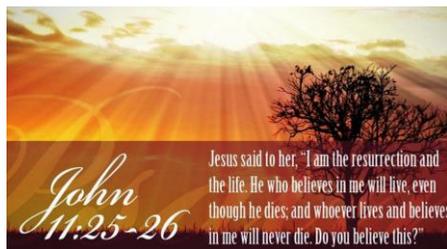


INSPIRE

DERRY HILL AND STUDLEY MATTERS

April
2015



The Parish Magazine of
Christ Church Derry Hill

Bee skin, simply better.



Made with love
from
Derry Hill Bees!

Our Wiltshire bees work hard to make the honey we harvest for our handcrafted skincare and gorgeous candles.

Blended with organic vegetable & essential oils, we never use parabens, SLS's, mineral oils, lanolin or anything which isn't natural.

With prices from £4 and gift boxes from £25 it's ok to treat yourself and your friends.



Hive Originals
ENGLAND



01249 814 043

sales@hiveoriginals.co.uk
www.hiveoriginals.co.uk

MAGAZINE PRODUCTION TEAM

Editor	Richard Aylen	01249 814632
Advertising Coordinator	Keith Treslove	01249 819077
Distribution Coordinator	Ian Willox	01249 811653
Webmaster	Dave Massey	01249 817926

Please send articles and other correspondence to:

Mr Richard Aylen
1 Redhill Close
Derry Hill
CALNE
SN11 9NY
Tel: **01249 814632**

email: inspireeditor@outlook.com

Please send advertisement copy and related correspondence to:

Mr Keith Treslove
10 Bowood Close
Derry Hill
Calne
SN11 9QZ
Tel: **01249 819077**

email: inspirederry@gmail.com

EDITORIAL POLICY

Any opinions expressed in this publication are those of the individual writers and are not necessarily the policy of this publication or its editor. **All articles submitted for publication are subject to editing.** Deadline for inclusion of material in **next** month's magazine is the **10th** of **this** month.

ADVERTISING RATES

All rates are for insertion in **12** consecutive issues of **inSPIRE**.

Size	Grayscale	Colour	Approximate size of advert (Width by height) (cm)
1/8 page	£30.00	N/A	6 by 4
1/4 page	£60.00	N/A	6 by 8
1/2 page	£120.00	£180	12 by 8 or 6 by 16
Full page	£240.00	£360	12 by 16

PRINTING BY :



01249 823950

www.jamprint.co.uk

Derry Hill Garden Services

- Garden Tidy Ups
- Hedge Cutting/Pruning
- Leaf Clearance
- Lawn Mowing
- Jet Washing – Patios
- Other Garden Jobs
- Gardening Gift Vouchers

Please contact David Jarvis:
Tel: 01249 815755
Mob: 07503 188630

david@derryhillgardenservices.co.uk
www.derryhillgardenservices.co.uk

JACK STEPHENS
A MAGIC CIRCLE MAGICIAN
www.jackstephens.co.uk

42 Netherstreet Bromham
Chippenham SN15 2DW

01380 850453

e-mail: magic@jackstephens.co.uk



Entertains Children

Entertains Adults

45 mins or the whole party!
Sing-alongs with a guitar!
Puppets, games and balloons
Marvellous magic

Superb Close-up magic
Private functions!
Corporate events!
Walkabouts!

FREE BROCHURE

THE LANSDOWNE HALL

Petty Lane Derry Hill
Available for Hire

Large Hall, 2 Meeting Rooms
and Kitchen

Available for Hire

Preferential rates for local residents
Derry Hill, Studley and Sandy Lane

**For further information
and bookings**
01249 822670

www.lansdownehall.org



Registered Charity 1030979
Lansdowne Village Hall, Derry Hill.
Providing safe, high quality pre-school care
since 1987

OFSTED rated as OUTSTANDING in ALL areas

SESSIONS

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday: 9am – 3pm
Friday 'Rising Stars' for those starting school the
following September 9am – 12pm

A lovely environment with lots of space to learn in
a fun way with our experienced and friendly team.

www.rubadubpreschool.com

Or even better, why not call us and arrange a visit?

Contact: **01249 818974 / 07535 062649**

EDITORIAL

I do hope this month turns out to be a bit more than 'April Showers'. Now the days are getting warmer let's hope we can get out and about a bit more. If you have just moved to the area, or lived here for years and fancy a guided walk please see elsewhere in this tome details of the **Community walk on 12th April**. Adults, child and dogs on a lead welcome. Of course some folk are out and about every day in all weathers walking their favourite canine, which is



good for both parties. I swear my Gran survived to a good old age because she had to walk her pooch every day. Unfortunately barely a week goes past when somebody complains to me about dog mess left on a pathway somewhere. I'm not going to reiterate the reasons why it shouldn't be left but would like to say that I know that a number of dog owners are also upset by this anti-social and downright dangerous practice, not to mention the rest of us canine free residents. It reflects badly on the vast majority of dog owners who automatically do the right thing. If you happen to spot somebody not doing the right thing please report them or drop a line to Derryhill@aol.com. *Ed*

CHANGES TO THE MAGAZINE TEAM



I'm delighted to announce some new members to our team.

Keith Treslove is taking over from Mervyn Wells to become the new Advertising Co-coordinator. Many thanks to Mervyn for a steady hand on the tiller and helping us keep our advertisers happy.

Kevin Rowland has kindly offered to help Ian Willox with the distribution of the magazine. Averil Davis has agreed to be our special features correspondent.

Thanks also to our **23** distributors and to Dave Massey, tirelessly working away as our compiler and webmaster. *Ed*

Meadows Plumbing & Heating

- Heating Systems - new installs and up grades
- Boiler servicing
- Domestic gas work
- Landlord safety certificates
- General plumbing & heating work
- Power flushing
- Unvented hot water
- Bathroom installations



For all enquiries please contact Jake Meadows a local plumbing and heating engineer who offers a quality and reliable service which is based in Stanley, Chippenham, Wiltshire
Tel: 01249 740377 Mob: 07840577944
Email: Meadowsplumbingandheating@gmail.com

The Baraka Catering Company Ltd.

www.barakacatering.co.uk



Catering for ALL events large & small
Delicious Homemade Canapés
Supper Parties
Gourmet Barbeques
Weddings, Birthdays
& Christenings

Please don't hesitate to call Camilla on **07734 251 075**
Or email camilla@barakacatering.co.uk
with any orders, questions etc.

