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Editorial

The month of May is with us with all those bright, long days and gardens, fields and hedgerows bursting with life. Day length by the end of the month is some sixteen hours and sixteen minutes, compared with a measly seven hours and fifty minutes at its shortest in December. Day length in this area reaches a maximum of sixteen hours and 37 minutes next month. This time of the year is also very much Bank Holiday season, especially so when Easter, with its two Bank Holidays, falls later in April as it is quickly followed by the May Day holiday, this year falling on 2 May.

Not far behind comes the Late Spring holiday at the end of the month which this year is postponed by a couple of days as there will be a two-day holiday period to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

There are plenty of holidays (many of them local) which were formerly enjoyed in this country and which have long since fallen by the wayside. Amongst them is Oak Apple Day which was celebrated on 29 May. It was also known as Restoration Day or Royal Oak Day. Its origin goes back to 1660 and the restoration of the English monarchy under Charles II.



The date is referred to in Samuel Pepys Diary for 1 June 1660. The day was a time for dancing and partying and showing support for the monarchy by wearing or carrying sprigs of oak, especially if they sprouted an oak apple. There are a few rural pockets of the country which continue to mark the day, including Castleton in the Derbyshire Peaks and, closer to home, Great Wishford near Salisbury. There are also many public houses around the country called 'The Royal Oak' which mark the restoration.

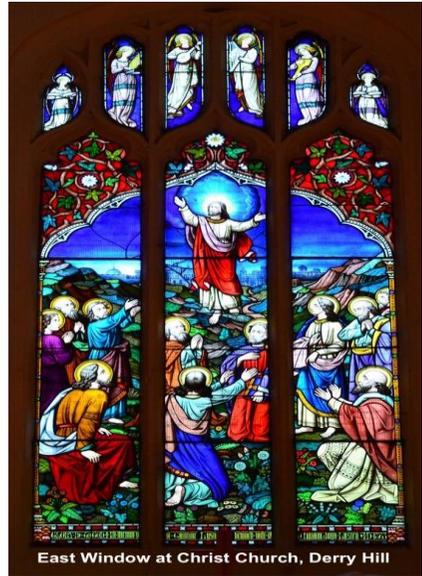
This particular public holiday ran for almost two hundred years until it was abolished in 1859.

Let's hope for some good weather to enjoy our current rash of Bank Holidays and not dwell too long on the fact that we only have one more to enjoy in August, before a similar bunch arrive in December.

Assistant Editor

Dear Friends,

We are still in the season of Easter which lasts for fifty days culminating on the day of Pentecost, which falls on 5th June this year. Thursday 26th May is Ascension Day, when we remember how Jesus commissions his disciples to continue his work and promises the gift of the Holy Spirit, before ascending to his Father in heaven. For many Christians the days between Ascension Day and Pentecost (novena) is traditionally a time of prayerful waiting, in the same way that Jesus's disciples prayed together as they waited for the promised Holy Spirit to come.



'Thy Kingdom Come' is a global prayer movement which encourages Christians around the world to pray between Ascension and Pentecost. This year there will be Novena prayer journals, meditation booklets based on 1 Peter, and Cheeky Panda booklets for children (available in church) to guide our prayers and reflections.

Echoing Jesus's instructions to the first disciples, 'Thy Kingdom Come' invites us "to hold as a focus for our prayers a desire for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit – upon ourselves, our friends and the church. The Holy Spirit is God's promised presence with us, enabling us to be witnesses ourselves of the heavenly Father's revolutionary love for us in Christ first-hand, and then be witnesses to Jesus to the world." It seems to me that now, more than ever, we need to be asking and praying for the gift of the Holy Spirit, and I encourage you to join in this time of prayer individually or with friends.

In some places there is a tradition of flying kites on Ascension Day, which began in Bermuda. The story goes that a teacher was trying to find a way of telling his class the story of Jesus's ascension into heaven and hit upon the idea of flying a kite. While the children were looking up at the kite as it rose higher and higher, the teacher cut the string and they watched as

the kite sailed out of sight. Kite flying now takes place each year on Good Friday in Bermuda. I have used this idea in school for Ascension and Pentecost as there are several elements of kites and kite flying which lend themselves to unpacking these events. * If the weather is kind, perhaps go fly a kite with family or friends.



*Find out more at the Ascension Day Service at Christ Church, Derry Hill on Thursday 26th May at 7.30pm.

Blessings,

Linda

The Marchioness of Lansdowne sworn in as Wiltshire's new High Sheriff in a ceremony which dates back to Saxon times

Lady Lansdowne made her Declaration and Acceptance at the Bowood House Chapel, taking over from Sir Charles Hobhouse Bt.

More than 80 guests attended the ceremony, which included singing by the St Mary's Calne Concert Artists.

The High Sheriff is the Sovereign's representative in the County for matters of law and order, and is the oldest secular office in England and Wales after the Crown. The office is now an unpaid privilege with ceremonial duties, the sheriffs being appointed annually by the Crown through a warrant from the Privy Council.



Many congratulations to Lady Lansdowne!

Ed

Rota of Services – May 2022

Date	Service
1 st May 3 rd Sunday after Easter	Derry Hill 10am Said Communion 10.30am Family Service Zoom 6pm Evening Prayer
8 th May 4 th Sunday after Easter	Foxham 9.30am Parish Eucharist Derry Hill 11am Parish Eucharist Bremhill 6pm Evensong
15 th May 5 th Sunday after Easter	Derry Hill 11am Parish Eucharist Zoom 6pm Evening Prayer
22 nd May Rogation Sunday	Bremhill 10am Parish Eucharist Foxham 6pm Evensong
26 th May Ascension Day	Derry Hill 7.30pm Holy Communion
29 th May Sunday after Ascension Day	Foxham 9.30am Parish Eucharist Derry Hill 11am Parish Eucharist Bremhill 6pm Evensong
5 th June Pentecost	Thanksgiving Services - Queen's Platinum Jubilee Foxham 9.30am Derry Hill 11am Bremhill 5.30pm
1 st May 3 rd Sunday after Easter	Derry Hill 10am Said Communion 10.30am Family Service Zoom 6pm Evening Prayer
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 **8th April 2022** there was general agreement that it is time to move forward into a new phase of living with Covid and to amend PCC guidance accordingly

Social distancing Please respect the wishes of those who prefer a bit of extra space – ask before you sit.

Face coverings There are no legal requirements in respect of face coverings. However, please continue to wear a face covering if that is your preference.

Communion (intincted wafers/bread) may be received at the high altar (standing).

Congregational singing Hymn singing, Sung Eucharist and Evensong will be fully reinstated from Easter.

Ventilation doors and windows will be kept open during services as the weather permits.

Zoom services will continue.

If you are feeling unwell or test positive for Covid please stay at home.

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 ask that everyone continues to take extra care during our services and respects the wishes and needs of those around us so that everyone feels comfortable and safe.

Rev. Linda Carter on behalf of Bremhill, Derry Hill and Foxham PCCs 8th April 2022.

