Iford Manor Gardens, Bradford on Avon**, which should be very interesting.

Work continues apace on the wheelbarrow for the Village Fete and all will be revealed on the day. Don't forget the bags, the sweets and other home-made edibles to fill the stall.

Our speaker on the **23rd July** will be Ros Lidlington and she will give a talk on '**Hats Don't Suit Me - Really!!**' The competition will be for photos of members in a hat - should be interesting!

If you are interested in coming to a meeting, please phone Sally on **01249 817945** or Tina on **01249 814145**, or just pop in, we'd love to see you. Our meetings are held on the **fourth Wednesday of every month**, at **The Lansdowne Hall, Derry Hill**, starting at **7.30pm**.

*Sheila*



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# DEFIBRILLATOR NEWS

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Speaking as a couch potato I am lost in admiration. If you would like to sponsor her for our funds please contact Hazel at [hazeleatham@aol.com](mailto:hazeleatham@aol.com) or download a form from the Calne Rural website <http://www.calnerural.org>.

*Quiz Night* thanks so much to all our supporters who came to the Quiz on June the 26th at the Lansdowne Arms and thanks very much to Paul the landlord for allowing us to do it. We had a very successful and fun evening – a good time was had by all and our funds have been well boosted. We are still raising funds for a 3rd defibrillator to go outside Studley Methodist Chapel and for the upkeep of all three.

Very Generous Donations have been received from more fund raising activities by the Methodist Chapel at Studley and from their neighbour **Vastern Timber**. We would like to express our great gratitude for both of these very public spirited gifts and to announce that we are now nearing our target to purchase the 3rd defib thanks to these and other recent activities.

*Gift day for Studley* Residents of Studley will all receive an envelope on **Monday July 14th** giving them the opportunity to donate towards the defibrillator for Studley. These can be returned to the Chapel on **Saturday 19th July** between **10.00am** and **4.00pm** or to **Linda Morley** at **85 Studley Lane**. Thank you for your generosity

*Waitrose Store Chippenham* collected enough green counters for us in May for us to be given **£125** from their social fund. So thank you to Waitrose and all those who voted for us with their counters!

*Summer Fete Saturday July 12th* in case you had not heard (!) is being held in the school field and we will be there joining in the fun! So make sure you don't miss it – wheelbarrows and all.

Thanks again to everybody in Derry Hill and Studley who have been very generous so far and please contact us for any enquiries as shown

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## MARDEN VALE TEAM - SERVICES IN JULY

<b>6 July</b>	8.00am	Bremhill	Holy Communion (BCP Said)
	9.30am	Foxham	Holy Communion (CW)
	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Derry Hill</b>	<b>Mattins (BCP)</b>
	<b>4.00pm</b>	<b>Derry Hill</b>	<b>Praise@4 – ‘Moving On’</b>
	6.00pm	Bremhill	Evensong
<b>13 July</b>	9.30am	Foxham	Family Service
	<b>11am</b>	<b>Derry Hill</b>	<b>All Age Holy Communion</b>
	11am	Bremhill	Holy Communion (CW)
<b>20 July</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Derry Hill</b>	<b>Holy Communion (BCP)</b>
	9.30am	Foxham	Holy Communion (CW)
	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Derry Hill</b>	<b>Family Service</b>
	6.00pm	Bremhill	Evensong
<b>27 July</b>	9.30am	Bremhill	Family Service
	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Derry Hill</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	6.00pm	Foxham	Evensong
<b>31 July</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Derry Hill</b>	<b>Wave of Prayer*</b>

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# MOTHERS' UNION – DERRY HILL

On June 4th, nine members of Christchurch Mothers Union, and five husbands went on their summer outing to Lydiard Millicent Church and Walled garden.



We were shown round the Church by Mr Brock, who described the history of the many large and unusual monuments. The Church dates back to the ninth century, and Mr Brock explained the many changes that have taken place.

When we left the Church we found that the rain had stopped and we were able to walk round the walled garden without having to use our umbrellas.

The restoration work that has taken place has resulted in a beautiful sheltered garden, with all the early summer flowers in full bloom. It has been used lately for Armistice memorial services.

We then enjoyed afternoon tea in the conference centre, where we agreed that in spite of the inclement weather our outing had been a success.

New members and visitors are very welcome and details can be obtained from **Deirdre** on **01249 822157**.

