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EDITORIAL

We seem to get a lot of May blossom in April these days, which I find a little unsettling as a person who likes everything in its right place. Is it a sign of climate change or do those varieties come out earlier anyway?



What is also unsettling at the moment is what is going to happen at the General Election we have this month. As I'm writing this there is every chance we are going to have a hung parliament with all the uncertainty that will bring. Looking on the bright side, at least voters are voting with their heads now and not out of blind loyalty. Politics are the very essence of our democracy and much as we may decry our politicians on occasions, we ought to remember the words of Churchill: "*Democracy is the worst form of government, except for all those other forms that have been tried from time to time.*"

Though he did also say "*The best argument against democracy is a five-minute conversation with the average voter.*" Happy voting! *Ed*

CHANGES TO THE MAGAZINE TEAM



Last month I reported the changes to our team. We are still looking for somebody to take over from Ian Willox and help Kevin Rowland with the distribution co-ordination.

Just a couple of hours every month would be a great help.

Please ring me, Keith or Ian on the numbers at shown at the beginning of the magazine.

Ed

MOVIOLA AT THE TOWN HALL



The May film will be '**The Theory of Everything**' (12a) starring Eddie Redmayne who won an Oscar for his portrayal of Stephen Hawking.

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summer bedding. These can go in around the end of May when the danger of frost has passed. You can now plant up your hanging baskets and keep them in the greenhouse until they are established. The roses should now be really growing, keep spraying fortnightly. If you see any sign of black spot remove the leaf and spray; if you don't it will soon spread. Stake your herbaceous borders before they get too tall. Keep up the good work in your gardens because it's now you can see all your hard work you did in the winter rewarding you with colour and healthy plants.

See you in June. Happy gardening!

Stephen Starr Bowood Gardener

DEFIBRILLATOR NEWS



The replacement cabinet has now arrived for Studley and will soon be fitted. Let's hope this is a good un.

Asda have donated £200 to our funds under their green counter scheme. Apparently we got the highest number of counters from January to March. Thanks everybody! Thank you very much to The Asda Foundation for that! We still need money for keeping

the batteries and electrode pads in date, general maintenance and contingency funds. So any further ideas for fund raising would be useful. We will be spending some of our cash on first aid courses for youth groups soon, so a very worthwhile cause.

Now looking forward to the 'fete full' day on **July 11th** - - - -

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COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT

Our Rural villages have reported the following crimes:

- A garage at Bremhill has been entered sometime between December and March and a Cannondale black and grey bike stolen.
- During the first 2 weeks of March a wheelbarrow was stolen from a locked store at Old Yatesbury Airfield.
- Between the 7th and 9th March, premises in Yatesbury suffered the loss of £2,500 worth of property and syphoned fuel after suspects broke a padlock on a perimeter fence and forced 2 outbuildings.
- Derry Hill Post Office had a pane of glass smashed and bottles of alcohol stolen during the early evening of 11th March.
- Overnight on 21st March, Offender/s stole a 75HP Mercury outboard motor from a moored fishing boat at Blackland Lake Holiday Park.
- A farm gate at Blackland was damaged after suspects broke the padlock and forced entry through it.



Please, as usual remain vigilant.

Speed Enforcement

Several speed checks have been conducted this month at Ratford, Headington, Stockley and Broad's Green. Seven drivers were stopped and warned about driving over the speed limit. Sadly, some were local residents. Speed checks will continue in the coming weeks.

Community Speedwatch volunteers continue to work hard on our behalf and are sending us a high number of vehicle registration numbers they have recorded driving in excess of the limits. These vehicle owners will be hearing from us in due course. Community Speedwatch are still hungry for volunteers. It is a really worthwhile work and acts as a good deterrent for reducing drivers' speeds in our rural villages.

We do try to get to Community groups as much as possible, so if you are having any kind of event you would like us to meet residents, do send myself or NPT Calne website a message to let us know and we will try our best to pop along.



