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Editorial

I have sat down to write these monthly notes for some time now hoping that there would be something positive to say about the ending (or easing) of our shared Covid-19 experience but alas, the virus is very much still with us and indeed is making its presence felt with renewed impact. Whilst in rural and semi-rural locations such as ours we have been pretty much shielded from its worst ravages and casualties compared with more heavily urbanised areas of the country, our lives have nevertheless been affected in how we go about our daily business and activities and how we interact with those around us.



I am pretty sure that over recent years we may have looked with mild amusement at news images showing the regular daily wearing of facemasks by the citizens of countries in the Far East. Now such protection is mandatory for us all and second nature in the UK – you can even enter a bank wearing a mask these days when not so long ago such attire would have had the staff reaching for the panic buttons! We have though been affected by the loss or postponement of the many activities and markers of village life – the fetes and village fairs, the church services, the suspension of village clubs and groups – all the things which bring us together and enrich our lives. These final months of the year have always hosted winter activities and celebrations together with remembrance and pre-Christmas events which will not be the same in 2020. Hopefully, we can look forward to the return of all these events and cherish them all the more when we are able to do so. We also hope that this magazine has served as a useful communication vehicle through this most difficult of years and that its content is valued.

I normally include a couple of dates to remember within this piece so how about these – Sunday 22 November is ‘stir-up Sunday’ when Christmas Puddings are traditionally made, allowing time for the flavours to mature before its appearance at the feast. All the family are invited to

have a stir of the pudding as it is supposed to bring good luck. This is a reminder that the Christmas celebrations are not too far away, however we mark them this year. Secondly, 3 November 1975 was the date that North Sea oil started to flow...seems only yesterday.....

Richard Carter Assistant Editor

Derry Hill C of E (VA) Primary School

Term Two of the school year begins on Monday 2 November after our break which began on Thursday 22 October at the end of a quite different first term from any previously experienced. The school and the children have coped very well in adapting to new ways of working and operating due to the Covid-19 pandemic, but the break



was well deserved. Instead of the school going into Christ Church as usual, mid-October saw us celebrate Harvest in a virtual way with all the gifts donated being given to local charities.

Friday 6 November sees our annual 'Whizz...Bang .BOOM!' day with the children exploring fireworks through exciting, imaginative and creative activities. In addition to firework artwork there will be science investigations, firework yoga, poetry, making a firework in a jar and many other activities. The children will be coming into school wearing bright clothing on the day so the school should be a mass of colour.

Monday 16 November sees the start of anti-bullying week and also on that day the children will be coming into school wearing odd socks!

At the end of last term, we said farewell to Mrs Scrivens who has been appointed Deputy Head at Marden Vale School in Calne.

Hayley Roberts, Headteacher

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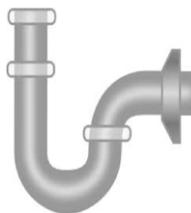
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Gardening Steve

Hi to all you fellow gardeners. I hope you all have enjoyed your time in your garden this year during these difficult times that we all are experiencing at the moment. At least we are able to get out in the garden and enjoy open spaces. I look forward to next year when I can see more visitors coming back to Bowood House.



Jobs for this month in the garden. Start cutting down herbaceous borders and divide and split plants. If the lawns are looking a bit long give them a final cut and raise the height of cut. Give the lawns a dose of Autumn feed. Keep leaves off the lawns.

Continue to plant daffodils and other spring bulbs but leave planting tulips until at least beginning of December. Prune rambling and climbing Roses when pruning cut out any dead wood or overgrown branches. Tie in any new shoots covering most of the wall or fence this will give you a lovely display next year.

On wet days get into the greenhouse and clean and disinfect with Jeyes Fluid pots and seed trays. This will get rid of any disease and pests. Anyway, that all for this month. Stay safe and see you all next month.

Stephen Starr Bowood Gardener.

Hibernation in The Village

Autumn is the time when wildlife prepares itself for the cold weather ahead. And although our winters are relatively mild thanks to the Gulf Stream, various creatures find winter a dangerous game of survival, especially since we have damaged so much of the environment on which they depend.

You may have noticed that your pet cat, dog or rabbit begins to grow a thicker coat as the days become shorter in the autumn. This, of course, happens with wild mammals too, such as foxes, badgers and squirrels. The extra fur of their 'winter coat' helps them to keep their body temperature constant during very cold weather.

Autumn is a time of preparation for mammals. They fatten themselves up by eating as much as possible. Squirrels, voles and mice take advantage of the autumn harvest of fruits and nuts, storing some of these away in various places, ready for eating on winter days when food is scarce.

Smaller mammals lose heat more quickly than larger ones and so they must burn up their fat fast to keep warm. This is why mice and voles make themselves cosy, underground nests during the winter, and sleep there on the coldest days. In this way, they save energy by being inactive. Squirrels and badgers also save energy by sleeping through spells of bad weather. Foxes and deer can remain active throughout the winter because of their larger size.

The mammals which find it most difficult of all to cope in the winter are those which rely mainly on invertebrates for their food. Most invertebrates are harder to find during the winter. The only way the insectivorous mammals can survive is to slow their body processes to almost a standstill – and they do this by hibernating.

The hedgehog is perhaps the most well-known hibernator in Britain. It fattens up on slugs, snails and other mini beasts in the autumn, and spends the



cold months curled up in a cosy nest of leaves and dry grass. Bats, which rely entirely on insects, also hibernate, wrapped in their wings deep in a cave, tree or attic somewhere. During its deep sleep, a hibernating mammal's body temperature drops well below the normal 37C (it feels very cold to the touch), its heart beat slows to as little as three or four per minute, and it breathes only every two minutes or so. Hedgehogs and bats do not stay asleep for the whole winter. They will wake up on warmer days and look for food or water. If the temperature drops too low, they will also wake up and start shivering in order to keep the body temperature above freezing. Physical disturbance will also awake a hibernating hedgehog or bat. Every time they wake up a great deal of energy is used up, so a long, cold winter is better for these animals than a winter with lots of warm spells.



