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This magazine is gradually evolving and hopefully supplying a useful service to its readers. Thanks to all those who have already contacted us with normally favourable comments!

The magazine's mission is supplying as much news as possible from the villages plus

other interesting articles. Supplied free to you dear reader courtesy of the increasing number of advertisers – thanks to our new advertising coordinator Keith Treslove. We hope very soon, when the funds allow, to have two extra colour pages (four sides) in the middle. This will allow us to have more of our non-advertising content in colour, something I'm sure will add to the reading experience. It will be lovely to see more of the news and other editorial photos and pictures in colour. I know our hard working compositor, Dave Massey, would love to add some extra colour in!

In the meantime I would like to thank Ian Willox for his highly efficient coordination of the magazine distribution. Ian is off to pastures new so we wish him and Cathy all the best. His magazine responsibility has now kindly been taken over jointly by Kevin Rowland and Belinda Tanner. Thanks too to our wonderful band of door to door distributors.

We have a good stream of interesting articles supplied by a loyal band of writers but we could always do with more. Is your club or organisation regularly represented in these pages? If not do you know someone who could do it? Would you like to supply some jokes or even a crossword? Please get in touch!. *Ed.*

HARVEST FESTIVAL!

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More jobs next month. Enjoy your gardening.

Stephen Starr - Bowood Gardener



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REVEREND ANN WRITES

It is the wedding season! And, it has been a real experience for my family this month as Rebecca, my only daughter, was married in Derry Hill on the 7th August. I recall getting married over 40 years ago and it being nothing like the event it was for my daughter. My mother arranged everything! In fact, apart from my dress and the bridesmaids' dresses I didn't have any inkling about the arrangements made. Everything was organised, and delegated, by my mother!

Rebecca's affair was different. So many choices and so many ways in which one could create a bespoke experience. So much effort was put into making the wedding very personal.

The Lord was kind, the sun shone and everyone I believe had a lovely day.

Although we can moan about the amount of choice available today through the internet, it was a boom for finding out what the possibilities were for trying to create the wedding experience that suited both the pocket and the expectations of those attending. It allowed the creative talents to flourish in ways undiscovered beforehand. Dave looked after the 'paying'! Rebecca baked the cakes. My son's girlfriend made some orchids, Peter created a church from icing and painted many of the flowers and so on...We worked together, in harmony with one aim – to give our guests, and Rebecca and Thomas a happy and memorable day. Friends helped with the flower arrangements, and with the dress.

So, for once, I see the internet as a good thing – a way of opening up God's creative talent where it may have lay hidden. It gave opportunity by showing the possibilities and it was seized with enthusiasm in order to make an occasion to be remembered! But also a common purpose was key to working in harmony and an attitude of valuing the contribution each made. It really was a shared day and I do believe that through working together for a common purpose our relationships became stronger.

Of course, that is what church is about too! Working together in the love of God to fulfil his purpose here on earth. That is the way to happy and memorable times! Perhaps we could all look for new ways of doing God's work by exploring the Internet and become stronger and happier!

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Ann

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Let's hope the replacements are up to the job. *Ed*

CALNE WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

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

The Parish Council held an extraordinary meeting on August 3rd to consider the latest SHLAA plan created by Wiltshire council for Derry Hill and Studley.



The SHLAA plan is a plan of the area showing any land that landowners have put up for residential development.

Two councillors, Ed Jones and Lord Lansdowne were unable to attend because they have pecuniary interests in the subject under discussion. A third councillor was deemed to also have an interest and didn't take part.

Having elected Jim Cook as Chairperson for the meeting, as the Chair and Deputy Chair couldn't attend, the meeting started with Public Speaking time. First they heard from John Watts representing the Studley Action Group, who informed the council that the Group wished to see small cluster development in keeping with the existing layout of Studley. Chris Roberts from Turleys, Bowood's Planning consultant, spoke next. He felt that it would be best to extend the existing Blount's Court site and the field between Old road and the A4 as they both had natural boundaries. He was of the opinion they were near the core facilities of Derry Hill and were the logical places for any new housing, which Bowood would ensure were of high quality.



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The councillors went on to consider each site put forward by the SHLAA. The Chair reminded everyone that the councillors had to inform Wiltshire Council of their opinion on each site. This was not part of the planning application process.

The Blount's Court primary site has already been given outline permission for 28 houses so was not considered. Next was an infill site on Church Road, between two Bowood houses nearly opposite the Lansdowne Arms, recently put forward by Bowood. Councillors felt this was a reasonable site to develop for two houses as it was near the village facilities, but any buildings would have to comply with the Conservation Area strict rules as this site is in such an area.

