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## Editorial

February, the third and final month (meteorologically) of Winter is with us, often noted for some cold and severe weather before we reach Spring. At the time of writing this piece however (early January) it is difficult to associate the month with such hardship having just experienced an exceptionally warm New Year period with the weather returning to its familiar pattern of mild, wet and gloomy conditions to which we are becoming accustomed. February is the shortest month of the year, though its length has changed several times over the years, on occasion falling to just twenty-three days until the institution of the Julian calendar assigned it the length it now enjoys. Being so short, it is the only month of the year which can pass without a Full Moon and this takes place around every nineteen years

Those who live in Wiltshire are familiar with local folk being known as 'Moonrakers,' a term allocated many years ago when involvement in the smuggling of spirits was widespread. Kegs were often hidden in village ponds and raked out by the light of the Full Moon. On one occasion the process was disturbed by a patrol of Excise men and the Wiltshire folk pretended to be very simple, explaining that a piece of the moon, reflected in the water, had broken off and they were in the process of raking it in, convincing the patrol who went away laughing at such simplicity. However, it appears that such events and fooling the authorities is not confined to Wiltshire!

The village of Slaithwaite in Yorkshire holds a two-yearly craft, lantern-making and story-telling festival in February marking just such an occasion when their own local folk similarly convinced the revenue men that they too were simply raking the Moon out of the water. There may well be others around the country and it makes you wonder who were the simpletons – the locals or the authorities!

During the month, on average one hundred and eighty seconds of daylight are added each day – let's enjoy all of them, especially those in 'Real Bread Week' at the end of the month!

***Assistant Editor***

## Dear Friends,

It is still early January as I write and looking out into the garden through the study window all I can see are bare branches and a leaden grey sky. I find the first couple of weeks after Twelfth Night unsettling. Having taken down the Christmas Tree, the decorations and cards, the indoor spaces seem to echo the starkness of the outdoors. I do however keep a tiny crib on the mantelpiece until Candlemas.

Gradually the melancholy begins to lift as I notice the green shoots of Spring bulbs breaking through the soil. But the moment which gives me most joy is when the first snowdrops appear. There is a small clump of these exquisite flowers just inside the vestry gate at Derry Hill. Although I know they are there, it always comes as a delightful surprise to be greeted by their nodding, dainty, white heads as they appear. That first sighting always brings a smile to my face, and at last I can let go.

February arrives, Candlemas marks the end of the Christmas season, and lifted up by Anna's and Simeon's praises it is time to look forward. We continue our journey with the Light of the world.

Snowdrops, sometimes known as Candlemas Bells, are for me, a sign of hope. They appear to be such fragile plants and yet they are so hardy, pushing through frost and snow. Apparently, these plants need snow, which warms the soil and prompts them into action, an apt description perhaps for spiritual growth too. There are many legends concerning snowdrops, but I rather like this one:

“As Adam and Eve are banished from the Garden of Eden amid the snow of winter, an angel takes pity on them and reaches out to gather a handful of snowflakes. The angel's breath transforms the snowflakes into soft, pearly flowers. “Take these little flowers as a sign of hope,” he tells the couple, casting the flowers into a halo that carries the blessing of hope out into the world beyond.”

And finally, a poem by George MacDonald:

## The Holy Snowdrops



Of old, with goodwill from the skies,  
The holy angels came;  
They walked the earth with human eyes,  
And passed away in flame.

But now the angels are withdrawn,  
Because the flowers can speak;  
With Christ, we see the dayspring dawn  
In every snowdrop meek.

God sends them forth; to God they tend;  
Not less with love they burn,  
That to the earth they lowly bend,  
And unto dust return.

No miracle in them hath place,  
For this world is their home;  
An utterance of essential grace  
The angel-snowdrops come.

May you find signs of hope in the stirrings of Spring. May we all discover our faith refreshed and renewed as we journey onward, guided by the Spirit.

