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We are still in need of sleeping bags for the choir when they come in October when they stay at the Scout Camp. If anyone can lend or donate sleeping bags for the two nights that would be great. Also we are looking for accommodation for three adults for two nights. Please contact me if you can help.

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By the time you read this I expect your summer holidays may well be over. Most of us don't feel we have had a 'holiday' unless we've been away. I'm no exception and travelled to Brittany by train to three different places. I'm not a beach person so often wander around towns and villages comparing and contrasting there with here.



Often as a tourist you can hardly get under the skin of a foreign country, partly because you are there for a short time and maybe, like me, the language is difficult. I can order a beer in a number of languages, but couldn't possibly ask how elderly people are cared for, the state of their health service or how much goes into youth-services, never mind understand the answer! I suspect a lot of the time the answer would be that the State or local government would provide. But I often wonder whether they are blessed, as we are, with the great British tradition of volunteering. We have so many charities to help fund or give our time to it is quite amazing. I was talking to somebody who has just moved into Derry Hill and said they would like to help in one of our local organisations. Although I wasn't surprised in a way, I was warmly heartened to think that somebody so new to our village wanted to get stuck in and help a good cause. Long may this continue!

Ed

A NOTE FROM IAN WILLOX

After a number of years of being the magazine distribution coordinator I have decided to have a break and so I am looking for someone to take on the role. Your responsibility would be, at the end of each month, to deliver the magazines to the 22 distributors. There are 20 in Derry Hill and 2 in Studley.



If anyone would like to discuss this with me then please ring me on **01249 811653**.

Many thanks to Ian for all his work so far. Can I add that it would be good to have somebody extra in the editorial team to help cover busy times?

My contact details are inspireeditor@outlook.com Thanks, Ed

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Barn Dance 4th October 7pm-11pm Lansdowne Hall Derry Hill

We are having a **Barn dance** on **4th October** for all to join in, young and old, families and singles. Live music provided by the Wyvern Band. Get your Stetsons polished for a lively evening! Tickets are **£10** (ploughman's supper included) available at Kingston House reception or on the door on the night. There will be a licenced bar.

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Many thanks to all those who have returned the 'Rag Bag' recycling bags. Please keep them coming, if you want another bag please call in for one

Lynda.

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Autumn 2014

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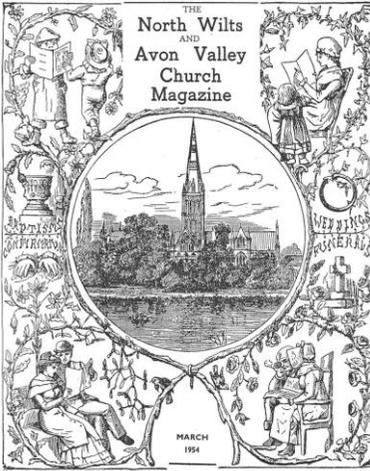
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ARTICLE FROM THE PAST



...for Derry Hill, September 1954.....

There is a tendency in the Summer months for the regular activities of the Church to slacken off – we close Sunday-School, the Mothers' Union does not meet, Choir Practices are discontinued. In some ways this is all to the good as it gives one a change from the regular routine - and one returns refreshed and looking forward to the resumption of meetings. As regards Sunday-School, we shall not get the best out of our opportunities for training the young until our infants are separate and have their

own opening and closing worship suitable to their age. We still need people willing to help with teaching, so if you had ever longed to be a teacher, here is your chance.

The Mothers' Union is open to married members of the Church. Unmarried women, who are interested in the ideals, can become associate members. We meet on the first Wednesday in the month at 2.30. p.m. Lady Walter Harvey, who is the Enrolling Member, will be happy to welcome new members.

We shall soon be starting Choir Practice again. There are a few new candidates for the Choir, but no robes for them. Would someone care to give us a donation towards the cost? With your help I hope we shall be able to replace some of the old cassocks each year. We are most grateful to Mr. Barter for helping us by officiating at the Organ since Mr. Allen left us. We hope to have the vacancy filled ere long.

