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Editorial



.....and so, we move deeper into the autumn season as we reach the month of October and all that it offers. 'I'm so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers' spouts Anne Shirley, the eponymous heroine of the 1908 novel, *Anne of Green Gables*, written by Lucy Maud Montgomery. Although possibly a too saccharin sweet book for many, it does paint a vivid picture of life in the 'Fall' season in the Canadian province of Prince Edward Island with its vibrant colour and red clay back-roads. Along with the New England states of America, the neighbouring maritime provinces of north-eastern Canada enjoy a more predictable autumn season than ours with vibrant reds, golds and yellows painting a largely rural landscape dotted with white clapboard churches and columns of woodsmoke rising into the still warm air with houses having enormous log-piles alongside them. Their populations pay for this feast of colour with much longer and harsher winters which are equally predictable, and they need those log-stores.

The secret of such colour is apparently the combination of still warm Indian summer days followed by crisp cool night-time hours until the frosts bring the show to an end. We can hopefully look forward to and enjoy at

least some of our own golden October days in our neck of the woods as we head towards the darker months with British Summer Time ending on the last day of the month. The delayed Chelsea Flower Show will have already brilliantly showcased the different colours and foliage which Autumn offers by the time this piece is read. The season of mists will witness the last of the berries in our hedgerows alongside a bountiful supply of nuts which the squirrels have already been busy harvesting and secreting away. Fungi and wild mushrooms will be plentiful, and it is a good month to hear and see owls which are fortunately numerous around our villages.

October will of course witness the display of bright orange pumpkins, carved and illuminated with candles as the last day of the month approaches. This is a 'tradition' which has developed significantly in my lifetime to the extent that we now produce over fifteen million of the fruit in this country, valued at some £30m. In the United States from where we have imported the habit the estimate is that over one and a half billion pounds in weight of pumpkins are produced. Sadly, very little of this is eaten, though our American friends at least make an effort, though it is frequently accompanied by much sugar and cream!

The village of Hinton St George in Somerset observes 'Punkie Night' on the last Thursday of October, something which was probably observed more widely in former times but whose origins are lost in the mists of time. Hollowed-out mangolds or mangelwurzels (they look like swedes) are lit internally with candles and processed around the village by children singling the 'Punkie Song', two of whom are designated the 'Punkie' King and Queen. The celebrations are continued thereafter and these no doubt involve alcohol! With its proximity to the Halloween and its similarity to what happens with pumpkins these days, it is hard not to assume there is no link between them.

An anniversary to finish on – 24 October 2003 saw the final commercial flight of Concorde. British Airways flight BA002 from New York landed at Heathrow some three years after the fateful Paris crash which along with the general downturn in aviation following the events of 9/11 helped hasten its demise.

Assistant Editor

Dear Friends,

The end of October sees the end of British Summer Time when the clocks go back an hour. This is good news for those looking forward to an extra hour's sleep, but for others the increased hours of darkness to come will be less welcome, particularly if you live with seasonal affective disorder (SAD). Christians can also unwittingly fall into a dualistic way of thinking about light and dark, equating light with God and all that is good and positive while darkness is all about fear, suffering, sin and evil.



Spending time with my granddaughter recently I was reminded of a favourite book I shared with my own children: "The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark" by Jill Tomlinson. The chapter headings reveal that dark is exciting, kind, fun, necessary, fascinating, wonderful and beautiful. As is so often the case with a well-written children's book, its simplicity and directness enable a fruitful conversation about a complex theme to take place at a much deeper level.

So, what positives can we attribute to darkness? We only see the splendour of the universe in the darkness; darkness is necessary for a healthy circadian rhythm and the gift of sleep which restores and renews us. Sometimes it is in the half-light that our hopes and visions come to us, and although our deepest fears might surface in the silence of the dark, it is also there that God waits with us and holds us close.

Maybe rather than turning on more lights to extinguish all traces of dark, so that there is no risk of bumping into my fear, my doubt, my anger, my pain, my selfishness...aah, myself, perhaps I should embrace the gifts which the dark can offer, else I might find that in avoiding the darkness I am also avoiding God?

In his book 'The Night Sky of the Lord' Alan Ecclestone suggests "...there are some things that can only be seen in darkened skies, questions only heard in the silence of utter dismay. Such a time is ours" (Ecclestone 1980:39). Perhaps we might echo that such a time is ours too, and we might benefit from sitting in the stillness of faltering light in a spirit of questioning, maybe by a fire with a mug of cocoa, and discover who we really are without being distracted (blinded?) by the full glare of bright light. Maybe then we could rid ourselves of the God we have made in our own image and dare to encounter the true God with our true self. May you find comfort and peace in God's embrace this autumn.

Blessings,

Linda

A HUGE Thank You



Christ Church Derry Hill would like to say a HUGE 'Thank You' to everyone who supported their Bottle Stall at the Fete on Saturday 18th September. We were delighted to raise the sum of £387 a fantastic result! Thank you to everyone who donated bottles, acted as 'Drop off Points', bought tickets on the day (and were hopefully successful in winning a bottle!) and those who helped set up and run the stall. It was a great team effort and raised much needed and appreciated funds. Many Thanks.