Blessings, *Linda*

## Rota of Services – February / March 2022

Date	Service
6 <sup>th</sup> February 4 before Lent	Derry Hill 10am Said Communion 10.30am Family Service Zoom 6pm Evening Prayer
13 <sup>th</sup> February 3 before Lent	Foxham 9.30am Parish Eucharist Bremhill 6pm Evening Prayer
20 <sup>th</sup> February 2 before Lent	Derry Hill 10am Parish Eucharist 6pm Zoom Evening Prayer
27 <sup>th</sup> February Sunday next before Lent	Bremhill 10am Parish Eucharist Foxham 6pm Evening Prayer

2 <sup>nd</sup> March Ash Wednesday	Derry Hill 7.30pm Service of Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes
6 <sup>th</sup> March 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent	Derry Hill 10am Said Communion 10.30am Family Service Zoom 6pm Evening Prayer
13 <sup>th</sup> March Lent 2	Foxham 9.30am Parish Eucharist Bremhill 6pm Evening Prayer
20 <sup>th</sup> March Lent 3	Derry Hill 10am Parish Eucharist 6pm Zoom Evening Prayer
27 <sup>th</sup> March Mothering Sunday	Bremhill 10am Parish Eucharist Foxham 6pm Evening Prayer

Contact Rev'd Linda Carter to obtain the link for Zoom Services:  
[lindac@mardenvale.org.uk](mailto: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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> October and apply to the regular Sunday services. They will be reviewed on 10<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> October 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**

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### ***Carol, Ian, Richard A and Richard G***

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Happy New Year and keep safe.

Julian (Chair) 01249 814145 / [julesoliver3@gmail.com](mailto:julesoliver3@gmail.com)

## Children’s Society Boxes

I apologise for the delay last year in collecting in the boxes. If you have handed your box in last year the money will be counted this year.

If you still have your box, please hand it in to the Vicarage by Mothering Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> March.

Thank you for your patience and support.

Any problems please ring me on 01249 658285.



**Sarah Hooper**

## The Night Sky in February

The dark winter skies of the month provide excellent opportunities for observing the heavens, especially on nights away from the Full Moon which this month occurs at 16.56 on 16 February. It is still possible to see brilliant Jupiter during the early part of the month in the south-western sky before it sets at around 18.30. It will be the brightest object in that part of the sky and on the evening of 2 February at around 17.30 the thin crescent moon will be located immediately below the giant planet. Around mid-month Jupiter will disappear from our night skies.

Once Jupiter has set, the skies will be clear of other planets for the time being, though the very distant (and faint) outer worlds of Neptune and Uranus are just about visible though extremely difficult to locate. Viewing of the closer planets of our solar system therefore moves to the pre-dawn sky.

Venus shines brilliantly in the morning skies, rising in the south-east at around 05.00 and outshines any other celestial object so is easy to locate. It offers some excellent viewing opportunities during the month. On 13 February at around 06.45, very low in the south-eastern sky, Mars can be found almost immediately below Venus and a little to the left of Mars, and closer to the horizon, will be the planet Mercury.

In the same part of the sky a further opportunity to see Venus and Mars together takes place on 26 February at around 06.00 when again the red planet sits below Venus but to their right is the very thin crescent moon. On the following evening, the moon will be almost directly below Mars at the same sort of time. Mars will be sitting below Venus for the whole of the second half of the month.

Our night skies will be dominated by the constellation Orion in the south, easily located by the three stars which form his 'belt.'

	<b>Sunrise</b>	<b>Sunset</b>
1 February	07.45	16.58
15 February	07.21	17.23
28 February	06.54	17.46

***Richard Carter***

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## Electoral Roll - Christ Church Derry Hill

The Electoral Roll has to be revised every year prior to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. This year the meeting takes place on **Sunday 20th March** directly after the 10am service.

Anyone whose name is already on the list will remain but anyone who wishes to be added to the Roll needs to complete an application form. This will be available via the Pew Sheet and can be completed and returned by email to [jjleddra@talktalk.net](mailto:jjleddra@talktalk.net). A form can also be collected from the church porch and returned to Mrs M Hogarth, Electoral Roll Officer

### ***To be entitled to be included on the Roll a person must be:***

Baptised.

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A Member of the Church of England resident in the parish.

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A Member of a Roman Catholic, Baptist, Methodist, URC church who are prepared to declare themselves a member of the Church of England and have attended worship for at least six months in the parish.

In order to serve on the Parochial Church Council or vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting you need to be on the Electoral Roll. This is an ideal opportunity to have an input into the running of the church and its life within the village.

The closing date for completion of the Roll is **4<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

**Jennie Leddra** Secretary PCC

## Silent film night St. Mary's Calstone

**Saturday February 26th** at 7 for 7.30pm in St Mary's church in Calstone - a silent film night featuring short films by Buster Keaton with live piano accompaniment.