KINGSTON HOUSE

Lansdowne Crescent (East)
Derry Hill
CALNE SN11 9NT

We are a residential care home
offering 46 en-suite bedrooms,
fifteen in our specialist
dementia unit

please contact us on:

01249 815555

GARDENING STEVE

As I am writing this we are enjoying some spring weather. The daffodils are just flowering and the trees are beginning to show signs of life. Well, April can sometimes bring warm sunny days, but be careful; you can still get some really cool nights. When the daffodils have flowered dead-head the flowers, as this will put food back into the bulbs. The roses now should be growing. Now is the time to spray the roses for black spot and aphids; spray at fortnightly intervals, thoroughly wet the leaves. The best time to spray is early in the morning or evening. Keep on mowing lawns regularly and edge the lawns to keep them looking neat and tidy. Prune Forsythias and Chaenomeles. These two shrubs put on a terrific show of colour on wood made the previous summer. Now is also the time to cut back the flowered shoots on more established shrubs. Cut out a third of the older growth to the base of the plant this will encourage new shoots to grow from the base.



Happy gardening, see you all next month

Stephen Starr

Bowood Gardener

PSG IS ROCKING IN CALNE!



Come on down to Calne for a great day of fantastic live vocal music! Derry Hill's Pop, Soul and Gospel Choir (PSG) will be performing on the **18th of April** at the '*Calne Spring Sing*' festival with a range of brand new pop, soul and gospel material as well as some old favourites

from previous concerts! We very much hope that some of the local community will come down to show their support for us as we perform in a variety of venues across Calne along with a host of other talented choirs from across Wiltshire. We also hope that this performance will help to attract new members from the local community to join the Choir for fun filled rehearsals **every Tuesday night** at the **Lansdowne Hall** in Derry Hill.

Will Blake

Goldmans

blinds | curtains | carpets | flooring

Roller Blinds | Vertical Blinds | Venetian Blinds | Pleated Blinds | Awnings
Carpets | Laminate | Wood | Vinyl Flooring
Curtains | Roman Blinds | Cushions | Bedspreads

Who are we? Goldmans is an established family run business based in the heart of Wiltshire serving both domestic and commercial customers across the region.

What do we do? Goldmans supply made to measure Blinds, Awnings, Curtains, Carpets and Flooring – all with an extensive choice of designs.

How do we do this? Goldmans provide a friendly personalised service, working closely with customers to achieve best results.

Visit our website or shop to find out more.

Did you know? Goldmans shop also houses a large range of ribbons, cottons and haberdashery.

ASK FOR A FREE QUOTATION

Full professional fitting service available

Opening Hours:

Mon – Fri 09:00 – 17:00

Sat. 09:00 – 16:00



Find us on facebook

Your local
blinds &
flooring
specialists



Goldmans Interiors Ltd

3 Wood Street
Calne SN11 0BZ

Telephone: 01249 814423

www.calnecarpetsandcurtains.co.uk
email: goldmansinteriors@gmail.com

COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT

We have had several reported crimes this month.

22nd Feb: Hare Coursers were sighted in Yatesbury. Please do call us if you witness any such incidents. Should we catch the persons involved, we will always prosecute.



24th Feb: Cherhill Cricket Club was the victim of a burglary to a shed. Mindless offenders removed fire extinguishers and threw them in the lake.

25th Feb: At Cherhill an exhaust pipe was stolen from a parked unattended vehicle.

9th March: A burglary in Yatesbury. Offenders have gained entry to a premises and stolen a very large quantity of fuel from 2 artics.

11th March: A window pane was smashed during the evening and alcohol stolen from Derry Hill Post Office.

Please remain vigilant and report anything you might think is suspicious. Registration numbers are always good intelligence.

Wiltshire and Swindon Community Messaging is now up and running. You can join for free messages about policing and crime matters relating to your area.

www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk

Our Facebook site is well worth a look – it shows up to date information on what we are up to here at Calne Neighbourhood Police Team.

www.facebook.com/calnepolice

As usual we are always happy to help. Please email or call.

sonya.stockhill@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk

andrew.willox@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk

WPC 319 Sonya Stockhill

Community Beat Manager – Rural Calne

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

The APCM of **Christ Church Derry Hill** will be at 7:30pm on **14 April 2015** in the church. All are welcome.



The Best of Care

1 Hopton Park,
Devizes SN10 2GH

Find us on the A361
Marlborough road, on
the outskirts of
Devizes, just north of
the Pewsey junction.

Easy access and
ample parking

Get in touch, email us at:
mail@macqueenvets.com

**We want
what you want:
the best of care for your pet.**

Give us a call on
01380 728505



We offer a 24/7 Emergency
Service & On-site Intensive
Nursing Care,
365 days a year.

You will never have to travel
anywhere else for
out-of-hours care. We also offer
home visits when needed.

To find out more about us, visit www.macqueenvets.com

Office Hours : Monday - Friday 8:30am - 7pm / Saturday 9am - 5pm

Pilates 
with Debbie

Daytime and evening courses held at

- Castle Combe - Grittleton
- Charlton - Hullavington
- Derry Hill - Seagry

Private and small group
tuition available by arrangement

For further details call Debbie on

07810 518137

www.pilateswithdebbie.co.uk

PAINTPOT



Painting &
Decorating
Service

Clean, Reliable and Efficient
Years of experience
No job too small

Call Zoe
01380 859325

EVERY FLOWER COUNTS

Volunteers Needed For Annual Stock Take Of UK's Wildflowers



National Plant Monitoring Scheme

The new National Plant Monitoring Scheme (NPMS), launching in **spring 2015**, will for the first time enable

scientists to take an annual stock take of the UK's wild plants and their habitats, but to do this we need the public's help. We are looking for volunteers to carry out surveys of wildflowers and their habitats that will provide robust evidence of which widespread plants are increasing or declining, as well as indicating the changing state of our most valued habitats such as grassland, fenland and even road verges. Plants are nature's building blocks and this new monitoring scheme will sit alongside existing schemes for the UK's birds and butterflies to help us understand more about how the countryside is changing.

How does the NPMS work?

- Volunteers will be able to choose from three options depending on their level of expertise: recording from a short or an extended list of target species in each habitat or recording all species they find in their plots.
- Volunteers will be given a **1km** square with a grid showing up to **25** locations. Surveyors will be asked to visit three of those locations and carry out surveys in square plots and then identify two linear features such as hedgerows, rivers and road verges and survey these locations too.
- The squares have been randomly chosen, but with a focus on squares containing habitats of interest.

For enquiries and interviews please contact Hayley New on hayley.new@plantlife.org.uk or call **07741 314155**. We also have stunning images available.

The NPMS is a partnership of the Botanical Society of Britain and Ireland (BSBI), the Biological Records Centre (within the Centre for Ecology & Hydrology), Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC)



St Mary's School Sports Centre Calne Wiltshire SN11 0DF

50% OFF JOINING FEE PER PERSON
Memberships available from £40.50 per month.*

The “Hidden Jewel” of Calne. You would be forgiven for thinking that St Mary's School Sports Centre is not involved in its local community, but outside the classroom our doors are open to the public every day.

