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Editorial

As we enter this final stretch of the year, it is a time to reflect on the past year, November bringing with it a sense of transition, as the vibrant colours of autumn fade away, making room for the cold embrace of winter.

Running up to Christmas we have Bonfire Night, Remembrance Sunday, The Christmas Fayre and the Christmas lights Switch on.

There is just so much going on in our two villages to celebrate. In the succeeding pages you can see details of successful fundraising for charities and the occasions for fun and games in the days ahead.

Don't forget to drop me a line if you are involved in any activities that want publicity or send me a report on what happened.

Ed. (inspireeditor@outlook.com)

Litter picking foray

A small but determined and jolly band of litter pickers went forth on Saturday 21st October to tidy up and clear up as much of Derry Hill as possible. A fair amount of litter was collected, particularly along the Devizes Road and Church Road. The alleyway between Church Road and Shelburne Way was also quite badly littered. Since the clear up there has been more litter left there – particularly Monster cans.

So well done to the crew that turned out, who, by the way, were suitably rewarded with bacon butties, teas and coffees afterwards. Many thanks to Calne Without for providing the litter picking kit along with high viz and to Peter Prater for organising the event.



Ian Liddle

November 2023 Church Services

Time	Church	Service
Wednesday 1st		
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
Sunday 5th All Saints		
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
4pm	Bremhill	Evensong
Wednesday 8th		
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
Sunday 12th REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY		
8am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
9.30am	St John the Baptist, Foxham	Remembrance Service
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Remembrance Service
10.50am	Bremhill	Remembrance Service
11am	Christ Church, Derry Hill	Remembrance Service
6pm	Bowood Chapel	Evensong
Wednesday 15th		
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
Sunday 19th 2nd before Advent		
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
Wednesday 22nd		
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
Sunday 26th Christ the King		
9.30am	St Peter's, Blackland	Holy Communion BCP
10am	St. Mary's Calne	Morning Praise
10am	St. Martin's, Bremhill	All Age Communion
10.45am	Holy Trinity, Quemerford	Holy Communion

3pm	Wootton Bassett	Deanery Evensong
6pm	St John the Baptist, Foxham	Evensong
Wednesday 29th		
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.

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.



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**:

Mrs Ann Stiff Tel: 01249 816522 email:
enquiries@mardenvale.org.uk

Team Office: 30 Church Street, Calne, SN11 0HU

The office is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9am to 1pm

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

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 Ayles 01249 814632

Carol, Ian, Richard A and Richard G

Derry Hill and Studley Community Support

Annie's November Notes



Well, it's hard to believe that it's November already. I just don't know where this year has gone! Isn't it amazing that the older one gets the quicker the time seems to go? Or is it just me?!!! November sees the weather getting colder and the days getting shorter so don't forget those who live alone and struggle to get out and about. We should also remember the little birds who need extra food at this time of year and throughout the winter, to keep them going until spring.

November is the month of remembrance with All Saints Day on the 1st and All Souls Day on the 2nd. On the 12th November we will remember the war dead at our services of Remembrance and there will be a service of Remembrance for the residents of Kingston House too. It is amazing to listen to the stories of those who remember these difficult times and it is by listening to their stories and retell them too so that the sacrifice made by so many is never forgotten. Of course, we continue to hear about war on a daily basis at the moment with the conflict in the Holy Land and the continuing war in Ukraine. Will the human race ever learn to live in love and peace together?

Red poppies are used at this time as a symbol of remembrance for people who have died or suffered in war or conflict, and at this time,

in our churches we usually use red on our altar coverings and in the priest's vestments. Red reflects the work of the Holy Spirit and the sacrifice that Jesus made on the cross.

The four weeks of November are often called the 'Kingdom Season' in the Church calendar and it is a time where we seek the glory of Christ's Kingdom. The Kingdom Season is a time for forgiveness, reconciliation and healing. Is there someone in your life who deserves forgiveness, reconciliation or healing, someone you can help to achieve inner peace? The season concludes with the triumphant Feast of Christ the King who will reign over all things in the peaceable Kingdom of God.

This 'quiet time' sets the scene for the season of Advent which, this year begins on the 3rd December – more about that next month! In the meantime, perhaps we can all try to find some time this month for some rest – have a go at spending just 5 minutes a day quietly with God. If you do this, I guarantee that you will benefit from it, just sit quietly, say a little prayer or read some scripture – you might be pleasantly surprised where it takes you! I'm sure that December and the run up to Christmas will be hectic, so make the most of November!

