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## Editorial

September is a time of harvest in Wiltshire. The fields are full of ripe crops, and the orchards are heavy with fruit. It is a time to celebrate the bounty of the land, and to give thanks for all that we have.



But September is also a time for reflection. As we look back on the summer months, we may be grateful for the sunshine and the warm weather. But we may also be mindful of the challenges that we have faced.

In recent months, we have seen the effects of climate change, with more extreme weather events and rising sea levels. We have also seen the impact of the war in Ukraine, with rising food and energy prices.

These challenges can be daunting. But they also remind us of the importance of community and cooperation. We need to work together to build a more sustainable and resilient future.

If you are around on 16<sup>th</sup> September the Parish Council are having an Energy Saving and Local Environment Day down at the Lansdowne Hall, this may help you up your game on a more sustainable way to live. More details in this edition.

In September, we can come together to celebrate our community and to renew our commitment to making a difference. We can volunteer our time to local organizations, donate to charities, and support sustainable businesses. For a one off we could join the walk from Christ Church Derry Hill to Bowood Chapel on 9<sup>th</sup> September to help generate funds to keep our local church going – more details in this edition.

Small changes can make a big difference. When we work together, we can create a better future for ourselves and for generations to come.

I hope that you have a wonderful September!

**Editor**

## September 2023 Church Services

Time	Church	Service
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Trinity 13 Proper 17</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	Harvest Thanksgiving
6pm	St John the Baptist, Foxham	Harvest Thanksgiving
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Trinity 14 Proper 18</b>		
9.30am	St John the Baptist, Foxham	Parish Eucharist
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Morning Prayer
10am	St. Martin's, Bremhill	Morning Prayer
11am	Christ Church, Derry Hill	Parish Eucharist
12.30pm	St Mary's, Calne	Baptism
3pm	St Mary's, Calne	Thanksgiving Service
6pm	Bowood	Evensong
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup></b>		
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Trinity 15 Proper 19</b>		
8am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Parish Eucharist
10am	Holy Trinity, Quemerford	Harvest Thanksgiving
11am	Christ Church, Derry Hill	Parish Eucharist
6pm	St. Martin's, Bremhill	Evensong
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Trinity 16 Proper 20</b>		
9.30am	St Peter's, Blackland	Holy Communion BCP
11am	Christ Church, Derry Hill	Parish Eucharist
3pm	St Mary's, Calne	Induction of Team Rector
<b>Wednesday 27<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.

Please stay at home 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.





## Goodbye to Linda and Richard

July the 9<sup>th</sup> 2023 was indeed a sad day for the congregations of the Marden Vale Team Ministry. This was the day we had all been dreading as it saw the farewell service for Rev. Linda and her husband Richard. Linda had been with us for only five and a half years but she had made such a mark that it had seemed much longer.



The service, which was held at Christ Church, Derry Hill was attended by approximately 120 people from across all the churches in the team. It was led by the Archdeacon – The Venerable Sue Groom – who also preached. There was a choir made up from the choirs of Christ Church and St. Mary's, and the anthem 'Here am I Lord' based on one of Linda's favourite hymns, was sung.

The service was – as Linda had requested – a Sung Parish Eucharist. Linda presided at the service and was assisted by the Archdeacon and the Rev. Theresa Michaux. It was a truly memorable occasion.



After the service Lord and Lady Lansdowne paid tribute to Linda, her time with us and her ministry.

This was followed by the presentation of gifts to them both. Richard, as we had come to expect, did not disappoint. Sporting his beloved Aston Villa scarf as he joined Linda at the front of the church. Linda was presented

with a picture of the interior of the church (painted by a local artist Dani French) – a piece of stained glass (made by a local maker) and a cheque. Other churches within the benefice had made their own presentation of gifts on earlier occasions, which included a bespoke weathervane and a picture.

After the service refreshments were served in the church yard – the weather was kind – after an initial light shower, and there was a lovely opportunity for members of all churches to get to know one another and to say their personal farewells to Linda and Richard.



Linda and Richard moved out of the vicarage on the 31<sup>st</sup> of July to their home in Falmouth. We shall miss them both, but they can be assured of our love and prayers as they set out on the latest chapter of their lives.



***Peter Rigby***

Church Warden

## Church Contacts CHRIST CHURCH - DERRY HILL

If you wish to discuss arrangements for Baptisms, Marriages, Funerals or would like a pastoral visit or meeting arranged or need to see a Vicar, then please contact the **Team Administrator**:

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Mr Ian Liddle 01249 816229

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Mr Peter Roycroft (Tr) 01249 660550

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## 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

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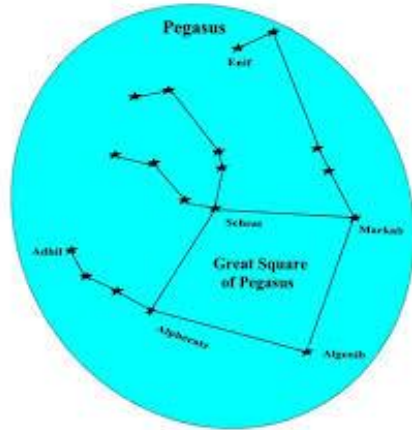
### *Carol, Ian, Richard A and Richard G*

**Derry Hill and Studley Community Support**

# The Sky at Night

The night sky in September 2023 is a sight to behold. The stars are bright and clear, and the planets are out in full force. Here are some of the highlights you can see in the night sky in September:

- **Jupiter:** Jupiter is the brightest planet in the sky in September, and it can be seen in the southwest after sunset. It will be at its closest approach to Earth on September 20, so it will be even brighter than usual.
- **Saturn:** Saturn is also visible in the night sky in September, and it will be in opposition on September 27. This means that it will be opposite the Sun in the sky, so it will appear at its brightest.
- **Neptune:** Neptune is at opposition on September 19, so it will be the brightest it will be all year. It will be visible in the constellation Aquarius, and you can use binoculars or a telescope to get a better look.
- **The Great Square of Pegasus:** The Great Square of Pegasus is an asterism that is easy to spot in the night sky in September. It is made up of four bright stars that form a square shape.
- **The Beehive Cluster:** The Beehive Cluster is a star cluster that is located in the constellation Cancer. It is visible to the naked eye, but it looks even better through binoculars or a telescope.



