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## Editorial

Although not a particular aficionado of poetry, the arrival of this month invariably reminds me of that well-known offering from Robert Browning – and also the long-ago days of A-Level English Literature – ‘Home - Thoughts from Abroad’ with its simple but memorable opening line ‘O to be in England now that April’s there’. I guess this poem of two short verses serves to sum up the evocation of Spring for many people, even though the season has already been underway for a month. April certainly sees a real flourishing of new life and a re-awakening of the natural world.

Robert Browning must have been feeling pretty nostalgic when he was writing the poem as he was in Northern Italy at the time, a part of the world not without its own charms. He even favourably compares our humble buttercup with the ‘gaudy melon flower’. The poem also refers to elm trees coming into leaf – the subsequent loss of almost our entire population of elm trees since would no doubt make him very sad.

The reawakening process will see the return of migrating birds to our shores and especially towards month’s end the first swifts will reappear. They mate for life and will return to the same nest site to reproduce before leaving our shores in August. They will also form part of the dawn chorus which gets into its stride this month and lasts until July as birds sing to attract a mate or protect territory. Our gardens will soon witness the evening acrobatics of bats as they come out of a long period of hibernation and begin to feast on insects prior to getting down to serious reproductive business.

The cherry blossom season (Sakura) which is so highly anticipated in Japan reaches its peak there this month and the blossom is also a feature of Washington DC’s Potomac riverside whilst the trees do of course bring a riot of pink to our own gardens.

This month sees the anniversary of when the first bananas were seen in a shop in this country – in Holborn, London on 10 April 1633..... but these were some cultivated in hothouse conditions in Derbyshire however and the fruit did not arrive for general sale until the late nineteenth century. The first cordless telephone went on sale in the UK as long ago as 14 April 1983 – what would we do without them now, I wonder.



9 April 1806 sees the anniversary of the birth of one of the greatest engineers and inventors of the nineteenth century – Isambard Kingdom Brunel. Just thirty-two years later on 8 April 1832 his new steamship SS Great Britain left Bristol on her maiden voyage to Boston Massachusetts, a vessel which is still on display in Bristol Docks. At the same time, he was also busying himself with railway construction, bridges, tunnels, steam engines, dockyards and other projects. He was also fluent in French!

Must go and find something to do.....

**Assistant Editor**

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## Dear Friends,

Some years ago we thought we would try something a little different for our Easter meal. This time the roast lamb included anchovies and for dessert we decided to have baklava. I thought it would be fun to make it ourselves. The recipe promised it was straightforward and didn't really take that long – you simply needed to have all the ingredients ready so the filo pastry didn't dry out before you needed to use it. In reality it took several hours and I used pretty much every kitchen utensil I owned “getting the ingredients ready”. The more accomplished cooks among you will probably wonder at my ineptitude.



However, the combination of pastry, nuts, spices and sticky sweet syrup produces the most sumptuous, delicious dessert and it was fun to spend time together making it as a family.

In my defence, I recently found a recipe for baklava which stated that Greek women spend days getting the baklava ready for the Easter feast in the Orthodox tradition. I have also discovered that it is a Greek tradition to use thirty-three layers of filo pastry, one for each year of Jesus' life.

Perhaps we'll have another go at making baklava for Easter, with all thirty-three layers. A shared activity like this does provide an opportunity for far ranging conversations about all manner of things, from the mundane to matters of life and death and beyond. And there are moments in the process which require such focussed concentration that an almost prayerful silence descends

It seems a perfect recipe for reflecting on the events of Holy Week and Easter; to ponder the life, death and resurrection of Jesus; to celebrate together. We will, of course, be doing these things in our churches and out in the community. But it feels just as important to share these deeper conversations with our loved ones.

May I wish you all a blessed Easter. As the Greeks would say: Christos Anesti. Alithos Anesti!

Alleluia! Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

**Linda.**

<b>April 2023 Church Services</b>		
<b>Time</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Service</b>
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Palm Sunday</b>		
8am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Parish Eucharist
10am	Holy Trinity, Quemerford	Family Service
10am	St Martin's, Bremhill	Morning Worship
10.30pm	Christ Church, Derry Hill	All Age Communion
6pm	Bowood Chapel	Evensong
<b>Holy Week Monday 3rd</b>		
7.30pm	St Mary's, Calne	Compline
7.30pm	Christ Church, Derry Hill	Compline
<b>Holy Week Tuesday 4th</b>		
7.30pm	St Mary's, Calne	Compline
7.30pm	Christ Church, Derry Hill	Compline
<b>Holy Week Wednesday 5th</b>		
7.30pm	St Mary's, Calne	Compline
7.30pm	Christ Church, Derry Hill	Compline
<b>Maundy Thursday</b>		
7.30pm	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
7.30pm	Christ Church, Derry Hill	Holy communion
<b>Good Friday</b>		
12pm	St Martin's, Bremhill	At the Foot of the Cross
2pm	Christ Church, Derry Hill	At the Foot of the Cross
2pm	St Mary's, Calne	An Hour at the Cross
7pm	St Mary's, Calne	Choral Meditation



