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You will see from elsewhere in this magazine we have two points of view on the proposed 'new' Blount's development.

I write 'new' as a planning application for 28 houses has already been approved there, but now the **Bowood Reversionary Trust** wishes to increase this by another 20/25 houses.



On the one side Lord Lansdowne, for the trust, argues the benefits to the villages of the increased support additional residents will bring to our facilities as well as a pedestrian crossing over the A4 and the future security of Bowood.

On the other hand the Studley Residents Action Group point out this development will be out of character to the village of Studley, which has up to now been linear in its development.

When the initial development of Blount's Court was proposed you will remember other objections to it. These include noise from the adjacent timber works (A soundproofing fence has now been built to mitigate this), more cars emerging onto the A4 at the crossroads, more people trying to cross safely from one side of the A4 to the other to access the facilities of Derry Hill. As you can see from Lord Lansdowne's piece, most of this has been addressed.

We have to ask ourselves, given the need to build 75 houses in total in the Calne Community Area (the area outside Calne Town), where are we going to build these houses, how can we mitigate the effect that they will have on the existing communities and further, how can the communities benefit from this particular building?

A pedestrian crossing has been mentioned and the increased support for our village facilities and Bowood Estates. Is this enough? As a pedestrian crossing is already promised for the first part of the development what are we as a community to gain from an extra 20/25 houses?

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The Neighbourhood Plan is not yet finished, and therefore it can have no influence on this development or any others in Calne Town or Calne Without. In fact you may be forgiven for thinking that this development is being pushed through before the Plan comes to fruition. But that doesn't mean that we can't have our say on what sort of housing should be there and what benefits should accrue from it for our community.

The pre-planning publicity for this extra part of the development was woefully inadequate; a few hours display in the Hall advertised poorly. So dear reader, I'm sure there will be more opportunity when this application comes formally to us for you to have your say, either through Parish Council (Website: www.calnewwithoutpc.org), or at future displays by the **Bowood Reversionary Trust**. You can also write to me (inspireeditor@outlook.com); I can't guarantee to put every letter in but will do my best to put in a selection. *Ed.*

GARDENING STEVE



Well now, I think we are now into autumn as we settle into October.

The trees should now begin to turn their colours; the Beech and Acers are my favourite. The Oak is always the last one to change colour.

Bring all the tender loving plants in now to a greenhouse, if you haven't already done so.

You can now plant all your winter bedding plants into containers and borders. Keep an eye on your cuttings; don't over water as this will rot the plants. Ideally they need as little water as possible, just keep a little mist over the leaf. Keep planting your bulbs for a colourful display next spring. Start to reduce cutting your lawns and raise the height of cut.

I hope you have all enjoyed being out in your garden this summer. See you all next month.

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QUIZ EVENING

On the **16th October, in church**, there will be a **QUIZ EVENING, 7.30pm start**. Teams of four; **£20** per team which includes a Ploughman's Supper. Contact Stephen Starr (**01249 821325**) to book a team.

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING WITH THE BISHOP

On **Sunday 1 November at 11am** we will celebrate the life of our church with the **Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Salisbury Nicholas Holtam** with the Eucharist followed by lunch in the church.

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WHAT IS THE STUDLEY ACTION GROUP?

The Studley Action Group (SAG) was formed as a result of a planning application on the edge of our village bringing to light the fact that strategic decisions about the future of Studley and Derry Hill had been made, about which the local community were not aware.

A number of village meetings were organised by the SAG and the consensus was that local people did not feel fully informed about the strategic planning process and did not feel that the appointed bodies were properly consulting or engaging with them. We will continue to work with the Parish Council.

The role of the Studley Action Group is therefore:

- To attempt to keep up to date with any consultations carried out by Wiltshire Council or the Calne Without Parish Council that affect Studley;
- To inform the local community of any such consultations where it is considered that the appointed bodies have not publicised them sufficiently;
- To assist the local community in understanding the purpose of the consultation, any deadlines that might apply, and the appropriate form and subject matter for their responses;
- To consult with the local community independently where it is considered that the appointed bodies have not consulted them sufficiently;
- To make concerted representations to Wiltshire Council or the Calne Without Parish Council expressing the views of the local community, but only where the local community has been consulted;
- To prompt discussion and engagement amongst the local community to ensure important decisions are not made without local community involvement.

