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Editorial

The longer evenings are now with us and winter appears to be receding in the rear-view mirror as the month of April arrives. Though capricious in nature and often producing times of harsh weather, it is a month for looking forward to the joys of Spring and Summer. Though there is little to thank the Covid-19 pandemic for, the months of April and May 2020, when the country was first locked-down, developed a renewed awareness of nature and the natural world as people relished their daily exercise. Traffic noise and pollution levels were much reduced and the pace of life slowed considerably enabling many to see and hear the world around them very differently, especially as it coincided with the season of rebirth. It is that time of year again when we can tune into all that nature offers and the re-emergence of life and growth.

Hedgehogs have already made an appearance and we will shortly be able to catch a glimpse of the evening acrobatics of bats after they emerge from six months of hibernation. Hedgerows are coming to life and the brilliant daffodils and primroses will give way to drifts of bluebells as the month progresses.

The name of the month seems to come from the Latin 'aperio' meaning to open or bud and the Romans called it 'Aprillis'. There are some memorable anniversaries this month, including the sinking of the Titanic in 1912 and the explosion at the Chernobyl Nuclear Reactor Plant in Ukraine on 26 April 1986, ironically released from our memories recently when the site was taken by the invading Russian forces' incursion into the country last month.



Having read this page last month, you may be wondering what happened at the Pasty World Championships held at the Eden Project last month; shock news that the amateur event was won by a man from Devon, Jon Lovejoy, with second place going to someone from Kent. Cornish pride was salvaged just a little with the award for third place staying in the county.

Assistant Editor

Rota of Services – April 2022

Date	Service
3rd April Lent 5	Derry Hill 10am Said Communion 10.30am Family Service Zoom 6pm Evening Prayer
10 th April Palm Sunday	Bremhill 10am Service for All Ages <i>(Interactive Service beginning in the Square)</i> Derry Hill 10.30am Service for All Ages <i>(Interactive Service beginning in the churchyard)</i> Foxham 6pm Evening Prayer <i>(Dramatic reading of Christ's Passion)</i>
11 th , 12 th , 13 th April Holy Week	Derry Hill 7.30pm Compline
Maundy Thursday	Derry Hill 7.30pm Holy Communion <i>(followed by Night Watch)</i>
Good Friday	Bremhill 12pm The Good Friday Liturgy Derry Hill 2pm At the Foot of the Cross
Holy Saturday	<i>To be confirmed</i>
17 th April Easter Day	Foxham 9.30am All Age Communion Bremhill 11am All Age Communion Derry Hill 11am All Age Communion
24 th April 2nd Sunday of Easter	Bremhill 10am Parish Eucharist <i>(followed by APCM)</i> Foxham 6pm Evensong

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

lindac@mardenvale.org.uk

COMING TO CHURCH

Parochial Church Council (PCC) Guidance

At the joint PCC meeting on 25th February 2022 it was agreed that we will encourage people to continue to observe the “Hands, Face, Space, Ventilation” measures which are currently in place.

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 Unless you are exempt, we ask that face coverings are worn if you are moving around the building or joining in with the singing.

Communion (intincted wafers/bread) may be received at the high altar (standing). To reduce queuing this will be conducted row-by-row.

Congregational singing of hymns will take place in church during services. We ask that you wear a face covering if you wish to join in.

Zoom services will continue

These measures apply to the regular Sunday services and will be reviewed on 5th April 2022.

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 25th February 2022.

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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.

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Carol, Ian, Richard A and Richard G

Derry Hill and Studley Community Support

The Lansdowne Hall Annual General Meeting



The Lansdowne Hall Management Committee and the Derry Hill and Studley Village Hall Trust will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Thursday April 21st in the Lansdowne Hall commencing at 8.15 pm. Notice of the meeting will be sent to all regular user's, but other members of the local community are also invited to attend the AGM. It is hoped to serve light refreshments after the meeting, and it would be helpful for making catering arrangements if the Hall's Administrator (administrator@lansdownehall.org) could be advised of your planned attendance.

Alan Rosekilly

Secretary to the Management Committee and Board of Trustees.

The Night Sky in April

This month sees plenty of planetary activity, though unfortunately this is largely very low in the early morning skies. Firstly though, in the evening sky, there is an opportunity to observe Uranus, a planet which is on the limit of visibility to the naked eye, so normally very difficult to spot. At around 20.15h on 3 April a tiny speck will be visible close to the upper right of the thin crescent moon. This is Uranus, the seventh planet of our solar system. No surprise that Uranus is difficult to spot as it is some 2.87 billion km away from the sun. Sunset being barely thirty minutes before a pair of binoculars would be helpful.



The evening sky on the night of 21/22 April will also provide an opportunity to witness the maximum of the Lyrid meteor shower. To aid viewing, the sky will be relatively dark as the Moon will not rise until around 03.30h. On 9 April at around 20.30h, the Moon will be in the company of the twin stars Castor and Pollux. This will be towards the South-West and the stars will be just diagonally to the upper right of the Moon, the lower of the twins being Pollux. Having thus identified them, these stars will be easily recognised in the future.

06.00h on 5 April, very low to the horizon in the South-Eastern sky, three planets will be visible. Mars will be directly below Saturn with brilliant Venus to their left. From about 7 April, rising at around 05.30 gas giant Jupiter will join the party, to the lower left of Venus. These two planets will spend the month converging and Jupiter will be just to the left of Venus in the pre-dawn skies by month's end. They will almost appear to be joined (known as conjunction) on 1 May.

