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## EDITORIAL



Casting around for something to write about in November I noticed that the Leonids peak this month. No, it's not pre-Christmas anxiety but a meteoric shower which apparently deposits annually around some **12** tons of particles across our planet. Other earthlier happenings in November include Guy Fawkes night (**5<sup>th</sup>**), the

Two Minutes Silence (**11<sup>th</sup>**) and Remembrance Sunday (**13<sup>th</sup>**).

Of worldwide importance is the US Presidential Election, which takes place on **November 8<sup>th</sup>**. Apparently the **22<sup>nd</sup>** amendment of the US constitution stops any president having a third term, which is why Obama is out of the running. The constitution also stipulates that any candidate must be at least **35** years old and a resident of the US for **14** years. Now the hard bit for me is understanding what happens once candidates have won the nomination of their party.

On **8<sup>th</sup> November** US voters will cast ballots for a slate of members of the Electoral College, in other words voters do not directly elect the President. It is this Electoral College with its 'electors' who decide which presidential and vice presidential candidate that state will vote for. That is to say, except for Maine and Nebraska, the Electoral Colleges work based on winner takes all, with most the 'electors' votes making that state nominally Republican or Democrat. I just pray that the right candidate is elected, otherwise I fear that we may be experiencing more than a meteoric shower across our planet.

Ed

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## Who Am I Looking For?

Small folk bands & duos; Folk musicians and singers; Instrumentalists; Solo vocalists; Story tellers; Poets.

Alternatively, if you have something you would like to read or talk about or share in the realms of: Local History; Folklore and legends; Lost customs; Folk memory/past times.

Or perhaps you have a favourite excerpt from literary Classics concerning rurality (Laurie Lee and Thomas Hardy spring to mind) then you could read that to us. It is also important I think that we encourage our more elderly villagers to share with us their memories of times gone by locally. What were the customs? What was life like? How has the landscape changed? How and where and what was the type of farming? What were the local jobs? How were things hereabouts before the hubbub of cars, telecommunications and commuting? I believe it is essential that we know our local history and heritage.

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Without roots we become lost, soulless spectres. Our lives become diminished and as humans we wither. So, I want to hear from you all! Depending on the response I plan to launch a monthly (at least) meeting at a local venue. (I have three under consideration; all very easily walkable and will decide soon). If all goes well I hope to get something started this winter. So, get your instruments tuned, your memories tweaked, your old photo albums, diaries and books dusted and your vocal chords lubricated! I look forward to hearing from you no matter whether you would like to be a performing contributor, or to simply say you like the idea and might occasionally attend.

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We will continue to meet weekly through the winter and we are so pleased to be meeting in the church where there will be heating. However, we would like to make a small donation towards the cost of the heating, so we would suggest **50p** to **£1** as a guide, but this would be up to each person.

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# CALNE WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL

(Derry Hill and Studley are in this Parish)



The Parish Council met on Monday 3rd of October.

Councillor Morley explained to us that the Hill's Waste hearing in front of the Government inspector was adjourned as the inspector required clarification on some of the evidence submitted.

This application by Hill's is to retain and extend their materials recovery site at Lower Compton. Our Council and Calne Town Council are opposing the application because of the large numbers of lorries and the resultant pollution this activity creates.

The Sun Edison sub group submitted their suggestions for funding which the council accepted. These were **£3,000** for the Kingston House minibus project and **£2,000** for the Studley Methodist Community Hall. Under Calne Community Neighbourhood Plan there was discussion on the funding of a Transport Strategy. We agreed in principle we would fund this up to **£1,000** out of the monies earmarked for the Neighbourhood Plan as it was allied to it.

After much discussion, we decided to consider the siting and provision of dog bins in Derry Hill and another part of Calne Without.

The **next meeting** will be on **7 November 7.30pm** in the **Lansdowne Hall**.

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

The website [www.calnewithoutpc.org](http://www.calnewithoutpc.org) contains the official minutes, once passed, and other information.

*Richard Ayles* - Parish Councillor

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### Winter fare

This is on **Sunday, 20 November** at **2:15pm**. There will be cakes, Christmas gifts, bric-a-brac, refreshments and all the other things to make this a special occasion in the run up to Christmas.