<b>April 2023 Church Services (cont'd)</b>		
<b><i>Time</i></b>	<b><i>Church</i></b>	<b><i>Service</i></b>
<b><i>Easter Sunday</i></b>		
9.30am	St John the Baptist, Foxham	All Age Communion
9.30am	St Peter's, Blackland	Holy Communion BCP
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Parish Eucharist
10am	St Martin's, Bremhill	All Age Communion
10.45am	Holy Trinity, Quemerford	Holy Communion
11am	Christ Church, Derry Hill	All Age Communion
2pm	Christ Church, Derry Hill	Baptism
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> No Service</b>		
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Second Sunday of Easter Easter 1</b>		
8am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Parish Eucharist
11am	Christ Church, Derry Hill	Parish Eucharist
10am	Holy Trinity, Quemerford	Family Service
1pm	Holy Trinity	Baptism
6pm	Zoom	Evening Prayer
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup></b>		
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>		
9.30am	St Peter's, Blackland	Holy Communion
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Morning Prayer
10am	St Martin's, Bremhill	All Age Communion
10.45am	Holy Trinity, Quemerford	Holy Communion
6pm	St John the Baptist, Foxham	Evening Prayer
<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup></b>		
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion

<b>April 2023 Church Services (cont'd)</b>		
<b>Time</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Service</b>
<b>Sunday 30th</b>		
8am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
9.30am	St. John the Baptist, Foxham	Morning Prayer
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Parish Eucharist
10am	St. Martin's, Bremhill	All Age Communion
11am	Christ Church, Derry Hill	Parish Eucharist
3pm	Holy Trinity, Quemerford	Family Service
6pm	Zoom	Evening Prayer

## Thanksgiving Service

Christ Church Derry Hill

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 11.00am



All Welcome

## Coming to Church

### Parochial Church Council (PCC) Guidance

We have for some months now been worshipping in church with minimal restrictions regarding Covid, with people making their own choices about wearing face coverings and/or social distancing.

When it comes to Holy Communion, we are continuing to offer simultaneous administration where the priest intincts the wafer with wine for each communicant. We are also offering the common cup for those who prefer this. We simply ask those who wish to receive wine directly from the chalice to come forward after those who have received intincted wafers. Guidance will be given during the service.

We continue to offer **Zoom services** (usually fortnightly) and of course, if you are feeling unwell or test positive for Covid please stay at home.

As ever, 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'd Linda Carter*** on behalf of Bremhill, Derry Hill and Foxham PCCs March 2023.

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

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**Urgent calls only that day**  
**please)**

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Calne. SN11 9NN  
lindac@mardenvale.org.uk

### **Lay Pastoral Assistant (LPA)**

**Please call if you would like a visit or chat - all in strictest confidence**

Mrs Anita Uttley      01380 859433

### **Church Wardens**

Mrs Deidre Lias      01249 822157      Mr Peter Rigby 01225 704356

### **PCC Treasurer (Tr) & Secretary (Sec)**

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**

**Ring** one of our coordinators:

Carol Rigby      01225 704356

Ian Liddle      01249 816229

Richard Gribble      01249 812018

Richard Aylen      01249 814632

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

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## The Night Sky in April

Towards the end of last month, we were treated to some impressive images of Jupiter and Venus gradually coming closer together in the western sky shortly after sunset, joined by the nearby Moon on occasions. Whilst the gas giant has dominated our skies over recent months, the planet will recede into the evening twilight during this month so will no longer be visible to us until it reappears into our morning skies later in the year. Jupiter is in fact at 'superior conjunction' on 11 April – the planet will be directly opposite us on the far side of the Sun as seen from Earth.

Venus however is still very much with us, shining brilliantly in the western sky until it sets around midnight. On 11 April at around 21.00h Venus will pass just to the left of a 'smudge' or cluster of stars known as the Pleiades. Also known as the Seven Sisters as this number of stars can be easily seen by naked eye within it, in reality a look through binoculars or a small telescope will confirm that there are many more than this within the cluster. The Pleiades is dominated by a cluster of hot, blue luminous stars some 444 light years from Earth. Once identified like this the cluster can easily be located in the future.....which is useful as another opportunity for easy identification comes along between 21-23 April!

Looking towards the western sky at around 21.45 on 21<sup>st</sup>, the Moon will be slightly above and to the left of The Pleiades with the bright star to its left being Alderbaran. Just above these, Venus will be shining brilliantly. On the following evening at the same time, all these features will be visible once again except that the Moon will be sitting almost on top of our sister planet.

Mars is becoming more difficult to spot but an opportunity occurs to locate it more easily on 25 April at around 22.00h when the planet with its reddish tinge will be sitting just to the left of the crescent Moon. The night of 22 and 23 April should provide good viewing conditions to view the maximum of the Lyrid meteor shower as the Moon will be out of the way and the skies will be darkened. The shower is formed from debris emanating from Comet Thatcher burning up in our atmosphere.

	<b>Sunrise</b>	<b>Sunset</b>
1 April	06.43	19.41
15 April	06.12	20.04
30 April	05.41	20.29

***Richard Carter***

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## **Lansdowne Hall Annual General Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting of the Lansdowne Hall will be held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April at the Hall commencing at 8.15 pm. Regular Hall users will be receiving full details of the meeting in due course and other interested residents are also invited to attend. Light refreshments are to be served at the conclusion of the meeting and it would be helpful for planning purposes if those intending to attend can let the Halls Administrator know ([administrator@lansdownehall.org](mailto:administrator@lansdownehall.org)) a few days prior to the meeting.

***Alan Rosekilly***

Management Committee Secretary

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## **New knitting, stitching & craft group.**

A new group meeting weekly, Fridays 2-4 pm in Christ Church Derry Hill. Bring your crochet, knitting or needlework, all abilities welcome.

Share tips, chat and enjoy a tea or coffee, £3.

Any queries contact Christine 817780, Liz 812138 or Marcia 820196





## Calne Without Parish council

### What we've been doing in the last month

Over the last month we have continued to respond to planning applications and other consultations that come our way. It is important for us as a Parish Council to use our local knowledge and voice to help try to influence local government decisions.