Set in the idyllic grounds of St Mary's School, the modern contemporary building houses the cutting edge gymnasium and swimming pool facilities. Our vast fitness plus body and soul programmes offer something to suit everybody's needs.

For further information please contact us on
01249 857335 or visit www.smcsports.co.uk

*Terms and conditions apply. Please present this advert at Reception in order to receive your discount.



CALNE WITHOUT COMMUNITY 2015

SPRING WALKS



Why not join us on **Sunday 12th April**? We have arranged a series of three walks to suit all members of the family. Choose from either an easy going **1.5 mile** walk, a **4.5 mile** walk that takes us down dale and into Calne. Here you can catch the **55 bus** back to Derry Hill. The third walk is **8.5 miles**, which is the **4.5 mile** walk but coming back to Derry Hill through the lovely Bowood Estate.

All walks start at **14.30** hours from the **Lansdowne Arms Derry Hill** and each walk will have a leader. Enjoy good company, a bit of history and see a beautiful part of our parish. For further details go to www.calnerural.org or email derryhill@aol.com.

MOBILE LIBRARY VISITS TO DERRY HILL

Lansdowne Hall Derry Hill, 14:50 - 16:00

Tuesdays: 14 April, 28 April, 12 May

Kingston House Derry Hill, 9.40 - 10:25

Mondays: 20 April, 18 May, 15 June



THE CALNE BUSINESS FAIR

16 May 2015

This event will be taking place at Calne Town Hall between **10am** and **1pm** and once again will coincide with the Annual Lions Duck Race.

Its aim is to showcase businesses situated in **SN11** area and the surrounding villages.

If you run a business this is a unique event to meet other businesses in the area and contact members of the public.

Booking via:

www.booking.calnewiltshire.com/events/calne-business-fair-2015/



Amanda's Pilates



*Pilates Classes

Wednesday: Langley Burrell 10.00 am
Thursday: Lansdowne Hall, Derry Hill
9.00 am Improver level
10.15 am Beginner level

*Pilates Clinic:- Restorative exercise therapy to help with back/joint problems

*Pilates Well-Being Retreats - Abroad and Locally



Early booking required as places are limited. For further details on any of these courses or other daytime and evening courses call Amanda
01249 249044
or
07947 348100

OIL BOILERS AND TANKS

- Installations
- Commissioning
- Service

Nick Barnicoat

Tel: 01666 510510

Mobile: 07966 690807



OFTEC
REGISTERED

CHILD-MINDER'S ASSISTANT REQUIRED

Local child-minder is looking to recruit an assistant to work with her in her setting.

No experience necessary but must be over sixteen.

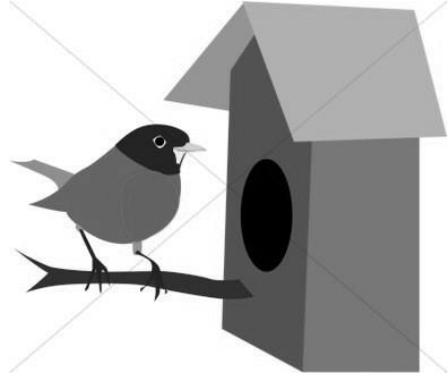
Please contact Jane Clark
on 07733 231735 or
janeakpass@hotmail.com

To Let.

Please contact the Advertising Coordinator
Mr. Keith Treslove - **01249 819077**
email: inspirederry@gmail.com

ANIMAL HOMES

Every creature needs a home, I am sure we all agree. A home is for protection, for breeding, for feeding. Yet since time began over **99%** of all creatures that have ever existed have become extinct. Not all through our doing- but enough to make us question our right to this wonderful planet. Many native species of animal are now under threat of extinction: light, sound and



air pollution, loss of habitat, pesticides, human greed, overbuilding, and other factors amount to total war on wildlife! What does this big ecological and historical picture have to do with us in our villages? Quite a lot. Our little gardens can be a life saver for species: they provide little habitats which linked up through a village create corridors and sanctuaries across the landscape which can mean the difference between survival and extinction.

Yes your garden too! So much is under threat in our landscape and wondrous English countryside today. We have lost many native species in the last **60** or so years. Others are on the danger list. So where does your garden fit into this? Very simply your garden can be a microcosm of and magnet for wildlife. It does not have to be grand. But there is a lot you can do - it's great for children too to learn about the human place in the great scheme of things. Here are some ideas.

That old log? Don't put it in the bin - put it in the garden in an unwanted or hidden spot. It will soon become a home for various insects and also fungi. And while you are about it, if you pile a few stones or rocks in a little heap (you could even make this a garden feature) once again some amphibians, insects and so on will overwinter there and make a home. How about a little pond?

If you have a shed do makes sure there is some space for small creatures to get underneath: frogs, newts, toads, mice, voles, shrews, slow worms etc will make a den there given time.



YOGA

with Suzanne

NIGHT TIME CLASS

Tuesday 8-9.30pm Lansdowne Hall, Derry Hill

DAYTIME CLASSES

Tuesday & Thursday 10-11.30am Bromham Social Centre, Bromham

Friday 9.30 -11.00am Equilibrium Natural Health Centre, Pewsham

Friday 1-2.30pm Lansdowne Hall, Derry Hill

Suzanne Green Email: info@yogawithsuzanne.co.uk
07732545715 · Website: www.yogawithsuzanne.co.uk

MIXED ABILITY · BEGINNERS WELCOME

The Lansdowne Luncheon Club

We meet on alternate Wednesdays in the old meeting room at the Lansdowne Hall.

The club is open to those over 60yrs living in Derry Hill or Studley and we welcome anyone who will enjoy some social contact.

We provide a two-course hot meal, with a current charge of £3.50, which is usually paid in advance for 3 or 4 meals, to fit with our rental payments.

If you or a friend is interested in joining, please contact

Rachel Collins on 01249 817548, or Paula Edwards on 01249 816364.

Wilkey Garden Machinery Services Limited

Established 2001

Stanley Bridge Farm, Chippenham, Wiltshire SN15 3RQ

John Wilkey, a skilled engineer with more than 30 years experience, specialising in the service and repair of all leading makes and models of garden machinery.

All enquiries welcome, call John on

07970 868824 / 01249 740358

*john@wilkey.biz
collection and delivery service*

And if you have a little money or are handy with DIY what about nesting boxes for bats, owls and birds? A bug hotel, a butterfly rest, bee box, hedgehog shelter.

Then of course there is planting- nectar rich flowers and shrubs as I listed in the **October 2013** issue of the Parish Magazine - which do wonders with the colour and richness of your garden and for wildlife. And if you can manage it try to have a little spot where Nature can just do its own thing uninterrupted by human hands (apart from making sure things like nettles don't take over).



If you were to look at a map of our houses from above you would see just how important our gardens can be to help stem the wave of destruction and extinctions threatening our countryside. Give it a go. It's fun, educational, a great hobby and a joy when you sit back in your garden and see the creature who now come to visit you.