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- Microchip your dog. From **6th April 2016** it will be compulsory to have your dog micro chipped.
- Invest in a GPS tracking collar.
- Beware of strangers taking an interest in your dog.
- Keep your dog close when you are in open spaces so they cannot be easily grabbed.
- Stray or found dogs should always be reported to your local council dog warden.

If you see any suspicious activity, vehicles or people, please call the police on **101**. If you see a crime in progress always dial **999**.

WPC 319 *Sonya Stockhill*

Community Beat Manager – Rural Calne NPT

FREDERICK FORTUNE

Many villagers will be saddened to hear of the passing of Fred who died on the 29th March after a long illness. He was aged **83** and had lived in Derry Hill or the immediate area for all of his life. After his wife Sylvia's death nearly ten years ago he continued to live in their home at **1 Tile Court**.

Fred was a well-known character in the village and until a few years ago was often seen driving his Robin Reliant. He was a popular and respected gardening judge in the county and also won numerous prizes for his own flowers. For many years he prepared Christmas holly wreaths for the church and local shops.

When Fred first left school he worked for British Rail at Chippenham and then saw national service in Germany as a medical orderly. On his return to "Civvy Street" he worked at Bowood and also at what is now known as the Springfield Academy in Calne where he used his horticultural skills to great effect. In later years he and his wife were caretakers of the original Derry Hill Village Hall. *Russell Joyce*.



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for the full Monty when they arrived at Castlefields in Calne and took the bus back. This was route two! The rest carried on through Pinhills, the Bowood estate and thence back to the Lansdowne Arms.

It was a thoroughly enjoyable jaunt with plenty for time to observe how the countryside is changing, both by nature and by man, and also a time to catch up with fellow walkers we hadn't seen for a bit.

Thanks as ever to Mike Lloyd Evans for planning the walk and making sure we got back safely. Thanks too to Doug Colborne for the lovely photo.

Richard Ayles

MOTHERS' UNION – DERRY HILL

Members met in church for a 'Quiet Afternoon' conducted by Reverend Ann.



It consisted of readings, music and prayers that left members rested and refreshed both spiritually and physically in the busy week running up to Easter.

The meeting ended with tea and biscuits.

The next meeting is **May 6th** and visitors and new members are very welcome. For information call **Deirdre** on **01249 822157**.

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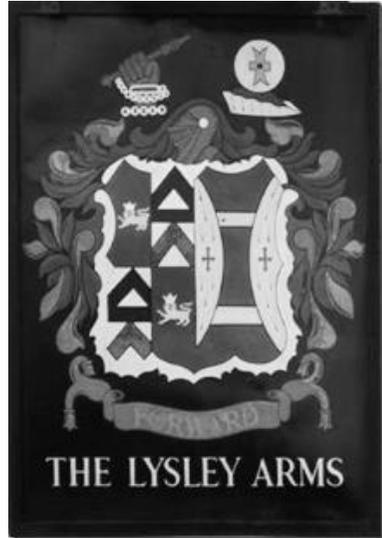
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SIR WILLIAM LYSLEY

Just down the hill from our two villages through those lovely woods you come to the outskirts of Pewsham, and just to the left is Old Derry Hill. In days gone by this was not a junction because the Old A4 used to wind its way up the Melksham Road to Derry Hill. At the top, opposite The Golden Gates and The Lansdowne Inn public house, the road would fork: straight on for Melksham and left for London, that is down what is now Church Road then what is now called Old Road/Ragg Lane and join the A4 at the Soho Inn. The New Road did not exist. But the pub down at the Pewsham junction certainly did.



Judging by its size and location, it would have been an old coaching inn for travellers on the long bumpy journey from Bristol and Bath to London (which was in those days about a two day+ journey by coach or wagon). This pub as you will know is called the Lysley Arms. You may have been there. However, what you may not know is that the signage for the pub is that of the coat of arms of a certain Sir William Lysley, a local notable.

