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Well we made it through Winter into Spring and are now in the month of showers! Whatever the weather throws at us we have the spectacle of the natural world reawakening and filling vistas with colour after the long winter months. The cheery daffodils will continue to bring cheer, though soon to be replaced in our woodland areas and gardens. with drifts of bluebells. Incidentally, this month sees the 250th anniversary of the birth of William Wordsworth whose poetic reference to the daffodil is so well known.



14 April, St Tiburtius Day, is traditionally the date to hear the first cuckoo of Spring as it returns from its sojourn in Africa. It is the male that we hear singing and their stay on our shores is brief as they return to Africa in mid-June, traditionally by St John's Day, 24 June – after all they have no offspring to look after! Let's hope that we get to hear the iconic call of these birds this year as their numbers continue to decline. Hedgehogs, also endangered, begin to reappear from hibernation this month, hungry and tired, and could do with some help as they seek water and food (but no milk) in the early days of Spring.



There are some interesting anniversaries this month – the Union Flag was officially adopted for the nation on 12 April 1606 and much more recently Apple released its first iPad on 3 April 2010. For beer lovers, the beverage went back on sale in 19 of 48 states of the US on 7 April 1933 prior to formal legislation at the end of that year after 13 dry years of prohibition – imagine the queues – probably bigger than the recent idiotic dash to stockpile toilet rolls!

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Dartmoor and Cornish Hedgerows

As a child I often travelled with my father in his lorry all over the country. And I knew what part of the country I was in according to the material used in house building and also the architectural tradition: for example: Cotswold stone, Welsh slate, Devon and Cornish granite,



half-timbering of the Welsh Marches and so on. The same was also true of hedgerows. I can't speak of other parts of the country but the hedgerows of the South-West I have seen and grown to love.

Cornish Hedges

The Cornish hedge (also found in parts of Devon such as Dartmoor) is a free-standing bank of soil whose sides are reinforced with rocks. Others say it's a double-layered stone wall whose cavity and fissures are filled with earth. The stones involved are usually granite boulders and/or wedges of slate. The soil is a lovely magical mixture of silty clay, sandy loam and moorland peat in which the Duchy abounds.

They are like a strangely linear and perpendicular rock garden. Sometimes, they're given a helping hand, with conventional hedges planted atop them. More often than not, however, the furnishings are left to Nature- the hedges' crests and slopes being swiftly colonized by native species and garden escapes, indigenous and exotic cohering in casual plant communities, resulting in some of the greatest beauties of the Cornish landscape. As you drive across the landscape in spring and summer you are often greeted by a ribbon of colour as far as the eye can see from the flowers of these bank hedges.

Devon Hedges

Overall, Devon has over 33,000 miles of hedges, with over three-quarters of hedgebanks thought to be of at least medieval origin (AD 1150 – 1450). Around 20% of the UK's species-rich hedges occur within Devon.

Attention to Devon hedges as a feature worth investigating was raised by Clement Pike in the 1925 volume of the 'Transactions of the Devonshire Association'.

On Dartmoor there are many such similar boundaries as in Cornwall and overall are referred to with the general name of “reeves” which extend all across the Moor (more people lived on Dartmoor in the Bronze Age than live on it today!). They would have once formed clan divisions and livestock defences. On the higher moor both boulder bank, and stone wall and reeve are often met with. On lower ground, it changes more to high earth banks (a bit like the sunken lanes we see around our local landscape).

Due to the lack of woodland on the high moor, the hedge trees once provided a source of wood for poles, faggots, and bark. The bank hedge now also provides an efficient windbreak for crops and livestock, in addition, the hedges also control soil erosion and run-off during the wet, winter months. (and Dartmoor is a very wet place: its reservoirs provide the water supply of most of the towns and cities of the South West)

Such bank hedges were built by firstly digging a trench, the soil from which would be piled up on the owner’s side of the land into a mound of about 4 – 6ft high and 4ft wide. On top of this would be planted oak, ash, birch or hazel trees which as they grew would be coppiced and after 15 – 20 years of growth can provide wood for many purposes. They are also a home for beneficial insects that prey on crop pests.

