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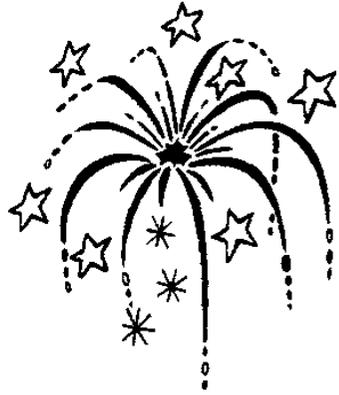


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## Editorial

With the clocks going back an hour last month, the impact of the darker evenings hits us immediately as we look forward to the different delights (and possibly hardships!) of the winter ahead. As always there are anniversaries to recall in the month, not least of which is of course Remembrance Day on 11 November, marking the signing of the 1918 Armistice after 4 years and 97 days of war involving the loss of around nine million lives and twenty-seven million injured. The villages will be gathering at the memorial to pay their respects on Sunday 10 November.



Some 83 years ago on 2 November 1936 the BBC began the world's first regular television service, broadcasting to one hundred people in London who had the required equipment. How things have changed with the multitude of TV stations now available, the many ways in which television is consumed and the capacity to broadcast live footage of news and sporting events from around the world in high quality.

There was a much bigger audience to witness an event which took place on 16 November 1724 – some 200,000 people turned up to witness the execution of Jack Sheppard at the gallows at Tyburn. He was only 22 but had become something of a celebrity among ordinary folk for his ability to escape the clutches of the authorities, hence the large 'audience'. Again, how viewing habits have changed!

There is also Guy Fawkes Night, marking the failed Gunpowder Plot of 5 November 1605. I was musing how these celebrations have changed over the years too. As a child in the inner part of Birmingham, every garden (or yard in my case) had its own bonfire and very poor fireworks, as if there was not enough industrial pollution around already, and little apparent thought was given to safety. Now we can enjoy very well organised fireworks displays with other attractions and entertainments running alongside them.....but what has happened to 'penny for the guy, mister.....?'

***Assistant Editor***

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## Our Hedgerows 3 - The Craft

The quintessential sight of the English hedgerow stretching out across the landscape defining its variety and topography and geology has a long and rich history from at least the Bronze Age. It is part of the fabric of who we are as peoples of these islands. But it is also an essential part of the ecology of our landscape and the very survival of countless species- and thus our own survival.



Hedges may appear to be something that just grows: but they need to be as carefully managed as anything else. Without care and attention, they would encroach across the land and the variety of species within would not be as diverse. Long before the Enclosure Acts of 1760 - 1820 which saw vast swathes of England planted up with hedgerows (and changing its appearance from the traditional Anglo-Saxon and feudal layout, there was a tradition of adding fruiting trees to planted hedgerows, which turned a practical stock-proof boundary into a linear orchard with apple, damson, crab apple and pear. Often the line of a ditch follows ancient landscape feature such as the route of a natural spring, or a spot where the ground is hard, rocky, or a prehistoric track: difficult to cultivate and farm, but good enough for wild shrubs to take hold.

At its best, hedge-laying is an art form. The technique involves slicing through the stems of the component plants almost all the way through, so they can be laid over at about 45 degrees to the ground. Stakes are driven in and sometimes long, flexible stems of willow are bound together to connect the stakes. The brush-wood trimmed off the plants is added back to the hedge to make it more stock-proof. Our ancestors valued hedges as stock boundaries and providers of shelter, but also for what they could use them for. The wood of *Euonymus europaeus*, known as spindle, is hard and straight, making it ideal for whittling into a point and using it as a wool-working tool (spindle has stuck as a common name to this day). Hedges provided wood both for burning and crafting into tools and walking sticks.

Laying hedges almost died out in the post-war period but has survived thanks to a rising interest in traditional crafts. There are now hedge-laying societies all over Britain teaching the crafts and reviving its skills. If a newly laid hedge is a work of art, a really old one is a living marvel: they can be well over 2800 years old!

We should care about our hedges for their historical, cultural and wildlife significance, and for what they can offer us today and in the future. Hedges help stabilizes soil and reduce erosion – significant in heavily cultivated arable land – and ameliorate the effects of flooding on human habitation and farming land. They improve air quality locally and filter pollution. Hedgerows are the British countryside in microcosm and no more should be allowed to fall.

The skills emerging from the art of hedging include: Coppicing, Hurdles, Fences, Fruits, Basket-making, and Crop protection. Maintenance is necessary to ensure hedges do not creep out and encroach onto fields. At its best hedge growing and keeping is a rural custom and skill that visually is at the very heart of what we feel to be and identify as being British. It is part of who we are. And we must cherish them as vigorously as we defend such things as our jury system and ancient liberties.

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## **CALNE NETBALL CLUB**

Following a successful second year using the netball court adjacent to the Lansdowne Hall Derry Hill, the club are proposing to hire the Village Hall for a quiz night on **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 7:30 pm** to raise funds for the club. If anyone would like to enter a team (maximum number of people six) please e-mail [calnenetballclub@gmail.com](mailto:calnenetballclub@gmail.com) for an entry form to reserve your team.



**Barbara**

## **Important notice**

Please remember that the next edition of this magazine will be a combined December 2019 / January 2020 one.