The month sees two New Moons, on 1 and 30 April, the second of two New Moons in a given month is sometimes referred to as a 'Black Moon'.

	Sunrise	Sunset
01 April	06.43	19.41
15 April	06.12	20.04
30 April	05.42	20.29

Richard Carter

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2022 Derry Hill and Studley Village Fete

This year's village fete will take place on the afternoon of Saturday 9th July. I hope that you have enjoyed previous fetes and we very much hope to get 'back to normal' with this year's event. That being said we are always looking to make it an even better fete experience and we really hope that you will be a part of this year's fete.

We would like to now invite your organisation to now purchase your 2022 pitch, the price of which is held again at a very modest £20.

Booking forms (contact me if you haven't been sent one) should be completed and returned, with the appropriate payment, by **Friday 29th April**. Please make cheques payable to **Derry Hill and Studley Fete**. Alternatively, our bank account details for direct bank transfer are (please add a suitable reference such as your Group's name):

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Would your group also consider supporting us again this year by filling a 20-minute (or less) slot in the outdoors main arena to show off your group's talents and raise its profile? If so, please contact me for the form which has to be back to me by **Friday 29th April**.

The date for return of forms is important as it allows us to plan for the day and to publicise the event and the programme of events accordingly.

Many thanks for your continued support in making the fete such an enjoyable day.

Tom Metcalfe Chair Derry Hill & Studley Fete Organising Committee. Email: tom_metcalf@sky
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For more info see/follow:
Facebook: Derry Hill and Studley Fete

Derry Hill & Studley Gardening Club

The Gardening Club held its first meeting on 1st March and enjoyed great company and content. Following a presentation by our guest speaker Capability Charlotte and a demonstration of pruning, the members, of which we were circa 30+, participated in a little question and answer session before getting down to some practical planning for future events.



The Club hopes to run an Open Gardens event in support of the community's planned Platinum Jubilee celebrations as well as see you all at the fete in July.

We have launched our own Facebook page which is attracting good numbers and sharing knowledge, experience and not a little calamity too. All good fun!

To remind you, membership is £25 for the year for a family and includes free access to the 10x 2-hour monthly meetings including refreshments. These are to be held on the first Tuesday of each month except for December and January. Attendance at our meetings by non-members will attract a small fee to cover refreshments etc.

Our next meeting is **Tuesday 5th April** when the theme will be "Sorting out the lawn". To scarify or not to scarify, that is the question!

To apply for membership please drop me a line at peterprater@btinternet.com.

Peter Prater



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Hello, I would like to introduce myself, my name is Community Support Officer (PCSO) Mark Cook. I have recently taken over the rural areas of Calne including Derry Hill from PCSO Nicole Sheppard who will be on restricted duties for the foreseeable future.

I have been a PCSO for over 16 years. At the start of my career, I previously worked in Swindon for 6 years, and I have been attached to the Calne Neighbourhood Police Team for the past 10 years. I have been involved in many aspects of Neighbourhood Policing and can still say that I enjoy my role and coming to work each day.

I will be hoping to provide regular updates to this and all the surrounding rural magazines for the Calne area. If there is anything you wish for me to add to these updates, please let me know at:

Crime and Incident updates

On 17th February at 17:35hrs, police attended a two-vehicle road traffic collision in Sandy Lane. The collision involved a Kia Sportage and a KTM motorcycle. Officers attending the scene noticed that motorcycle rider was impaired, so completed a roadside drugs wipe test. The rider was found to have been riding under the influence of cannabis. The rider was arrested for driving whilst over prescribed drug limit and taken to Melksham custody.

Suspicious activity

Over the past few of weeks we have received several reports of suspicious activity in the Calne area. These have been persons trying door handles and attempting to gain access to garages.

Officers are patrolling our town and rural areas during key times due to these concerns.

Please ensure that your vehicles and other property are secured. Doors are locked and windows are closed or latched if you leave your home to

prevent persons gaining unwanted access. If you have an oil fuel tank, please ensure that you have taken all the necessary precautions to prevent unwanted access to your fuel, especially while the price of fuel is so high.

Please report any suspicious activity, persons or vehicles in your area on 101 or 999 if an immediate response is required by officers.

Ongoing matters

We have received reports from the Derry Hill School regarding parking and congestion issues around school children collection times around 3pm. We have previously worked with the school and parents regarding this matter and will be patrolling the Village to assess this situation again. We would like to remind parents and carers not to park in the designated bus stops, on double yellow or single white lines. The safety of all road users and pedestrians, especially children is a priority to all of us. It is better to be 5 minutes late, than a tragedy to happen.

We have and will continue work with the school and patrol the village with the intention of engaging, advising and warning motorists regarding parking or any other concerns raised regarding this issue.



Regular updates for the Calne and Calne Rural areas can be found on our Facebook and Twitter pages - Facebook – Calne Police. Twitter - @Calnecop

Community Support Officer (PCSO) Mark Cook

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Derry Hill & Studley Platinum Jubilee Coordination Committee



Whether you are a cavalier or a roundhead, a monarchist or a republican, it is hard to believe that anyone would disagree that the young princess made queen in 1952 has been anything but a superb role-model for us all here in the UK and around the world. How someone occupying such a global role for 70 years has navigated the troubled waters of the world without hardly getting wet is, to me, incredible and even today she still shows us the way. Recognising this selfless service to us all Derry Hill and Studley communities and the Bowood Estate are coming together to celebrate during the extended bank holiday **weekend of 2nd – 5th June.**

A full programme of events and activities may already have found its way through your door, but if not will do shortly. Please get hold of your programme and, just like the Radio Times at Christmas, tick off the things you will attend and join in with. The organising committee really need your engagement and feedback about your participation to help us prepare and ensure we have “right-sized” the events.