SAG is made up of local residents with a truly genuine interest in the future of our village. Members of the Studley Action Group are not elected and are free to engage or not in any of the group's activities.

If you would like to know more about the group or indeed join the group, please contact us on: studleyactiongroup@gmail.com



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Readers will be aware that outline consent for just over half of the Blounts Court site was approved on **the 2nd April 2015**. The proposal is to include the remainder to ensure that there is an holistic design for the whole. The additional houses (20) are all within the natural boundary of the site. Thirty per cent will be "*affordable homes*" giving young couples the opportunity to get onto the housing ladder. The Estate was closely involved with the detailed layout and design of the Chapel Street development which it is intended to emulate.

The Trustees have made a commitment to the Planning Authority to install a pedestrian crossing on the A4 to connect the proposed site with the bus stop, linking the pathway to the Village Hall and School.

Over the past 50 years the Estate has been promoting the development of parcels of land in Derry Hill and Studley. Thanks to the success of these schemes we enjoy a flourishing community, with an outstanding Primary School and one of the finest Village Halls in Wiltshire; the Lansdowne Arms and Village Shop have been underpinned by support from local residents.

These developments have also helped to fund the creation of the Bowood Hotel Spa and Golf Resort, not to mention other public facilities at the House and Grounds. The development at Blounts Court will continue to enhance this long term vision.

Lord Lansdowne



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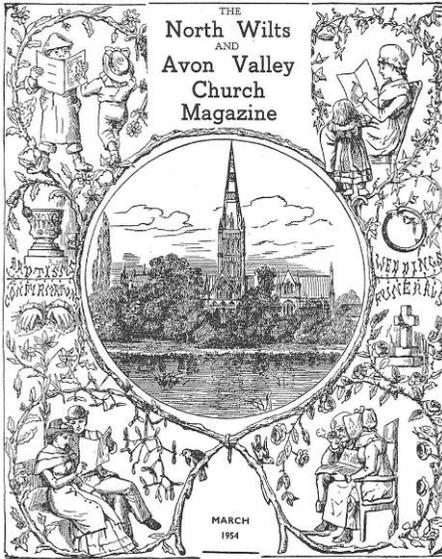
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Zest of 2 oranges



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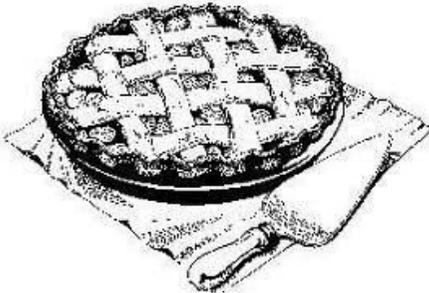
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DERRY HILL AND DISTRICT WI



Instead of our usual talk, the August Meeting was held on Monkton Park Pitch and Putt and Crazy Golf Courses, where we were joined by husbands and partners. Luckily for once the rain actually held off and a great evening was had by one and all. Fortunately we're not a betting fraternity as Hazel got a hole in one and we wouldn't have foreseen that. After all our exertions we got together for supper in The Dumb Post and were very well looked after. Many thanks to Tina for arranging such an enjoyable evening.

A date for your diaries:

Tina and Julian have very kindly offered to host the **pre-Christmas Cocktail Party** on **Wednesday 23rd December**, so make a note, ladies.

Our **next meeting** will be on **the 28th of October** and will be a talk on **Women's Suffrage** by **Andrew Skelton** - this should remind us of all the things that we now take totally for granted! The competition will be an item of Edwardian memorabilia.

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**. *Sheila*

PSG CHARITY CONCERT

By kind permission of Lord and Lady Lansdowne, PSG choirs and guests are holding an evening of uplifting songs at Bowood Chapel in aid of The Headway Association that helps sufferers and families after a stroke.

This Concert takes place on **Friday 20th November** at **7pm**. Tickets cost **£12.50** (which includes mulled wine and festive treats!) and are available from Derry Hill stores and Claire Satchell on **07968 091217** or newleaflooristry@hotmail.co.uk.

