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## Editorial

After a very busy May we reach mid-summer this month. Last month hosted three Bank Holiday Mondays and the momentous coronation of King Charles for us to enjoy. The coronation weekend provided another opportunity for a range of community events across the villages and whilst the weather could have been better, thanks are due to all those involved with the organisation and implementation of the activities which were appreciated by so many.

Mid-summer in pagan times was a festival of magic and mysticism, falling around the 24<sup>th</sup> of the month rather than at the solstice and in some parts of the Europe, especially in the Nordic and Baltic states it remains an important day of celebration. In Sweden, where there is a day length of some eighteen and a half hours in the capital – much longer in the northern part of the country - it is a time of dancing, singing and drinking, wearing flowers and enjoying pickled herrings, new potatoes, chives and sour cream!

In parts of this country, activities included the lighting of bonfires on the eve of mid-summer and leaping over them as some sort of act of purification or rite of fertility. No doubt though that this period might well have been a final excuse for celebration and merriment before the forthcoming hard work of the harvesting season loomed into view!

Later, the Christian church used the date when it designated 24 June as the Feast Day of St John the Baptist, with bonfires being lit on high ground on the evening before. Such bonfires are still a theme of rural life in some locations, including a few in Cornwall and occasionally locally at Foxham for example. The Golowan and Mazey Day celebrations centred on Penzance and West Cornwall at this time of the year are reminders of the former importance of this date in the calendar.

Closer to home, the summer solstice events at Stonehenge also give us a reminder of how important mid-summer was in past times and for some still is.

Looking at this month in history, 6 June will of course once again remind us of the D-Day landings in Northern France and back in the days of the First World War, on 19 June 1917, the Royal Family renounced their German names and titles (Saxe-Coburg-Gotha) in favour of 'Windsor'.

Lastly, on 27 June 1967 Barclays Bank officially dispensed cash from their first ATM machine which was located in Enfield Town in North London.



However, you choose to mark the halfway point of the year, enjoy the month and all that it has to offer.

## Assistant Editor

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## Dear Friends,

4<sup>th</sup> June is when the Church remembers Petroc, Abbot of Padstow. One of the patron saints of Cornwall, according to tradition, after founding a monastery at Padstow, St. Petroc founded another monastery in Bodmin in the 6th Century. It seems Petroc (or Pedrog in Welsh tradition) was the son of a Welsh chieftain. Some say that the appalling bloodshed of battle caused him to break his spear and turn instead to God, dedicating his life to the service of peace.



One legend tells of Petroc travelling as far afield as India. Years later he returned with a tame wolf who guarded his staff and sheepskin. The broken spear and the tame wolf symbolise the power of love to overcome chaos and destruction. That might sound naïve in a world where the force of power seems to prevail.

Yet, when speaking of the fruit of the Spirit, St. Paul listed love, joy, peace, patience, goodness, kindness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Is this all just a little bit fluffy?

Aristotle spoke of the virtues in terms of the mean between two extremes. He defined gentleness, for example, as the mean between being too angry and never being angry at all. It seems to me that a person motivated to act in response to the sufferings of others (acting at the right time, for the right reason and in the right way) exercises far more authentic strength, where all the qualities mentioned above come into play, than a 'might is right' approach.

'Nothing is so strong as gentleness, nothing so gentle as real strength' so said Francis de Sales, C16th French bishop and apparently the patron saint of writers and journalists...

Something to ponder while munching on a celebratory pasty or cream tea (remember jam first, then cream).

Many of you will have heard that I will be leaving the parish in July and retiring to Cornwall - my last letter will be in next month's issue of inSPIRE. My last service will be at Christ Church, Derry Hill on 9<sup>th</sup> July and there will be further details in due course.

The good news is that a new Team Rector - Rev'd Caspar Bush - has been appointed. Caspar and his wife Alice will be moving into the Vicarage in Calne in September.

Caspar writes: *'My wife Alice and I are really delighted to be on our way to the Marden Vale Benefice. I was so impressed at the commitment, enthusiasm and warmth of those I met when I came for interview, and I'm very much looking forward to being with you to work out together how our churches can best serve our communities in the years ahead. North Wiltshire feels quite like home for us - it's where Alice grew up, and where we were married, and it's close to our parents and our three adult children. I'm expecting to be licensed in September but await a firm date from the Diocese'.*

Many of you will also have met Rev'd Annie Church (retired priest) who lives in Studley and has been taking services. We have also recently commissioned two new Lay Worship Leaders (Peter Rigby and William Wyldbore-Smith). Peter has already led some services in Derry Hill. Together with Rev'd Teresa Michaux and Licensed Lay Ministers Enid Powell and Steven and Jenny Colby they will be leading worship across all the parishes in the Marden Vale Team.