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Mr Peter Roycroft (Tr) 01249 660550 Mrs Lucinda Prater (Sec) 07882 469005

If you wish to discuss arrangements for Baptisms, Marriages, Funerals or would like a pastoral visit or meeting arranged then please contact Reverend Linda Carter

Derry Hill and Studley Community Support

Has been operating since the beginning of lockdown and is continuing to help those who find it difficult to go out.

We offer a range of help from shopping, picking up prescriptions, dog walking or just a friendly confidential chat.

Please get in touch if we can help.

Email the dedicated email account: **dhsfriend@gmail.com**

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Ian Liddle 01249 816229

Richard Gribble 01249 812018

Richard Ayles 01249 814632

Carol, Ian, Richard A and Richard G

Derry Hill and Studley Community Support

Studley Methodist Church

Weekly services continue on Sundays at 10.30am

1 May Mrs Annette Foster
8 May Local Arrangement
15 May Mr David Stranks
22 May Rev David Gray
29 May Rev Geoffrey Floyd

For other activities please see
outside Notice Board



The Queen`s Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

Members and friends of Studley Methodist Church are planning to hold a flower display during the Jubilee Celebrations and would be delighted if individuals or organisations might like to consider donating or sponsoring a flower arrangement. (Perhaps this could be in memory of a loved one). The display can be very simple (so no skill is necessary) red, white, blue or purple - any combination. Containers etc can be provided.

For more info please phone Mob 07746671390 or email studley.bumpydog@yahoo.co.uk.

We look forward to hearing from anyone who would like to take part.

Advance Notice: Afternoon "Tea" Service on Sunday 19 June - all welcome.

Christina Clifford on behalf of Studley MC

The Night Sky in May

Once again, the majority of planetary viewing opportunities are restricted to the pre-dawn hours which at this time of the year means leaving our beds between 04.00h and 05.00h! A significant event on 1 May is well worth an early start though as at around 05.00h the two brightest planets, Venus and Jupiter appear to be almost touching, low towards the eastern horizon with reddish-tinged Mars slightly higher in the sky and towards their right. A little higher still and further to the right of Mars, Saturn can be located.



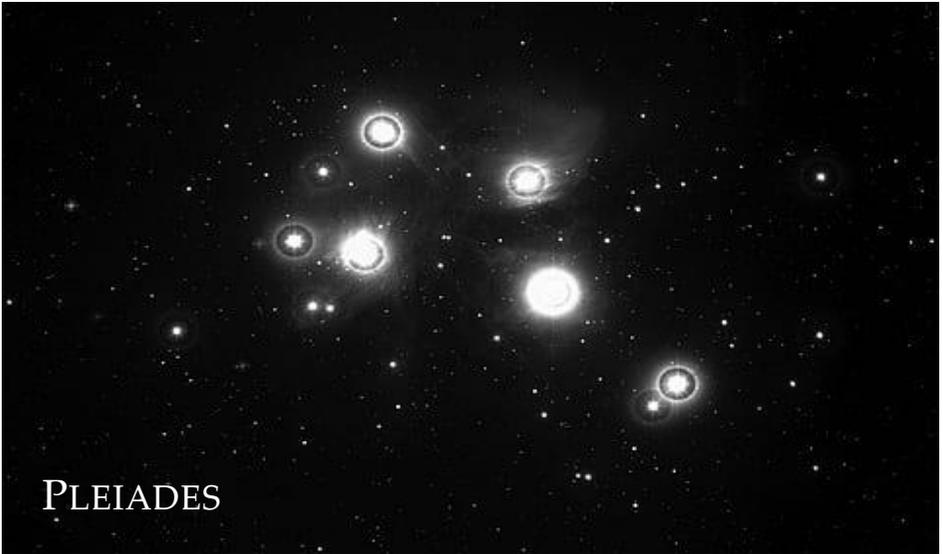
During the period 25-27 May at around 04.30h in the eastern sky Venus will be easily identifiable with Jupiter slightly higher and to its right, getting very close and personal with Mars. During this period, the thin crescent Moon joins the party! Half an hour earlier on 29 May Jupiter and Mars will appear to almost converge.

On 16 May, the day of the Full Moon, there will be a total lunar eclipse visible from the Americas and parts of Africa and Europe. From the British Isles, the eclipse will be partial, starting at 03.27h and reaching totality at 04.29h.

The morning hours of 6 May will see the peak of the meteor shower known as the Eta Aquarids. Meteors will appear to emanate from the eastern sky

with a maximum of fifty per hour, half of which will leave persistent trains. The event is caused by the Earth moving through the trail of dust and debris left by Comet 1P/Halley. A similar shower known as the Orionids will be visible later in October.

Whilst it may be difficult to see, the main event from an evening perspective takes place around 21.00h low in the north-western sky. Just to the right of the thin crescent Moon, inner planet Mercury can be seen with the smudge of stars known as the Pleiades immediately to its right.



A little to the left of this activity, the bright star Aldebaran can be seen. There will be a lot of light still left in the sky at this time of the year, so a pair of binoculars might prove useful.

So, most viewing opportunities are morning based but some of the events will prove pretty special and unusual if you are up and about!

	Sunrise	Sunset
1 May	05.40	20.30
15 May	05.16	20.51
31 May	04.57	21.14

Richard Carter

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Derry Hill and Studley Village Fete

A quick update on the 2022 Derry Hill and Studley Village Fete which will be held at the Lansdowne Hall and school field from **1.30pm on Saturday 9th July**.

The fete committee are busy planning a fun filled schedule for the day. Many thanks to all the village groups who have so far signed up to run a stall and/or lead an activity in the main arena. Any groups who have not yet responded, please sign up as it would be great to have you involved. If you have any questions, please give me a shout using the details below.

Look out for details of the Arts and Crafts competitions which will be released shortly. We're finalising the plans for the competitions and will share the information with you so you can start planning your entries!

Alongside the Arts & Crafts Show there will be the usual mix of stalls provided by village groups and others, the kids entertainment zone, refreshments, and a variety of entertainment in the main arena. More news on all of these will be provided in upcoming editions of InSPIRE.

Do you want to raise your company's profile at the fete? How about donating a raffle prize or sponsoring an activity/stall? Drop me a line on the email below and we can discuss that further.

Would you be prepared to help us on the day? We're always looking for volunteers for a variety of tasks so if you're interested, again please let me know.

Look out for more information on the fete organising committee Facebook page: Details are:

 Derry Hill and Studley Fete

Tom Metcalfe Chair, Derry Hill & Studley Fete Organising Committee. Email: tom_metcalfe@sky.com



Derry Hill & Studley Gardening Club

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Derry Hill & Studley Gardening Club

Interest in the Derry Hill & Studley Gardening Club has been highly gratifying and we now stand at well over 40 family memberships. A family membership costs £25 for the year which covers the cost of the meeting room hire and refreshments with residual funds going to pay for invited speakers or goods and services that we need to deliver meetings such as hanging basket materials.