We were able to send Box-tops to Hedley's, for the benefit of the Children's Society, to the value of £1. 6s. 5d. – well worthwhile. Thank you, all who helped. The Rev. P. A. T. Hooper, Western Secretary, has offered to give us a lecture with film on the Society's work, later in the year. I shall be arranging a suitable date with Miss Binns, our local secretary.



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During my "Busman's Holiday" it was my privilege to conduct services and preach in the parish churches of Bremhill, Bromham, Worton and Tilshead. What a wealth of beautiful old churches we have in this part of Wiltshire. No wonder the Historic Churches Preservation Trust is so enthusiastic about its work. These buildings are living history – part of the continuity saved England from the ravages which have come to less-favoured lands. We should do our part in helping this great cause. The work in our own church has been in abeyance during the Summer. Now the evenings are closing in, I appeal again for help to finish the job and clear up the debris outside.

Harvest Festival will be on Sunday 3rd October. The church will be decorated on Saturday the 2nd, at 10 a.m. Gifts of fruit, vegetables, eggs, etc. for distribution later to the sick. The Hospital and Devizes Hospital, will be most welcome.

I hope to be able to announce soon a date on which prospective Confirmation Candidates can meet to plan classes.

It is good to have all this room to say all these things.

With every good wish,

Your friend and Vicar

L. W. G. Hudson.

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- Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Don't forget your husbands.
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West and North Wiltshire and Gloucestershire. It must have been a bewildering time for the local Brythonic (Celt/Briton) inhabitants of our area as the newcomers drew near and life rapidly changed (a similar fate befell the Saxons hereabouts 500 years later when the Normans seized control and imposed the harsh serfdom of the feudal system).

But the 'Celts' did not simply vanish nor were all driven out to Wales or Cornwall, though some did. There were alliances of Celts and Saxons to fight other Saxons. But the early Anglo-Saxon laws which placed the price of reparation (wergild) for the killing of a Saxon between 2 and 5 times higher than that of a Celt suggests that they were largely absorbed into the Saxon society as second class citizens. Our modern DNA shows a high percentage of Saxon male chromosomes and female Celtic chromosomes. And overall it goes back in a steady and specific inheritance to at least 37,000BC to early Cro-Magnon - for example there is a man in Cheddar village who is directly descended from the Cheddar caveman circa 10,000BC!

The name Studley is thought to derive from the Proto-Germanic 'stōda' from the Proto-Indo-European 'sta' (stand, set). It is cognate with old High German 'stuo' (herd of horses), German 'stute' (mare), Old Norse 'stóð', Swedish 'sto' (mare). The Indo-European root is also the source of Albanian shtazë ("animal, beast") and Old Slavic stad. And ley or leah was a pasture. So together it would seem that Studley means: the place of the horses pasture.

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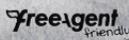
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Anglo-Saxon place names are very specific: for example ing, stoke, stud, leigh, ton, bury, ham. Thus we have Reading: Raeda's inga: (the people of Raeda); Wokingham: (the settlement of the people of Wocca); Chippenham: the ham of the people of Cippa. (a local Saxon chieftain). So Studley bordered on the strong-hold of this Saxon chieftain. But in the Anglo-Saxon tongue there is also the word ceap meaning market. The Saxons initially were not a unitary state or nation, but (like the Celts before them) a series of tribes (Angle, Saxons, Jutes) each with sub-branches (Wilsaetas, Somersaetas, Dormsaetas) which can be seen in many of our county names Norfolk (North Folk); Suffolk (South Folk) Essex (East Saxons); East Anglia (East Angles) Middlesex (Middle Saxons); Sussex (South Saxons), Wessex (West Saxons) and then below that local clans each with its own chieftain. In our area were the Wilsaetas sub-branch under the main branch of the West Saxons, and we bordered on the kingdom of the Hwicce. Later these chieftains became the governing "earls" of a 'shire' (county) under the tripartite kingdom of Northumbria, Mercia and Wessex and in time under Athelstan (935) : England.