Also, please continue to enjoy the wonders of God's amazing creation as you watch the seasons change, appreciate the colours you see all around you and the sounds of the garden birds. Finally, keep warm as the temperature drops, especially in the evenings. I am really envious of those of you who have an open fire to snuggle up in front of!!

For those of us who find things difficult at the moment, or at this time of year, be assured that, whatever difficulties are thrown at us in life, that God is walking beside us and He carries us through the tough times. In Matthew chapter 28, verse 20 Jesus says 'And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age'.

With my love and every blessing,

Annie

The Sky at Night

In the United Kingdom, the sky at night in November offers a good experience for stargazers. As the autumn season progresses, the nights grow longer, providing ample time to explore the celestial wonders above.

One of the most prominent features of the November sky is the constellation of Orion. This mighty hunter dominates the southern sky,



easily recognizable by his distinctive belt of three bright stars. Betelgeuse, one of Orion's shoulders, shines with a reddish hue, while Rigel, his foot, emits a brilliant blue-white light. The constellation's other stars, such as Bellatrix and Saiph, complete the celestial figure, captivating observers with their beauty and mythology.

As the month progresses, the Pleiades star cluster, also known as the Seven Sisters, becomes more prominent in the eastern sky. This cluster, consisting of several young, hot stars, forms a stunning sight resembling a tiny dipper. Its ethereal glow and delicate arrangement make it a favourite among stargazers.

November also offers a chance to witness the Taurid meteor shower. Although not as well-known as other meteor showers, the Taurids are known for producing bright fireballs that streak across the sky. Originating from the constellation Taurus, these meteors can be seen throughout the month, with peak activity occurring around mid-November. Finding a dark location away from city lights will enhance the chances of spotting these shooting stars.

In the western sky, the planet Venus shines brightly as the evening star. Its radiant glow outshines all other celestial objects, making it impossible to miss. Venus can be observed shortly after sunset, casting a mesmerizing light over the horizon.



Jupiter and Saturn also make their appearance in the November sky. These gas giants can be found in the south eastern sky, with Jupiter being the brighter of the two. With a telescope, you can marvel at Jupiter's distinct cloud bands and its four largest moons, known as the Galilean moons.

So, whether you are an avid stargazer or simply curious about the mysteries of the universe, the sky at night during November promises a captivating display of constellations, planets, and meteor showers. Take a moment to step outside, look up, and let the beauty of the cosmos ignite your imagination.

Richard Ayles

TOWN HALL MOVIOLA

Our last film for this year will be '**And Then Come the Nightjars**' (12A)

A heart-warming story of friendship and survival set against the backdrop of the 2001 outbreak of Foot and Mouth disease. A very unlikely friendship develops between a Devon farmer and the Vet who is assigned to cull his precious herd.



Showing on **Weds 22nd November at 7.30pm**. Doors open at 7.00pm. Refreshments available. Tickets £6 from the information centre or on the door.(sorry but no cards , cash only)

Please use the entrance nearest to the Lansdowne Hotel.

We shall not be showing a film in December but will be back on 18th January 2024

Viv

Remembrance at Christ Church Derry Hill

There will be a short Service of Remembrance held at the War Memorial in Derry Hill commencing at **10.45am Sunday 12th November**. This will be followed by a service in church.

It is very much hoped that our uniformed organisations will be able to join with us at that time and parade their flags and standards as is the usual practice.

Road closures have been organised, so it is hoped that a large number of people will gather to remember those who fell in the two world wars and the many service men and women who have paid the ultimate sacrifice since then.