Blessings,

**Linda**



<b>JUNE 2023</b>		
<b>Time</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Service</b>
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Trinity Sunday</b>		
8am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Parish Eucharist
10am	Holy Trinity, Quemerford	Family Service
10am	Christ Church, Derry Hill	Said Communion
10.30am	Christ Church, Derry Hill	Family Service
6pm	Zoom	Evening Prayer
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup></b>		
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> Barnabas the Apostle</b>		
8am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
9.30am	St John the Baptist, Foxham	Parish Eucharist
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Parish Eucharist
11am	Christ Church, Derry Hill	Parish Eucharist
6pm	Bowood Chapel	Evensong
<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup></b>		
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> Trinity 2 Proper 6</b>		
8am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Parish Eucharist
10am	Holy Trinity, Quemerford	Family Service
11am	Christ Church, Derry Hill	Parish Eucharist
6pm	Zoom	Evening Prayer
6pm	St Martin's, Bremhill	Evensong
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup></b>		
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Trinity 3 Proper 7</b>		
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Morning Prayer
10am	St Martin's, Bremhill	All Age Communion
10.45am	Holy Trinity, Quemerford	Holy Communion
12.30pm	St Martin's, Bremhill	Baptism
5pm	St Peter's, Blackland	Patronal Evensong
6pm	St John the Baptist, Foxham	Patronal Evensong
<b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup></b>		
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion

## 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, 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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<b>Vicar:</b> <b>(Day off Monday.</b> <b>Urgent calls only that day</b> <b>please)</b>	<b>Reverend Linda Carter</b> The Vicarage, Church Road, Derry Hill. <b>01249 817926</b> Calne. SN11 9NN lindac@mardenvale.org.uk
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### Church Wardens

Mr Peter Rigby 01225 704356      Mr Ian Liddle 01249 816229

### 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***  
**Derry Hill and Studley Community Support**

## The Night Sky in June

This year appears to have passed so quickly and June sees the summer solstice at 14.58 on the 21<sup>st</sup> giving us 16hrs 36mins of daylight. In Yellowknife in Canada's North West Territories the locals will be enjoying twenty hours of daylight, though they pay for it in mid-winter! The solstice occurs when the Sun reaches its most northerly point in the sky. At this time of the year, the night sky never really darkens as the Sun only descends to a maximum of 18 degrees below the horizon, making star gazing more difficult this month, especially on moonlit nights.

However, there is a phenomenon which is well worth seeing and which is only available to us for a few weeks either side of the summer solstice from around 23.30h, high in the northern sky for a couple of hours –



noctilucent clouds. These are high-level clouds forming at some 75-85km above the earth's surface at the edge of space. We see them because they are so high that the sun continues to illuminate them even though it has long disappeared below the horizon. They are thin, wispy curls of cloud, and are a blue/white or silver colour but they are difficult to predict when and for how long they will be visible.

In terms of planetary activity, brilliant Venus dominates the western sky during the evening until it sets at around midnight. Mars too remains visible, but not nearly as bright as it was earlier in the year. However, it will be possible to observe both our neighbouring planets as they come close together towards month's end. On 21<sup>st</sup> of the month at around 23.30h low in the western sky, the thin crescent Moon will have Venus to its left with Mars and its reddish tinge a little further to the left of the planet. To the right of this trio and closer to the horizon the twin stars of Castor and Pollux can be located. On the following evening at the same time, the Moon will have Mars and Venus to its right and a little lower in the sky.

On 3 June at around 23.30h low in the eastern sky, the almost Full Moon will pass just above the giant star Antares which has a brighter reddish colouring than Mars.

Jupiter has returned to our skies but unfortunately as a morning object, rising at around 03.30h. The gas giant will be easily identifiable shining brilliantly low in the Eastern sky. Early risers and insomniacs will be able to see the Moon draw very near to the planet at 03.45h on 14 June. Four days earlier on 10 June at 04.00h in the South-eastern sky the Moon will be located just below and to the left of Saturn.

	Sunrise	Sunset
1 June	04.56	21.15
15 June	04.50	21.26
30 June	04.55	21.28

*Richard Carter*

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## Calne Town Hall Moviola

Our June film will be '**Empire of Light**' (15) starring Olivia Colman, Colin Firth and Toby Jones.

Margate, England 1980 and the country in a recession. Depressed Hilary (Olivia Coleman) sticks to her daily routine as front of house manager at The Empire, a dying Golden - Era Movie Palace, then along comes a bright-eyed employee and shakes up Hilary's troubled existence.



This will be showing on **June 21st at 7.30pm**. doors open 7.00pm.  
Doors open at 7.00pm.

Tickets £6 available from the information Centre (sorry no cards) or on the door (the right amount would be appreciated).

Refreshments available.

Please use the entrance around the corner nearest to the Lansdowne Hotel.