## GARDENING STEVE

Hi what a nice month we are having! The roses are in full bloom – it's one of the best years for roses. Keep deadheading to encourage more blooms and also keep spraying especially for black spot. Give the roses another feed with rose food as this will keep on giving the plants vital nourishment. It's that time of the year to start cutting box hedges. I've already started cutting the box hedges on the terraces at **Bowood**. Remember to keep watering hanging baskets and containers and feed every 7 days. Give all climbers a trim that are beginning to grow around windows. Keep hoeing the borders to keep down the weeds. After rain they grow fast. As I was cutting the box hedge on Bowood some visitors noticed I was Steve from the mag and said they enjoyed my pieces! The terraces are looking really nice now, come down and have a look at what **Bowood** has to offer and see why we won the **HHA Best Garden of The Year**. The gardening team are so proud to have won this award. Have a good month and enjoy your gardening. *Stephen Starr. Bowood gardener.*



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## DERRY HILL BOOK CLUB

### **Birdsong by Sebastian Faulks**

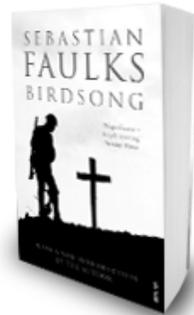
Birdsong is a highly acclaimed novel. It focuses on the experiences of a soldier, Stephen Wraysford, while serving on the Western Front and W.W.1, and on the life of Stephen's grand daughter Elizabeth and her attempts to find out more about her grandfather's experiences in and around W.W.1.

It is a powerful story of love and war, which weaves its way through the twentieth century. Faulk's writing is terrifyingly real so that the reader can feel the full horror of the bombardment above the ground and the claustrophobic atmosphere beneath it. He gives us the murderous first day

on the Somme, the pain and fears of ordinary men and their officers, the letters to and from home and the emotional last moments of the dying.

Birdsong gives a modern view of war and suffering which provides some interesting moral dilemmas for discussion. Ann Vaid

The next book to be reviewed is **The Last Runaway** by **Tracy Chevalier**  
Chosen by *Catherine May*.



## **AFRICA WITH LOVE** **Youth Choir & Dance Tour 2014**

This choir from Uganda is coming to Derry Hill from **Friday 17 October to Sunday 19 October 2014**. The group is thirty strong (20 children 6 teachers, George & Rosemary Willard who are directors and founders of the charity and 2 coach drivers). Most are staying at a Scout Camp in Devizes.

We are looking for accommodation for four of them (The 2 coach drivers and the 2 directors). Please contact me if you can help.

The Choir will be performing in **Christ Church** on **Saturday 18 October**. There will be no entry fee – just donations at the end of the performance.

Further information nearer the time, but **please put the date in your diary!**

*Grahame Mulholland* email: [pejero@btinternet.com](mailto:pejero@btinternet.com)

## **CALNE WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL PARISH CLERK VACANCY**

Calne Without Parish Council has a vacancy for Clerk to the Council commencing 4<sup>th</sup> August 2014. The position supports a Council that comprises 15 councillors, who meet in Derry Hill Village Hall on the first Monday evening of every month except in August and January.

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# CALNE WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

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

The Parish Council met on 2nd June.

At public speaking time residents of Studley expressed their opposition to the planning application by the Bowood Revisionary Trust to build 28 houses on the Blount Court site. Residents felt there were a number of significant reasons why the parish council should oppose it. These reasons included more traffic passing down Studley Lane and beyond, more traffic trying to emerge onto the A4, difficult pedestrian access to Derry Hill and beyond. Others questioned the reason why Studley had been included in the settlement boundary for Derry Hill for development reasons when it was its own separate community. There were doubts as to whether Vasterns Mill would still be viable with a housing development next door, as complaints may be received from the residents about dust and noise pollution.

Charles Leather responded on behalf of Bowood saying that the gap between Vasterns and the proposed housing had been increased and that the intention was to install an acoustic fence. A letter from Vasterns was circulated which indicated that they had no objections to the plan. The council discussed the plans in detail and decided not to recommend the application and their reasons for doing so. It was also decided to add that should the development be approved at a later stage then certain conditions would have to be met to satisfy the council's concerns on safety at the junction with the A4.

Councillor French said he had received an e mail from a resident asking for play equipment to be installed for young families in the village. In view of the lengthy proceedings on the planning application, this topic was only briefly discussed- it was decided to carry it over to the next meeting.

The council meets again on **July 7th, 7.30pm** in the **Lansdowne Hall**.

