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Editorial

September sees the start of autumn and for many people it is a month of transition. It witnesses the start of a new academic year with many young people starting school for the first time or setting off to new schools and making new friends in the process.



For others, the month sees a new chapter in their lives as they experience more independent living commencing university and college courses whilst others, enter the daunting world of work for the first time. It is often a tough month for parents too as their offspring begin to encounter the world in a different way!

We have the prospect of some fine days as reminders of the summer just past, though we also tend to experience days when the harsher elements of winter are foreshadowed. The natural world is also experiencing change with the hours of daylight reducing significantly as we approach the end of the month. The dawn chorus is seriously muted compared with those noisy spring mornings and the chatter and acrobatics of swallows, swifts and martins will soon be lost for another year as they gather restlessly together in large numbers - often on wires - awaiting the right conditions to allow them to embark on their six-thousand-mile migration. Indeed, this process has already started - amazing that such small creatures, many of whom only hatched a few months ago, can undertake such a trip.

In the garden, squirrels who have been checking on the progress of walnut development on our tree during the summer will commence their harvest, leaving little for us! The size of bee colonies shrinks a little as fewer workers are needed and drones are ejected, being deemed no longer necessary (sorry chaps!).

The month will see the annual emergence of crane flies, enjoying their two weeks of flight and there will be an abundance of apples, blackberries and damsons, the latter being especially good for making vodka or gin ready for Christmas! 6-8 September sees Rosh Hashanah – celebrations marking the Jewish New Year which is 5782. Enjoy the bounty of the month!

Assistant Editor

Dear Friends,

“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven...”

Ecclesiastes 3:1.



We are blessed to live in a part of the world where seasons still provide a rhythm of life throughout the year. My favourite season is autumn. I love the changes in the air, the light and the landscape; the bounty of trees and plants; the changing sounds as birds migrate.

In our rural communities we hold services in church to mark significant moments in the agricultural calendar. These include services for Plough Sunday, Lambing, Rogation, Lammass and Harvest. At these times we pray for God’s blessing on the land, rivers and seas and upon those who cultivate and farm them. It is important to give thanks and to remember how all parts of the natural world are so deeply connected.

In recent years the Season of Creation (or Creationtide) has been added to the Church's year and runs from 1st September to 4th October. 1st September was proclaimed as a day of prayer for creation in the Eastern Orthodox Church by Ecumenical Patriarch Dimitros in 1989 and 4th October is the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, who wrote the 'Canticle of All Creatures' and is considered by many Christians as a champion of the natural world. During this season, we focus on the world in which we live and remember our responsibility to cherish and care for the earth and all living things. Now, more than ever, our focus must surely provoke a response as we witness increasing extreme climate and weather events across the globe.

Last month the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) reported on the effects of human-induced climate change. This prompted the United Nations Secretary-General to conclude that it was "a code red for humanity. The alarm bells are deafening, and the evidence is irrefutable." Many of us are already making changes in our daily lives to reduce the negative impact on the environment. Some are active on a wider scale, raising awareness and getting involved in community projects. We need to have these conversations in our churches too.

As well as the usual Harvest services in the three parishes, there are plans to hold two church services out of doors in Bremhill and Derry Hill during Creationtide. These services are open to everyone (all ages) and will be interactive, although you are also very welcome to simply observe the action and nature around you (bring a chair!) Getting outside is a really important way of (literally) getting closer to the natural world. As Ruth Valerio puts it in her book 'Saying Yes to Life': "You will be surprised at the new life breathed into you and your church as you worship God in the midst of his creation."

Come along to celebrate, to lament, to reflect, to pray, to share ideas. May our worship lead us to commit to taking practical action to play our part in tending the earth, to care for creation.

Blessings,
Linda

Rota of Services September 2021

Week	Date	Service
1	5 th September Trinity 14	Derry Hill 10am All Age Service <u>Teddy Bears' Picnic</u> Zoom service at 4pm Bowood Evensong 6pm
2	12 th September Trinity 15	Bremhill 10am Parish Eucharist Foxham 6pm Evening Prayer
3	19 th September Harvest	Derry Hill 10am Parish Eucharist Bremhill 6pm Evening Prayer
4	26 th September Creationtide	Foxham 10am Parish Eucharist Bremhill 4pm All Age Service Zoom service at 6pm
1	3 rd October Creationtide & Harvest	Derry Hill 10am All Age Service Foxham 6pm Harvest Service

Contact Rev'd Linda Carter to obtain the link for Zoom Services.

