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Editorial

Unless your birthday or some significant anniversary falls during the thirty days that November offers us, it is probably safe to assume that the eleventh month of the year is not a favourite. It has a reputation for being dark, damp and generally miserable. In terms of rainfall, there are other months of the year that have similar average levels of rainfall but a picture of general gloom has some substance.



November 'enjoys' around 65 hrs of sunshine, a little over two hours per day and daylight hours continue to decline during the month.

November has a reputation for delivering frequent fogs, which is basically water and relatively safe, unlike the foggy days of my 1960's childhood growing up in the inner part of Birmingham when the city was dominated by heavy industry, most of whose smokestacks seemed more productive at this time of the year. Allied to this, the majority of homes at that time were heated by coal (none of the smokeless variety in those days!) which added to the cocktail of noxious chemicals in the air. There were far fewer vehicles on the roads back then, but their engines were not as clean as those of today. The net result was that November fogs were yellow and could be tasted! These smogs were really thick and could bring the city to a standstill. I recall bus conductors walking ahead of their vehicles because they had better visibility than the drivers. Vehicles would often staddle the central white line in the road to aid them - fine until a vehicle coming in the opposite direction had the same idea!

The 'Great Smog' in London occurred in 1952 (early December) and lasted for five days when their own particular cocktail of pollutants was trapped within a fog by a stationary area of high pressure above the city. Over one thousand people (probably more) died as a result and eventually the Clean Air Act was passed into law four years later. We have come a long way since those days but still have more to do in terms of air quality. Enjoy the daily couple of hours of sunshine we might get and put aside any concerns over shortages – I doubt that we will starve!

Assistant Editor

Dear Friends,

Stir-up Sunday falls on 21st November this year. If you follow this tradition, you will gather family members together to stir the Christmas pudding before it is steamed. Stir-up Sunday takes its name from the prayer said in many churches on the last Sunday before Advent, which begins: "Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people..."



How do you feel about being stirred up? Or would you prefer a quieter life after the turmoil of the last twenty months? For myself, I find the current debates surrounding race, poverty, mental wellbeing, the climate crisis, violence against women and girls, the COVID pandemic and the attendant issues of injustice and inequality stirring me up. How to respond O Lord?

At our Remembrance services we will hear the prophet Micah speak of swords being beaten into ploughshares and spears into pruning hooks, and people not learning war any more (Micah 4:3). But in chapters 1-3 Micah speaks out against the leadership in Samaria and Jerusalem whose political and economic practices enable those with wealth and power to exploit and disregard the poor and vulnerable. Stirred up by this prophetic indictment and the possible divine consequences, questions are asked about what can be done...what does God require? Burnt offerings? Calves? Thousands of rams? Rivers of oil? Our firstborn...?! Micah says:

"He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God." Micah 6:8

That's it. No extravagant displays of piety. Justice, kindness, and a closer walk with God.

Do justice...when we make choices about food, clothing, housing, transport, energy consumption - so that the choices we make give others the freedom to choose rather than condemn them to a life of poverty and injustice, and we don't damage the earth in the process.

Do justice...respect every person as a person, as a child of God whom God loves, for whom Christ died.

Love kindness...let each small act, word, gesture, or listening ear acknowledge and notice the other person, without judgement. Let our interactions build up and not belittle.

Walk humbly with your God...be attentive to God's word, listen when we pray, love God with every fibre of our being.

In Robert Shooter's November poem "A bit of a blow" he says:

"The wind on the moors
is so strong
it's blowing me over.
If God's in it
he's trying very hard
to tell me something..."

How do you think God is stirring you up? What is God trying to tell you?
How will you respond?

Blessings,

Linda

Remembrance Sunday 14th November

There will be a short 'Service of Remembrance' at the War Memorial this year which will commence at 10.45am.

Please be mindful of social distancing as you gather to pay your respects, thank you.

Christ Church PCC



Rota of Services – November 2021

Sunday 7th November

3rd before Advent

Derry Hill

10am Said Communion

10.30am Family Service

Zoom Evening Prayer 6pm

Sunday 14th November

Remembrance Sunday

Foxham 9.30am

Bremhill 10.45am

Derry Hill 10.45am

Sunday 21st November

Christ the King

Derry Hill 10am Parish Eucharist (Patronal Service)

Zoom Evening Prayer 4pm

Foxham 6pm Evening Prayer **with Holy Communion**

Sunday 28th November

Advent Sunday

Bremhill 10am Parish Eucharist

St. Mary's Calne. Marden Vale Team Service 6pm

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 12th October to review the COVID measures in place in our churches.