The hedges banks of Devon and Cornwall are almost as sturdy as the walls of a fortress, and once inside such a field by a hedge bank you feel really enclosed and isolated. They are impenetrable. One can only wish that the many aspects of



our landscape, wildlife, and heritage could have been as impassive and indestructible as these hedgerows. We don’t have anything quite so dramatic in North Wiltshire, but sunken lanes of sorts do exist. Perhaps we should embrace “guerrilla gardening” and sow flowers along our grass verges to bring back those old ribbons of joyous colours.

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The Night Sky in April

This month gives us another supermoon to enjoy and this will be the brightest Full Moon of the year, some 30 percent brighter than the faintest Full Moon of 2020. It is the Paschal Full Moon and will be with us on 8 April. Such an event takes place when the date of the Full Moon coincides with the time when the Moon is at its closest point



to Earth in its monthly cycle (this time 357,000km). If conditions for viewing are not right, then May will also witness a supermoon.

It has dominated the evening sky for some time now, but Venus will be at its most brilliant during April hanging in the western sky until it sets around midnight. Its brilliance diminishes in May and it will become a morning object again during July. It reaches peak brilliance on 28 April. The planet provides a great image between 2 and 4 April as it passes through The Pleiades. At around 11.00 pm on 3 April it will appear a little fuzzy to the naked eye as it looks to be swamped by the small tightly grouped star cluster of the Seven Sisters (The Pleiades). Further, once you have identified this cluster in such a way, you will find it easier to locate it in the night sky in the future. They are easily found again on 25 April when they will be low in the north western sky at 21.30 to the right of the thin crescent moon. With no interference from moonlight, 21/22 April will see the maximum (15 per hour) of the Lyrid meteor shower. They are formed of the dusty debris of Comet Thatcher.

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15 April	06.11	20.05
30 April	05.41	20.30

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We are seeing a huge increase in the number of people falling sick with COVID-19. We must distance ourselves from one another and prevent the spread of infection in order to save lives.

Therefore, as well as public worship being suspended, Christ Church, Derry Hill and all church buildings in the Church of England are now closed.

Our worship of God and our care for each other continue but cannot be done in this building.

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See: www.mardenvale.org.uk

You can also visit our Facebook page @christchurchdh

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Bowood Gardener

Hi to you all.

April is upon us and Spring is here. After a very wet winter we hope now to have some dry days ahead of us.

Protect your plants from slugs; pellets are a good way of controlling them, there are a lot now that are harmless to pets. If you are an organic gardener, the oldest and best known is a beer trap. This is a jar sunk in the ground with the top just proud of the surface filled with beer which will attract the slugs.



Give your roses a good feed of rose fertilizer and mulch afterwards. When the leaves start to appear spray with an insecticide - Rose Clear is a good product this will control aphids and black spot. Spray every fortnight until September. Weeds will now start to grow so keep regularly hoeing as this keep the borders clear. You can now spray your box plants for the control of box blight. Buxus Health is a good product which you can buy it on Amazon. Use this 5 times a year up until September. Prune Forsythias and Chaenomeles, these shrubs put on a terrific show of colour on wood made the previous summer.

You can be very hard on pruning, its best to keep these at your desired height. Clematis will now start to grow so continue tying new shoots to form a lovely framework on a wall. This will give you a good flowering display in the summer. Enjoy your time in the garden see you next month.

Stephen Starr Bowood Gardener

Christ Church Supper Evenings

Because of safety concerns about the Corona Virus we will not be holding any supper evenings at the church for the foreseeable future. We will let you know when they start back.