*Viv*

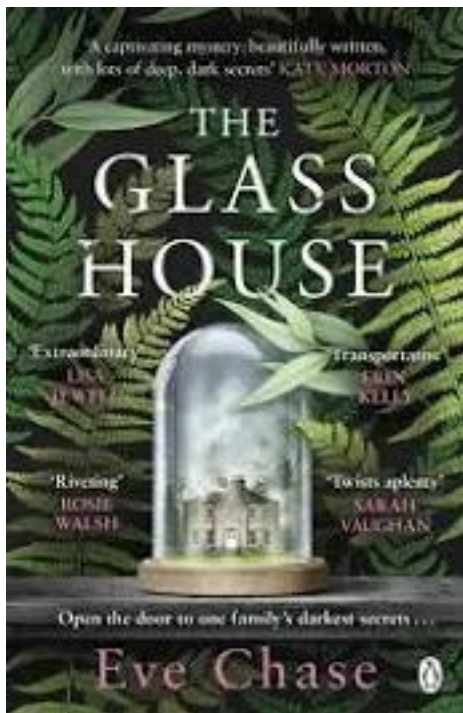


## The Glass House by Eve Chase

The title of the book can be interpreted in several ways. There is, of course, the proverb about people in glass houses, next the fact that the Harrington family around whom the story revolves run a company called Harrington Glass and then there are the terrariums which play a pivotal role in the plot.

The structure of the book is similarly intricate. We follow events in two timelines, 1970 and the present day. Although there is a murder, unsolved for much of the book, this is not a detective story, rather it is an investigation into the effect of that murder on the various people involved in its discovery.

Well written, the Forest of Dean is beautifully described and provides an atmospheric backdrop to important events in the book and the characters are well rounded and believable. The Glass House is an 'easy read' but some of our members felt it was not very memorable, others found the resolution to the story was too perfect. For myself I enjoyed the book and felt that, at a time of great uncertainty and anxiety, a world in which problems are resolved and the future looks brighter than the past has a lot to recommend it.



**Andrea**

# Calne Without Parish council

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

### Coronation Celebrations

Over the last month we received funding requests from all corners of Calne Without Parish Council, in total we provided grant funding to four groups for their celebrations, Cherhill Village Hall, Calstone Access Group, Hedington and Stockley and Derry Hill and Studley Community Committee. It seems a very popular way to celebrate the coronation was with a Barn Dance, we hope you all had fun if you attended one of the local celebrations.

During the 'Big Help Out' the Parish Council led a project to improve a set of steps behind Barry Place down to Old Derry Hill. The results were fantastic and we hope you enjoy using these steps again.

### Re-wiggling the River Marden

Calne Without Parish Council (CWPC) have been busy with a project that aims to restore habitats along the River Marden in Calne Without to enhance the area's aquatic and terrestrial biodiversity.

Working with staff from Bristol & Avon Rivers Trust, (BART)



CWPC volunteers collected woody branches and brash from trees along a section of the upper Marden in Calstone. In doing so they helped open up sections of the canopy to maintain a roughly 40:60 light to shade ratio for the stream to encourage greater aquatic plant colonisation.

At specified points along the river identified by BART, staff alongside volunteers secured aged chestnut stakes into the riverbed and packed the collected woody material to create wedge shaped structures jutting out into the river channel. These structures are called woody berms. The berms are secured using twine and designed to overtop in high flow conditions.

Creating woody berms helps add complexity to rivers, helping restore natural processes by creating areas of faster and slower flows and encouraging it to “re-wiggle” so increasing the micro habitats with benefits for a variety of species and communities. For example, our berms will help expose gravel habitat essential for trout spawning.

Over time the berms will in-fill with silt and bankside vegetation will colonise helping to stabilise the structure and blur the divide between the natural bank and our berms, opening the area to increase terrestrial biodiversity.

For more information or to get involved with future projects please contact Sue Deedigan on [Sue.Deedigan@calnewwithout-pc.gov.uk](mailto:Sue.Deedigan@calnewwithout-pc.gov.uk)

## Reporting issues



We regularly receive reports of work required that we pass onto Wiltshire Council for their attention. Did you know that there is a quick and easy way to report items such as potholes and issues with street lighting straight to Wiltshire Council? Search ‘my wilts’ app and follow the instructions. Once you have set up an account, reporting is quick and simple.

## Funding Requests

If you are a local group who is in need for funding please get in touch and we can discuss if a grant application is possible.

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)

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- On 12/05/2023 at 19:00hrs, an unknown male has banged on a vehicle window and attempted to ram the vehicle from the road in Bencroft, in Bremhill.
- On 15/05/2023 at 09:30hrs, a skip lorry shed an insecure load on Beversbrook Road in Calne.

### Local News

We had the pleasure of attending several events over the weekend of the King's Coronation. This included a brief visit to the BIG lunch held on the front lawn of Bowood House.

Great to see so many residents of Derry Hill and Studley. Several children were also able to sit in our police vehicle.



It was also fascinating to hear Lady Lansdowne recalling her experiences of the Coronation. Lady Lansdowne was part of the Coronation and accompanied the King and Queen on the balcony of Buckingham Palace.

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



## The 10<sup>th</sup> Vicar of Derry Hill

The 10th vicar of Derry Hill was Lionel Borradaile Bell (1945 to 1949).

Lionel was born in Pretoria South Africa on 11th January 1890 to Adam Borradaile Bell and Jane Anderson. Lionel married Alice Dorothy Chadwick in London in 1930. They had 5 children - Evelyn, Allan, William, Douglas and Louise.