These are just a few of the highlights you can see in the night sky in September 2023. With clear skies and a little bit of patience, you can enjoy a truly spectacular view of the stars.

**Ed**

## New Housing in Derry Hill & Studley

How should our village develop over the next 15 years?

Many residents would not want to see any more houses built in Derry Hill and Studley - that's almost certainly not a realistic option as Government require Wiltshire to have tens of thousands of new houses to be built between now and 2038.

Wiltshire Council have recently published the [latest draft of their Local Plan](#) which allocates where those new houses should be built. They are proposing that Derry Hill & Studley should have at least another 30 new houses in the next 15 years. That seems very hard to justify considering the previous version of the draft Local Plan only required 23 houses at a time when Wiltshire's target was around 46,000 houses. The latest draft plan now envisages only 37,000 houses. Bearing in mind that 22,000 houses have already been built or have planning permission, the requirement for new houses has been reduced by about 35% but bizarrely the allocation for new housing in Derry Hill and Studley has increased by 30%. How can that be justified?

How did Wiltshire Planners come up with that number when almost every other town and village has seen its allocation significantly reduced? Interestingly, Wiltshire Planners do have history of miscalculating housing numbers for our village

The draft Local Plan gives no credible explanation why our village has had its housing allocation increased dramatically - when other villages and towns in Wiltshire are seeing a large reduction in the number of houses required. Derry Hill & Studley, along with Calne, have for many years far exceeded their share of new houses in Wiltshire without seeing significant investment in infrastructure. The previous draft Plan claimed to recognise this but this has now been ignored and again our village is having to bear far more than its fair share of new housing.

The Calne area including Derry Hill and Studley has seen much greater increases in houses than other parts of Wiltshire without any significant increase in local jobs. This has led to our villages being some of the most unsustainable in terms of travel to work. There is very high car usage, high levels of long-distance commuting and very few people using sustainable travel by bus, cycling or walking for journeys to work.

Derry Hill and Studley is one of the only designated 'large villages' in Wiltshire to have a very busy major road passing through it and surrounds a dangerous and congested crossroad. Again, none of these factors or it's unsustainable location and previous very high growth in housing appear to have been taken into account.

Wiltshire are consulting on their latest proposals between 26th September and the 22nd November with a Webinar at 6:30 on 10th October and 'drop in' meeting in Calne Library between 3:30 and 7 pm on October 16th. Whatever your views on the need for housing, I'd strongly encourage you to look at the proposals, join the webinar, attend the 'Drop-In' meeting if you can, and respond to the consultations. [This link](#) gives more details of the consultation and information on the Local Plan.

A number of local residents have recently expressed concerns having noticed land surveyors working in Old Road and Studley Crossroads and come to what seems the logical conclusion, that Bowood Estate is again looking to prepare proposals for new housing in the village.

I think that is likely to be true, as Bowood, in response to a call for landowners to identify land that they might wish to develop, did submit sites including their desire to build 50 to 70 houses in the field between Old Rd and the A4. There are few details of their plans for the field but their request will be considered as part of the Review of the Calne Community Neighbourhood Plan. Recommendations will then be made to the Parish Council on where Wiltshire Local Plan's requirement for housing in the next 15 years would be built in Derry Hill and Studley. The updated Neighbourhood Plan, once approved and adopted by the Parish and Wiltshire Councils, would move forward to become a strong planning document that development would be expected to adhere to.

The only other formal request by an owner of land in our village is the redevelopment of the Bethesda Care Home on Church Road in order to create 5 to 7 new houses. That too will be considered as part of the Neighbourhood Plan review. As a potential "Brownfield development" that site may well be viewed as a strong candidate for new housing to count towards the village's housing allocation

In the past, almost all residents in Studley have strongly favoured a more appropriate form of housing development, whereby all of Studley, including Old Road, continues to develop as it has for several

hundred years by individual new houses being built where gaps exist along the existing roads. That would allow Studley to continue to evolve as a linear village rather than seeing large housing estates on greenfield sites. That more appropriate approach, opposing estate development was supported by the overwhelming majority of Studley residents through a petition around the time Studley Gardens was developed. Sadly, resident's views have been ignored.

Hopefully this information will be of help. Parish Councillors and members of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group will be at the Parish Council's Energy Saving event at Lansdowne Hall on Saturday 16th September and I'm sure they'll be happy to hear your views and try to answer your questions on new housing in our villages

**Ioan Rees** 01249 819428

(Calne Without Parish Councillor, writing in a personal capacity)

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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

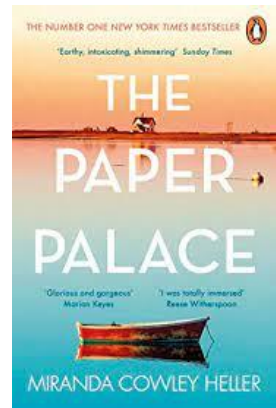


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## Book Club Review

### The Paper Palace by Miranda Cowley Heller

This was a gripping if, at times, a rather uncomfortable read but one that provided our book club with plenty of topics for a lively discussion. The paper palace is actually a rustic cabin used as a holiday home in the Cape Cod area of New England where the central character, Elle Bishop spends every summer with her family. The action all takes place in one 24-hour period with flashbacks to her childhood and adolescence and describes her relationships with her family and friends and the way in which parenting styles influence one's character and actions in adulthood. It is really a love story but certainly not a conventional one.



The descriptions of the area with its woods, lakes, beaches and sand dunes are beautiful and the characters are well drawn and interesting. The book was well written and engaging but some people would find it disturbing as there were some unpleasant characters and some vivid descriptions of unsettling events. However I am glad I chose it because it was very readable and it certainly made me appreciate my own uneventful childhood.