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

COMING TO CHURCH

Parochial Church Council (PCC) Guidance

A joint meeting of the PCCs of Bremhill, Derry Hill and Foxham met on Friday 13th August to review the guidance published on 19th July.

We are continuing to take a cautious approach while working towards reintroducing elements of worship in church which so many have missed. In common with many other churches and retail and hospitality settings we are asking people to continue to observe the “Hands, Face, Space, Ventilation” measures which are currently in place. There will also be some easing of other requirements.

Booking will no longer be required. **Social distancing** remains in place. Please feel free to sit with members of your household or regular social ‘bubble’ in any pew where there are Orders of Service. To indicate your preference for space, place a kneeler on the pew.

Face coverings may be removed when you are seated (except when singing- see below). We ask that face coverings are worn whenever you are moving around the building. **Communion** (intincted wafers) may be received at the high altar (standing). To reduce queuing this will be conducted row-by-row.

Congregational singing of two hymns will take place in church during services. Please remain seated and wear a face covering if you wish to join in.

Zoom services will continue.

These measures take effect from 15th August and apply to the regular Sunday services. They will be reviewed every four weeks.

An amended set of measures will apply to baptisms, weddings, funerals and other groups meeting in church subject to the requirements of separate risk assessments.

Our Christian calling is to care for all our brothers and sisters, particularly those who are vulnerable; and there are times in our lives when every one of us (and those we have close contact with) is vulnerable. We want everyone to feel welcome, comfortable and cared for. Thank you for your understanding.

Rev. Linda Carter on behalf of Bremhill, Derry Hill and Foxham PCCs
13th August 2021.

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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

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**

Ring one of our coordinators:

Carol Rigby 01225 704356

Ian Liddle 01249 816229

Richard Gribble 01249 812018

Richard Ayles 01249 814632

Carol, Ian, Richard A and Richard G

Derry Hill and Studley Community Support

A message from Nan Bird



As we were unable to include all our friends at Chris's funeral, we are having a **TEA PARTY at THE ATWELL-WILSON MOTOR MUSEUM, on MONDAY 27th SEPT at 2.30pm** as a chance to get together to meet our friends from Christchurch and Derry Hill. We hope you will all join us for a while to help us reminisce and celebrate Chris's long and well spent life.

Nan

Heavenly Handbells

Marden Vale Handbells have just had their first rehearsal for 18 months. It was wonderful to meet and play our bells and make music again albeit a little rusty.

Unfortunately, we have lost 4 ringers who have decided not to ring for personal reasons. This leaves us a little short of ringers and restricts the range of music we can play.



So, this is an invitation to all you budding but frustrated musicians to come and join us on a Wednesday evening and learn the ancient craft of handbell ringing. You may have rung bells in the past and would like to ring again. All you have to do is count 1 2 3 4 and identify green and red as our music is marked. Of course, if you can read music so much the better.

Ring me on 07977143822 or come along on Wednesday evening at 7.30 in Christchurch Derry Hill.

David Bedford

New Defib Deployed Again

Our new defib in Studley Gardens has been deployed again, but on this occasion, it was not used because the ambulance service arrived very quickly and dealt with the emergency before the defib was activated.



Calne Installing 5 Defibs

A little while ago we received a request for advice and help from Calne Council about defibs. Following advice from our team member John Baumber, Calne will be installing 5 new defibs around the town centre.

New Volunteer Joins the Team

A new volunteer has come forward to join the Heartbeat team – welcome Kevin Stafford. But we are always looking for additional support for this important role so if you can help please give me a call, we can give you all the training you will need.

This summer the NHS Blood and Transplant centres need more blood donors. Medicines made from plasma save and transform the lives of over 17,000 people each year. Can you help?

Donations

If you can make a regular annual donation of just £5 to help support the maintenance costs of the village defibrillators it would be tremendous. Please make an Annual Standing Order payable to:

Account: Derry Hill & Studley Heartbeat
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Acct. No: 52349360

Many thanks and keep safe.