Please come and help support a wonderful charity in the beautiful setting of Bowood Chapel, you might even feel like singing along! *Claire*

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LANSDOWNE LUNCHEON CLUB FOR OVER 60'S



We have been meeting now for **14** years, and currently have **15** members, and a team of several volunteer cooks and helpers.

We meet on **alternate Wednesdays** in the **Old Meeting Room** at the **Lansdowne Hall** at **12.15**, and enjoy a two-course meal with lots of chatter and laughter. We charge **£3.50** per meal, which is usually

paid **4 weeks** in advance to tie in with our rental payments.

We are currently able to take new members and applications should be made to Rachel Collins (**01249 817548**).

Members should be resident in Derry Hill or Studley, and we give priority to those who have little social contact, though we will consider anyone over the age of 60. You are welcome to come along free of charge for a 'taster' session. Do speak to any neighbours who might enjoy some company and a home-cooked meal.

Rachel Collins, Organiser.

DEFIBRILLATOR NEWS

The Wonders of Facebook!

We now have a Facebook page so if you are on Facebook please 'like' us or make a comment perhaps!

Our page is called '**Derry Hill and Studley Heartbeat**'

Sadly Paula will be leaving the village soon so we

would like to recruit at least one if not two new members. Our meetings are in the evening and occur normally every three months. Do contact us if you would like to help.

Also if you have any ideas for fund raising please get in touch.

Emma Dadd **01249 817348** emmadadd@hotmail.co.uk

Paula Edwards **01249 816364** bryher3@talktalk.net



RIDE AND STRIDE



We had to carry out our '*Ride and Stride*' a week earlier than the official date as we were on holiday on the official day.

We set off at 10am on a fairly pleasant, but cool, Friday morning, heading through the village clocking up Christ Church and then the Methodist Chapel in Studley. Thence down Studley Hill and onto the Sustrans Cycle track to Chippenham. We

visited a number of churches in Chippenham and headed off to Biddestone. We were quite surprised when we got there that a Primary school and Doctor's surgery were in evidence! We discovered from the Vicar's wife, when we visited the church, there that there had been filming in the village for a Sky series called *Agatha Raisin*. This rang a bell with me as my Morris team had been filming with them the previous week in a different location.

Onwards to Corsham; another 3 churches including St. Bartholomew's and a spot of lunch in the redundant chapel now called '**Café Grounded**'. Do pop in there, it's brilliant for a coffee, snack or a substantial meal. Very relaxed and a wide menu with Gluten-Free catered for.

Suitably refreshed we tackled the back road to Lacock past the Whitehall Garden Centre and straight to St. Cyriac's Church of England (photo above) Before we went inside we happened across Phyllis Squires and a friend from Lacock who invited us to go into the allotments and pick some raspberries! Could we refuse such a kind offer? The sun had now emerged and we had a delightful time looking round the allotments (which are closed to the public and surrounded by a brick wall) and picking berries. Armed with a full punnet we headed homeward via Reybridge and Sandy Lane arriving back in time for tea.

So this year, without Mary breaking anything, **15** churches visited, some **34** kilometres or just over **21** miles.

Many thanks to all those people who supported us; we hope to be able to send in well over **£300** to the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust. They will send half of this back to Christ Church Derry Hill. The Trust helps churches with building restoration. *Richard Ayles*

COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT

We have had several reports of crime this month.

As usual, please make life as difficult as possible for offenders. Whilst they are determined, if taking time to commit their crimes – it gives us time to have a chance at catching them, whilst in the act of stealing.



- Overnight on 24/25th August at Cherhill, farm gates were damaged which allowed cattle to roam free. It is suspected offenders were attempting to steal nearby wood.
- In the early hours of the morning on 27th August, a resident at Hilmarton called 999 reporting an intruder in the garden shed. Police attended and managed to detain one offender and one known individual is still outstanding. It transpired that another two properties had been attacked at Hilmarton. The offender is currently on Police bail and will be dealt with in due course. Thank you to the eagle eyed resident.
- Several vehicles at The White Horse at Cherhill have recently been broken into with handbags left within being stolen along with mobile phones and cash. These thefts have been happening during the early afternoon times 1400 up to 1700 hrs.
- Between 3rd and 6th September, someone has stolen an electric hot line fence and batteries along with a quantity of lorry batteries and left a damaged lock at Stockley.
- At Heddington overnight on 12th September an off road trials bike was stolen having been taken from the rear of a van.

