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EDITORIAL

It seems amazing we are already approaching the back end of the year with the leaves turning beautiful colours and many birds flying south. It's always a great pleasure to go to Bowood, before it closes, and see the different species of trees and how they have their different ways of closing down for the winter. I love ploughing my way through the fallen leaves and listening to the rustling sound that it makes!



Thanks to all those who responded to my invitation to write in, sorry if we didn't fit yours in this time. I hope we can gradually build up a '*Letters Corner*' where readers can express their views on local matters that affect them, good or bad! I have re-read the survey several times I helped conduct around this area for the Neighbourhood plan last year and it is always a pleasure to read in the responses why we love living here. It's mainly to do with the access to the countryside and local facilities so it's not surprising that whenever there is a change in our environment we get upset.

When I turn my radio or TV on and read about the plight of the people in war-torn areas I feel that I have been dealt a very lucky card in life, living where I do and enjoying the simple pleasure of autumn.

Last month I listened first hand to the stories of a Kenyan woman interpreter and an Eritrean soldier, both of whom had to flee their countries, leaving their family and friends to try to make a new life away from the terror they were experiencing. It seems as a nation we are split down the middle as to what to do about the 'refugee crisis'. It was good to learn at my meeting with those two refugees, now that they are here, they have had help and a kind reception. That is another aspect of my life and I hope yours, that we do live in a caring country.

Let's hope we never turn our backs on the needy.

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BLOUNT'S COURT DEVELOPMENT

My two main concerns are the size of the proposed development, which is completely out of keeping with the village "feel" of Studley, and the increased volume of traffic coming out onto the **A4**.

My wife and I, and I am sure many others, chose to live in the Derry Hill/Studley area because of the village atmosphere and close proximity of open countryside. A development of **48-53** houses would take away the village character.

I am very concerned about the impact of more cars coming out onto the **A4**. The access out of Derry Hill onto the **A4** can be quite precarious even now, particularly in the rush hour. With increased traffic it will be very dangerous. The speed of traffic in both directions can be very fast and there is often uncertainty as to whether traffic coming out of Studley is turning right or coming straight across. Because of what can be a long time in getting out some drivers in the queue sound their car horns, which is not very helpful and can put pressure on drivers to get out onto the **A4** before it is safe to do so. A pedestrian crossing is not the answer to the traffic problem. Speed reduction measures and traffic lights are required.

It will also bring about an increase of traffic through Derry Hill, which people use as a short cut onto the **A342**. The number of drivers ignoring the **20mph** speed limit through Derry Hill is considerable.

The meeting at The Lansdowne Hall with regard to the proposed development was not very helpful or informative. My feeling is that an application for **50** units was always the intention and that the application for **28** units was just an interim measure.

Wearing Lord Lansdowne's hat, I can understand what he is saying from a commercial standpoint but, from a resident's point of view, any further development would be unwelcome for the reasons stated above.

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I am a resident of Chapel Street and cannot say that the developments at Blount's court will make any appreciable difference to my lifestyle. However, since I have in the past had to deal with and investigate several Road traffic accidents involving fatalities, I must express my concern at the approach towards road safety issues in Lord Lansdowne's article.

The stopping distance of a vehicle travelling at 50mph is about 58 yards and this will take more than five seconds in perfect conditions. In wet conditions the distance can easily double. We all know that many vehicles travelling on the **A4** on that stretch of the road do so in excess of **50mph**. Just to place a non-traffic light controlled pedestrian crossing as proposed will be a dreadful error. The problem of more vehicles seeking to use the staggered crossroads on the stretch of the **A4** is not addressed in the article. The need for pedestrians to cross the **A4** for bus stops on both sides of the road is not recognised.

Improved road safety for both pedestrians and drivers, plus a reduced level of noise pollution would be achieved with the speed limit on this stretch of the **A4** (which in any event may be warranted by the increased number of dwellings bounding the road). Automatic traffic signals (incorporating the facility for permitted pedestrian crossings) are required at the staggered junction.