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

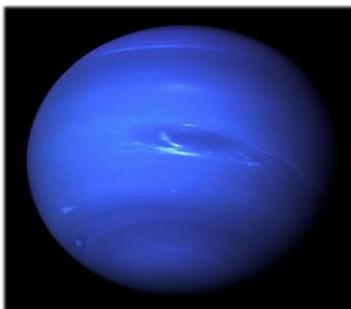
The Night Sky in September

Astronomical autumn begins on 22 September when we reach the autumn equinox. By this date we will be 'enjoying' over four hours less daylight than we did in mid-summer. Two days earlier we witness the Harvest Moon as the closest full moon to the autumn equinox is known as. This normally occurs in September but can on occasions slip over into early October.

There are two very bright objects visible in our skies this month, our neighbouring planet Venus and the gas giant Jupiter. Venus will be easily seen shining brilliantly but low in the western sky after sunset before it too disappears at around 20.30h. At around 19.45 on 9 September, the thin crescent moon will be just to the right of Venus. Below the Moon, the star Spica can be observed. This is actually two stars that circle each other but which are too close together to observe separately. Even lower in the sky it will be possible to see Mercury hugging the horizon

On the other side of the sky, towards the south-east bright Jupiter will illuminate the evening through to around 04.00h until it too sets. To its right the much fainter Saturn can be seen prior to its setting at around 02.30h. During the course of the three-day period 16-18 September the waxing moon will pass below both of these planets at around 20.00h.

The eighth planet Neptune is above the horizon all night and is at its closest to the Earth on 14 September, though still some 4,326 million miles away from us. It is not visible to the naked eye but can be seen using a telescope or good binoculars.



Mars is too close to the sun to be visible at the current time.

On 25 September at around 23.00h in the eastern sky the waning Moon will be seen passing below the smudge of stars known as the Pleiades.

	Sunrise	Sunset
1 Sept	06.20	19.53
15 Sept	06.43	19.22
30 Sept	07.07	18.47

Richard Carter

Sponsored Ride and Stride September 2021



All being well we will be doing a sponsored ride from Christ Church Derry Hill to churches in the area to raise money for these two causes on or about Saturday 11th September. We will take photos of all the churches we visit and hopefully have some interesting experiences on the way.

If we could ask you to sponsor us via the specially set up page on JustGiving, that would be grand:

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/richard-aylen1

Otherwise please put your pledge through our door (1, Redhill Close Derry Hill) or give us a bell (01249 814632) and we're sure we can find a way to relieve you of your pennies!

If you are feeling energetic and want to join in either walking or cycling, please contact us. We do hope you can help us raise money for these two worthwhile charities. Thank you in advance.

Richard and Mary Aylen

Bottle Stall at the Fete

Christ Church will once again be running the famous bottle stall at the Derry Hill & Studley Fete on **Saturday 18th September**. Your support in the past has been so generous, and now more than ever we need your help to raise much needed funds for the church. There will be 7 designated 'drop off' points around the village and Studley to make things as easy as possible. If you can donate to the church in this way, please take a bottle to one of the following addresses from Monday 13th September.

Barbara - 3, Fitzmaurice Close

Mike - 6, Lansdowne Crescent West

Ian - 30, Shelburne Way

Richard - 1, Redhill Close.

Jacqui - 34, Petty Lane

Lucinda - 5, Chapel Street

Keith - 95, Studley Corner

We look forward to seeing many of you once again at the fete.

Many thanks,

Jennie Leddra Secretary PCC

Jazz at Marden House Calne

31st August: Dave Newton piano trio.

28th September: Trad Night

26th October: Kit and Aaron (violin and guitar - blue grass)

Admission £10 Please pay on the door.

Reservations on 01249 812300

Please bring your own refreshments.

James



Next month's magazine will be digital only

If you want to receive a digital copy, and don't at the moment, please make sure you contact me. I will be delighted to send you a digital copy every month!

Best wishes

Richard Ayles Editor (inspireeditor@outlook.com)

A message from Wiltshire council

Keep up-to-date with improvement works

Contractors working on our behalf are carrying out road resurfacing and associated works in a number of towns across Wiltshire.

You can also see the full list of all roadworks taking place in the county by visiting the [One Network map](https://one.network) (https://one.network) and typing 'Wiltshire' into the search box.