### Annual Parish Meeting Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April 19.30

We would like to use this year's Annual Parish Meeting as an opportunity to present the work we have been doing in relation to Road Safety around the Parish. If you would like to find out more about our Road Safety Feasibility report and its findings, recommendations and proposed schemes we would welcome you to come to the Lansdowne Hall, Derry Hill. Keep an eye on our website and Facebook page for further details of the meeting.

### Friends of Derry Hill School Grant Request

During this last month we have considered a large grant request from Derry Hill School, they have been fundraising to be able to make necessary improvements to the school library. The committee came to us having already raised £4000 towards the project and they were looking for match funding to enable them to move forward with the project.



Having given careful consideration to the proposal the Parish Council were happy to support the development of the important provision for the children of the Parish.

### Great British Spring Clean

We have been busy over the last couple of weeks taking part in the Great British Spring Clean, our councillors and members of the public have been out and about litter picking and helping look after our local

environment. Thank you to everyone who turned up to help at one of our litter picks, it really does make a difference.

### **Derry Hill Red Phone Box**

Our Phone box in Derry Hill is in need of a tidy up. The Parish Council have purchased the necessary materials (paint and glazing kits) and are looking for someone/ a company to provide the labour. If you know someone or want to put in a quote to do the works please get in touch.

If you need to get in touch with the Parish Council, please contact the Parish Clerk [clerk@calnewwithout-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@calnewwithout-pc.gov.uk)

07751802761

***Katherine Checchia***

Parish Clerk

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***Ed***

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## The second vicar of Christ Church Derry Hill

Revered John Lowder was the second vicar of Derry Hill and Studley from 1845 to 1848. He had formally been curate at Christian Malford. He was ordained and then married Lucy Windsor on 1 September 1840 at St Swithin's, Walcot near Bath. They had 5 children - at least one was born at Derry Hill.

With much excitement the Reverend was appointed Chaplain of Shanghai in China in 1848. The family moved lock stock and barrel to the other side of the world with the best wishes of the people of Derry Hill and a Studley.

A newspaper at the time wrote: 'It will be gratifying, especially to the friends of Rev. John Lowder, incumbent of Derry Hill, near Chippenham, son of the late John Lowder, esq., of Bath, to hear that his recent appointment to the chaplaincy of Shanghai, in China, under most creditable circumstances, has called forth a strong expression of esteem and sympathy from the clergy and other friends of his neighbourhood; who, in order to give shape and consistence to their feelings, have pressed upon his acceptance a purse of 100 guineas, accompanied by a valedictory letter, signed by the contributors, commending him to the grace and protection of HIM whose minister he is.'

Within a few months Reverend Lowder was dead aged 39. He died when bathing in the sea off the Island of Poo Too. His body was found 5 days later.



The English Church in Shanghai in 1848 - John Lowder's church.

**Steve Calder**

## Police Crime and Incident Updates

- 20/02/2023 19:39hrs, a black BMW was driving down Snowhill near to Hilmarton where it lost control spinning in the road damaging all sides of the vehicle. The Driver sustained some injuries and was treated by paramedics and was later conveyed to hospital for further treatment. The road was closed for some time to allow for the vehicle to be recovered. The driver was breathalysed at the roadside which returned a negative result.
- Between 16/02/2023 00:01 and 22/02/2023 10:30hrs, Unknown suspect(s) had gained entry to a garden in Foxham and stolen step ladder A frames, 4x tyres and 4x smaller ones from the back of a jeep that was also in the garden TVO £1400. If you have any information which may assist us in this matter, please advise us on 101 quoting the reference number: 54230019626
- On 22/02/2023 10:30hrs, a black Volvo V50 was stopped on the A342 in Derry Hill for careless driving and excess speed.  
The driver has also been reported for driving other than in accordance with their licence and with no insurance.
- On 23/02/2023 06:45hrs, a white Citroen Berlingo panel van collided with a Brown Yamaha moped on the A4 Studley crossroads. At the time the weather was poor, heavy rain and high winds causing reduced visibility.  
  
It's believed at the time the van driver misjudged / failed to observe the moped travelling up A4 towards Calne and has pulled out at low speed into the path of the moped. The moped estimated speed was well below the posted limit in the location.  
  
The road was partially closed to allow for the rider of the moped to be immobilised and treated by paramedics at the scene. The rider was later taken to hospital for further treatment for neck and back pain. The driver of the van was not injured in the collision.
- On 28/02/2023 19:35hrs, a Black Mini Cooper had overtaken a tractor colliding with an oncoming Beige Citroen C3 on the A3102 Between Hilmarton and Calne.

The road was closed for approximately two hours to allow for the vehicles involved to be recovered and one of the drivers to be treated at the scene by paramedics for minor injuries. The driver of the Mini Cooper was reported for careless driving and contravening a double white line.

- On 02/03/2023 20:23hrs, it was reported that a black Vauxhall Insignia had been seen to be driven in an erratic manner in Church Road, Derry Hill. It was also reported that after this sighting, the vehicle had collided with a property entrance causing substantial damage.



The driver failed to stop at the scene and travelled along the A4 towards the direction of Calne. The NPAS police helicopter was deployed to the location to assist officers searching the area. The driver of the vehicle was located in Derry Hill and breathalysed. The driver was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence of drink or drugs due to providing a positive breath sample over the prescribed legal limit. The driver was then conveyed to custody.