**Ed**



## The Night Sky in November

The return to darker skies as we approach the winter months coincides with more opportunities to view our neighbouring planets as Mars and Venus become more visible – and at more convenient times as the coming months progress!

Venus will be very bright low in the south west part of the early evening sky and on the 28<sup>th</sup> of this month there is an opportunity to view three planets close together.

If you look towards the south west at around 16.45, very low in the south western sky, the very thin crescent moon can be located with Jupiter immediately to its right. To its left will be the even brighter Venus and to the left and slightly higher will be the much fainter Saturn. If the weather conditions are unfavourable, the following evening viewing at the same time will see the moon just below and to the right of Saturn and Venus and Jupiter close together but lower and to the right. Jupiter has been with us all through the summer months and this gas giant and Venus should be easily identifiable as they are the brightest objects in our night sky after the moon.

Mars has not been visible for some time but rises at around 5.00 am. For early risers on 24 November Mars can be identified just below the thin crescent moon in the south eastern sky and for those with binoculars, Mercury will be even lower and to the left.

As mentioned, earlier, Jupiter has dominated our skies all summer. The planet is believed to have 79 moons, some of which are unnamed. The astronomical club at a primary school in Lanivet in Cornwall last month won a naming competition held by the Carnegie Institute and one of those previously unnamed moons is now called ‘Pandia’.



	<b>Sunrise</b>	<b>Sunset</b>
1 November	7.00	16.41
15 November	7.25	16.19
30 November	7.49	16.03

***Richard Carter***

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## CHRIST CHURCH SERVICES November

<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Nov.</b>	(All Saints)	11:00am	Parish Eucharist (CW)
		3.00pm	All Souls Service
<b>10<sup>th</sup> Nov.</b>	(Remembrance Sunday)	11:00am	Remembrance Service
<b>17<sup>th</sup> Nov.</b>	(2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent)	8:00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		11:00am	Family Service
<b>24<sup>th</sup> Nov.</b>	(Sunday before Advent Christ the King)	11:00am	All Age Holy Communion Patronal Service

## ALL SOULS' SERVICE

At Christ Church, Derry Hill on **3rd November** we will hold our annual Service for All Souls at **3pm**. This is a special time to remember with thanksgiving before God those whom we have known and loved: those who gave us life, or who nurtured us in faith, or indeed those whom we gave life and nurtured.



We remember the departed by name and, if you would like a name read out in the service, please add their name to the list in the church. There will be an opportunity to light a candle and add a sprig of rosemary to a cross as part of your remembering.

All are welcome to attend this service. If you have a friend or neighbour, who has recently been bereaved, you might like to invite them to accompany you to the service. Refreshments are served in the church after the service.

## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY



At **10.50am on 10<sup>th</sup> November** we will process from Christ Church, Derry Hill to the War Memorial for the Act of Remembrance and two-minute silence at 11am. This will be followed by a Service of Remembrance in Church.

## Evensong Service at Bowood

The next Evensong at the Bowood Chapel will be on Sunday 10 November at 6.00pm  
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Evensong





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Term 2 began on 4 November after a week and a half's break and it finishes pre-Christmas on Friday 20 December. Term 1 saw Owl Class hold their presentations and elections for Head Boy and Head Girl with Finn and Tamika being duly appointed to fill these roles.

In addition, two Captains for each of our School Houses are also in place:

Earth Seby and Pippa  
Fire Lily and Natasha  
Water Lola and Jack  
Air Sarali and Claudia



On the 10<sup>th</sup> of last month our normal school red was replaced by a sea of yellow as the school supported the Young Minds mental health charity by making a donation in exchange for wearing yellow for the day. Friday 15 November will see us enjoying another non-uniform day as we contribute to the BBC's annual Children in Need Appeal.....whilst another on Friday 8 November will see the donations used for the Christmas Bonanza evening which the school is hosting on Friday 6 December between 5.00 – 7.00pm

We held two busy Parents Evenings last month and our choir took part in the Primary School Choirs concert at Kingsbury Green Academy as part of the Calne Music and Arts Festival. There have also been class Cake Bakes, a visit to Wiltshire Museum and Forest Trips for various classes so our calendar has been very busy. Towards the end of this month the first group from Owl Class will be undertaking the Bikeability course and the whole school is looking forward to its December trip to Wyvern Theatre in Swindon to see the 'Sleeping Beauty' pantomime.

Finally, for this month, school will be closed on Monday 25 November for a TD day

***Hayley Roberts, Headteacher***

## Mothers' Union Prayer & Fellowship Group

The October meeting was led by Deirdre, who started with prayers. We heard that two of our members could not attend due to ill health. Prayers for their well building were offered.

Most members had knitted Christmas angels to be sent to Salisbury for the Christmas market.

Robyn took names for our annual Christmas tea at Bowood. We are also asked for suggestions for next year's program. Robyn and Michael will again organise the big lunch. Please keep the first Wednesday in June free.

Deirdre told us about the history of the lessor known Irish saint, Brigid. As with most ancient saints, it is difficult to distinguish between fact and fable. She is mostly known for Saint Brigid's cross, which is seen in Irish homes and is said to keep the occupants free from harm. She wove them from the rushes that covered the floors in those times and replicas are still made. Deirdre told us how to make a cross of our own for our homes – not with rushes but using strips of paper. We all went home with a cross that we had made ourselves with varying degrees of success!!