Gardening Steve

Hi to all you gardeners. I hope you are all enjoying your time in the garden. This month start taking cuttings of pelargonium and geraniums. Take a cutting from new growth and place in a pot of compost, generally put 10 cuttings per pot. Keep them in the greenhouse which is heated. It usually takes about a month for them to root, keep the compost moist but not too wet otherwise they will rot.



Keep the borders hoed weekly to keep the weeds down. Continue feeding hanging baskets and containers until the end of the month. Spray roses weekly to keep the Aphids under control. September can still be a lovely month, sometimes we get an Indian summer. Enjoy your time in the garden, more news next month.

Stephen Starr Bowood Gardener.

The fete is back, long live the fete!

What an 18 months or so we have all had to deal with! There have been so many disruptions to our lives, unsettling events, reasons for sadness, anger and confusion. We all have every reason to be deflated, cautious, unnerved and yet we have hope and we all long to see those green shoots giving a little indication that maybe things are on the up again.



Well, let's start by giving the community the opportunity to come back together as one and what better way to do it than through the village fete! Your committee has been monitoring events and we now feel there is sufficient clarity to allow us to pull something together.

Owing to planning and preparation time and because we acknowledge there are those in the community that may feel it remains too soon to come together in numbers the fete this year will be a less ambitious event but nonetheless enjoyable, we hope.

The fete will take place on the **18th September** at the Lansdowne Hall and grounds between **12:30 and 3pm**. We can already promise you a wide range of community stalls offering traditional and not so traditional activities and games. There will be a bar, food and a raffle (tickets this year only available on the day).

So, do put the 18th in your diary and we really look forward to welcoming you back to your fete.

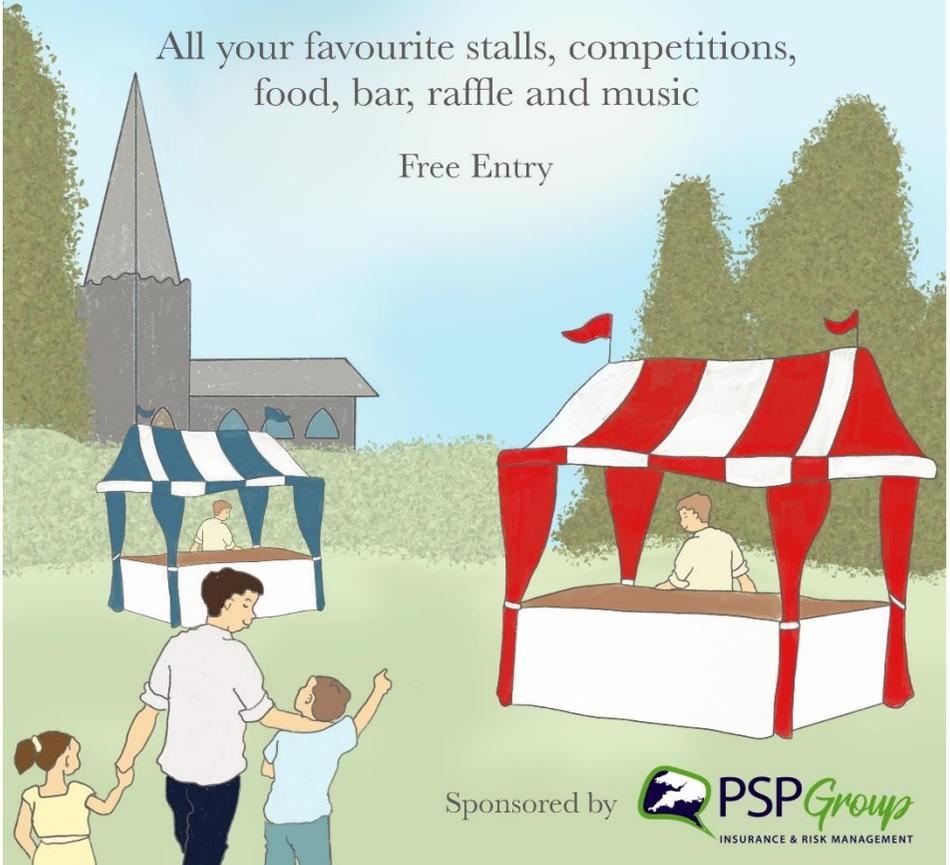
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Clicking on the link within the email, takes you to a convincing but **fake NHS** website that asks for **personal** and **payment details**. **(for an admin fee)**

The website has since been taken down, but in case similar emails/websites appear can you please circulate the attached alert to your residents, members, groups and mailing lists.