Having outgrown the New Meeting Room at the Lansdowne Hall the club held its second meeting at Christ Church on Tues 5th April where our invited speaker was Andrew Johnstone and his colleagues. Together, they delivered a very inspiring talk framed around a series of photographs of gardens they had worked on over recent times. Members were able to ask questions on these or other more general matters and also to peruse tools and other paraphernalia on sale through Andrew's company.

The Club will run an Open Gardens event in support of the community's planned Platinum Jubilee celebrations. We have had a very credible response from the community and have a good number of gardens for you to visit, some including refreshments and even talk of a glass of wine at some!

We cannot wait to then see you all at the fete and our plans for that event are taking shape nicely. To apply for membership please drop me a line at peterprater@btinternet

Peter



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RENEWABLE ENERGY

There is a new video up on YouTube from Stephen Cox Garden Trust.



[Renewable Energy](#) is an inspiring video by Hamza Aamir an aeronautics student at Bath University in the UK. In this wonderful video Hamza explains his work with the Stephen Cox Garden Trust as one of its student conservation managers, his passion for environmentally friendly future aeronautics, and the urgent need for a planetary renewable energy revolution.

Creator & narrator: Hamza Aamir
Sponsor: Stephen Cox Garden Trust.

The Trust (a registered charity for the advancement of education in horticulture & conservation and based in Studley) is in process of creating many videos in the themes of climate change, conservation, habitats, wildlife, rewilding, landscape restoration, animal rights.

It also has student conservation managers at 6 UK universities (Bath, Bristol, Oxford, West of England, Southampton, Bath Spa) engaged in research of 300 subjects and producing documents for public education.

If you'd like to learn more about the Charity's conservation work or join us then please contact:

email: stephencox.gardentrust@gmail.com [Website](#)



Derry Hill & Studley Platinum Jubilee Coordination Committee

And so the Jubilee bank holiday weekend is very fast approaching now and your central committee is ramping up its activity as we coordinate the various events and legacy initiatives we have programmed.

We are extremely grateful to all those of you that took the time to submit your return proformas following our letter box drop of well over 450 brochures. We had a great response rate which has helped us to prepare the events. Importantly, we have the email addresses for all of you that gave us the proformas, thanks, these will be deleted immediately after the event, but they do help us to keep in touch with you for now.

Furthermore, we are indebted to those of you who generously donated funds to the committee's crowdfunding page. Your generosity helps us to take our event planning to a new level and include more for you.

Just to highlight a handful of the events. The Tidy up on Thurs 2nd AM has attracted 115 expressions of interest; the lighting of the beacon has attracted 262 registrations; the Big Lunch on the Sunday has attracted another 284 and the Sausage and Beer Festival another 206. These promise to be excellent opportunities to enjoy the Jubilee and catch up with your friends.

This is the last inSPIRE before the event and we have some coordination instructions that are not yet fully understood so we ask you please to watch your emails and keep an eye on the Derry Hill & Studley community forum FB page in particular. However, if you are unable to monitor these then please come to the Lansdowne Hall at 10:15 on Thursday 2nd June when we will open the Jubilee Hub and can answer all your questions then. 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 and we will be happy to email you programme details.

There really is so much going on over this period and it looks like it's going to be a fabulous time, particularly if we are blessed with decent weather.

Peter

A History of Defibrillators (Part 2)

We left the story with Claude Beck experimenting with AC directly onto animals and a patient in Cleveland University hospital without any anaesthetic!



Unknown to Beck and his colleagues in America, investigators in Europe and Russia were far ahead of them in animal research and were beginning to use a single pulse, or DC defibrillation.

Decades later, one of Kouwenhoven's graduate students, [Lina Schtern](#), moved to the Soviet Union and continued to refine the technique—that is, until she received a death sentence during a crackdown on intellectuals under Joseph Stalin. She was eventually pardoned by the dictator himself, who rumour has it believed that she could bring people back from the dead!

In 1933 [Dr. Albert Hyman](#), a heart specialist at the Beth Davis Hospital of New York City and C. Henry Hyman, an electrical engineer, looking for an alternative to injecting powerful drugs directly into the heart, came up with an invention that used an electrical shock in place of drug injection. This invention was called the **Hyman Otor** where a hollow needle is used to pass an insulated wire to the heart area to deliver the electrical shock. The hollow steel needle acted as one end of the circuit and the tip of the insulated wire the other end. This never caught on and there was very little clinical data to support that this actually achieved anything!

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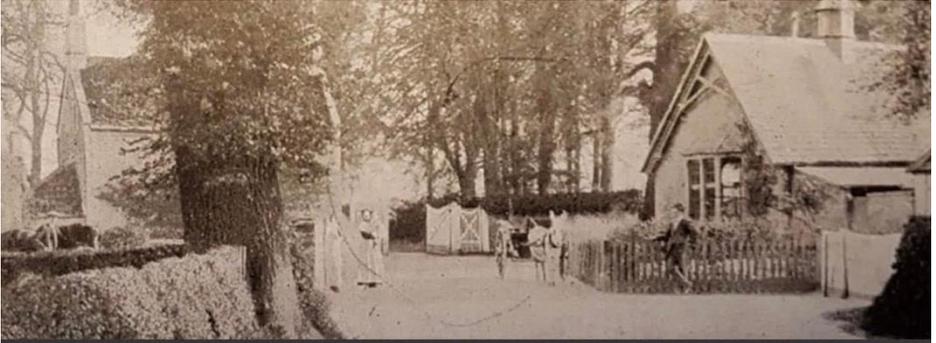
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Then and now - a photographic comparison of scenes past and present by Steve Calder



The Golden Gates viewed from Church Road



The entrance to Bowood house viewed from Studley Lane

More of these amazing comparisons will be on view at the pop-up history show during the Jubilee Celebrations

See also [Derry Hill, Old Derry Hill and Studley History Group on Facebook](#)

Neighbourhood Policing update



Welcome to my latest Neighbourhood Policing update for Derry Hill and surrounding villages. If there is anything you wish for me to add to these updates, or concerns you may have please let me know using my Email address: mark.cook@wiltshire.police.uk

Crime and Incident updates

1/ On 7th April at 11:20hrs, we received a report of a road rage Incident where a passing motorist shouted and remonstrated with a horse rider in Stanley Lane. The driver stated to the rider that the horse should not be on the road.

Recently, the Highway code changed to protect our more vulnerable road users. This included allowing more than two metres passing when passing horses, cyclists, and pedestrians on any given road.

While most road users are responsible and will drive in accordance with these guidelines, this unfortunately shows that there are still a few that don't.