The November meeting will be on November 6<sup>th</sup> when we will be shown how to make a Christmas wreath. All are welcome to join us.

Please come along if you would like to join us and you can be assured of a warm welcome.



## Saturday Morning Breakfast Club

The next Breakfast will be Saturday November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Forget the cooking and washing up for one Saturday morning a month and join us for breakfast in the church **9am-10am**. This is open to anyone who would like to come along and enjoy Christian Fellowship and a cooked breakfast. No need to book.



**Stephen**

## Friends of Derry Hill School (FoDHS)

*Parents, guardians, staff and pupils raising funds for Derry Hill School together*



It's still fairly early in October as we write this, but the Friends team is already gearing up for Christmas.

We hope you join us for our **Christmas Bonanza** which is at school on **Friday 6 Dec 5-7pm**. This event is open to everyone in our community and there really will be something for everyone: local crafts and gifts for sale, face-painting, a licensed bar with festive refreshments, a pop-up photo studio for your Christmas family photo, a chance to visit Santa and lots of games to play, prizes to be won and craft activities to get stuck into.

We still have a few spaces for stallholders at the Bonanza. If you are interested on having one, please email us for info on the address below. Stalls are £15 and a raffle prize donation.

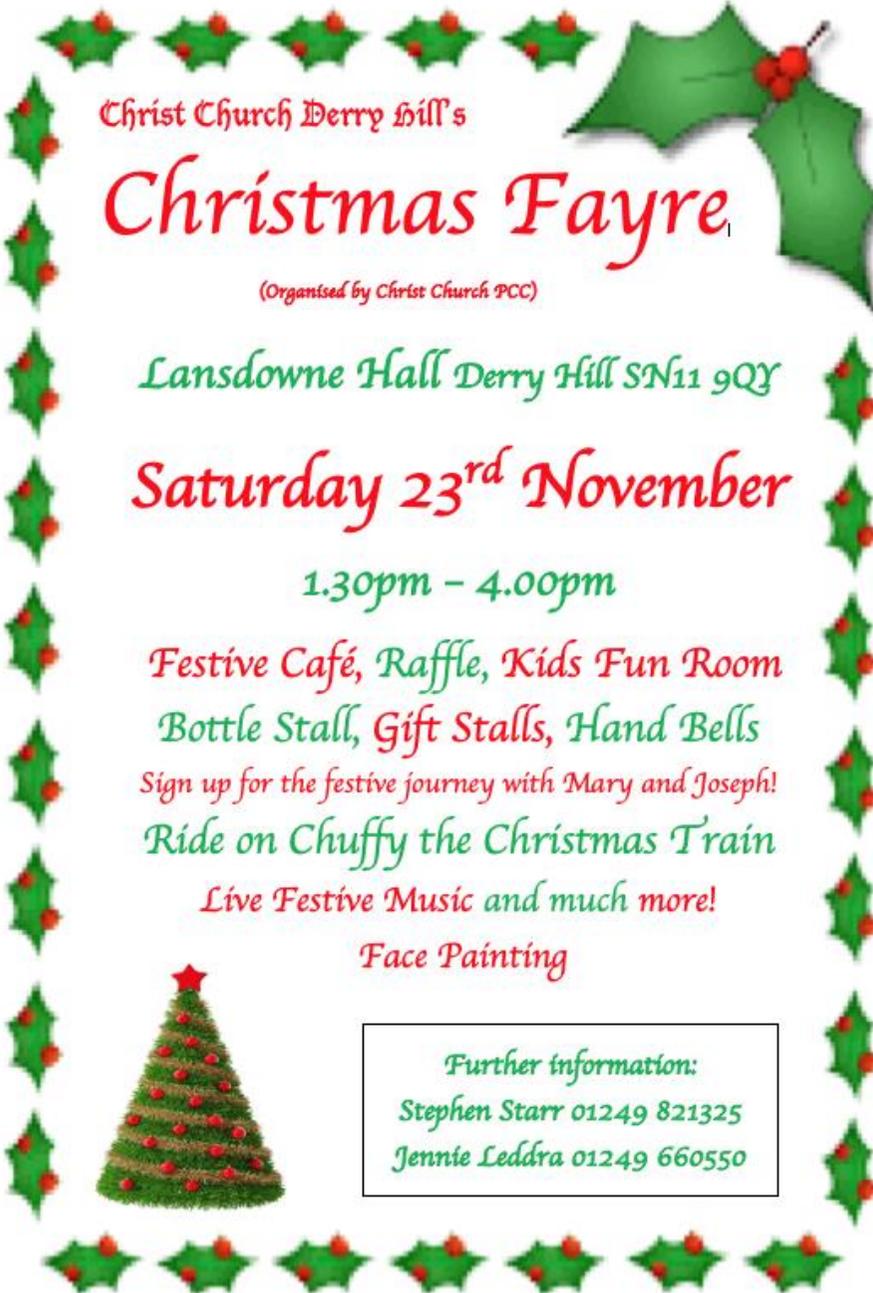
Back in Sept we hosted the White Horse Opera's *The Mikado* in the school hall. It was a lovely evening and the cast were fabulous. A huge thanks to all those who came along. We tried something a little bit different, and it was a success! A great night that also raised over £200 for our school. Thanks so much for your support.