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. 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 + the Gloria will take place in church during services. Please wear a face covering if you wish to join in.

Zoom services will continue.

These measures take effect from 17th October and apply to the regular Sunday services. They will be reviewed on 10th November 2021.

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 12th October 2021.

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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

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Carol, Ian, Richard A and Richard G

Derry Hill and Studley Community Support

Studley Methodist Church

Weekly Services continue on Sundays at 10.30am.

Please see Notice Board for details.

On Sunday 10th October the Church celebrated its 166th Anniversary, Superintendent Minister, Rev Mark Barrett from Swindon, officiated. During the service a talk was

given by Richard and Mary Aylen on the Christian work their daughter, Lucy, is doing in Papua New Guinea. A donation from the Church in memory of Mrs Mildred Manley, Lucy's former music teacher, was presented by sons Keith and John Manley. After the service a time of fellowship was enjoyed with celebratory cake and refreshments being served by the catering team.

A COFFEE MORNING is planned for SATURDAY 20 NOVEMBER from 10 am. ALL WELCOME

Advance Notice

Sunday 19 December 4pm Carols by Candlelight with Rev David Gray.
Best regards,

Christina



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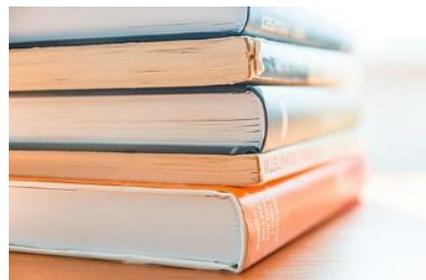
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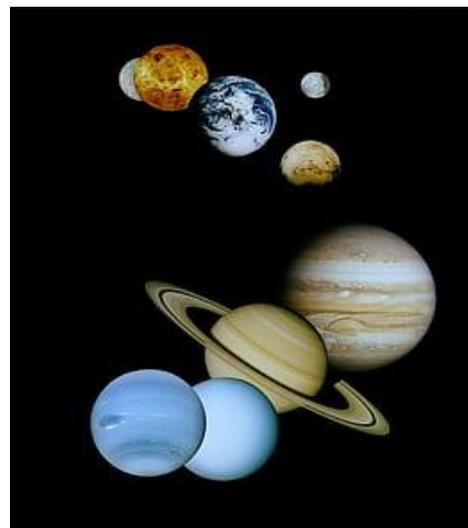
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Many thanks and keep safe.

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The Night Sky in November

Our skies during this month are dominated by the planets Venus and Jupiter with both being readily visible. Venus will be easily identifiable low in the south-western sky around sunset. On 7 November, the thin crescent Moon will be to the right of our sister planet and on the following evening it will be slightly higher and to the planet's left. Just to the left of the Moon on 8 November the star Nunki will be visible. Venus will be setting at around 18.30h this month.



The southern skies continue to be dominated by giant Jupiter, shining brilliantly with Saturn, much dimmer, to its right and slightly lower in the sky. Jupiter sets at around 23.00h during the month. On 11 November the Moon will pass below Jupiter with Saturn to its right. In the morning sky of 10 November, low in the south-east at around 06.30h, Mercury can be observed very close and to the left of Mars. Mercury will be the brighter of the two planets.

Although barely visible to the naked eye, outer planet Uranus will be at its closest point to the Earth this year, though still some 2,803km distant. Uranus is four times the diameter of our home planet and oddly orbits the Sun on its side, probably as a result of a collision in its early life. It also has some twenty-seven moons and has thirteen rings, though unlike spectacular Saturn they are much fainter and less well-defined.

19 November will see a total eclipse of the Moon though sadly visible only in the Americas, the Pacific and East Asia.

The Leonid meteor shower is active during the month with the peak of activity taking place on 17-18 November. The shower is associated with debris from Comet 55P/Temple-Tuttle and in past years has shown extraordinary rates of activity though this year 15 per hour are expected though they will be bright and fast leaving persistent trains.