The next site was also one recently put forward by Bowood, the Blount's Court extension. This is the rest of the site that Blount's was on, essentially extending the initial Blount's development towards Chippenham as far as the footpath that runs from the A4 along the back of Vastern's wood yard. Whilst the same objections to the original Blount's site were the same for this site, it does have the advantage of containing the additional housing on the edge of Studley and being relatively near the facilities of Derry Hill.

The next two sites were those off Norley Lane, recently sent to Wiltshire Council by their owners Mrs Meadows and Lord O'Neill. The councillors discussed these also at great length and were of the opinion they were not suitable for any sort of development. The reasons against were that the access was very difficult and the land was prime agricultural land. They are also a long way from the facilities of Derry Hill.

The site between the A4 and Old Road was next considered. This has been in the SHLAA for some time. Councillor Maddicks didn't take part in this discussion as he lives in Old Road.

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It was felt that this site had several advantages as it was on the 'right side' of the A4 to access the facilities of Derry Hill. However road access to the A4 and Church Road would be poor especially at rush hours, and there would be a loss of agricultural land.

The document the councillors had to return to Wiltshire Council also asked the council to identify any other possible sites. The councillors identified two in Old Road; the old scout hut site and the paddock further down Old road on the right, adjacent to the new scout hut.

All this discussion took place in the knowledge that the Wiltshire Core Strategy, which is their plan from now until **2026**, requires the 'Large Village' of Derry Hill and Studley to find land for **75** houses. With the Blount's Court first site giving us **28** and another two at the Granary in Church road with permission, which leaves land for **45** houses to find.

This is probably a lot to take in dear reader, but it might help if you look at the SHLAA map on Wiltshire Council's website: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planning-shlaa-appendix-3-calne.pdf>

Full minutes of this meeting will be available on the council's website once they have been passed on the 7th September meeting.

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

MOBILE LIBRARY VISITS TO DERRY HILL

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4.00pm Praise@4 – The Reverend Alison Morley

13th September

11.00am All Age Holy Communion (CW)

20th September

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
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25th September

6.00pm Harvest Supper

27th September

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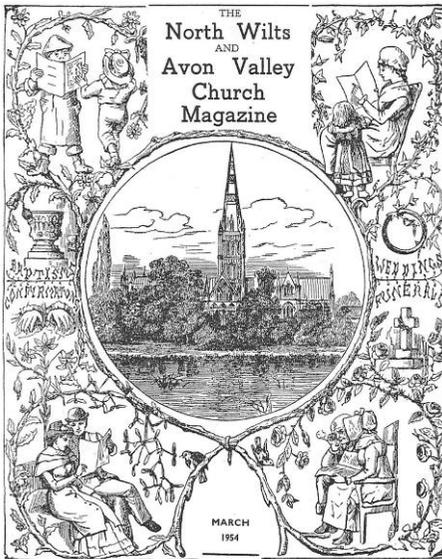
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ARTICLE FROM THE PAST



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For Derry Hill, September 1955.....

Our Mothers' Union meetings begin again on Wednesday, September 7th in Church at 2.30 p.m., when Lady Walter has kindly asked me to speak. New members will be most welcome. The Ladies' Work Party are holding a Jumble Sale at the Social Centre at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday the 17th. If you have anything saleable please let us know, and we shall be glad to collect.

On Wednesday 28th we shall be doing something which I believe has never been done before. Our Choir is going to St. Mary's

Rotherhythe, for a Harvest Festival Service. We shall be leading the whole service – the Village comes to the City – and shall be taking our sheaves of wheat etc. with us. Any members of the congregation who wish to join us will be most welcome. We hope to make a day of it, with lunch at Virginia Water and tea at Addington Palace. The Choir will be singing an anthem and I shall be preaching. A warm welcome is assured us by the congregation of our Organist's home parish. Details will be announced later. Plans are developing for the creation of a Tennis Court in the Vicarage Garden for use next year. If you can help lay it out, or can provide equipment, please contact Mr M. Rex.

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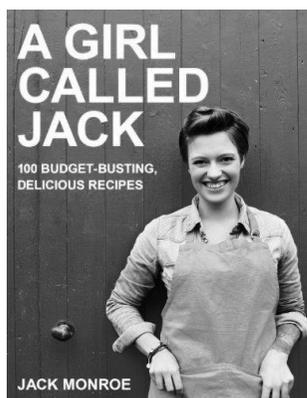
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Pour mixture into tin or muffin tray. If you're making a loaf, pop in the oven for about an hour, the muffins take about **15 minutes**, though check after **10** as they can catch on the top if you're not careful.

Remove from oven and cool on rack. Suitable for freezing.