He had not been born in these parts. But before coming to Wiltshire he already had a distinguished career. He was born on **12 December 1791**, the son of William Lysley and Ann (née Barker). He was admitted as a barrister by the Inner Temple in London and in **1828** married Caroline Marshall, daughter of John Marshall of Ardwick House, Lancaster. In **1851** Lysley was appointed High Sheriff of Hertfordshire. He also held the offices of Deputy Lieutenant and Justice of the Peace. He lived at Mimwood, Hertfordshire and Pewsham, Wiltshire.

Then, in the General Election of **28 April 1859**, Lysley was elected as the second member for Chippenham as a Liberal and remained thus until **1865**. The Whigs (led by Lord Palmerston), held their majority in the House of Commons over the Earl of Derby's Conservatives (the Tories).



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Sir William was member of the Athenaeum Club and a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries until his death in **1873**. He and his wife had four children, Caroline Gertrude (d. **1879**), Sarah Maria (d. **1870**), William Gerard (**13 June 1831 – 6. October 1887**) and Warine Bayley Marshall.

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KINGSTON HOUSE

A special visit for you to make on Friday June 19th.

We are lucky to have two lovely Residential Homes in Derry Hill. On **June 19th 2pm** Kingston House is opening its doors to the public to come in and take a look around. This is part of the National Care Home Open Day scheme. Kingston House, typically, has decided to push the boat out and go one step further! The staff and some of the residents will be dressing up to a musical theme. In addition there will be Punch and Judy to watch, a coconut shy, ice cream and lots of other good things to try. You'll be sure of a warm welcome on **Friday 19th June**. You may also be interested to hear that Kingston House was voted fourth best home in the whole of the southwest in a recent Mori poll and the Best Greensleeves Home this year. Well done to the staff! One way you can support the home is to help with their Rag Bag scheme. Simply pick up a bag from reception and return it with your unwanted clothes etc. So go on, have a clear out and put the results to good use. By the way our Summer Fayre is on **Sunday afternoon 30th August**. *Lynda*

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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 **13 April 2015**.

At Public Speaking Time riders from Hamsley Hollow who have been concerned about the visibility where the bridle path crosses a main road once again attended. They reported that the hedges concerned had been trimmed back but there was still a problem. Councillor Morely informed the meeting

that it was hoped the bridle path would be reconfigured to cross the road at a safer place in the near future and that should solve the visibility problem. Councillors from Derry Hill reported that dog fouling, particularly in Church Road, was still evident despite a recent article in the inSPIRE Magazine and numerous warnings around the village.

Councillors agreed the Terms of Reference for the Sun Edison subcommittee. This now enables the committee to consider worthwhile projects in our Calne Without Parish to spend the **£40K** grant on.

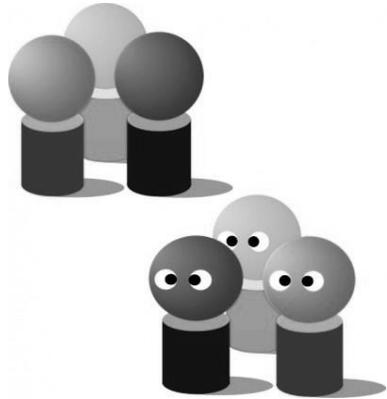
Councillors were informed of the deteriorating state of the goal posts on Petty Acre, Derry Hill. After some discussion it was decided to canvas local people including the young people of the village to see if there was a need to replace them or just remove them.