This coming week (as we write) is busy for us with a cake bake and uniform sale planned, and our Annual General Meeting. We're also looking forward to our inaugural taster evening at The Gurkha Baynjan (The Black Dog). Ticket sales have been very good, and we are all looking forward to what I'm sure will be a very fun and very delicious evening. Eating curry and fundraising together at last!

We are toying with the idea of organising a ball for spring 2020, and have been making some preliminary enquiries with venues. It would be good to know whether this would be something people would be interested in coming to? And good to hear any suggestions. Please come and talk to us, or email us if you have any ideas, or would love to be involved in the organisation of it, or would just love to come! Thank you.

Have great Novembers everyone!

**Tash and Amanda.** (Email: [friends@derryhill.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:friends@derryhill.wilts.sch.uk))



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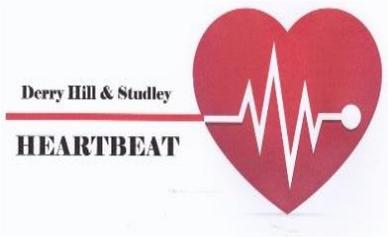


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# What to do in a Heart Emergency

Heart attack, Cardiac arrest or Angina

**If you think you - or someone you know - is having a heart emergency, phone 999 immediately and ask for an ambulance.**

## Symptoms of a heart attack

- pain in your chest, arms, jaw, neck, back and abdomen
- feeling or being sick
- feeling sweaty and clammy
- looking grey and pale
- feeling generally unwell, restless or panicky
- breathlessness, wheezing or coughing
- feeling your heart beating very quickly
- feeling dizzy

You may not have chest pain at all, especially if you're a woman, are elderly or have diabetes.

## What should I do in a heart attack emergency?

**The first thing to do is phone 999 immediately for an ambulance.** Don't delay phoning 999 if you're not sure. Even if your symptoms don't match the above, but you think you - or someone else - are having a heart attack, phone 999 immediately. The sooner you get emergency treatment for a heart attack, the greater the chances of survival.

You should then sit and rest while you wait for the ambulance to arrive.

Aspirin can sometimes help, but don't get up and look around for an aspirin, as this may put unnecessary strain on your heart.

If you're not allergic to aspirin and have some next to you - or if there is someone with you who can fetch them for you - chew one adult aspirin tablet (300mg). If the aspirin isn't nearby, however, anyone with you should stay with you and not go looking for aspirin.

## **Before the ambulance arrives**

If you can, before the ambulance arrives, you can help the paramedics by doing the following:

- if you're outside, stay with the patient until help arrives
- phone 999 again if the patient's condition worsens
- phone 999 again if your location changes
- if you're phoning from home or work, ask someone to open the doors and tell ambulance staff where they're needed
- shut any family pets away
- if you can, write down the patient's GP details and collect any medication they're taking
- tell the paramedics if the patient has any allergies
- tell the paramedics if the patient has taken an aspirin
- stay calm – the Ambulance Service will be there to help you

Many people survive heart attacks and make a good recovery. Your heart is a tough muscle. Stress, shocks or surprises don't cause heart attacks.

## **Symptoms of sudden cardiac arrest**

Sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) is when the heart stops and the person falls unconscious.

The person may:

- appear not to be breathing
- not be moving
- not respond to any stimulation, like being touched or spoken to.

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This is a leading cause of premature death, but with immediate treatment, many lives can be saved. The heart stops because the electrical rhythm that controls the heart is replaced by a disorganised electrical rhythm. The quicker this can be treated, the greater the chance of successful resuscitation.

## **What should I do in a sudden cardiac arrest?**

Cardiac arrest is reversible, but it's vital it's recognised and acted upon in the first few seconds or minutes.

### **Seconds count – phone 999 FIRST.**

You can save a life by trying chest compressions or using a defibrillator.

## **Chest compressions/hands-only cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR)**

If someone is having a cardiac arrest, after phoning [999](#), you can perform chest compressions to save their life.

Before you start chest compressions – or hands-only CPR – check the situation is safe to approach, like making sure the person's not in a busy road

If you're going to give someone CPR, phone 999 first or ask someone else to dial 999, but do this before you start chest compressions.

To carry out a chest compression:

1. Place the heel of your hand on the breastbone at the centre of the person's chest. Place your other hand on top of your first hand and interlock your fingers.
2. Using your body weight (not just your arms), press straight down by 5-6cm on their chest.
3. Repeat this until the ambulance arrives.

Try to do the chest compressions at a rate of 100-120 compressions a minute.

H3

CPR is not as hard as you may think. Just phone 999 and then push hard and fast. The person on the other end of the 999 phone will talk you through what to do.

## Defibrillators

You can use a defibrillator to save a life. It's a safe, portable electrical device – there are several in the village (see map).

The defibrillator provides a shock that stops the heart so it can naturally return to a normal rhythm.

Once you open the defibrillator case, the instructions will talk you through exactly what to do. In between the shocks delivered, CPR should be continued.

Following defibrillation, continue to follow the instructions and keep the person as comfortable as possible.

Once life is established, the person should be positioned into the [recovery position](#). Stay with the person until the ambulance comes.

## What should I do if I have angina and chest pains?

Angina often feels like a heaviness or tightness in your chest, which may spread to your arms, neck, jaw, back or stomach. Some people describe a feeling of severe tightness, while others feel more of a dull ache. Some have shortness of breath too.

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*This Information is summarised from the NHS website.*

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## Derry Tots!