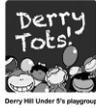
As always, if you see anything suspicious, please report it. It may seem small to you but could be part of a bigger picture.

I have had a few complaints this month regarding vehicles being parked on pavements. Myself and my colleagues will be dealing with the vehicle owners in due course, but in the meantime, please remember, roads are for cars and pavements are for people.

WPC 319 Sonya Stockhill

Community Beat Manager - Rural

Calne NPT



Derry Tots

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REVEREND ANN WRITES

Dear All

October is upon us and we will have celebrated harvest and begun to think about Christmas when you receive this! That time again already!

It is always lovely in church at Christmas as so many come together to celebrate the birth of Jesus. If we find it hard during the year to find time to come to church we usually do when we approach Christmas. The sound of so many singing and praying together brings a real sense of shared experience and community.

I am hoping too, that this year, you will find time to also come on 1st November! Christ Church is celebrating 175 years of being the Anglican spiritual centre of Derry Hill and Studley. If those stones could talk I wonder what they would say!

Our Diocesan Bishop Nicholas Holtam will be with us. The service is designed to be one for all ages – all inclusive, as they say. A time when I hope we will all be at ease with the liturgy whether we have been recently to church or not. Lunch will be provided afterwards for those who let us know that they would like to – **01249 817926** or one of the churchwardens (see Contacts Page)

If you have any memorabilia in the way of drawings or photographs from the years between **1840 – 2015**, that show life in the village, it would be lovely to have them displayed in the church.

There are a number of events too going on during the week beginning 10th October to celebrate – a quiz, the Kentwood Choir performance and the Fun Run so do come along. The more people that come the better the time we have together.

The Bells Project is also ongoing and, though the project is taking longer than we had originally hoped to complete we are good in spirits. If anyone would like to be part of this project then do get in touch with me or one of the churchwardens. We would love to hear from you. Perhaps you would like to help with fundraising or have joinery or building talents to offer.

It is important to mark milestones in the life of the village and the church. The church is a central focus in an ever changing world – we see it in our own village as well as in the wider world. The church is constant and

available to all. And we want to keep it relevant to each generation that comes along. That means continuous change! This is hard for those that don't like change but that is exactly what each of us is called to do – to change continually to bring the gospel of Christ to the age in which we live.

Do come along – we need your input and support. A 'lived-in' church is so much more welcoming than one that is only visited for an hour on Sundays. It develops a warmth and feel that is so comforting and yet hard to explain!

Finally I would like to welcome Mrs Hayley Roberts, the new staff and pupils to Christ Church. As a church school I am looking forward to working with Mrs Roberts and the whole school community.

With love to all

Ann

NOTICE OF SERVICES BEYOND OCTOBER!

All in Christ Church Derry Hill

1st November

11.00am Celebration with The Right Reverend Nicholas Holtam
(not Eucharist)

2nd November (MONDAY)

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

8th November

11.00am All Age Holy Communion (CW)

15th November

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

11.00am Family Service

22nd November

11.00am Holy Communion

29th November

9.00am Mattins

11.00am Advent Sunday Holy Communion

6th December

11.00am Holy Communion with Baptism

MOTHERS' UNION



Christchurch MU met in church on Sept 2nd and Deirdre welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with readings and prayers. We were reminded of the New Start coffee morning being held in church on Friday 11th. This is intended as a get together for the mums of the new intake at Derry Hill School. It is a new initiative of the MU and all branches were encouraged to take part. Deirdre, Nan and Reverend Ann will set up and other members hoped to pop in later. Coffee and pastries will be served and the church will be open from **8 30am**. Ideas were exchanged for the format of the Celebration of Marriage service to be held next February, this will come round only too soon once Christmas is over so it needs planning now. The theme will be Past Weddings at Christ Church. It is hoped to display photos and mementoes of couples who were married in Christ Church any time in the past, so if you have anything that you are willing to lend us please do get in touch with a MU member. The more the merrier. It was also suggested that a mini Wedding Fayre could be held on the Saturday preceding the service, so if you would like to participate we'd love to hear from you. During the social time, members read poems about the countryside or garden in autumn, it was nice to hear old familiar ones and also some new ones including an amusing limerick made up by Robyn!