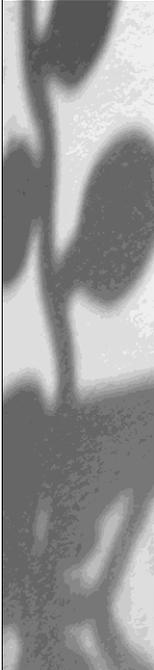
So after the splendour of the palatial Roman and Romano-British villas probably belonging to the patricians and merchants of Bath, the economy became localised, and each village became a world of its own held in a system of family ties and homage to a greater chief accepted by a number of villages. Saxon life, Studley Common, the Vikings and more I will tell another time.



Democracy would have been simpler in those days. A gathering of folk at a symbolic place (later the village Cross or green) would have meant direct decisions at the Moot or Althing. The modern equivalent would be something akin to the Parish Council. So when you go

along to the Lansdowne Hall for the parish council meeting once a month don't go confusing our councillors by asking questions in Anglo-Saxon, or agreeing to a decision by rattling your spear or sword on your shield as our ancestors did!

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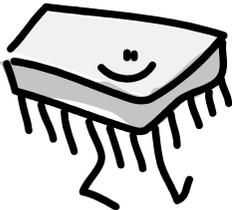
On August 6th 24 members and guests from the Calne and Headington branches met in Christ Church to hear a talk by Reverend Ann Massey. The meeting was opened with introductory prayers and readings led by Deirdre.



Reverend Ann amused us with anecdotes concerning job titles for Mothers, giving them more gravitas than is generally attached to the term. She urged us to be outward looking and find out what is happening within the Mothers Union Movement as a whole and to participate more in their wider activities. Ann was thanked by Deirdre, after which afternoon tea was served by Christ Church members. A raffle for Mothers Union funds was organised by Jean. Christine was thanked for co-ordinating the refreshments. The **next meeting** is on **September 3rd**. New members and visitors are always welcome.

For information please contact *Deirdre Lias* 01249 822157

HELP!



Have you got a spare hour once a month? We have one or two pieces of brass in Christ Church that need cleaning now and again. Some help would be much appreciated. All materials supplied.

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	9.30am	Foxham	Holy Communion (CW)
	11.00am	Derry Hill	Mattins (BCP)
	4.00pm	Derry Hill	Praise@4 – ‘Joanne Triffitt’*
	6.00pm	Bremhill	Evensong
14 Sept	9.30am	Foxham	Family Service
	11am	Derry Hill	All Age Holy Communion
	11am	Bremhill	Holy Communion (CW)
21 Sept	8.00am	Derry Hill	Holy Communion (BCP)
	9.30am	Foxham	Holy Communion (CW)
	11.00am	Derry Hill	Family Service & Baptism
	6.00pm	Bremhill	Evensong
28 Sept	9.30am	Bremhill	Family Service
	9.30am	Foxham	All Age Harvest FC**
	11.00am	Derry Hill	All Age Harvest Festival***

***Mothers’ Union Project Development Officer** – come and find out more about the Mothers’ Union and how it may develop in our own community in its work with young families. Over tea we would welcome your ideas too for how we can help young families in our community.

****FC = Family Communion**

*******It is intended to give imperishable goods to Doorway from the **Harvest Festival**. However, Doorway do not take perishable goods so we will once again auction the fresh produce and send the proceeds to Doorway. Last year those who had received produce in the past were delighted to receive a small plant instead and fully supported the idea of auctioning the produce for Doorway. As a result of this excellent feedback there will be an auction after the Harvest service on the 28th September, so please come able to buy your weekly veg to support Doorway! This is an excellent cause!