Donations please to Calstone PCC by card or cash at the door.

**James Harpham** 07976 945055

## Bowood Festive Food and Gift Fair 2021

I would like to thank Lord and Lady Lansdowne, Jeff Condliffe and his team at the Bowood Hotel, Spa and Golf Resort for all their support with the first Bowood Festive Food and Gift Fair held on the 1st and 2nd of December in aid of the Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust. It was a great success and helped us raise vital funds. The Trust has worked throughout the pandemic to ensure those over 60 or registered disabled 18+ are safe and secure at home.

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## Gardening tips for February

Although the days are sometimes cold and dark, there are lots of jobs to prepare for the coming growing season on those brighter ones.



- Chitting potato tubers and onion seeds pays dividends as you help the plants get off to a good start in the spring.
- Plant fruit trees, bushes, canes and vines as long as the ground is not too wet or frozen.
- Prune back down to the ground your Autumn fruiting raspberries.
- If you haven't already, prune your currant and gooseberry bushes back.
- The pigeons love brassicas so make sure you have them protected. Keep an eye out for grey mould and downy mildew, remove affected leaves and stalks.
- A number of vegetables can be sown under cloches provided your soil is light enough – spinach, broad beans, carrots, parsnips, beetroot, lettuce, salad onions and peas.
- Peas can also be sown in the greenhouse.

A good time to rake those remaining leaves off the lawn, especially when the ground is dry.

Above all, enjoy your time in the garden!

**Ed**

## Book Club Review

### **The Son** by Michael Rostain

This is an emotional book that is a blending of memoir and fiction. Written by a bereaved father who uses his dead son's voice to narrate the circumstances and repercussions of his sudden death and the grief suffered by the father.

The book group found this book to be very powerful, even though it is a hard read in places as it is based on the true-life experience of the author.

It is written through the eyes of Lion (the dead son) watching his father from the other side of death and this technique manages to just give enough distance from the bereaved dad to make it possible to follow such a tragic story.

It was an unflinchingly honest portrayal of grief that was described as an emotional earthquake by one of our readers.

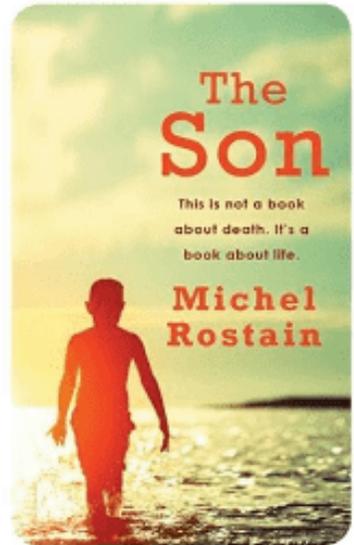
While it was a very poignant and moving book it also had humour running through it, with many comical anecdotes to lighten the mood.

Death and grief are two of the few remaining taboo subjects in our society - it can be very helpful to talk about the death of a loved one and this book is a unique way into a very difficult topic

A beautifully written book.

**Kay Brown**

Derry Hill Book Group



## The Derry Hill Vicarage

Stand facing North on Church Road in Derry Hill in the 1830's and you would see before you the 40 acres outstretched market garden field of Red Hill - a similar view as you would get in Bromham today. At that time the need for a new church was widely recognised - a Chapel of Ease for the people of Studley, Derry Hill and Sandy Lane. The newspapers of the time described the need as "1,200 souls scattered about in a deplorable state of ignorance and spiritual destitution".

The proposal was to build a District Church and an accompanying Glebe House (or Vicarage) at the estimated expense of not less than £2,000 (about £220,000 in today's money). The Glebe House was to be the home of a Perpetual Curate (or Vicar). The ask for subscriptions was made and within a short time the money rolled in - £200 from Lord Lansdowne (that paid for the Church Spire), £25 from the Lord Bishop of Sarum, £100 from Rev Bowles of Bremhill, £100 from Mr Angell of Rumsey House, £100 from Lord Kerry and so on. The people of Derry Hill, Studley and Sandy Lane also played their part through many fund-raising events and donations. The Bazaar held at Bowood in August 1840 which was "numerously and fashionably attended by more than 4,000 people" raised a princely sum.