The dormouse is the only hibernating rodent in Britain. Both the common dormouse and the introduced edible dormouse are known as true hibernators because they sleep from October to April without waking up at all. Both species fatten themselves up in the autumn with extra food, often doubling their summer weight. The

common dormouse (not now thought to be as common as it used to be) eats pollen, flowers, insects and fruits – but in the autumn its most important fattening-up food is hazel nuts. A winter nest is built on or near the ground, among tree roots or beneath a hedge. Here the dormouse curls up, its fluffy tail wrapped over its head for warmth, and ‘switches off’ to such an extent that it can be picked up without being woken!

Mammals and other creatures then still live in harmony with the great cycle of natural life. I often think it a pity we humans have lost so much contact with the rhythm of the seasons and nature and do not do the same as mammals with their winter fur, by putting on a woolly indoors rather than mindlessly clicking on the heating at the first hint of cold weather and further adding to climate change and its dangers.

Stephen Ben Cox

Remembrance Sunday

8th November



Remembrance Sunday commemorations this year will be very different from what we would normally do.

Sadly, there will not be a Remembrance parade and we will not be gathering at the War Memorial, but we will be remembering.

~~The Act of Remembrance will take place in church at 10.45am followed by a short service. Wreaths will be laid at the War Memorial by two representatives (church and parish council). COVID restrictions mean that the maximum attendance at church is limited to 30 people so please check availability with Linda (by 6pm on Saturday 7th Nov) Tel. 01249 817926 Email lindac@mardenvale.org.uk~~

~~It might mean you need to take time at home to pause and reflect, rather than being in the church building.~~ There will be a recorded Service of Remembrance and you will find the link on the Marden Vale Team website: www.mardenvale.org.uk

Calne Without Parish Council News

Vacancy for a Parish Councillor

Make a change - become a parish councillor



If you live or work in Calne without, care about our area and are passionate about your community, we need you.

Are you interested in your local community and live or work in Calne Without Parish? The Parish Council would like to hear from you if you would be interested in becoming a Parish Councillor.

The Parish Council has a vacancy for a Councillor which is to be filled by a process known as co-option. This means that the Parish Council advertises for people who live or work in the Parish to apply for the role and instead of being elected to the position the decision is made by a vote taken at a Parish Council meeting.

Whoever fills the vacancy will serve on the Council until May 2021 when along with all the other Council seats they will be up for re-election, unless the tenure period is extended due to the Covid situation.

The vacant seat is in the Pewsham Ward of the parish which includes Old Derry Hill, Naish Hill and parts of Derry Hill and Studley.

If you are interested, please either contact the [Clerk](#) or go to the [Parish Council website](#) where you will find more information and the details of how to apply. If you would like to discuss any aspects of the Council's work please contact the [Chairman, Ed Jones](#) or any existing Councillors for an informal chat.

Playground for Derry Hill?



On various occasions the Parish Council has been asked about providing play equipment at Petty Acre, Derry Hill. Developments like this are expensive and before taking this project too far the Parish Council has decided it should establish the level of community support for the

project before launching a feasibility study. This will be done through a questionnaire that we aim to make available on-line as well as through delivery of a leaflet.

Details of the proposal considered by the Council are on the Parish Council website [please click here to view](#)

Remembrance Sunday Road Closure Cancelled

Those of you living on Old Road will have received notification from the Parish Council about a road closure on the 8th November for the Remembrance Sunday parade. As explained elsewhere in the magazine this will not now take place and the road closure will not be required. Please pass this information to other residents who may not see the inSPIRE.

Church Road Community Speed Watch

Last month the Council asked for volunteers to be part of a Community Speed Watch Team for Church Road in Derry Hill. There has been very limited response. The Team requires at least 5 members, one of which must agree to become team leader, to go ahead. If you are interested or would like to know more before committing please contact either the [Parish Clerk](#) or [Cllr Alan Malpas](#).

Vehicle Activated Speed Signs (VASS)

In response to continuing concerns about speeding traffic at a number of locations in the Calne Without Parish, the Parish Council is examining the feasibility of acquiring and installing Speed Indicator Devices (SID). The aim would be to deploy these on a rotating basis where there is evidence that limits are not being observed. The units would also collect data to enable the Parish Council to make further representations about adherence and enforcement.

Details of the proposal considered by the Parish Council can be found [here](#).

Thank you

The Parish Council has received this letter of thanks from the Lord Lieutenant and the Chairman wanted this passed on to everyone in our community who has helped others during the Covid pandemic. All contributions no matter how small can make a big difference to people's lives, please continue to stay safe and well.



Mrs Sarah Rose Troughton
HM Lord-Lieutenant of Wiltshire



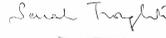
Dear *Chair*

During the past few months of the COVID-19 pandemic the imaginative ideas, collaboration and generosity shared by many groups and individuals, voluntary and otherwise across Wiltshire and Swindon has been inspirational and uplifting.

As Her Majesty The Queen's representative, I would like to thank you, your friends and colleagues for the wonderful and important contribution you have made to the community at large.

May I ask you to kindly share this message with those you have worked with and after this extraordinary and challenging period let us hope for brighter times ahead.

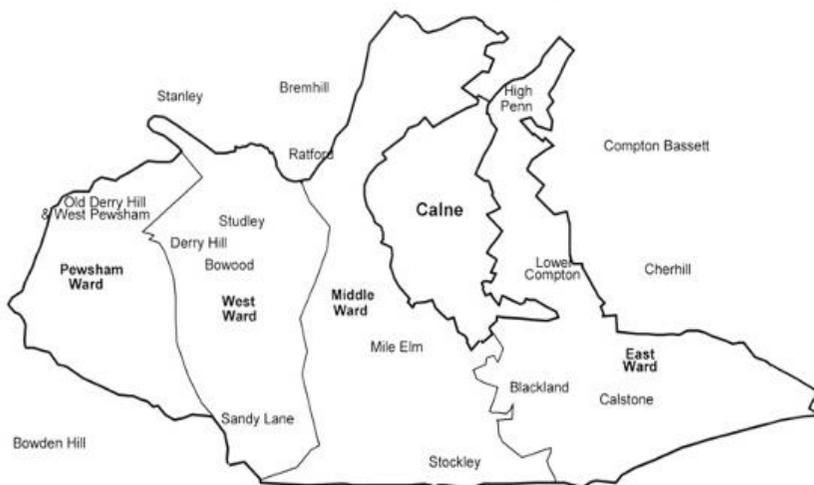
Yours sincerely,



Mrs Sarah Rose Troughton
HM Lord-Lieutenant of Wiltshire

Sarah glen [Parish Clerk](#)