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24th August 2014 – Alfie John Matthews

We congratulate on their marriage

26th July 2014 – Laura Vince & Stephen Rawlings

9th August 2014 – Sam Burton & Leah Spillman

16th August 2014 – Natasha Smith & Craig Lovesey

HARVEST AT CHRIST CHURCH – 28 SEPTEMBER!

At 11am we will sing praises to God and thank him for his goodness towards us and ask for his guidance and provision for the future. We will sing traditional harvest hymns and one or two more modern ones too! This is a service suitable for all ages!

There will be a Harvest Auction after the service when refreshments will be served. Please come ready to do your weekly vegetable shop and support Doorway – the charity in Chippenham for the Homeless. I hope we will all be in good heart to bring produce and bid well so that we can share in some small way our abundant provision with those who have less!! I do hope you will come along and support Doorway through your giving and buying!

ADVANCE NOTICE OF OCTOBER SERVICES

5th October	11am	Mattins
	4pm	Praise@4 – The Franciscan Way!
12th October	11am	All Age Holy Communion
	3pm	Service to include British Sign Language
19th October	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	11am	Family Service
26th October	11am	Holy Communion (CW)
2nd November	11am	Mattins
	4pm	ALL SOULS Service



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Hats Don't Suit Me – that was the title of a wonderful talk from Ros Lidlington. Her knowledge of hats, from the history to the making, was vast and very entertaining. It was amazing how Ros could tweak a brim, turn a hat round or just quickly produce a rose to pin (only one pin!) on the hat to totally change the appearance. She was a tiny lady but she commanded the room and managed to identify our bodily quirks without offending anyone! We look forward to her workshop, if we manage to book her again.



The Village Fete was a great success – we were very proud of our wheelbarrow, which was pushed by Sally, and the stall did very well with home-made sweets, 'Lucky Dip' bags and Chocolate tombola. Can we ever say such a thing – but perhaps the weather was just a little warm as the chocolate disgraced itself by melting all over the place! Don't think the children minded too much!!

Our **next meeting**, which is on **August 27th**, will be a historical walk around Chippenham followed by a meal at the Lansdowne Arms and husbands and partners are very welcome to join us. We will meet at the **Buttercross**, in Chippenham, at **6.30pm**, and the meal at the Lansdowne Arms will be at approximately **8.15pm**.

Dates for Diaries: Our trip to **Sharcott Manor** will be on **Wednesday 3rd September**. Please meet at **10.30am** at the Hall to share lifts. Jackie will do a little research on lunch venues but all will be well on the day!

The next **Knitting Group** will be on **Monday 8th September** at Margaret Hogarth's house **8-10pm**. All are welcome to come along.

The **October walk** will be on **Friday 10th** and we will walk from the Hall to Chippenham along the old railway line. We will choose a place for lunch nearer the time.

For those going to the **BBC** on **Tuesday 21st October** final travel arrangements will be discussed at the September meeting.

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

Hazel has exceeded her target for her sponsored walk in Scotland. Well done Hazel especially as you were walking on an injured ankle! True grit indeed.

Studley Gift Day has also been very successful in raising funds. About one third of the all the houses in Studley responded very generously.

Thank you very much to them. Because of successful fund raising the defibrillator for the outside of the Studley Methodist Chapel has been ordered and has arrived quickly. We are now waiting for the cabinet then installation can take place and another public 'Awareness' session. We will keep you posted.



Good Neighbours Scheme a quick chorus of 'Everybody needs good neighbours' to remind us that good neighbours are not just for a summer BBQ, but for life! And a good neighbour should be just a heartbeat away!