### Christmas Wreath Workshop

On **Wednesday, 30 November** at **6:30pm** we are holding a wreath making workshop. Materials will be included, as well as wine and a mince pie or two! Tickets are **£10** and can be had by visiting Kingston House or ringing me. All proceeds will be towards the new minibus.

*Lynda* (01249 815555)

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Check the greenhouse heaters to make sure that the temperature is set right for the plants. All Geranium and Pelargonium cuttings should now have rooted and you can move them off the heated propagator and onto the bench. Be careful not to water them too much as this will rot the stems.

You can still plant Tulip bulbs, right until the end of November. Lightly prune Roses to prevent wind damage in the winter. Check tree ties and stakes; these should be done on a regular basis to see that the ties are not cutting into the bark.

Forced Hyacinths, ready for Christmas, should be brought in now from the dark and put into a warm greenhouse so they can start to grow. Be careful not to water bulbs from above as this will rot the flower tip. While it's growing put moss around the base, as this will make it look nice, ready for going into the house. You can now plant Christmas Narcissi; Paper Whites are a good bulb to grow and will fill a room with their scent.

This is the time of year to plant bare rooted Roses. Remove any damaged growth and spindly shoots and any stems that cross the centre of the plant. Dig a generous hole so's not to cramp the roots, place the Rose in the hole with the roots spread out. Make sure the point of grafting is below soil level, then fill the hole by working soil in around the roots and pressing down firmly. Lightly tread the soil and water well. More jobs next month!

Happy gardening!

*Stephen Starr* Bowood gardener.

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<b>20 Nov</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	Holy Communion (BCP)
	<b>11:00am</b>	Family Service
<b>27 Nov</b>	<b>11:00am</b>	Holy Communion (CW)
	<b>6:00pm</b>	‘From Darkness to Light’ Service at St John the Baptist, <b>FOXHAM</b> to begin ADVENT

# MOTHER'S UNION



Most members were able to meet together in Christchurch for the October meeting of Mother's Union to hear Reverend Ann explain to us the idea of a baptism basket. This is a basket filled with baptism related items for young children to play with while watching a baby being baptised. This includes a doll, a gown, a small bible, a small wooden cross and several other items. Members suggested items and volunteered to either make or supply them. We hope this basket will be completed by Christmas.

Members were asked to put their names down for the **Christmas Tea** to be held at **Bowood** on **December 7th**.

Colette had attended the volunteers' conference in Salisbury which she found very informative.

Next year's program is coming together. A speaker from Julian House children's Hospice, has been booked, and Mrs. Barbara Parry will hold a coffee morning prior to the talk in April. MU members will all help at the coffee morning. The church **Christmas Fayre** will be on **November 26th** and MU members will have a stall with Deirdre and Nan doing the children's activities. These will of course include very sticky Christmas biscuit icing! The next **New Start Coffee Morning** is in church on **November 4th** from **8.30am** onwards. Claire Satchell will come to show us how to make Christmas door wreaths at our **next meeting** on **November 2nd**.

Visitors and new members are always welcome. Details from *Deirdre* **01249 822157**.

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*Colette.*

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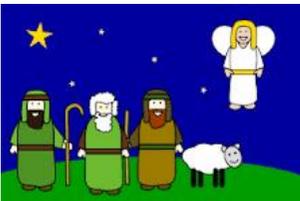
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## CHILDREN WANTED



On **Christmas Eve** at **Christ Church Derry Hill** there will be an interactive telling of the Christmas Story.

If there are any young people who would like to be involved in the Christmas story on **Christmas Eve** at the **3pm** service, then please contact **Marnie Forbes Eldridge** on **01249 822418**.

For all interested there will be a **meeting** at **4pm** on **15 November** in **Christ Church** where parts will be given.

## WORLD RECORD ATTEMPT

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## SOUP FOR SYRIA

This Christmas there will be thousands of refugees out in the cold, homeless, without shelter, depending upon charity for basic nutrition and clothing. Embrace the Middle East is a charity in this country that has a program to help families this Christmas:



On **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November**, I am running '**Soup for Syria**' in Christ Church from **11.30am – 2pm**. There will be a variety of soups on offer for a simple meal with bread.