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

A full list of Councillors and minutes of previous meetings are available on the web site, <http://www.calnewwithout.org>

*Richard Aylen, Parish Councillor*



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## BLACK DOG HILL

'Black Dogs' often have several tales. There was once a **Black Dog Inn** on what is now **Black Dog Hill** nearby. The Hill probably took its name from the Inn, but the Inn probably from the Dog!

### **The Hellish Black Hound:**

Ghastly Black Dogs are a nocturnal apparition, often association with ill-omens and also punishment of wrongdoers. Though usually linked with The Devil or with Hell Hounds they are in fact an essence from deep in antiquity- as is the case of **Herne the Hunter**, or **Woden's Wild Hunt**, or **Cwm Annwyn**. The creature is supposed to be larger than a normal dog and distinguished by glowing eyes and very large fangs. They frequent places of execution, ancient track-ways- and cross roads: could the beast once have frequented **Studley Cross Roads**? Travellers seeing it at the brow of the hill as their toiled their way up it and along Rag Lane! In Connecticut, they are said to behave benevolently.

### **Black Dog Inn**

Between 1745 and 1848, there stood **Black Dog Inn**, which gave its name to the hill, and later to **Black Dog Halt** railway station on the Chippenham and Calne Line, located at the east end of the village. In 1761, a new pub called the **Rose and Crown**, was opened. It was re-named **The Soho Inn** by 1830 and survives and thrives to this day.

### **Black Dog Halt**

Near the (former) railway bridge over the Bristol road a private rail siding and halt called **Black Dog** was built for the then Lord Lansdowne as a private stop on the **Great Western Railway** for **Bowood House**. . It was opened **on 3 November 1863**. A stationmaster's house was built in 1874. The then Lord Lansdowne had a special compartment in one of the Calne line's autocoaches. Later he was persuaded to allow the halt to be used by the public.

After the **British Rail** takeover the halt was turned into a request stop. **Black Dog Halt** became a public station in 1952. The Halt was closed in 1963 and soon after the buildings were demolished. Today the site of the halt is being used as part of the national cycle route.

## **Black Dog Rail:**

A single-line broad-gauge railway which followed the left bank of the Marden was opened between Chippenham and Calne in **1863** by the **Calne Railway Company**. It bridged the Bristol road **1.5km** west of Calne and had a station on the south-west edge of the town. The line was operated by the **G.W.R.**, converted to narrow-gauge in **1874**, and bought by the **G.W.R.** in **1892**. The Chippenham–Calne line was closed to freight in **1963** and to passengers in **1965**.

I have always loved history since I was a small child- it gave me a sense of oneness with the land and its ongoing traditions. History can give us a sense of place, of belonging and of community. Without history together with a love for local wildlife and nature we become rootless and in time lose contact with Creation and life's purpose and prospect.

Finally: be careful on your way home late at night from the local pub - if you see a large shadowy four legged creature with eyes like burning coals glowing in the dark near **Studley Cross Roads** and **Black Dog Hill** don't wait around to enquire further!

*Stephen B. Cox*



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## LANSDOWNE HALL – MULTI PITCH

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When the pitch was first commissioned we had visions of organised small side football taking place, the regular playing of tennis and even netball being played. To aid this a family membership scheme was started and received some early support but over the years interest has dwindled and we are now down to only five paid up members who have access to the tennis net.

The stage has been reached where it is no longer viable to administer the membership scheme but those currently signed up members will still be able to gain access in the normal way. However we are keen to see the use of the pitch increased and it is proposed to replace the membership scheme with a 'pay as you go system' to help cover the cost of the eventual replacement of the tennis net and posts. No particular amount is being suggested but the plan is to trust users each time they play tennis to make a small donation.

Envelopes will be left in the shed adjacent to the pitch and it would be appreciated if users could then place their donation through the Hall's letterbox. New users will need to be able to gain access to the shed and how to do this, together with other information about the multi pitch can be obtained by contacting [administrator@lansdownehall.org](mailto:administrator@lansdownehall.org) or calling *Alan Rosekilly* on 01249 814538.

## MARDEN VALE QUIET DAY ON SATURDAY 14TH JUNE 10AM-5PM

Twelve – seven from Derry Hill and 5 from Calne gathered at Derry Hill Vicarage to journey to: Ty-Mawr Convent (Anglican Society of the Sacred Cross), Lydart, Monmouthshire for a day of peace and quiet for reflection. The sisters led us in prayer and we shared in the Mid-day Eucharist with them. The weather was glorious, the grounds superb and we all returned much refreshed and more able to continue our individual journeys in faith. A Retreat is to be recommended for anyone who finds the 'busyness' of today's tempo difficult to keep up with!!