Stephen Starr



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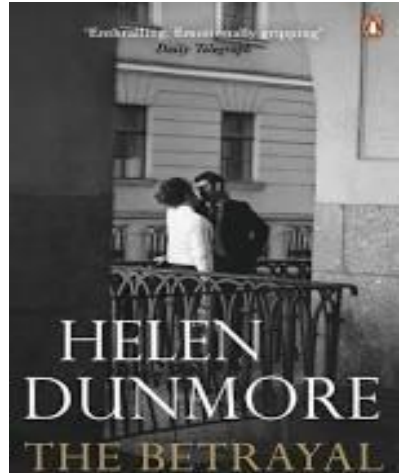
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BOOK REVIEW

The Betrayal by Helen Dunmore

Helen Dunmore's 2001, *The Siege*, told the story of the Levin family's struggle to survive the 1941-42 Siege of Leningrad – 872 days of appalling deprivation and incalculable loss of military and civilian life. In this sequel, she picks up exactly 10 years later when the war is over. Anna is still a nursery school teacher and now married to her lover, Andrei, who has completed his medical training and is a hospital doctor; they are trying to conceive a much wanted child whilst still bringing up her much younger brother, Kolya, now a 16 year old 'rebellious teenager'.



Whilst their lives are relatively peaceful, this is Leningrad in Stalin's last years, the city still recovering from the War and the Siege, the people living in a climate of fear and oppression – they fear their neighbours and colleagues, they fear standing out, they fear being disappeared. The Ministry of State Security is ruthless, indiscriminate and unpredictable – people are arrested, tortured and shot or sent to the Gulag on the whim of a State Official.

Against this backdrop of paranoia, Andrei is asked to treat Gorya, the seriously ill young son of Volkov, a senior secret police officer, and the tension builds alongside the prospect of disaster as Andrei is unable to alleviate Gorya's increasingly desperate situation. As the daughter of a dissident poet and the self-appointed guardian of his (well hidden) literary works, Anna finds herself once again living in constant fear of hammering blows on their door at dawn that signify imminent arrest.

The sense of time and place are well written, and the juxtaposition of the domestic life experienced on rare visits to the family dacha with the harrowing accounts of the brutal treatment meted out in the Lubyanka prison means this novel has a long aftertaste.

Whilst receiving generally positive reviews from our Book Club, especially for its pace, story and writing, many felt the main characters were two dimensional and faded into the background compared to lesser roles but stronger presence and depth of the older women and, much to our surprise, Volkov who managed to evoke compassion and empathy despite being 'a monster'.

For some members, the novel also raised awareness of a part of history not known to them and much discussion centred on linking the experiences described to our own of for example, the Cold War, Communist China and, closer to home, the Troubles in Northern Ireland. Published in 2010, the theme of the needs and rights of the individual taking second place to the needs of the State or collective resonate with the current situation as we all live with a global pandemic.

Elizabeth

Derry Hill and Studley Heartbeat

Good news – we have now raised sufficient funds to buy the defibrillator for Studley Gardens (Bowood Gate) and have found and agreed a suitable location where it can be installed. So, we are now able to order the equipment and move onto the installation and commissioning phase.

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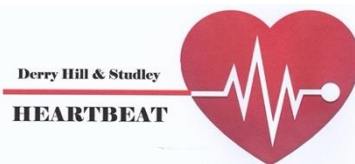
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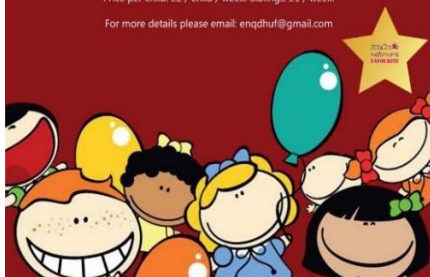
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By the time you are likely to be reading this, Term 4 will have come to an end and we will be looking towards the start of Term 5 after the Easter holidays on Monday 20 April. This assumes that the effects of the corona virus have not enforced any changes on schools and some of the items contained in this newsletter which is written before mid-March.