It is very important to be clear that the village groups are not using this programme for fund-raising purposes and Bowood Estate is, far from making money, providing its events at absolutely no charge to you. Where any charges for any other community events are shown these are purely to cover costs with zero profit.

Your Platinum Jubilee Committee and all those supporting this celebration really hope you are motivated to get engaged and be assured there are plenty of opportunities for all ages to do so. Please note the following activities within the wider programme that will benefit greatly by your personal support:

- **Thurs 2nd June**
 - o The Big Community Clean Up
 - o Derry Hill & Studley Turns Red, White, Blue and Purple!
 - o Lighting of the Jubilee Beacon at Bowood

- **Friday 3rd June**
 - o Open Gardens
 - o Scarecrow and Flowerpot Creations Trail
 - o 70 years of Derry Hill and Studley
- **Saturday 4th June**
 - o It's Jubilee Food Competition Time
 - o Sports Afternoon
- **Sunday 5th June**
 - o Community Group Procession
 - o Service of Thanksgiving
 - o The BIG Jubilee Lunch

Focusing briefly on the 70 years of Derry Hill and Studley event. This is intended to be a “pop-up” exhibition in the Lansdowne Hall. For this we want to ask you to dig out anything you have that builds a picture of the community over the last 70 years, a period which has seen massive change and growth. Do you or a group you represent have photos, event programmes, memorabilia, memories etc. Please start now to bring things together that you would be prepared to have displayed at the hall and we will be in touch to confirm how to deliver and collect them nearer the time.

We will also make audio/video recordings of your personal memories that we can build into a loop that plays during the period of the exhibition. Keep your eyes open for announcements about where you can make a recording for posterity – it may even end up in a time capsule!

In addition, The Platinum Jubilee Coordination Committee is seeking your support in funding a stone commemorating the jubilee to be located at a community focal point. To find out more and to donate please visit:

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/derry-hill-studley-platinum-jubilee-committee>

Please look out for further announcements here and via posters at recognised community venues and also electronically via the Derry Hill and Studley Facebook Forum and Chapel Street Facebook page. If you would like to be kept up to date with the plans or perhaps you run other local Facebook pages we have not mentioned here then drop me a line at peterprater@btinternet.com.

Peter Prater

Derry Hill, Old Derry Hill and Studley celebrations of yesteryear

As the residents of Derry Hill, Old Derry Hill and Studley look forward to the Queen's Jubilee celebrations this June, just spare a moment to consider the village celebrations of yesteryear.

Picture the scene on the 10th March 1863 (that was at the height of the American Civil War when Abraham Lincoln was President) when the village gathered in front of the 20-year-old Golden Gates in Derry Hill to mark the occasion of the marriage of the Prince of Wales.



The newspaper of the day described the scene.

'The parishioners of Christ Church, Derry Hill of all classes as many as would, to the number of 900 assembled together. When assembled en-masse, the ringing of a bell was the sequel for all to sing the 100th Psalm. At the second ringing of the bell the grace was sung to the tune of the 'Old Hundredth' and all sat down to a thorough English meal of Beef, mutton, plum pudding and beer. The reporter continues – after the meal Mr Spencer proposed the health of their Royal Highnesses, there were three cheers for the army and navy, and all 900 sang the National Anthem. At its conclusion the children were dismissed to the adjacent field where various sports had been provided for them, which they kept up with unabated until dark. The older ones moved to witness the planting of a memorial cedar tree on the green in front of the Lansdowne Arms' (now the pub car park).

On 21st June 1887 (the month Hammersmith Bridge opened in West London), the village turned out to celebrate Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee.

The newspaper of the day reports that 'through the thoughtful kindness of Lord Edmond Fitzmaurice and other friends, the whole of the inhabitants of Derry Hill, Studley and Bowood were enabled to celebrate the jubilee on Tuesday in the most enjoyable manner. There was a service in the

morning at Derry Hill church after which dinner was provided in the orangery at Bowood House. After dinner Lord Fitzmaurice gave the health of the Queen, which met with the hearty recognition by the company present. Tea was served to the children, and the Derry Hill fife and drum band contributed music, which enlivened the remainder of the day's proceedings. The treat was much enjoyed by all'.

And finally, in anticipation of the coronation of King George 5th on 22nd June 1911, a large and representative committee had for several weeks held meetings to arrange the details for an excellent programme of celebrations. On Coronation Day a service of thanks giving was held at Christ Church, after which the entire congregation processed up Church Road and through the Golden Gates to 'Queenswood'. Here, at one o'clock,



over 300 adults sat down to a dinner, the caterer being Mrs Smith of the Soho Inn. The National Anthem was sung at the close of the meal when the programme of children's sports commenced. At 4 o'clock, a signal was given for tea, when over 300 children sat down, prior to which each child was presented with a pretty Coronation mug. At 5 o'clock, the remainder of the children's sports were proceeded with, finishing at 6 o'clock when the adult's sports commenced. The day was reported in the papers as 'happy and memorable, one to all sections of the community met with success'.

Over the next few weeks, you will hear more about our own preparations for Jubilee celebrations. Let's hope the early June weather is kind to us and enables our generation to have a happy and memorable Platinum Jubilee.