John Carter

IT'S A PEDESTRIAN ARGUMENT

Ribbon versus estate? Adjacent sawmill? Community vibe? Need for housing? Bowood's legacy? Important questions but ... increasing the pedestrian footfall across the **A4** increases the risk of a fatal accident. How do we make crossing the ever more hectic **A4** safe?

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route or engaging in a fund raising exercises we need confirmation that there is enough interest in Derry Hill and Studley to take this forward.

Therefore if anyone is interested in playing skittles in the Hall or would like to be involved in helping move this forward please contact Jane Clarke (administrator@lansdownnehall.org) or Alan Rosekilly (rosekilly@aol.com or 01249 8145380).

Help Wanted

The Management Committee currently consists of eight members whose combined efforts have led to the Hall being one of the few in the County to have achieved the **Hallmark 3** accreditation. We are keen to maintain this standard to ensure the Lansdownne Hall remains a much sought after community venue for a wide range of activities. As one of our members is soon to leave the area we are looking to strengthen our team of volunteers to help uphold the accreditation already awarded to us.

If there is anyone interested in joining the Management Committee to help administer the Hall on behalf of the community that use it, please contact **Richard French** - Chairman (ddtfench@btinternet.com or 01249 816106) or **Alan Rosekilly** - Secretary (rosekilly@aol.com or 01249 814538).



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Handbells have been rung for generations and have spread, from the UK to America, Canada, Australia, South Korea and Japan. Look on YouTube for bell choirs (as they call them in America) and see what can be achieved with practice.

We will be having an inaugural meeting on **Wednesday November 18th at 7.30pm in Christchurch Derry Hill.**

Why not come along, play the bells and see if you would like to join the team. No musical ability needed although we will need somebody with musical talent to help us through the mysteries of octaves, sharps and flats and so on.

Handbells are musical instruments in their own right and we should, with practice, play many types of music from folk tunes, music from the shows, hymns and Christmas carols.

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1st November

11.00am 175th Anniversary Celebration Service
with Bishop Nicholas (not Eucharist)
with lunch afterwards

8th November

10.50am Remembrance Service

15th November

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
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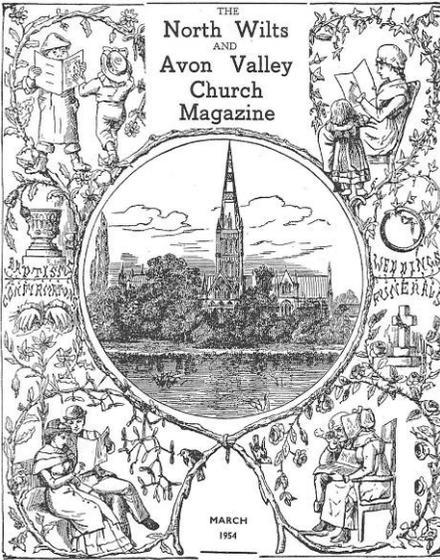
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allied to this is the complaint of being “square pegs in round holes”. As if the main mission in life is to find the square hole which will fit one, and then all will be well. No wonder so many people feel thwarted, disillusioned, unhappy, yes, and eaten with envy! For you know, in this world nearly all the holes are round. The thing is to adapt yourself to fit the hole. There are big holes and small holes, holes of all sizes. You must learn to shape yourself to fit the hole. If the hole is too big then you will get rattled in it – you will vacillate – you will be unsteady - unsound, yet full of sound and fury, signifying nothing. But if you are prepared to go through the painful process of having the corners rubbed off, you will find that you will fill the hole (and so the gap) completely, instead of being (speaking loosely) “in the hole” in more ways than one. The church has a vast experience of fitting square pegs into round holes.

The usual Remembrance Day Service and Parade to the Memorial will be held on November 6th at 10.55a.m.