**£3** per head is invited, all of which will go to the Syrian appeal. Please come and share a little of your Christmas with those who will have none without your support!

*Reverend Ann* **01249 817926**

## HARVEST – DOORWAY

Thank you one and all for your contribution to the Harvest festival this year at Christ Church. I have received a letter of grateful thanks from Doorway. It is good to know that our contribution will help the homeless and those that are destitute as they are rehabilitated into society through the services that Doorway offers. Particularly, as the weather changes to being much colder let us remember and do our best to continue to help those that are unable to help themselves, for whatever reason. Thank you so much for your generosity.



*Reverend Ann*

# CHRIST CHURCH EVENTS IN DECEMBER

## 4 December 2016

11:00am Holy Communion (CW)

## 11 December 2016

11:00am All Age Holy Communion

## 18 December 2016

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)

11:00am Children's Carols, Christingles and Creating the Crib ready for Jesus on Christmas Eve

8:00pm Carols by Candlelight

## 24 December 2016 – Christmas Eve

3:00pm Crib Service with 'Live' Nativity!!

6:00pm Carols at Bowood

9.30pm Sharing Midnight Mass with Bethlehem

## 25 December 2016 – Christmas Day

11:00am All Age Holy Communion Celebration

## CAN YOU HELP?????

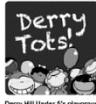


I am writing to ask if there is anybody who would like to give their support to **1st Derry Hill Brownies** and assist Diane Saxty in the New Year. Without any help coming forward this unit will close at Christmas.

**Brownies** meet in the **Lansdowne Hall** on Mondays from **6—7.30pm** term time only. If you wish to help you will need to take part in leadership training, which can be recognised on your CV.

Please could you let me know if you are interested?

Or if you would like to know more, please don't hesitate to ask Diane or any of the Guiders. Please contact **Alex Cowley** on **01249 824787**.



Derry Hill Under 5's playgroup



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## DERRY HILL AND DISTRICT WI

Sadly, the scheduled speaker for the September meeting was indisposed, but, as would be expected, the ever-resourceful ladies enjoyed a very productive Craft Evening, making items for the Christmas Fayre in November.

Some members knitted, some made decorative Christmas tags, others painted or decorated glass baubles, and Terry even brought her sewing machine buzzing away making spectacle cases.

News of forthcoming events included the **Christmas Meal on Wednesday 7th December** at the **Westbrook**, together with a **Christmas Cocktail Evening on 20th December**.

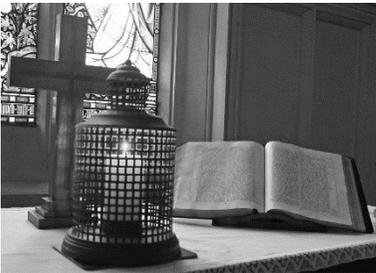
The forthcoming cookery demonstration was reported to be a sell-out, as numbers are limited by the authorised capacity of the Lansdowne Hall, where our **regular meetings** are held on the **fourth Wednesday** of every month at starting at **7.30pm**.

The scheduled talk for the November meeting on 23rd November is "**Traditional Christmas**" by Maureen Hinton.

If you are interested in coming to a meeting please phone *Sheila* on **814538**, or *Janet*, on **814152** or just pop in - we'd love to see you.



## PEACE LIGHT THIS CHRISTMAS



As we did last year the Peace Light that originates once again from Bethlehem will be collected from Potterne and be central to our Christmas Services. In this time of extreme unrest please take some time to visit Christ Church to take part in the services from the **18<sup>th</sup> December** (when the Peace Light is received into

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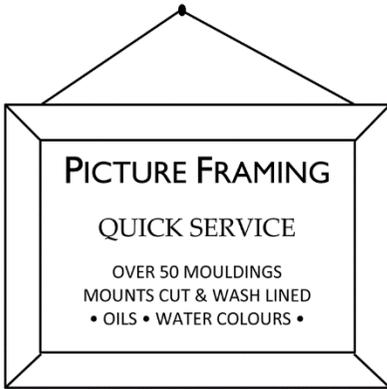
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## **ALTAR GUILD**