A Parish Council for Derry Hill & Studley



CALNE WITHOUT PARISH

Wiltshire Council has sadly now confirmed that they will NOT create a separate parish council for Derry Hill & Studley before next May when the parish elections are due to be held. They will however “as soon as practical” after May, undertake a full consultation to review how some parts of Calne Without could merge with adjoining parishes in order to allow Derry Hill & Studley to have a Parish Council of its own. Whilst its disappointing that we will have to wait even longer, it’s heartening to hear leading Wiltshire Councillors say that they -

“are not necessarily rejecting the well-argued case made by residents of Derry Hill & Studley”

“Their case is a very strong one and the Committee recognised that. I think we all sense that there are some very sensible solutions here that we can come to, in a thorough review in dialogue with Calne Town Council and other parishes.”

“I have a sneaking suspicion that as and when our successors (Wiltshire Councillors elected at the election in May 2021) get to that point, the desire of residents of Derry Hill & Studley to form their own council may very well be fulfilled. I have no doubt when the new council is formed the

item will appear on the agenda and an extremely sensible solution that meets the requirements of all will be found.”

At the same meeting Wiltshire Council approved the Pewsham Ward boundary change that will, at last, bring 39 houses on Church Rd, Devizes Rd and Studley Hill into the same ward as the rest of Derry Hill & Studley. It's hard to understand why the Parish Council did not seek this change decades ago but nevertheless it's a really positive move that everyone supports. However, in seeking this change the Parish Council declined to ask Wiltshire to review the number of councillors for each ward. This was a really important omission because one of the fundamental principles of our democracy is that of “electoral equality”, where each councillor in a parish represent broadly the same number of voters.

At the last parish election in 2017 it was clear that Derry Hill & Studley were underrepresented with only 6 councillors for an electorate 1008 voters. That underrepresentation has been allowed to become much worse. Not only have the number of West Ward voters increased by the 70 to 80 residents of Church Rd and Studley Hill, there are also about 100 new voters from Studley Gardens. In addition, a further 90 or so voters from the Ratford and Fishers Brook area have been transferred into the West Ward by the Local Government Boundary Commission, bringing the number of voters in our ward to almost 1300.

Unfortunately, even with close to 300 additional voters, there will be no increase in the number of West Ward councillors, leaving each of the 6 councillors representing 215 voters, compared to the tiny Sandy Lane Ward with one councillor representing only 63 voters. If West Ward were to have the same level of representation as Sandy Lane it would have 20 councillors. Clearly that would be ridiculous in a parish with a total of 15 councillors, but it does demonstrate how inequitable the distribution of council seats will be at the next election. This is grossly unfair and even though I and other councillors have tried to rectify this it has been consistently resisted by the majority of parish councillors.

The growth in the number of West Ward voters would not be such an issue if the other 4 wards had also grown in population. This is not the case, the number of voters in three of the wards are static or declining, Middle Ward is the only one where there's been any significant growth.

However, all that growth arises from the new urban housing estate of Cherhill View which is immediately next to the Rookery Park estate and crosses the boundary into our parish but can only be accessed from roads with Calne.

Middle ward will now have about 520 voters, over two thirds of which live in the 185 houses in the Cherhill View estate which should be part of Calne. It's normal practice when towns expand and new housing development crosses over their boundary for the towns boundary to be redrawn to incorporate the estate into the town. Very regrettably the parish council has opposed the proposed boundary change to incorporate the Cherhill View estate within the boundary of Calne. I strongly suspect this is an attempt by a majority of parish councillors to justify retaining the 4 councillors due to be elected in Middle Ward next year whilst at the same time resisting an increase in the representation in West Ward.

As a consequence of Wiltshire Councils decision not to review the parish boundary until after the May 2021 election, it will mean Derry Hill and Studley will be grossly under represented with only 6 councillors instead of the 8 or probably 9 that would have been justified even if a new parish had been completely rejected.

One of the fundamental duties of any council is to ensure that its councillors are elected in a fair and equitable way. I'm afraid to say that I do not believe that Calne Without Parish Council has acted in a way that fulfils that duty. Hopefully in the not too distant future we will have our own parish council with a much fairer electoral system, where decisions on our community's future are made only by people elected from our own community.

Ioan Rees 01249 819428. i0anrees@icloud.com

Universities at the Garden Trust

As part of its charitable work to engage with and offer opportunities to various sectors of society, the Stephen Cox Garden Trust (registered charity number 1174239) in Studley is now linked to several UK universities.



Currently these are: Bath Spa University, Bristol University, University of the West of England, Bath University.

The association is via all their student unions volunteering networks and portals. The scheme the Trust has for these students is for:

- (i) Students who want to do volunteering.
- (ii) Those requiring activities/experience base for degree course work.
- (iii) Individuals simply wishing to pursue an interest or develop new skills.
- (iv) Wanting to meet students from different countries and cultures.
- (v) Vacation internships.
- (vi)** Students seeking more knowledge for their studies, or research.

The timetables are flexible and can be weekends, weekdays or vacations for just a couple of hours, or half or whole day or part time. And the activities, subjects and range of skills for learning participation are quite wide. Currently subjects include: all aspects of horticulture; design; landscaping; conservation; crafts; heritage; film & photography; media & marketing.

(The Trust and the garden are not generally open to public and is a private residence). The Trust is based in Wiltshire between Chippenham and Calne. The founder, Stephen Ben Cox, and his charity also welcomes applications by students from other colleges and universities. And of course, individual students locally (as well as and from further afield) may also apply.

To apply or learn more please contact:

stephencox.gardentrust@gmail.com

stephencoxgarden.simplesite.com

Derry Hill and District W.I.

Unfortunately, since we thought our monthly meetings were about to start again, we had to revert to only having meetings in groups of six again. So, the committee went back to finding things and subjects to keep our members connected.