Jennie Christ Church PCC

Rota of Services – October 2021

Sunday 3rd October

Creationtide & Harvest

Derry Hill

10am Said Communion

10.30am Family Service for Creationtide

Foxham

6pm Harvest Service

Saturday 9th October

Bremhill

4.30 Evening Prayer

Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers Calne Branch

Sunday 10th October

Bremhill

10am Parish Eucharist

Foxham

6pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 17th October

Derry Hill

10am Parish Eucharist

6pm Zoom Evening Prayer

Sunday 24th October

Foxham

10am Parish Eucharist

Bremhill

6pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 31st October

Derry Hill

10am Parish Eucharist

3pm All Souls' Team Service

Contact Rev'd Linda Carter to obtain the link for Zoom Services:
lindac@mardenvale.org.uk

COMING TO CHURCH

Parochial Church Council (PCC) Guidance

A further joint meeting of the PCCs of Bremhill, Derry Hill and Foxham was held on Tuesday 21st September to review the guidance published on 19th July. It was decided that the measures that were introduced at the meeting held on August 13th would continue for a further three weeks when a further review will take place.

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.

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.

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
21st September 2021.

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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.

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Ring one of our coordinators:

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Carol, Ian, Richard A and Richard G

Derry Hill and Studley Community Support

Annual Community award presented at the 2021 Derry Hill and Studley Fete

Richard and Dani French have been residents of Derry Hill for the best part of 40 years and during that time they have been involved in numerous community activities for the benefit of local residents.

Richard

a) A school Governor from 1997 to the present time, during which he spent 10 years as Chair of the Governors and whilst still remaining a Governor has only recently relinquished the post of Vice Chair.

b) He has been a long-standing member of the Bowood Carvers and Badminton Clubs, serving as Treasurer for the Bowood Carvers from 2008 to present and the Badminton Club from 2004 to present.

c) He served as a Parish Councillor from 2011 to 2021.

d) He was one of the original Trustees for the Derry Hill and Studley Village Hall Trust back in 1998 and assisted with the planning for the new Lansdowne Hall which opened in 2000. Continued as a trustee for a while before again becoming a Trustee from 2013 to the present time. He joined the Lansdowne Hall Management Committee in 2007 becoming its Chair in 2013, a position he still holds.



Dani

Dani spent a short time as the Women's Institutes' Treasurer and started the Art Club soon after the Hall opened in 2000 and has been running it ever since. Dani is a brilliant artist, and her help and artistic guidance has been greatly appreciated by all those who have sought to enhance their understanding of art and improve their painting talents. Dani can be best recognised as being a tower of strength to Richard by unstintingly fully supporting and encouraging him whilst he has served the community so well.

Alan Rosekilly

(Photo by Goff Lias)

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:

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Sort Code: 30-91-99
Acct. No: 52349360

Many thanks and keep safe.

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

The Night Sky in October

British Summer Time ends at 02.00h on Sunday 31 October and whilst this may see the last vestige of evening daylight, it does mean that the early evenings are darker, enabling us to witness the wonders of the night sky at more sociable hours!

Two of our planetary neighbours dominate different areas of the sky during the month and are easy to observe. Firstly, Venus sets in the South-Western sky at around 19.30h, following the setting sun. On the evenings of 9 and 10 October, the planet is joined very closely by the crescent Moon. It brightens during the month as it draws closer to the Earth so is readily identifiable. Looked at through a telescope it is possible to witness its changing shape, not unlike the phases of our Moon. The planet is half-lit on 28 October and then begins to shrink to a crescent shape. The following day the planet reaches its maximum separation from the Sun.

Meanwhile, in the Southern part of the sky, giant Jupiter dominates, setting at around 02.00h with Saturn to its right setting a couple of hours earlier. In mid-month the planets are easily identifiable as the Moon approaches them. On 14 October at around 21.00h the Moon will have Jupiter just above and to its left with Saturn to its right and just above. On the following evening, at the same time, Jupiter will be just to the right of the Moon.



The night of 21/22 October sees the maximum of the Orionid meteor shower as our planet passes through debris left by Halley's Comet. There will be meteor activity emanating from low in the Eastern sky for around a week of this date - they are very fast, often leaving a train with hourly rates of around twenty-five. Towards the end of the month there is further meteor activity with the Northern Taurids which peak in early November. The meteors of this stream by contrast are relatively slow and bright.



The smudge of stars known as the Pleiades or ‘Seven Sisters’ become more visible during the darker months and are worth looking at through a telescope or binoculars as the ‘smudge’ actually comprises over a thousand stars. Once identified with the naked eye they are easy to locate on future occasions – and this month the Moon will assist identification when it passes just below them at around 22.00h on 23 October.

This month sees the return of Orion low in the Eastern sky and this constellation will be our companion over the coming months as it moves across the Southern skies before disappearing over the Western horizon next Spring.

	Sunrise	Sunset
1 October	07.08	18.45
15 October	07.32	18.14
31 October	06.59	16.42

Richard Carter

inSPIRE in November 2021

The November magazine will be produced in paper and digital form, cut-off date for submissions is Sunday 17th October.