And just to reiterate, your vaccination status is obtained FREE through the NHS App, website or by calling the NHS on 119.

More information can be found on the gov.uk website; <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/demonstrating-your-covid-19-vaccination-status-when-travelling-abroad>

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MOTHERS' UNION PRAYER AND FELLOWSHIP GROUP

After almost 12 months of not meeting up in person it was wonderful for us to get together for a superb afternoon tea at Robyn and Michael Summers' home on Wed 14th July 2021. It was a beautiful warm day and although holidays and prior appointments meant some were not able to



join us, we did have 8 members enjoying the warm hospitality and lovely garden with Robyn (and Michael) and our thanks go to both.

Five of us joined with Calne and Wootton Bassett Mothers' Union to celebrate our founder with a Mary Sumner Day Service in St Mary's Calne at 2pm on 9th August. The service was taken by Rev'd Derek Frost and the speaker was Rev'd Canon Jane Curtis. It was so nice to be able to meet up with the other Mothers' Union groups in the benefice and enjoy this very special service. Afterwards we drove to the Coffee Shop at 'The Pewsham' and enjoyed delicious cake and a **very good** cup of tea. Well recommended for those who have yet to venture down Old Derry Hill.

We have been given the green light by Rev'd Linda to start holding our meetings in Christ Church once again and look forward to our first meeting which will be on Wed 1st September at 2.30pm. The meeting will open with prayers and a reading by Rev'd Linda after which we shall arrange our next 15 months programme followed by refreshments. We not only look forward to seeing all our members again but also anyone else who wishes to join us; everyone will be given a very warm welcome.

Barbara Parry

Derry Hill and District W.I.

The planned walk to the Westmead Open Spaces, off the bypass in Chippenham, was enjoyed by all, and the lovely wooden carvings were found and admired. On the way home coffee was enjoyed in the Lansdowne pub.

We had a coffee morning on July 21st. The first time we all met up together, and fortunately it was a very warm dry day. Tina, our President, was presented with a special certificate for all the effort she put into her role during the Pandemic Lockdowns over the last eighteen months.

The speaker for July was David Dawson, who talked about the history of Devizes. From the Neolithic period through the Bronze age, Roman, Saxon and Norman times when Devizes has been an important settlement. He discussed the many archaeological finds discovered locally, and how the town has gradually grown over the years. Devizes has more 'listed buildings' than any other town in England.

The preparation and plans for our '20 years' celebrations are well under way, which will be on August 25th at 3pm in Andrea's Garden. There will be a good selection of buffet food and a special celebration cake with a toast with something sparkling!

The weather forecast is looking favourable.

September is going to be extra busy starting with Tea and a Chat in Janet's garden on Thursday 2nd at 2:30. Then a walk is planned on the 15th meeting at the Caen Hill Locks at 2pm, and on the 18th we are very excited to be joining our Village Fete with a stall setting out delicious cakes. The meeting on 22nd will be back in the Village Hall with Katherine Crowweller, her topic will be 'Women and girls combating period poverty'

The competition is "An autumn limerick". We came across the following from our county news:-

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Not all WI members are crafty, knitting, baking, domestic goddesses.

I do not bake, I don't make jam.
Can't remember the words to 'Jerusalem'.
I'm not fond of drinking tea -
More a glass of wine or coffee for me.

So what am I doing in WI?

For growing plants I have no skill.
My knitting needles have long lain still.
I couldn't invite you round to sup-
I don't own a single china cup!

So what am I doing in the WI?

My image of what I ought to be,
And be able to do, was wrong you see.
I don't fit the stereotypical frame-
Of a busy and talented domestic dame.

And yet I'm enjoying WI.

I love the camaraderie,
The warmth and laughter, the company,
The underlying caring shown
For one another. How I've grown

To love being part of WI.

I enjoy hearing speakers on topics various.
Some are informative, others hilarious.
I enjoy being one of the 'ladies who lunch'.
I've made lots of friends so thanks a bunch

For welcoming me to WI.