Our next meeting is on **October 7th** at **2.30pm** when the speaker will be Reverend Stephen Ibbotson. New members and visitors are always welcome and details can be obtained from Deirdre on **01249 822157**.

CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTMAS FAYRE 2015

Yes! It's happening again!

Plans are now advancing, so if your group usually comes or would like to come this year please get in touch!

The date is **Saturday 21st November**. **Set up** is **Noon** and **doors open** at **1.30pm**. We aim to finish at **3.30pm**.

Contact via derryhill@aol.com.

(Richard Aylen, Andy Crocker, Deirdre Lias and Stephen Starr)



STUDLEY ACTION GROUP

Providing an update to villagers

Many of you will now be aware that Wiltshire Council has sought to allocate 75 houses in the community area surrounding Calne. Most of these houses were expected to be allocated to Studley and Derry Hill (defined as the only large village in the Calne Area). Studley Action Group seeks to inform villagers of the housing situation and consult residents on their views.



Things are moving at a fast pace and this article will hopefully update you on the latest position.

At a recent villagers' meeting in Studley, there were serious concerns that housing estates may be developed. The view of the meeting was that IF Studley had to have more housing, they should be in keeping with the village's character and existing pattern of linear development. A petition strongly opposing estate development and preferring ribbon and small cluster development was signed by 165 villagers, an overwhelming majority of Studley villagers. This was sent to the Parish Council to ensure that they understood the views of the people they represent. Surprisingly, at their extraordinary meeting in August, where potential housing sites were discussed, the Parish Council did not appear to take any account of the petition stating the villagers' preferences. This was extremely disappointing.

However, we heard, in the first week of September, from Wiltshire Council, the **GOOD NEWS** that Calne Community Area has now met its housing requirement of 75 houses by 2026, because permission has been granted for 46+ houses in Yatesbury. Add this to the 28 houses that have outline planning approval on Blounts Court and there is zero requirement for the Calne Area. These are indicative numbers but it means that Wiltshire Council is not required to allocate any further sites unless residents wish to see more.

In the second week of September, some villagers received an invitation to a consultation by the Bowood Reversionary Trust, showing a further 25

houses on the Blount's Court site, making a total of 53 houses in a large estate type development, the size of Chapel Street.

But we now know that there is no longer a requirement for any further housing in Studley. So you can make your views known about your desire or otherwise for housing in Studley.

Studley Action Group

OLD FRIENDS AND NEW VISITORS

The autumn is now advancing and we are past the Autumn Equinox and heading for Samhain the gate of Winter around 2nd.November. The mornings are a little darker later, misty and brisk. But there is still plenty of the riches of the growing season around.

Nature is busy stocking up for the lean time ahead. You may care to put out some dog food for the Hedgehogs, and keep your Bird feeders filled. The Swallows are thinning out now and have started their 3,000 mile migration to winter over in South Africa. I don't seem to have seen so many Buzzards this year. We are not sure if the Green Woodpeckers are still over at Blounts since some of the trees were cut down.

Our Butterfly and Moth populations seem to be holding steady at a good number. We have some notable additions to the local scene this year. Muntjac were seen on one of Farmer Jones' fields along Studley/Norley Lane, and over by Close Wood by the Cleverly's. They also saw a Ferret in Blounts. Several other sightings of the ferrets now: Old Road, Norley Lane and Studley Lane. Fox and Badger holes have been seen locally, but I won't say where! My friend and colleague Nick Self has seen Dippers down on the River Marden nearby.



We now have four lovely ponies on the newly made paddock at the top of Studley Lane who all get on well; they enjoy the fallen apples from my old tree! I haven't seen the Heron flying down the back of Studley Lane of late, but then these are clever creatures and adept at fooling us!

What have you seen on your walks around the area?