#### Road safety

We are continuing to monitor any collisions or incidents on the A4 and surrounding routes of Derry Hill and will look to target those locations for preventive patrols and enforcement action where possible.

At a recent Calne Area Board meeting it was also raised regarding the increase in traffic on our rural roads due to a section of Dauncey, near Lyneham being closed.

We will be paying particular attention all routes including those in East Tytherton, Bremhill and Foxham over coming weeks. We have forwarded on reports of vehicles travelling at excessive speeds through the 20mph limit in the village of Derry Hill to our Roads Policing Unit, who will also be looking to target this area in the coming weeks.

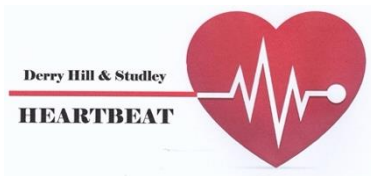
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**PCSO Mark Cook:** [mark.cook@wiltshire.police.uk](mailto:mark.cook@wiltshire.police.uk)



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Julian (Chair, Derry Hill and Studley Heartbeat)  
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## What would our children like to see the Calne Area look like in the future?

Young people are some of our strongest advocates for addressing climate change and their view of the future can help us take a new look at the opportunities open to us.

The review of the Calne Community Neighbourhood Plan will help guide development in the area for the next 10 to 15 years and we'd like to know what our young people think should happen.

We have questionnaires designed for both primary and secondary school pupils, these will be offered to the schools within the plan area, but we know that many children living in our area attend the secondary schools in Chippenham and the primary schools at Cherhill, Heddington and Hilmarton so might be missed. Please give them the chance to be involved, go to the [calnecommunityplan.com](http://calnecommunityplan.com) website today and follow the link.

To find out more about the Plan go to [www.calnecommunityplan.com](http://www.calnecommunityplan.com)

**Sue**

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## **Mothers' Union Prayer & Fellowship Group**

We met in Christ Church on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March and were pleased to welcome MU members from Calne. We were especially delighted to welcome Lady Lansdowne to our meeting to be our guest speaker. We started with prayers read by Christine W and had a minimal amount of admin before handing over to Lady Lansdowne who gave a very interesting talk about her year as Wiltshire High Sheriff. She has obviously had a very busy but thoroughly rewarding year so we were grateful to her for coming along and giving such an entertaining talk. We followed this with refreshments done by Judi and Barbara.



Our next meeting is on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm in Christ Church when Robyn will host a Beetle Drive. Prayers will be done by Jean and refreshments by Christine W and Nan.

**Barbara Parry**

## Friends of Derry Hill School

Last month we shared with you our ambitious project of raising £8000 to improve our School library. I would like to thank you for your support in making this campaign successful. We would like to thank everyone who has supported our fundraising events, our Justgiving campaign and direct donations, we continue to be overwhelmed by the support shown towards this project. We would like to recognise Ucibia Ltd, Calne Lions and Derry Hill & Studley Village fete committee for their generous donations helping us raise the funds to apply for match funding from Calne without Parish Council. Finally we thank Calne without Parish Council for fully supporting our match funding application of £4000. We now move to the next stages of implementing the school library project and look forward to sharing this with you.



Mole and Owl class had a very successful first cake bake of this academic year raising £245. We are very excited that our annual Easter egg hunt is returning before we break up for the holidays.

Do you have any good quality second hand clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts or accessories? Bags2school returns on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April at the bike shed. If you have anything that you would like to donate but are unable to bring along please speak to a committee member or send us an email and we will be happy to arrange collection.

We thank you all for your ongoing support and look forward to all of the exciting events that we have coming up.

Our next committee meeting for Friends of Derry Hill School is on Wednesday 26th April 7.30pm at The Lansdowne Arms. **Thanks as ever for your continued support. FODHS Committee**



The easiest way to keep up to date with news is to follow us on FACEBOOK  
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## Book Club Review

### 12 Birds to Save Your Life: nature's lessons in happiness - Charlie Corbett

This book is an easy to read, lyrical gem which walks us through the joy of reconnecting with wildlife and the healing power of nature.

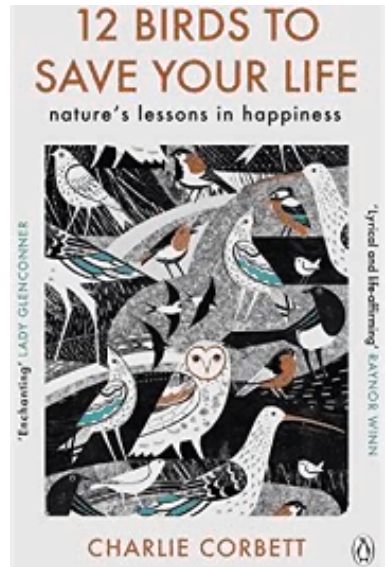
The author, Charlie Corbett had a busy career as a financial journalist and was living the bright city life until the early death of his beloved mother tore into his frenetic lifestyle unexpectedly. The grief he felt led to a deep sense of melancholy for Charlie, the black dog took residence at his heel and he suffered panic attacks.

He moved back to the rural landscape of his childhood and rediscovered through 12 amazing birds his love for the natural world and how she can raise you from the deepest despair.

We have become steadily more disconnected from the natural world since the Industrial Revolution and with 150 species a day becoming extinct this book is a timely reminder to take notice, connect and to just allow ourselves to take the time in our busy lives to stop, listen and simply be.