Rabbit Class recently toured the Roman Baths during the course of which they created mosaics and dressed as Romans. This was put to good use when parents were invited into school for a 'Roman Experience' on 10 March when the class demonstrated their learning and toga-wearing capability. Meanwhile Squirrel Class had great fun making pizzas at Pizza Express in Chippenham and enjoyed the fruits of their labours when they returned to school! Hedgehog Class enjoyed a wonderful day at the Cotswold Wildlife Park where the visit enabled them to put an end to their topic which explored the amazing variety of African wildlife by seeing many of them in the flesh and talking with the keepers about them. A trip to the Hawk Conservancy fascinated Mole Class as they were able to observe a variety of owls flying and vultures being fed. After lunch, gloves were donned and owl pellets were dissected revealing a number of vole skulls contained within, amongst other items.

The school 'Rocked our Socks' on World Down Syndrome Day on 20 March when children wore odd socks of the brightest colours and patterns. 5 March saw World Book Day with many literary activities. Children dressed as their favourite literary characters, from Harry Potter to Willy Wonka, plus many others.

Hayley Roberts, Headteacher

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Happy April everyone, we hope by now we are all enjoying some much nicer weather conditions.

We had a fabulous Quiz night on 6 March, with six teams taking part. The fabulous Peter Prater was our quiz host once more; he was the consummate professional and also very entertaining!

There was a lot of laughter, as well some amazing general knowledge skills shown by our teams. It was a very close competition with the school staff team taking the trophy by just one point. A well deserved (and reassuring) win! The event raised nearly £300 for school funds. Thank you to everyone who supported the event. We hope to see even more teams enter next year! ☺

Unfortunately, we had to cancel our annual Easter Egg hunt as all schools closed on 20 March. Instead we had an impromptu sale on the playground after school and managed to sell all the 260 eggs we had pre-purchased, so no funds were lost and none of the committee had to over indulge on Cadburys chocolate eggs!

We are currently in tricky times as you know so other events we had planned including a coffee morning /uniform sale and a cake bake sale are currently on hold. Keep an eye on facebook and parentmail for updates.

In the meantime, look after each other and stay safe.

Thanks for your continued support.

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The Lansdowne Hall Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meetings of the Lansdowne Hall and the Derry Hill and Studley Village Hall Trust should have been held at the Lansdowne Hall on Wednesday April 22nd. However, because of the current situation this has been postponed until a later date. Please keep an eye out for the new date.



Alan Rosekilly 01249 814538

The Lansdowne Hall Multipitch

Further to our comments in last month's inSPIRE the Lansdowne Hall Management Committee will be reopening the multi - pitch for general use once the damage to the pitch and treatment of the boarding has been completed. Some of this work is weather dependent so no time scale on the reopening can be given.



Once reopened it is stressed that the multi - pitch is used only for sports and not for scooters, skate or roller boarding and bicycles. Therefore, parents are asked to inform their children who use these machines that they are not allowed on the multi - pitch and if there is a recurrence of previous misuse or vandalism the multi - pitch will be permanently closed to all apart from paying members. It is hoped more use will be made of the pitch's intended purposes and that residents will join the membership scheme allowing them to reserve playing times and use the tennis net. The scheme has been in operation for several years but after an initial burst of enthusiasm interest has dwindled so now is the time to resurrect that interest. The Hall Administrator (adminstartor@lansdownehall.org) is the focal point for membership applications which involves a small charge and an undertaking to respect the pitch. The charges are

currently £20 per year for a family or individual membership and £40 for groups or clubs.

The Management Committee hopes that there is more concern within the local community than there appears to be about the wellbeing of the multi pitch as, to date, no one has come forward as requested to help us. However the request for help remains on the table and anyone interested in this community activity or the Lansdowne Hall in general should contact Alan Rosekilly (Management Committee Secretary) at Rosekilly@aol.com or 01249 814538.

Alan Rosekilly

Blast from the Past

I've had an interesting letter from Douglas Mole who was christened in Christ Church Derry Hill in 1940. His Mother's family were the Mountjoy's. He now lives in Trowbridge.