**Sally**



## Calne Without Parish Council

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

There has not been a council meeting in August but everyone has still been busy. Work continues on our Road Safety project and we hope to be able to bring you a positive update soon.

We have continued to work on the neighbourhood plan update and will be working towards the consultation on the final plan. Keep an eye on our website and Facebook page for further information.

We have recently completed our project to refurbish the Church Road red telephone box. We obviously have a duty to maintain the assets in the village that we own. It was noted recently that the paintwork was in poor repair and it was decided to embark on a full refurb of the box. We are really proud of the result and hope you like it too, we think it provides a lovely entrance into the village.



We continue to refer items to the Parish Steward for him to do on our behalf. He has recently been filling pot holes along Church Road and he was our mystery man who mended the Lansdowne Crescent Road sign. If you notice a small highway issue that can be mended by our 'man in a van' please feel free to get in touch and I can see if its something the Parish Steward scheme can help with. If not we can arrange to report it vis the 'my wilts' app.

### Update on the Speed Review on the A4 – Pewsham to Calne

Calne Without Parish Council is very pleased that Wiltshire Council has commissioned a further review of the current speed limits

between Calne and Chippenham. We really appreciate the efforts of our Wiltshire Councillor Ashley O'Neill in getting this progressed.

We very much welcome the recommendation to reduce the speed limit from 50mph to 40mph through Studley Crossroads, which is a positive step forward towards making the junction safer. We further welcome the recommendation to reduce the speed limit to 50mph between Studley Crossroads and Norley Lane.

We do, however, regret that the new report this time recommends retaining the national speed limit between Calne and Norley Lane, and again between Studley Crossroads and the hazardous junction with the A342.

We will be considering the proposal at our next Parish Council meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> September to agree a formal response.

### **A Date for your Diary**

Following on from last year's successful Green Energy Event, Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September is our Energy Saving and Local Environment Event. The event will run from 10 – 2.30pm at the Lansdowne Village Hall, Derry Hill.

The event will provide information on how to reduce energy bills and make homes more comfortable by providing accessible relevant and locally based information that local residents can act on.

We are excited to be launching our free tree scheme.

There will also be an emphasis on informing local people how they can protect and enhance their local environment.

There will be refreshments and entertainment to keep the children busy whilst you soak up all the information on offer.

We'd love to see lots of you there. Further info is available on our website and Facebook page.

### **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.

### **Get Involved**

Would you like to make a difference in your local area? Do you have some time to spare? If so, we'd love to hear from you.

We have four vacancies for Councillors that we need to fill via a process call co-option. There are three vacancies in Middle ward which covers Stockley, Blackland, Mile Elm and Cherhill View. We have one vacancy in West Ward which covers Derry Hill and Studley.

Please get in touch to request further details on the application process.

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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***Katherine Checchia***

Parish Clerk

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

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## **Mobile library visits to Derry Hill**

### **Lansdowne Hall Derry Hill**

14.30 – 15.45

Tuesdays: 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023

### **Kingston House Derry Hill**

10.10 – 10.30

Mondays: 25<sup>th</sup> September 2023



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## **Chippenham School Uniform Exchange**

This may be of some use if you have school age children who go to school in Chippenham.

[Link to the website](#)

Calne Without Parish Council  
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# Energy Saving & Local Environment Day

Launch of CWPC's  
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# Wiltshire Council LOCAL PLAN

## Local Plan consultation begins next month with in-person and online events

The consultation for the Wiltshire Local Plan begins on Wednesday 27 September, with in-person events being held across the county to enable you to find out more.

We are holding 16 drop-in events at libraries and leisure centres around Wiltshire and a live webinar-style event on Microsoft Teams. You can just turn up to the in-person events, but you will need to [register beforehand for the online event](#).

If you cannot make your local in-person event, you are welcome to attend any of the others to discuss the plan and your own area – all events are open to all.

***The Local Plan sets out the vision and framework for housing, infrastructure and land for employment growth for the next 15 years.*** Once adopted, all planning applications will be determined against the plan, making it the most important place-shaping document for Wiltshire.

The consultation begins on Wednesday 27 September and ends at 23:59 on Wednesday 22 November. To find out more about the events and to sign up for the online event, visit the [Local Plan webpage](#).

### [Full drop-in event timetable](#)

*(Taken from a Wiltshire Council email – Ed)*

## Recycling news from Wiltshire Council

### **“Sort it before you bring it” – help us recycle as much as possible at our household recycling centres**

First, we asked you to help sort your kerbside collection waste, to great success, and now we’re asking for you to please step-up once again so that we can recycle even more at our household recycling centres (HRCs).

Our data shows that more than a third of the items put in the general rubbish skips at our HRCs could have been recycled.

With that in mind, as part of our ‘Recycling: Let’s Sort It’ campaign we encourage you to sort your waste out before you visit your local HRC, ensuring that all items are separated correctly.

If you don’t have time to do this before you set off, we will soon be providing designated sorting areas at each of our HRCs to give you the opportunity to sort your materials on-site as easily as possible – with our friendly staff on hand to provide advice and guidance. The sorting areas will be introduced first in Devizes and Warminster from 4 September and then others will follow gradually after that.

Some of the items you can [recycle at our sites](#) include:

- textiles and clothing
- plastics
- paper
- cardboard
- metals, cans and aerosols
- electrical items
- wood
- soil and rubble

So, whether you have been clearing out the garage, moving house, or just having a tidy up – please take the time and care to sort out your recycling before you visit the HRC.

More information, and FAQs can be found

at <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/hrc-waste-sorting>

### **Small rechargeable items collected at the kerbside**

Also, don’t forget you can also now recycle small rechargeable electrical items as part of your fortnightly kerbside collection service. These items include:

- MP3 players
- electric toothbrushes
- shavers/trimmers
- all vapes and e-cigarettes
- smart watches
- mobile phones
- digital cameras
- charging devices/power banks
- wireless earphones

All you need to do is place these items in a carrier bag next to your blue-lidded bin.