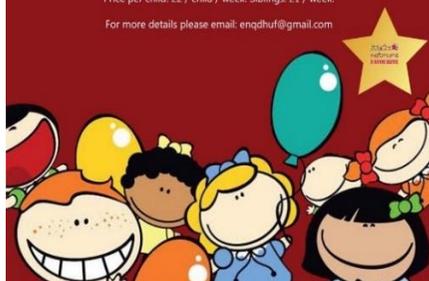
### Derry Hill under 5's play group

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## Herbert George Haddrell

In our churchyard there is just one headstone erected by the War Graves Commission, and it commemorates a local lad who gave his life during the Second World War in the service of his country – Herbert George Haddrell. His name also appears on the village war memorial (turn left out of the churchyard and walk just around the corner – about 200 yards), as well as on a plaque in St Peter's, Bournemouth where he was a regular worshipper.



He was born in what is now regarded as a golden age, 1913, when the horrors of the Great War were yet to happen and Derry Hill was a peaceful village in rural Wiltshire. His family lived in the village in Studley Lodge, and his father worked on the Bowood estate. He attended the local church school just a few yards from where he lies today, and after leaving Derry Hill school he was able to get a scholarship to the John Bentley Grammar School in Calne. Details are a bit sketchy, but Herbert decided to become a solicitor and was training in Bournemouth. He joined the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, where he trained as a bomber pilot. The record is incomplete as after his death his family destroyed his log books and documents.

It is believed that he completed at least one tour of raids over Germany, and he was posted finally to 1667 HCU (Heavy Conversion Unit) at Sandtoft, Lincolnshire, where he was gaining experience of flying a 4-engined bomber, the Handley-Page Halifax. On October 15<sup>th</sup>, 1944, he took off in Halifax DK117 on a night-flying exercise from Sandtoft and during the flight at a height of 22,000 feet an engine caught fire. Efforts to put out the fire were unsuccessful, and he ordered his crew to bail out. Three of them, Sgt John Mahoney, navigator, Sgt Reid, wireless operator, and Sgt Hammond, air gunner, bailed out and survived. Three others, Sgt John Neilson, flight engineer, W/O Maurice James, air gunner, and W/O Geoffrey Symonds, air gunner, stayed aboard and died with the pilot when the aircraft crashed on Glendue Hill in Kielder Forest, Northumberland. It is believed that the rear gunner's turret had jammed and that the other crew members stayed on board to try to free him. The crash site is now a protected military crash site, and is marked by a wooden cross bearing the names of the crew

His body was brought back to Derry Hill, and he was buried on October 30, 1944. A memorial fund was set up in his name, which was used to give financial support to Christ Church, and in 2019, the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his death, this fund was wound up and the money raised was put towards a lasting memorial to him. His life and sacrifice were commemorated in Christ Church on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October with some of his relatives attending.

*Ye who live 'mid England's pastures green,  
Remember us and think what might have been.*

**Peter R**

## **Calne Without Parish Council**

### **Remembrance Sunday Road Closure**

The Parish Council has arranged a road closure for the stretch of Church Road from Lansdowne Crescent East to the War Memorial from 10.30am to 11.30 am on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2019 for the Remembrance Sunday Parade. Access for emergency vehicles will be maintained at all times, advance warning signs will be posted, and the diversion routes will be signed.

### **Waiting Restrictions for Church Road**

Wiltshire Council's Calne Community Area Transport Group has approved the Parish Council's project to introduce waiting restrictions on Church Road, Derry Hill as part of a move to reduce traffic congestion at school drop off and pick up time and improve safety for school pupils. The waiting restrictions will be done through an experimental traffic order so that any unforeseen consequences of the changes can be addressed. An engineer has been assigned to the project and the Parish Council will be advised when a date for implementation is known.

### **Signing of Pedestrian and Cycle routes through Studley and Derry Hill**

The local West Ward Parish Councillors are currently looking at signage for routes through the villages, if you have any suggestions, or areas that you think would benefit from signs please let the Parish Council know by contacting your local councillor or emailing to [clerk@calnewwithout-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@calnewwithout-pc.gov.uk) .

**Sarah Glen Parish Clerk**



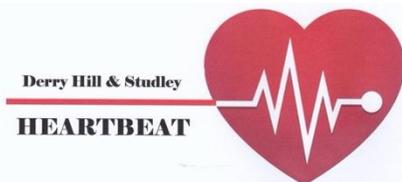
We have lots of exciting events happening here at The Lansdowne. For more information pop in for a chat, visit our website or social media sites.

<b>Chocolate Lolly making workshop</b> Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Breakfast with Father Christmas</b> Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December</b> Chocolate <a href="#">12 day</a> Advent calendar	<b>Christmas wreath making</b> Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December, Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December, Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December, Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2019

## Free pull out leaflet on what to do if a Heart Attack is suspected

We are delighted to be able to offer you a free pull-out 4-page leaflet on how to manage a heart attack situation. It is in the centre of this magazine. This useful guide is thoroughly readable and easy to understand. Please pull it out and take time to read it, it only takes 2 minutes and could save someone's life. Then keep it somewhere handy such as your notice board or on the fridge for future reference. In addition, you should find a leaflet in this magazine asking you for your financial support, we can't finance the ongoing provision of the life-saving machines in Derry Hill and Studley without your help. On the other side of the leaflet is a map to show you where all the defibrillators are.