Ed

Changes to the Highway Code: rules on using motorways



If you're learning to drive or ride, you'll no doubt be studying the Highway Code to learn the rules of the road.

From today there are changes to the rules on using motorways, so it's as important as ever that you "check the Code" – and continue to do so on a regular basis.

For life, not just learners

The rules in the Highway Code are updated when there are changes in the law.

New rules may be added while you are preparing for your practical test, or after you have passed. There have been 15 changes since 2015 alone.

That means it's really important to stay up to date, whether you've only had one lesson or held a licence for years.

Most recent changes

The changes made as of today refer to guidance on smart motorways. A total of 33 existing rules will be amended and two new rules

introduced, with a number of amendments made to the additional information annexes.

These include:

- clearer advice on where to stop in an emergency
- the importance of not driving in a lane closed by a Red X
- the use of variable speed limits to manage congestion
- updated guidance on key factors that contribute to safety-related incidents, including unroadworthy vehicles, tailgating and driving in roadworks

How to stay updated

It's easy to keep up to date with the Highway Code, and any other future changes, online.

GOV.UK includes a list of the [latest updates](#) that have been made, so it's quick and easy to see what has changed. You can also [sign up for email alerts](#) whenever the Highway Code is updated.

[The Highway Code](#) on GOV.UK allows you to:

- search for key words and phrases within The Highway Code
- quickly move between related rules
- follow links to the original laws that the rules are based on
- print sections more easily

There's also an official Highway Code app.

More ways to stay up to date

You can follow @HighwayCodeGB on [Facebook](#) to get regular road safety reminders and news of any updates.

Future changes and print editions

Over the coming months we anticipate some further changes to the Highway Code; we will keep the public informed by email, on GOV.UK and on social media.

Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency

More information

Check GOV.UK for the latest about:

- [theory tests](#)
- [driving tests](#)
- [instructor guidance](#)

(This guidance has been sent out nationally – Ed)

Jazz at Marden House Calne

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



Unknown Suspects Throw Item from A4 Bridge Causing Damage to Vehicle Below

Witness appeal

This happened on 18/09/2021 at 12:00hrs on the A4 at Black Dog Hill/Millennium Bridge, Calne.

Unknown suspect/s threw a stone or similar size item from the bridge onto a vehicle passing below causing a tennis ball sized fracture in vehicle windscreen.



If you have any information which may assist us with our enquiries in relation to this crime, please contact Wiltshire Police on 101, quoting the crime reference number: 54210091100.

Information can also be given anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Many thanks

Mark Cook (Police, PCSO, CPT Chippenham)

Trial trenching on proposed solar farm site

Eden Renewables completed initial geophysical surveys across the proposed Forest Gate solar farm site earlier this year which did not identify any areas of archaeological interest. Our archaeological consultants will shortly begin the process of trial trenching across the site, which will take approximately seven weeks. This is required by Wiltshire Council before the planning application is determined in order to rule out the presence of any features of archaeological significance. The work will be completed using three diggers and we do not anticipate it will cause any disruption to local residents.

Eden Renewables www.edenrenewables.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 several 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.

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Mondays: 25th October 2021



Gardening Steve



Autumn is definitely here and it's beginning to feel colder. We've had some nice days in September though. Of course, with the trees changing colour it's a beautiful time of the year.

Leaves are coming down, so now is a good time to rake them up and start making leaf mould. You might have a chance to give those lawns a last mow or lay some turf.

As the days get shorter and colder, we must watch out for and protect tender plants by moving them into the greenhouse or the conservatory.

You may want to consider dividing your established rhubarb, this should be done every 5 years. This will give you vigorous new plants. Use a spade to divide the crown and throw away any rotten parts. Have you considered planting spring cabbages or broad beans?

Finally, your climbing roses need attention. Cut out dead wood and dead head. Check the stems and shoots are tied in to make sure they can withstand winds and that they are encouraged to grow the right way.

Happy gardening!

Stephen Starr Bowood Gardener

E Scooters

A message from Chippenham and Calne Police



Recently, officers from the Chippenham Neighbourhood team have been proactively stopping E-Scooter riders in response to a rise in complaints regarding them. 15 warning letters have been issued and 1 Scooter has been seized. Officers will continue to take action against persistent offenders, and we ask that people make themselves aware of the rules and laws surrounding E-Scooters before they purchase them. To summarise, it is currently against the law to use an E-Scooter in a public place. This includes on the road, pavement or parks. An exception of this rule are the rentable E-Scooters in places such as Bristol or Bath. These are legal due to them requiring a licence to be used and they are also insured by the company.

Wiltshire and Climate change



Wiltshire Council has launched a new #WiltsCanDoThis social media campaign to inspire communities across the county to take small actions in their day-to-day lives to make a difference and reduce their carbon emissions.

The council will be sharing ideas of actions that residents and businesses can take to improve the impact they have on the climate. The campaign will help with big and small suggestions to give people inspiration on ways they can play their part and make changes that will help the climate.