	Sunrise	Sunset
1 November	07.01	16.40
15 November	07.26	16.18
30 November	07.49	16.03

Richard Carter

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This check can also be requested by any concerned member of the public.

Chief Constable Kier Pritchard said: “Following the murder of Sarah Everard, it is only right that my operational colleagues expect and are tolerant of those who wish to be further reassured in our interactions with them. I have asked all of my operational colleagues to take additional time to explain and reassure our communities who they are, what they are doing and why.

We appreciate that the onus is on us, as a police service, to proactively offer any additional reassurance we can to the communities we serve.

This new process is a small step but one which I feel is appropriate, proportionate and will be welcomed by those we serve.

I would encourage our communities to feel confident to ask any questions they might have of any of my officers, members of staff or volunteers.

We are here to protect and serve you and we understand that you might have questions or comments on how we work to achieving that.

This new verification process is just one action we can take to try and rebuild some of the trust and confidence this horrific case has eroded and I appreciate this is just the start.

I look forward to continuing to cultivate an open, two-way dialogue with our communities to move forward together.”

Siobhan Stayt (Police, Media Officer, Wiltshire)

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James and Brigid

Reminder

It's easy to forget that the cyclepath is going to be closed next month for three months on a Thursday for most of the day. This is to make the area safe for pheasant shooting in that neck of the woods. Not so safe for the pheasants though!

Ed



Blast from the past. The shop that disappeared.



Readers may have seen this intriguing photograph in social media of the then Derry Hill vicar the Rev. L. Hudson talking to Mr. Charles Wiltshire on Mr. Wiltshire's retirement in February 1956 after 51 years of running the shop. I was surprised to learn that this shop was located opposite the Strict Baptist church at 80 Studley Lane. Originally the premises was erected as a semi-detached house and used

by Mr. Gideon Wiltshire as a butchery and dairy, with his wife Eliza baking bread in a wood fired stove. The business greatly expanded with George Giles joining him in a venture which saw a business which included the sale of cured pork and lardy cakes. At the height of the business there were over 100 pigs in breeding and fattening in the land behind the shop. Sausages, faggots and pickled hams were processed and sent far and wide to between 300 and 400 customers. In 1940 the slaughterhouse was closed by new government legislation. Charles Wiltshire took over the shop from his great aunt, the widowed Eliza Wiltshire.

In his letter to his customers, on his retirement, Charles Wiltshire wrote "the Business and the "Shop on Wheels" will be taken over by Mr. T. Strange." This was Tom Strange who was Simon Strange's father. Simon and Sonia Strange ran the Village Stores in Church Road for many years. (Sadly, Simon Strange, who was well known to many, passed away recently)



Mr. Charles Wiltshire and his wife outside the shop.



Another view of the old shop



The view of 80 Studley Lane today

With thanks to Sue Matthews, Lynne and Mike Jarvis for the photographs and information.

Ed

Book Review

Our next book for review will be 'Beneath A Scarlet Sky' by Mark Sullivan, chosen by Tanya and will be in the December / January edition of inSPIRE.

Christine

Gardening Steve

Hi to you gardeners!

Autumn is now upon us and the days are getting shorter, there is definitely a change in the weather and the trees are now beginning to change colour. I do love this time of the year. It's the time of the year to start putting the borders to bed by cutting down herbaceous borders. Some plants would have got overcrowded so you can start by dividing plants. Prune shrub Roses by half, this will protect them from wind damage. Plant any daffodils or narcissus bulbs by November. Tulips can be planted up until beginning of December. Give your lawns a final cut and apply an autumn fertiliser. Mow the lawn on the highest setting. Prune rambling and climbing Roses. Cut out any overcrowded and dead stems. Tie in any new growth by covering the whole wall or trellis. Take care and enjoy the Autumn colours.



Balloon ahoy!

A lovely photo of a hot air balloon approaching the Bowood House terrace taken by me in October.

Stephen Starr

Bowood gardener.