Peter Rigby

Church Warden
Christ Church

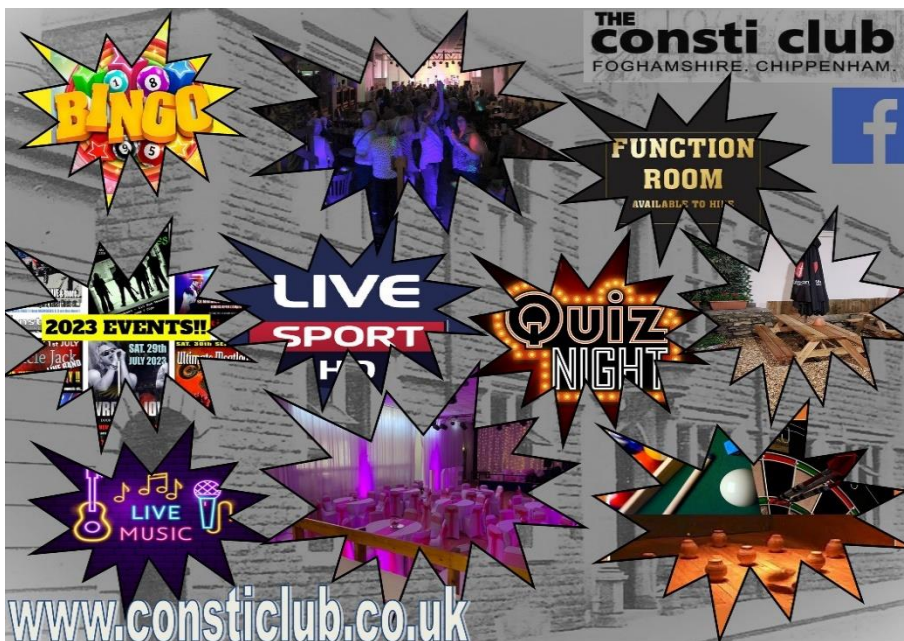
Macmillan Coffee Morning



On the 28th of September we held a coffee morning in our church. I would like to thank everyone who helped, provided cakes and of course all who came to make it successful, raising well over £300! My heartfelt thanks that the money raised was for a worthy charity.



Barbara Barnard



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



FLOODLIGHTING THE SPIRE

This is a lovely thing to do to remember loved ones and to celebrate special anniversaries and birthdays. The Spire is currently lit between 7pm and midnight, though this varies with the time of year. Floodlighting the Spire can be arranged through **Richard Aylen – inspireditor@outlook.com 01249 814632**

A donation to the church for the cost of the lighting is welcome.

Calne Without Parish Council

What we've been doing in the last month;

There is always lots going on here at Calne Without Parish Council. We continue to ensure that we represent the local residents and respond to planning applications.

During this last month we held our Green Energy event day, it was great to see so many residents looking for ways to help reduce the impact of their homes on the local environment. Thank you to all who attended and those who exhibited. At this event our Plant a Tree scheme was launched and we are so happy to see so many people request their free trees and be part of the scheme, if you have requested a tree, you will be contacted soon to arrange collection once we receive them.

Wiltshire Council have recently launched their Local Plan Consultation. The closing date for you to have your say is Wednesday 22nd November. Further details have been posted on our website and social media. Wiltshire Council are proposing a large amount of housing in the Calne area within this plan, this consultation is your opportunity to have your say in the future of housing policy.

We continue to carry out improvement works to local public rights of way. If you regularly walk the public footpaths located in Calne without and have noted any issues that we might be able to assist with, please get in touch and we can see if we are able to help.

Last year we purchased two thermal imaging cameras and loaned them to residents of Calne Without Parish Council to help them identify areas in their houses where there are areas of improvement in relation to insulation and heat loss. Once the average temperature falls below 10°C we will be ready to start loaning out the cameras again. Please get in touch if you wish to put your name on the waiting list for one of the cameras.

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.

Next Meeting Date

Full Council – Monday 13th November 2023, 7.30pm Lansdowne Hall, Derry Hill.

If you need to get in touch with the Parish Council, please contact the Parish Clerk clerk@calnewwithout-pc.gov.uk
07751802761

Katherine Checchia

Parish Clerk

www.calnewwithout-pc.gov.uk

Mobile library visits to Derry Hill

Lansdowne Hall Derry Hill

14.30 – 15.45

Tuesdays: 14th & 28th November 2023

Kingston House Derry Hill

10.10 – 10.30

Mondays: 20th November 2023



Tai chi

Tai chi will be back at Bremhill Village Hall in November. There will be 4 sessions on Wednesdays from 6 pm to 7 pm. The dates are 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd November 2023. £5 a session. All are welcome. Please bring along your friends and family (they do not need to live in the parish).

Hope to see you there.

Marilyn

Wiltshire's Local Plan Review Update: What it means for you and the Calne Community Neighbourhood Plan



Consultation for the Wiltshire Local Plan runs until the 22nd of November 2023.

The Wiltshire Local Plan covers a wide range of issues when thinking about development up to 2038, including:

- Housing, Employment and Infrastructure growth
- Protection of the Natural and Built Environment
- Response to Climate Change

Once adopted, all planning applications will be determined against the plan, making it the most important place-shaping document for Wiltshire.