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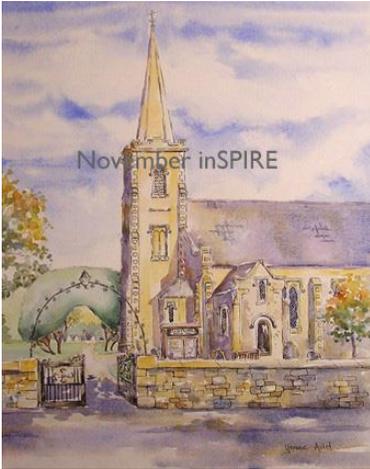
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Local artists David and Yvonne Auld have kindly donated their original artwork of Christ Church to help celebrate the 175 years Christ Church has been in Derry Hill. Both David and Yvonne, well known figures in the local art world, were commissioned to paint images of the present day church. Each shows a different style and both are very pleasing to view. A lot of interest has already been shown in the paintings and limited edition of high quality prints is also planned.

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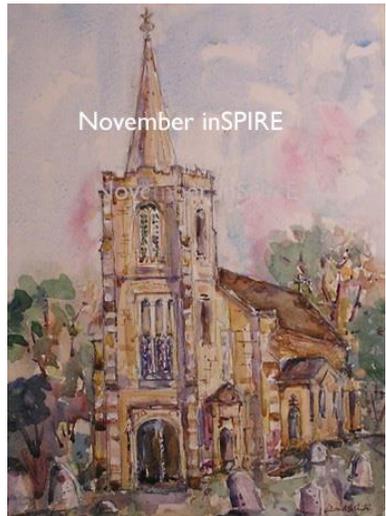
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The paintings can be viewed at church services or other church functions such as the Christmas Fayre or a private viewing is possible.

All the proceeds will go to Christ Church.

Please get in touch by emailing me on the magazine address: inspireeditor@outlook.com or ring **01249 814632**.

Ed



WAR GRAVES VISIT

Samuel Beer

When reading the list of names on the Derry Hill war memorial in the November 2014 inspire, we noticed that Samuel Beer who died 1/08/1915 was buried in Lemnos, Greece. As we had booked a holiday to Lemnos for September 2015, we decided to see if we could find his grave.



We researched the Commonwealth War Graves website to find which cemetery and the plot number, which we were able to find easily.



We thought it would be a nice gesture to leave some flowers at the grave. We took a photo in case there are any relatives still living in our area. The cemetery is very well kept and is in a very peaceful spot.

Brian & Joy Stevens

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| 1 small handful | fresh coriander |



Instructions

1. Roughly chop the onions and peppers. Peel the sweet potatoes and chop in to bite size chunks.
2. Melt coconut in a large pan over a medium heat. Add the onions, peppers and garlic and cook until softened.
3. Add the sweet potato and spices, stir well to coat the vegetables and cook for another **10** mins stirring occasionally.
4. Drain the beans and chick peas and add them along with the coriander to the pan. Stir well and bring to the boil then reduce to a simmer for another **30 - 40** mins until the sweet potato has softened. Add a little water if the chilli becomes too thick.

My wonderful friend Marie has a blog called naturallymarvellous.com and I thought I'd share this with you. It's a delicious comforting dish that you can enjoy in a lovely big bowl whilst curled up in front of a roaring fire! Do visit her blog....it really is naturally marvellous!

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DERRY HILL AND DISTRICT WI

Our Centenary apple tree was planted at the Village Hall garden on the 23rd September - do go and have a look - and the WI Centenary was toasted at the meeting in the evening. Many thanks to all involved.



Roger Stroud gave us an excellent and entertaining talk on '*Living and Working in Sweden*'. Having done both in the past, his talk was full of interesting anecdotes. He asked us for our images of Sweden and we offered Ikea (the home of Billy bookcases), it's cold, it's very clean, it's neutral, all Swedes are blonde and they gave us Abba. In fact, IKEA is regarded as a cheap shop, Sweden is very cold, down to minus **26** degrees in the winter, but very hot in the summer. There is very little litter apart from the wrappings from bouquets of flowers (which Swedish visitors leave on the doorsteps of houses they have been invited to!), and Swedes try to avoid any conflict and decision-making. With a population equal to that of London, Sweden sounds an interesting place to visit.

Deirdre was the winner of the Holiday Souvenir Competition.