The Lansdowne Hall and Multi Pitch

The Hall is making a steady recovery from the severe disruption Covid has caused to its everyday operations and the Management Committee is thankful that many regular groups have returned. Regrettably some have not,



but their absence has in part been compensated by a number of new users and the return of family parties. As encouraging as this is there is still some way to go before the losses incurred during shut down can be retrieved. The Management Committee are trying to rectify this and have in mind the possibility of arranging Community events such as quiz or race nights and perhaps with visiting speakers giving talks on a range of topical subjects. Readers' views on such suggestions or other events would be much appreciated. Also, there may be community activities that readers would like to organise themselves, if so, the Hall's facilities can be made available to accommodate this.

However, the Management Committee's main concern is the lack of use of the Multi Pitch and having spent a considerable sum on maintenance over the last two years had hoped to see greater use made of the pitch. The pitch can accommodate football, netball and tennis besides serving as an area for organised activities, but this can only be achieved if the local community fully supports its use. The Management Committee are open to ideas from the Community as to how best to utilise the pitch together with volunteers being willing to help take such ventures forward with the support of the Management Committee.

It would be appreciated if members of the Community or groups who have any views or feel able to contribute towards achieving the aims set out in the two paragraphs above can, in the first instance contact the Hall's Administrator on 07860 9402323 or administrator@lansdownehall.org who will be pleased to hear from you.

Alan Rosekilly (Secretary)



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September 22nd saw our first meeting back in the Village Hall and was very well attended.

The Speaker was Kathryn Crowweller, who gave us a very interesting insight into the problems for women and girls in India who still suffer from Period Poverty. She and her father carry out charity work raising funds and doing great work with organisations in India.

The winner of our record Sunflower competition was announced at the meeting and prizes went to “The Tallest” Janet Baumber; “The Widest” Jackie Green; and “The Tallest Before Flowering” Jan Ephgrave.



On the evening of October 6th, a “Knit and Natter” was held at Tina’s house. This was enjoyed by some members, but I think that there was more natter than knitting that night.



The next planned event is an Autumn walk in Bowood to enjoy the lovely seasonal changes. We will finish with some refreshments at the Treehouse, when any of the non-walkers can join us.

The October meeting will be on Wednesday 27th October and is entitled “At Home with Maggs and Babs”, this will be a light-hearted look back at events and happenings in the Village over the past 48 years. The November meeting will be a craft evening with a Christmas theme.

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

Calne Town Hall Moviola

Hello everyone. We were hoping to start showing our films again in November but unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond our control this now will not happen until the New Year. We were looking forward to starting up again but we will be back, it is just going to take us a little time. We will be putting more information in the magazine at a later date.



Viv and the team

Mothers' Union Prayer and Fellowship Group



Our meeting on Wednesday 6th was held in Christ church at 2.30pm

We had Prayers and reading by Christine Weston followed by admin and finance and we discussed our programme for the coming year.

On the 27th September we attended Nan's afternoon tea party in remembrance of her husband Chris.

Our social part of the meeting was organised by myself which was a Beetle Drive causing lots of merriment.

We had two games winners being Barbara and Mary.

Our next meeting is to be organised by Barbara and will be held at the home of Mary on Wednesday 3rd November - A bonfire Night.

Anyone wishing to join us will be most welcome.

Robyn Summers

Coming soon...

The Derry Hill & Studley Gardening Club.

We don't know about you, but word on the street is that a lot of people discovered gardening during the COVID pandemic. Gardening allowed us to get outside, be active, relieve stress, be creative and discover newfound pleasure. We are Pete Prater and Paula Wheatcroft, a couple of novice gardeners living in Derry Hill who want to invite you to join us in forming this new club in the community with the vision of 'Gardening for the greater good' implying that we aim to improve our knowledge and enjoyment of our own gardens but that we may also perhaps enhance the lives of others in our community through wider initiatives.



If you wish to register your interest in joining us at our inaugural meeting that will be held in January 2022 then please drop me a line at peterprater@btinternet.com and watch this space for more details.

Peter Prater

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Calne Without Parish Council

I have only recently taken on the role as Clerk to Calne Without Parish Council and as I tell friends and family about my new role I am often faced with the same blank faced expression. I realise now that not many people know what a Parish Council does and how it can benefit the local community, so I thought I'd take the opportunity this month to try and explain a little more about Calne Without Parish Council.

A parish council is the first layer of government and is the closest layer of government to the people it serves. It is made up of elected members who have lived or worked in the Parish for a number of years who volunteer their time to try and engage local people and respond to their needs. They represent the interest of local residents at local community initiatives and can also provide services where required. They work together to try and make improvements to the local area where necessary. They do this with money raised from the Council Tax and also money received when development occurs in the locality.