**Julian**



## **Update on Petition for a New Parish Council for Derry Hill & Studley from Ioan Rees**

The petition for a new parish council was presented to Wiltshire Council's Senior Democratic Services Officer at County Hall at the end of September. Although there has been resistance by a majority of our parish councillors to the proposed new parish, we've had huge support from residents, the petition was signed by 672 out of the 700 residents that we've approached so far. Only 28 (4%) declined to sign, the majority of those few, sighted apathy or a lack of knowledge of parish councils as their reason for not signing.

We had to temporarily curtail our canvassing, in order to submit the petition before Wiltshire's deadline of 30th Sept. I think we still have a couple of hundred properties to call on but already a clear majority of the electorate of Pewsham and West wards have signed. We've now resumed canvassing and hopefully will offer everyone the opportunity to sign. Please contact me or Alan Malpas (01249 819204) if you wish to sign.

Wiltshire officers have already validated the petition as being signed by sufficient number of electors. Cllr Richard Clewer, the chairman of the Electoral Review Committee, very quickly responded to say they will look at our request as a priority although they first have to await the decisions of the Boundary Commission on Wiltshire Councils new electoral division boundaries.

The Boundary Commission have now made their final proposals on divisional boundaries so Wiltshire council will now be free to consider our petition and make changes to parish boundaries. Wiltshire have already written to our parish council to seek their views on the petition and a number of other relatively minor boundary changes proposed by Calne Town Council. This will be discussed at an extraordinary parish council meeting at the village hall in late October or early November, the date will be published on the parish council website. Residents are very welcome to attend.

***Ioan Rees*** 01249 819428 [i0anrees@icloud.com](mailto:i0anrees@icloud.com)

# Studley Methodist Church

Sunday services for November are as follows:  
All at 10.30am

3 Nov	Rev M Davies
10 Nov	Rev G Floyd
17 Nov	Rev T Barnes
24 Nov	Rev D Gray

A **Certificate of Appreciation** has been received from the Chippenham based **Doorway Project** following September's harvest concert, supper and retiring collection

Members from the Church hosted a group of Chippenham rambles on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October. Around 15 met at the Church Hall mid-morning and after coffee and biscuits the group walked approximately 3 miles around Studley and Derry Hill finishing at the Hall for a buffet lunch.

On **Saturday 2 November** (10am-noon) members will be hosting a Coffee Morning with various stalls. All welcome.

**Craft and Coffee session** - third Monday monthly - will next meet on Monday 18 November at 10.30am with Deacon Mrs Shirley MacIntosh.

**Lunch, Prayer and Bible Study** continue Mondays fortnightly led by Mrs Ruth Woodhouse.

## **Advance Notice**

Sunday 22 December - 4pm - Carols by Candlelight with Rev David Gray.

PLEASE SEE NOTICE BOARD FOR LOCAL INFORMATION AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

## ***Friends at Studley***

## **Derry Hill and District W.I.**

Our Autumn activities started on 23<sup>rd</sup> September, when Linda Dowsett gave a very interesting and entertaining talk on her “Journey to the Weakest Link”. Her grandchildren had entered her for the competition after her husband had died.



Initially she had thrown her energies into raising £33,860 for Guide Dogs for the Blind over seven and a half years - quite an achievement ! She took part in the Weakest Link in 2009 and described her audition in Bristol, her trial run and screen test, and finally her performance in front of Anne Robinson in a live show. We all laughed so much.

26<sup>th</sup> September. The planned walk was cancelled due to adverse weather conditions, however the lunch at the Lansdowne Arms went ahead, and was enjoyed by all.

October 23<sup>rd</sup>. We are looking forward to a talk by Hazel and Laurence on their reflections on “Walking the Camino”.

We now have the following events planned for November and December:

November 6<sup>th</sup>. A craft evening at Jackie’s making Christmas tags.

November 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Christmas Fayre in the Village Hall where we have our annual stall selling a variety of cakes, marmalades and chutneys together with Christmas decorations.

December 11<sup>th</sup>. Our Christmas meal will be at the Greyhound pub in Bromham.

December 21<sup>st</sup>. Drinks and nibbles at Janet and John’s house, where partners are welcome.

If you would like to attend any of our meetings please do come, we meet on the third Wednesday of each month in the village hall at 7:30. For any other information please contact Janet on 01249-814152 or email [janet.baumber@btinternet.com](mailto:janet.baumber@btinternet.com)

***Barbara Barnard***

## Gardening Steve

November in the garden is the time to start cutting down the herbaceous borders ready for the winter. You can plant bulbs in the gaps to brighten up the border on a spring day. You can now plant any bare root roses. Please remember if you are replacing roses you need to change the soil as they will not grow in the same soil. Any forced hyacinths can now be brought into the light and into a warm environment in the greenhouse. If you have not got a greenhouse, a window sill will do. Give the lawns an autumn feed, this will keep them healthy during the autumn and winter season. Keep raking leaves off the lawns but keep leaves in borders as this will break down naturally and act as a mulch. Happy gardening!



**Stephen Starr** Bowood gardener.

## MOBILE LIBRARY VISITS TO DERRY HILL

### Lansdowne Hall Derry Hill

14.30 – 15.45

Tuesdays: 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> November 2019

### Kingston House Derry Hill

10.10 – 10.30

Mondays: 25<sup>th</sup> November & 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2019



## TOWN HALL MOVIOLA

Our next film will be 'Red Joan' (12) starring Judi Dench and Sophie Crookson. **November 20<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm.** Doors open 7.00pm.