We enjoyed two events in August - the Garden Party, at Andrea and Douglas', and the Pitch & Putt/Crazy Golf in Chippenham. The weather was kind on both occasions - thank you to Andrea and Tina for arranging these. The August walk to Lacock was cancelled due to torrential rain, but four members had a lovely September walk in the autumn sunshine, round Shearwater Lake, followed by a pub lunch. A Craft Club evening was held at Sally's and members knitted poppies for the collage. We hope this will be complete by November so please finish any poppies that you are making.

Dates for Diaries:

We will have a pub lunch on **Friday 6th November** – venue to be decided.

The **Bowood Ladies Festive Lunch** is on **Thursday November 19th** and we are looking forward to that.

Another celebration will be our **Christmas Dinner** on **Wednesday 2nd December** at **The Gladstone Arms**.



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Our meeting on the **25th November** will be a special as **Frances Benton** returns to talk about pearls - the topic being '*Colour and Shape of Pearls to Suit you*'. We will have another opportunity to buy some of her beautiful pearls so come on girls, just tell the other half that it's your early Christmas present!! The competition will be for a Pearl item.

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*

DEFIBRILLATOR NEWS

Methodist Chapel 160th Anniversary

Sunday 11th October 2015 marked the **160th** Anniversary of the building of the chapel in **1855**. A special service was held to commemorate this led by Reverend David Gray of Chippenham. There was also a craft exhibition of work from the members of the chapel.



At the service Derry Hill and Studley Heartbeat were presented with a cheque for **£60** from the congregation. That was wonderful but more was to come! In the afternoon the flower arrangements, some homemade marmalade and jigsaws were sold off to raise even more money! Another **£100** was raised, making **£160** in total for **DH&SH** to match the age of the building! What a lovely thought!

We are touched that the Chapel think we are a good cause to help commemorate their important anniversary. It was exactly a year ago that the defibrillator was installed at the Chapel.



Photo supplied by Reverend David Gray.

Thanks so much to Studley Methodists for their ability to raise funds so efficiently and their generosity! We are lost in admiration and very grateful.

Use of the Defibrillators During 2015

The defibrillator at the Chapel and the one in the old Phone Box by the Post office have both been called for twice by the Ambulance Service.

CPR Refresher Training

It has been mentioned that it might be useful to have some repeat refreshment regularly about how to do CPR in an emergency. The paramedics tell us this is an essential procedure while waiting for the defibrillator to be fetched.

Let us know what you think - - - Don't forget our new Facebook page!

Emma Dadd 01249 817438 emmadadd@hotmail.co.uk

Paula Edwards 01249 816364 bryher3@talktalk.net

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*

WILTSHIRE BOBBY VAN TRUST

Supporters of the Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust will be interested to know that there will be a **Christmas Extravaganza** at **Bowood House** on **Thursday 26th November** and **6th December**. Further details are on the Bowood website. The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust (WBVT) enables the Wiltshire Police to provide a home security service for elderly, vulnerable and disadvantaged people throughout Wiltshire. The charity funds the operation of two Bobby vans that provide mobile workshops for Bobby operators.



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GARDENING STEVE

Hi to all you gardeners! Where has the year gone? It has really flown by.

Here are some November jobs in the garden. Keep up with clearing leaves off lawns as they will quickly turn yellow. Keep your leaves in a heap in the garden as this will make good leaf mould in two years' time.

Plant tulips bulbs, the later the better, you could leave it to the end of the month. Plant wallflowers etc in the borders.

You can start by pruning some rambling roses; tie in as much new growth as possible.

More jobs next month. Happy gardening!

Stephen Starr, Bowood gardener.



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)



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CALNE WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Derry Hill and Studley are part of the Calne Without Parish

The Parish Council met on 5th October.

The meeting learnt that Bowood Estates would be pruning the tree at the top of Lansdowne Crescent East further into the autumn; the lower branches are causing problems to some passing vehicles.



A card for Keith Matthews was signed by the councillors to thank him for his brilliant job of looking after, with his wife Sue, the War Memorial. A Waitrose Gift card was included with the Thank You card.