I was staying with my sister last weekend and she showed me this wonderful book....I came home and ordered it off Amazon straight away. The book is called, '*A girl called Jack*' by **Jack Monroe** who also has a blog with recipes and tips. It is possibly one of the best cookery books I've bought in a long time. I had to share it with you! Happy baking!!!

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At the July meeting, Ros Lidlington gave us an amusing and informative talk entitled “*Corsets Art*”. The scope of her knowledge of the history of costume is amazing as she took us through various crafts such as knitting, tatting, lace-making and crochet through the ages. We learnt what “galligaskins” were (loose hose or breeches) and the meaning of little boys being breeched (taken out of dresses when they could defend themselves with a sword). Hazel and Margaret offered themselves as models.

Margaret was kitted out in voluminous underwear before being dressed in Victorian costume but Hazel was resplendent in hooped skirts and gown! (Photo courtesy of Terry)



The Village Fete was a huge success for us this year and the weather was kind. Our Sweet and Chocolate Tombola was very popular and a good number of books were sold. Many thanks to everyone who contributed or helped in any way.

Thanks are also due to Jackie for arranging a most enjoyable visit to Bradley House where the Duke of Somerset personally showed us around his ancestral home. Andrea’s Garden Party on Saturday August 1st was blessed with good weather, good food and good company!

For enthusiastic walkers, there will be a **6 mile walk** around Shearwater Lake on **Friday 25th September**. Meet at the car park at 10.00am. **Craft Club** will be at Sally’s on **Monday 7th September at 7.30pm** to knit poppies for the collage. Sally has patterns and red wool but bring your own knitting needles (size 10).

The “*Lace Item*” Competition winner was Robyn. There’s no monthly meeting in August so the next one will be on **Wednesday 23rd September** when the subject will be “*Living and Working in Sweden*” and the competition will be “*A Holiday Souvenir*”.

If you are interested in coming to a meeting, please phone Sally on **817945** or Janet on **814152**, 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. **Janet**

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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

RURAL CRIME

The Rural area of Calne has seen an increase in Burglaries this month. Calne town has also had an increase in burglaries and it is believed that they are possibly linked to the same offenders. Overnight on 18/19th July, three properties were the subject of burglaries where sheds and storerooms were broken into. A Dirt Devil 125 blue Pit Bike was stolen and also a red petrol chain saw. Overnight on 17th July, an insecure vehicle was entered and item of value stolen from inside at Stockley Lane.



Cherhill School had a quantity of children's toys stolen from a locked container to the rear of the school during July. At this crime scene, the offenders also hung around a fair while to use Nitrous Oxide (laughing gas), as evidence of containers were left behind. Please refer to the descriptions later in this report. In addition please keep an eye out for persons loitering in this area.

Another two vehicles have been broken into whilst parked on the A4 Cherhill and a quantity of personal items stolen, from both cars.

Quemerford has seen the theft of monies and eggs from an honesty box during July, to the value of £50. Still at Quemerford a horse has been mindlessly shot with an air rifle. Please see Calne Police Facebook page for the full story. I am pleased to say the horse is okay. Our enquiries are still on going.

At Hilmarton, a male was disturbed breaking into a shed at 2300 hrs on 23rd July. He made off at speed in an unknown vehicle.

At Foxham on 23rd July between 0715 and 1830 hrs a Ford Ranger pickup was stolen.

At Calstone on 3rd August a Catalytic Converter was sawn off a parked vehicle. In addition, another Converter was taken from a vehicle on Porte Marsh Industrial Estate on 6th August. This is not an unusual crime and we have received several reports of this nature in the past. Additional security measures can be found on the internet relating to this type of theft.

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Please be mindful that the offenders may return to commit further crime and secure as much as you are able, including locking all your cars, even if they are on your driveway. Please do call if you see anything suspicious, no matter how minor you think it may be.

Nitrous Oxide

Also known as laughing Gas is a substance with a number of legitimate uses in medicine and catering. It is also the second most popular recreational drug used amongst young people with 7.6% of 16-24 year olds admitting to use during a recent survey.

When inhaled it can make users feel euphoric and relaxed with some hallucinations.

It is commonly sold in small metal canisters containing the gas which is then either transferred into a balloon for inhalation using a dispenser or a cracker. They are sold in bulk online, presented for use as a whipped cream propellant.



The risks when using are dangerous. It can lead to loss of blood pressure, fainting and even heart attack. Prolonged exposure may also result in bone marrow suppression and poisoning of the central nervous system. The symptoms will be exacerbated if the exposure to the gas is combined with alcohol or other drugs.

It is frequently used all over the country and in our area. Please be mindful of any young people having such items.