Wiltshire Wildlife Trust is a great resource for information and advice. They run educational projects. And why not link in with Studley and Derry Hill Wildlife group on Facebook? Happy wildlifing!

Stephen B. Cox (stephen.b.cox@ntlworld.com)

Links:

Our group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/StudleyDerryHillWildlife/>

Wilts Wildlife Trust: <http://www.wiltshirewildlife.org/>

MOVIOLA AT THE TOWN HALL



A Most Wanted Man (15) Thriller

Phillip Seymour Hoffman stars in one of his final performances as a rumbled agent who likes his whisky.

The film starts in Hamburg with a man dramatically emerging silently from a river. Hoffman discovers that the mystery man is a Chechen refugee who has come to lay a claim to the bank deposit of his late Russian father. The cast is impressive and the plot vintage Le Carre.

Showing in **Calne Town Hall** on **22nd April** at **7.30pm**. Doors open at **7.00pm**. Refreshments available. Tickets **£6.00** from Calne Information Centre or on the door.

WEC Limited

- BIOMASS HEATING
- ELECTRICAL CONTRACTING
- SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEMS
- WOOD BURNING STOVES
- SOLAR HOT WATER SYSTEMS
- HEAT PUMPS (AIR & GROUND)

Renewable Energy Showroom, open Monday to Saturday at our Calne offices with working displays of Solar Thermal, PV, Biomass and Wood Burning Stoves. As well as many other examples of renewable energy such as Thermodynamics and Ground Source Heat Pumps available to see. While in our showroom why not take five minutes and share a tea or coffee with our friendly in house renewable design team or electrical experts to discuss your next project big, or small. We aim to make your ideas a possibility. Don't forget many of our installations of renewable energy qualify for the Renewable Heat Incentive.

WEC Limited | 10 Harris Rd | Porte Marsh Ind Est | Calne | SN11 9PT

Tel: 01249 812850

Email: enquiries@weclimited.co.uk



APPROVED INSTALLER



REA



HETAS



+



CALNE WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

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

The Parish Council met on 2nd March 2015.

The first part of the meeting was taken up with the Parish Meeting with the Chairman giving his report of the year. The highlights were that the new website was up and running and the Neighbourhood Plan is progressing well. At Public Speaking time an issue was raised about a high hedges blocking riders' views on a bridleway in the Small Grain area. The owners are to be approached by parish councillors. Another resident asked about the field between Old Road and the A4 being developed. He was referred to the Neighbourhood Plan Drop in session in the Hall that was to happen two weeks later. In the ordinary meeting, updates were given on Site Allocation Development, the Calne Neighbourhood Plan and the Renewable Energy Steering group. The terms of reference for the Sun Edison grant were discussed and agreed. Members for the sub-group to discuss the allocation of that grant were decided upon.



The council will meet again on **6th April 2015 - 7.30pm** at the **Lansdowne Hall, Derry Hill**. Members of the public are welcome to come along.

Further information about how you may bring an issue to the council is now on the website. www.calnewwithoutpc.org

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

Richard Ayles,
Parish Councillor

CHRISTIAN AID

This year, **2015**, Reverend Ann is taking part in the **Christian Aid Abseil** from **St Mary's Tower** in **Devizes** on **Sunday 10 May** at **3:30pm**.

You can read all about it and maybe even make a donation by visiting <https://www.justgiving.com/Reverend-Ann-Massey/> or by visiting the **Village Stores** or the **Church** and filling in a sponsorship form.

This is instead of a door to door **Christian Aid** collection for this year only!

CHURCH CONTACTS
Christ Church - Derry Hill
St Martin's Church – Bremhill
St John the Baptist – Foxham

www.mardenvale.org.uk

Vicar	Reverend Ann Massey	01249 817926
		ea.massey@btinternet.com

Retired Priest (PTO)	Reverend Jim Scott	01249 813114
----------------------	--------------------	--------------

Lay Pastoral Assistants (LPAs) –

Please call if you would like a visit or chat. All in strictest confidence.

<i>Derry Hill</i>	Averil Davis	01249 814411
	Pat Day	01249 814167
	Anita Uttley	01380 859433

Church Wardens

<i>Derry Hill</i>	Mr Stephen Starr	01249 821325
-------------------	------------------	--------------

<i>Bremhill</i>	Mrs Nancy Kyte	01249 815073
	Mr William Wyldbore-Smith	01249 814969

<i>Foxham</i>	Mrs Elizabeth Hannah	01249 740619
	Mrs Mary Kellond	01249 740633

PCC Treasurers (Tr) & Secretaries (Sec)

<i>Derry Hill</i>	Mr Simon Strange (Tr)	01249 813378
	Mrs Lucinda Prater (Sec)	01249 823252

<i>Bremhill</i>	Dr David Stevens (Tr)	01249 815337
	Vacancy (Sec)	

<i>Foxham</i>	Mr Robert Pegler (Tr)	01249 740253
	Vacancy (Sec)	

If you wish to discuss arrangements for
Baptisms, Marriages, Funerals
or would like a pastoral visit or meeting arranged then
please contact **Reverend Ann Massey** as above.

MARDEN VALE TEAM - SERVICES IN APRIL

Holy Week Begins Monday 30th March – All in Derry Hill...

Monday 30th	7.30pm	Reflection and Compline
Tuesday 31st	7.30pm	Reflection and Compline
Wednesday 1st	10-2pm	Children's Easter Drama!
	7.30pm	Reflection and Compline
Maundy Thursday 2nd	7.30pm	Holy Communion with Washing of Feet
Good Friday 3rd	2.00pm	Reflections at the Cross (No Hymns)
Easter Eve 4th	6.30pm	Passover (Please book with Rev Ann)

5th April - Easter Day

8.00am	Bremhill	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Foxham	All-Age Communion with Egg Hunt
11.00am	Bremhill	All-Age Communion with Egg Hunt
11.00am	Derry Hill	All-Age Communion with Egg Hunt

12th April - Easter 1

9.30am	Foxham	No Service – Tytherton Ride
11.00am	Bremhill	Holy Communion
11.00am	Derry Hill	All Age Holy Communion
6pm	Bowood	Evensong with Reverend Annie Wintour

19th April - Easter 2

8.00am	Derry Hill	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Foxham	Holy Communion
11.00am	Derry Hill	Family Service
6.00pm	Bremhill	Evensong

26th April - Easter 3

9.30am	Bremhill	Family Service
11.00am	Derry Hill	Holy Communion
6.00pm	Foxham	Evensong



Tracy Slade VTCT IFHB IHHHT IHBC
Call 01380 859 278 for your appointment

Up to the minute treatments available
Event Days introduce new ideas products & treatments
Quality skin care and beauty products for purchase
Susan Molyneux, Environ, Jane Iredale, Shellac, Minx,
Advanced Nutrition Programme
Open Mon to Fri, day & evening appointments available
Salon close to Devizes, Calne & Chippenham