Some members of book club enjoyed the descriptions and interesting facts about the 12 birds and some found the writer's personal journey enlightening, but we all agreed that what made this book charming to us here in Wiltshire, is that the author lives in Pewsey and we recognised familiar landmarks and familiar birds. Indeed, it opens with a moment of solace on a hill listening to the skylarks' song! Enjoy.

**Sue Deedigan**





## The Coronation of King Charles III

The plans for how our community will celebrate the forthcoming coronation are now well advanced and ready to be launched on an unsuspecting citizenry. In summary, it looks like this – all timings are subject to change as today we have little knowledge of the actual timings of the Coronation activities.



### Sat 6<sup>th</sup> May

Assembly at the Hall for an  
unveiling and associated proclamations  
Coronation Breakfast at the Hall  
Community screening of the Coronation  
Single Wicket Cricket Match on Petty Acre  
Barn Dance

### Sun 7<sup>th</sup> May

Church service in celebration of the Coronation  
Charles' Commonwealth Conundrum  
The BIG Coronation Lunch on Bowood front lawn  
Event at the Lansdowne Arms

### Mon 8<sup>th</sup> May

Volunteering with refreshments  
Charles' Commonwealth Conundrum  
Local street parties

Our plea today is for you to consider whether you wish to be involved in some of these activities and let us know – see below.

***The Single Wicket Cricket competition*** is intended to be a light-hearted yet traditional event. For those of you living around Petty Acre this will be with a soft ball! So, will you participate? Let me know at the above email. If you have essential cricket gear you are prepared to loan, we would be delighted to hear from you (bats, stumps, wickets).

All members of the community are cordially invited to come and watch. Perhaps bring a deckchair and some light refreshments with you? The Fete Committee will lay on a bar-tent.

**Charles' Commonwealth Conundrum** invites you as residents or groups to prepare and place a tableau in a prominent place such as your front lawn or playground. King Charles is unsure which countries form the Commonwealth today and wants your help. So, a bit like the Jubilee scarecrows, will you prepare a display or scene that allows one to guess the Commonwealth Country? If you are prepared to do this please just email us and we will create a list and a trail for people to follow the scarecrow trail. If that isn't clear enough, email us with your questions.

**The BIG Coronation Lunch** We are again privileged to be able to hold our BIG Lunch on the front lawn at Bowood House. While more details will follow, we would ask you now please to register your interest – even though you may have already done so once. This is the official registration period when we need to understand how many of you wish to attend. We will again be producing wrist bands which must be collected and worn throughout the day as this will gain you access into the House & Gardens grounds until 17:00 when they close.

**The Barn Dance** Tickets will go on sale for this event in due course. Please keep an eye on all social media channels and The Hub at [www.derryhillandstudley.org](http://www.derryhillandstudley.org).

**Volunteering** King Charles has asked for the 8<sup>th</sup> May to be a volunteering day. We have a number of activities requiring your help for a couple of hours on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> morning. Like the Jubilee Tidy Up, there will be refreshments served at the hall on completion. Please let us know if you can spare the time.

**Local Street Parties** If all that isn't enough for you then we suggest you could round off the celebrations with your own local street party. Go ahead and organise that amongst yourselves. Chapel Street – Looking for a leader to sort that please!!!!

So, please complete the table below and send it in to me at [peterprater@btinternet.com](mailto:peterprater@btinternet.com) or post it through my door at **5 Chapel Street** asap. Further details of each event will follow in due course. If you can't copy me the table, just send me the key information via email.

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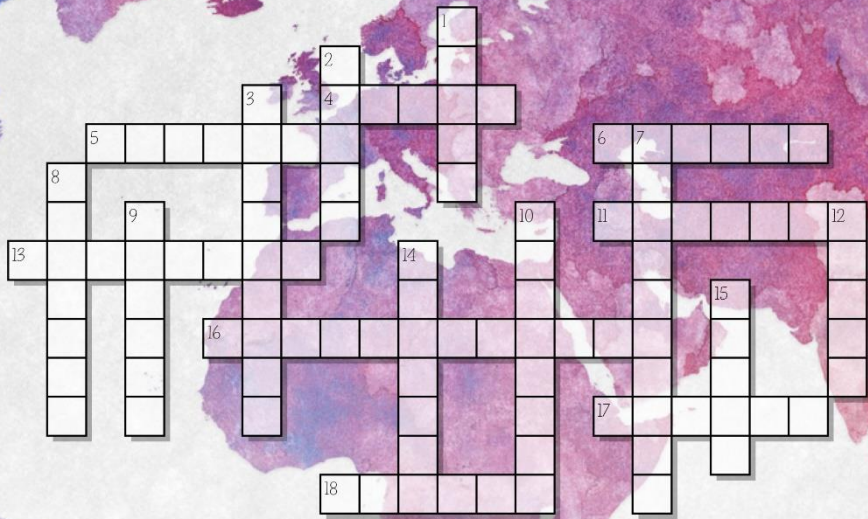
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Event	Active participation		Onlooker
Coronation Breakfast	Adults?	Children (under 11)?	
Community Screening of the Coronation in the Lansdowne Hall	Adults?	Children (under 11)?	
Single Wicket Cricket Competition	Adults?	Children (under 11)?	Nos of:
Charles' Commonwealth Conundrum	We <b>will/will not</b> provide a display		We <b>will/will not</b> follow the trail
The BIG Coronation Lunch @ Bowood	Adults?	Children (under 11)?	
Volunteering with Refreshments	Adults (I imagine)		

And remember, keep an eye on the new Derry Hill & Studley community activities website “The Hub” at [www.derryhillandstudley.org](http://www.derryhillandstudley.org).