Lionel and Alice left Derry Hill in 1949 to settle in Southern Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe) - selling lock stock and barrel in a sale at the vicarage.

<h3 style="text-align: center;">VICAR LEAVING</h3> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Presentation to the Rev. L. B. and Mrs. Bell</b></p> <p><b>Derry Hill</b> Parochial Church Council arranged a social evening on Monday, and a large gathering of village folk attended. They were entertained by a charming programme provided by Mr. S. Rowe as M.C.; Miss Sylvia Guy, singer; Mr. R. Rowlands, comedian; and Mr. Jones, at the piano, all from Chippenham, and two talented young village artists, who gave a number of songs and duets and a violin solo: Miss Janet Cleverly, and Mr. Ronny Hazel (violin).</p> <p>Lord Lansdowne, vicar's warden, presented to Mr. Bell a pigskin notecase inscribed with Mr. Bell's initials, containing £38 in notes and 5s. in stamps. Lady Nairne presented to Mrs. Bell a handsome soft blue leather travelling blotter with a zip, which contained a list of the subscribers. Lord Lansdowne said the gifts had been subscribed to by the village as a token of appreciation for the very hard work that both Mr. and Mrs. Bell had done during their stay at Derry Hill and carried with them the very good wishes of all for their journey overseas. Mr. Bell in reply acknowledged the help of the Master, and thanked his wardens, the Church Council, and a countless number of people who had given him every assistance. He also wished to acknowledge publicly the inspiration and assistance received from Mrs. Bell.</p> <p>Mr. and Mrs. Bell are leaving <b>Derry Hill</b> immediately after Christmas to take up work in Southern Rhodesia.</p>	<h3 style="text-align: center;">THE VICARAGE, DERRY HILL, CALNE.</h3> <p><b>Genuine Unreserved Sale of Surplus ANTIQUE &amp; MODERN FURNITURE</b></p> <p>comprising, more particularly:—</p> <p>Set of 6 NORFOLK NOB BACK DINING CHAIRS; 2 Oak Hall Chairs; Antique Rail-back Arm Chair; Oak Gate-legged TABLE; Mahogany Card Table, small Oak Table; 3ft. Mahogany Bedstead; two Antique CHESTS of Drawers; 2 Mahogany Swing Mirrors; "Ritemp" ELECTRIC COOKER; Fruit Steriliser; Paraffin Radiator, 4 Electric Fires; Kitchen Table; quantity of Tea and Dinner Ware.</p> <p><b>AXMINSTER &amp; INDIAN CARPETS,</b> 15ft. x 11ft., 12ft. x 9ft., 10ft. 6in. x 9ft.</p> <p><b>OUTDOOR EFFECTS.</b></p> <p>12in. "Enfield" Motor Mower (in first-class condition), "Griffin" 18in. Garden Roller, Wheelbarrow, length of Hose-piping, 24-rung Extending Ladder, quantity new lin. and 2in. Mesh Wire Netting; Fruit Netting, Garden Tools, Flower-pots; Glass Barn Cloches, and the usual assortment of Sundries.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">WHICH</p> <p><b>T HOMPSON, NOAD &amp; PHIPP</b> have been favoured with instructions from the Rev. L. B. Bell (who is going abroad) to arrange and <b>SELL by AUCTION</b> at the SOCIAL CENTRE, on <b>WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1949,</b> commencing at 12.30 promptly. <b>On View Morning of Sale.</b></p>
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In Rhodesia they started the Borradaile Trust - a non-sectarian, non-racial, and non-denominational organisation to look after the elderly founded on Anglican tradition and run on Christian principles. Today their legacy is thriving in Marondera (a small town just outside Harare).



Lionel passed away in Marondera on 22nd February 1965.

## **Steve Calder**

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Account: Derry Hill and Studley Heartbeat

Sort Code: 30-91-99

Account No: 52349360

**We are also looking for the support of 2-3 village volunteers to:**

- Help check the defibs each month (no previous experience required we will train you).
- Organise awareness sessions.
- Help us fundraise.

If you are interested and want to chat about what is involved then please call me on the number below.

Many thanks for your support.

**Julian** (Chair, Derry Hill and Studley Heartbeat)

07769 970401 / [julesoliver3@gmail.com](mailto:julesoliver3@gmail.com)

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## Mobile library visits to Derry Hill

**Lansdowne Hall Derry Hill**

14.20 – 15.45

Tuesdays: 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> June 2023

**Kingston House Derry Hill**

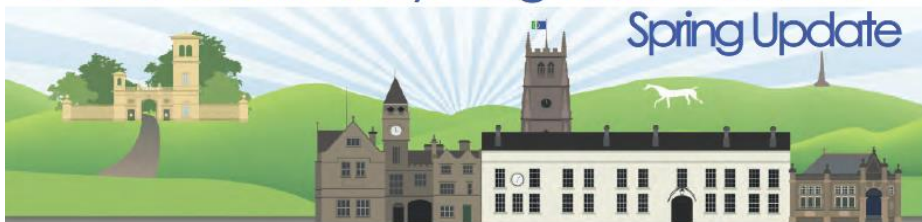
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# Calne Community Neighbourhood Plan

## Spring Update



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## Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who took part in the consultations and evidence gathering exercises that have taken place over the course of 2022 as part of the Calne Community Neighbourhood Plan review. The Steering Group have been busy analysing feedback and doing evidence collection and research.