Sorry about that! We have found problems setting up a Village Emergency Telephone Scheme so we are suggesting that everybody should try to have the phone numbers of several close neighbours and their permission to ring up in case of dire emergencies any time of the day or night. This would be the quickest way to get help if needed for example fetching the defibrillator or applying CPR (Training available) while waiting for the ambulance and could make all the difference. Who knows you might get invited round for a knees up in the meanwhile! Any ideas, comment or suggestions please contact the usual suspects below:

Emma Dadd: 01249 817438; emma.dadd@hotmail.co.uk

Paula Edwards: 01249 816364; bryher3@talktalk.net

SERVICE TO INCLUDE BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE

We are holding a service on 12th October at 3pm in **Christ Church** with refreshments afterwards. **Reverend John Cowburn** will be with us and **signing** the service **using BSL**. We are experimenting to find out if a service which is inclusive of all who have difficulty, for whatever reason, in following the present Sunday services is something that Christ Church could and should offer! *Reverend Ann*



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REVEREND ANN WRITES

Dear All

I have been growing more and more concerned about the number, and extent of, religious wars that are cropping up. There seems to be no answer to the conflicts that will create a lasting peace. All the old ones continue to rumble and new ones just join in. Each Sunday as we pray for peace the list continues to grow and the horrors that some will go through for their faith just get worse!

I am praying that God will give us a lead as to how we can affect a change in this situation. It is not good enough to think that it is out of our hands and that we must leave it to the politicians to sort out. If they could, wouldn't they have done it by now?!

Yesterday, I met a friend that I haven't seen for the last couple of years. It was lovely to see her and talk to her. I asked her how the mainstream prison was that she did voluntary work in. She is a devout Christian and she was active in the prison leading Bible Study groups, Alpha courses, and participated in Victim Awareness courses. She was a very busy lady. I visited the prison myself eight years ago and was amazed at the interest shown by the prisoners in Christianity, and the effect it was having on changing their lives around.

Imagine now how I felt when I found out that in this same prison now there is very little Christian leadership available to the inmates. There is no Chaplain, and no regular priest to lead services. There have been financial cutbacks to the extent that there are no more Alpha courses, no more rooms available for Bible Study, no more Victim Awareness courses because funds have been cut. However, there are Imams, a Sikh, a Buddhist, a Swami, a Rabbi and a Pagan leader. The Christian presence is now a Quaker and a Free Church representative. There is no-one from the mainstream Christian churches.

What should we do? I believe we should stop hiding our faith and have courage to open our hearts and minds to God together and ask for his will to be known to us and have the confidence to publicly fulfil his purpose. It is only by placing ourselves at God's feet to be used for his purposes that a way of peace will be found to bring unity between faiths through respect for each other and the message of love.



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Remember that all that is done in love will one day overcome all that is done through hatred.

Today, the Christian body seems less well cared for than that of other faiths. We drastically underestimate the damage that this is causing – and we must not.

Please join with me in praying for enlightenment, peace and courage in your daily prayer.

With love

Ann

GARDENING STEVE



Hi to you all. At last we have had some much-needed rain the gardens really needed it. As we are now into September the days are beginning to get shorter so we can look forward to the colours of autumn. I think this year we are going to have an early autumn.

Jobs for this month in the garden: Start taking cuttings of all your outdoor geraniums and pelargoniums. Using a sharp knife choose a strong non-flowering stem and cut just below the 4th node of the stem, remove the bottom leaves only leaving the top few. Put into a 5-inch pot, with good moist compost, about 10 cuttings then pop into a propagator. Be careful not to over water as they will rot. Put all spring flowering bulbs in now, but tulips can wait for at least October. Start pruning climbing roses. Only do this when the flowers fade, if they are still going strong wait until next month. Start by removing all the dead or diseased wood. Look for new shoots especially from the base of the plant, these can be tied in. Any stems, which are left, prune all side shoots to 2 or 3 buds. Clear away any leaves from the rose as this will help prevent black spot. Stop feeding container plants.

I am off to Madeira this month for a holiday, see you all when I get back. Happy gardening.

Stephen Starr, Bowood Gardener.

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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

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM

You may have seen us out and about again this month doing speed checks at a variety of locations in our rural areas. Ratford, Stockley Lane, Stockley Road and Derry Hill have all had regular checks, with many warnings given to drivers for driving in excess of the limit. Work continues on the Derry Hill issue where the **20MPH** zone is sighted. Stockley Road and Stockley Lane have seen several Fixed Penalty Notices issued. Excess speeds have ranged from 37 to 45 mph in 30mph limits. Sadly, the offending drivers have all been local parishioners. Speed checks continue in the area in the weeks ahead.