Douglas is wondering if anyone would be interested in seeing his large scrapbook of photos and postcards of the village that he's built up over the years. He says of particular interest is a postcard



showing the funeral procession of The Fifth Marquess of Lansdowne's funeral procession in 1927, the interior of Christ Church in colour and black and white, the old garage and post office.

If there is sufficient interest, we might be able to arrange a 'showing' of the collection or with his permission lend it to someone who wishes to make a detailed study.

Please contact me in the first instance if you are interested. (Preferably by email, details at the front pages of this magazine)

Editor

Benches at Tile Court, Derry Hill

The Parish Council thanks Green Square Housing Association for working with it on the project to replace the benches at Tile Court Derry Hill. The new benches have been purchased by the Parish Council and will be put in place by Green Square when they arrive.

Parish Council Meetings

During the Covid-19 emergency the Parish Council has put in place the necessary delegated powers to ensure the continued operation of the Council while it is unsafe for Councillors to meet to make decisions. All decisions made will be posted on the Council's website. The Parish Council is supporting local community groups in their response to Covid-19 with advice and guidance from Wiltshire Council as it is received.

Sarah Glen, Clerk

clerk@calnewwithout-pc.gov.uk

MOBILE LIBRARY VISITS TO DERRY HILL

Lansdowne Hall Derry Hill

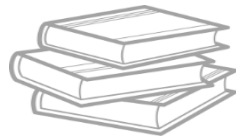
14.30 – 15.45

Tuesdays: 7th & 14th

Kiln House Derry Hill

10.10 – 10.30

Mondays: 13th April 2020



CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Town and village grass maintenance

We manage highway and amenity areas across the county and endeavour to cut them monthly between March and November, weather permitting. An amenity area is grassland found in parks, sports grounds, village greens, church yards or cemeteries.



We also cut highway grass once per year, usually between May and June depending on the grass growth. Highway

verges are cut for safety reasons and we cut up to a 1 metre width, but where there are visibility issues additional grass will be cut. Highway grass is the area adjacent to the footways and roads.

Over time, the highway grass and the amenity cutting services have merged and this has led to many urban highway areas receiving an amenity cut. This will be discussed at the local highway meetings in May/June. We would like to understand the local priorities for grass cutting, balancing environmental issues against regularly cut grass.

Historically we have cut some areas of land that we do not own and are not responsible for. This will also be discussed at the next local highways meetings and we will be seeking the Parish Council's comments.

Wiltshire Council Highways Department

Topical joke

It's the loo roll industry I feel sorry for...
when all this is over they won't sell a roll
for months!



Derry Hill and District W.I.

Our last meeting was when we had our Members Meal, and what a lovely evening it was. We started off with a very quick business meeting and then went onto the Prosecco and canapés. Next came a selection of four hot dishes with all the accomplishments; for some of our members the favourite course was the amazing selection of deserts. The tables were decorated by simple but stunning table arrangements, enough for each of us to take one home.

During the meal, we raised a glass to the memory of Ann Vaid, who passed away on the 16th of February.

Other successful meetings during the month have been Knit and Natter at Margaret's on the 23rd, and afternoon Tea Party on the 11th at Andrea's.

July and August events being planned, but may be cancelled because of the virus are: -

21st July talk by Janet Street-Porter.

4th August visit by Kate Adie

17th August Visit to the Royal Mint

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

Walking Netball is still proving very popular, with two sessions each week, unfortunately it is CANCELLED until further notice because of the virus. Sorry!

Barbara Barnard

Saturday Morning Lent Breakfasts and Breakfast Club

Cancelled until further notice.

Stephen



Mothers' Union Prayer & Fellowship Group

We were delighted to welcome Mary Love to our last meeting which took place at Christ Church on Wednesday 4th March and look forward to seeing her again at our forthcoming meetings. Opening prayers were led by Mary Hobbs after which we ran through the business of the day and, having enjoyed the afternoon of music by Conchordia on Valentine's Day, we all agreed that we would be more than happy to do the refreshments once again for their next afternoon performance. We finished off our meeting with a good cup of tea; the refreshments being laid on by Christine Weston and Barbara Starr.