The council will meet again on **11 May 2015 - 7.30pm** at the **New Meeting Room, 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



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MARDEN VALE TEAM - SERVICES IN MAY

3rd May – Easter 5

8.00am	Bremhill	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Foxham	Holy Communion (CW)
11.00am	Derry Hill	Mattins
4.00pm	Bremhill	Evensong
4.00pm	Derry Hill	Praise@4

10th May – Easter 6

9.30am	Foxham	Family Service
11.00am	Bremhill	Holy Communion (CW)
11.00am	Derry Hill	All Age Communion (CW)

Thursday 14th May - Ascension

7.30pm	Derry Hill	Holy Communion
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17th May – TEAM SERVICE – No services in Bremhill or Foxham

8.00am	Derry Hill	Holy Communion (BCP)
11.00am	Derry Hill¹ (see below)	Family Service (Christian Aid)

24th May – Pentecost

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

31st May – Trinity Sunday

9.30am	Bremhill	Family Communion
9.30am	Foxham	Holy Communion (CW)
11.00am	Derry Hill	Holy Communion (CW)

¹ The Three parishes will come together for this service on **17 May** in **Derry Hill** 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 Worsley** will lead us in discussion from about 1pm. This is an open invitation to anyone who is interested in developing the church contribution to society as a whole.



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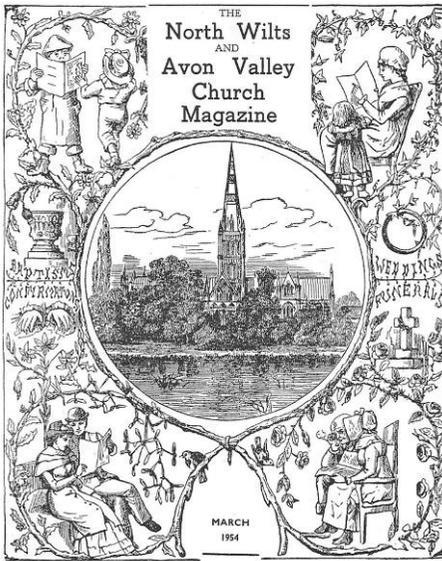
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ARTICLE FROM THE PAST



For Derry Hill, May 1955.....

In Holy Week our Mothers' Union were hosts to members from Compton Bassett, Tockenham and Calne, when Mrs Morony, who always has something of deep interest to give, was the speaker.

What wonderful services we had on Easter Day. How grateful we are to the people who decorated and those who gave flowers – especially the lilies for the altar and sanctuary. Our choir, too, has done great work. Many people, hearing them sing "Olivet to Calgary" and attending Easter Services, have expressed surprise at the quality of

the music. Derry Hill Church is becoming renowned for its enthusiastic congregational singing.

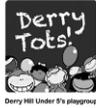
Sick members of our congregation received their Easter Communion during Easter week. Would that more would request the regular visit of their parish Priest with the Holy Sacrament.

We are reintroducing servers at Holy Communion Services. This is an important office, for a server not only assists the Priest at the altar, but he also represents the laity.

On Rogation Days, May 16th and 18th, I shall be visiting farms and homes to bless crops, animals and gardens. Why not make this an opportunity for Christian witness by inviting me to your place? It may be the means for drawing others onto the fellowship of the church.

Whit-Sunday Services will be Holy Communion, 7 and 8 a.m.; Mattins, 11 a.m.; 2.30 p.m. Service of Baptism; Evensong, 6.15 p.m.

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All in Christ Church Derry Hill

7th June – First after Trinity

11.00am

Mattins

4.00pm

Praise@4

14th June– Second after Trinity

11.00am

All Age Communion (CW)

21st June – Third after Trinity

8.00am

Holy Communion (BCP)

11.00am

Family Service

28th June – Fourth after Trinity

11.00am

Holy Communion (CW)

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** (Sponsor forms in the Notice Sheets).

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



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If you like a sharper taste add more lime. It freezes well too!

Happy Baking!!!

The Secret Chef

GOAL POSTS ON PETTY ACRE DERRY HILL



The Parish Council has recently inspected the goalposts and have decided they need to be removed in the near future before they deteriorate further. Their removal means that there might be a loss of amenity and so the council is interested to hear your views in the next month on whether they should be replaced with something similar. So do you want new goal posts put in there or are you happy for them to be just removed? Please let us know by **31st May**. Thanks.