N.B. Although the property is sold, Beechwood Beauty will continue trading from 168 St Edith's Marsh

**Offering holistic, beauty & remedial treatments
in a relaxed & friendly environment**

Enhancing
Eyebrow Shaping
Jane Iredale Make-up

Maintenance
Waxing
Monu Aromatic Facial

Wedding
Wedding Make-up
Eyelash Extensions

De-stressing
Thai Foot Massage
Hot Stone Massage

Pampering
Pamper Packages
Manicure Pedicure

Anti-ageing
Renu Lift Facial
Environ Vitamin A

Holiday
Shellac
Fake Bake GOLD

Therapeutic
Hopi Candle
Electrolysis

The Latest
Environ
Vinylux Nails



www.beechwoodbeauty.com - enquiries@beechwoodbeauty.com
@BeechwoodBeauty - facebook.com/BeechwoodBeauty



GARDEN CLEARANCES
LAWN CUTTING & TURF LAYING
HEDGE TRIMMING
PLANTING & PRUNING
TREE LOPPING & FELLING
ROOT REMOVAL
LAWN TREATMENT & WEED KILLING
DECKING & FENCING
SHEDS & GREENHOUSES
PATIOS LAID, REPAIRED & CLEANED

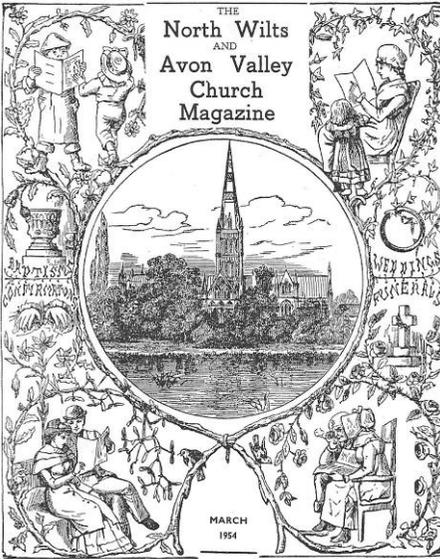
Fully Insured. One off jobs or fixed contracts

FOR A FREE QUOTATION CALL: 07547 221 160



STIHL email: info@greenoakgardenservices.co.uk 

ARTICLE FROM THE PAST



For Derry Hill, April 1955.....

Mrs Hudson and I wish to express our most grateful thanks for all the kindnesses shown us during our joint illness. We rejoice, not only in the help offered and given, but also in the wonderful parochial spirit so shown. Visiting clergy have commented on this friendly spirit shown in the congregation.

Our choir will be going to Hilmarton in Holy Week to sing Maunder's "Olivet to Calvary". The Holy Week services at Derry Hill will be as follows:- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Holy Communion at 7:30 a.m.;

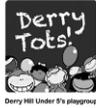
Good Friday, Mattins, Litany and Ante-Communion, 7:30 a.m.; Children's Service 10 a.m.; Devotional Service 2 to 3 p.m.; "Olivet to Calvary", 7:30 p.m.; Easter Eve, Ante-Communion 7:30 a.m.; Short Service of Preparation for Easter, 6:30 p.m. We shall be decorating for Easter at 10 a.m. Memorial gifts of Easter lilies will be most acceptable. The services on Easter Day will be Holy Communion 7 a.m., 8 a.m. and 12 noon; Mattins, 11 a.m.; Children's Egg Service, 2:30 p.m.; Evensong 6:15 p.m. Easter Monday and Tuesday, Holy Communion, 7:30 a.m.

Look out for the date of the Annual General Meeting. Notices will be placed outside the church.

A thought for Eastertide – Sorrow enhances the subsequent joy. It is the shade which makes the sunlight brighter. There is no resurrection without first the pains of death. No cross, no crown!

A Happy Easter to you all.

L.W.G. Hudson.



Derry Tots

Derry Tots is your friendly local Under Fives Playgroup. We meet every Wednesday morning during term time at the Lansdowne Hall in Derry Hill.

Come and join us for a free taster session and see what you've been missing!

Check out our website or contact us by email: enqdhuf@gmail.com

www.derrytots.co.uk

We are also looking for volunteers to help us each week.

For all your electrical needs:

- Re-wiring ✓
- PAT Testing ✓
- Extra Sockets ✓
- Fault Finding ✓
- Lighting ✓
- Free Quotations ✓
- Electrical Installations ✓
- Testing & Inspection ✓
- Consumer Unit Changes ✓

Nick Pocock Electrical

NICEIC Registered Domestic Installer

T: 01249 461325 M: 07967 022446

nrpelectrical@hotmail.co.uk

www.nrpelectrical.co.uk

THE VILLAGE STORES

Church Road, Derry Hill

Tel: **01249 812376**

Your friendly local Post Office here to help you

DID YOU KNOW

We are able to supply you with:

Foreign currency and Travel Insurance
Deposit and Withdrawal facilities for Lloyds TSB, Co-op, Barclays,
Alliance and Leicester Giro. Most bills paid free of charge, including
Telephone, Rent, Gas and many more

ADVANCE NOTICE OF MAY SERVICES

All in Christ Church Derry Hill

3rd May – Easter 5

11.00am

Mattins

4.00pm

Praise@4

10th May – Easter 6

11.00am

All Age Communion (CW)

Thursday 14th May

7.30pm

Ascension –Holy Communion

17th May – Easter 7

8.00am

Holy Communion (BCP)

11.00am

Family Service (Christian Aid)

24th May – Pentecost

11.00am

Holy Communion (CW)

31st May – Trinity Sunday

11.00am

Holy Communion (CW)

The three parishes will come together for this service which will be followed by a 'bring and share' lunch. After lunch everyone is invited to join in a discussion of Bishop Nicholas's project to '*Pray, Serve and Grow*' in our churches. Archdeacon Ruth will lead us in discussion. This is an open invitation to anyone who is interested in developing the church contribution to society as a whole.

CHILDREN AT THE FRONT OF THE CHURCH

An experiment at the Mothering Sunday Service in Christ Church, where the children were engaged in organised activity at the front of the church was deemed to have been a success as mothers were able to participate in the service whilst more easily keeping an eye on their children.

We plan to continue with this arrangement during future Family Services.