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INSPIRING WOMEN

The latest competition is to guess what household objects were when photographed from unusual angles, which proved very challenging. Winners will be announced in the next newsletter.

We also had a “missing vowel” puzzle which is the well – known saying NPPL DYKPSTH DCTRWY any ideas?

Robyn Summers keeps busy with her knitting, attached is a photograph of her latest creation.

Our October meeting will be via ZOOM again, but we are excited to try a “break out” which allows us to have a smaller group chat before getting together for Any Other Business. Here’s hoping.

The next newsletter will revert to a two-month paper copy, which should reach more of our community.

Cheers for now

For any other information please contact our new secretary Sally Hole on 01249 817945 or sallyhole@hotmail.co.uk.

Barbara Barnard



W.I. Walking Netball

Well, we have now some good news. Firstly, we have been advised by the All England Netball Association that we can move to Stage 4 Guidance, which now allows us to play small sided games sharing some equipment. This, of course, is still following all the Covid 19 regulations.

So, we are enjoying different sessions, finishing with half an hour of walking netball.

Attached is a photograph taken with some of our members showing off our new netball posts, which have been purchased for the Village Hall court from our funds.



We are still having two sessions a week Monday and Friday from 1:45 to 2:45pm.

For anyone interested please ring me on 01249 814206 or Tina on 01249 814145.

Barbara

More thought, less waste gifts

I came across this site the other day and thought this might be of use when we are planning Christmas gifts this year, hopefully in an environmentally friendly way –

[2020 MORE THOUGHT, LESS WASTE GIFT GUIDE](#)

Ed



Wiltshire Mobile Library Service is Back!

The Wiltshire Mobile Library service has now resumed (from week beginning 19 Oct). Some minor alterations to the timetables, such as adjustments to the arrival/departure times at some stops, may be necessary to accommodate new procedures, please



check [the online timetables](#). (Please note the mobile library does not operate on public holidays – whatever the computer says!). We are operating under Public Health guidance to ensure the safety of our customers. Anyone with a Wiltshire Library card can use our mobile libraries.

Poppy Appeal



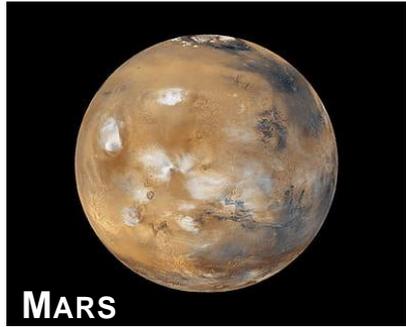
The dedicated Poppy Appeal page on the British Legion website can be found at www.rbl.org.uk/poppy appeal. It shows the wide variety of ways that the public and local communities can support the Appeal this year.

Cathy Liddle

The Night Sky in November

The most prominent feature in the skies this month remains Mars which has been with us for some months now, though it will begin to fade as this month progresses. It was at its biggest and brightest early last month when it and Earth were at their closest point to each other in their respective orbits at some 38.5m miles (62m km). It is at such times of proximity that space probes to the red planet are launched as journey times are reduced and energy is saved.

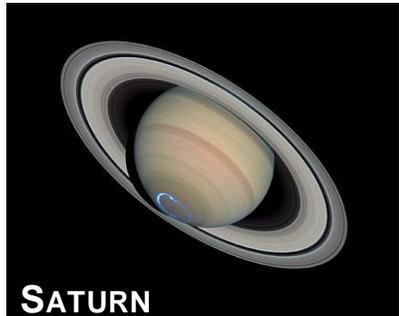
There are three missions currently en-route to Mars all of which launched in July – The United Arab Emirates Hope orbiter, China's Tianwen orbiter and the United States' Perseverance rover.



Europe and Russia had hoped to launch their ExoMars 'Rosalind Franklin' rover too but missed the launch window and will have to wait until late 2022 when the two planets once again align more closely – a twenty six month cycle as our respective planets proceed on their differing orbits around the Sun. Mars is

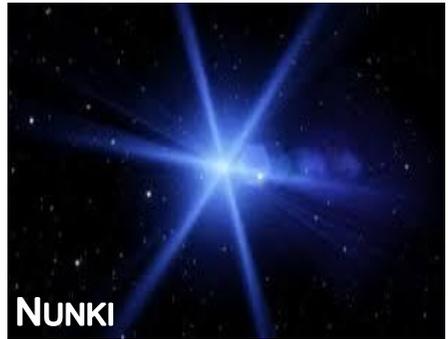
clearly visible in the Southern sky with its reddish tinge so this is the time to enjoy a good view before it recedes.

Further to the West and lower down in the evening sky, Jupiter remains with us, shining less brightly than over recent months and setting early in the evening. Saturn, much less bright remains to the left of Jupiter. The evening of 19 November, low in the South West at around 17.00h will see these two planets and the crescent moon form a triangle. The bright object to the right of these three and lower towards the horizon is the star Nunki.



On the evening of 25 November at 21.00h the Moon will be immediately below Mars, high in the Southern sky.

Our neighbour Venus is also shining brilliantly this month, though in the pre-dawn hours, and the thin crescent moon will be close by at around 06.30h on 12 and 13 November, low in the South Eastern sky. Slightly further to the East and lower in the sky below the Moon and Venus is the planet Mercury.



The constellation Polaris is readily identifiable throughout the month and the Leonid meteor shower is active throughout the month reaching a peak on the night of 17/18 November.

	Sunrise	Sunset
1 November	07.02	16.40
15 November	07.26	16.18
30 November	07.50	16.03

Richard Carter

TOWN HALL MOVIOLA

We are unable to show any films in the Town Hall at the moment.

We hope to be back in February but that depends on what is going on in the public arena.

Thank you for supporting us in the past. Stay safe and keep well, we will be looking forward to seeing you all again in the future.



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Sunday Worship

Forthcoming Services at Christ Church, Derry Hill

1 st November	See separate item for All Souls
8 th November Remembrance Sunday	10.45am Act of Remembrance and short service of worship
15 th November	10am Parish Eucharist
22 nd November	No Service
29 th November Advent Sunday	10am Parish Eucharist
6 th December	No Service
13 th December	10am Parish Eucharist

If you wish to attend a service, please contact Linda beforehand (see FAQs below).