During the last month there has as ever been a lot of work going on within the Parish Council. The Councillors are busy in their working groups working on improvements to the locality and busy representing the Parish in many local Groups. There are groups working on Climate Change, Road Safety and Footpath audits among many other things. The minutes from all of our monthly meetings can be found on our website.

An important thing to communicate with you all is that Wiltshire Council has resolved to undertake a 'Community Governance Review' The review is to consider "The Creation of a new Parish - Derry Hill and Studley and associated impact" For those of you who aren't aware Calne Without Parish Council is a geographically large council, that essentially creates a horseshoe shape around Calne, it includes Derry Hill, Studley, Mile Elm, Sandy Lane, Pewsham, Broads Green, Stockley and reaches into Calstone.



CALNE WITHOUT PARISH

The important thing to note here is that if you live within Calne Without Parish Council you will be contacted by Wiltshire Council for your opinion on the proposed changes and if you want to find out more about the proposals, please visit Wiltshire Councils website www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council-democracy-cgr , or keep an eye on our website www.calnewwithout-pc.gov.uk where regular updates will be posted as we receive them. Updates will also be posted on our noticeboards throughout the parish.

And finally, I'd like to remind you all that if you are 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.

Katherine Checchia

Clerk to the Parish Council

clerk@calnewwithout-pc.gov.uk

Saturday 6th November 10.30 - 2.30pm at Calne Town Hall.



6th Nov ... 10:30 – 2:30 ... Calne Town Hall



Calne Area Board is working with Calne Without Parish

Council, Sustainable Calne, Friends of the Marden Valley and Calne Town Council to plan an exciting Eco Fest event promoting and celebrating our local environment, wildlife and biodiversity. It has been timed to tie in with the upcoming COP26 event in Glasgow.

The idea is that Eco Fest will be a lively and positive event, with local environment groups, councils and schools working together on this important issue. It will offer local families an opportunity to explore easy changes to daily lives that may help save the planet and could save them money too. We would like to attract children and young people to the Eco Fest so that they can inspire us with their ideas about building a better future.

There will be **local/sustainable** goods for sale, **tasty vegan refreshments** to try and information from organisations and groups designed to advise and **inspire** people to take small or large actions which could **save money and perhaps help save the planet too**.

We are also asking children to **make a green pledge for the environment** and/or to ask their family to make one too, an idea or promise can be written on an acorn shaped pledge sheet. This can be brought along to the event to be hung on our **Calne 'Communitree'**, which will be made from recycled materials and we hope will provide a talking point at the event. All pledges delivered to the event will be rewarded with a free tasty snack and gift! There will be activities for children run by local schools and the WWT and a performance from the **Japanese drummers**.

There is also a raffle for a fair-trade, sustainable hamper for Christmas and of course there will be activities for the grown-ups too - we would like people to join in two community discussions to talk about how we can all work together to support our environment.

1 **'Blue and Green'** talking about our green spaces and water ways to see how we can use them better and keep them safe.

2 **'Getting around'** talking about travelling to and around our town and villages and out into the countryside using healthy, active types of transport.

We hope that these discussions will lead us to identifying actions that the Councils, organisations, groups and individual people from the community can join together to develop and achieve locally.

Hope to see you there!

Sue Deedigan Parish Councillor

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If you find that you have some items that you are able to donate please could you bag up any items (any type of bag is fine) and drop off your items to Rub A Dub pre-school at the Lansdowne Hall on the morning of Tuesday 30th November by 9am. Alternatively please contact myself via rubadubchair@hotmail.co.uk and we may be able to arrange collection or let you know of an earlier drop off location.

Bags 2 School will accept the following items: clothing- paired shoes- handbags - hats - bags - scarves - ties - jewellery - lingerie - socks – belts - soft toys – curtains - household linen - towels - bedding (bed sheets, pillowcases and duvet covers) Many thanks for your kind support, it really is appreciated.

Watch out for a donation bag coming to your door!

Kate Checchia

Chair of the Committee.

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.

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Barbara



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To give you an example, my checklist this morning went as follows:

Body: a walk in the local fields, breathing in the cidery fragrance of crab apples in wintry hedgerows.