Steve Calder

Book Club Review

The Giver of Stars by JoJo Moyes

Set during the Depression era, this historical story focuses on five women who were the Horseback librarians of Kentucky. This programme, started by Eleanor Roosevelt, ran from 1935 to 1943 and at its height it brought books to more than a hundred thousand rural inhabitants.

Moyes focuses on just how important books can be in challenging and changing people's lives.

The English Alice Wright weds American Bennett Van Cleve, on his European tour, to escape the limitations of her life in England. However, when she arrives in Baileyville, Kentucky and the realities and restrictions of small-town living begin to sink in, she begins to rue her decision of leaving her home. Life is made more unbearable by her father-in-law berating Alice at every turn.

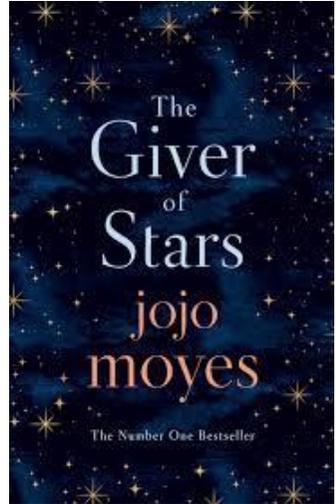
She finds solace when she starts working as a librarian. Life for Alice goes from lonely to full of adventure and friendship as she works with other women and meets the reclusive people of the Kentucky mountains.

There are wonderful descriptions of the landscape and mountains. The women ride through treacherous conditions so that families can get their books, The novel is about friendship and caring and supporting one another. Moyes also writes about the misogyny of the men who are afraid of losing control of their women as well as mine owners exploiting workers who labour in deplorable conditions for poor rewards.

A really super novel to read.

Chosen by Emir

The next book we will be discussing, chosen by Andrea, is 'Mrs England' by Stacy Halls



Pack Horse Library Project



At the start of the Depression this project was started to counter illiteracy particularly in in the Appalachians. Women on horseback rode through difficult terrain to deliver donated books to these outback deprived areas. If you want to find out more about this project that the 'Giver of Stars' (see this month's book review) is partly about there are some videos on YouTube. Here's a link to one (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A6WTdXYHF6o>) Wikipedia has a great amount of detail about the project which ran from 1935 to 1943.

Ed

Mobile library visits to Derry Hill

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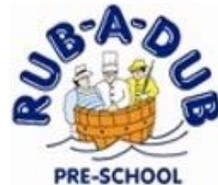


We met on Wednesday 2nd March in Christ Church with Barbara welcoming everyone and doing the opening prayers. After a short amount of MU admin work, we got on to the main event of the afternoon which was a talk by Richard Carter on 'The Sky at Night' which we all found fascinating. He also had a projector and displayed images of planets and star formations explaining all about them which, besides being educational (you're never too old to learn), was also great fun and so very interesting. We are very grateful to Richard for taking the time to talk to us – thank you so much. This talk was followed by refreshments kindly done by Judi and Christine P.

Our next meeting is on Wed 6th April when we will be having a talk by Mary Hobbs about 'Inspiring Women' so if you would like to come along and join us, please do. You will be made most welcome.

Barbara Parry

Rub a Dub Pre-School



We are busy here are Rub a Dubs planning our next fundraiser. We will be running an Easter Egg hunt on Saturday 17th April and are also planning Jumble Sale of children's clothes and toys. If you have any good quality clothes and toys that you would like to donate for us to sell at the event, please let us know. All profits will go into Rub a Dub to help enrich the days of children in our setting. For details of both events and how to donate any jumble. please look at our Facebook page for more information or contact myself at the email address below.

We are currently looking forward to September and looking forward to welcoming new children as our older children move onto school. If you are considering using Rub a Dub for your children, please get in touch and we will be more than happy to organise to show you around the setting and show you all our fabulous activities.

Kate Checchia rubadubchair@hotmail.co.uk

Chair of the Committee

Consultation on a Parish Council for Derry Hill & Studley

We should all have received a letter from Wiltshire Council consulting us on their recommendations for changes to our local councils, including Derry Hill and Studley having its own Parish Council. Please try to make every effort to respond to their consultation survey, and you can also make your views known by attending the public meeting Wiltshire are holding on **Tuesday 5th April at 7pm at Calne Town Hall**. The Parish Council is also likely to hold a special meeting in The Lansdowne Hall later in April.

It seems a long time since 2019 when myself and two other parish councillors, Keith Robbins and Alan Malpas, embarked on a petition to call for Derry Hill & Studley to have its own council. There was massive support with 767 residents signing the petition which was over 95% of those contacted. Covid prevented us from calling at every house in the area but two subsequent consultations by Wiltshire Council across the whole of the current parish of Calne Without also showed very substantial majorities favouring the changes. Wiltshire Councillors, who are responsible for the boundaries of Parish Councils, have said that the argument for a Derry Hill & Studley Parish Council are “compelling”

The small minority of people opposed to a new council have argued that Calne Without has worked well since it was created in the 1890s and there’s no reason to change it. Whilst I can only talk about the council over the last 30 years, I’m afraid that’s not my view nor I believe is it the view shared by many residents. A new smaller council (albeit still the largest parish council in the area) would inevitably mean a small increase in council tax, as the costs of employing a clerk etc would be spread over fewer households. Having said that, the current parish element of our council tax for each household is only around 50p per week, therefore any increase is likely to be small.