Joan Stanley is a widow living out a quiet retirement in the suburbs when the British Secret Service place her under arrest for providing classified information to the soviets.

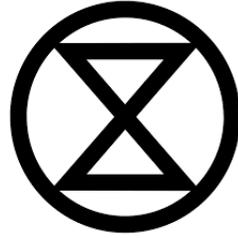
Tickets £6.00 from the information centre or on the door. Refreshments available but no bar, you can bring your own drink.

**Viv**



## . Passionate, Peaceful Protest- and Prayer

*On 9<sup>th</sup> October Bishop Nicholas spoke out on behalf of the Church of England at the start of the two weeks of protest by Extinction Rebellion.*



"We are facing an unprecedented global climate crisis. Christians have a duty to care for God's creation. This runs through everything we believe. Climate change is upon us and most affects the world's poorest. Peaceful, passionate protest is a democratic response at a time when business as usual will not do."

As the Church of England's lead Bishop for the Environment, Bishop Nicholas said:

*"There is a climate emergency and we are all called to exercise leadership in this area, prioritising the fifth mark of mission 'to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth'. Without this being done wholeheartedly the other four marks lack meaning and credibility in today's context. It is now clear that almost everything we do needs to be seen through the lens of the environment."*

Through actions such as switching to green energy, carrying out energy audits on our buildings, installing renewables, encouraging biodiversity with the Bats in Churches project and plastic reduction schemes, and shareholder resolutions aimed at reducing carbon impacts, the Church of England is actively reviewing its activities across the board to combat the threat which Climate Change poses.

Across the country, schools have partnered with churches and cathedrals to find ways for children to be involved in climate observances and action without putting themselves in danger.

The Church of England's Education Department has partnered with Christian Aid and the Global Neighbours school accreditation scheme which recognises the excellent work that many schools are doing to engage in courageous advocacy and challenge injustice.

We can do more, individually, as churches, dioceses and as a national church and will continue to develop ways to measure and reduce our carbon impacts, while promoting biodiversity.

The recent Season of Creation has been a time of year when we have a special focus on God's creation.

The Church strongly supports the cause, and the right for peaceful protest, but stresses that it does not advocate activity which breaks the law.

The Bishop of Oxford issued this prayer for use over the next two weeks:

*Loving God, creator of our common home,  
You fill the earth and sea and sky with life  
Forgive us our neglect of your creation  
The choking waste of our pollution  
The damage done by careless habits  
And our indifference to future generations.  
Help us to amend our lives  
To lift our voice for lasting change  
And to live well and gently on the earth  
To the glory of your Son, the Living Word  
Through whom you made this fragile world.  
Amen.*

Extinction Rebellion was established in the United Kingdom in May 2018 with about one hundred academics signing a call to action in support in October 2018, and launched at the end of October by Roger Hallam, Gail Bradbrook, Simon Bramwell, and other activists from the campaign group 'Rising Up!'.

In November 2018 various acts of civil disobedience were carried out in London. In an ongoing action, in April 2019 XR occupied four prominent sites in central London: Oxford Circus, Marble Arch, Waterloo Bridge and the area around Parliament Square.

Citing inspiration from grassroots movements such as Occupy, Gandhi's independence movement, the suffragettes, Martin Luther King Jr and others in the civil rights movement, Extinction Rebellion seeks to rally support worldwide around a common sense of urgency to tackle climate breakdown. A large number of activists in the movement have pledged to be arrested, and even to go to prison, similar to the mass arrest tactics of the Committee of 100 in 1961.

Extinction Rebellion issued its own statement:

*Let's take a moment, this moment, to consider why we are here.*

*Let's remember our love for this beautiful planet that feeds, nourishes and sustains us.*

*Let's remember our love for the whole of humanity in all corners of the world.*

*Let's recollect our sincere desire to protect all this, for ourselves, for all living beings, and for generations to come.*

*As we act today, may we find the courage to bring a sense of peace, love and appreciation*

*to everyone we encounter, to every word we speak and to every action we make.*

*We are here for all of us.*

***Bishop Nicholas***

## **Coffee, Craft & Chat**

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Dear Friends,

Last month I wrote about the liturgical colours and seasons in the church calendar, and this month I want to mention the Kingdom Season. This is a fairly recent addition which comes right at the end of the Church's year, covering the four Sundays in November from All Saints' to Christ the King. During this period the themes and ideas for worship encourage us to think about the Kingdom of God and what it means to live as God's Kingdom People. All Saints' and All Souls' give ample opportunity for us to learn from the example of the lives of those who have gone before us; to be inspired by the stories of the saints, to honour our loved ones in the way we live our lives. Remembrance Sunday reminds us of the need for peace and justice in the world, and the Gospels speak of the Kingdom of God in terms of compassion, love, mercy, forgiveness, freedom, peace and justice rather than power, wealth and geographical borders.