Mind: reading from an anthology of garden poetry. Today that included wise words from the 20th Century landscape architect, Russell Page: “To plant trees is to give body and life to one’s dreams of a better world.”

Spirit: meditating for five minutes on the theme of loving kindness (more about this next month).



A relative has been stuck in hospital, hundreds of miles from us. Her daily Mind Body Spirit checklist includes the following. **Body:** walk a little further along the hospital corridors than she did yesterday. **Mind:** write a haiku and share with others. **Spirit:** read from a pocket companion of inspirational writings. She's doing remarkably well despite major health challenges. Her Mind Body Spirit checklist helps her to feel positive and perhaps it even assists a little in her recovery.

So, my question for you is this: how do you choose to care for your mind, body and spirit today?

Suzanne Askham

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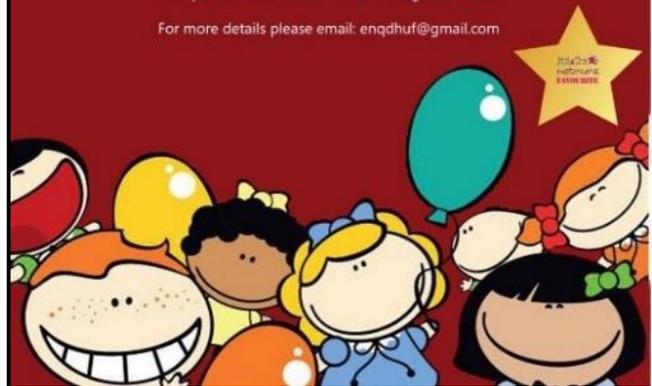
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- 3 Footwear (5)
- 6 Travel bags (7)
- 10 RAF rank (4,9)
- 12 Badly off (4)
- 13 Garden tool (4)
- 14 Male goose (6)
- 17 Misprints (6)
- 18 Day nursery (6)
- 19 Lowest point (5)

DOWN

- 2 Person not present (8)
- 3 Underground (12)
- 4 Rural area (11)
- 5 Obscene (4)
- 7 Partial darkness (5)
- 8 Ancestor (10)
- 9 Coagulate (7)
- 11 Bullfighter (7)
- 15 In this place (4)
- 16 Scottish lake (4)

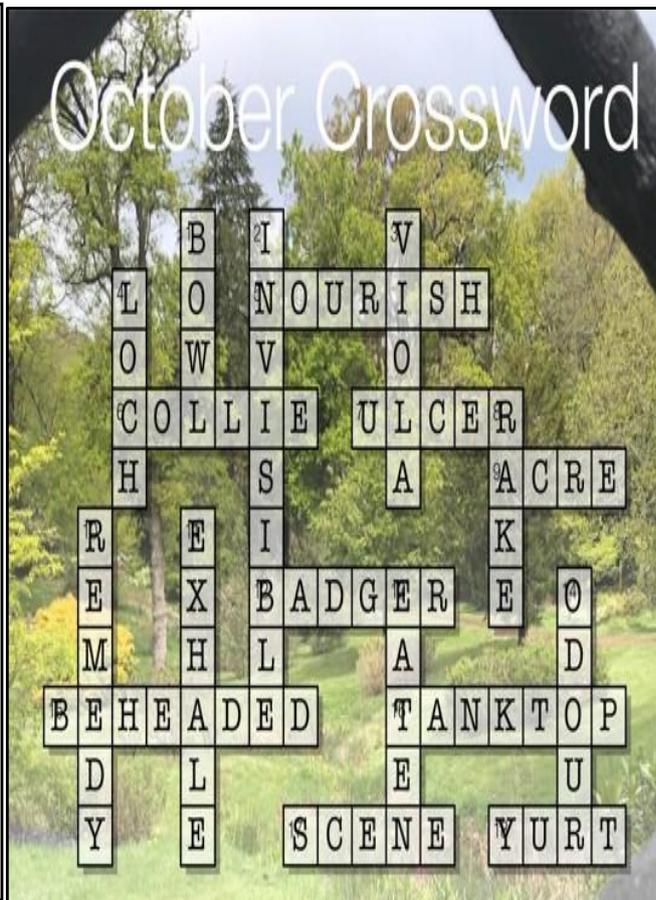
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