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LANSDOWNE HALL – MULTI PITCH

Some of you may have noticed that the pitch has recently been re-marked making the lines much more distinct, which should be a particular bonus for the keen tennis players amongst us. It is hoped that this action will now encourage more residents to use this facility. The Hall's Management Committee is hopeful that there will be sufficient interest to form a tennis club. Should there be an upsurge in interest thought will be given to re-introducing a court booking system.

As has been previously been mentioned, we have suspended the pitch membership scheme due to lack of sufficient support and now those wishing to play tennis are requested to donate £2 each time they play, Envelopes are provide in the shed and donations can be posted through the Hall's letter box. Due to vandalism, someone leaving the shed door open and the discarding of the key, it has been necessary to change the combination to the key box. For those interested in playing tennis the new number can be obtained by contacting **Alan Rosekilly** on 01249 814538 or Rosekilly@aol.com who will also be happy to discuss the multi pitch in general.

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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

DERRY HILL AND STUDLEY VILLAGE FETE

Just a couple of months to go now until the fete on **11th July** at the **Lansdowne Hall and school field**. Plans are starting to fall



into place with a growing number of raffle prizes coming in and adverts for the fete programme. Amongst the raffle prizes so far we have had support from **Brokerswood Country Park** (family ticket), the **GLL/Better Link Centre, Swindon** (skating for 2), **Chippenham Golf Club** (golf for 4) and the **Theatre Royal Bath** (2 tickets for Alan Bennett's Talking Heads). Look out for adverts by **Jack Stephens** the magician as well as from **Hale Veterinary** and **The George Veterinary Groups**. Raffle tickets and programmes will be on sale on the day and, all being well, offered for purchase in the days ahead of the fete too when our volunteers will knock on your door.

In the past couple of years we have adopted a theme for the fete and weaved it into the various activities etc. This year, the theme is **children's literature** and you will see evidence of that in the parade of barrows – which is already attracting great interest, and the **PSP Insurance and Financial Solutions** Arts & Crafts Show – something to do with jam tarts! There is talk of a fancy dress parade/competition, but more on that to follow in due course.

This year, we see the return of **SpaceyTracy Entertainments**, who will provide the Entertainment Zone. If you are thinking of having your own party and are in need of some blow-up/bouncy support then contact them via www.spaceytracy.co.uk and mention the fete!

In the main arena this year we see the welcome return of the **PSG Choir** and the introduction of Irish Dancing, while we are thrilled to have recaptured from Westbury Fete the marvel that is **Dave Hickory** (children's entertainer). In the Hall this year we have an interesting addition to the fete, go and visit **Family Wise Genealogy** in the form of **Kirsty Gray**, Kirsty will use all the powers of the internet and her experience to put you on course to understand whether your ancestors were heroes or scoundrels or, perhaps like Matthew Pinsent, William the Conqueror!

Do you want to raise your company's profile at the fete? There is still time to donate a raffle prize and/or take out advertising in the fete programme (£15 a half page, £20 a whole page). 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 on the email below in both cases to discuss further.

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



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DERRY HILL AND DISTRICT WI

Maureen Hinton talked to us about '*Pots for the Patio*'. She produced two flower arrangements whilst giving us a good many tips for planting. She also told us how to take cuttings from the flowers she was using to plant up. She was a mine of information and we all found her very interesting. Putting broken up oasis into the soil

in pots to hold moisture made complete sense, but was news to most of us! The things she did with babies' disposable nappies, Vaseline, yacht varnish and coffee grinds, we wouldn't have thought of in a million years!

We completed the business of the Annual Meeting successfully and now have a full complement of eight Committee Members. These are:

Sally Hole – President, Andrea Colborne – Treasurer, Janet Baumber – Secretary (Good Luck, Janet!) with Brenda Daniel, Jackie Green, Tina Oliver, Sheila Rosekilly and Angela Treslove.

We would all like to thank Tina for her sterling work as Secretary over the past three years, for someone who had never done it before she did a terrific job. Sally presented the retiring Committee members with flowers as a token of our thanks for all their efforts.