The campaign will be focusing on the seven main delivery themes that the council has identified as priorities in its draft Climate Strategy, in order to lower carbon emissions in Wiltshire:

- Transport
- Built environment
- Waste
- Green economy

- Energy generation, storage and distribution
- Natural environment, food and farming
- Carbon neutral council

Cllr Nick Botterill, Cabinet Member for Climate Change, said: “This Great Big Green Week, we are urging residents and businesses across Wiltshire to support our campaign and make choices to help reduce their carbon emissions. In February 2019 we acknowledged the climate emergency and set our goal to make Wiltshire carbon neutral by 2030.

“We know many communities and businesses in Wiltshire are already taking some great steps to help tackle climate change, but there is more that we all need to do to create an even greater impact.

“We have launched the #WiltsCanDoThis campaign to inspire people with suggestions of things they can do towards supporting the climate, and there are plenty of small actions people can take in their everyday lives that can all contribute to helping our county to become carbon neutral.

“We would like everyone to make a commitment to supporting climate change in Wiltshire and we can all play our part – #WiltsCanDoThis!”. People can show their support on social media by using the campaign **#WiltsCanDoThis** when sharing any posts or ideas, and following the council’s channels where regular posts will be made: [@WiltshireCouncil](#) on Facebook, [@WiltsCouncil](#) on Twitter.

The council is currently also holding a consultation on its draft Climate Strategy and the Green and Blue Infrastructure Strategy which will help to shape the natural environment of Wiltshire. The consultations both launched on 1 September and are open until 17 October. People can find out how to take part at: www.wiltshire.gov.uk/climate.

(Taken from Calne Community Matters – Ed)

Retiring Chairman of the Parish Council honoured at Derry Hill and Studley Fete

A number of councillors from Calne Without Parish Council retired this year. Some of them have served for many years and their service was recognised in a presentation at the Fete. (See details of this in the Parish Council's report). One of these was Ed Jones. Ed was brought up in Derry Hill and has worked all his life in either Derry Hill or Studley as a farmer, following in his father's footsteps.

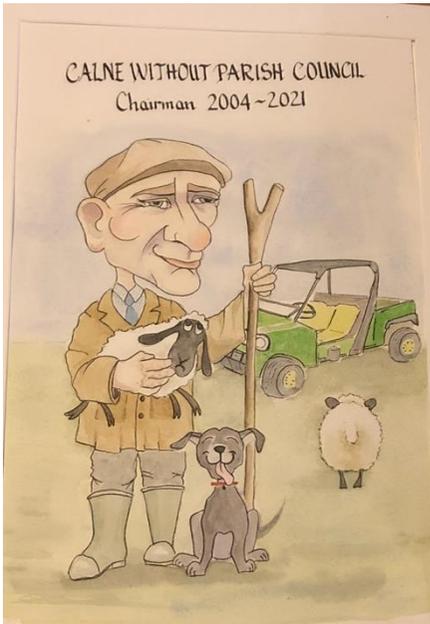


Photo by Goff Lias

Ed served 30 years on the Parish Council, 17 years as chairman, again following on in the footsteps of his father.

He was presented with a card signed by councillors, past and present. The card featured a caricature by Derry Hill artist Dani French. A fitting tribute to a hard-working councillor, Chairman of the council and resident of Derry Hill and Studley.

Ed



Forrester Sylvester Mackett

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MOTHERS' UNION PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP GROUP

After 18 months away from holding our meetings in Christ Church it felt very special to welcome everyone back for our first meeting on Wed 1st September 2021. We had prayers and a reading from Rev'd Linda, followed by catching up on the admin and finance situation after which we worked out our programme from October 2021 through to December 2022. Refreshments were kindly done by Christine Weston and Barbara Parry.



Our next meeting is on Wednesday 6th October at 2.30pm in Christ Church when Robyn will be organising a Beetle Drive. Anyone wishing to join us will be most welcome.

At the time of writing, we are all looking forward to attending Nan's Tea Party at the Atwell Motor Museum in memory of Chris and to celebrate his long and happy life; a true gentleman who is sorely missed by all in the MU. Thank you, Nan, for the kind invitation.

Barbara Parry

Derry Hill and District W.I.

Our WI twenty-year celebration on August 25th was a huge success. Andrea's garden was a lovely venue, the weather was just right, and the food, provided by the Committee, was enjoyed by all.



We drank Bucks Fizz, and finished with a piece of amazing celebration cake, made and decorated by Janet Stock and Andrea Colborne.

A £50 voucher donated by the Pewsham Pub was won by Jan Ephgrave.



On 2nd September we had an afternoon tea and chat at Janet Baumber's, which was well attended and enjoyed.



The 15th September was our next walk when several of our members met at the Caen flight of Locks at Devizes, and we walked the length seeing plenty of activity on the water with a selection of wildlife, even a fisherman with a good catch. Refreshments were enjoyed at the Lock Cafe. September 18th, we joined in the Village Fete, and ran a very successful cake stall. All the cakes being made and donated by our members. We were pleased that it was well supported and completely sold out.

The whole afternoon was a brilliant success and brought so many village organisations together.



September 22nd see's us returning to our venue in the Village Hall with speaker Kathryn Croweller, her topic being Women and Girls Combating Period Poverty in India which is a local charity.