What does it mean for the Calne Community Neighbourhood Plan?

Revisions to the Calne Community Neighbourhood Plan mean that it will also be looking ahead to 2038 to shape and inform development and conservation.

The policies we set must be in line with the Wiltshire Local Plan, so it is important that you look to see how it will affect you and let Wiltshire Council know what you think.

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](#)

<https://chippenhamuniformexchange.org.uk/home/>

A must buy – The Gardening Club Calendar



DERRY HILL & STUDLEY GARDENING CLUB 2024 CALENDAR

The gardening Club Calendar for 2024 will be for sale at the Christmas Fayre on Saturday 18th November at the Lansdowne Hall. Each month features a photo taken by our club members. Price is £7.

Steve C

Volunteering for the Calne Link Scheme

Do you have a few hours to spare each week to drive people to medical / non-medical appointments?

The Calne Link Scheme is urgently looking for more volunteer drivers to transport those in need from the SN11 postcode area.

Use own vehicle, mileage is reimbursed.

If you think you can help, please contact the Calne Link Co-ordinator on 07715 587604.

The Cleverly Boys

Just over 100 years ago, 40 Church Road, Derry Hill was the home of the William and Sarah Cleverly and their family. WW1 took two of the Cleverly boys - both commemorated on the Derry Hill war memorial.

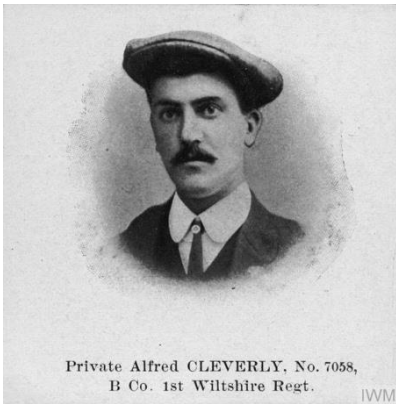
On 31st October 1914 Alfred Cleverly was killed in action in France. Alfred was a Private in the Wiltshire Regiment 1st Battalion and died on 31 October 1914. He is commemorated at Le Touret Memorial Panel 33a.

On the 25th April 1917 Frederick Cleverly was killed in action in Greece. He was a Private in the Wiltshire Regiment and is buried at Sarigol Military Cemetery, Kriston, Greece.

40 Church Road has hardly changed over the past 100 years. It is quite easy to imagine the two days in 1914 and 1917 when the post brought the very worst messages in brown envelopes from the War Office.

More stories of the 27 men lost in the two World Wars can be found on The Hub <https://derryhillandstudley.org/war-memorial>

Steve Calder





WI Walking Netball

We have now had two coaching sessions with Nancy. We learnt such a lot about positions and space on the court, effective passing and defending. We are all looking forward to the November coaching session.



A trip to see Team Bath Netball vs London Pulse next March has been booked! This was such a successful outing last year we all agreed to go again.

Our Xmas dinner is scheduled for the end of November. This year we are dining at the Grey Hound in Bromham, we can't wait!

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.



Tina (01249 814145)

ADVANCE NOTICE





Derry Hill C of E (VA) Primary School

"LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE" – MATTHEW: 5:16

We are currently recruiting 4 Church Foundation Governors to join our Governing Body.

The inclusion of foundation governors on the governing bodies of Voluntary Aided Church schools is one of the distinguishing characteristics of church school education. Our Christian Values are at the centre of everything we do at Derry Hill Primary School and we believe these Christian values empower our pupils to develop their spirituality and guide them in personal development as effective learners and good citizens.

At this time, we are looking to fill our foundation governor vacancies from individuals who are not related to any children within our school. Foundation governors can belong to a broad tapestry of Christian groups who are member Churches of 'Churches Together in Britain and Ireland' (CTBI) <https://ctbi.org.uk/member-churches/>

The role of a School Governing Body is:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction.
- Holding senior leaders to account for the educational performance of the organisation, its pupils, and the performance management of staff.
- Overseeing the financial performance of the organisation and making sure its money is well spent.

Foundation governors have additional responsibility as representatives of the church's role in the school, and must fully support, cherish, preserve and develop the distinctive Anglican and Christian ethos of the school. Ensuring also that the school has a distinctive Anglican and Christian vision and values which lead to effective practice and outcomes whilst striving to preserve and strengthen the links between church, school and Diocese.