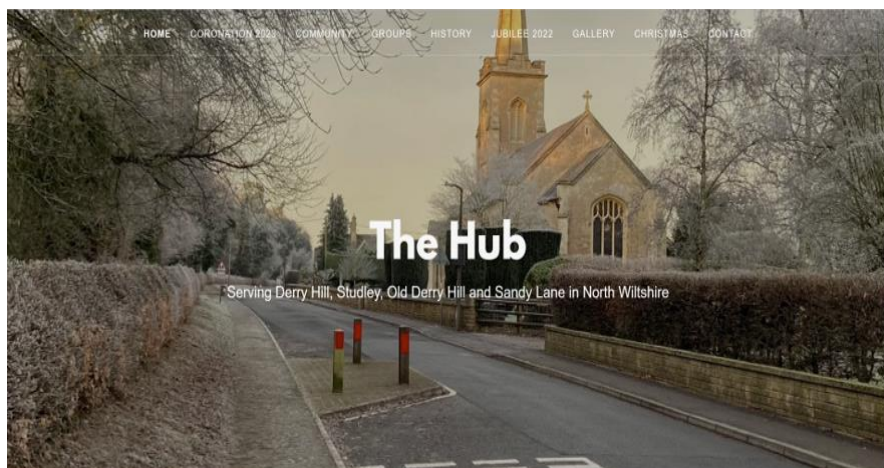
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*Thanks for your support!*

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## Introduction

Welcome to our 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 do contact me using my Email address: [mark.cook@wiltshire.police.uk](mailto:mark.cook@wiltshire.police.uk)

### Crime and incident updates

- On 15/05/2023 09:30hrs, a vehicle shed its load onto a following vehicle causing damage on the A3102 near to Beversbrook.
- On 16/05/2023 20:41hrs, a silver Hyundai was stopped for no insurance on the A4 near to Forest Gate.
- On 02/06/2023 10:14hrs, two males were arrested on suspicion of burglary to a property in Sandy Lane. Enquiries remain ongoing.
- On 13/06/2023 21:38hrs, a red and white moped was stopped on the A4 near to Derry hill for showing no insurance.
- On 10/06/2023 19:10hrs, youths were reported to be causing damage to the Lansdowne Hall in Derry Hill. With the assistance of the new CCTV system at the hall the youths were identified. Local officers attended the home addresses of the youths involved where this matter was resolved using the Community Resolution process. The involved youths have all written letters of apology for their actions.
- On 29/06/2023 23:59hrs, a blue Ford Transit was stopped by Rural Crime officers in the area of Hilmarton. The vehicle was stopped and searched after being seen in suspicious circumstances. No offences were found. The driver was released.

- On 01/08/2023 22:45hrs, a blue Range Rover was driving at speed then hit a verge causing the vehicle to land on its side near to Bremhill.
- On 06/08/2023 16:54hrs, a blue Volkswagen Golf was stopped and seized on the A342 near Derry Hill after being found to have no insurance and false plates. The driver was also reported for driving not in accordance with his licence.
- On 06/08/2023 10:30hrs, a verbal altercation occurred between a horse rider and a motorist after the driver approached the horse at a perceived inappropriate speed near to Hazeland, Bremhill – Enquiries remain ongoing.
- On 06/08/2023 18:15hrs, youths have gained entry to a sawmill in Studley, caused damage and been seen attempting to roll stacks of logs. Enquiries are ongoing.

If you have any information regarding this, please advise me on the above email address – Crime report Re. 54230083187 (CCTV image opposite)



## Local News

Wonderful to be a part of the Wiltshire Game & Country fair in Bowood over the weekend of 12-13<sup>th</sup> August.



We were very fortunate to have officers from the Dog section and Firearms unit visit us.

Officers from Calne and Chippenham Neighbourhood Teams, members of the Community Harm Reduction Team, The Rural Crime Team and the Police Cadets all helped staff our stand.

Children, and on occasion parents, were able to sit in our police vehicles and many children tried on some police uniforms and had their fingerprints taken.

It was also nice to work alongside the WAGS dogs charity and Wiltshire Council Dog wardens.

Follow this link to see a video of some of our highlights from the weekend - [https://fb.watch/msT\\_hu4dej/](https://fb.watch/msT_hu4dej/)

## **Other News**

Two people were arrested, and a large quantity of cannabis seized following a warrant in Calne this week.

The warrant was executed on Thursday (10/8) by the Burglary and Youth and Gang Violence Unit with support from officers from the local Neighbourhood Policing Team at an address in Stockley.



A man in his 20s was arrested on suspicion of being concerned in the supply of class B drugs.

Following further enquiries as a result of the warrant, a second man aged in his 20s and linked to the address was arrested in the Westbury area on suspicion of being concerned in the supply of class A and B drugs, possession of an offensive weapon, possession of a bladed article and dangerous driving.

Both remain in custody for further questioning.

As part of the operation, a large quantity of designer clothing was seized, and enquiries will continue.

Sgt Mike Tripp said: “With the expertise and assistance of the Wiltshire Burglary YGV team we will continue to target and disrupt individuals who come to our attention in the local area looking to promote and progress their criminal activity.

“We’d urge the local community to continue to assist us by reporting any concerns they may have that people living in their neighbourhood may be involved in criminal activity and report it to us immediately.”  
To report concerns, call 101, or 999 if a crime is in progress.  
Alternatively, information can be reported to Crime Stoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

## **Road Safety**

Patrols increased in Calne rural areas due to concerns raised by horse riders of vehicles passing too close.

Over the past few weeks, we have seen an increased in reports of vehicles passing too fast and too close to horse riders. In some cases, drivers have also been reported as showing aggressive behaviour when passing riders.