We are all very pleased to be getting together again and making things more normal again. Long may it last.

Our October meeting is on Wednesday 27th and this will be “At Home with Mags and Babs”. This will be a light-hearted look back at life events and happenings in the village over the past 48 years.

If you would like to come along, we make visitors very welcome, with up to two visits before inviting you to become a member.

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

Barbara Barnard

Healthwatch Wiltshire

Share your views to help shape the future of equipment service



Healthwatch Wiltshire is looking for people to share their experiences of the county's Community Equipment Service.

We're working with Medequip, which provides equipment such as walking frames, wheelchairs and hoists, to find out what people think of the service, what they like about it and what they think could be improved.

Stacey Sims, Healthwatch Wiltshire Manager, said: "Our survey looks at all aspects of the Community Equipment Service, from the information you're given about your equipment to how it's delivered and installed in your home, serviced and collected.

"Everything we hear will be shared with Medequip and anyone who gives their feedback is welcome to join an online forum which will help shape the way the equipment service is developed in the future."

Michaela Harris, Medequip's General Manager for the Southwest and Suffolk, said: "We're delighted to be working with Healthwatch Wiltshire on this project and I would urge anyone who has used our service to give their feedback so we can understand what's working well and where we need to make improvements."

Jessica Mitchell, Senior Commissioner for Adult Services at Wiltshire Council and Hannah Massey, Commissioning Manager for Bath and Northeast Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Group, said: "Medequip and Healthwatch Wiltshire have taken a collaborative approach to develop and undertake a survey in relation to Wiltshire's Integrated Community Equipment Support Service. The survey will play an important part in making sure that the community voice is central to the continued development of the service.

"This is a great opportunity for people to have their say and help ensure that the people of Wiltshire have continued support from a quality service. We would therefore like to take the opportunity to thank people in advance of completing the survey and thank Medequip and Healthwatch Wiltshire for all their support."

Share your experience

Please share your feedback [here](#)

All feedback is anonymous and confidential.

Calne Town Hall Moviola

Hello everyone, it has been a long time, no see.

We are coming back on November 17 this year – more details in the November inSPIRE- and then we shall start showing the films again in Jan 2022. Let us hope that we shall have got the measure of covid a bit more by then.

There will a few restrictions and we are busy sorting them out but hopefully you will bear with us.

Please keep an eye out in next month's inSPIRE magazine for more information.

If anyone would like to be put on our email address list, please send a message to calnemovies@gmail.com . We will be contacting everyone on our list later next month.

We look forward to seeing you again.

Viv and the team



RIDE+STRIDES for Churches

The 2021 sponsored cycling odyssey



We left on a sunny Saturday morning 9am prompt and called into Christ Church to check the refreshments were in place for any visiting



cyclists from other churches. All was well and we set off to Bremhill via Studley. Easier said than done as the climb from Hazeland to the Dumb Post is a killer. Normally we walk up but our bikes have now been converted and we have electric motor assistance for such an eventuality. We got to the top without stopping but it was still hard work!

On arrival at St. Martin's Bremhill we had a good chat to a gentleman who mows the grass and then set off to Foxham which involved riding along the ridge and zooming down Spirt Hill to St. John's Foxham. Here a very welcoming Elizabeth Hannah and her lovely dog made us feel at home. But we had to press on, up and down the hills to Compton Bassett. Stopping only for a refreshment break at the White Horse, we arrived at St. Swithin's Compton Bassett. Unfortunately, it appeared locked. No sign of Robbie Williams or Michael McIntyre to speed us on our way back towards Calne!



The plan was to use the specially made foot and cycle path back to Calne, it was so poorly marked we lost some time finding the entrance. Parts of the path were fine, others downright dangerous. Nevertheless, we managed to arrive in Anchor Road and onwards to St. Mary's.



Coming out of St. Mary's was a lady from Bromham who had cycled round Devizes before arriving in our neck of the woods, good effort! We were signed in at St. Mary's by a very welcoming gentleman we had not met before and then on we went to Castlefields.

Here we got onto the Calne to Chippenham Sustrans walking / cycling track, getting off at Studley. Well, it's a bit of a slog back up the hill to Studley from the track, but with a little help from our electric motors we made it through Studley back to Derry Hill arriving back at 2.45pm. Phew!

It was some 21.3 miles and quite a bit of a slog at times but most enjoyable overall. We have raised over £400 for Christ Church Derry Hill and the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust. A big thank you to all those who have supported us in this effort and if you would still like to contribute, please go to [Just Giving](#) or pop your contribution through our door at 1, Redhill Close Derry Hill. Many Thanks.



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Avon Needs Trees

Events coming up at Avon Needs Trees Hazeland project:

Sat 16th October: Hazeland Past and Present

Morning: Tours of Hazeland 10.30-1



Whether this will be your first tour of the site or whether you would like another chance to see Hazeland we invite you to a tour of Hazeland's meadows, ancient woodland and hillside pastures now planted with trees, to learn more about the progress we have made this year.