So if you're a lady like me out there
Who thinks WI is not for her,
Just give it a try and you will see
That it's all worthwhile and then, like me,

You'll know what you're doing in WI.

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

Barbara Barnard



Have your say on Wiltshire Council's Climate Strategy

From Wednesday 1 September to 23:59 on Sunday 17 October, people will be able to comment on the draft strategy, which covers seven delivery themes: transport; built environment; waste; green economy; energy generation, storage and distribution; natural environment, food and farming; and carbon neutral council. At the same time, Wiltshire Council will also be consulting on our Natural Environment Plan, which looks at the future for Wiltshire ecological assets and how the council can protect them.

To enable you to find out more and ask questions, we're holding three online engagement sessions:

- **9 September, 6pm**, online launch event with Claire Perry O'Neill, managing director for climate and energy at the [World Business Council for Sustainable Development](#), former [Minister for Energy and Clean Growth](#) and Devizes MP will be the keynote speaker. Both strategies will be introduced and there will be a question and answer session.
- **15 September, 10.30am-11.30am**, first engagement webinar (this is the same session as webinar 2)
- **30 September, 7pm-8pm**, second engagement webinar (this is the same session as webinar 1)

If you are interested in attending any of these events, please register at <https://surveys.wiltshire.gov.uk/snapwebhost/s.asp?k=162857788230>

People will be able to share their views on both draft strategies by taking the online surveys during the consultation period. Council staff will be at Devizes, Chippenham, Salisbury and Trowbridge libraries for a drop in session during the consultation period to answer questions and promote the consultations. More information will be available on our website once the consultation is underway: www.wiltshire.gov.uk/climate and [Green and blue infrastructure - Wiltshire Council](#)

WI WALKING NETBALL

During August it was decided to have a summer break, and instead of exercising our members, we met up for lunch at the Lansdowne, enjoying each other's company and at the newly opened Pewsham pub.

We hope to resume back on court at the end of the month.

Any enquiries ring [Barbara](#) on 814206, or [Tina](#) on 814145.



Message in a joke

Ron Chester, 89 years of age, was stopped by the police around 2 am and was asked where he was going at that time of night.

Ron replied, "I'm on my way to a lecture about alcohol abuse and the effects it has on the human body, as well as smoking and staying out late."

The officer asked, "Really? Who's giving that lecture at this time of night?" Ron replied, "That would be my wife."

A Transport Strategy for Calne and Calne Without

Have your say and influence the next steps on the Transport Strategy via this survey link <https://surveyhero.com/c/66c8cdeb>

Closing Date was 31st August - but the survey will remain open during September.

If you want to read the document in full visit <http://bitly.ws/fIWb>



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For those who have not been able to join us, they have been receiving weekly emails with readings to meditate at home.

On Wednesday 1st September, we will resume meeting weekly from 6.00p.m. to 6.30p.m., just 30 minutes of stillness, beginning with a short reading and closing with music.

If you are coming home from work or have time before or after supper, just pop in. You can join on any Wednesday because we are all beginners! There are no “experts” or “masters”, we are all novices and there is nothing complicated, so just turn up.

We have been so pleased to see people joining us from within Derry Hill and Studley and those from further afield. All are welcome – those from a Christian tradition, those of other faiths and those of no faith. Meditation is inclusive, so we offer a space and place where we can just **BE** in stillness and silence.

If you want any more information, just give me a call or ask Linda for more information.

Janet Robbins 01249 814845

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Find alerts on Android phones and tablets Find alerts on iPhone

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Reasons you might get an alert

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How it works

Emergency alerts are broadcast from mobile phone masts. Every compatible mobile phone or tablet in range will receive an alert.

The government does not need your phone number to send you an alert.

(Extract from Wiltshire Area Board briefing July 2021)

Calne Without Parish Council

The last month has been very busy for the Council as they co-opted new Councillors to the Parish Council. In total 6 new councillors were co-opted, during an extraordinary meeting in Early July. These new councillors and their contact details are:-

West Ward – (Derry Hill and Studley)	
Cllr Charlotte Fossa	Charlotte.fossa@calnewwithout-pc.gov.uk
Cllr Lucy Campbell Rogers	Lucy.Campbellrogers@calnewwithout-pc.gov.uk
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Cllr Doug Price	Doug.price@calnewwithout-pc.gov.uk

Details for all the councillors can be found at www.calnewwithout-pc.gov.uk

The new councillors are very keen to hear what you think should be the priorities over the new few years. Please contact your local Councillor through their email address on the website or email Clerk@calnewwithout-pc.gov.uk and your thoughts will be passed on.