In response to these concerns, we have, and will be focusing more of our patrols around the villages of - Yatesbury, Hilmarton, Heddington and Stockley, Bremhill, Compton Bassett, East Tytherton, Foxham, Cherhill, Derry Hill, Spirt Hill, Ratford and Charlcutt.



On Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August, PCSO Mark Cook, Horse riders and a dog walker appeared on BBC Points West News to raise awareness of this issue.



PCSO Mark Cook of the Calne Neighbourhood Team says: “we all use our roads, and we all should be showing each other the same courtesy.

“More care needs to be taken when drivers pass other more vulnerable road users such as - horse riders, cyclist, motorcyclists and pedestrians.

“Horse riders are increasingly wearing body cameras whilst out riding. We would always encourage riders who have captured any poor or aggressive driving on video to send this to us. We will always review any footage received. This could be used in any potential enforcement action or prosecution.

“Please slow your speed and give extra room when passing horse riders on our roads. Our patrols will continue in these areas, and we will be looking to liaise more with our local riders and groups over the coming weeks.”

Please also report any near misses or incidents on the British Horse Society website here - <https://www.bhs.org.uk/support-us/our-campaigns/dead-slow/>

Wiltshire Police is making road safety a focus for the entire force over the summer through robust enforcement and driver education.

This follows the death of 13 people on Wiltshire’s roads so far this year.

Follow this link to read more: [Road safety campaign launched following the death of 13 people on Wiltshire's roads so far this year | Wiltshire Police](#)

## **Rural Community Engagement**

Calne and Corsham Neighbourhood officers have organised a joint Rural Engagement Week which starts on August 29th.



Calne officers will be out in their rural area on August 31 and September 1st – a chance for officers and colleagues from specialist departments to join us at our engagement events in some of the villages in the Calne area.

The aim of the week is to ensure those living in more remote areas have the opportunity to meet their local policing team, raise any issues and concerns they may have or any advice they may need.

We appreciate not everybody will be able to make these events, but we'll be arranging further events in the not-too-distant future, and we'll also be taking part in a live Facebook Q&A later this year.

PCSO Mark Cook said: "We understand that often those living in our more rural communities can feel isolated and that is exactly what we don't want. We are really looking forward to getting out into our local villages and talking about some of the issues affecting those living and working there as the issues most prevalent in these areas can differ to our more urban areas. We'd urge everyone to come along and have a chat so we can learn more about the issues affecting you and any concerns you may have."

### **Thursday 31st August**

Compton Bassett – near Village Hall - Briar Leaze – 09:00hrs to 11:00hrs.

Heddington – The Ivy car park – Stockley Road - 11:30hrs to 13:30hrs.

Cherhill – The Village Hall car park - The Street - 14:00hrs to 16:00hrs.

### **Friday 1st September**

Derry Hill – Lansdowne Hall – Petty Lane – 09:00hrs to 11:00hrs.

Bremhill – Village Hall car park – 11:30hrs to 13:30hrs.

Hilmarton – Hilmarton School car park – Poynder Place – 14:00hrs to 16:00hrs.



# Social Media and Community Messaging

Regular updates for the Calne area can also be found on Community messaging and our Facebook page: Calne police

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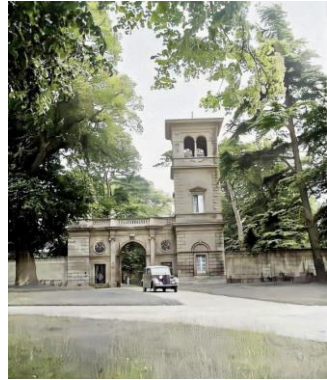


## Before the Golden Gates

In 1792 Archibald Robertson describes his departure from Bowood, using what is now the road from the Bowood Hotel to the Golden



Gates - “The park is laid out in rides, for the convenience of shelter against the different winds, as well as for prospect: and it may be curios to a planter to observe, the



mass of wood that has been planted since 1762. Before such time there was nothing

but coppice wood, with some standard trees, chiefly pollards. The road to Bath goes out at Derry Hill, where it is intended to erect a

gateway, or some other large building, which the situation calls for, it being a knoll commanding a most extensive prospect, bounded by the Gloucestershire hills on the right and the Somersetshire on the left”. If you stood at the junction of Church Road and Devizes Road in the late 1830’s you would have seen the original Lansdowne Arms (formally the



Shelburne Arms). A thatched(?) Structure standing just in front of where the Golden Gates are today. In 1841 the site was cleared, and the Golden Gates were built as the primary entrance to Bowood Park.

The new Lansdowne Arms were built on its current site opposite the gates in 1843.



So why was the Golden Gates built? 1841 saw the Great Western Railway reach out from London Paddington to Chippenham offering a fast and reliable route to London. Lord Lansdowne commissioned Sir Charles Barry, architect of the Houses of Parliament, to design and build a new lodge on the western perimeter of the park – closest to Chippenham.

Now, with all this in mind picture the scene in 1838 when people gathered in front of the original Lansdowne Arms to witness the Great Wiltshire pudding.

The newspaper of the day reported “The Great Wiltshire Pudding – which has excited so much attention in the neighbourhood of Derry Hill, was yesterday distributed to the poor children (upwards of 200 in number) of that place. Seats were provided for them in front of the Lansdowne Arms; the band playing during this time. Notwithstanding the number of persons to witness this novelty was upwards of 3,000 the greatest order of decorum was observed; and after the children had been supplied, the remainder was given to the spectators. The pudding weighted, before it was boiled, 340lbs. It boiled from Sunday Morning, 10 o’clock until Wednesday, 11 o’clock”.

If you want to try Wiltshire Pudding yourself then follow these easy steps: 12 oz (340g) Self Raising flour, 6 oz (170g) lard, 3 oz (85g) white sugar, milk and water or water to mix, pinch salt, fruit as available, suitably prepared, about 3 or 4 handfuls. Rub fat into flour, sugar and salt. Stir in green gooseberries or rhubarb in 1-inch lengths or apples peeled, cored and sliced with 4 or 5 cloves. Mix with sufficient liquid to make a stiff mixture. Steam in well-greased basin and serve in front of the Golden Gates.