H.F. STILES & SON LTD

Fourth generation family butchers
Retail butchers established over a century

**Beef, Pork and Lamb sourced from local farms and slaughtered at
our own abattoir ensuring that we know exactly where your meat
comes from**

All beef hung and matured for 3 weeks

This months special offer – only £35

4 lb Leg of Pork roasting joints
8 Lamb chops
4 Chicken leg portions
1lb Diced Stewing Beef
10 Traditional Pork Sausages
¾ lb Home Cooked Sliced Ham

An average of less than £1.35 per meal

All packed and labelled to your requirements
If you would like anything packed or butchered differently then please
ask and we will be more than happy to help

Please phone with any orders or enquiries that you may have and to find
out about our weekly delivery service

Opening Times

Monday: 8am – 1pm
Tuesday – Friday: 8am – 5pm (closed between 1pm and 2pm)
Saturday: 8am – 1pm

22 High Street, Bromham, Chippenham,
Wiltshire, SN15 2EX

Telephone: (01380) 850342

KEY LIME PIE

Serves **6-8** (or 1 greedy 13yr old boy!)

- 200g** digestive biscuits, crushed
- 50g** Butter, melted
- 1** tin of condensed milk (I used the light version and it was just as lovely)
- 1** egg
- 4** Limes. Grated zest of **3** and juice of **4**.
- 1** Lemon. Juice only



Preheat oven to **200°C, 400°F** or **GM6**.

Pop the biscuits on a bag and crush them with a rolling pin. I didn't do it too fine as I prefer it a bit rustic but you crush them as you want. Add the melted butter and mix well.

Put the mixture into a **22cm** loose bottomed tin (It doesn't need greasing). Press it down well with the back of a spoon or your hand.

Lightly whisk the condensed milk with the egg. I did it for about **4/5 minutes**. Stir in the zest of all **4** limes but leave a little back for a garnish and also the juice of the limes and lemon.

Pour the mixture into the cake tin and level out.

Bake in the oven for about **10 minutes**. Leave to cool before you put it in the fridge.

Once cooled completely, remove from tin sprinkle with a touch of icing sugar and pop the remaining lime zest in the centre for garnish and serve.

I made this at the weekend when friends came for supper...In fact I made it the day before and kept it in the fridge so it made life much easier on the Saturday...such an easy recipe. The original had less lime in it but I really like the sharpness of the lime so added more, feel free to do the same. I also suggest you hide the leftovers as when you go to bring the them out for Sunday lunch pudding and find an empty plate it can get embarrassing!

Happy Baking!!!!

The Secret Chef



Local – Professional - Affordable

Let us do the dirty work with tender loving care (and a thorough clean) of your oven, hob, range, Aga, microwave, extractor, or BBQ, using the unique, eco friendly and non caustic Ovensclean system

Call now on 07706084107 or 0800 840 7127

Email: david.green@ovenclean.com

Friendly and Reliable service

Visit : www.ovenclean.com

Every day Aster Living helps thousands of people to live their lives.

We all value our independence and our Assistive Living team can help you to keep yours. The service is available to anyone who has a disability, or is over 60.

Our friendly, professional and multi-skilled team provide a handy, person and minor adaptations service. They can also install telecare alarms and sensors, with 24 hour emergency back-up.

We can help with things like:

- Putting up shelves
- Moving furniture around your home
- Building flat pack furniture
- Changing light bulbs
- Putting up curtain rails
- Draft proofing
- Fencing
- Making your home safe and secure
- Minor plumbing or electrical work.

No job is too small. And our rates are competitive. Members of our team who visit customers have an enhanced DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) check.



Contact us
 Tel: 0333 400 8299
 Email: info@asterliving.co.uk
 Or visit our website www.asterliving.co.uk where you can hear some of our customers telling their story. Please quote DR 1323 when you contact us.

MOTHERS' UNION – DERRY HILL

Members met in church on March 4th. As usual opened the meeting with prayer.



Members voiced their delight at the success of the 'Celebration of Love and Marriage' service and are full of enthusiasm for next year with perhaps a bigger and better display of wedding memorabilia.

On **March 25th** there is a '**Quiet Day**' at St. Mary's Church in Calne. Five members hope to attend. We were also given notice of a '**Sacred Space**' conference at **Wilton** on **May 21st**.

Our meeting speaker was Joanne Treffett, representative for Community Development. Her interesting and enthralling talk told of the projects in hand that concern helping families in various fields such as parenting and gender based violence. A scheme called '**New start**' especially interested our new members. It related to helping parents whose children are starting school through any difficulties they may experience.

Joanne also suggested that instead of trying to recruit new members, which is difficult in these times, when younger women have so many calls on their time, try having '**Supporters Groups**'. This would entail encouraging non-members to help with specific projects and events, which would have clear aims and be quite finite, so not taking up endless time and effort. Joanne's suggestions gave members good ideas of how we could publicise and expand our efforts in the community. The next meeting is on **April 1st**.

New members and visitors are always welcome.

For information call Deirdre on **01249 822157**.

THE LANSDOWNE HALL

The Annual general Meetings of the Trustees and the Management Committee will be held on **Thursday 9th April 8pm** in the **NEW Meeting Room the Lansdowne Hall**, Petty Lane, Derry Hill.

All Hall users and residents of Derry Hill, Studley and Sandy Lane are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served. Do come along and find out how the Hall is doing

LANSDOWNE ARMS

DERRY HILL, CALNE, SN11 9NS

www.lansdownearms@wadworth.co.uk

01249 812422

OPENING HOURS

MON-THURS 12.00 - 3.00

6.00 - 11.00

FRI-SAT 12.00 - 12.00

SUN 12.00 - 11.00

A warm welcome awaits you from Paul,
Ginnie and all our staff.

Alan Pierre Botti

INTERIOR & EXTERIOR
PAINTER & DECORATOR

WALL PAPERING ●

TILING ●

INTERIOR REFURBISHMENTS ●

SPECIALIST PAINT FINISHES ●

Telephone: 01380 725354 Mobile: 07889 470272

www.alanpierebotti.co.uk

Dulux
SelectDecorators



FLOODLIGHTING THE SPIRE

This is a lovely thing to do to remember loved ones and to celebrate special anniversaries and birthdays. The Spire is currently lit between 7pm and midnight, though this varies with the time of year. Floodlighting the Spire can be arranged through Dave Massey Tel. 01249 817926 or jd.massey@btinternet.com. A donation to the church for the cost of the lighting is welcome.

ALTAR GUILD

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

DERRY HILL AND STUDLEY VILLAGE FETE



We're back! It's that time of the year when the fete committee teases you with little snippets of information to arouse your taste buds and generally warm you up for the great afternoon that is the Derry Hill and Studley Fete, and the first thing to say that we hope it is as warm an afternoon as last year. Do you remember that smashing day? While **2013** was essentially too hot, **2014** was about as perfect a day as you can imagine when planning these events and the day passed off really well for all of us. Things that stand out in my memory were the brilliant barrows dressed in a **1914/Great War** theme, the queues for the ice cream and the bar, the great performances by the children and others in the main arena and the many entries in the Arts & Crafts Show – some interesting personal competitions were played out in our household I can tell you!