The recently repaired 'long hole' in Church Road is being kept on the watch list as it appears to be sinking again. The councillors spent some time looking at and discussing the building proposal by Gleeson to build on the fields at the corner of the A4 (London road) and Pewsham Way. No planning application has been put in and the current draft Chippenham Site Allocation Plan does not include this area.

The Sun Edison sub group reported on the Dairy School Project, Calne Tennis Club, Speed Signage, Scout hut and the groups Terms of Reference were discussed.

Councillors Oram and Morley reported on their meeting with the Hill's Waste Liaison Group. Hill's it appears are still determined to fight refusal of their application to continue at Lower Compton.

The **next meeting** will be **2nd November 7.30pm Lansdowne Hall.**

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

REVEREND ANN WRITES

November is a time of remembrance and we begin the month by remembering that Christ Church was first used for worship at this time 175 years ago. The parish has endured many changes since then – many have changed its character during the intervening years as attempts have been made to keep up with modern living and keep the gospel relevant to new generations.

It is the change in character that began my reflection on what is important in a Christian life. Last Sunday the gospel reading concentrated our minds on Jesus' lesson to his disciples after James and John asked if they could sit either side of Jesus in God's kingdom. Jesus said, that was not for him to grant and told them, in essence, that those who think and act on the needs of others before those of themselves will be first in the kingdom of God whilst those who put their own needs above those of others would be last.

Of course Jesus did this 100% - and died on a cross. He died between two criminals – one on his left and one on his right – not quite what James and John had in mind! Jesus died in this way because, I believe, to lead a fight against the opposition would have brought not only bloodshed but would have destroyed relationships. Jesus chose not to bring heartache on others but to leave the outcome to Father God. Through love he could not be the cause of broken relationships, loss of hope and hurt.

We are called to do the same; to put others and their needs before our own; to be a servant to all; to lord it over no-one. Jesus is king in the Christian world – he washed feet, he had dinner with criminals and socialised with prostitutes. What he did for others made him King of all.

As I look around me I note too that we also judge people when they die by how they revealed themselves in the world, the contribution they made to our own lives and the wider community. When we have a funeral service we thank God for the good in the person we are commending into God's arms. It is the selflessness that we remember that gives us good memories to sustain us into the future. It is the core character and personality of the person that lasts into the future, and those that serve their neighbour tend to leave a sustaining memory through love acknowledged and treasured.

All good wishes
Ann

MOTHERS' UNION



Christ Church Mother's Union October meeting was opened by Deirdre with prayers and readings. Members reviewed the '*New Start*' coffee morning in church and decided to repeat it at the end of the first week of the new half term on Friday 6th **November** at 8:30am. Claire Satchell will be asked to help publicise it. **New Start** is a Mothers

Union project to give support to parents of the new pupils starting school.

Members were asked to supply puddings for the celebration lunch in church on **November 1st**.

The speaker was the Reverend Steve Ibbotson who is a Chaplain at Erlestoke prison. It is a category C prison of 550 prisoners housed in single cells about the size of a family bathroom!!

The chaplains help and support the inmates with their anger management and family skills as well as in facing their crimes and turning around their lives. All faiths are represented in the chaplaincy and the priests, imams etcetera help with social programmes. Reverend Ibbotson leads Bible Studies with the prisoners. There is great personal reward in being able to help a prisoner turn their life around. Often they need a huge amount of help and support to shake off the context that brought them to crime in the first place to begin again in society. He said that more volunteer visitors, pen friends and help in the farm shop would be welcomed. The Angel Tree, a scheme run by the Mother's Union, sends presents at Christmas to prisoner's children. Deirdre thanked Reverend Ibbotson for his interesting insight into prison life. The **next meeting** is **November 4th**, which will be a social meeting making Christmas decorations. New members and visitors are always welcome. For information please ring **Deirdre** on **01249 822157**

CHRIST CHURCH SUPPER EVENING

South African Food!

Friday 30th November 6-8pm at Derry Hill Church

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IN LOVING MEMORY

Poem written by Enid Beint at a friend's passing

Published here as comfort to all who remember on All Souls' Day the 2nd November 2015.