We will always investigate reports of this nature. Dash cameras and other forms recordable devices are a great investment and will provide us with valuable evidence to support any police actions or potential prosecutions. [The Highway Code: 8 changes you need to know from 29 January 2022](#)



2/ Between 07/04/2022 08:30hrs and 07/04/2022 17:00hrs
Unknown person/s have removed a catalytic converter from a Honda Civic in Stanley Lane.
Any information in relation to this matter can be passed to us on 101 quoting this reference number: 54220035937

3/ On 17/04/2022 01:14hrs, a Grey Vauxhall Astra had broken down on the A361 near to Derry Hill. Upon Officers attending the location the driver was found to be intoxicated. The roadside breath test was conducted where driver was found to be over the prescribed limit for alcohol. The driver was arrested on suspicion of that offence and taken to Melksham Custody.

4/ On 20/04/2022 14:50hrs, Officers attended a report of a three-vehicle road traffic collision on the A4 in Derry Hill. The road was closed in both directions whilst Officers, Wiltshire Fire and the South West Ambulance attended to the vehicles and persons involved. One of the drivers was cut free from their vehicle and taken to hospital for checks with suspected abdominal and spinal injuries.

Consultation

A police consultation session was held in The Lansdowne Hall car park recently. A few residents attended and passed over some of their issues and concerns. These sessions are a great opportunity for us to meet members of our local community to discuss any concerns or issues they may be experiencing.

There will be more consultation sessions held in Derry Hill and surrounding areas soon. Please keep an eye on local press and our social media sites for updates on dates and times.

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

Mark Cook

Gardening tips for May

By now your bulbs will be starting to fade and other parts of the garden will be coming on responding to the warmer weather.

Now's the time to get those seeds in, if you haven't already, and planting out those overwintered cuttings. Summer bedding plants can be put into their final position once the danger of frost is over. Prepare and plant containers and hanging baskets - think Jubilee!



It's also a good time to start taking softwood cuttings.

The first cut of the lawn should always be high, after that it's time to get into the regular regime of cutting and edging. However, you might want to consider leaving part of your lawn area long grassed to encourage wildlife - see Tim Havenith's article on this in this magazine.

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Jazz at Marden House Calne

Marden House in CALNE on the last Tuesday off the month 7 for 7.30pm
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31st May: **Oxford Classic Jazz Band**
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28th June: celebrating our 17th anniversary with **Catherine Sykes** singing plus guitar and double bass.

26th July: **Medicine Creek**

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James and Brigid

Calne Town Hall Moviola

After a long absence we shall be showing our films again on **Wednesday May 11th**.

We shall be starting off with Kenneth Branagh's film 'BELFAST'. He won an Oscar for this film and it is based on his childhood growing up aged 9 in Northern Ireland just as the troubles were starting.



Doors open at 7.00pm, film showing at 7.30pm. Tickets £6 can be obtained through the Information Centre Calne or on the door. The entrance is through the door by the Lansdowne Strand Hotel. The chairs will be spaced apart and more room allowed between the rows. It is your choice to wear a mask or not.

We very much look forward to seeing you all again.

Viv



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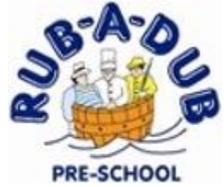
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Rub A Dub Pre School

It's been another busy term at Rub A Dub's pre-school (but aren't they all?!)



The Committee were thrilled

to be able to return to some 'in-person' fundraising and have a mini-Easter Fair, with the centrepiece being our Easter Bunny Trail that was ready two years ago when the pandemic hit! It was lovely to finally hold the event and see so many members of the community come along to follow the trail and help support our Pre School. It always amazes us how many people are keen to support us and we are very thankful to you all.

As a charity run pre-school we are very much of the 'make do and mend' philosophy in relation to a lot of our equipment. The last two years with the pandemic have shown us that maybe we have mended all our various pieces of IT, maybe for the last time. As the world has gone more and more online as a pre-school, we identified that we needed to invest in some new IT in order to be able to support the staff and children within our setting. We applied for a grant from Calne Without Parish Council to try and assist us in the costs of the technology upgrades that we required and were thrilled when the Parish Council agreed to support our grant request. The staff are very much looking forward to not being hindered in their daily tasks by the technology in the setting.

Updates on the preschool and our fundraising activities can always be found on our [Facebook page](#), please feel free to follow our page to see what we are up to.

If you are looking for childcare and are thinking of using Rub A Dub we welcome you to come for a visit and a show around the setting. Please feel free to contact the team on rubadubpreschoolenquiries@gmail.com

Kate Checchia

Chair of the Committee

Parish Council Supports a New Council for Derry Hill & Studley

At a special meeting of Calne Without Parish Council in April, Councillors heard the views of residents from across the parish on the proposed boundary changes.

I'm delighted to report that the Council then went on to decide, by a narrow majority, to support Wiltshire Council's recommendation to create a parish council for Derry Hill & Studley. That decision overturned the Council's previous decision made back in 2019 to oppose a new council.

This latest vote was very close, in fact an initial proposal to oppose a new Council was only defeated by the casting vote of the Chairman, after votes were tied with 5 Councillors voting for and 5 against. All four of the West Ward Councillors that were able to be present (Philippa Todd, Lucy Campbell-Rogers, Keith Robbins and myself) along voted to support the proposed new council. With the exception of Doug Price and later Rob Hislop both from Calston who also supported the changes, the remaining Councillors representing Pewsham, Sandy Lane, Middle and East wards all opposed the creation of a new council for Derry Hill & Studley.

The meeting went on to debate some of the more detailed boundary issues raised by the residents including -

- Retaining within the proposed new parish a group of 4 properties around Stanley Abbey Farm at the bottom of Studley Hill that are recommended by Wiltshire to become part of Bremhill Parish Council. The majority of those residents appear to prefer to remain part of Derry Hill & Studley.
- Supporting the redrawing of the new parish boundaries to encompass all of the historic core estate of Bowood House within the proposed new Derry Hill & Studley Council area. This will hopefully address one of the points raised by Lord Lansdowne.
- Requesting that Wiltshire Council closely examine the preferences of residents of houses that take access from the A4 between the bottom of Black Dog Hill and the Calne boundary at Chilvester. The views of residents should be paramount in deciding if those properties should be part of the proposed new council rather than Bremhill as recommended.

- Disappointingly the Parish Council decided not to support the new council being “unwarded” as the petition requested and Wiltshire Council recommended. Instead they are seeking a ward or wards for Sandy Lane and Pewsham. That will reopen divisive issues of where the ward boundaries are drawn, whether the Derry Hill residents living on Devizes Road should be part of Sandy Lane, Pewsham or Derry Hill, as well as ward councillors representing broadly equal number of voters.
- Finally, the Council wished to see Wiltshire Council include the whole of Blacklands in an enlarged Cherhill Parish Council which is already recommended to include Calstone and Lower Compton.

There is still time to respond to Wiltshire Council’s consultation on the creation of a parish council for Derry Hill & Studley and other boundary changes. The closing date is Thursday 5th May. The survey can be completed on line through [this link](#) or through the paper survey that was sent to every household

I strongly encourage everyone to complete the consultation survey form and support the creation of the new parish council for Derry Hill & Studley as well as comment on the amendments requested by our current Parish Council.