Where a Sunday service has taken place in church, the building will be closed for **72 hours** after the service to minimise the amount of cleaning required. We are continuing to review our procedures after each service in response to current guidelines, and as things are so variable at present please check service details and information on our [website](#), Facebook page and Noticeboard.

Our main priorities are the health and safety of our community, so things will not be quite the same as usual. We recognise the importance, for many, of meeting together in worship so have put together this brief explanation of what to expect:

FAQs....

Q. How is the church managing social distancing?

A. We have assessed the seating capacity and space available and worked out the best way to seat everyone to maintain **2 metre distancing**. There will be markings on the path and on the floor inside church. A Churchwarden will be on hand to welcome you and show you where to sit. At the end of the service, please remain in your seat until you are asked to make your way to the exit.

Q. Do I have to book in advance?

A. It will help us to know if you intend to come to a service so that we can maintain safe social distancing. We ask that you telephone **01249 817926** or

email lindac@mardenvale.org.uk before **8pm on Saturday** evening to check availability.

Q. Will services be at the normal time?

A. Morning services will be at **10am**. Evensong (when available) will be at **6pm**.

Q. Can I sit with my family or a friend?

A. People from the same household or “bubble” can sit together. Everyone else will need to observe appropriate social distancing at all times.

Q. Will there be communion?

A. Services will vary but where communion is offered this will be wafers only. Distribution will be carefully controlled to minimise transmission risks according to government and church guidelines.

Q. Will the hymn books be sanitised?

A. Sadly, hymn singing is not allowed at the moment, so all hymn books and bibles will be removed.

There will, however, be music to listen to.

Q. I usually give cash in the plate when I come to church. I believe this is not advised. What can I do to support the work of the church?

A. We would prefer not to have to expose our volunteers to handling cash, but we desperately do need your support. Please take a moment to look at the [Parish Giving Scheme](#). If you prefer to leave cash, please do use the collection plate by the main entrance.

Q. Do I need to provide contact details?

A. In order to support the NHS Test and Trace programme, we are taking contact details (name and telephone number) for all visitors, as well as recording times entering and leaving the church building.

In line with guidance issued by the Department for Health and Social Care, we will keep your details safely and in compliance with GDPR legislation for 21 days before securely disposing of or deleting them. We will only share your details with NHS Test and Trace, if asked, in the event that it is needed to help stop the spread of coronavirus. We will not use your details for any other purposes or pass them on to anyone else.

Q. Will I be able to talk to my friends after the service?

A. To minimise risk, services will be shorter than normal, and the church will be closed promptly. Catching up with friends is better done outdoors. We ask that you do not obstruct the aisles or exits to allow everyone to leave safely. **It is obviously vital to obey social distancing guidelines at all times.**

Q. Will it be safe to come?

A. We have carefully assessed the risks of bringing us together and have put in place measures to control and minimise the risk of transmission of the virus. However, it is not possible to eliminate risks completely – everyone attending must evaluate their own circumstances and act accordingly. We all have a responsibility to act responsibly to ensure the safety of everyone else.

Please do:

- use the hand sanitizer provided when you arrive and when you leave

- comply with social distancing rules – keep 2 metres apart whenever possible.
- cover your nose and mouth if you sneeze or cough – take your tissues home to dispose of them there.

Q. Should I wear a face covering in a church building?

A. From 8th August face coverings **must** be worn by all those attending a place of worship.

If you do not feel it is safe or if you feel unwell – please do stay at home and enjoy the online services from the Marden Vale Team.

Rev. Linda Carter

“The Derry Hill and Studley Autumn Trail “

Christ Church PCC had to sadly take the decision to cancel the planned Autumn Trail.

Only three organisations, the WI, Heartbeat and Rub-a-dub, along with one private household felt they could support this event. To make it worthwhile for residents to walk around the villages we needed at least ten stalls taking part.



Understandably the present situation with the rise in Coronavirus infections made people wary of getting involved. Hopefully when the situation improves, we can think of trying again!

Jennie Leddra. Secretary PCC

Studley Methodist Church



Please see outside Notice Board for upcoming services.

Tina

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(Day off Monday.
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PCC Treasurer (Tr) & Secretary (Sec)

Mr Peter Roycroft (Tr) 01249 660550 Mrs Jennie Leddra (Sec) 01249 660550

If you wish to discuss arrangements for Baptisms, Marriages, Funerals or would like a pastoral visit or meeting arranged then please contact Reverend Linda Carter



Dear Friends,

Whenever we talk about memories in our family, Richard always recounts his earliest memory: “I remember a bright light, a sharp slap and a voice announcing ‘It’s a boy!’”

Moving on...As for many folk, there are certain sounds and smells which evoke strong memories and transport me to childhood in an instant. The smell (and taste) of blackberries and coal fires takes me to autumn 1967 when we came back to the UK from Singapore and I



discovered the bounty of brambles and the shock of cold weather. Every time I cook fried rice I'm back in my Mum's kitchen where she would be making enough food to feed an army (well there were seven of us plus assorted neighbourhood children...) And a particular album by Paul Simon reminds me of time spent with my brothers. To the backdrop of our favourite records we would chat, read, play games and tease each other mercilessly. There was usually some kind of electronic project in progress (they loved building radios and amplifiers), one was teaching himself to play classical guitar, another was drawing and painting. One particular album, 'There Goes Rhymin' Simon', brings it all back with such clarity. (My favourite track was a rather melancholy song called 'American Tune', and having listened to it again, seems very appropriate today.) However, perhaps 'clarity' is not quite accurate and my memories are selective or edited somehow; as another of the tracks on that album, 'Kodachrome' suggests:



“Kodachrome...They give us those nice bright colors
hey give us the greens of summers
Makes you think all
the world's a sunny day, oh yeah”