## Summary of 2022 consultations



- ✓ **January to March:** Launch Consultation
- ✓ **May - July:** Homes and Housing Need Survey
- ✓ **June - July:** Local Green Space Survey
- ✓ **July - October:** Local Heritage Assets call nominations
- ✓ **September - October:** Call for Sites

Find out more here:

<https://www.calnecommunityplan.com/blog>

## What's happening in 2023?

The Steering Group are working on finalising evidence base work and drafting the plan updates. We are aiming to consult on the whole draft of the updated Neighbourhood Plan in the early Autumn. Find out more on page 3 of this update.

## Thinking about housing

We are undertaking an assessment of all sites that land owners have put forward to be considered as housing sites. National independent company AECOM are now assessing the individual sites to see which may be suitable for allocation for housing sites in the Neighbourhood Plan.

Running alongside this work, the Calne Community Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group commissioned a Housing Need Assessment (HNA) which helps us to understand the needs of the existing community and future residents, including, for example, affordable housing and housing for older people. See the full reports on our website ([calnecommunityplan.com](https://www.calnecommunityplan.com)).

All this work will help to inform the question about if, and where, the Neighbourhood Plan should allocate a site for housing this time as it did in the first Plan. We will only allocate if there are clear benefits to doing so and there is community support.



# 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

## Haven't we already got too much housing?

There has been a lot of talking about housing in the area. It's not just about the number of houses, but also about the quality of the housing. We need to make sure that the housing is good for the people who live in it. We need to make sure that the housing is sustainable and that it is good for the environment. We need to make sure that the housing is good for the people who live in it. We need to make sure that the housing is sustainable and that it is good for the environment.

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## Protecting Valued Local Green Space

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## What would happen if we don't have a neighbourhood plan?

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## Strengthening Locally Distinctive Design

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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**



## The Coronation Capers

A huge thanks to the organising committee who achieved a splendid long weekend packed with activities. We had an Indian style breakfast, cricket nearly in the rain, a packed quiz at the Lansdowne Arms, a splendid, well attended Bowood Picnic, a Coronation Conundrum, Street parties and a fabulous barn dance.

Well done to all those who took part and I'm sure they enjoyed themselves and we were, mostly, blessed with good weather. We look forward to the Christmas Fair and Lights Switch on Peter and friends – no pressure!



*Ed*

## Mothers' Union Prayer & Fellowship Group

. We met on Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 2pm in Christ Church. However, prior to this regular meeting 3 of our members helped in the village hall kitchen on Mon 1<sup>st</sup> May to do refreshments for the volunteers doing the 'tidy up of the village'. Our ladies enjoyed doing their little bit to help and everyone was so friendly, they had a very enjoyable time.



Judi opened our meeting and welcomed everyone and as she lit a candle, we remembered our friends in the MU who couldn't be with us and prayed for better health for those unwell at this time. We also prayed for Mary Aylen and her family as we were all saddened to hear of her death. Our meeting was themed on the Coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla. So Barbara used a booklet produced by the Church of England called 'Daily Prayers for the Coronation of King Charles III' where the theme for the day was Faithfulness with a reading, a reflection and prayers.

We quickly ran through some admin points before getting down to the main event which was our poems for the King and Coronation. Who knew that we had so many budding poets in our midst – we certainly didn't as everyone professed to being awful at trying to write poems but were pleasantly surprised and it was lovely and most enjoyable listening to them all. Well done ladies. This was all finished off by a lovely celebratory tea with homemade cake, all very kindly done by Judi and Christine W; thank you so much it was delicious.

Our next meeting is on Wed 7<sup>th</sup> June at 2pm in Christ Church when Rev'd Linda will officiate at a service of Holy Communion which will be followed by refreshments by Judi & Jean. Please feel free to come along if you wish to join us for this very special service.

***Barbara Parry***

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**For Carers Week (5-11 June 2023), we reflect on the role of unpaid carers, and how they too can get some self-care.**

Around 7 million people in the UK care for a loved one. Of these, nearly 1.3 million are older people looking after a spouse or parent, and 65% of these carers live with a disability or long-term condition themselves.