If you would like more information please contact me, on 01249 819428 or i0anrees@icloud.com

Ioan Rees (Chairman Calne Without Parish council)

Mobile library visits to Derry Hill

Lansdowne Hall Derry Hill

14.20 – 15.45

Tuesdays: 3rd, 17th and 31st May 2022

Kingston House Derry Hill

10.10 – 10.30

Mondays: 9th May 2022



Calne Without Parish Council

Calne Without Parish Council met on 11th April for a full council.

During the meeting they voted to financially support a wide array of projects to help improve the locality, among them they will be supporting a commemorative stone for the Queens Platinum Jubilee, improvements to heating and lighting in a village hall and helping a local pre-school improve their IT provision. If you are a local community group within Calne Without Parish Council or a group whose work benefits residents of Calne Without Parish Council and has a project that the Parish council might be able to help, we would love to hear from you.

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 major issue affecting Calne Without Parish Council at this point is the Community Governance review being led by Wiltshire Council. This review is seeking views on potential changes to the boundaries of Calne Without Parish Council. This may mean that the Parish Council that you currently live in is due for change, the proposals are too long to describe in detail in this article, but Wiltshire Council would like to hear your views. There is an online survey on the website where you can ensure your views are heard on the proposals. <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council-democracy-cgr>

At an Extraordinary general meeting on April 13th 2022, Calne Without Parish Council discussed the proposals at length, They voted to support the proposals and will be providing a full response to the consultation including a number of changes that they recommend to be made to the proposals.

Katherine Checchia clerk@calnewwithout-pc.gov.uk

An alternative view on the Community Governance Review

In April, Calne Without Parish Council narrowly voted to support the proposals to break up the current parish, with the western part being established as a separate parish of Derry Hill and Studley, and the rest merged into the current parishes of Bremhill, Compton Bassett, Cherhill and Heddington. On the night, the vote was evenly split and therefore decided on the Chairman's casting vote. I voted against and felt that I should set down my reasons why.

Firstly, I think the current Parish Council is working well. We have four active working groups, prioritising Road Safety, the Climate Emergency, Footpaths and Engagement. We are developing an ambitious four-year plan and are working with Calne Town Council on revising the joint Neighbourhood Plan. We engage well with outside bodies and have effective governance. Councillors from across the parish work well together and complement each other's skills and experience. Having served on the Council since May, it does not feel like a problem in need of a solution.

My second issue is about financing. The Parish Council receives its income from two sources. The first of these the Precept, an uplift to each household's Council Tax that is used to pay for the Council's running costs. With 2,700 electors, we are a relatively large parish, giving us the economy of scale to operate efficiently. At £21.72 a year, for a band D property, we have the lowest Precept in the area.

Most of our running costs are fairly fixed. If we halve the size of the parish, we will still need to employ a part-time Parish Clerk, maintain an IT set up, a website and a document library, pay for insurance, internal and external auditors, etc. If we halve the tax base of the council, we could therefore expect our Precept to nearly double.

Our second source of income is the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), which is paid by developers for infrastructure improvements, with a certain proportion going to the town or parish council. On its current boundaries, Calne Without PC wraps around Calne Town in a horseshoe. Calne has grown as far as its boundaries allow, meaning that further developments

tend to spill over into Calne Without, such that we benefit from a significant amount of CIL funding.

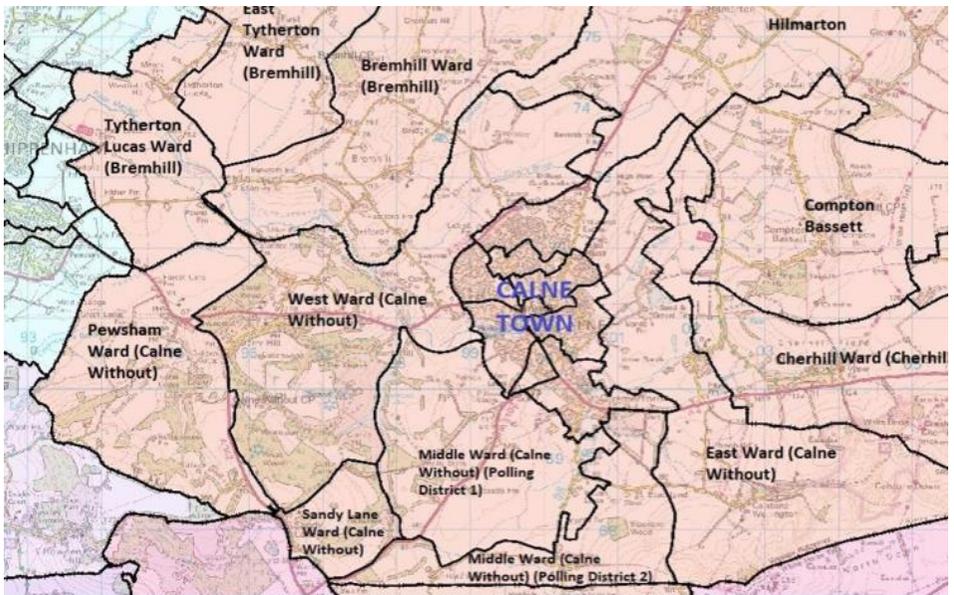
Since 2018, we have received £200k of CIL funding from developments to the south and east of Calne. This provides us with the capital funding to deliver projects to benefit people across the entire parish. Under the proposed plans, CIL money from future growth around Calne will benefit Bremhill, Compton Bassett, Cherhill or Heddington, but not the new parish of Derry Hill & Studley. We would only benefit in the event of future developments within the new parish, such as another Studley Gardens.

It therefore strikes me that the proposed changes represent a remarkably bad deal for people in Derry Hill and Studley – we end up paying almost double the precept for a parish council that will have little money to fund projects.

I therefore voted for what I believe to be the best interests of residents and opposed the plans.

Cllr John Barnes

john.barnes@calnewwithout-pc.gov.uk



Friends of Derry Hill School (FODHS)

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

Wow what a fun packed term we just had. It is brilliant to see the school community back together in full force.

We would like to thank-everyone that came and supported our FODHS Quiz, a fun evening was had by all. We had our first cake bake sale which was a huge success with wonderful cakes enjoyed by everyone baked by Year 5 and 6 classes. We cannot wait for our next cake bake sale. As a thank-you to all of our wonderful mums the children took home a raffle ticket that entered their mums into a free raffle.

So congratulations to our wonderful mums who received these hampers and I hope that you enjoyed them. So that all of The Derry Hill students could partake in the Annual Easter Egg hunt it was held during the day. We would like to thank Tesco's for their generous donation of eggs towards this event and the donations that allowed us to make this a fun and free event for all of our students.

We are all looking forward to this next term where we will be enjoying more cake bake sales and lots of Jubilee celebrations. If you would like to take part in the village Jubilee Scarecrow trail. The theme for this scarecrow or flowerpot creation is people, events of things that have stood out for you during the last 70 years. Please can you email friends@derryhill.wilts.sch.uk to let us know what you would like to use as your creation or ask for a suggestion.