As usual, all our news is on our Facebook site: www.facebook.com/CalnePolice

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MOTHERS' UNION



The August meeting was, as usual, a summer outing. We met in Lacock for afternoon tea. Thank you to Robyn for organizing an enjoyable afternoon for us.

Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday 2nd September**. The theme is 'Harvest' and we will be sharing our favourite Harvest poems.

On **Friday 11th September** we will be holding a **New Start** coffee morning in the church. New Start aims to provide support to parents and children who have just started school. The church will be open from **8.30am** for parents or grandparents whose children have started school that week and who would just like the opportunity to meet up for a chat.

Please come; we look forward to welcoming you.

For more information about Mothers' Union please contact Deirdre **01249 822157**.

NOTICE OF SERVICES BEYOND SEPTEMBER!

All in Christ Church Derry Hill

4th October

11.00am Holy Communion

4.00pm Praise@4

11th October

11.00am All Age Holy Communion (CW)

18th October

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

11.00am Family Service

25th October

11.00am Holy Communion

1st November

11.00am **175th Anniversary Celebration Eucharist with Bishop Nicholas**

2nd November (MONDAY)

7.30pm **All Souls' (Service of Remembrance for the Departed)**



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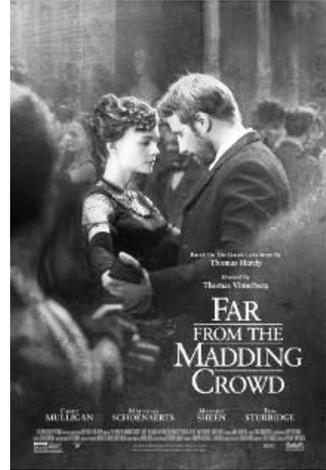
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DEFIBRILLATOR NEWS

First Aid Training

We are running some First Aid training for youth groups in the village this Autumn. Please let us know if your youth organisation would be interested in receiving such instruction.

News just in! Derry Hill and Studley Heartbeat have their own Facebook page under that name.

If you would like to help our group or have any ideas for fundraising please get in touch.

Thanks again to everyone in the village for all your support so far – it's been a great community effort.

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from the buildings on the north side of the London - Bristol road later called Rumsey Farm and included **33** acres of grassland, **26** of arable, and **8** of woodland. A farm with buildings on the south side of the road had **26** acres of grassland and **45** acres of arable and was called Rumsey's farm. The **11** acres of meadow and **10** acres of arable of the Buckhill estate may have been a small home farm. The Common Grounds, **c.25** acres on the west side of Studley Lane, lay enclosed as strips of **c.2** acres in **1728**. Earlier it was a common pasture used by cottagers of Studley.

By the earlier **19th** century the land of Norley farm had been restored to Studley House farm which, **102** acres and without woodland, had been leased. In **1843** Studley House farm of **100** acres included **49** of arable and **49** of pasture. Probably **c.1800**, when Rumsey House was built, the two farms of Rumsey's estate were merged, and in **1843** their land, **c.145** acres including **85** of arable and **57** of pasture, and about half north of the London road and half south, was worked from Rumsey Farm north of the road. A farmstead built in Studley village in the **19th** century stood, and had its land, outside the parish.

Throughout the **20th** century Studley House farm remained and in **1996** it was a dairy farm of **117** acres. In **1910** the land south of the London road was no longer part of Rumsey farm, which was of **59** acres and held with Conigre Farm. In the later **20th** century the land south of the road, and nearly all of Rumsey farm except the farmstead, were in hand as part of the Bowood estate and used for arable, sheep, and dairy farming; in **2000** those lands were held in portions on short leases.

There was a manor house at Studley since at least **1240**, and in the **18th** century a manor house, Studley House, stood, probably on the same site, north of Norley Lane. A chapel at Studley in the earlier **13th** century, presumably built by the lord of Studley manor, is likely to have stood near the manor house. The house was replaced, probably between **1773** and **1800** by a stone built farmhouse. The farmhouse was given an L plan by an early **19th**-century extension. A stone barn of the late **18th** or early **19th** century and **20th**-century farm buildings stood near the farmhouse in **1999**. Norley House, south of Norley Lane, was apparently another large house in the **18th** century. It was occupied as two houses in **1843** and had been demolished by **1885**.

In another article I shall explore the various old mills along the river Marden and the Whetham stream, some of which belonged to Stanley Abbey. We can see that the Norley and Studley lanes landscape evolved gently with just occasional new individual homesteads. It has remained a rural, agricultural and partly wooded landscape. There is much to celebrate in our locality and it is for us to be good guardians of the land for future generations.

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