I would encourage everyone to respond to Wiltshire’s consultation regardless of whether or not you support the proposals. We have a rare opportunity to have our own Parish Council. Although it would not be formed until the next elections in 2025 it would offer great opportunities not only for Derry Hill & Studley but also the remainder of Calne Without who will join with their natural neighbouring communities.

Since last year's elections we do have many very active and committed local Councillors that are more representative and have greater aspirations for their communities. However, with a better and a more relevant parish council based on genuinely local communities, I think more can be achieved.

If you would like more information on the proposals or would like to clarify anything in the consultation please contact me, on 01249 819428 or i0anrees@icloud.com

Ioan Rees

A note from Lord Lansdowne on the proposed boundary changes

No-one would question that the residents of Derry Hill and Studley, and indeed all residents of the Parish, deserve full and committed representation.

However, Cllr Rees's article in the March edition of Inspire suggested that the proposed new Council "will be elected by the whole community, to serve the whole community". What Cllr Rees means by 'whole community' needs clarification. Are the rural villages and countryside around them to be excluded? Sadly, I fear that the proposed change would in fact redefine the identity of "the whole community", undermining long-standing historical ties between villages and the countryside around them.

As an example, the proposed boundary severs Bowood by drawing an imaginary boundary through the centre of the grade 1 listed park. Bowood is a community and the proposal divides it.

Isn't a Parish better served by a mix of both those with rural and village interests? A balanced community is a health community.

The Marquis of Lansdowne

Calne Without Parish Council

Calne Without Parish Council met on 14th March for full council. The Council welcomed Cllr Philippa Todd to her first meeting, Cllr Todd stood for the vacant seat in the West ward and is now ready to get going on Parish Council work. Contact details for all councillors can be found on our website.

During the meeting councillors voted to financially support a wide array of projects to help improve the locality, among them they will be supporting a speed limit review along the A4 between Forest Gate and Black Dog, the River Marden Restoration project, a friendship bench for Derry Hill Primary School and support for the newly formed Derry Hill and Studley Gardening Club. If you want to find out more information on any of these projects and initiatives, then please visit our website or contact the Parish Clerk for further information.

The Parish Council welcomes grant applications from the local community groups, if you have a project or initiative that needs help with funding please get in touch and we can discuss if it is something that we may be able to consider funding.

The engagement working group have embarked on the first of their planned Community Roadshows, it was a great opportunity to meet residents of the Parish and engage with them about their concerns and love for the area. There is a plan to travel throughout the Parish in order to meet more local residents and listen to the concerns and ideas for where council funds can be directed. Keep an eye on our communications for details of the future roadshow dates.

At the time of writing Wiltshire Council had not yet published their proposals for the future shape and existence of Calne Without Parish Council. We understand the proposals will be published imminently. Once the consultation has been published there should be information coming through the post to give you the opportunity to respond, we will update our website and Facebook pages as soon as the information comes in.

Katherine Checchia clerk@calnewithout-pc.gov.uk

DHS 4 UKRAINE

Derry Hill & Studley helping Ukrainians

The war in Ukraine is the greatest humanitarian crisis in Europe since 1945: deaths & injuries, families split up, countless thousands of homes destroyed as well as schools and hospitals and essential infrastructure, children orphaned, people displaced. There will be over 5 million refugees forced to leave their homes in terror with only a bag of clothes and few cherished mementos.

Villages support group

Desire to help is rising everywhere. For those in our two villages who want to help, a committee has been set up. It will have two aims:

- Initially as an information resource of how you can help (see below)
- Later when we do have Ukrainian refugees living here in our villages, establish a support network for such things as: registering with doctors; getting children into schools; English language lessons; social gatherings to meet & console each other; sim cards; grants and business sponsorship; counselling; food/clothes/toys; support for villagers offering a room; renting unoccupied buildings.

(a) Homes for Ukrainians scheme

If you sponsor a Ukrainian in Your Home

1. The government will pay you £350 a month for each person you host in your home for a minimum of 6 months. You need to apply & be vetted, [register here](https://homesforukraine.campaign.gov.uk): (<https://homesforukraine.campaign.gov.uk>)
2. Refugees on this scheme can: claim benefits; can seek employment; can stay in the UK for 3+ years)
3. Find a refugee to sponsor via [Refugees at Home](#).

(b) Directory of other ways to help

1. Sanctuary Foundation UK: <https://www.sanctuaryfoundation.org.uk/>
2. Wiltshire Council: <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/support-for-ukraine>
3. Ukrainian Embassy: <https://www.withukraine.org/en>
5. Disasters Emergency Committee: <https://www.dec.org.uk/>
6. Refugees at Home: <https://www.refugeesathome.org/>
7. Support Ukraine: <https://supportukraine.uk/>

Please do what you can. Thank you.

Rev. Linda Carter, Rich Boyd, Stephen Ben Cox and Richard Aylen

Friends of Derry Hill School (FoDHS)

Parents, guardians, staff and pupils raising funds for Derry Hill School together



Hello and happy spring from the FODHS team! We are so happy to be up and running properly again and looking forward to a full spring and summer term full of events.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Preparations are now well underway for our annual Easter egg hunt, which will take place during school hours on **Tuesday 5 April**. This year we have exciting plans for a new and improved format, requiring a bit more



actual 'hunting' and full participation by all children. This event is being fully funded by FoDHS rather than by ticket sales, so that everyone can be involved. However, we will be asking for donations via ParentMail if you feel you are able to contribute a little something. If you make a donation, you will be automatically entered into our prize draw for a huge Easter Egg! Thanks in advance ☺ Please could you inform school if your child has special dietary requirements.