100 CLUB LOTTO IS BACK - £10 to play. Our final draw for this school year will be on **1st July 2022**. 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! The next draw is planned for Friday 1st July. Go on, get involved. And good luck!

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](#)

Thanks as ever for your continued support,

Sarah, Lauren and the rest of the team

Email: friends@derryhill.wilts.sch.uk



Police Officer Recruitment

Wiltshire Police is actively looking for people to 'be the difference they want to see' in their communities. The Force opens police officer applications on Monday 25 April, the last round of recruitment in Wiltshire as part of the Government's pledge to recruit an additional 20,000 police officers by March 2023.



Since the start of the national Uplift recruitment drive in autumn 2019, Wiltshire has welcomed 297 student police officers, with a further 140 places available over the next 12 months. The three-year Uplift programme is funding an additional 163 police officers in Wiltshire, over and above the Force's normal recruitment to replace leavers and retirees.

Wiltshire has made good strides in improving workforce diversity, encouraging more women and ethnic minority communities - who are underrepresented in policing - to step forward to consider a career in policing, but there is still more to do.

Student officers have the opportunity to earn a fully funded degree while training through the three-year Police Constable Degree Apprenticeship, while those who already hold a degree take a two-year Graduate Diploma in Professional Policing Practice. Candidates have to be 17 or over at the time of application and must meet the stringent [eligibility criteria](#).

Deputy Chief Constable Paul Mills said:

"We always recruit on merit and suitability for this challenging role but are particularly keen to hear from those who may not have considered a career in policing and come from an underrepresented group.

"Policing is an amazing career, and no two days are the same. Police officers deal with difficult situations every day and have an opportunity to help people and really make a difference to their lives. It's an incredibly fulfilling role that I whole heartedly recommend, with plenty of opportunity to progress and specialise.

"We're looking for resilient individuals whose first instinct is to help and support others; the problem solvers and solution-finders, calm under pressure, who ask questions and are curious, but also approachable with a natural ability to communicate with people from all walks of life. We want people with a strong sense of community, who bring a variety of skills and abilities."

Wiltshire Police is working hard to improve representation, whether that is gender, ethnicity, sexuality, religion or community. The Force's dedicated Positive Action Team helps those from under-represented groups through the application process to compete on equal terms with other candidates. They can be contacted at PositiveAction@wiltshire.police.uk.

To find out more about becoming a Wiltshire police officer, including eligibility criteria, entry routes, the realities of working on response, initial training, and to apply, visit the police officer recruitment page on the [Wiltshire Police Careers website](#).

Simone Matthews (Police, Communications Officer, Wiltshire)

Mothers' Union Prayer & Fellowship Group

We met at Christ Church on Wednesday 6th April and began with Nan welcoming everyone and doing the prayers. We then discussed the Platinum Jubilee Commemorative Brochure and will finalise our small input at our next meeting.



Mary Hobbs then took the floor and gave a fascinating talk on Inspiring Women; her theme being taken from the bible which was very interesting and quite in-depth so thank you Mary as it was very well received by everyone. We then enjoyed refreshments done by Nan with provisions supplied beforehand by Christine W as she was unable to attend the meeting.

We put an up-to-date advert on the notice board at the back of the Church about the Mothers' Union Caravan at Rockley Park Holiday Home in Poole, Dorset and would encourage you to have a look if you are in need of a break or just a change of scenery.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 4th May when Mary H will open with the prayers and Nan will be talking about Named Saints, followed by refreshments by Jean and Barbara.

Barbara Parry

May The Farce Be With You



A pantomime by Andrew Yates
Performed by [The Derry Hill Theatre Group](#)

What a fun evening we had watching the pantomime this year. The theatre group really excelled themselves. A fusion of Star Wars meets Jack and the Beanstalk! Sounds an odd couple but it really worked.

The actors had us in fits of laughter from the start. The scenery was superb, amazing costumes, fantastic sound effects and lighting. And the tickets only cost £6!



(A review sent in by one of our readers)



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Cakes will be judged solely on
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Adult classes 17 years and over

Cakes should be at least 20cm at the base.

Children's classes under 7s, 7-10 and 11-16 years

Cakes should be at least 15cm at the base, 5 cupcakes may be made in place of a single
cake.

**Design a decorated Jubilee themed
menu. What would you serve and why?**

Judging will be on interpretation of the theme
and originality and design and presentation.

Classes 7-10, 11-16 and 17 years and over

Menus should be no larger than A4 and a minimum of 3
courses.

Under 7's only

Imagine the Queen is coming for tea. What would you give
her to eat? Draw or write a menu on A4 and decorate it.

Entries to the village hall, Saturday 4th June between 10.30
and 11.30, judging at 12.

Please collect your entries by 4.30pm – any cakes left
behind will go to the Big Jubilee Lunch on Sunday
for sharing.



It's not all about Location, Location, Location

Is your home bursting at the seams now the family is growing, are you rattling around as an empty nester, or do the stairs make upstairs a no-go area?

Are you struggling to find your first home or can't afford to buy or even rent one locally?

Having a home is a basic need and the type of home we need can change with us through our lives. But sometimes a lack of choice or costs make it difficult to find and afford the homes that fit what we need.

Having the right housing available and accessible to those that live in our area is one of the aims of the Calne Community Neighbourhood Plan. The current plan review is the time to make sure our local planning policies help achieve this for our future.

To do this it's essential to understand our community housing issues now, and what local people's needs will be in the future. The Calne Community Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group need to know about your home and housing needs now and what you'll need over the next 10 years.

If you need a bigger home for your growing family, or you'd like to see housing available for your children so they can leave home when they are ready but live locally, if you'd like to downsize but stay in the area, or if you'd like to move an elderly relative closer to you but there is nothing suitable available, or if you are keen to get on the housing ladder, but prices are just too high, we'd like to understand what housing in our area needs to provide.

Please take a moment to fill in our Rural Housing Needs Survey which will run between mid-May and the end of June and can be found on our website <http://www.calnecommunityplan.com/> and help us get a good picture of how you are living now and how you'd like to live in the future so that we can work to make sure our area provides the right housing for our community.



Please help our Neighbourhood Plan to help meet your housing needs!

Su Johnson

Calne Community Neighbourhood Plan Administrator

N.B. This plan includes where we live in Derry Hill and Studley and the whole of Calne Without **Ed**

Online Event: Celebrating the Woodland Dawn Chorus

Weds 18th May 7pm

On the first Sunday of May each year 'International Dawn Chorus Day'

celebrates the wonderful sound of birdsong as they greet the day in all their habitats.



To join in the celebrations this year we are offering a free online talk with Steve Oakes who will be sharing an exploration of the woodland dawn chorus. Steve is a long term member of South Wilts RSPB and knowledgeable educator on the wonderful world of birds and birdsong.

The talks will be hosted by Friends of Marden Valley with Chair Ian Thorn. There will be an opportunity for a Q&A session with Steve.