*Peter*

# April 2023 Crossword



## ACROSS

- 4 Of the moon(5)  
 5 Wild Ox (7)  
 6 Spiny tree (6)  
 11 Exact (7)  
 13 Dark sugar (8)

- 16 Reference work (12)  
 17 Meal (6)  
 18 Slender (6)

## DOWN

- 1 Jewelled: headdress (5)  
 2 Shut (5)

- 3 Maze (9)  
 7 Crowning (10)  
 8 Gift (7)  
 9 Threaten (6)  
 10 Gather (8)  
 12 Build (5)  
 14 Expand (7)  
 15 Male bee (5)

## Events at Hazeland in April

As we come into Spring's lighter days, and a time of new growth, we invite you to the following events at Avon Needs Trees' Hazeland site.

### **Sunday 2nd April Spring Wildflower Walk 2 - 3.30**

A wildflower tour of the varied habitats at the site. Join our botanist guide Neill Talbot from Avellana Ecology to walk the riverside meadow, species-rich grasslands, hedgerows and woodland edges at Hazeland and discover more about the spring flora there. The walk will be an hour and a half in length with plenty of time for Q&A with Neill along the way.



### **Sunday 23rd April Wellbeing Day 1- 4pm**

Join an afternoon of nature focused activities to benefit wellbeing. The Hazeland site runs along the River Marden between Chippenham and Calne and features meadows, ancient woodland, an abandoned canal now reclaimed by nature, and open pasture recently planted with new woodland. John Chew will be using these spaces to create opportunities for stepping away from day-to day-stresses and focusing on wellbeing and the natural world. This well being day is for over 18s: please also look out for our family days and other events aimed at a younger audience.



For both events please be aware that due to preserving the biodiversity at Hazeland there are no hardstanding paths and we are not able to allow dogs on site. Full directions and details will be sent out when you book your place. To sign up for all events at Hazeland please visit our website: <https://avonneedstrees.org.uk/events/>

We are grateful to the National Lottery Heritage Fund for supporting our **work at Hazeland**.

**Susan Barker**

Hazeland Project Coordinator

## Rub-A-Dub Pre-School

The year feels like it is thundering on and we are looking towards Easter and all the fun activities that brings. Our Rub a Dubbers are still busy having lots of fun and learning as they enjoy themselves. More children have joined us here and we're enjoying all getting to know each other and making friends.



Our Rising Stars sessions continue on a Friday afternoon and help prepare the children for school, working on their independence and introducing letter sounds among many other fun activities.

Last term we amended our opening hours and began providing childcare from 8.30 – 17.30 Monday to Friday term time only. This is going well, please get in touch if you think we might be able to help you with childcare needs.

Last year we put out an appeal as we were in quite a dire financial situation, I am pleased to say that things are looking much better through the combined efforts of fundraising and welcoming more children into our setting. Although things are much better, we still need to raise a bit more money to get our reserves back to a comfortable level. Our just giving page is still open for donations and can be found by scanning this QR code or visiting

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/saverubadubpreschool>



At the time of writing our fundraising total on the page stands at £1400, we would truly love to reach our fundraising page target of £5000 and would really appreciate if anyone felt able to donate to the preschool.

When I wrote last month we were just starting to plan our fundraising for the next few months, here are the important next couple of fundraisers that we are running;

**Good Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April** we have our Easter Trail event 11- 3pm we will have a small used toy and books sale and some fun easter craft activities. Come and collect a trail sheet from us at the Lansdowne Hall, and bring your completed form back to us to collect your prize.

We are very excited to have set a date for our Barn Dance, we will be running the dance as part of the village Kings Coronation **Celebrations**



**on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May.** Tickets will be on sale soon, but if you want to get on the list for tickets please get in touch.

As ever our Facebook page will be full of information on all of our events, so please keep an eye on it for updates as we have them.  
<https://www.facebook.com/rubadubpreschool>

Thank you as ever for your support.

Kate Checchia Chair of the Committee [rubadubchair@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:rubadubchair@hotmail.co.uk)

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## Mobile library visits to Derry Hill

### Lansdowne Hall Derry Hill

14.20 – 15.45

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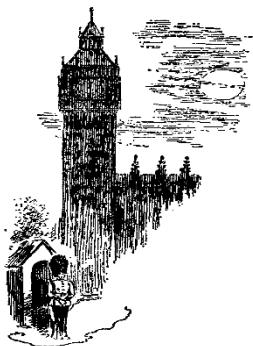
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## Living well with Parkinson's

April marks Parkinson's Awareness Month. Often associated with its distinctive tremor, Parkinson's is the fastest growing neurological condition in the world. Being diagnosed with a degenerative disease is never easy. However, in my years in care, I have seen that – with the right treatment, lifestyle and support – it is possible to lead a fulfilling and happy life with Parkinson's.

### Understanding Parkinson's

Parkinson's is caused by the breakdown or death of brain cells that produce dopamine – a hormone that helps regulate the body's movement. A reduction in dopamine is behind many of the symptoms of the disease. In the UK, around 145,000 people have Parkinson's. Scientists still don't know exactly what causes it but many agree that a combination of genetic and environmental factors is likely responsible. While a cure is not yet known, there are ways to manage Parkinson's symptoms and continue to live well.

### Parkinson's and care

Treatments including physiotherapy and medication such as levodopa can help greatly with managing Parkinson's symptoms, maintaining independence and improving quality of life. Along with these, the right diet, exercising, socialising and stimulation are key.

Parkinson's affects people differently, and can progress at very different rates. As the condition advances, the person's mobility or mental ability declines and often people need increasing assistance.