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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 7th September in ordinary session.

It was confirmed that half the cost of the Solar Panels for Derry Hill school had now been paid and Councillor Dick French confirmed that the equipment is up and running. This funding (£3,495) came out of the grant given to the council by Sun Edison for community projects. The council also agreed to the application by Calne Tennis Club for funding by awarding them £1,000. This was on the basis that the club does have members from our parish. Another application for funding from this fund – Spays Farm Dairy School - was deferred pending further information.

On another front Councillor Colin Bell confirmed he was still discussing the possibility of a Village Children's Play Area with interested parents.

The Chairman, Councillor Ed Jones, noted that the hedge that had grown quite a long way into the road in Norley Lane near the junction with Studley Hill had now been cut back after months of pressure from him and the clerk to get Wiltshire Council to do something. Lord Lansdowne confirmed that Bowood Estates would be pruning the tree at the top of Lansdowne Crescent East in the autumn. This is because its lower limbs have grown out so far that they are catching some vehicles. It was brought to the council's attention that Keith Matthews wished to retire from his voluntary post of looking after the War Memorial. Councillors noted that Keith, with the help of his wife Sue, had done a sterling job over many years and a suitable 'thank you' would be arranged. It was agreed that there would be an informal approach to find a suitable replacement.

It was noted that the new Derry Hill Petty Acre goal posts had been installed and appeared to be nice and sturdy. It is hoped to seed the bare patches in the autumn.

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 Aylen*, Parish Councillor

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Prayer of the heart



Christian meditation is at the heart of the Christian contemplative life and is often referred to as prayer of the heart. The World Community for Christian Meditation have local groups who share the practice of Christian meditation and meet together for a short time, creating a place and space where all are welcome to share in silent prayer. People come from all denominations and church communities. Rowan Williams is a patron of the World Community of Christian Meditation

whose spiritual leader is **Father Laurence Freeman**, a Benedictine monk who travels the world offering retreats and opportunities to share in this ancient Christian tradition. He says, "*Meditation is the missing dimension of much Christian life today. It does not exclude other types of prayer and indeed deepens reverence for the sacraments and scripture.*" There are two local groups within an eight-mile radius of Derry Hill, who meet on a weekly basis to meditate together for 30 minutes. If you would like to know more about this prayer practice, please contact Jeanne Blowers on 01225 753187. Jeanne is the Wiltshire Coordinator for the WCCM local groups.

Note from Ed: We have arranged for a local Christian Meditation member, Janet Robbins, to come and give a talk on the subject at our January Praise service - **4pm January 3rd. 2016.** Do hope you can join us.

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Tuesdays: 13th October, 27th October and 10th November

Kingston House Derry Hill,

9.40 - 10:25

Mondays: 5th October and 2nd November

HARVEST POEM From Enid Beint

Harvest time is here once more
And Autumn's in the air
Our crops are gathered up in
store

Enough for all to share.

So when we eat our daily bread
We'll let our memories stray
To when the earth seemed cold
and dead

And the skies were dull and grey.

The farmer with his tractor came
To plough the barren soil
Every year he does the same
From dawn to dusk he'll toil.

Up and down the field he goes
Ploughing in the weeds
We marvel at the nice straight
rows

He has the skill it needs.
He'll brave the storms however
rough

He's quite a sturdy breed
Until the soil's prepared enough
And ready for the seed.

Then after milling one fine morn
We'll see him once again
Scattering either seeds of corn
Or else some other grain.

Then suddenly its spring again
The seeds begin to grow
The rain and sun have swelled
the grain
And green shoots start to show.

And so the months go quickly by
The spring and summer past
The farmer hopes it will be dry
It's harvest time at last.

So let us all give thanks once
more

For golden fields of grain
For as through centuries before
Our barns are filled again.

Let's praise the market gardener
too

He works hard every day
Growing food for me and you
In his very expert way.

He grows potatoes by the ton
Parsnips and carrots too
Or should you need an onion
There's plenty there for you.

Lettuce, leeks and radishes
He grows them every one
And satisfies the wishes
Of all those needing some.

And those who grow our fruit for
us

Our apples, plums and pears
We buy from shops without a
fuss

The work involved is theirs.