**Steve Calder**

## Cardiac Arrest or Heart Attack ?

**Cardiac Arrest** occurs when an electrical malfunction of the heart causes it to suddenly stop beating. A victim will collapse and lose consciousness. Victims have no pulse and will be gasping or not breathing. Without treatment death can occur quickly.

1. Call 999 for help.
2. Start CPR manually
3. Use a defibrillator (AED) and continue CPR until emergency help arrives.

**Heart Attack** occurs when blood flow to the heart is impeded due to a blocked artery. Symptoms may be sudden or increase over time and include pain in the chest, back or jaw, shortness of breath, cold sweats and/or nausea and vomiting. If the artery is not unblocked quickly the heart can be damaged.

1. Call 999 for help
2. Chew and swallow aspirin
3. Start CPR if the person becomes unconscious

Put simply Cardiac Arrest is an electrical problem, Heart Attack is a plumbing problem, but in either case call 999 straight away !

**Finally thank you to all those who took part in the Netball challenge at the fete in July, and thanks to WI Walking Netball for donating the proceeds to our Heartbeat funds.**

Keep safe.

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



## Jazz Club

**26th September at MARDEN HOUSE**

7 for 7.30pm

**Keith Morgan** sax and flute plus  
James's Trio experimenting with  
a jazz version of tunes from the 70s etc  
Admission £10 at the door please

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**31st October: at MARDEN HOUSE**

7 for 7.30pm

**Dave Newton piano trio**  
Admission £10 - please pay at the door.

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**28th November: at MARDEN HOUSE**

7 for 7.30pm

**GALA EVENING**

with the

**Hendo Washboard Kings**

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**RESERVATIONS** for any of the above shows can now be made to  
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**07976 945055**

**please** state where in the house you'd like to sit.

**BYO REFRESHMENTS** for which small tables are provided

***James and Brigid***

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## A message from Annie Church

Having been invited to write a piece for inclusion in Inspire, I thought I had better begin by introducing myself!!

My name is Annie Church and I have lived in Studley for almost 2 years now. I am an ordained priest in the Church of England and have been helping out in the churches of Marden Vale since I got my licence to officiate last December, having previously retired in April 2019.



I have two children and eight grandchildren!! I have held various positions over the years, I am a qualified orthopaedic nurse, have worked in the school meals service whilst my children were at school, spent time in a call centre for a mobile phone company and BT, been secretary to an accountant, PA to a construction company director and a carer for my parents in law, so have quite a bit of life experience!!!

Apart from my children (now in their 40's!!), my proudest achievements are attaining my Honours degree in Theology at the age of 50 and also being ordained as a priest. This is a role which is so varied and it is a humbling privilege to be able to walk alongside people at the best and worst times of their lives.

Being a priest and a Christian does not mean that I am 'set apart' or 'better' than anyone in any way, I am an ordinary human being like everybody else. I have good times and bad just we all do and life is not always a smooth road but if I can help anyone by showing them the love of God through my words and actions – without trying to 'sell' them faith and God – then I am happy!

For this reason I will leave my contact details for you all as a pastoral contact in the villages so that you know there is still someone here for you following Reverend Linda Carter's retirement. If you need some pastoral care or even just a chat and cup of tea, please do give me a call and know that your call will be welcome whether or not you attend church – I will not judge you! Also, if you are housebound or unwell

and would like to receive Holy Communion in your own home, I will be happy to bring it to you.

You can reach me at home on 01249 490440 or mobile 07789 778312. I look forward to hearing from you.

With every blessing

**Annie**

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Sunday 8 October

10.30 am - Rev David Gray

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### **COFFEE MORNING**

Saturday 21 October - 10am

You are invited to bring along an item for the sales table from which a donation will be given to Macmillan Cancer support

We are pleased that following a recent Quiz Evening the sum of £100 has been forwarded to Action for Children.

Please see Notice Board for further service details and activities.

**Christine**

## *Ride and Stride Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2023*

As we had a successful fundraising walk and ride from Christ Church Derry Hill last year, it has been decided to repeat this wonderful event



again. It involves a lovely walk, or bike ride, from our church in Derry Hill to the Bowood Chapel. Like last year, Lord Lansdowne has kindly arranged for all sponsored individuals or families to have free entry to Bowood for the day and refreshments on arrival.

The aim is to raise funds for Christ Church Derry Hill and the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust. We aim to leave **Christ Church at 11am Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September** and walk via public footpaths to the Chapel in Bowood House, have refreshments and return. Riding to Bowood from church is also welcomed.

If you would like to be sponsored, we'd love to have you along as part of an informal group. Please contact me for a sponsorship form if you would like to participate.

If you aren't able to join in but would like to sponsor me to raise some much-needed cash for these deserving charities, please go to my page on JustGiving:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/richard-aylen3> or just pop something in an envelope through my door, with your name on.

Thanks in advance,

***Richard Aylen***

**1, Redhill Close, Derry Hill.**

**Email: [richardaylen@aol.com](mailto:richardaylen@aol.com), Tel: 01249 814632**



## A Heartfelt Thank You

On June 26th we were suddenly made aware of how precious life is.

I had to call for an ambulance to attend our house in Chapel Street. My wife Nicola had been taken very poorly. As it turns out she was in the midst of having a heart attack. Given that she exercises regularly, eats healthily, does not smoke and has no family history to make her a risk for heart attack, it proves how random a heart attack can be. I was fortunate to have the support of our neighbours and want to thank Alastair and Charles in particular for their prompt assistance in helping manage the situation.



We would like to say how lucky we are in the village to have the safety net of the defibrillators. We are so fortunate to have this priceless piece of lifesaving equipment in our village and we want to thank all those who have committed so much time and effort to ensure we can all access them in times of crisis. Whilst I didn't have to use it, the comfort blanket it provided was extremely reassuring.