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

## FOUL!



You'll be glad to hear that the Parish Council has decided to review the siting of the dog bins in Derry Hill (which incidentally are also now designated as litter bins as well). This follows numerous complaints as there are one or two inconsiderate dog walkers who don't seem to realise that it is an offence (not to mention offensive) to leave their dog's droppings in a public place. The situation now is that the three existing bins, two in

Petty Acre and one on Church Road, are supplied and emptied by Wiltshire Council. It appears that if we want any more, our Parish Council must purchase them and pay for their weekly emptying. So, this is what is being reviewed as well as where they will go. Watch this space for an update. In the meantime, thanks to all the many, many dog walkers who always pick up and no doubt feel enraged by those who don't. *Ed*

## MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Well done to Becca and John at the **Lansdowne Arms** for organising a sumptuous event which raised **£158**.

It's great to see our new landlords getting into the community spirit and putting on a bit effort.

Thanks to all who turned up and supported this worthwhile event. *Ed*



## SUPPER EVENING



This month we are having a **Mexican** theme on **Friday 25th November 7pm** at **Christ Church Derry Hill**. Tickets **£10**. Please bring your own drink.

Many thanks to all those that have supported and helped us raise over **£1,000** for church funds this year! Keep a look out for details in each month's inSPIRE magazine. *Stephen Starr* **01249 821325**.



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# STUDLEY METHODIST CHURCH

## Harvest

A big thank-you to residents together with friends and members of Studley Methodist church for their kind donations of produce in support of the Doorway Project in Chippenham. Over **£100** worth of food has now been delivered to Doorway, which is greatly appreciated. The food will be put to very good use both in hot meals and as takeout food parcels for those most in need.



## Renovations to the chapel

Our local Parish Council met recently to discuss our funding application towards the cost of renovating the chapel's kitchen and toilet facilities. We are delighted to learn that this has now been approved and this grant of **£2,000** will kick start this project. We would like to thank Calne Without Parish Council for their kind consideration in this matter.

## Early notice

Studley Methodist church will be holding a '**Carols by Candlelight**' service on **Sunday, 18 December** at **4pm**. Superintendent Minister Reverend Mark Barrett will lead this. A warm welcome is extended to all - please bring along a torch!

## Reverend David Gray.

Our Minister, Reverend David Gray, is recovering slowly but steadily from an abdominal aneurysm. Our thoughts and prayers go out to him, his wife and family and we wish him well for the future for a full and complete recovery.

## Services during November 2016

**6 November 10:30am** Mr. Islay Roberts

**13 November 10:50am** at **Derry Hill Remembrance Service** - begins at the War Memorial

**20 November 10:30am** Reverend Janet Evans

**27 November 10:30am** Reverend Jeffrey Floyd (**Sacramental service**)

## REVEREND ANN WRITES

Dear All

I am in the Vicarage and the apples have only just begun to drop in any significant number. How late they are this year! They really are a false indicator of where we are in the cycle of the seasons. The clocks will, regardless of what nature might suggest, move us to winter at the end of October!

The season of winter begins with celebrating All Saints, not just those that have been publicly venerated but all those that have passed into the heavenly realms and been beacons of goodness in our own lives. As November progresses we remember, with love, all those who have fought for our freedom and pray for all those that continue the cause of freedom in the world today. It is a fight against oppression and persecution that works to take freedom from individuals to live out their own beliefs and customs. I cannot think of a better time to pray whole heartedly for the Lord to bring peace to the broken world we live in.

At Christmas, we will celebrate the birth of Jesus from over two thousand years ago and remember that he came to bring peace to the earth. We will pray for a renewal of this Spirit of Peace this Christmas across the world.

Whilst we enjoy the festivities there will be many for whom the joy of Christmas will seem far away. In particular, the many refugees who have had to flee their homes to safety. I can't imagine what this must be like.....

With this in mind, I am hosting a **Soup for Syria** event at **Christ Church** from **11.30am** to **2pm** on **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November**. The soup recipes have been provided by chefs from across the world in support of the Syrian Refugees. All I ask is that you give a donation that I can send to '**Embrace the Middle East**' to purchase food for families during the festive season and beyond. I suggest **£3** but any sum will be welcome. All that you give will go to the Appeal.

Make someone's Christmas very special with your gift!