So now it's harvest time again
Our praises we renew
We thank God for the sun and
rain

And early morning dew.

And as our fathers did of old
Lord we give thanks to thee
For those who toiled while the
surges rolled
For the harvest of the sea.
So to the Church our gifts we
bring
The best ones of them all

And to the Lord our praises sing
At our harvest festival.

Come ye thankful people come
We'll sing with all our hearts
And join in with a glad well done
To those who had their part.

ADVANCED WARNING OF ROAD CLOSURE

Wiltshire Council has informed our Parish Council that the A4 at Black Dog Hill will be closed for a time in October in the area of the bridge for maintenance work.

The road order comes into effect on **19th October**, and the road is expected to be closed between **19.00** and **06.00** for approximately **two weeks**.

Diversions will be in place and will be via **A3102** and **A342**.

For those readers who are not sure where Black Dog is; it is roughly where the Sustrans Cycle track bridge goes over the A4 between Calne and Studley. *Ed*



MOVIOLA IN CALNE TOWN HALL.

DARK HORSE (PG) The story of the racehorse Dream Alliance who was trained (and became the soul of) a small Welsh mining community depressed after the closure of the Pit. This little film has had audiences from Wales to Robert Redford's Sundance Festival cheering on their feet.

Showing on **Weds 21st October** at **7.30pm**. Doors open **7.00pm**. Refreshments available. Tickets **£6.00** available from the information office or on the door.

BOOK CLUB REVIEW

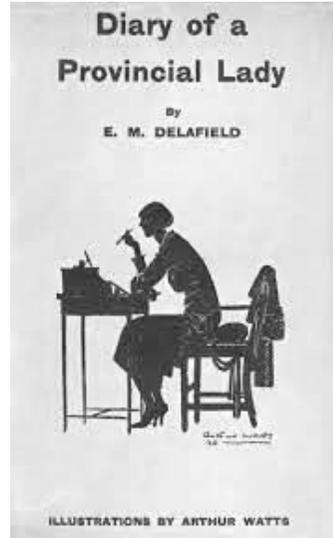
August is a busy month for Book Club, we read and discussed not one but two books.

Diary of a Provincial Lady is an amusing, witty book which makes an excellent summer read.

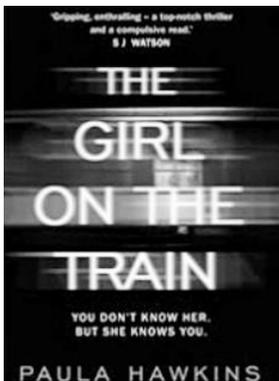
Its author E.M. Delafield was a successful author in the first half of the 20th Century and this book was published in 1930. It purports to be the diary of a middle class woman of that period and details the everyday events of her life with self-deprecating and amusing asides.

We felt that many of the characters so cleverly described have present day counterparts and many of incidents she relates are similar to those we face today. We could quite see why this book was a best seller when it was first published and why it has never been out of print since.

Andrea Colborne.



Girl on the train by Paula Hawkins



Rachel is a young woman who takes the train to Euston Station every morning, and back to Ashbury every evening. Each morning, the train stops at a particular signal and Rachel has a clear view towards the back of a series of Victorian houses. There, she often sees a couple who live in one of the houses, and whom Rachel has named Jason and Jess. They seem the perfect couple; they have each other, a lovely house, and a perfect life. Or so Rachel believes, and she sees in them the life that she wants, and that she once thought she had. Each morning and evening the

train journey offers Rachel a glimpse into another life, and she comes to believe in it wholeheartedly. Rachel's life has fallen apart, and she knows

she's drinking too much. But Jason and Jess offer hope, until one day, when she looks out of the train window; she sees something that will change everything.

There are three narrators in this book; Rachel; Megan the woman Rachel had named Jess; and Anna, the woman who happens to be married to Rachel's ex-husband Tom. We hear the perspective of these women (with some earlier testimony from Megan). We share how these women's lives impact on each other and on those around them, how what we see from the outside is not always what is going on behind closed doors, how our pasts and our life choices can have reverberations far into our futures and those of others. The first-person narratives offer a personal viewpoint from which we can view the unfolding of tragedy, and the tension is nicely wound up to a number of startling and unforeseen revelations.