We both would also like to thank the ambulance service for sending both a road and air ambulance to assist Nicola. All too often we take for granted our valuable NHS however, the care that Nicola received from the paramedics, doctors and nurses at RUH Bath show how lucky we are to have such dedicated caring professionals.

Finally, we want to thank the wider community of Chapel Street and Derry Hill for all the kind messages and best wishes for a full recovery for Nicola. We have always said we are very lucky to live in such a lovely village and recent weeks have proven that to be the case.

We are pleased to say that Nicola is on the way to recovery and over time she hopes to be back running and exercising, as she used to, very soon. In the meantime, she is making do with lots of walks around our beautiful village and looking after our two (soon to be three) grandchildren.

One final thought, for everyone in our village. Please take time to say to your family how much you love them - you never know when it could be too late!!

***Kevin and Nicola Rowland***

## Why you need to write or amend your Will today

Many of my clients ask the same questions and have the same queries about Wills, why they need them, what happens if you don't have one, can certain individuals be left out, does everything have to be given in equal shares, and more. Here I address these queries so you can start to consider how you would want things to be left.



### **Why should I make a Will and what happens if I die without one?**

If you die without leaving a Will there are strict 'Intestacy Rules' in place that deal with the distribution of the money, possessions, and property. These rules are not necessarily going to reflect how you want your estate to be dealt with. If you have specific wishes as to who benefits from your estate, you need to express this in a Will.

Having a Will is also a good way of making arrangements for the care of your child(ren). You can appoint a Guardian who will step in to look after the child(ren) in the event that both parents die before the child(ren) are 18.

The Intestacy Rules do not make provision for partners or stepchildren, so if you would like either to benefit from your estate you need to note this within a Will.

### **My partner and I are separating, what will happen with my Will?**

Divorce does not revoke a Will, instead your former spouse will be treated as if they have predeceased you and any gift to them will not take effect. If you should be separating from your partner or spouse, you should review any existing Will, or make a new Will, particularly if there are children involved.

### **Can I leave someone out of my Will?**

In England and Wales, you have 'testamentary freedom' which means that as citizens we are entitled to leave our estate to whomever we please and we are not 'forced' to pass our estate on to our children, dependants or the state.

You can therefore decide to include or exclude anyone. However, if someone feels they should be entitled to part of your estate they can

bring a claim. The likelihood of success will depend on the circumstances and will be decided by a Judge.

If you were to leave someone, such as a child, out of your Will, we would recommend you write a 'Letter of Wishes' explaining your reasons. The Court will take this into consideration.

### **What happens if I get married?**

Marriage voids a Will, so it is very important if you have a Will to remember to get it updated either before or after your wedding!

I can always draft a Will to be in anticipation of marriage, if the date is imminent, which will mean it will not be void once the marriage has occurred.

### **How can Goughs help me?**

Myself and the team at Goughs are highly experienced Will writers. We realise that no two situations are ever the same, so we take the time to get to know you, enabling us to fully understand your wishes and doing everything possible to ensure they will be carried out on your death.

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### ***Alexine Moran***

Senior Associate Solicitor at Goughs Solicitors

[alexinemoran@goughs.co.uk](mailto:alexinemoran@goughs.co.uk) 01249 717870

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### **Rub a Dub**

We are looking forward to a new term and meeting lots of new rub a dubbers. We've had a nice break but we are ready and raring to go with new faces and a new afterschool club.



We are just finalising our fundraising calendar for the next year, keep an eye on our Facebook page for info of our events, our first fundraiser is a bags 2 school collection on Tuesday 19th September. If you have any old clothes, bed linen, towels and would like to donate them please leave them in front of the Lansdowne Hall by 9am. We get paid by weight the the more the merrier!

***Kate Checchia*** Rub a dub Chair [Rubadubchair@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Rubadubchair@hotmail.co.uk)



# AVON NEEDS TREES



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

At the beginning of July, and before the rains started to pour down on us almost daily, we had our summer outing to the Cider Barn at Bromham. It was a wonderful day and Roger, the owner, proved to be a very pleasant host. He gave us a very interesting talk before taking us for a stroll around his orchard



explaining about the different apples and the pruning etc before having a cider tasting session which, needless to say, went down very well. We ended this part of our visit being shown where the cider is made and the process that turns apples into a lovely cider drink. Finally, we were able to purchase cider to

take home. Throughout we were able to ask questions and found Roger to be very knowledgeable as well as having a good sense of humour. It was a lovely visit and everyone thoroughly enjoyed our summer outing.

On Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August some of us went to our Deanery Mary Sumner Day Service which took place at 2pm in St Mary's Church, Calne. The service was taken by Jenny Colby and the homily to our founder, Mary Sumner, was given by Sandra our Diocesan President. It was lovely to have Wootton Bassett, Derry Hill and Calne all together and after the service we had a lovely tea.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm in Christ Church when our speaker will be Viv Sadler who makes jewellery and hopefully, she will have some pieces that one can purchase for a birthday present or, dare I say, an early Christmas present, or as a treat for yourself! Everyone is more than welcome to join us and refreshments afterwards will be done by Robyn and Barbara.