At some point, regular professional support is likely required. This may be in the form of care at home, or the person and their family may consider the benefits of 24/7 care in a residential or nursing home.

Living with Parkinson's, or supporting someone with it, is a very unique journey. Fortunately, there is a wealth of information available. The charity Parkinson's UK is a great first start (they have a local branch and support group, in Malmesbury, you can reach on 0344 225 3694). So is speaking with your GP. And if you, or a loved one, are living with Parkinson's and want to discuss your experience or understand your local care options, our team at Kingston House is available on 01249 471 516 for a no-obligation chat.

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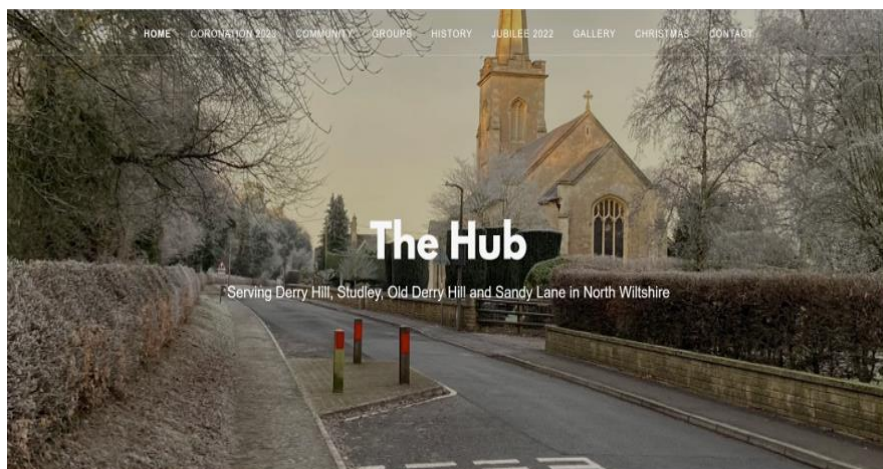
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## What's on

The Hub is our new village web site and is part of the legacy from last year's Jubilee and a platform to better communicate the plans for the Coronation in May. The Hub has the village calendar on the home page.

People can register their event for inclusion on the village calendar by using the contact tab on the website or emailing [derryhillandstudley@gmail.com](mailto:derryhillandstudley@gmail.com)

If you would like to know more - or get involved then please get in contact with the Community Committee (Peter Prater, Alison Maddicks, Neil Hare, Liz Vaughan, Martin Handyside, Rosamund Millett or Steve Calder).

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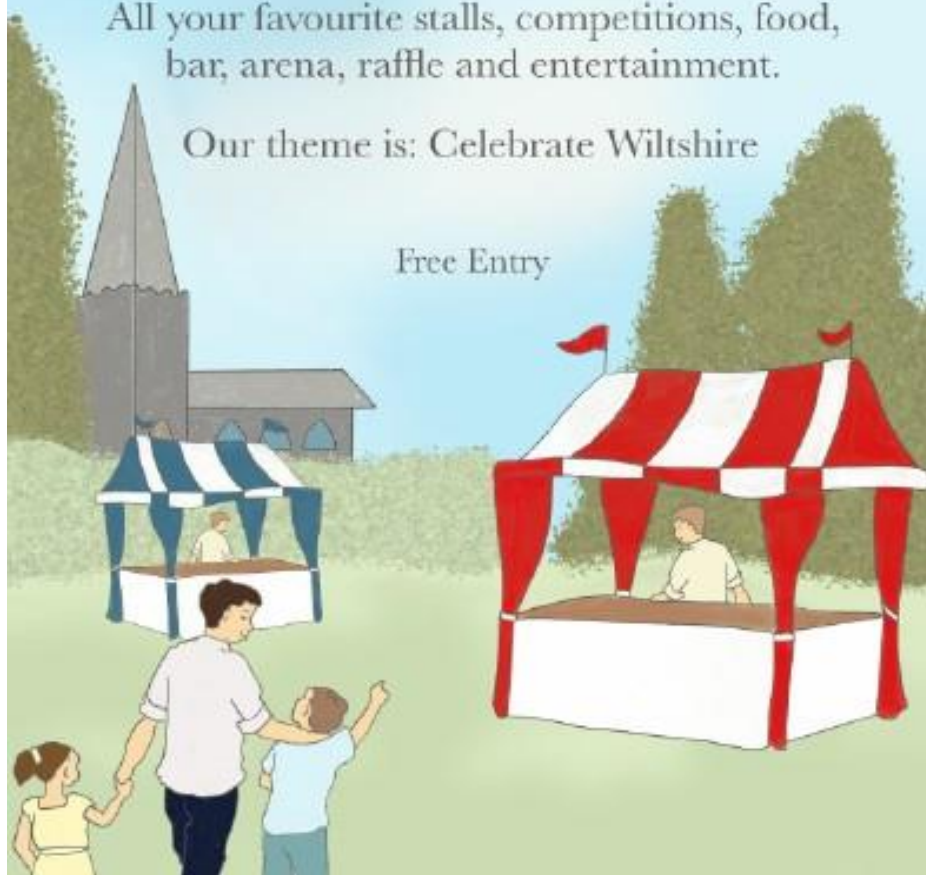
# Derry Hill and Studley Village Fete 2023

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## Derry Hill and Studley Fete 2023

Hi everyone. Just a quick update on all things related to the Derry Hill and Studley Village Fete 2023

Firstly, please can you all put Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July in your diaries / family calendars for this year's Fete.