There are still two vacancies on the Council, with two seats in the middle ward still to be filled. Please contact the clerk for more information.

The Parish Council will have a stand at the upcoming Derry Hill and Studley Village Fete (September 18th) so please come along and meet the Councillors and chat about your thoughts.

Mid July brought the monthly council meeting. Meetings are now back to being face to face and members of the public are welcome to attend, please look at our website for details of the next meeting.

This was the first meeting of the new Council and time was spent bringing all Councillors up to speed with various projects that are ongoing throughout Calne Without Parish Council.

Towards the end of July the Parish Council held a public meeting to listen to the views of the public and discuss their response to the planning application in relation to the Forest Gate Solar Farm. The Parish Council would like to thank all of you who took the time to attend the meeting or to forward your opinions prior to the meeting. Directly following a public meeting where many different opinions were heard the Councillors held an extraordinary meeting to discuss their response. The meeting concluded with a vote where the councillors voted to support the application.

Minutes for all three meetings can be found in the document library of the Parish Councils website. www.calnewwithout-pc.gov.uk

Katherine Checchia Clerk

Rub-a-Dub

All at Rub a Dub are looking forward to welcoming back all the children returning to the setting and welcoming all the new children starting their journey as Rub a Dubbers.

We will be at the village fete so don't forget to come and say hi.

As the new academic year starts so our planning for fundraising starts. If you are a local business who feel that you would like to support our fundraising efforts via any sponsorship or donating prizes we would love to hear from you. Please get in touch via rubadubchair@hotmail.co.uk

Kate Checchia Rub a dub Chair



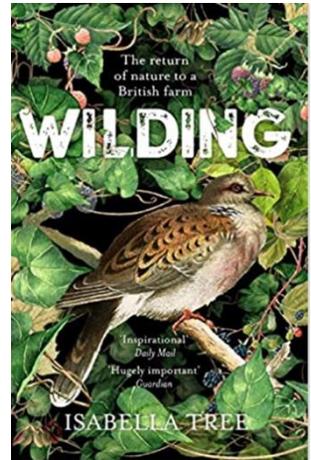
Book Review

Wilding By Isabella Tree

Wilding tells the tale of how in just a decade, Isabella and her husband, Charlie Burrell transformed their 1,400 hectare intensively farmed, economically unsustainable estate in Sussex into a successful wilding scheme by letting nature lead.

Knepp Estate is now famous for its storks, and the surge in populations of endangered nightingales, turtle doves, painted ladies and purple emperor butterflies who all breed there every year. It runs wildlife safaris and camping facilities and the estate attracts hundreds of visitors each year including visits from ecologists, scientists and landowners all fascinated to see the unfolding of ecological processes. The estate is literally teeming with insect, bird, animal and plant life, all of which are flourishing in scrubland, wetland and other habitats that have been encouraged to return to their natural state without the use of herbicides or pesticides and by the introduction of Exmoor ponies, Longhorn cattle, red deer and Tamworth pigs who roam free.

This book takes you through how they did it and goes into the historical, geographical and scientific background of the project as well as the arguments for rewilding and the many barriers and delays they had to overcome. I found it interesting that early in the project they received letters complaining that “rewilding was an immoral waste of land, an affront to cultural values, and that they’d turned Knepp into an eyesore of noxious weeds and brambles.” Tree meets these criticism head on and argues heroically against the English addiction to tidiness and how extraordinary global rises in agricultural processes have led to distorted intensive farming and encouraged damaging practices. Knepp is of course not a perfect ecosystem – how can it be with a lack of apex predators in this country - but it did challenge me to consider what I really understood about the land and its animals especially when we stop trying to manage and just observe them and their behaviours -who knew pigs



liked to snuffle in water for mussels for example or that today you need to eat ten carrots or tomatoes to get the same amount of trace elements and nutrients you would have got from just one in the Sixties.