### **Tips to help you be well**

Being a family carer can be incredibly rewarding but it is also undeniably hard. And it is all too easy to forget about your own needs. Below are some things you can do to stay healthy while caring for a loved one:

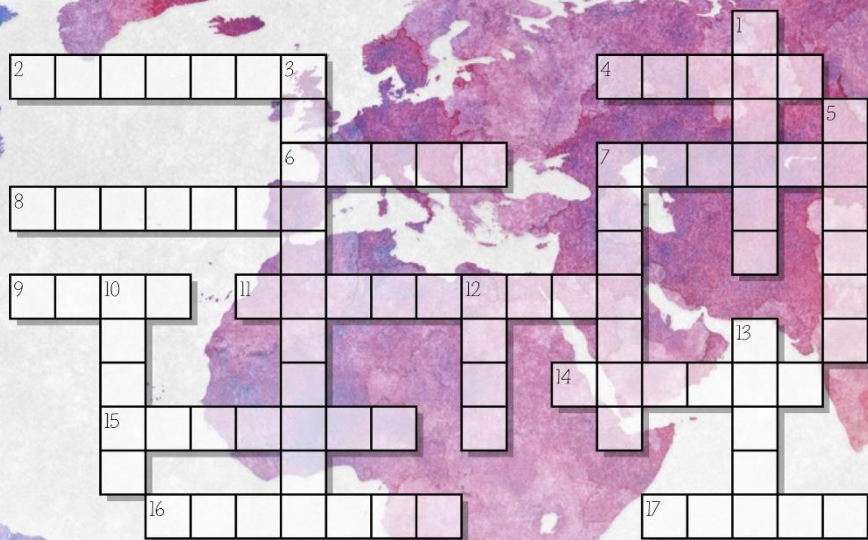
- Eat well – a well-balanced diet can safeguard you against debilitating conditions. Get your five a day, eat regular meals and drink plenty of water.
- Fit in regular exercise – while it may be tricky to get out to the gym, exercise can still be part of your self-care routine. Try a brisk walk while running errands, taking the stairs or gardening to support your mental and physical wellbeing.
- Preserve your sleep – aim for a good routine by going to bed and rising at the same times every day, and by avoiding caffeine and alcohol after late afternoon.
- Stay social – being a carer is a defining part of your life, but ensure you continue feeding your wider identity by spending time with others and keeping up with hobbies.
- Take breaks – anything from a long weekend where a family member takes over or someone staying with your loved one while you go out for a cup of tea with a friend. It all counts.
- Seek support – this could be hands-on caring, help with preparing meals or a few hours of cleaning. Being in a 'wider team' can provide tremendous physical and emotional support.

Being a family carer is an extraordinary commitment and needing help from time to time is perfectly understandable. If this is you, and you ever want to explore your support options, our team at Kingston House are available on 01249 471 516 for a no-obligation call or visit.

***Catherine Beswick* Manager Kingston House**



# June 2023 Crossword



## ACROSS

2 Quiver (7)

4 Call on (5)

6 Vagrant (5)

7 Abrade (6)

8 Rich fabric (7)

9 Prophet (4)

11 Stress (9)

14 Count of population (6)

15 Run riot (7)

16 Posy (7)

17 Perhaps (5)

## DOWN

1 Male escort (6)

3 Annihilate (11)

5 Consume (6)

7 Inactive spy (7)

10 Additional (5)

12 Lather (4)

13 Sled dog (5)



## Rub-A Dub Preschool



The first thing I need to say this month is thank you to everyone who attended our Coronation Barn Dance. It always feels nerve wracking organising such a big event, but we needn't have worried. We thought it was a fabulous night and we hope all our attendees thought so too. We also need to say thank you to the whole community who like to continue to support Rub a Dub even though their children are grown adults. It was lovely having the support of the community whilst running this event.

As you are reading this we will be embarking on the last term of the academic year. Our older Rub a Dubbers will be busy getting ready to transition to school, it's a busy term with lots of fun opportunities for our parents to get involved, den building day, sports day and the leavers' graduation.

Please get in touch if you need childcare. We have spaces available from September, open Monday – Friday 8.30-17.30 term time only.

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

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## Fete Bottle Stall at the Fete – 8<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Yes, it'll be at the fete to tantalise you again.

But here's how you can help: Please donate all the bottles you can spare so we are able to raise some much-needed funds for our church in Derry Hill. We are arranging 'Bottle Collection Points' in Derry Hill and Studley so you can make your donations (soft or alcoholic) near you. More news on this in the inSPIRE July edition.



**Richard Aylen**

## Funding Success for Bremhill Vales Farmers Group

This newly formed group of 43 farmers throughout the parishes of Bremhill, Hilmarton, Compton Bassett, Sutton Benger, Christian Malford, and Derry Hill has been awarded a Facilitation Fund grant by Countryside Stewardship.

The aim of the Fund is to bring farmers, foresters and landowners together to improve local environmental outcomes. The grant is up to £65,000 spread over three years commencing 1st June 2023. To secure the funding, the BVFG steering group had to submit a detailed plan of action.

This is very exciting news and means that the group can bring in some expert speakers covering a variety of subjects pertinent to farming, our local environment, funding sources and other ways to generate income. By sharing knowledge and expertise, farmers can be at the forefront of new developments and environmental schemes. They can maintain, even improve, productivity and profitability whilst benefitting nature across our landscape.

For further details or to enquire about joining BVFG, please contact me.

**Sarah Jones** [xsarahjones@gmail.com](mailto:xsarahjones@gmail.com)

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## Knitting, stitching & craft group.