Reported crimes of note this month in our rural areas:

A burglary took place at Marsh Farm Hilmarton where power tools were taken and a vast amount of damage committed on site.

Please take registration numbers of unfamiliar vehicles and send them through to me. Anything you see that is suspicious, please call us and we will attend.

Quemerford Gate saw an electric fence and 150 plastic posts stolen from a secluded field overnight.

In Goatacre, cold callers laid a quantity of tarmac, charging **£2,500**. Trading standards offences were committed. All callers must give a 14 day cooling off period prior to work commencing. Please beware of such callers. It is always best to use a reputable company.

We are still hungry for Community Speed Watch volunteers. It is extremely worthwhile and helps to make drivers aware of the speed that they are travelling through our villages as well as offending drivers receiving letters from the Police regarding the manner in which they are driving. Please contact me if you think you may be able to assist. It is a simple process. Full training is given and you get to use the same type of speed gun that we use in the Police. If you would like to chat to any of our current volunteers first, please email me.

Parish boards all have our details in them to let you know how to contact us if you wish.

You can also follow us on www.facebook.com/calnepolice and see what we are up to. **WPC 319 Sonya Stockhill Community Beat Manager - Rural**

Sponsored Ride and Stride

Saturday 13th September 2014

Cycle or Walk around your choice of Churches and Chapels in
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The Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust.



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CORNISH CLOTTED CREAM CAKE

- 2 eggs
- 225g Caster Sugar
- Half tspn Vanilla essence
- 1 x 225g tub clotted cream
- Good pinch of salt
- 200g Self Raising Flour



Preheat oven to 180°C/350°F/GM4. Line a 20cm cake tin with baking paper
Put eggs and sugar into a large bowl. Using a mixer (hand or whatever you have) whisk them together until quite thick, like a mousse consistency. It takes about 5 minutes or so. Stir the clotted cream until smooth then gently add this to the sugar and eggs with the salt. Sift the flour into the bowl and fold together with a metal spoon. When combined put the mixture into the prepared tin, spread evenly. Bake in oven for 50/60 minutes (keep checking after about 40 minutes as it does vary) Leave for 5 minutes in tin then remove onto a wire rack to cool completely.

As it's the holiday season and everyone I know is off to Cornwall I thought I'd give you this recipe to try if you come back laden with gorgeous clotted cream! I found this recipe in a Home baking book I bought last year and though I'd give it a try. I've also used the same quantities and made them into cupcakes, they need less cooking time (about 20 minutes) For a bit of extra indulgence you can top the cake with crème fraiche or cream (clotted or other) infused with some vanilla seeds.

Happy Holidays everyone!!

The Secret Chef

BIBLE STORY

Adam was feeling very lonely. God said that He was going to make Adam a companion. He said, "***This lady will gather food for you, she will cook for you, and when you discover clothing, she will wash it for you. She will always agree with you and she will not nag you. She will NEVER have a headache and will freely give you love and passion whenever you need it.***"

Adam asked God, "***What will a woman like this cost?***" God replied, "***An arm and a leg.***" Then Adam asked, "***What can I get for a rib?***" Of course the rest is history!!!! Enjoy the summer. Best wishes, ***Jack Stephens***



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CALNE WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

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



The Parish Council didn't meet in August. Traditionally the council does not meet in August and January.

If you haven't already, please go to www.myenvolve.com and fill in the two surveys that are about this area. Put in your postcode and you will see one about the Calne Without Parish and another about Transport and Travel in this area. By taking part in these you will help shape the neighbourhood

where you live. Many thanks to all those who have taken part already, either online or by filling in the paper surveys.

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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Praise @ 4

Christ Church Derry Hill

4pm Sunday September 7th

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