With love

*Ann*

# GUESTS IN THE WRITING GROUP AT DOORWAY

With their letter of thanks Doorway sent examples of the poems written in their Writing Group. Here are just two....

## So Long to Wait

I'm here because I was feeling depressed.

I don't have any hope at the moment  
so long to wait.

4 weeks before things might get better  
seems like a lifetime to wait so long.

Better here than wait at home?  
Maybe.

I love seagulls – never go to the seaside  
never go on holiday -  
haven't been on holiday for 40 years  
since I was at school.

Winter coming now – 6 months of dark and cold  
No leaves on the tree, very depressing future.

## Living on the Side of the Road

It's a hard type of living, living on the side of the road.

In the town or the country  
living on the side of the road  
nobody knows me, I've got no place to call my own.

Walking along just my dog and me  
following footsteps just my dog and me  
sharing the load and company.

Don't know where I'm going  
can't remember where I've been  
but we must be going somewhere  
some place I've never seen.

## Coming to the Big Screen at Beversbrook

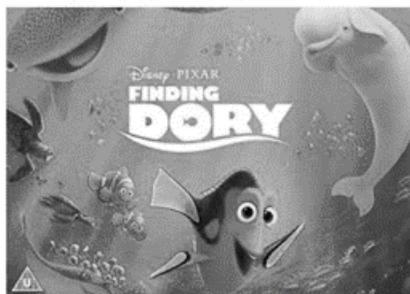
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November 8pm *Love and Friendship*

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November 11am *Finding Dory*

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 8pm *Absolutely Fabulous*

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## DEFIBRILLATOR NEWS

**Studley Methodist Chapel** had their **161st** anniversary on Sunday 9th October and in the afternoon had tea and looked at old photos in the church room. Fascinating pictures of old village characters were seen in sepia and black and white and delicious cakes were served!



This was followed by a coffee morning on Saturday 15th October where local produce and crafts were on sale. On both occasions the defibrillator group was present selling mugs, tee shirts and pens to continue fund raising. We have always had amazing support from the Studley people for our project. Thank you for that!

### Defibrillators Called For

You will all be interested to know that recently two of our three defibrillators have been called for by the Ambulance Service. One casualty had a choking episode and the other became temporarily unconscious after a fall. In neither case was the defibrillator used. The Ambulance Service regularly call for them in case they are unable to get to incidents in time. On six occasions our defibrillators have now been called for. We can think of them as similar to fire extinguishers in that they are there to be used in an emergency but we hope that does not happen too often!

### Good Neighbours

It has been pointed out by someone in the community that it would be impossible for a person alone in a house with a patient in an emergency to go to fetch the defibrillator, because they would be unable to leave the patient. This problem has been highlighted before and we thought the best solution would be for everyone to agree in advance with all their close neighbours that they could be called on at any time to help in such an emergency by phone or maybe banging on the door. It would be mutually beneficial to everyone as no one can know when such help might be needed. So please get together with the folks next door and chat about it soon!

## Goodbyeee!

As mentioned in previous editions of this journal Paula Edwards, the chairperson of our small group is leaving the area this month and we need to replace her to help continue our valuable cause. In the meanwhile Hazel Eastham and Richard Ayles have stepped into the breach to carry on the good work. Hazel who is our secretary is now also going to be your contact person along with Emma Dadd our treasurer - see below. Thankyou Hazel and Richard!

Paula has very much enjoyed the challenge and being part of the group and hopes someone will step forward to help. She would like to thank people in the two villages for their great support since we began. You have been very generous.

See us on Facebook at Derry Hill and Studley Heartbeat.

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## CHRISTMAS FAYRE!

### Saturday 26th November 1.30pm Lansdowne Hall

Yes Christmas is creeping up on us. The Fayre committee is busy planning the annual event. If your group usually attends I hope you have been approached by now. If not or you would like to come for the first time please contact me. We have new stalls coming but have a couple of spaces available at time of writing. There will be live music, along with the world premiere of the Handbell group, mulled wine, Christmas gifts, a massive Lansdowne Arms voucher and lovely raffle prizes to be won, festive café, brilliant cakes, the ever popular bottle store, as well as our entrancing children's activities. If you get tired of all that you can come and haggle with me on the '**Make me an offer**' stall. Hope to see you there!