Though in this world we'll see you no more
We'll meet again on that heavenly shore
Loved by so many while here on earth
Especially in Wales the land of your birth

Your life here on earth has been well spent
Your care for others so well meant
A loving mother and grandmother too
They will always have wonderful memories of you

A Christian lady who loved to sing
The old Welsh hymns childhood memories would bring
Now she's in heaven and free from all pain
Awaiting the day when we all meet again.

MOVIOLA IN CALNE TOWN HALL.

'Woman in Gold' (12a) starring Helen Mirren.

A Jewish American Woman takes on the Austrian Government to recover the famous Klimt portrait of her Aunt, which was stolen from her family by the Nazis and never returned.

Showing in **Calne Town Hall** on **Wed 18 November** at **7.30pm**. Doors open at 7.00.

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PAID ADMINISTRATION HELP FOR VICAR!!

I have been offered a grant by the Fulmer Trust for administration support that would pay for six hours of help per week. If you, or anyone else that you know may be interested, then please get in touch with me. The work would be undertaken at The Vicarage. Thank you!

Reverend Ann: 01249 817926.

NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICE TEAM REPORT.

Fortunately, we see a quiet month within our Rural villages.

On 19th September a catalytic converter was stolen from a parked unattended Mazda at Blacklands. The vehicle was only parked up for half an hour and thieves took the opportunity to remove the converter. Sadly, this is not an unusual crime due to the high value of the part. There are additional security appliances available on the internet for this particular part.



On 22nd September and 14th October, two honesty boxes have been attacked at locations at Quemerford and Stockley. The boxes are used for the sale of eggs. Money has been stolen along with produce.

Overnight on 3/4th October, Offender/s have entered the front drive of a property in STOCKLEY and slashed all 4 tyres on the owners Landrover Discovery. The tyres had multiple slashes and further damage was done to the paintwork on the car. It is believed that this crime was specifically directed at the victim. If you have any information regarding this or any other crimes, please send me an email or give me a call. All information will be treated in confidence. Alternatively, you can make an anonymous report to **Crimestoppers** on **0800 555111**.

Overnight on 13/14th October, two CCTV cameras at Yatesbury were destroyed by persons who climbed on a flat roof.

I received a report of a parked vehicle sustaining severe damage to the offside windows in September at Derry Hill.

Please may I ask the local residents to keep an eye out in the area to help avoid any further damage.

Christmas will soon be upon us and it is a busy time for everyone, particularly opportunist criminals. Please make sure that the doors and windows are locked up and add any additional measures you are able.

WPC 319 Sonya Stockhill

Community Beat Manager - Rural

Calne NPT sonya.stockhill@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk

LORDS OF STUDLEY MANOR 1230- 1457

It is interesting to ponder the families, in our two villages over centuries past. Studley itself gave its name to one such family: the Studley.

The land of Studley was probably assarted from Chippenham forest. Now by about **1230** member of this long established family held Studley Manor-possibly by Alexander of Studley and in **1240** and **1242-3** it was held by his son Roger. The overlords of the lands were said to be the heirs of John le Scot, earl of Chester (d**1237**), and the mesne lord Margery Marshal, suo jure countess of Warwick: no later earl of Chester or heir of Margery is known to have had an interest in the manor. Roger of Studley had a manor house at Studley in **1240**. Studley House, north of Norley Lane

In **1243** the manor was probably held by Ellis of Studley and by c**1280** was held by Alexander of Studley. In **1296** it was settled by John, son of Roger of Studley, on Laurence and Laurence's wife Anne in tail. Then by it was settled by John Studley and his wife Alice on themselves for life with successive remainder to John's sons Ralph, Geoffrey, and Nicholas.

Another John Studley possibly held the manor in **1405**, and then Walter Studley was confirmed in possession in **1407** of the local manor, this being a part of the family holdings which, all of them in Wiltshire, included another manor at Cadnam and property at Haydon and Calne.

Five years later he and his half-sister Alice, along with her husband, Thomas Cricklade, an influential lawyer, placed Studley in the hands of Valentine Pompe, Vicar of Calne, and other trustees, apparently with a view to entailing it on the Cricklades, while Walter received other lands in the neighbourhood in lieu.