We were very fortunate to have had our March meeting before the current restrictions came into force and we all enjoyed a very interesting talk by Mary Hobbs on Flowers, Plants & Folklore, little realising it would be our last meeting until who knows when! In place of normal life meeting friends, attending meetings, visiting family etc we now find ourselves sorting out drawers & cupboards and gardening – I'm sure by the time we come through this pandemic our homes will be spotless and our gardens looking better than we ever thought possible. Until then, the Mothers' Union hold everyone in their prayers and pray you all stay safe.

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Barbara Parry

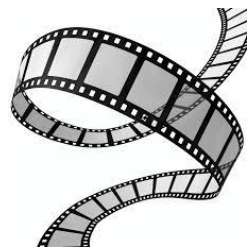
TOWN HALL MOVIOLA

Please note that there will be no more films showing up to and including July. We will look at the situation then with a view to coming back in September.

We will be back that is for certain.

Thank you all for your support.

Viv and the Team.



SHARE SOME LOVE TO THOSE WHO NEED IT MOST

The most vulnerable in our community need some extra support during these difficult times. Residents of our local care homes may not receive visitors and would therefore love to receive **letters, drawings and paintings** from children who are currently not at school, to help brighten their days.

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Lansdowne Crescent
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The Firs/The Lilacs

2 Lickhill Road
Calne
SN11 9DD

The Maltings Voyage Care

Brewers Lane
Calne
SN11 8EL

Goatacre Manor Care Centre

Goatacre
Nr Calne
SN11 9HY

Marden Court

Quarr Barton
Calne
SN11 0EE

PLEASE POST!

TO ENSURE THE RESIDENT'S SAFETY, PLEASE POST THE LETTERS DIRECTLY TO THE LISTED HOME ADDRESSES!

Public Health England (PHE) has advised that people receiving parcels are not at risk of contracting the coronavirus. From experience with other coronaviruses, we know that these types of viruses don't survive long on objects, such as letters or parcels. Further info: [royalmail.com/coronavirus](https://www.royalmail.com/coronavirus)



Kindly organised for the community of Calne, by Calne Town Council

Mind that bin!



Went out to empty the bin and at a safe distance the bin man warned me that the handle could be a hot spot for the virus. They touch as many as 2000 bins a day. So, wear gloves or wash your hands to protect yourself and others when handling bins.

COVID-19

LIFESPAN ON DIFFERENT SURFACES



air

3 hours - includes moisture from coughs/sneezes, fog, dust, medical gas



copper

4 hours - includes taps, drawer handles



non-porous surfaces

4+ days - includes door knobs, elevator buttons, hand rails, light switches



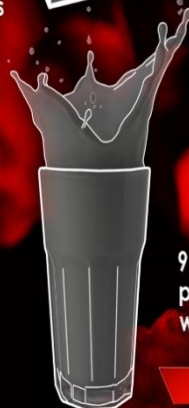
cardboard

24 hours - packages and mail unlikely to transmit COVID-19



plastic

2-3 days - includes bottles, plastic bags, containers



glass

9 days - includes mobile phones, use disinfectant wipes not alcohol wipes

Source: World Health Organisation

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Aubergine Cannelloni: - Aubergine rolls filled with a rich ricotta & parmesan cream on a bed a fresh tomato & basil sauce **£4.50**