Richard Ayles 01249 814632

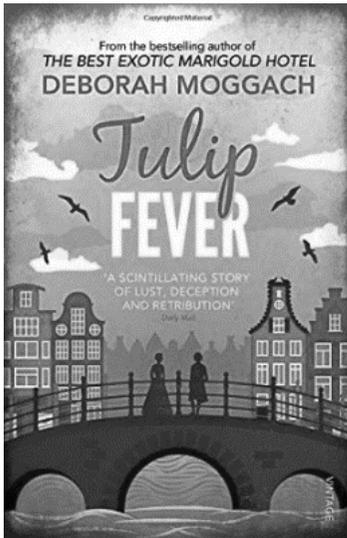
## THANK YOU

Many thanks to Sally Hole for volunteering to take on the magazine delivery in the new part of Lansdowne Crescent West. You are a star!!

Ed

## BOOK REVIEW

### Tulip Fever by Deborah Moggach, chosen by Christine Acford



This month's book is a love story and also a picture of what happens when an entire society loses its head, in this case, over tulips.

Everywhere in the 1630s men are seduced by the fantastic exotic flower but for wealthy merchant Cornelis Sandvoort, it is his young and beautiful wife, Sophia, the woman he hopes will bring him joy.

Cornelis longs for a son, "***an heir to skip across these marble floors and give a future to this large, echoing house on the Herengracht***". But so far, he and Sophia have failed to produce one. In a bid for immortality, he commissions a portrait of them both by the talented young painter Jan Van Loos.

During their sittings, something transpires between Jan and Sophia. Their love for one another becomes frantic. They concoct a devious plan to be together.

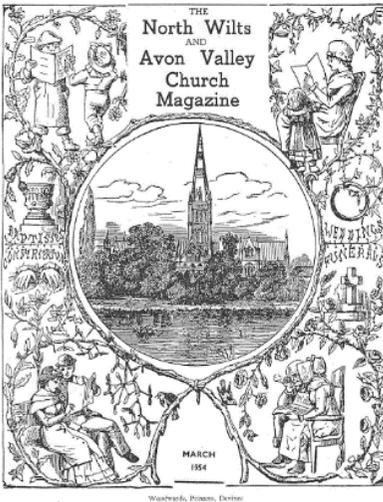
Each short chapter is written from a different character's perspective which really draws the reader into the drama. The paperback book has paintings from the time interspersed between the pages thus making a link between art and reading.

Most of the book club members really enjoyed this novel, the unexpected twists and resolutions, as well the interesting historical time it is written in, keeps your interest till the last page.

Our final book for the year chosen by Ann Vaid is 'All the Light We Cannot See' by Anthony Doerr.

If anyone would like to borrow a copy of this book or any others we have read, please contact [Dani](#) 01249 816106.

# ARTICLE FROM THE PAST – NOV 1955



## Monday's Washing

*Sheets* – On a windy day you can prevent sheets and other articles from twisting over the line, when hung out to dry, by clipping 3 or 4 spring pegs to the bottom of each article.

## Tuesday's Sewing

*Gloves* – When knitting gloves I put the spare stitches on to a curtain ring instead of pins while knitting the other fingers.

## Wednesday's Nursing

*For Asthma* – Squeeze juice of lemon into a cup and add a tablespoonful of best olive oil and English honey. Mix well and drink. This quickly gives relief.

## Thursday's Cooking

*A Quick way of Cooking Fish* – such as kippers and golden fillets, etc, is to place fish in an enamel dish, cover with boiling water for from 3 to 5 minutes, lift out and place on flat tin with knob of butter on each. Put under grill for about 2 minutes, and serve at once. With this method the fish retains all its flavour.

## Friday's Household

*Old shoulder pads* make ideal pincushions or polishing pads for shoes, and two stitched together to form a square make a doll's pram cushion.

## Saturday's Children

*Toe caps* – Very soon mothers will be able to get shoes with plastic 'unscratchable' toe-caps, invented by a Norwich firm. These shoes will be guaranteed against tree-climbing, wall-kicking and football, for they have been well 'tried out' for three months by the local children.

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Monday to Friday: 6.30am - 9.30pm

Saturday: 7.00am - 7.00pm

Sunday: 7.30am - 7.30pm



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