In July **1413** Studley was appointed a tax collector in the county at large, but nothing is known of him between then and his return for Calne to the Parliament of May **1421**. Two years later his brother-in-law, Thomas Cricklade, was his surety for attendance in the Commons of **1423**, as Member for Malmesbury. In March **1428** Studley witnessed a grant of land in Chippenham to Robert Long and others, and three months later he served as a juror at an inquiry held in order to assess the contribution due from the hundred of Chippenham to a parliamentary subsidy. Studley was one of the Wiltshire gentry certified in **1434** as liable to take the oath not to maintain anybody who broke the peace.

Nothing is recorded about him after that date, and he had certainly died by **1449**. Like his three younger brothers, he died childless, so all the Studley lands passed to their half-sister Alice. On her death in **1457** it passed to her grandson Thomas Cricklade and then to the Cricklade family.

So when you stroll down Studley Lane and Norley Lane take a wistful look at those old buildings and think of the lives and times of those long gone.

There will be more tales of the local families soon. © *Stephen B Cox*

BOOK CLUB REVIEW

Mrs. Dalloway' by **Virginia Woolf** chosen by Christine Acford.

This novel is set in a single day in June **1923** in and around Mayfair London.

Woolf gives us a snapshot of London life, streets and parks and follows a set of characters as they go about their lives on an ordinary day.

At the beginning, Clarissa Dalloway, fiftyish, upper class woman and recently recovering from an illness, is preparing for a party she will host that evening for her politician husband. She begins her day running an errand to purchase flowers. This novel explores the hidden thoughts and actions of her day, a day that is also the last day of a war veteran's life. We also learn much more about Clarissa through the thoughts of other characters, such as her one-time lover, Peter Walsh, her friend, Sally Seaton, her husband, Richard and her daughter, Elizabeth.

There is no clear linear plot but you almost feel like you are floating from one character's mind to another. Woolf does a great job of really getting inside the heads of various characters particularly Septimus Warren Smith, the war veteran and his wife, Lucrezia. Septimus' deterioration into madness is handled with great sensitivity and warmth.

This is not a novel that is action-packed or plot-based but one is drawn into her exquisite writing. Some members of our book group did not enjoy this short novel, some found it confusing and others prefer plot-driven novels, but I feel it does warrant reading because of the rich, imaginative, poetic language. Our last book of the year is '*The Garden of Evening Mists*' by **Tan Twan Eng**, chosen by Ann Vaid.



CHOIR STALLS FOR SALE

Following the re-ordering of part of the church we have some choir stalls surplus to requirements. They are very similar to pews.

We'd rather they went to somebody locally so we are advertising them here first.

If you want an idea of what they look like, go into church and at the front, on an angle (as in Picture), you will see ones very similar to the ones for sale. There are two stalls and a long bookstand to match. The ones we have on offer are in storage at the moment.

In the first instance please contact Stephen Starr **01249 821325** or stephen1.starr@btinternet.com.



NEWS FROM KINGSTON HOUSE



Here at Kingston House we have received an award for home of the year within the Greensleeves group of **19** homes. We were thrilled to receive the award and Carol Granger our manager decided to have a party to celebrate with residents, friends and family, volunteers and staff. We decorated the home, had music and a buffet and celebration cake. We held a raffle which raised **£205** on the night and a wonderful evening was had by all.

Fireworks November 5 at 6:30 at Kingston House - everybody is welcome to our display of a selection of Catherine wheels and low fireworks especially for our residents to see. Our **Christmas fare** is on **Sunday, 22 November** from **2:15PM**. Homemade crafts available, made by the residents, bottle stall, Jewellery stall, cake stall, handmade soap and cream store, tea and coffee, Raffle, card stall and lots more. Please pop in and see us, everyone welcome.

Christmas Bingo on Wednesday 2nd December, time to be confirmed, always a lovely evening; tea coffee and biscuits / cake and a raffle. Some super prizes to be won on the night, everybody welcome.

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