Register for a place on a tour [here](#):

Afternoon: 2pm-3.30 History Walk of Hazeland Join us to hear historian Nick Baxter talk about the ancient Forest of Pewsham, which once stretched south from Hazeland's border, events from local history and the colourful characters that played their part in influencing it. This will be a chance to walk the beautiful site, including riverside meadow, ancient woodland, an abandoned canal, and hillside views, gaining a new historical perspective from Nick's tour as you go.

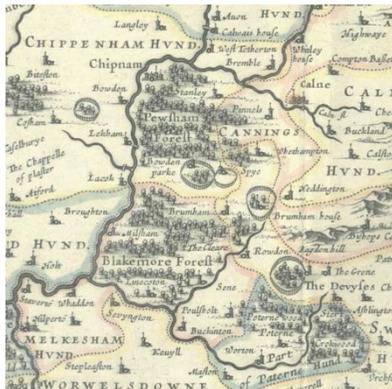
Register a place on the history walk [here](#):

** Please be aware when visiting Hazeland that due to sustaining the biodiversity at the site there are no hard-standing paths, and we cannot allow dogs onto the site **

An Online event:

Weds 20th Oct 7-8pm: The History of Pewsham Forest:

We are delighted to have Nick Baxter speak to us on the history of Pewsham Forest which once formed, with Melksham or Blakemore Forest, a vast forest comprising a triangle of territory from Calne to Chippenham to Melksham and ran up to the boundary with Hazeland. He will be telling us about the forces that shaped it, how it ended with deforestation in the 17th century, and what has happened to it since.



As well as the fascinating characters who played a part in the forest's history: the Kings, politicians, monks and outlaws who affected it. Nick Baxter is a history enthusiast, passionate about the real history of people and places in Wiltshire, <https://wiltshirehistoryman.org.uk/> Register for the online event [here](#):

We also have **Volunteer days** coming up at Hazeland in October helping us with conservation tasks at the site.

Days will be running on Weds 6th, Fri 8th, Sat 9th, Thurs 14th, Mon 18th and Fri 29th Oct

If anyone would like to join us to sign up for volunteering days at Hazeland they can now do so directly via the volunteering page on our website:

[Volunteering | Avon Needs Trees](#)

Susan Barker

Project Coordinator

Avon Needs Trees

www.avonneedstrees.org.uk

Calne Without Parish Council

On September 13th the Parish Council met for the first time since the summer break. Councillors were voted onto the committee roles and decided on which working groups and projects they were going to work on. The full list of our committee membership and working groups can be found in the minutes of the meeting on our website. www.calnewwithout-pc.gov.uk

The Climate Emergency working group have already started work and will be producing a survey to hear the views of local residents, please watch this space for further announcements.

Prior to the pandemic there had been plans to set up a Community Speed watch group for Church Road, Derry Hill. The pandemic meant that the Parish Council had to put those plans on hold but now we are in a position to start work on setting up this group. More information on Community Speedwatch can be found here [Community Speedwatch \(wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk\)](http://Community Speedwatch (wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk))

If you think you might be interested in being part of the Community Speedwatch team, please contact clerk@calnewwithout-pc.gov.uk
Are you in a local club or non-profit organisation looking to resume activities after lockdown but need some financial support to do so? The Parish Council has a budget allocated for grants to help local groups restart. If you feel that you could be assisted by this, please get in touch and we can discuss the process.

It was lovely to see so many people at the Derry Hill and Studley Fete and have the opportunity to publicly honour three people who have devoted a great deal of time to the Parish Council and the local area.
As one of its last acts before the May 2021 elections the outgoing Council at Calne Without honoured 3 of its Parishioners with the award of the tile Honorary Freeman of the Parish.

The awards, which are bestowed under the 1972 Local Government Act, were made in recognition of the service to the community given by 3 former Councillors who between them have given over 130 years' service to Calne Without.

Brian Vines and Lord Lansdowne both began on the Parish Council as young men and served over 50 years apiece before retiring. While Nigel Cole managed 35 years on the Council. Although often not in agreement with each other all three have an immense knowledge of the area and its community which they put to good use working for residents during one



Photo by Goff Lias

of the greatest periods of change that this rural Parish has seen in its 131-year history.

Former Chair Ed Jones presented the scrolls which have been locally produced by artist Dani French, calligrapher Caroline Keevil and framer David Auld.

Calne Area Board are working with Sustainable Calne, Calne Town Council, Friends of the Marden Valley and Calne Without Parish Council to plan an exciting Eco Fair event promoting and celebrating our local environment, wildlife and biodiversity. It has been timed to tie in with the upcoming COP26 event in Glasgow and will take place on **Saturday 6th November from 10.30 - 2.30pm at Calne Town Hall.**

The idea is that the Eco Fair will be a lively and positive event, with local 'environment' groups and councils working together on this important issue. It will offer local people an opportunity to explore easy changes to their daily lives that may help to save the planet and could save them money too.

There will be activities for children, tasty refreshments and a wide range of stalls selling local/sustainable products and services. As it is during the run up to Christmas there will be local eco products and gifts including

organic foods on sale. There will also be stands from organisations and groups specialising in waste, recycling, green energy, gardening for wildlife, creating green spaces, walking and cycling opportunities etc. to advice, support and inform local people.