Our Members' Meal took place on Wednesday 8th April, in the Village Hall, and a super night it was! The tables looked beautiful with a green spring-like theme, complete with pots and vases of spring flowers. The meal was excellent and certainly appreciated by all. Everyone had a task to do but we must give our grateful thanks for all those who worked so hard preparing everything and cooking the meal.



Dates for Diaries:

Andrea will be holding a **coffee morning** on **Friday May 22nd 10.30am** and there will also be a plant sale table. Robyn's

'**Afternoon Tea**' will be on **Wednesday 17th June** and husbands will be welcome. Andrea's '**Garden Party**' will be on **Saturday 20th June** – details to follow. Finally, we hope to be playing Crazy Golf or Pitch and Putt at Monkton Park for our **August Meeting** on **Wednesday 26th**, followed by a meal and husbands and partners will be invited to join us.

Our speaker for May will be Val Threlfall, who will talk on the Secrets of the Honeymoon Suitcase – sounds interesting! The competition for the evening will be a Honeymoon Photo.

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*

CHRIST CHURCH DERRY HILL SURVEY

We are trying to find out how we as a church can serve the community better. A very simple set of questions can be found in the church. Please take a copy, fill it in and send/give it to Reverend Ann, Anita Uttley or Averil Davies. Thank you.

BOOK CLUB REVIEW

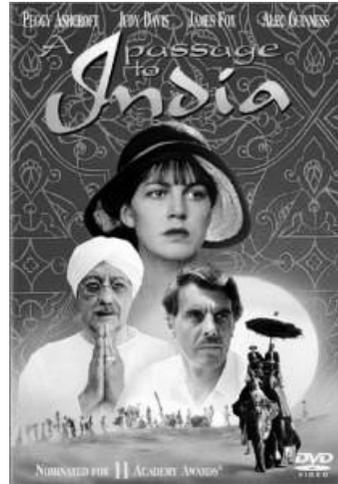
Passage to India by EM Forster

Passage to India reflects the tragedy of British Imperialism in India through the relationship between a cultivated Muslim doctor, Aziz and a British school teacher, Cyril Fielding. The action of the story is provided by Adela Quested and Mrs Moore, who have journeyed to India with the intention of confirming the marriage between Adela and Mrs. Moore's son, Ronny Heaslop. Ronny is the British magistrate of the city of Chandrapore, but he has grown more imperial than Adela remembers him in England. Disheartened and determined not to become tainted themselves by this bigotry, the ladies set off to find the 'Real India', and to this end they enlist the guidance of the intelligent and emotional Dr Aziz.

However, a mysterious incident occurs while they are exploring the Marabar caves with Aziz, plunging the well-respected doctor into the centre of a scandal that rouses extreme and violent passions among both the British and their Indian subjects.

Edward Morgan Forster, a homosexual in a time when it was illegal to be so, is remembered for his eternal plea to humanity for more understanding and sympathy, encapsulated in the phrase "*only connect*". He began writing P to I in **1913**, but did not complete it until after his second stay in India in **1921**. Forster has an ability to be on more than one side of an argument or story, and his skilled descriptions of the preposterous behaviour of both cultures leads to many humorous moments and gently mocks the chaos of the human experience.

If like me, you read this book at school, I recommend you take it up again, as I am sure on turning the final page, you will be left with the sensation of having learned something new and of more than one profound thought about life and the complex world in which we all live. *Sue Deedigan*



REVEREND ANN WRITES

Dear All

This week I have been on a course in Salisbury entitled 'Working Together'. Part of this was looking at dysfunctionality in groups and teams. The fundamental dysfunction from which all others seemed to emerge is a lack of trust between members. This made me think about the forthcoming general election and that the public is now, at last, protesting that political parties are generally being very unclear about how their policies will be played out and how the public will be affected. The only information we really have is our experience of political parties and how their actions have affected not only ourselves and families but wider society in the past. The question is, which one do we trust most to get this country, and our own livings, back onto an even keel where we can live with confident hope for tomorrow. How does history inform our decisions?