The UK is ranked 29th in the world for biodiversity loss: 56% of species are in decline and 15% are threatened with extinction. We need to act now to change this – perhaps this book is a useful guide on that road to improvement of our natural world.

Sue Deedigan

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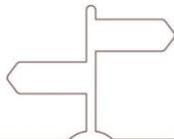
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Wellbeing notes

Hidden insights from an ancient book

Last week I saw Ireland's famous manuscript, the Book of Kells, in the heart of Trinity College, Dublin. This medieval document has intrigued me for a long time. The book contains the gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. It is heavily illustrated with ancient symbols and images of people, animals, angels and demons.

Visually, this calfskin manuscript is a complex mix of Celtic and Christian. Even the title of the book is intriguing. I used to imagine that 'Kells' referred to the fantastical creatures within its pages – a touch of Harry Potter magic. It turns out that the title comes from the monastery where it was stored, meaning 'head fort, seat or residence'.



Much of the book is beautiful; but it also has a dark side. We were shown the Third Temptation of Jesus, from the Gospel of Luke. Jesus is being lured to throw himself off the temple. A black, sinewy Satan floats in the margin by the text. And here's the thing: around the time the book was completed, the image of Satan on that page was stabbed with a fine instrument, almost invisibly, as many as 32 times.

I can't help feeling uneasy about that savage action. It reminds me of how barbed we can be – how we may demonise others who think differently from us, even justify violence towards them on the grounds that they are 'bad'. But as Mark Twain once said, "Who prays for Satan?" Hatred is never the answer – I believe love and compassion hold more power.

Suzanne Askham



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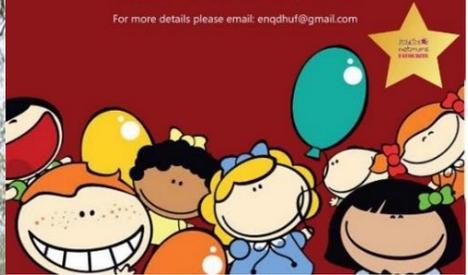
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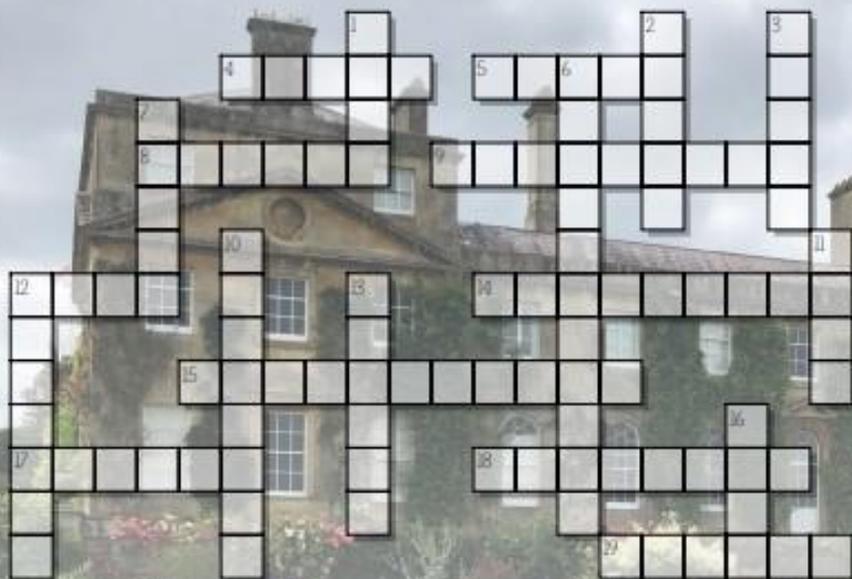
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September 2021 Crossword



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- 4 Heathen (5)
 5 Evade (5)
 8 Response (6)
 9 something said (9)
 12 Board game (4)
 14 List of items (9)
 15 Book lover (11)

DOWN

- 17 Former pupils (6)
 18 Former (8)
 19 Rural (6)
 1 Just (4)
 2 Reward for merit (5)
 3 Sequence (5)

ACROSS

- 6 Type of hat (11)
 7 Ballroom dance (5)
 10 Seafaring (8)
 11 Action (4)
 12 Back complaint (7)
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