If you would like to have a stall at the event or run an activity to raise awareness of the work you are doing in relation to the environment and / or sell your sustainable products or would like to contribute in any other way, please get in touch with Sue Deedigan sue.deedigan@calnewwithout-pc.gov.uk .

Katherine Checchia

Clerk clerk@calnewwithout-pc.gov.uk

WI WALKING NETBALL

After a summer break, Walking Netball has re-started again, and as from Monday 27th September we should all be back from holidays.

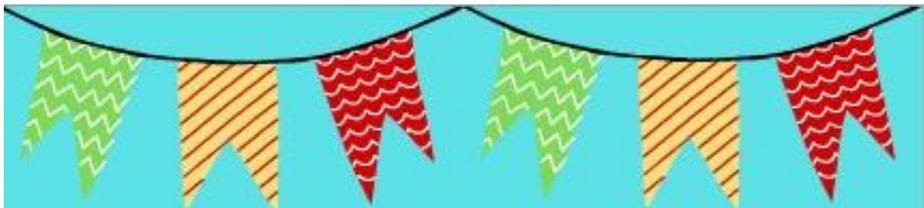
We are still looking for new members to join us. Grans to Mums. Come along and try it out, fun friends and exercise.

Monday and Friday 1:45 to 2:45, so just in time to collect children from school!

Any other enquiries or information contact me on 814206 or Tina on 814145

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





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Rub A Dub Pre School

Firstly, we'd like to say a big thank you to everyone who came and took part in the games on the Rub a Dub stall and the Rub Dub races at the recent Derry Hill and Studley Village Fete. It was so lovely to see many happy faces back in the community.

For those of you who took part in our 'Name the dog' competition the winning name was 'Boo'

For us it marked the start of a return to the more traditional fundraising activities that we like to put on here at Rub a Dub, please keep an eye out on our Facebook page for upcoming fundraising activities. We plan a return of the pumpkin carving competition that we ran last year, and we will also be doing a cake stall around fireworks night. Info and exact dates to be confirmed.

In late November we will have another collection from 'Bags 2 School'. This is a really great fundraiser where unwanted clothes and textiles can be collected for recycling and the preschool will be paid depending on the weight of the collection. Committee members are happy to collect from houses near to the time so please bear us in mind if you have a pre-Christmas clear-out and have anything you want to get rid of.

We have had a lovely start to the year welcoming new and returning Rub a Dubbers. It is so lovely getting to know all the new personalities in the setting.

We are currently not accepting any new registrations for 3-year-olds, but we do have some spaces available to 2-year-olds from the new year. Please get in touch and see what sessions we have available. We are also happy to take registrations for next September, so if you have a little one and sessions in mind, please get in contact with the team.
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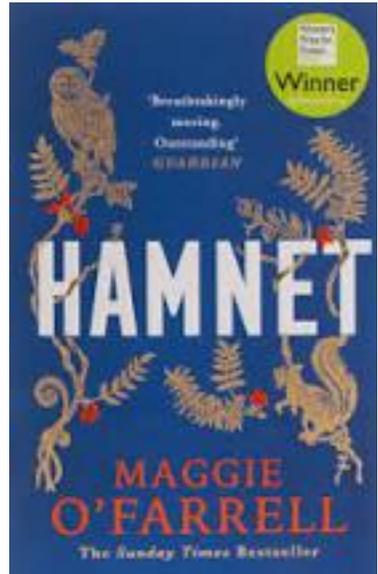
Book Review

'HAMNET' by Maggie O'Farrell

I chose this book because it was recommended to me by a friend and that I really like Maggie O'Farrell's style of writing.

The title of the book Hamnet is the name of Shakespeare's only son, who died aged 11 of a mysterious illness, possibly bubonic plague, in 1596.

It is an historical fiction that focuses on Agnes Hathaway, from her early romance with William Shakespeare to the realities of being a wife and mother in the 1580's and '90's.



What is so interesting is that Shakespeare is kept in the background, away in London while most of the action takes place in Stratford. His name is never mentioned but we learn about his chequered family background whose family had fallen into financial ruin. Whereas Agnes' (Anne) is from a family in good standing both socially and financially.

She is a beautiful woman who has some supernatural gifts of healing with herbs, is devoted to her family and experiences glimpses into the future.

'Words spread, of course, about the girl's unusual abilities. People came under cover of darkness. The girl, as she grew older, found a way for her path to coincide with those of the people who needed her.'

Agnes herself is, in the eyes of her neighbours, a creature descended from myth; they regard her with a mixture of awe and wariness.

What I found so convincing was the way O'Farrell writes about grief and pain. From the beginning, there is a sense of foreboding. We know the outcome but the author's story telling draws us into a stunning portrayal of family grief.

'What she has always dreaded is here. It has come. The moment she has feared most.....The pestilence has reached her house. It has made its mark around her child's neck.'

During our meeting, Dani made an interesting point about the importance that senses made in this novel but particularly that of the sense of smell- from the description of storing apples to the smell of cabbage heads and burnt hide and bread dough and filth in London's streets.

Maggie O'Farrell's description of settings are so vivid.