The papers of the day described the site chosen for the church as "at the top of a rising hill and backed by the woods which encircle the noble seat of Bowood" and "the site selected is in a field, to the right of the Western Road from Bath to London. It's position commands a vast sweep of the Vale of Severn, onto the misty mountains of Wales". The architects were Messrs Wyatt and Brandon and the builder was Mr Jones who won the work and travelled with this team from Bradford Yorkshire. The result was a church and vicarage, "beautiful Gothic structures, substantially built in stone and well finished".

The vicarage has played host to many events over the past 182 years:

- On 23rd March 1871 the vicar made his plea in the local paper for clothes and toys for the 70 souls from the Derry Hill environs who were setting off for their new lives in Quebec Canada on the SS Medway sailing from London.
- The 9th July 1890 saw the arrival of a baby son to the Rev. Scott and his wife at the Vicarage.

- The 12th May 1933 witnessed the tragedy on the Vicarage lawn of a member of the Derry Hill Bowls club who collapsed and died in the middle of a match.
- The 3rd December 1949 saw the large sale of surplus furniture from the vicarage including 6 Norfolk nob backed dining chairs.

Perhaps the most marked change was in the early 1980's with the demolition of the original Glebe House with its stone tile roof, its bay windows and dressed Bath stone facade. And following that its replacement on the site with the Bethesda House care home and tucked in behind it our new more utilitarian vicarage.

Fast forward to today and you can stand on Church Road facing north and see Christ Church and the homes of the circa 800 population of Derry Hill. If you do, remember the words of Lord Lansdowne who during the laying of the Christ Church foundation stone on 1st August 1839 said - "the church in which you now behold, we hope, from its elevated and striking position be an ornament of the country far and wide; but to those who dwell immediately within its reach it cannot fail to bear a shining light and beacon. Many husbands and wives will be united to the partners of their choice, many children will be admitted into the faith of their parents, and when their course is run many will find in this hallowed spot their last home".



**Steve Calder**



**Forrester Sylvester Mackett**

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### **Tuesday January 25<sup>th</sup>**

Nick Payn saxophone, flute, harmonica and vocals, plus piano and double bass

### **Tuesday February 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Andy Hague Quartet Andy on trumpet and flugelhorn plus piano, bass and drums.

### **Tuesday March 29<sup>th</sup>**

Dave Newton piano with Alan Barnes saxophones (including baritone sax) and clarinet.

## *James Harpham*

## Advertising in the inSPIRE magazine

If you are an advertiser in this magazine, you will know that we halved the cost of placing an advert during the pandemic to help local businesses and because we were online some months. At the moment we feel this is still the best course and will continue with the present rates (page 3) for the foreseeable future.

## *Ed*



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This change will only affect your general household waste collections – there is no change to recycling or garden waste collections, which will still take place on their usual day.

You do not need to do anything at the moment.

To ensure you're informed about your new collection day, you will receive a personalised letter that explains how your collection day will change and what you need to do. You'll also have a hanger label placed on your general household waste bin on your last collection under the old schedule that will give you more information.

Letters will start landing on doormats from 31 January and for the following two weeks, so if you don't get a letter straight away, don't worry.

Please do not contact us about the changes – all the information you need will be in your letter, and you do not need to do anything until you receive your letter.

Find out more about waste collections <[www.wiltshire.gov.uk/waste](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/waste)

Kind regards

***Donna Mountford***

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We start by wishing all the readers a happy New Year 2022.

This year we have moved on with Covid 19 and looking back at last year we were in Locked Down and doing most of our business via Zoom, even to the extent of having Burns Night at home by Zoom.

The Committee are making plans for future meetings and the forthcoming AGM. Some changes in roles for the Committee perhaps.

The next meeting is planned for the 26 January and will be a "Call my bluff". We may well learn some new words, and it could be slightly educational.

We hope to have a walk / lunch in February. We have a meal planned, and another coffee morning for February, but as in the past all our plans will depend on the regulations at that time.

Looking back to Christmas, the following are a couple of photographs taken at our very nice meal at the newly opened Pewsham Pub.



For any other information please contact our secretary Sally Hole on 01249 817945 or [sallyhole@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sallyhole@hotmail.co.uk)

***Barbara Barnard***

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### Kingston House Derry Hill

10.10 – 10.30

Mondays: 14<sup>th</sup> February and 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022



## Rub a Dubs

We are happy to be back after the Christmas break and welcoming new rub a dubbbers.