***Barbara Parry***



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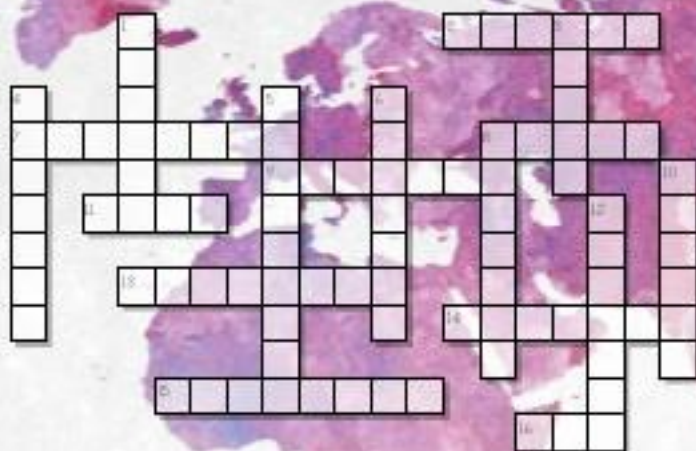
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# Crossword September 2023



## ACROSS

- 2 Gloomy (6)
- 7 Shame (8)
- 8 God (5)
- 9 Eat (7)
- 11 Ship's floor (4)
- 13 Grocer (8)
- 14 Error (7)
- 15 Dogma (8)
- 16 Be nosy (3)

## DOWN

- 1 Resist (6)
- 3 Earn (5)
- 4 Illness (7)
- 5 Toady (9)
- 6 Type of rice (7)
- 8 Loss (7)
- 10 Men's hairdresser (6)
- 12 At last (7)

# Bremhill Produce Show 2023

## Saturday 2nd September

It is Bremhill Produce Show time of the year. Do enter one or some of the classes. And please encourage any children to take part in the show. Youngsters are welcome to enter adult classes. There are cups and shields to be won. **Try to get your entry form in by Wednesday 30th**



**August 2023.** But you can enter after that, right up to the morning of the show.

**Entries:** 50p per entry adult classes.

10p per entry children's classes.

£1 for all late entries.

Put your entry sheet (and fee) in the post box under the defibrillator in the porch of Bremhill Village Hall (BVH).

Auction: The day finishes with the auction. Come along to bid for vegetables, flowers, cakes, liqueurs etc.

### **Times:**

**Morning: 8 am -10am** All entries to be taken to BVH.

**10am onwards.** Doors closed for judging.

**Afternoon: 2.30pm** Doors open to view entries and prize winners.

**2.30pm- 4.30pm** Teas, coffee and cakes. Drinks bar.

**4.00pm approx.** Announcement to collect your items which are not going to be auctioned.

Followed by the presentation of cups and shields.

Auction of produce.

[www.bremhill.com/show](http://www.bremhill.com/show) for schedule, notes and entry forms.

*Marilyn Adcock*





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WI Cake Stall was a sell out again this year! Our members had a lot of fun on the day. Well done, ladies. Thank you to all those who supported our cake stall. See you again next year!



In July, some of us walked the Blue Plaque Route in Calne and managed to dodge the showers, ending with a coffee in Fay's Bistro by the river.

The Coffee Morning took place at Tina's house in July.

The rain had finally stopped and 16 members had a wonderful morning sitting in the sunshine chatting



Our speaker in July was Pauline Cook, from the village. Her talk 'What's Happening at the Great Western Hospital' was very informative. Lots of new ideas, new buildings, new centres, new approaches! We learnt so much. Thank you Pauline.

August 'Get together' is always something a little different. This time we played Skittles and enjoyed a delicious meal at the Wellesley Arms, Sutton Benger. Paul and Tina were 'Best Players' on the night and Alan won the 'Killer Skittles'. Well done everyone. I cannot tell you how competitive some of our members and partners are!!



The speaker in September will be Stuart Flitton talking about 'Journalism - My Part in its Survival'  
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



We had a great time raising money for Heartbeat at the fete. Well over 100 of you tried to shoot the fastest 5 goals, children and adults!



It was a lot of fun and Heartbeat were very thankful. Prizes were presented to the winners – Oliver (Adults) and Poppy (U 12). Thank you



everyone.

We finished our season with a wonderful Afternoon Tea at the Market Tavern in Melksham. It was truly scrumptious! Thank you, Allie, for organising this.

We scheduled an extra special session in August. Nancy, a sports teacher who also plays netball, came and put us through our paces. It was brilliant! We learnt so much and will certainly invite her back again on a more regular basis. Thank you, Nancy.

Walking Netball starts again on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September** and we are all looking forward to it.

If you would like to come and have a go at Walking Netball 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.

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## Wellbeing notes

### Coconut flapjack recipe



Back in the 1970s, I was given a new, blank recipe book. The first treats I added were simple, buttery flapjacks, which tasted lovely, but were... gooey. Over the next two decades, in a string of London kitchens, I tweaked the original ingredients. The notebook filled up, but the flapjacks remained a favourite. They were so easy to make, and almost everyone liked them.

In the 2000s, cooking times were adjusted for an old Aga that I acquired, in Old Derry Hill. But then, unaccountably, the book was put on a shelf and forgotten. Not any more, though. "Oh, my goodness, these are amazing," said one friend. Another mentioned that oats and coconuts are healthy. A few asked for the recipe. So here it is.:

## Ingredients

170g butter

1 tbsp honey

1 tbsp golden syrup

Handful of sultanas

170g demerara sugar

280g oats

30g desiccated coconut

30g chocolate chips. Optional

## Method

Set oven at 150°C (fan-assisted)/170°C (conventional) or Aga baking oven.

Butter and line a square 7"/18cm baking tray.

Slice the butter and melt gently in a pan. Add honey, syrup and sugar. Stir from time to time until dissolved.

Add oats and coconut to a large bowl. Pour melted mixture over and mix well. Stir in sultanas and, if using, chocolate chips.

Transfer mixture to baking tray and press down with the back of a spoon.

Bake for 16 to 20 minutes, or until browning slightly at edges.

(If using Aga, place on oven shelf on floor of baking oven, or use roasting oven with cold shelf above.)

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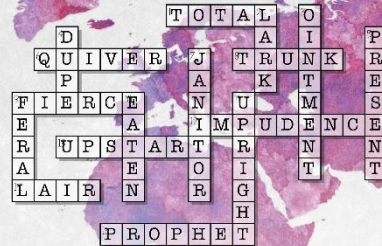
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- 9 Savage (6)
- 12 Cheek (9)
- 13 Parvenu (7)
- 14 Den (4)
- 15 Seer (7)

### DOWN

- 2 Songbird (4)
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