Not everybody enjoyed this book, they found difficulty in relating to any of the characters, but it is worth reading because this is a beautifully written imaginative novel.

Christine

Our next book for review will be 'Beneath A Scarlet Sky' by Mark Sullivan, chosen by Tanya

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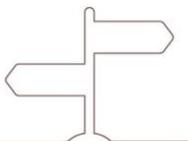
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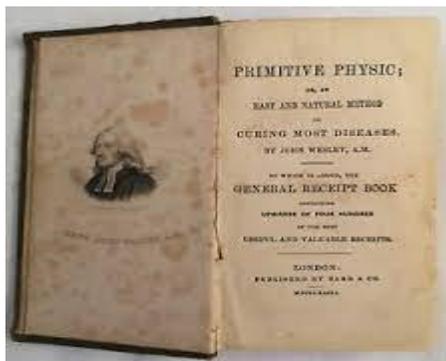
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In deciding on their respective merits, it should seem that Stoughton's elixir has the advantage in simplicity, and, perhaps altogether as a general stomachic. Indeed, for some intentions, both the London and Edinburgh compositions may have their respective claims to preference; and, in a laxative habit the canella alba. As a family medicine, to be at all times safely resorted to, there is no need to hesitate in recommending Dr. Stoughton's Elixir.

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Wellbeing notes - What is your heartfelt intention?

My son, who has complex disabilities, loves listening to yoga Nidra. This variety of guided meditation focuses on body awareness, generally while lying down. My son's practice brings valuable calm to our whole, busy household.

I have led groups through yoga Nidra, and it's always possible to undertake a simple sequence on your own. However, with my son, we use an app that offers a

choice of narrators and time span. During a yoga Nidra session we may be invited to choose a 'Sankalpa'. This Sanskrit word describes a heartfelt intention, a vow or affirmation. Felt at the deepest of levels, it can be viewed as part of the essence of who you are.

If, for example, you seek more peace in your life, your Sankalpa might be, "I am peace". Or you might say, silently to yourself: "Peace is in me and all around me; I walk in peace." A Sankalpa always has a kind, relaxing quality to it, and it can bring that gentle, loving energy to the heart of the person who chooses it.

It's good to say your Sankalpa three times, around the start and also at the end of a yoga Nidra session. You might keep a particular Sankalpa for as long as you wish, reaffirming it regularly through your day. Or you might choose a new Sankalpa at every yoga Nidra session. The relaxing nature of this deeply felt statement encourages the space for the good you seek to enter.



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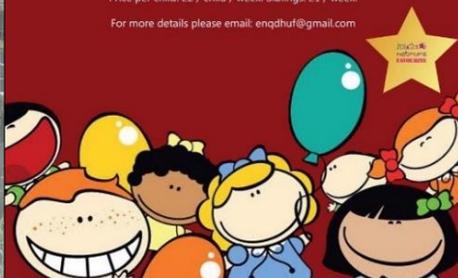
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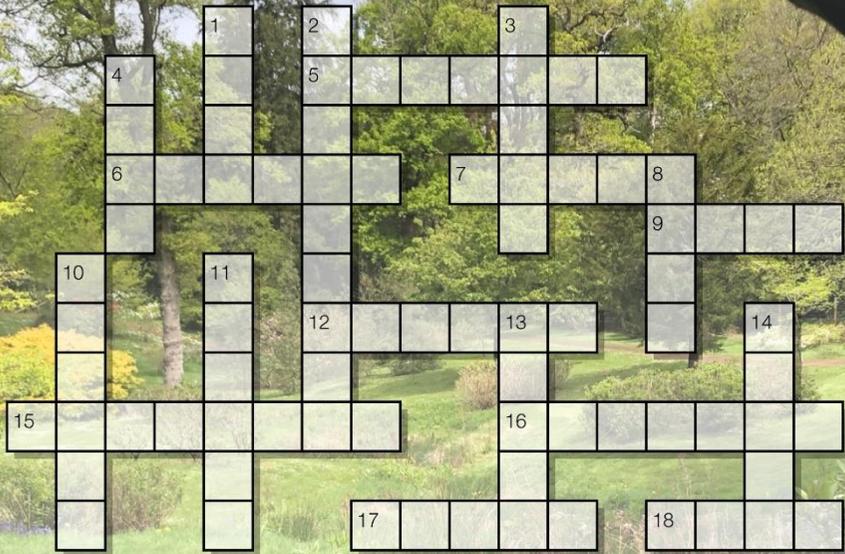
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October Crossword



ACROSS

- 5 Provide with food (7)
- 6 Sheepdog (6)
- 7 Open sore (5)
- 9 Unit of land area (4)
- 12 Harass (6)
- 15 Decapitated (8)
- 16 Sleeveless pullover (4-3)
- 17 Setting (5)
- 18 Circular tent (4)

DOWN

- 1 Dish (4)
- 2 Unable to be seen (9)
- 3 Stringed instrument (5)
- 4 Scottish lake (4)
- 8 Garden tool (4)
- 10 Cure (6)
- 11 Breathe out (6)
- 13 consumed (5)
- 14 Smell (5)

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