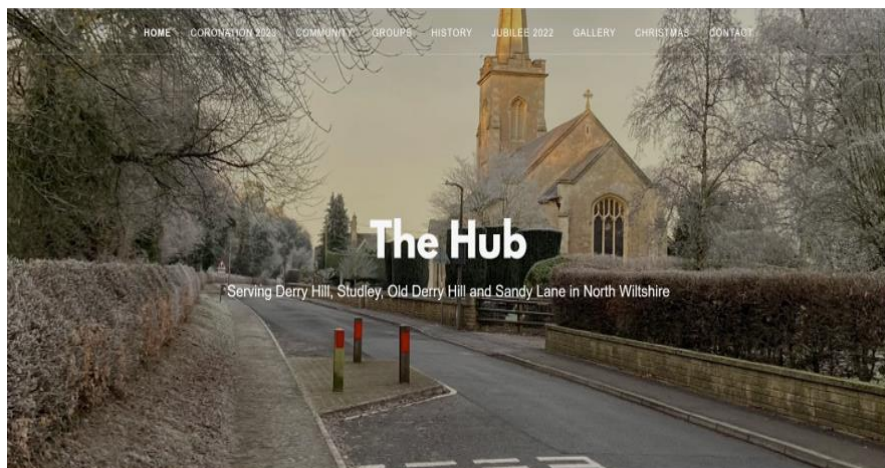
A group meets weekly, on Fridays 2-4 pm in Christ Church Derry Hill. Bring your crochet, knitting or needlework, all abilities welcome. Share tips, chat and enjoy a tea or coffee, £3.

Any queries contact Christine 817780, Liz 812138 or Marcia 820196



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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. 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).

***Steve Calder.***



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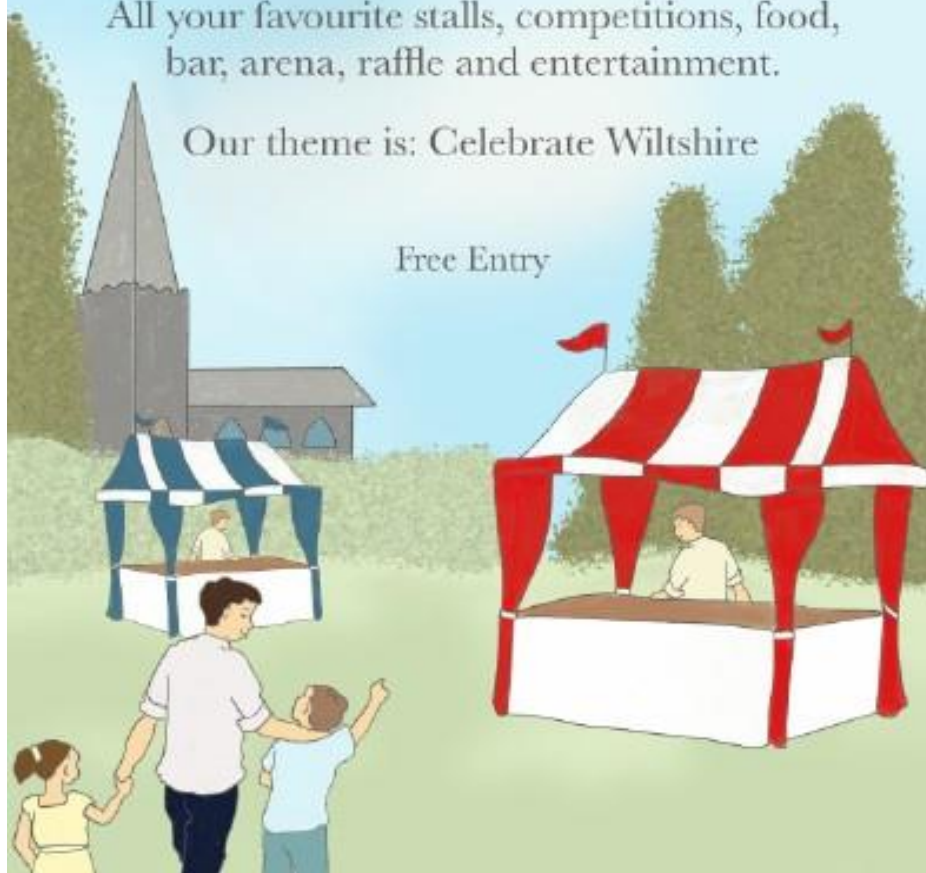
# Derry Hill and Studley Village Fete 2023

Sat 8<sup>th</sup> July 1:30pm - 5pm

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Our theme is: Celebrate Wiltshire

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## News from the Fete (8<sup>th</sup> July 2023)

Hi Everyone

The fete committee is busy planning another fun filled family day out and all the usual favourite activities, stalls, arena acts and 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.

All the usual stalls have confirmed again this year so many thanks to all those involved. We are also looking forward to welcoming the White Horse Samba Band who will be performing so look out for that. The Dumb Post will be on site cooking pizzas so why not come and have your lunch at the fete!?

Further information regarding the programme of activities will be circulated soon so look out for that on all the usual channels. We've got plenty of fantastic raffle prizes so please buy your tickets when you arrive at the fete.

We look forward to seeing you all 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.