100 CLUB LOTTO IS BACK - £10 to play.

Congratulations to our first winner, who very kindly donated some of their winnings back to the pot! Thank you! We currently only have 40-50 members – and would love to reach the magic 100!! The more members the bigger the prizes!! Playing the LOTTO is a great way to support our school if you 'just want to donate some money' with the added bonus that you might actually win a prize yourself! There are two more chances to WIN a cash prize. The next draw is planned for Thursday 7 April and then again at the end of term in July. Go on, get involved. And good luck

FAMILY BINGO – THURSDAY 7 APRIL 2022

We are hosting our inaugural FAMILY BINGO Night 5-6.30pm in the school hall on 7 April, please do grab your dibbers and come along for a

bit of fun with your little ones. Free entry! Snack bar/refreshments available.

As we write this, we are making the final preparations for our QUIZ NIGHT (18 March), thanks to everyone who came along and supported us, hopefully you had a fun night!

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: 7.30pm Lansdowne Arms, Thursday 5 May.

The easiest way to keep up to date with news is to follow us on [FACEBOOK](https://www.facebook.com/Friends-of-Derry-Hill-School-331876237627884/) (www.facebook.com/Friends-of-Derry-Hill-School-331876237627884/)

Thanks as ever for your continued support,

Sarah, Lauren and the rest of the team

Email: friends@derryhill.wilts.sch.uk



100 club lotto

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- 2. Receive your number**
We will email your randomly selected lotto number
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- 3. Be in the chance to win**
All participants must be 16+ We will draw a winning number every term.
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Calne Community Neighbourhood Plan – help us to update and refresh!

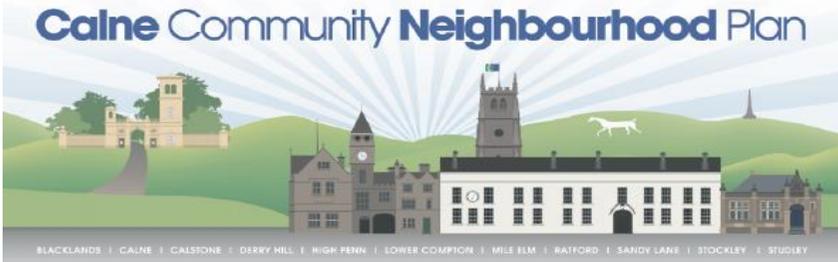


What do you treasure and what would you like to see transformed in your area?

A big thank you to Mr Heer at the Derry Hill Spar and Post office for allowing us to run our “pop-up” consultation outside the shop on Saturday 12th March and to all of you who stopped to chat to us and give us your thoughts and ideas.

For those that haven't seen anything about the Calne Community Neighbourhood Plan Review yet please visit our [website](http://www.calnecommunityplan.com).(www.calnecommunityplan.com)

You can find out more about what we've done since we started in January and see how you can get involved with shaping the plans for your area,
we'd love to hear from you if you have any particular interests or expertise that you'd be willing to share.



whether you've got just a few minutes to spare, or longer - we want to hear from you!

Find out more:

calnecommunityplan.com and follow us [on Facebook](#)

Calne Without Parish Council – Climate Emergency and Environment Survey Results



Read all about it – Read all about it! The results are now in from our Climate Emergency and Environment Survey and I'm writing to give you an initial glimpse of the main findings.

First and foremost, we had an excellent response to the survey and would like to thank each and every one of you who took the time to respond.

Transport and Household Energy Use came out as top areas to focus on in our commitment to becoming carbon neutral by 2030 in line with Wiltshire Council's Climate Strategy.

To this end we are busy organising a **Green Event on Saturday 3rd September at the Lansdowne Hall in Derry Hill** to support you to improve heating efficiency in your homes and to hear from local residents about renewable energy options they have taken up, how it helped them cut costs and how they practically went about it. More detail to follow.

We are also looking at how we can support with some of the ideas put forward around Transport measures, such as improving cycling routes, liaising with Wiltshire Council regarding bus services and encouraging more EV chargers in the parish. We will provide further detail in future postings.

Waste and Recycling was also a popular topic and we will have some ideas of how we can support with the ideas put forward, such as supporting information events and tackling food waste.

87% of respondents supported wildflower verges and so we have signed up to the Wiltshire Council 'Wild About Wiltshire' project detailing places and verges suggested by residents and councillors across the parish that would be suitable for wildflowers. There was also a great deal of support for Calne Community Nature Reserve, a wildlife friendly initiative which aims to create a mosaic of green spaces pledged by households across the area – more detailed information to follow next month. Another very exciting result is that 55% of respondents are interested in a community orchard project and we are pleased to be able to support this and help it bear fruit (excuse the pun!) and hope to have an update for you in due course.

We would also like to thank those residents across the parish who have offered to join our Climate Action Group and all those who volunteered to be CWPC Countryside Volunteers and support with projects such as tree and hedgerow planting, Rights of Way footpath audits and light conservation work and our River Marden Restoration project. We will be in touch with you over the next few weeks to arrange next steps.