Be that as it may, it is good to have the sunny memories of my 12-year old self to sit alongside the wintry memories of loss. Here again, music has the power to elicit memories and overwhelming emotions, and I am sure that is true for so many. Last October I heard a song called * ["Memories"](#) by the band Maroon 5, which had been written in memory of their manager Jordan Feldstein who died in 2017. Lead vocalist Adam Levine said "This song is for anyone who has ever experienced loss. In other words, this song is for all of us." With a melody line based on Pachelbel's Canon in D, the lyrics speak of good times shared with those no longer with us:



"Toast to the ones here today, Toast to the ones that we lost on the way 'Cause the drinks bring back all the memories
And the memories bring back, memories bring back you"



And November of course is a time when we do a lot of remembering. We keep All Souls, which is a time to remember our own loved ones who have died and whose lives are so intertwined with our own. We also keep All Saints, which is a time to remember the great heroes of the Church, whose memory is treasured because of the lasting impact their lives have made on our history and the world we live in. We also remember those who gave their lives in war. For most of us now, those who died in the two World Wars cannot have been personally known to us, yet it is important to keep their memory alive. The wisdom that comes from experience and remembering, the lessons that were learned in the past, should be held by our society, treasured and handed on to future generations.

Whether your memories are sweet, bittersweet or simply too painful to bear, know that God holds you close. May we all "rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep" and hold our memories together. (* [cover version](#) with piano and violin)

With love and prayers,

Linda

All Souls

Sunday 1st November



All Souls' Day (2nd November) is kept within the world-wide Church as the day on which we

remember the lives of all the departed. We normally hold a service on the Sunday nearest to All Souls' Day which this year is 1st November. However, this year, we must do things differently.

The church will be open on **Sunday 1st November**

from 10am to 4pm. This will be an opportunity for those who wish to come and light a candle, lay a sprig of rosemary, and spend some time in prayer to remember a loved one. Our COVID-19 protocols will apply (face covering, hand sanitiser, 2m social distancing) and there will be safe space for 6 individuals at any one time in church.

For those who would prefer not to come into the building, you will be able to do these things in the churchyard. There will also be some wooden crosses available to hang on the yew arch as a symbol of remembrance.

If you are unable to attend but would like a candle to be lit for your loved one, please let Linda know:

Tel. 01249 817926 Email lindac@mardenvale.org.uk

An online service for All Souls' has also been recorded and you will find the link on the Marden Vale Team website: www.mardenvale.org.uk

Sing Out for Lung Health across Wiltshire!

Music For Wellbeing CIC has been awarded a grant from the Wiltshire Community Foundation's Coronavirus Response and Recovery Fund to continue its Sing and Breathe Wiltshire sessions online.



The success of its courses and regular weekly singing sessions for participants in south Wiltshire has led to being able to widen the reach to the whole county.

Sing and Breathe Wiltshire will run online via Zoom until Easter 2021, providing weekly online singing sessions and two six-week introductory courses to singing for lung health. "if you have never used Zoom before, Music for Wellbeing can help you to access it, so don't put off taking part due to technology!

Anyone struggling with their breathing is welcome to attend the courses and regular group, and additional support is available from Rose Maylin, a parish nurse based in Salisbury. The first free course starts on November 5 from 3.30 to 5pm and the second is on January 28 from 1pm to 12.30pm. The weekly group meets on Tuesdays from 2.15pm to 3.45pm and welcomes contributions from participants. For more information or to book a place on an introductory course, contact me on 07446 902118 or sing.breathe.wiltshire@gmail.com.

Liv McLennan



Christmas

at The Lansdowne

We are getting very excited about Christmas here at The Lansdowne Arms and have lots planned to keep you busy whilst keeping you safe.

Our opening hours are changing from Monday 2nd November
We are now serving breakfasts Thursday - Sunday 9.00am - 11.00am

Opening Hours

Monday - Wednesday
12.00pm-3.00pm / 5.30pm-10.00pm
Thursday
9.00am-3.00pm / 5.30pm-10.00pm
Friday & Saturday 9.00am-10.00pm
Sunday 12.00pm-6.00pm

Food served

Monday - Wednesday
12.00pm-2.30pm / 6.00pm-9.00pm
Thursday
9.00am-2.30pm/6.00pm-9.00pm
Friday & Saturday 9.00am-9.00pm
Sunday 9.00am-5.00pm

Christmas events

Just a flavour of some of the events happening here at The Lansdowne Arms over Christmas.

To keep in touch visit our website
www.lansdownearms@wadworth.co.uk
or our facebook page

Christmas Quiz

Sunday 6th December 7pm-9pm
Join us to test your knowledge as our Quiz returns.

New Years day family quiz
Friday 1st January 4pm

Join The Derry Hill florist Claire for some floral workshops.

You will be welcomed with a mince pie and glass of mulled wine.
£30 per person all materials included.

Wreath making Tuesday 1st December 10am
Wreath making Thursday 3rd December 10am
Wreath making Thursday 3rd December 6pm

Centre piece workshop Monday 21st December 10am
Centre piece workshop Monday 21st December 6pm
Centre piece workshop Tuesday 22nd December 10am
Centre piece workshop Tuesday 22nd December 6pm

The Lansdowne community Secret Santa
Lets make this Christmas a little special and join us on Christmas Eve for our community secret Santa.
More details coming soon.

Have you booked Your Christmas celebration menu?

For more details please visit

www.lansdownearms@wadworth.co.uk/christmas



Book Club Review

The Versions of Us

by Laura Barnett

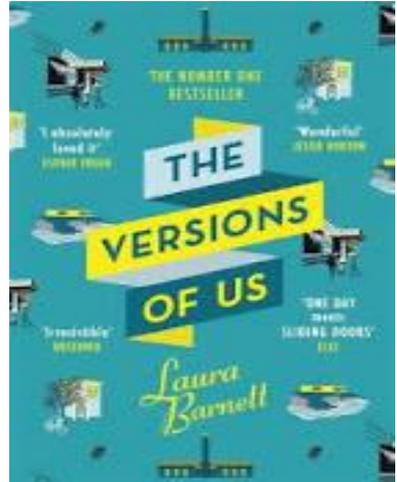
I was lent this novel in the summer when, like most of you, I had plenty of time to sit and read. I was able to read it really quickly which must have been an advantage because unlike some of the book club members, I didn't find it confusing.