All the best

**Tom Metcalfe** Chair – Derry Hill and Studley Village Fete Committee.  
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Join us at Calne Rec any Sunday morning at 8.50.  
We are always looking for additional volunteers – we're a friendly bunch and you can help as and when it's convenient.

email: [calnerecreationgroundjuniors@parkrun.com](mailto:calnerecreationgroundjuniors@parkrun.com)

[www.parkrun.org.uk/calnerecreationground-juniors](http://www.parkrun.org.uk/calnerecreationground-juniors)



We had a lovely afternoon celebrating Brenda's 90<sup>th</sup> and toasting King Charles. The food was delicious. Brenda was on excellent form – Happy Birthday Brenda!

The walk this month was around the Woodland Gardens, Bowood. The rhododendrons were magnificent. We were accompanied by Angela's dog, Elsie – who is not a member but enjoyed the walk and chat!



On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May 15 of us walked to the Brasserie at Bowood Golf Club for our lunch. The weather was beautiful. We were well looked after and all enjoyed the food and each other's company.

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**

## Events at Avon Needs Trees site at Hazeland

The next events at Hazeland are:

### **Haze Fest on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June 11-3pm**

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### **Butterflies, Dragonflies and Pollinators Event on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July**

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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.

We also have an online event coming up:

### **An introduction to the world of fungi and mycorrhizal networks** on

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm

**Join Josh Rogers to learn about the world of mycology.**

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

To sign up for all events at Hazeland please visit our website:

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

## ***Tara Castle***

Hazeland Project Coordinator

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## **Kingston House Fete**

The banner for the Kingston House Fete features a background of blue, red, and white confetti. The text 'Kingston House Fete' is centered in a bold, black, sans-serif font and is enclosed within a black rectangular border.

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2.15pm onwards**

Bric a brac, tombola teas, coffees, but above all fun!



## WI Walking Netball

So many Bank Holidays! We are playing on the outside court in the sunshine this term. We had held many sessions in the Hall due to bad weather, which is much smaller than the outside court, so we are busy upping our stamina levels! Playing a game on a full-sized court was a lot of fun but makes you wish you hadn't celebrated the Coronation quite so well!!



But Ladies we were brilliant.

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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## Jazz Club Marden House Calne

**Tuesday 27th June** will be our 18th anniversary for which there will be a hoot of a celebratory concert **Duncan Anselm** on alto sax plus Luke Belcher on bass and Richard Jenkins on piano.

**Tuesday 25th July**

....**NO SHOW** at Marden House as it's undergoing structural repairs...but we may be able to have a concert at a different venue...to possibly be arranged.....

**Tuesday 29th August**

We are hoping to present, at Marden House if it's fully mended by then, a concert by **Medicine Creek**

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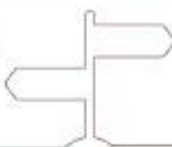
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## Wellbeing notes

### The therapy of small things

I'd come home from a stressful term of studies. I was questioning everything I'd ever learnt, and anxious about the direction of my life.

Home at that time was an Italian villa by a lake where water buffalo roamed, and *mafiosi* ruled. Home was so different from the English university I'd just left. And the contrast just seemed to make things worse.



But then something small happened. I was walking in the garden, between green lemon trees and a wall where purple bougainvillea grew. Beneath the wall, my mother and brother were positioning a section of flattened tree trunk. "It's a bench," my mum explained.

Curiously, when she said that, something within me settled. All those big questions, crowding my mind... they were abstract problems. You couldn't touch them, like you could touch the lemon trees or the bougainvillea. And a bench in the garden where people could sit, and maybe heal from whatever was troubling them... you could touch that.

Right then, I began to appreciate the therapy of small things.

Fast forward to present times, to our little corner of Wiltshire. Last week, a young family friend came to stay, anxious and needing a break from uni. There was no handy tree trunk to turn into a bench. But I was looking after my neighbours' hens. So, I invited her to help me feed them.

As the hens tucked into lettuce, she visibly relaxed. "I needed this," she said.

And in that moment, I knew the therapy of small things had found another fan.

**Suzanne Askham**

[suzanneaskham.com](http://suzanneaskham.com)



# CATERING ASSISTANTS REQUIRED



An exciting opportunity has arisen to join our existing Catering team in both the Treehouse Café and The Stables Pantry at Bowood House & Gardens.

All shifts will be between our opening hours of 10:00 – 17:00 and we are primarily looking for 2-4 days per week, Monday to Friday. Pay rates are subject to age and experience, between £8.80 - £11.70 per hour.

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### ACROSS

- 14 Very large mammal (8)  
 3 Light beer (6)  
 4 Meet (9)  
 5 Accumulate (5)  
 7 Opera text (8)  
 11 Winter sport (3,6)  
 13 Ointment (5)

### DOWN

- 1 Greek cheese (4)

- 2 Oiled (10)  
 6 Pigs (5)  
 8 Call on (5)  
 9 Caretaker (7)  
 10 Young plant (8)  
 12 Disease outbreak (8)  
 15 Picnic basket (6)

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