I think most of us in the group enjoyed this novel, we thought it was fast paced and cleverly written. I would definitely recommend this book if you enjoy a good thriller. Once you start reading it's difficult to put down!

Sinead Clegg

KINGSTON HOUSE

We have raised **£1,038** from our Summer Fayre, a BIG, BIG 'Thank You' for all the support from families and friends and Derry Hill and Studley villagers for the donations and visiting us on the day. This amount will be put with our continuing Fundraising for a small kitchenette in our Lavender Lodge Dementia Unit, to enable our residents to cook and be more independent with the help from our care staff.

Future events

Firework display and **Christmas Bingo** dates to be confirmed.

Christmas Fayre Sunday November 22nd 2.15pm

We still collect for Rag Bag, so if you are going to be bringing out your new Autumn/Winter clothes, then please think of us as you pack away your summer clothes. Please call in at any time for a bag or drop off any items of clothing; shoes, belts and handbags, remembering please that all items have to be clean with no holes so that someone else would be able to wear them. Unfortunately we cannot take quilts, pillows or curtains.

Lynda

PENSION SCAMS

Advice from Citizens Advice Bureau

Over 55s are being repeatedly contacted with cold-calls and emails offering fraudulent pension opportunities, warns Citizens Advice.

Two in five Citizens Advice pension's staff across England and Wales have seen people targeted repeatedly with pension scams.

Albert Ball, at Wiltshire Citizens Advice Pension Wise said:

“Pension scams threaten people's financial security. Scammers are finding new ways to go after people's pension pots including offering free pension reviews and promising to invest funds that don't necessarily exist. “If you've had an offer or signed up to a pension scheme you're unsure about, I urge you to contact your local Citizens Advice where our staff can offer free help and support.”

Citizens Advice offers Pension Wise guidance where people aged over 50 can access free face to face guidance sessions. To book an appointment call **01722 580052**.

Common signs of a pension scam

- Pension help for free: an offer of help with your pension, such as free review or help tracing a lost pension
- High rates of return: any promotion offering you a much higher rate of return than other investors
- Time pressure: if you are told you must give your details within a short time frame or sign paperwork from a courier
- Early access: an offer to help you access your pension before 55

Never be rushed into making a decision. Check if the company contacting you is regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) If you are unsure, contact The Pensions Advisory Service on **0300 123 1047** or contact Citizens Advice on **03454 04 05 06**. Look at the FCA's Scamsmart warning list, which gives the names of investment schemes that are known

<http://scams.www.fca.org.uk/scamsmart>

If you have already accepted an offer you think is a scam, report it to Action Fraud.

For further information on pension scams, visit www.pensionwise.gov.uk

DERRY HILL CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

The start of an exciting new era at Derry Hill!

As you are probably aware, Mrs Sheryl Staton retired at the end of August after 12 years as Headteacher. We were all sorry to see her leave but we have found a wonderful replacement in Mrs Hayley Roberts, who has joined us from Sutton Benger Church of England Primary School.



We also welcome Miss Emma Mortimer and Mrs Caroline Cannon who have joined us as Class Teachers in Years 1 and 4, respectively, and we are sure that they will all settle into life at Derry Hill School very quickly.

Mrs Emma Williams has returned from maternity leave to join Year 2, as well as continue her valuable role as the SENCo (Special Education Needs Coordinator) lead for Derry Hill.

In August, we said goodbye to Mrs Vicki Bridge who left us to take up an Assistant Head post at Forest and Sandridge C of E Primary School, as well as Mrs Marie Fitzgerald. We wish them both well for the future.

We also said goodbye to the Year 6 children who are starting life in secondary school, as well as some children from other years who have left to start new schools. We hope that you are all settled into your new school lives soon.

Our new Reception children are beginning school this week, which can be exciting but also very scary for them, however, we look forward to watching them grow in confidence over the coming months.

Finally, we would like to welcome all of the children back in school after a lovely summer break, especially those who have joined us from other schools; we have lots of exciting things planned for the coming term!

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