So, the **2015** fete will be held at the **Lansdowne Hall** and **school field** from **1:30pm** on **Saturday 11th July** and we would be delighted if you could join us for what is already shaping up to be another great day. We are proud to announce that again this year our **Arts & Crafts Show** will be sponsored by **PSP Insurance and Financial Solutions**, this is their **3rd** year of silver sponsorship and we are grateful to them for their continued support of our fete. The schedule of classes for the Arts & Crafts Show is in preparation and should be available on-line and from many local outlets in the near future. The number of entries increased by **10%** last year so the show is clearly grabbing your attention, perhaps this year is your chance to get involved?

In other news, we are delighted that **SpaceyTracy Entertainments** join us as a bronze sponsor and will again provide our **Entertainment Zone**. Last year, we introduced a new concept whereby we charged a single entrance fee per child to the Entertainment Zone and they could enjoy the benefits of bouncing, tumbling, dodging and falling for as long as they wished throughout the afternoon. Feedback suggested that this was a welcome approach and so we intend to adopt the same approach again this year. So the advice is to make your way to the entrance of the Entertainment Zone as soon as you can on arrival to maximise your child's exposure to bouncy castles etc.

Alongside the Arts & Crafts Show and the Entertainment Zone there will be the usual mix of stalls provided by village groups and others, refreshments and a variety of entertainment in the main arena, but more news on all of these in next month's inSPIRE!

Do you want to raise your company's profile at the fete? How about donating a raffle prize and/or taking out advertising in the fete programme? Drop me a line on the email below and we can discuss that further. Would you be prepared to help us on the day – we're always looking for volunteers for a variety of tasks – drop me a line.

For more information follow the fete organising committee on Facebook and twitter. Details are:



Derry Hill and Studley Fete



@dh_fete

Peter Prater

Chair, Derry Hill & Studley Fete Organising Committee

Email: peterprater@btinternet.com

Phone: 07912 466453

NEWS FROM RUB-A-DUB PRE-SCHOOL



This term our topics were Easter and Spring time as well as St Patrick's Day. The term before Easter is when we start enjoying getting outside more frequently and being involved in spring planting.

As always, we continue to follow the children's lead and introduced other topics of interest expressed by them.

Rising Stars – this session is held on the Friday morning as is exclusively for those children who will be leaving us for Primary school the following September. This term we explored '*Environmental Sounds*' as part of our Letters and Sounds program. You may be wondering what this is all about! It is about getting outdoors and listening to the sounds around us, both natural and manmade. We also explored the different sounds we could make and hear when using what we could find around us!

We also had lots of fun on **World Book Day** when the children and staff came to the pre-school in their cosiest pyjamas and we read lots of their

favourite stories. Thank you to those parents who joined us and read some great stories!

And we can't forget **Red Nose Day!** To mark this special fund raising day we all dressed in something red and the children baked some cakes to sell to help raise funds for the Red Nose charity.

The term ended with our **Easter Bonnet Parade** and a lovely service held by Reverend Ann.

Looking ahead, the committee are in the process of planning a fun sporting event to help raise funds for some much needed outdoor learning resources. So look out for more news on what this is about and how you can join in to support your local pre-school over the coming weeks!

To find out more about the pre-school why not visit our website www.rubadubpreschool.com and a reminder that parents can always keep up to date with what is going on by checking our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/rubadubpreschool> - don't forget to 'Like' us!

Finally, Rub-A-Dub will re-open after the Easter holiday on **Monday the 13th April**. When we start the Summer Term, we will be looking forward to some brighter warmer weather to be able to get outside and enjoy the garden on a daily basis so don't forget to start bringing in named sun protection lotion and hats!

Enjoy your Easter and we hope the Easter Bunny visits your home!

Rub-A-Dub Committee and Staff

DEFIBRILLATOR NEWS



Just to let you know we are still here! We are checking the defibrillators each month and generally keeping an eye on them.

Hope you are also keeping an eye on any suspicious people or cars lurking as the possibility of theft is still there, unfortunately. We are investigating CCTV cameras for the phone box and Studley Chapel as I write. There is one outside the village hall already so

hopefully that will be a deterrent.

We are getting a replacement cabinet for Studley, under warranty, as the first one they sent us has an intermittent fault on the door lock and has got some rust on the corners of the door.

Asda are still collecting green counters for us at Melksham in March so thank you to those of you who have voted for us!

We are still working on First Aid courses possibly for the youth organizations in the village. Watch this space!

Any suggestions for further fundraising will be most welcome.

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

Paula Edwards 01249 816364 bryher3@talktalk.net

CARE WORKER SHAVES HEAD FOR CHARITY



Derry Hill care worker Susan Carr completed a charity double on 27th February as she had her head shaven for Kingston House care home and Dorothy House hospice care. In addition to raising money towards the running of the Derry Hill care homes' mini bus by having her head shaved, Ms Carr has donated her lost locks to Dorothy House so they can be used to make a wig for cancer sufferers. The eight-seater bus, which costs around £5,000 a year to run, is a vital part of the care homes' work transporting residents to the shops or on day trips to places like Butterfly World or Weston-Super-Mare.

Ms Carr, who works as a care worker at Kingston House, said: *"It's all to help the residents. It started to keep the mini bus on the road, the residents enjoy going out in the minibus and I said I would raise money and have my head shaved."* If people are stuck indoors they can deteriorate, if they go out and have a normal life even just shopping it boosts morale they seem a lot happier than doing nothing. *"I am going to donate my hair to Dorothy House to make a wig for someone with cancer, it makes me feel a bit better and this way I am doing a bit for cancer as well."*

Staff and residents of Kingston House made an occasion of Ms Carr's effort by holding a barn dance, hog roast and raffle to raise more money and push

the overall total towards the £1,000 target. Manager Carol Grainger said: *“The mini bus is a big part of getting out into the community so obviously we need to keep it up together.”*

Kingston House, which recently scored 956 out of 1000 on www.yourcarerating.org, has also been re-accredited with an Eden Alternative award for improving the lives of the elderly and their carers by eliminating loneliness, helplessness and boredom. Ms Grainger said: *“We were one of the first homes in Wiltshire to be validated. “It gives a name to what we do; it makes sure we give people a good life. We have lots of contact with animals and children as you would on the outside and do a lot of things in the community. “This was a revalidation, it means we continue to look at things to make people’s lives more interesting.”* Donations can be made by sending cheques to Kingston House or by visiting El Pradas Hair Salon, who helped with the head shave, on Lodge Road in Pewsham.



DERRY HILL AND DISTRICT WI

Alan Truscott gave us a fascinating talk about *‘Blue and White China and the Willow Pattern’*. He brought lots of his Blue and White collection of china for us to touch and examine, which we thought was very brave of him – some dated from the 1700s - until he told us that they were all cracked and not worth much!! There are many versions of the Willow pattern story and he talked us through a few of the them - we dated our samples by the differing sizes of pagodas, styles of bridges, numbers of people on the bridge, position of willow trees and apple trees and whether you had doves in the sky or not. It was all very interesting. We still prefer the story where the lovers are turned into doves, a much nicer ending!