The book intertwines three different versions of the lives of several characters over about 50 years. In all three, the central character, Jim, is a Cambridge undergraduate who has an encounter with a girl on a bicycle but immediately three different stories

begin. In one he meets and stays with the girl; in another he meets but loses the girl and in the third he doesn't meet her until years later. He is an artist, and she is a writer in all three, but their lives pan out very differently, different partners, different children and many locations. It was not predictable and there were no happy ever after endings, rather an exploration of the effects of one's life choices.

I found it fascinating and thought provoking, particularly the idea that one chance encounter could potentially change the course of your life and I found myself reflecting on how different my own life might have been.

The book was beautifully written and there were some wonderful characters, particularly Jim's eccentric mother but like others I agree that it was probably too long and that the chapters which alternated between the different stories were rather too short to make it easy to get into each story. Potentially it could be read differently, reading each version independently.



Sally Hole

Wellbeing notes

November's message of self-acceptance

The trees around us and at nearby Westonbirt are losing their colourful canopies now. Leaf by leaf, they reveal their true shape. This is the perfect time to notice that there is no such thing as a perfect tree. They are all asymmetrical. Limbs and branches twist and extend in a mysterious pattern. We accept and delight in a tree's unique shape. Why then should we not delight in our own unique human forms?



Seen without judgement, human beings are gorgeous examples of creation. I'm pretty certain we are adored by the divine, creative force that lies within and beyond all living beings. And yet we can be so good at finding fault with ourselves. Even something as simple and natural as our age or weight can become something we prefer to hide.

Think, for a moment, about how conscious so many of us are about our height. We feel too small, or too tall. And yet we are only talking about a difference of a few inches! How can that matter compared with the vast reaches of the universe? I truly believe we are each of us perfect, just as we are. Our healed wounds and scars are part of our personal story, making each of us a beautiful and unique addition to the landscape. Just like trees, as we prepare for winter we carry the potential for new personal growth in the new year.

Suzanne Askham, author of [This One is Special](#)

Turn it off and on again!

What do we do when our phone goes on the blink? What do we do when our television stops responding to the remote? Or when the boiler stops working, or the computer locks up? – We “turn it off and on again” and it generally fixes the problem.

Well strangely enough that’s exactly what a defibrillator does. If you have a cardiac arrest or irregular rhythm and a defibrillator is used on you it provides an electrical shock that stops your heart and restarts it again so that it can naturally return to a normal rhythm.



The Powerheart G5 defibrillator (shown here) that we have installed at 21 Studley Gardens does more than that. It talks you through giving CPR (Cardiopulmonary resuscitation) to ensure you keep up a regular rhythm and reasonable chest compression. It will also tell you to stop and stand clear if it needs to give the patient another shock.

When someone suffers a cardiac arrest, every minute’s delay in restarting the heart, results in a reduction of around 7% in the chances of survival. All villagers now have access, in minutes, to this vital life-saving equipment, the cabinet code is given by dialling 999 and requesting ambulance assistance.

Many thanks and keep safe.

Julian (Chair) 01249 814145 / julesoliver3@gmail.com

Still not keen to leave the house and go shopping or do other tasks?

Derry Hill and Studley Community Support has been operating since the beginning of lockdown and is continuing to help those who find it difficult to go out.

We offer a range of help from shopping, picking up prescriptions, dog walking or just a friendly confidential chat.

Please get in touch if we can help

Email the dedicated email account: **dhsfriend@gmail.com**

Or

Ring one of our coordinators:

Carol Rigby	01225 704356
Ian Liddle	01249 816229
Richard Gribble	01249 812018
Richard Ayles	01249 814632



Prayer support is also available:

Prayer is an important part of our spiritual life ask for prayer. If you have a particular prayer request you can ring Rev. Linda Carter 01249 817926 or email 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 use these in her daily prayers in church unless you wish it to be kept confidential.

Carol, Ian, Richard A and Richard G
Derry Hill and Studley Community Support

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Parish Council's letter to authorities concerning closure of New Road (A4) Derry Hill

26th October 2020

Councillor Bridget Wayman,
Wiltshire Council
Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport, Waste and A303
bridget.wayman@wiltshire.gov.uk

Chief Constable Kier Pritchard,
Chief Constable, Wiltshire Police
kier.pritchard@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk

Dear Councillor Wayman and Chief Constable,

CLOSURE OF A4, NEW ROAD, DERRY HILL

We are writing as Parish Councillors for the wards of Calne Without Parish Council (West Ward and Pewsham Ward) most affected by the current closure of the A4 New Road at Derry Hill.

The Parish Council will be considering the issue collectively at a future meeting but ahead of this we feel obliged to make urgent representations on behalf of the many residents of our community impacted by the closure. In particular to register our concerns about the planning and implementation of the closure of the A4. You are probably already aware from individual representations and social media posts of the issues that have arisen. Specifically: long tail backs caused by existing traffic calming in Church road, increased traffic on the A342 making a turn-out of the village difficult, abuse of the weight limit by HGVs, and speeding when traffic in the opposite direction to any queues is light or light both ways. Buses have also made unscheduled stops to decant passengers in driveways. Access to and from driveways on Church Road has been significantly inhibited and made perilous.

The scale of works on the A4 is significant and must have been some time in the planning given the involvement of Wiltshire Highways, the

landowner, the contractor and we must assume the Police. Can you please provide a full explanation why the Parish Council, and residents, only became aware of this when a sign notifying the impending closure was erected on the A4 on 12th October. At that time the Parish Council had not received any explanation about the nature of the works, the reasoning behind the timing and why periodic, timed closures or traffic controlled through traffic were not feasible. Information it would have been helpful to provide to residents.

More importantly, given the obvious constraints of the roads in Derry Hill and Studley why did the diversion signage approaching, and at, the A3102 and A4 junction at Chilvester Hill in Calne not clearly state that proceeding on the A4 at that point was for residents and businesses only? Similar signs could also have been placed on the A342 at the junction with Church Road, Derry Hill, at Studley crossroads at the turnings for Studley Lane and Church Road and, at Stanley Bridge for the Studley Hill. A 'Diversion Ends' sign was also placed on the A4 leaving Calne in the direction of Derry Hill, causing obvious confusion and leading to at least two HGV's having to make a dangerous reverse and turn at Studley crossroads. Surely a 'Not Suitable for HGV's' sign would have been helpful on the A4 leaving Calne.