This is a free, online event organised by Friends of the Marden Valley and Avon Needs Trees.

[All the details to sign up are here](#)

Also, we are appealing for help to find our next piece of land to create a new woodland and are looking for landowners who would like to sell land or partner with us to get in touch!

ANT's Director Dave Wood said "Following two incredibly successful projects in Wiltshire planting 22,000 trees, we are excited to be looking for our next site and look forward to working with communities to create new woodlands. We are in a climate and ecological emergency so we need to work quickly to increase the woodland cover in the Bristol-Avon area. However, it is really important to us that the new woodlands benefit the local community and that we work together with the local agriculture and landscape in mind, planting the right tree in the right place. If you are a landowner and interested in working with us or hearing more about what we do, please get in touch!"

Susan

Can you help us create a nature reserve as big as a football pitch?

The **Calne Community Nature Reserve** initiative is a wildlife-friendly gardening project, aiming to create a community nature reserve from the mosaic of spaces pledged by the people in our community.

Whether you have a garden, allotment, pond, hedge, window box, or bug hotel, all of these areas can be visited by insects, birds, and even mammals with appropriate adaptations.

Inspired by similar projects elsewhere, most importantly the initial project in Felixstowe, our aim is to create a community nature reserve the size of an adult football pitch, providing a natural network for wildlife to move through urban areas.



Joining up green spaces has been shown to increase biodiversity and reduce the negative impact of urban dead spots.

We understand that everyone has different amounts of space that they are able to dedicate to wildlife-friendly gardening.

With this in mind, with spaces ranging from 1 metre² to 260m², we have managed to reach more than 65% of that aim with a current total of 4455 m².

This dedication to wildlife-friendly gardening is not only very positive, but is one way of providing a way of increasing the biodiversity of our town and villages.

We use visual tools, such as maps, to show pledged postcode areas. This allows us to see the wildlife corridors that exist and, over time, can help us to understand which species are travelling through these areas and making use of these wonderful wildlife-friendly plots.



Last year, we posted about the impact even a single plant can have. In this case the humble teasel, which had self-sown in a gap in the concrete. To mention just a few species, this teasel attracted spiders, hoverflies, bees, as well as snails, who rested under its large leaves.

Along with highlighting plant species of particular importance, we have reached out to local experts to help educate, inform, and inspire.

One very exciting article has been written by Laura Ashby of the Chippenham Hedgehogs Facebook community. In her article, Laura engagingly explains how to create a hedgehog-friendly garden, with the correct food and water. Laura also explains what to do, and who to contact, if you find a hedgehog in distress.

We also have articles written by staff at Wiltshire Wildlife Trust on encouraging butterflies and how to create a wildflower meadow, all available to read from our website and active Facebook page.

It is with articles such as these that we can support our growing nature reserve community, which extends throughout the entire Calne Community Area, which includes the town of Calne along with the parishes of Bremhill, Calne Without, Cherhill, Compton Bassett, Hedlington, and Hilmarton.

When you visit the webpage below, along with pledging your valuable space, you will be able to record the wildlife species you see in our iRecord activity, which will add your record to the national database. Alternatively, you can take a load off and watch some of our 'Mindful Minute' nature videos.

We have also asked Calne Town Council to liaise with Wiltshire Council to explore reducing verge cuts, allowing our much-needed grassland to restore itself and become a haven for wildlife, such as pollinators, and to provide important corridors for the movement of wildlife.

So, whether you are at the beginning of your exciting project to increase wildlife in your plot, or have been gardening for the benefit of wildlife for decades, please join the other fantastic folk that have already pledged their space.

Pledge your wildlife-friendly area today!

To find out more and to pledge your space click [Here](#)

Tim Havenith

Thank you for supporting Ukraine – A Message from Wiltshire Council

We wanted to say thank you to everyone who has supported the people of Ukraine throughout this incredibly challenging time for them, including those who have joined the Homes for Ukraine scheme or donated to national charities. Communities across Wiltshire are rising to the challenge and your efforts are really appreciated.



Latest figures show more than 280 Wiltshire households have been matched with Ukrainian refugees as people fleeing the war-torn country start arriving in the county.

Sponsors providing homes for refugees are being advised they don't need to contact the council when a match has been made as the government provides the information so DBS and accommodation checks can be carried out. However, once the guests have arrived we are asking for sponsors to email refugees@wiltshire.gov.uk so support can begin straightaway.

Alongside partners, we have produced a welcome pack available at [Support for Ukraine](#). This page also has information and frequently asked questions for those involved in supporting Ukrainian refugees and people who want to find out more. It provides local information which sits alongside the [government information for refugees](#).

More information from Wiltshire Council on support being provide to Ukrainian refugees can be found [here](#)

Derry Hill and District W.I.

Our April speaker was Ruth Davies who gave us 'An Introduction to Technology to Bridge the Digital Divide'. Most members use and communicate via their computers and this session was very useful, boosting our confidence and teaching us some clever new skills. You never know when you may need them! During the Pandemic our WI carried on as normal via our desktops, laptops, iPads etc. which kept us together when we couldn't meet face to face. We are resilient!

theWI
INSPIRING WOMEN



All our members are currently busy knitting flowers for the Jubilee celebrations and preparing to make over 300 special cakes, so, watch this space!! We had our first WI walk of this season on Tuesday 12th April in the grounds of Bowood. Of course, our walk ended with coffee and a good chat which may have lasted longer than the walk!!!

On May 25th the 'Heart Beat' Team coming to talk to us about CPR and Defibrillation. Hopefully, we will also have a visit from Resusci Annie, the CPR doll, so we can practice our CPR skills too.

We have a varied programme of talks and demos throughout the year. Our members are a very friendly group of ladies, aged 40 and upwards, together we have a lot of fun!



Why not come along and see? We meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm in Lansdowne Hall. You would be very welcome.

Please contact Sally 01249 817945 or Liz 01249 812138 if you want more information.

Tina (Programme Secretary)

WI Walking Netball

WI Walking Netball started again on Friday 22nd April after an Easter break. I am Tina, one of the Netball 'Hosts'. I plan a session of warm up exercises, fun drills and games of Walking Netball for our ladies to play. We are not allowed to run or jump during walking netball so anyone can play as long as you can walk and have a pair of trainers! There is a mix of all age groups, WI and non-WI ladies from the village. The aim is to have fun and socialise whilst, hopefully, getting a bit fitter. We are very lucky to have 5 players who can act as 'Hosts' so sessions are always varied and well run.



We have a lot of fun and enjoy each other's company. If you would like to come and give it a go it is £3 per session, Monday and Friday at 1.45-2.45 pm on the outside multi-pitch next to Lansdowne Hall.

Looking forward to seeing you

Tina (01249 814145)

Book Club Review

This month we read 'Mrs England' by Stacey Halls. Set at the turn of the 20th century this slow burning story is written from the perspective of a rather naive young woman who has trained and works as a Norlands Nanny at a time when the school was beginning to gain its reputation for excellence.