If we can trust the elected party to lead us with justice and freedom then we will learn commitment to the greater good also; we will learn to have confidence in the leadership and become more able to support the government we choose. If we trust the leader we are much more likely to cooperate with them and be supportive. This doesn't mean there isn't conflict, there is, but through trust we realise that we are being objective about our aims and trying to bring discussion into our decision making. It is about 'Working Together'.

I think we all realise we need to work together in harmony for the greater good. For me, and other Christians, the tenacity to change the world into one where we can trust one another and care for each other is sustained through the experience of Christ in our own lives. The unexplainable strength and courage, yes courage to be vulnerable, that comes from God is beyond what is naturally part of us.

So, trust God, and build trust in community. We cannot exist alone, or grow, without being part of something that is bigger than ourselves, and that involves working at TRUST in relationships with family, friends and others too!

With love and best wishes always.

Ann

CHRIST CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING

On the 14th April we gathered in Christ Church and first of all gave thanks to God for the many groups of people that do so much in the life of maintaining and growing the church community. When we pray for each group it becomes very obvious that there is at least 50 people who do something to keep the church functioning! A huge thank you to them all. This of course means the work is shared and through sharing more people are able to help as less is demanded from each individual.

We had resignations from Ian Willox and Richard Boyd who would like to spend time doing more of other things. We are immensely grateful to them for all they have done. We also paid tribute to Sonia Strange who has resigned from organising the World Day of Prayer in Christ Church after 30 years in the role.

We welcome too Deirdre Lias as a new churchwarden to work alongside Stephen Starr. This is wonderful news as Stephen has been the only churchwarden for over two years at Christ Church. They will both be supported directly by Richard Aylen and Averil Davis. The work of churchwarden will be shared between four rather than three!

We welcome too Kevin Rowland and Diane Saxty to the PCC, and Averil back on to the PCC after having a year off.

There is much work to do over the coming year. Please do pick up a report from the church if you would like to know what we have been doing over the last year!

LAY PASTORAL ASSISTANTS LICENSING

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Ticks don't jump or fly, but wait on vegetation and climb on animals or people. They then bite to attach to the skin and start to feed on the blood. It can be several days before they drop off. Ticks can be found throughout the year, but are most active between spring and autumn. They can transmit bacteria which can cause a potentially serious illness such as Lyme Disease. This can be treated effectively with antibiotics if caught in the early stages.

Stay active and healthy this summer and avoid ticks by:

- Knowing how to remove them safely and doing so as soon as possible
- Wearing suitable clothing, such as long trousers
- Using insect repellent
- Checking yourself for ticks if you have spent time outdoors in the countryside or garden

For more information please go to Wiltshire Council website: www.wiltshire.gov.uk or email: publichealth@wiltshire.gov.uk

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STEW AND PUDDING EVENING.

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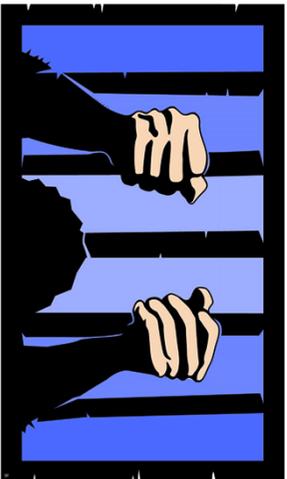
The Calne Community Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group meets every 3 weeks to progress the plan. The group needs to know what you like about the Calne area, including Derry Hill and Studley, what you want to protect, what you would like more of and on which areas of land you think these could be provided. The group has been holding consultation events in Calne Town and in Derry Hill. These events were well attended and provided useful feedback.

The consultation is ongoing and the group is always keen to hear your views which can be submitted to Clare Harris on **01249 814000** or via a message on the contact page of www.calnewithoutpc.org or email calne@calne.gov.uk. More information is available on the websites: www.calne.gov.uk and www.Calnewithoutpc.org.

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