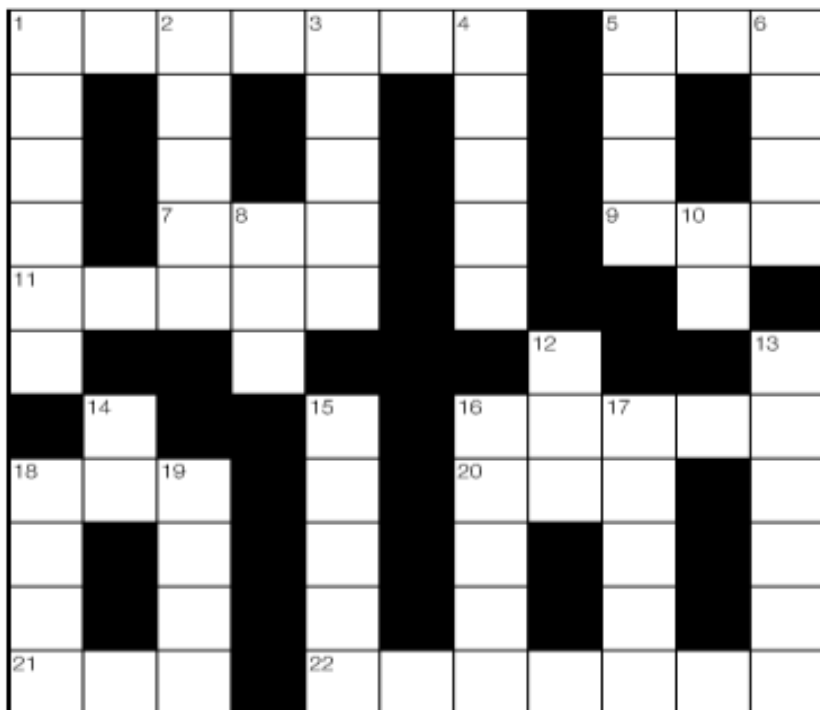
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April 2020

Across

- 1 Refined (7)
- 5 See 21 across (3)
- 7 One of a pair in "Popeye" (3)
- 9 Bailed-out insurance co. (3)
- 11 "Come on in" (5)
- 16 Home made of logs (5)
- 18 Saucer occupant? (3)
- 20 Baled grass (3)
- 21 Writing utensil (3)
- 22 Some beachwear (7)

- 5 Creative thought (4)

- 6 Royal ruler (4)

- 8 Sound of fright (3)

- 10 Pronoun (2)

- 12 Sheepish reply? (3)

- 13 Celestial messengers (6)

- 14 French for "of the" (2)

- 15 Place to dry out (5)

- 16 Young bird (5)

- 17 Lord of verse (5)

- 18 Part of a crescent moon (4)

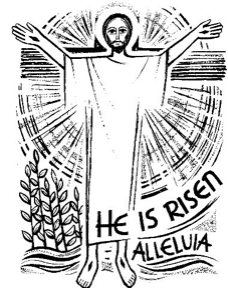
- 19 Lowly chess piece (4)

Down

- 1 End of Holy Week (6)
- 2 Where Suez is (5)
- 3 Gem made of resin (5)
- 4 Hitchhiker's finger (5)

Dear Friends,

At the time of writing it has just been announced that we are entering the 'delay' phase of dealing with the coronavirus pandemic. Guidance from the Church of England is being updated almost daily, decisions about gatherings and events are having to be made, and folk are considering how best to stay healthy and to care for others. Perhaps it is a sobering experience for some as we come face to face with our own vulnerability. And I wonder how things are now, as you are reading this?



The Christian faith speaks of hope, and on Easter Day we celebrate our Lord's resurrection with great joy. This is not a triumphalist celebration; rather it is the joy of transformation which comes from walking with Jesus through the events of Holy Week. After experiencing the dark days, the uncertainty and confusion, the desolation of Good Friday, we can go on to embrace new life. Hope is what propels us towards the promise of resurrection, not by ignoring pain or suffering or loss or sadness. Hope is what keeps us going in the midst of all these things.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu wrote: "Goodness is stronger than evil; love is stronger than hate; light is stronger than darkness; life is stronger than death..." That is the resurrection life of Jesus Christ. That is the Easter joy that God's kingdom of hope has arrived.

In these unsettling times, my prayer is that we live out our Christian faith hopefully, that we care for one another compassionately, that our hearts remain open and generous in the midst of 'social distancing'.