We wanted to say a big thank you to the community who supported our textiles collection in November, we raised a bumper amount and will be using the funds to enrich the children's experience in the setting.

Those of you that walk past the garden regularly will see that we have finally managed to finish our garden project. The project was slightly slowed down by Covid but now we have installed the final piece of the project; a planter that the children will have so much fun looking after and learning more about gardening.

We are just in the planning stages for our fundraising for the next few months so please keep an eye on our Facebook page or in these articles for ways that you can get involved.

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Last Autumn, ANT purchased its second site at Stanley, near Chippenham. We're currently part-way through planting 9,340 trees on the site this winter, and once done, will be moving back to Hazeland to replace the ones that didn't make it through the first year. There's lots to do, so if you'd like to be part of this great project, you can sign up as a volunteer at

<https://www.avonneedstrees.org.uk/volunteering>

**John Barnes** Councillor Calne Without Parish Council

## Calne Without Parish Council

I'd like to focus this month on the most immediate issue within the Parish Council.

Wiltshire Council are currently undertaking a Community Governance Review. They are considering the following; "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 and Lower Compton.

The initial pre consultation phase has been completed and Wiltshire Council are now in the process of drafting recommendations that will be consulted on in the next couple of months.

Once recommendations have been published there will be a period of consultation that is timetabled to last from 1 March 2022- 22 April 2022. During this time you should receive information directly from Wiltshire Council though your door to enable you to have your say.

Information will also be available by visiting Wiltshire Councils Website page and we will be making sure our website and social media is kept up to date with all relevant information.

[www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council-democracy-cgr](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council-democracy-cgr)

[www.calnewwithout-pc.gov.uk](http://www.calnewwithout-pc.gov.uk)

It has become even easier to keep up to date with Calne Without Parish Council, we are now on Facebook, simply search for 'Calne Without Parish Council' and like and follow our newly launched Facebook page to stay up to date with what projects the Parish Council are working on.

There is currently a vacant seat for a Parish Councillor to represent the West Ward (Derry Hill and Studley.)

This will either be contested by election on Thursday 17th February 2022 or if following two opportunities to stand for the vacant seat no one puts themselves forward, and the seat remains vacant, the seat will be filled by a process of co-option.

The deadline for someone putting themselves forward for election was 24<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

Please contact me if you would like to know more about what being a councillor means and how to apply for co-option.

**Katherine Checchia** [clerk@calnewwithout-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@calnewwithout-pc.gov.uk)

# Calne Without Parish Council

## Climate Emergency Survey

Calne Without Parish Council has set up a Climate Emergency Working Group and are looking for views from residents on how it can play its part in tackling the climate and ecological crises.

If you can please spare 5 minutes to complete this survey, we would really appreciate it.

We'll be using the responses to develop our action plan, so this is a great opportunity to have your say.

<https://forms.office.com/r/X0uTL2NqSi> or use the QR code below.

Thanks! **Sue Deedigan** Parish Councillor



## Calne Community Neighbourhood Plan – help us to update and refresh!

The Calne Community Neighbourhood Plan which covers the whole of Calne Without Parish as well as the town formally came into force in February 2018. Much has happened since then and its now time to review the plan to make sure it remains a strong and effective document for Wiltshire Council to use in deciding planning applications.

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, working on the review on behalf of the Town and Parish Councils, is launching a new website for the Plan which will include a survey and an interactive map for residents and businesses to use to give their thoughts on what we treasure in our area and what could do with a transformation!

Please look out for information about how to get involved which will be on local noticeboards and the Parish Council website as well as the new website: <http://www.calnecommunityplan.com/>

We look forward to hearing from you.

For more information please contact:

***Su Johnson***

Calne Community Neighbourhood Plan Administrator

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## Calne Town Hall Moviola

We were hoping to start showing our films again this month, but we have reluctantly decided that it is not a good time to go ahead at the moment. Hopefully things will get better and that we can perhaps think about it in the spring, maybe in April.



Best Wishes and a Happy New Year to all who have supported us in the past.