We only know what the nanny (Ruby May) knows or thinks she knows and her judgement is coloured by her own experiences which are gradually revealed through the book. The social mores of the time are an important aspect of the plot but inevitably the modern reader will bring a different understanding of the behaviour of the characters involved.

In the main we enjoyed reading this book, the plot developed rather slowly and after the story climaxed several loose ends were tidied up. However, we felt that we would have liked to learn more about what made certain characters 'tick' and more descriptive passages about the areas in which the story is set would have made for a stronger novel.

By Andrea

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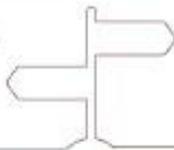
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Once we remember all these good things, the blot, whatever it may be, is put into perspective. We can possibly go one step further and say that everything – including that benighted telegraph pole – is serving some purpose. And we might begin to accept that the blots, too, have their place.

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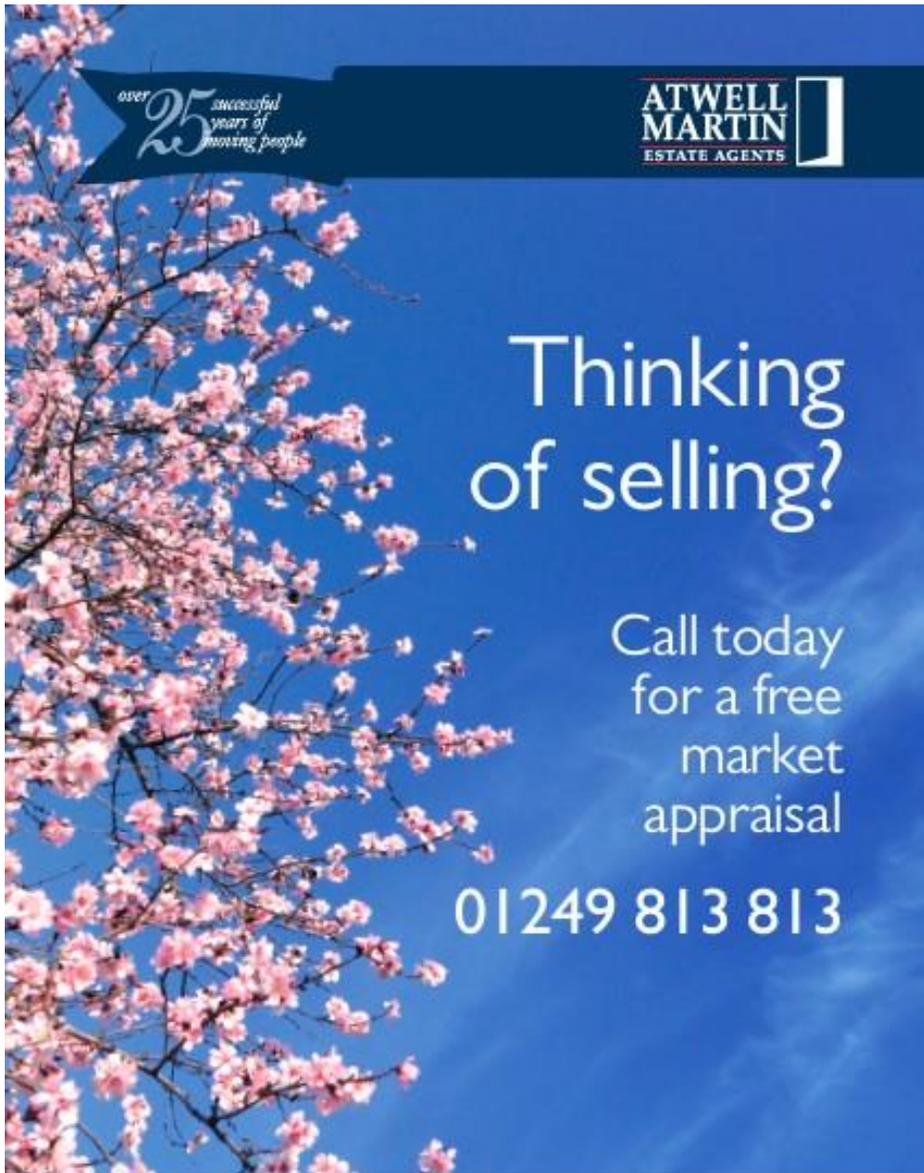
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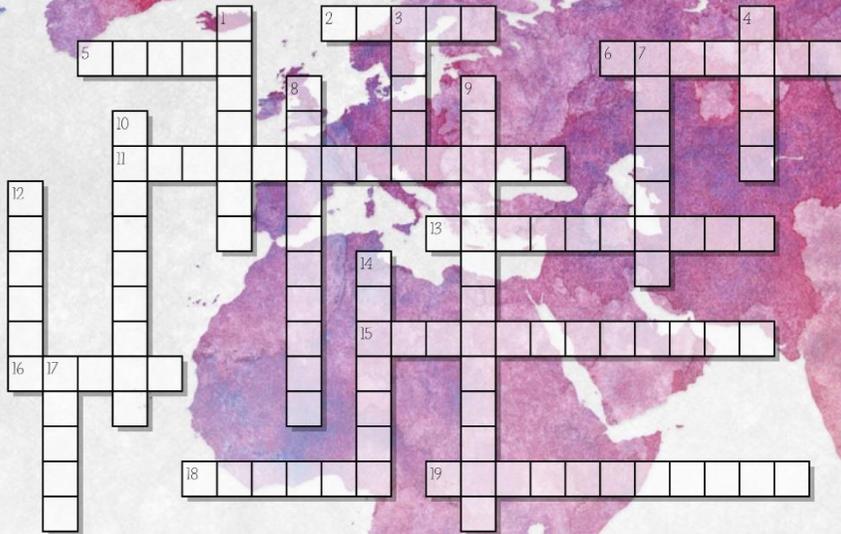
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ACROSS

- 2 Wedding attendant (5)
- 5 Last month (5)
- 6 Meal course (7)
- 11 Local pub (9,4)
- 13 Nearby town (10)
- 15 Swimming style (12)
- 16 Winter neckwear (5)
- 18 Made from animal's milk (6)
- 19 Time off in May (5,7)

DOWN

- 1 Flowers (7)
- 3 Barrier of shrubs (5)
- 4 The above (5)
- 7 Invaded country (7)
- 8 Newspaper format (10)
- 9 Local Nepalese eatery (6,7)
- 10 Songbird (9)
- 12 Folk dance style (6)
- 14 Royal Celebration (7)
- 17 Milk container (5)

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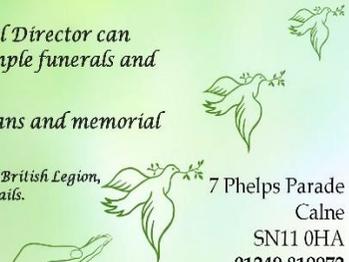
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