A Blessing (written by Chris Polhill)

The power of the Creator who brings life out of death,
be with you.

The risen Christ be your constant companion.

The healing embrace of the Holy Spirit encircle you
so that you see resurrection ever about you.

May I wish you all a very happy and blessed Easter. **Linda**

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

If you are self-isolating, Christ Church at Derry Hill can help.....

If you are self-isolating due to COVID-19, we can help with.....

.....a friendly phone call, text or emailshopping, collecting prescriptionshelping you to get the right advice from other placesposting mailprayer requests
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Please contact:

Richard Ayles 01249 814632

Carol Rigby 01225 704356

Richard Gribble 01249 812018

Ian Liddle 01249 816229

Or email: dhsfriend@gmail.com

We will put you in touch with someone who can help

Prayer is an important part of our spiritual life and although the regular services are not taking place in church you can still pray at home, and ask for prayer. If you have a particular prayer request you can ring or email Linda 01249 817926 or

lindac@mardenvale.org.uk or one of the co-ordinators above and they will write out your prayer and put it on the prayer tree in church. Linda will these in her daily prayers in church unless you wish it to be kept confidential.

Coronavirus is contagious. Please take every precaution to protect yourself and others by avoiding physical contact and washing hands according to government guidance.

Useful link: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/public-health-coronavirus>

Rub-a-Dub

Preparations for the annual RAD scarecrow trail are in full swing! The date for this year's trail has been set as the 2nd May. The theme is 'When I grow up, I would like to be.....' Those taking part in the trail will follow a route around the village which will start at the Lansdowne Hall. In addition, there will be fun activities for children at the hall, along with food provided by Cosy Kitchen and sweet treats organised by RAD.

Join us for what will be a great day for all of the family.

If you would like to submit a scarecrow, please pick up an entrance form from the Derry Hill village shop or contact

rubadubfundraising@gmail.com

We would be delighted to have more sponsors for the event. If your business would be interested in sponsoring a scarecrow please contact

rubadubfundraising@gmail.com

Sarah



Studley Methodist Church

Please see notice board for details of any activities.

Tina

Friends from Studley MC



Coffee, Crafts & Chat

Unfortunately, this is postponed until further notice.

Shirley Mobile 07483 286009

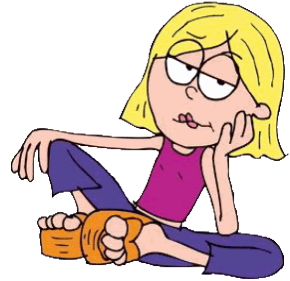


Some useful sites to help you pass the time at home

For the kids

kidsactivitiesblog.com *Lots of ideas and resources for kids*

Childsfarm.com *Lots of ideas and resources for kids and colouring in sheets (Mum and Dad too?!!)*



Grown ups

Some theatres are allowing you to watch one of their plays.

Try on Instagram via IGTV **Hampstead Theatre**

'I and You'

The National Theatre is streaming for free every Thursday 730pm a succession of decent plays. First up is James Corden in 'One Man, Two Guvnors' via YouTube.

countryside-alliance.org *Interesting articles for adults on countryside matters*

Here is a massive bank of further information including virtual visits to museums:

<https://workwiltshire.co.uk/2020/03/23/learning-from-home/>

Ed



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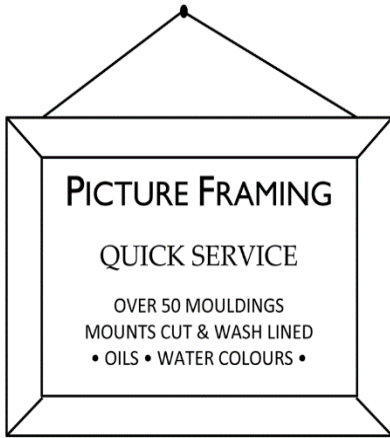
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FLOODLIGHTING THE SPIRE

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

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



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