## Viv

### WI Walking Netball

Having been persuaded by friends to give walking netball a try, I can honestly say it is great fun! It doesn't matter if you've not played since school, used to play 'normal' netball or have never played before, the sessions are about learning new skills and enjoying a team sport which you can take at a pace to suit you. We don't take ourselves too seriously, it's friendly, competitive in a very light-hearted and fun way, we have a good laugh, you improve fitness and make new friends. We are ladies across the age spectrum - some have children at school which is why the sessions are timed to finish before school ends! If you want an hour or two a week to have some fun, come and give walking netball in the village a try.



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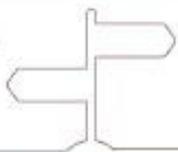
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## Wellbeing notes

### This is the colour for growing and flourishing

We're focusing on colours in my Thursday meditation group – a different band of the rainbow for seven weeks. The latest colour we've been studying is green. My local countryside is still wintry, not yet verdant, so meditating on green brings a dose of early summer to the imagination, and tranquillity to the mind.



Picture yourself, right now, in a lush green landscape. How does it feel?

The word 'green' comes from the Proto-Indo-European root, 'ghre,' meaning 'to grow,' signifying the way natural landscapes gain a colourwash of green as the weather warms up. Somewhere between the passion of red and the purity of white, green can be viewed as a colour of healing, freshness and balance, a wonderful hue for feeling relaxed and calm in mind, body and spirit.

If you feel the need for more green in your life, seek it out. Imagine it. Plant it. Grow it.

On the windowsill in my study are three flourishing plants. Each is beautiful in its own way. The frequent attention they receive helps them to thrive – a reminder that what I care for is more likely to do well. This principle applies equally to people and work projects as well as plants.

So, these are my questions to you. What in your own life is currently becoming green? What aspect is flourishing? And how can this be honoured and encouraged?

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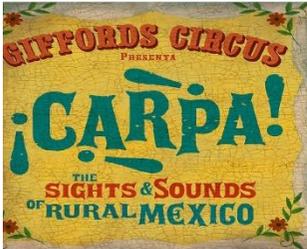
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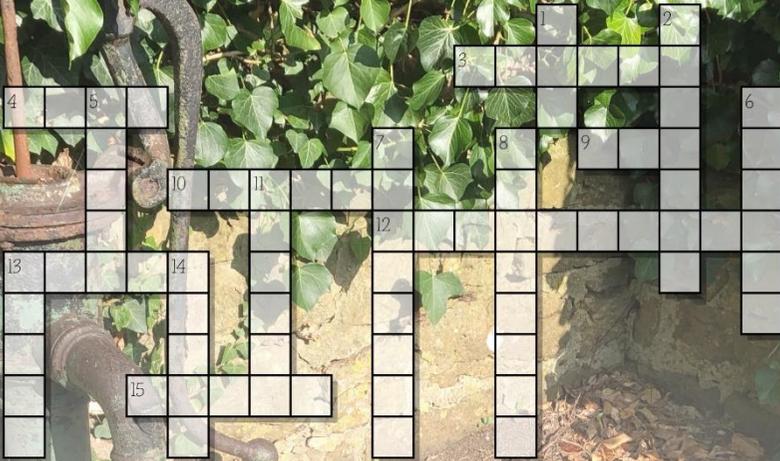


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- 3 Tooth layer (6)
- 4 Male rabbit (4)
- 9 Consume (3)
- 10 Hamper (6)
- 12 Self-governing (10)
- 13 Light meal (5)
- 15 Shrub barrier (5)

- 2 Group of soldiers (7)

- 5 About (5)
- 6 Sickness feeling (6)
- 7 Casual footwear (8)
- 8 Early woodland flower (8)
- 11 Spice (6)
- 13 Personnel (5)
- 14 Legjoints (5)

## DOWN

- 1 Drinking place (3)

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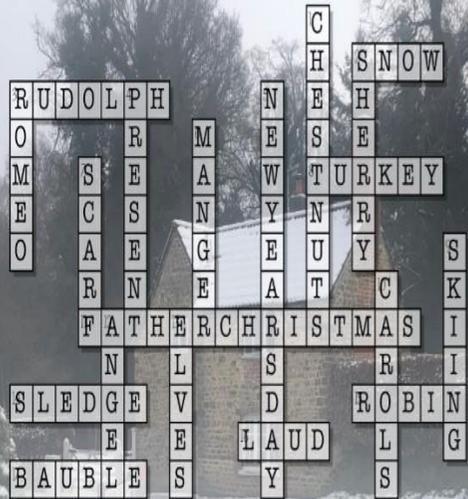
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