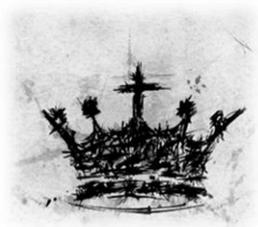
The last Sunday before Advent is the Feast of Christ the King, and at Christ Church, Derry Hill is celebrated as our Patronal Day. The Gospel reading for that day this year centres on the crucifixion of Jesus. Far from any worldly notions of kingship, we are invited to reflect on our calling as followers of the crucified King, who came to serve and not to be served; we pause to consider the power of love, power made perfect in weakness and vulnerability.

It is also a time to look back over the past year to see how God has guided and led us; what are the things we want to celebrate and give thanks for? When have we failed to follow God's leading and so need to seek forgiveness? How can we encourage and support one another as look to the future?

**Somewhere-Someone** by the Rev. Thomas Carruth

**The Kingdom of Love is coming because:**  
somewhere someone is kind when others are unkind  
somewhere someone shares with another in need

somewhere someone refuses to hate, while others hate  
somewhere someone is patient -- and waits in love  
somewhere someone returns good for evil



somewhere someone serves another, in love  
somewhere someone is calm in a storm  
somewhere someone is loving everybody.  
Is that person you?

My prayer during this Kingdom Season is that we will endeavour to be  
the signs of God's Kingdom in this place.

**Linda**

## Kingston House

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**Lynda**



## Rub a Dub Preschool

With the village Christmas Fayre on 23rd  
November rapidly approaching, we are very  
excited to announce that Chuffy the Train will  
make his debut appearance at the Fayre, on  
behalf of Rub-a-Dub preschool. So, it's all  
aboard for a festive ride in the village. Who  
knows 'what' and 'who' you will see...



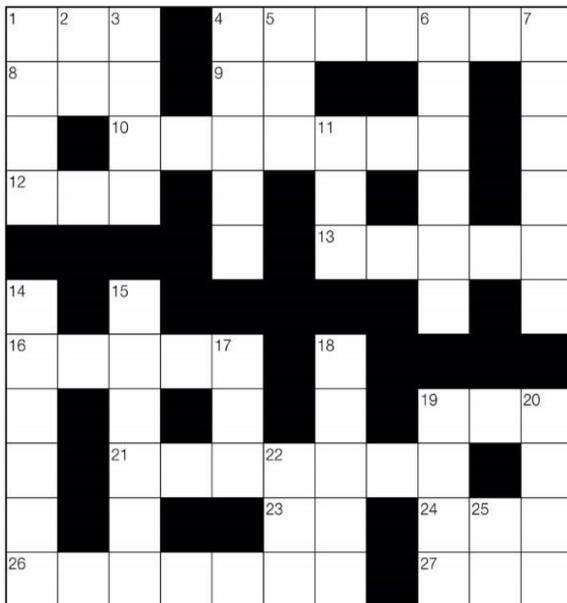
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...Tickets are £3 per person (those under 2  
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Inside the Fayre we'll be offering Christmas themed face painting by  
the amazing Poppy Wilkins, craft activities, a raffle and a guess the  
name of the reindeer teddy competition. So, come and join us for  
some festive fun.

**Sarah** The Rub-a-Dub committee



## November 2019

### Across

- 1 Full collection (3)
- 4 Herbal tea choice (7)
- 8 Terminal expectation: Abbr. (3)
- 9 Off area abbr. (2)
- 10 Speaker's platform (7)
- 12 "Coffee or \_\_\_?" (3)
- 13 Squash or pumpkin (5)
- 16 Central part (5)
- 19 Shoreline indentation (3)
- 21 Cleanliness (7)
- 23 French for 'in' (2)
- 24 "Diamonds \_\_\_ Forever" (3)
- 26 Field gathering (7)
- 27 Item in a pod (3)

- 1 Dispatched (4)
- 2 Phone home (2)
- 3 Home of the Irish kings (4)
- 4 Violin-case item (5)
- 5 Bran source (3)
- 6 "Nonsense!" (6)
- 7 Spanish inn (6)
- 11 Cloth in the garage (3)
- 14 Separate grains from hulls (6)
- 15 Collect (6)
- 17 Game with an "it" (3)
- 18 Surgeon's artery opener (5)
- 19 Harvest (4)
- 20 Floor space measure (4)
- 22 Pluralized -y (3)
- 25 Regarding (2)

### Down



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## FLOODLIGHTING THE SPIRE

This is a lovely thing to do to remember loved ones and to celebrate special anniversaries and birthdays. The Spire is currently lit between 7pm and midnight, though this varies with the time of year.

Floodlighting the Spire can be arranged through **Reverend Linda Carter**, The Vicarage, Church Road, Derry Hill. Calne. SN11 9NN  
[lindac@mardenvale.org.uk](mailto:lindac@mardenvale.org.uk)

A donation to the church for the cost of the lighting is welcome.

### ALTAR GUILD

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



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St Mary's Calne Sports Centre is running a week-long National Pool Lifeguard Qualification (NPLQ) with additional AED and Anaphylaxis modules from Monday 29th July to Sunday 4th August 2019 (candidates must be available between 0900-1800).

The course cost is just £210.00 for Sports Centre members and £230.00 for non-members, inclusive of all course materials and final assessment. 100% attendance is required, candidates must be a minimum of 16 years of age on the day of the assessment and pass a pre course swimassessment. Further criteria can be found on the candidate enrolment form.

For more information please contact course organiser Craig Ewles, or to make a booking please download and print an enrolment form from our website or collect one from reception and return it to us as soon as possible.

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