We have been overwhelmed by the number of people who responded and who have come forward. In the words of Margaret Mead, "Don't think a small group of awakened individuals cannot change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that has. "

Clr Sue Deedigan. Calne Without PC

"History of the Wilts and Berks Canal" at Hazeland Woods

**Saturday, 23rd April
11am**

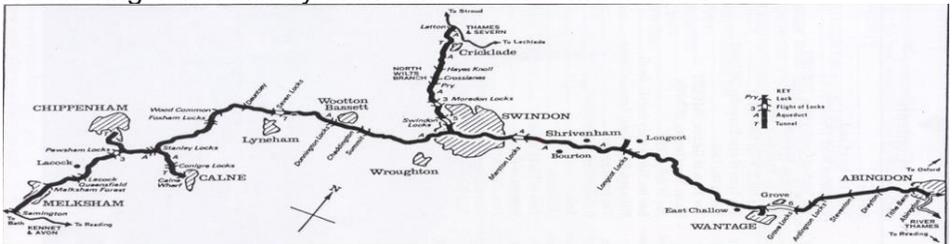
Avon Needs Trees invites you to join Pete Williams at our Hazeland Woods site as he explores the forgotten world of the canal that once ran through the site and explains the history of the Wilts and Berks canal of which this branch was once a part.



John Trow on his boat 'Faith' at Chippenham Wharf, courtesy of Wilts and Berks Canal Trust

Standing in the peaceful woodlands at Hazeland it is hard to imagine that thriving transport hub of the canal that used to be there. Who travelled on the canals in its heyday and why and what has happened to the canal since?

The Hazeland site is beautiful at this time of year with spring flowers in abundance. Enjoy a walk along the old towpath as Pete explores the fascinating canal history of the site and the wider area.



The walk will set off at 11am and run until 12.30. You are very welcome to bring a picnic lunch and stay on to enjoy the site after the walk. We would ask that everyone leaves the site by 3pm. We will contact you about specific directions and other details once you have registered for the event. Please be aware that due to preserving the biodiversity at Hazeland there are no hardstanding paths and we are not able to allow dogs (other than assistance dogs) on site.

Places are free and we would like to thank the National Lottery Heritage Fund for their generosity.

If you would like to join us for the walk, please sign up via the Events page on the [Avon Needs Trees](https://www.avonneedstrees.org.uk) website:

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

Susan

Derry Hill and District W.I.

With the Covid restrictions now being lifted, the WI can now start to enjoy their meetings and events planned. The recent Coffee / Tea afternoon held at The Pewsham was enjoyed by eleven members.

The members' meal was a great success with a wide variety of food with delicious main courses and amazing sweets. The evening started with canapés and Prosecco (always very popular).

Future events are a Coffee morning planned for March 10th at the Lansdowne pub at 11 am. Walks will resume in April.

The next meeting will be on March 23rd which is our AGM, and the speaker



WI will make plans to join in the village Queens Jubilee celebrations in June.

The competition will be a Photograph of our 21/22 WI year.

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

Barbara Barnard

theWI
INSPIRING WOMEN



will be the Rev Linda Carter who will speak about her life and the journey to ordination.

There will be a second-hand book sale and the

The Stephen Cox Trust launches a new video



Garden Wildlife Crusade

GARDEN WILDLIFE CRUSADE is a clarion call to all householders to re-evaluate the use of their gardens to help stop the dangerous decline of species across Eu...

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Garden Wildlife Crusade is the latest video by the Stephen Cox Garden Trust (Registered charity 1174239 based in Studley) on its YouTube channel.

It is a clarion call to all householders to re-evaluate the use of their gardens to help stop the dangerous decline of species across Britain and Europe.

It outlines the problems which have caused the catastrophic losses and dangers to wildlife across Europe and the imminence of the 6th Great Mass Extinction caused by humans and the value of humble gardens to help stabilise wildlife populations. It also provides an action list of simple measures to help tackle the crisis.

Editor: Adam Backhouse (Bristol University).

Creator/Narrator: Stephen Ben Cox Music: by Kevin McCleod

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Trust Website:

<https://stephencoxgarden.webador.co.uk/>

Video link:

<https://m.youtube.com/channel/UckYY9eJhV8SLIY8iVwnKG1Q>

I hope you enjoy it and if you do, please click like and maybe leave a comment too?

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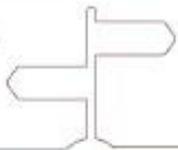
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Wellbeing notes

Creating room for the wild

One spring, a cowslip appeared in the garden. We studied it carefully. Soft, velvety green sepals cupped yellow heart-shaped petals. Their fragrance seemed like the essence of the season. Year after year, more cowslips grew. We began to add the edible flowers to green salads, and to herbal teas. We agreed they were pretty, and a little citrusy, and they added a subtle freshness to our meals.



I believe that every garden benefits from some wildness. Perhaps every person does too. In a world where people try hard to control outcomes, the touch of wildness that arrives uninvited can be just what people need, by way of respite from all their striving and hard work. It's a special gift when a flower is brought by the wind, though helping nature along with a packet of native seeds is also a lovely thing to do. Native flowers will never be the biggest or showiest in the garden, but they bring a grace and lightness – maybe, a reminder to take ourselves lightly too.

So, while tending our gardens and our lives, it can make sense to leave a little corner, here and there, just to see what starts growing in it. If nothing else, this policy can create idyllic landscapes, vibrant with bees and butterflies. As Robert Burns writes, "And wild-scatter'd cowslips bedeck the green dale."

May cowslips bedeck all those places that might need a little extra love and beauty at this time.