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- Half or 1 whole red onion: Again, as with the cabbage.
- 1 large garlic clove: Crushed

Mix the ingredients together in a large mixing bowl. If you want more orange add another carrot...the same goes for the purple colour....as they say, you eat with your eyes!

For the dressing:

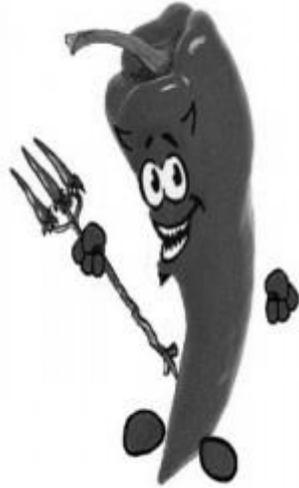
- 3 good tablespoons of low fat mayo
- 3 good tablespoons of fat free fromage frais
- Chilli flakes: I like a bit of heat so I use half a teaspoon but I suggest you start with a small amount and then add more. The heat does intensify the longer you leave it so it's worth leaving the mix for an hour then having a taste then adding more if required.
- Salt and pepper.

It's a great alternative to the bog standard coleslaw, it looks so pretty and with the low fat mayo and fromage frais it makes it slightly less calorific than the others.

Here's hoping we get some more sunny weekends where we can get outside and enjoy those BBQ's!

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## REVEREND ANN WRITES

Dear All

As I write the weather is superb - beautiful and sunny and everything is growing well – weeds too!

The Open Gardens weekend will shortly be upon us and I do hope you will all take part through visiting and coming to the Vicarage for refreshments. I should be around for most of the time and would love to meet you at the Vicarage.

So much effort goes into these events by the organisers and those that 'do'. The Flower Guild have been planning their arrangements for weeks, the refreshments have been worked out in detail, cups, saucers, what to do if the weather is poor etc... So it is wonderful if the hard work can be recognised and the community turns up to appreciate what has been laid on for them.

Sometimes, we don't recognise how important it is to support each other's efforts in the community. It is easy to put off going to the Open Gardens or the Fete or whatever because something else crops up. But it is these events that are central to building up the community spirit. Through coming together we share our experiences and we begin to find we are not alone in our thinking but that there are others who share in the same thoughts and views. We can then work together to further our community life together with confidence and in a way that makes for shared responsibility for the place that we live in. It builds up our feeling of 'belonging' – and we all need to have that feeling of 'belonging'. It is through 'belonging' that we know ourselves to be an integral part of the community life. It is through 'belonging' that we know we are accepted and loved. Sharing together also gives us strength to move forwards in community life as the relationships between our families strengthen and find a voice.

Much is going on in the life of Derry Hill with Studley; I do hope that if you weren't going to come along to the village events this summer that you will think again if you don't have a special engagement elsewhere. After all God made us to be a community. As Paul said to the Thessalonians 'So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing':