The fete committee is busy planning another fun filled family day out and all the usual favourite activities, stalls, arena acts, fun and games will be held again this year. We are currently working on ideas of a theme around a 'Celebration of Wiltshire', so please look out for further information around that in terms of the Arts and Crafts competitions over the next few weeks and months. We look forward to seeing you all there again this year!

Any questions in the meantime, or if you would like to get involved in the fete with a stall, or join the fete team, then please let me know. It would be great to have you on board.

### **Distribution of Fete Funds from 2021 & 2022 Fetes:**

The fete committee is also in the process of distributing £2,250 to 14 local community groups. We are distributing the money raised in response to funding requests from the local community groups.

Some examples of how the money will be used are as follows;  
Support the Rub-a-Dubs playgroup, Provision of vital equipment for on-going maintenance to the Heartbeat Defibrillator Charity,  
Support to the Derry Hill School library project. Provision of funding to support the: Scouts, Brownies, Derry Hill Youth Club, Derry Hill United Football Club, Women's Institute, the InSPIRE Magazine; and the Lansdowne Hall.

The Fete Committee is proud to be able to support the community groups in such a way and we couldn't do it without all your help and support. So, thank you to all of you who attend and get involved in the fete.

We can't wait to do it all again this year. Let's hope for another nice sunny day on 8<sup>th</sup> July!

All the best, **Tom Metcalfe** – Chair – Derry Hill and Studley Village Fete Committee. 07841 131623 [Tom\\_metcalfe@sky.com](mailto:Tom_metcalfe@sky.com)

## Derry Hill and District W.I.



Another busy month for WI.

Eight members braved the snow to attend a coffee morning at Andrea's house! We enjoyed a welcome hot drink and a slice of cake. Thank you, Andrea, for being a wonderful host and putting up with all the wet boots and wellingtons in your hall.

Margaret held another Knit and Natter. These sessions are always well attended and very enjoyable. I think the glass of wine may help!



Some of us visited the Julia's House open day in Devizes. Our WI has adopted Julia's House, a children's hospice, 'as our Local Charity'. It was good to hear exactly what they do, who they help and how they are supported to be able to achieve their ends. It

was sobering to hear that over 80% of their income has to be fund-raised!

Thank you Jo for showing us around. The interactive floor mat in the Sensory Room was fascinating. The fish were swimming round the pool then as Jo stepped on the mat all the fish swam away. Brilliant! We all agreed it was well worth going and we learnt so much. If you get the chance to visit an open day please consider going!



April brings our new programme of monthly speakers. We have a good selection lined up for our members to enjoy and start off with a talk by David Dawson, from Devizes Museum, about Devizes Castle. Looking forward to hearing the history of our local castle.

We meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month at the Lansdowne Hall, 7.30pm. Why not come along and give it a try.

**Tina**

## WI Walking Netball

Our outing to see Team Bath v Strathclyde Sirens at Bath University Arena was a great night out! It was so good to watch 2 teams of excellent netballers fight it out for a win. The lead passed from Bath to Strathclyde and finally back to Bath for a win by one goal. We will be planning more netball trips in the future.



If you would like to come and have a go it is £2 per session, Monday and Friday at 1.45-2.45 pm on the outside multi-pitch next to Lansdowne Hall. An excellent way to socialise, have fun and keep fit.

**Tina** (01249 814145)

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## Calne Town Hall Moviola

**'Where the Crawdads(crayfish) Sing'** is the title of our next film.

This will be shown on **Weds 26th April** at 7.30pm.

Doors open at 7.00pm.



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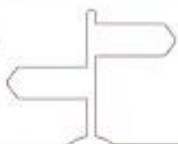
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## Wellbeing notes

### Teachings from an ancient flower

There's a magnolia tree that I know and love. With spring blooms of velvet pink, it brings pleasure to all who view it. But my magnolia is more than just a bunch of gorgeous flowers. Its cup-shaped blossoms tell an ancient story. And if I slow down enough to listen to that story, wellbeing results. Here are a few of magnolia's insights.



Age is relative. Magnolias have been growing for 20 million years. In comparison, humans are so young. It is believed that we have been on this planet for a mere 300,000 years. We are new-born babes compared with the magnolia tree. Maybe we should cut ourselves some slack. We are still learning, and that's okay.

Think out of the box. Magnolias evolved long before the arrival of bees. So, they attract a much older insect: flightless beetles, that chomp the sticky nectar. So, next time you're grappling with a tricky problem, you might think of an alternative, 'magnolia' solution.

It's fine to be a late bloomer. Although my favourite magnolia tree flowers in spring, it likes to have a small, colourful flurry later in the year. And so it is with our own talents and interests. We are never too old to do something new.

Plan ahead. By December, my magnolia will be covered in countless tight buds. The tree will protect them over winter, then enjoy a head start next spring. In the same spirit of looking ahead, what could you prepare today, in order to better use your energy tomorrow?

**Suzanne Askham**

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### ACROSS

- 3 Left out (7)
- 9 Abattoir (14)
- 12 Sunrise (4)
- 13 Asian cheese (6)
- 14 Female ruler (7)
- 16 Gem (5)
- 17 Large deer (3)
- 18 Precious metal (6)
- 19 Omen (7)
- 20 Evening meal (6)

### DOWN

- 1 Plot together (8)
- 2 Large cask (4)
- 4 Erratic (12)
- 5 Tall fur hat (8)
- 6 Card game (8)
- 7 Row of houses (7)
- 8 Sea duck (5)
- 10 Rick (8)
- 11 Mound of sand (4)
- 15 Rule (5)

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