Dates for Diaries:

The lunch on **27th March** will be at **Neston Farm 12.30pm**. Members are to meet at **11.30am** at the **Hall** to share lifts. If there are any changes to the arrangements we will let you know.

Fritillaries!! We are hoping to visit the Fritillaries in the North Meadow in Cricklade again this April. This could possibly be on **Thursday 16th April** but we will check the website for suitable dates - watch this space!

Due to the great success of our last meal, to celebrate the new kitchen in the Village Hall, we are having a second one by popular request! So please put **Wednesday 8th April** in your diaries - **7pm** for **7.30pm**. Can't wait!

Our speaker on the **22nd April** will be Judi Wray-Bliss and her talk will be on '*18th century Bath - The season*'. The competition item will be for an evening bag or purse, so get your finery out, ladies.

If you are interested in coming to a meeting please phone Sally, on **817945**, 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

BOOK CLUB REVIEW

The Goldfinch by Donna Tartt

This is a very long read and not an easy subject matter but brilliantly written. It is the winner of the Pulitzer Prize for fiction **2014**.

Aged **13**, Theo Decker, Son of a devoted mother and reckless, largely absent father, survives an accident that otherwise tears his life apart. Alone and rudderless in New York, he is taken in by the family of a wealthy friend. He is



tormented by an unbearable longing for his mother and down the years clings to the thing that most reminds him of her: a small, strangely

captivating painting that ultimately draws him into the criminal underworld. As he grows up, Theo learns to glide between the drawing rooms of the rich and the dusty antiques store where he works. He is alienated and in love – and his talisman, the painting, places him at the centre of a narrowing ever more dangerous circle.

The Goldfinch is a haunted odyssey to present day America and a drama of enthralling power. Combining unforgettably vivid characters and thrilling suspense, it is a beautiful addictive triumph – a sweeping story of loss, obsession, survival and self-invention, of the deepest mysteries of love, identity and fate.

Chosen by Catherine May.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:

On Friday evening (6 March 2015) the World Day of Prayer service, written by the women of the Bahamas was prayed. Around twenty people took part, directed by Sonja Strange who has been organising this service for the past 30 years. She has done a fantastic job but has now decided to retire from the '**front line**'! We are therefore hoping someone will step up to the mark to organise this service next year.

There are elements of music, drama, and much symbolism. If you have a creative urge then this service is for you to flex your muscles!!

Please let Reverend Ann know if you would like to have a go! Meanwhile, huge thanks from us all for doing such a great job yet again Sonja!

If you would like to know more and have access to Google then google '**World Day of Prayer**' and there will be lots of information.

STEW AND PUDDING EVENING.

Christ Church Derry Hill on **24th April - 6pm - 8pm** for another evening of delicious stews with dumplings and puddings. The last event on 17 March was a great success. More than one person thought that prices were too low so they have been increased very slightly. Adults **£7.50** Children **5 years to 12 years £4**. Gluten free and vegetarians catered for. Bring your own alcoholic drinks. Soft drinks will be available to buy. Proceeds go to the Fabric Fund of the church.

For tickets and info contact Stephen Starr on **01249 821325** or stephen1.starr@btinternet.com

REVEREND ANN WRITES

There is definitely the feel of spring in the air! The daffodils are beginning to bloom – just in time for Mothering Sunday. The primroses are surfacing in their many colours. All in all the signs of spring that bring hope and a feeling of being past the worst part of the winter with better times to come are here. The death of winter turns to renewal of life in spring. It seems to come from nowhere!

Of course, it is no accident that at the same time as the landscape is changing from the dreariness of winter we are preparing spiritually for Easter – that wonderful festival – the most important in the church year, (yes, even more important than Christmas!).

Sadly, even though it is the most important season in the church calendar it is not the focus for many. Part of this, I believe, is the relief of better weather, thoughts of summer and relaxing holidays with family and friends. And there is the lure of chocolate Easter eggs too after no chocolate, no wine etc during Lent!

So, people come to Easter with relief in their hearts and in expectation of enjoyable times ahead relaxing with family and friends doing the things they enjoy.

But what about the Spirit of God that dwells within each of us? How do we care for it and nurture it? The Spirit within us is important; it is what guides us when we pay attention to it, in our choices as we journey onwards. This Spirit was first recognised on that first Easter Day when each person who knew Jesus well enough, or wanted to know him, were able to recognise His Spirit within themselves – that He was with them. It has been passed from generation to generation of believers ever since.

To enhance your holiday why not try and join in the Easter celebrations in a church wherever you are on 5th April. Your spirit will be refreshed and your body and mental being too, I feel sure, will benefit from the experience. If you don't recognise the Spirit working within you now, you may do after making room for Him in your hearts during this holiest of seasons. May the Spirit of God dwell deeply within you and be known to you, and grow within you this Easter time.

With love and best wishes always.

Ann

GOODBYE WINTER BLUES

February is always a dull time of the year so what better time to say "*Goodbye Winter Blues*" and raise funds for an amazing charity? Over **100** people came to the Lansdowne Hall to raise funds for HEADWAY (Swindon District). It was organised by John & Janet Baumber with June Jennings and raised **£2,155** for this association which has helped transform Mark Jennings life.

Mark suffered a terrible accident in **2012** and was in Frenchay Hospital for many weeks paralysed from the neck down and at one point he was told he might not be able to talk, swallow or walk again. Thanks to the love and support of his Mum June, daughters, Kimberley & Charlotte, his sister Dawn and, until his sad death in **2013**, Dad Tony, and all his friends, (and his own relentless determination) he is making a remarkable recovery. With the professional guidance and care from HEADWAY he is regaining skills we all take for granted.

Mark received a unanimous standing ovation for his first public speech of thanks (see photograph) and he topped this with a spell on the dance floor; amazing progress achieved with the support from Headway.

Richard Benham, (a life-long friend of Marks) and his RAINDROPS kept the guests dancing to music from the **60's** and **70's**, and a magnificent Mediterranean buffet supper was presented by Peter Vaughan and his staff from the Bistro in Devizes.

Thanks go to the all the supporters, helpers and the Lansdowne Hall Team who look after this splendid hall.

John Baumber (Feb 2015).

Mark making his first public speech – with John & June - and what a success!

Photograph by Douglas Colborne



MOWER SHED CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

They say that a picture is worth a thousand words so all that I will tell you is that the churchyard mowers will soon be moving in to their new luxury accommodation in the corner of the Vicarage garden. And a massive vote of thanks is due to anyone whom you are able to recognise in the following photographs.... *Dave Massey*