With love, *Reverend Ann*

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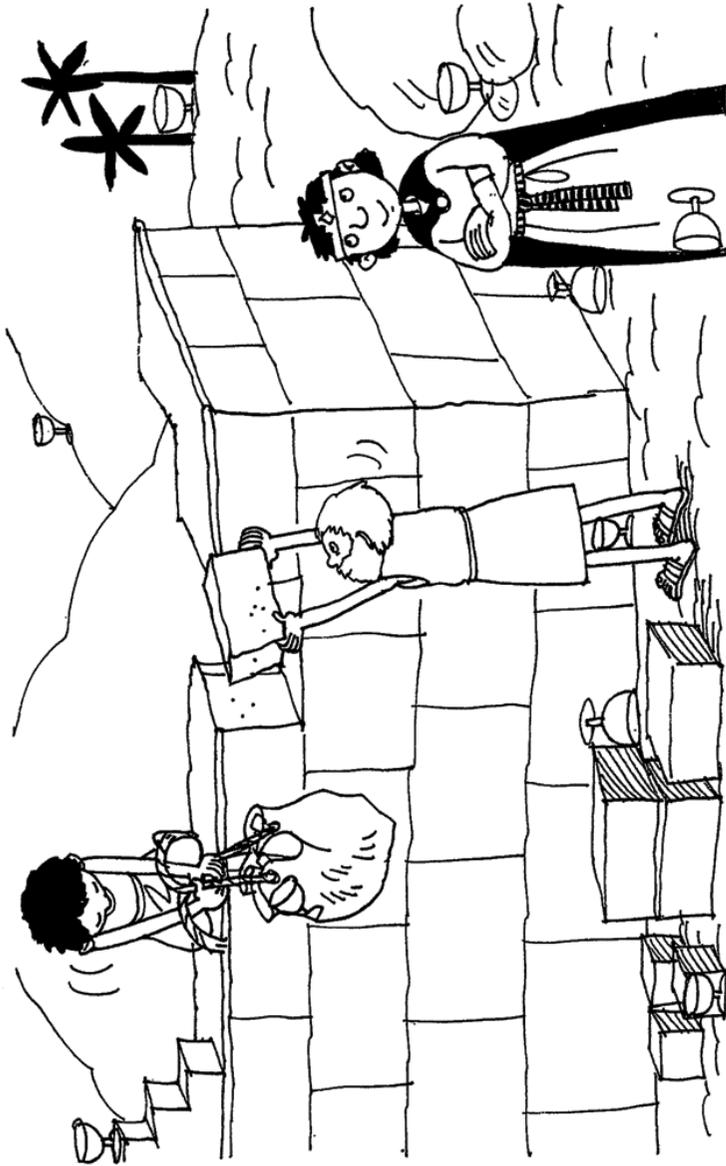
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## ALTAR GUILD

*Flowers in Church:* The Flower Guild are inviting flower sponsorship for the single pedestal in Christ Church, Derry Hill each week. If you would like to do this or sponsor part of a pedestal, in memory of a special occasion then, to find out more contact Claire Satchell, on 07968 091217 or email [newleaffloristry@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:newleaffloristry@hotmail.co.uk)

# CHILDREN'S PAGE



King Josiah is repairing God's Temple in Jerusalem.  
How many cups can you find hidden in the picture?  
*Read 2 Kings 22:1-7.*

# WELCOME TO JACK STEPHENS' FUN PAGE.

Welcome to the FUN PAGE. Last month I promised you a further selection of "wise words". Here they are - for those who love the philosophy of ambiguity, as well as the idiosyncrasies of English:

- One tequila, two tequila, three tequila..... Floor.
- Atheism is a non-prophet organization.
- If man evolved from monkeys and apes, why do we still have Monkeys and apes?
- I went to a bookstore and asked the saleswoman, "where's the self-help section?" she said if she told me, it would defeat the purpose.
- If someone with multiple personalities threatens to kill himself, is it considered a hostage situation?
- Is there another word for synonym?
- Where do forest rangers go to "get away from it all?"
- What do you do when you see an endangered animal eating an endangered plant?
- If a parsley farmer is sued, can they garnish his wages?
- Would a fly without wings be called a walk?
- If a turtle doesn't have a shell, is he homeless or naked?
- Can vegetarians eat animal crackers?
- How do they get deer to cross the road only at those yellow road signs?
- What was the best thing before sliced bread?
- One nice thing about egotists: they don't talk about other people.
- Does the little mermaid wear an algebra?
- Do infants enjoy infancy as much as adults enjoy adultery?
- How is it possible to have a civil war?
- If one synchronized swimmer drowns, do the rest drown too?
- If you ate both pasta and antipasto, would you still be hungry?
- If you try to fail, and succeed, which have you done?
- Why is there an expiration date on sour cream?
- Can an atheist get insurance against acts of god?

Best wishes, *Jack*

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# Arts & Craft Show at Derry Hill & Studley Village Fete Saturday July 12<sup>th</sup> 2014

Competitions open to all ages  
Can you bake, brew, take photos, paint, make  
jam or many more things?  
Come join in the fun, submit a variety of  
entries, rosettes to be won.



Schedule and entry form from:  
The Village Stores Derry Hill,  
C of E Primary School,  
Christ Church Derry Hill,  
The Lansdowne Arms  
Or download from  
[www.calnerural.org](http://www.calnerural.org)

**Praise @ 4**

*Christ Church Derry Hill*

4pm Sunday July 6th 2014

**Praise @ 4**

*Christ Church Derry Hill*

4pm Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2014

**Moving on  
with Jesus**



A special service to celebrate Year 6 moving on to secondary school

**BBO AFTER THE SERVICE (WEATHER PERMITTING)**

**Coffee @ 3.45pm**

**Children's activities**

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