We recognise that unfortunately there will always be people who defy directions about closures and diversions and apply local knowledge. But Wiltshire Council already has data about speeding on Church Road and its abuse by 'rat runners' so some targeted police presence for speed enforcement around known peak times may have helped reduce this. Even though the work has been scheduled for half term the traffic volumes in the village are significantly higher than the norm; half term also means more village children are out and about during the daytime and so speeding and increased traffic is of a greater, not lesser concern.

An increased police patrol presence and a few questions by officers about the purpose of using the roads in the restricted period again may have re-enforced the message about using the signed diversion. We are sure residents would not object to being asked politely the purpose of their need to access the village. Was there any liaison with the police about this given you are well aware of the issues in Church Road?

It has been disappointing to learn that when a resident rang 101 to report use of the road (restricted limit 7.5t) by HGV's they were advised it was not a matter for the Police and appeared to have had the phone put down; perhaps Mr Pritchard would wish to comment on this and about speed enforcement?

It is also disappointing that in any information you have provided to local radio for their traffic announcements, you have not asked the broadcasters to clearly state that Church Road, Derry Hill and Studley Lane are not suitable alternate routes and that road users should follow the signposted diversion.

We do recognise the necessity and importance of the work on the A4 from a road safety as well as a landowner liability issue however, we believe it could have been planned and communicated more clearly and certainly executed more effectively.

We should be grateful if you could provide a comprehensive explanation about the planning of the closure, the time this commenced and why there was inadequate notice about your plans so that the Council could make appropriate representations based on local knowledge and known behaviours. It would also be helpful if you could address all the specific issues raised in this letter. A similar explanation from Mr Pritchard would also be helpful. We will, of course, share this with residents as we have this letter.

In addition to yourself and Mr Prichard we are copying this letter to the Bowood Estate, Angus Macpherson and Matt Perrott.

Yours sincerely,

Councillor Alan Malpas – alan.malpas@calnewwithout-pc.gov.uk

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Sarah Glenn, Clerk, Calne Without Parish Council -
sarah.glen@calnewwithout-pc.gov.uk

Response from Wiltshire Police

I have taken advise from the Force Traffic Management and Road Safety Officer, Mr Appleton, and asked him about the points you raised in your letter to the Chief Constable.

Mr Appleton has already been in communication with Wiltshire Council Highways about the situation on the A4, Derry Hill Road closure. Due to the tree cutting which should be completed by the 1st November, the circumstances deemed the closure done under Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulations Act which is for roadworks. These do not follow the same legal requirement as Permanent TRO's and there is no legal requirement to consult with the Police. Generally, the Force is informed of most of the major works as a matter of courtesy, but sadly not in this instance.

The Force is aware of traffic not adhering to the posted diversion and taking a short cut through Derry Hill village, particularly the large goods vehicles. Mr Appleton has contacted the Roads Policing Unit and the Local Community Policing Team for their attention.

Unfortunately, the police cannot stop traffic legally using the short cut except those not complying with the 7.5ton weight limit and those committing other offences.

Kind regards

Alisa

Alisa Wickens

Executive Assistant to Chief Constable Kier Pritchard

Response from Estate Manager Bowood

Roadside Tree Felling New Road Derry Hill

The Estate wishes to thank the local community for their patience and understanding during the A4 road closure in late October.

The works were required to address roadside trees impacted by ash dieback, a fungus which kills our native ash trees.



As a tree dies from ash dieback, typically branches die off throughout the crown, creating greater risk to the public. Tragically, it is now anticipated that ash dieback will kill in excess of 80% of all ash trees across the UK.

Given the elevated risk presented on this stretch of road, the Estate worked with Wiltshire Highways to proactively plan a project which would reduce risk for the foreseeable future. In order to limit the requirement for additional highway closures in years to come, we also took this opportunity to remove other dead or dying trees along the roadside.

The Estate worked closely with Wiltshire Highways during the planning stages and it was decided that a full closure would be the safest approach. At the advice of Highways, the work was scheduled to coincide with reduced traffic during half term. Nonetheless, it is clear that the road closure has caused local disruption, particularly in Derry Hill.

The Estate, and no doubt Highways, will certainly take onboard the lessons learned.

Bowood is passionate about trees and their importance to our environment. It is sad that such action has become necessary, however the impact of ash dieback is accelerating. Notwithstanding these works, every year there is a substantial planting programme on the Estate, which over the past five decades has planted more than one million trees. Please rest assured that long term woodland management remains a key focus for the Estate – never more so than amidst current environmental challenges.

Marcus Lee Estate Manager, Bowood

New benches

Congratulations to Greensquare Housing Association and Calne Without Parish Council (with particular thanks to the Parish Clerk) on the replacement of the two benches at the corner of Lansdowne Crescent East and Church road. It is good to see that the original dedication plaques to Tony Denton and Beatrice Rex have been incorporated.



Ed

Wanted: preferably very alive!

Keith is retiring as our advertising coordinator after looking after the magazine account for five years, and many thanks to him for that.

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- 1 Don't forget (8)
- 5 Sailor's call (4)
- 7 Army insects (4)
- 10 Small fishing vessel (4)
- 11 Time intervals (7)
- 13 Warned (7)
- 16 Adolescent's outbreak (4)
- 19 Facts and figures (4)
- 20 Greenish blue (4)
- 21 Park in California (8)

8 Aristocrats (8)

9 Sports car marque (2)

11 Cooking vessel (3)

12 Fishing pole (3)

14 Drizzling (5)

15 Tests (5)

16 Eve's man (4)

17 L.A.'s home (2)

18 Roof overhang (4)

Down

- 1 Peruse (4)
- 2 A pushover (4)
- 3 Heroic (5)
- 4 Jewish holy man (5)
- 6 Following orders (8)



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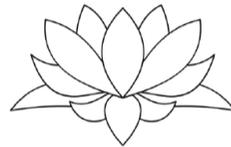
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