Suzanne

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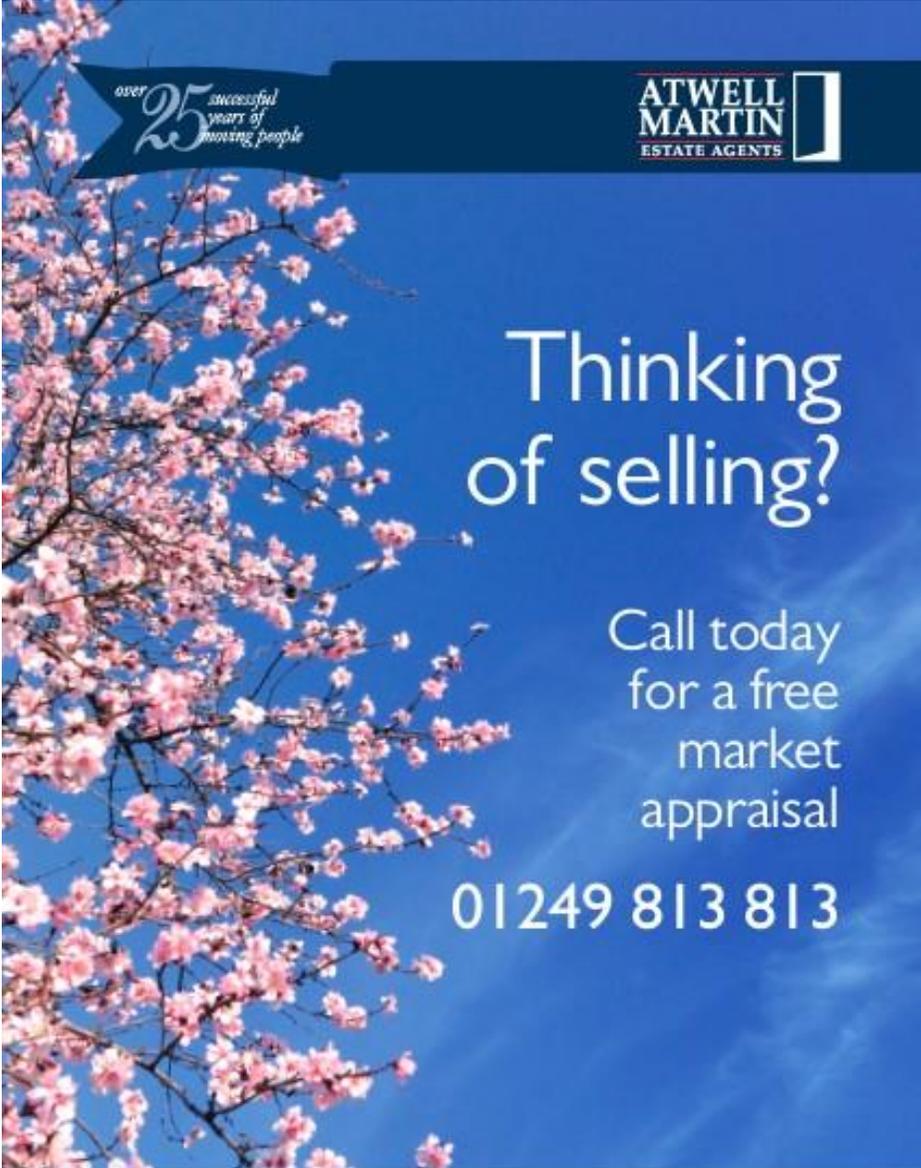
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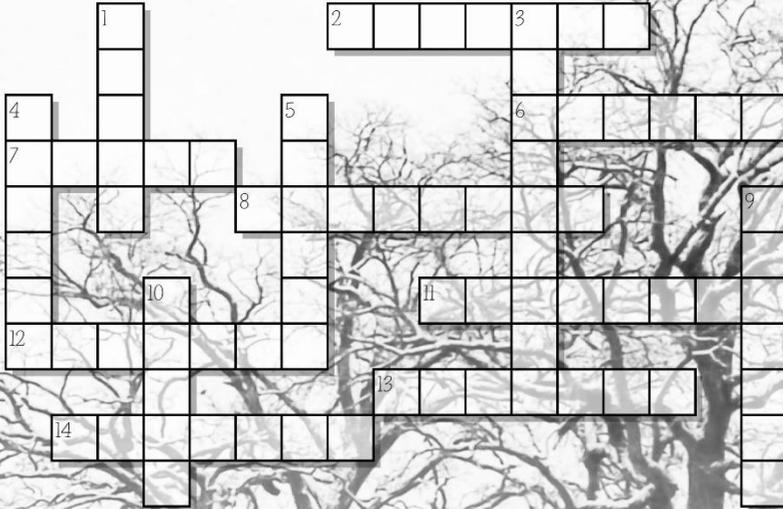


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April 2022 Crossword



ACROSS

- 2 Sea inlet (7)
- 6 Circus tent (3,3)
- 7 Fool (5)
- 8 Supply land with water (8)
- 11 Small fleet (8)
- 12 US politician (7)
- 13 Large church (7)

DOWN

- 1 Fourth month (5)
- 3 Large sea bird
- 4 Zodiac sign (6)
- 5 Pantry (6)
- 9 French castle (7)
- 10 Bare (5)

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March Crossword

ACROSS

3 Undiluted (4)
6 Forever (6)
9 Religious traveller (7)
10 Horse's headgear (6)
12 Downy fruit (7)
14 Saunter (5)
15 Drying cloth (3,5)
16 Arachnid (6)
18 Female deity (7)

DOWN

1 Talisman (5)
2 Garden pest (4)
4 Three wheeler (8)
5 Capital of Jordan (5)
7 Reel (5)
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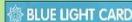
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