Governors need a strong commitment to the role and to improving outcomes for children, the inquisitiveness to question and analyse,

and the willingness to learn. You will work alongside the other categories of governors and the Senior Leadership Team to support governance across the school.

If you join our governing body, you will serve for a four-year term. Being a governor does take up time. There are five full governing body meetings each year, these are currently held at 6pm on Thursday evenings in school. As part of the Governing Body you will need to set aside time to prepare for these meetings, school monitoring activities and undertaking training/updates. We offer new governors a supportive induction and a mentor. Full training for the role is also provided via the Local Authority and Salisbury Diocese.

We warmly invite anyone interested in finding out more about the role to contact the school to arrange an informal chat.

Tel: 01249 812139. Email: clerk@derryhill.wilts.sch.uk

A Great fundraiser!



Thank you to everyone who came along to my coffee morning on Friday 20th October.

It was lovely to see so many people, all helping to raise money for the Royal United Hospital Breast Unit. In all £400 was raised and this will be winging its way to the hospital, in memory of our dear friend Annette Leaver, who lost her life to breast cancer in July 2023.

Thank you to those who, baked, donated, poured tea and bought raffle tickets. We are overwhelmed by your generosity.

Lucinda Prater

The Derry Hill & Studley Christmas Lights Switch On

4:40pm on Saturday 2nd December



Join us at this new community event from **4:40pm on Saturday 2nd December** in the Car Park of the Lansdowne Hall. Your Community Committee invites you to get the exterior of your own homes ready for Christmas illumination. At the same second our VIPs switch on the lights on our very own village Christmas Tree, courtesy of the Bowood Estate, at exactly 5pm on the 2nd, we invite you to switch yours on. We will count you down and hope that you can find inventive ways to flick your own switches. Alongside our VIP switch on there will be carolling with the Corsham Town Brass Band, a traditional Xmas Market, food and drink, a small number of gift stalls and, of special note, the opportunity to buy your own real Christmas Tree and other traditional greenery and carry it home with you through a newly lit Derry Hill & Studley. You can't get much more Dickensian than that!

There may be one or two other surprises that might excite and delight you and your children – well, the younger ones anyway!

Peter Prater

Derry Hill & Studley Community Committee

Tel: 07977 256756

Email: peterprater@btinternet.com

Jazz Club at Marden House 7 for 7.30pm



November 28th at the Jazz Club

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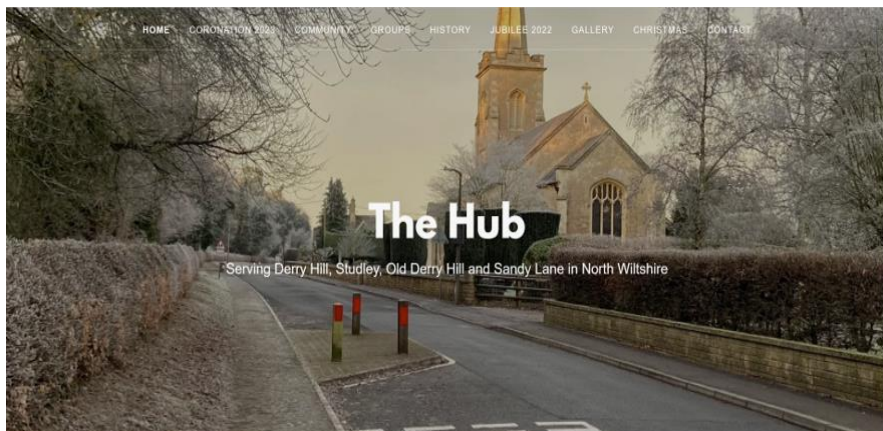
Reservations please email: harphammusic@hotmail.com or by phone
to 07976 945055

If you like, please select where you'd like to sit at the front, halfway
back, in the back row, on the back

James and Brigid

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What's on



It's panto time again!

I am very excited to announce we will be performing **'The Wizard of Oz'** this January 2024!

This is our 10th year anniversary, so we are really looking forward to you joining us in celebrating this milestone for the group and see if we do find the Wizard in his emerald castle!

The shows are on the following dates:

Friday 26th January 7pm

Saturday 27th January 2pm

Saturday 27th January 7pm

We are still very interested to hear from anyone who would like to help backstage or front of house.

If anyone would like to book tickets, they will be on sale very shortly so please look out for the posters.

Jane



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STRICTLY LIMITED PLACES

Our classes are popular, and places are strictly limited to maintain high standards of tuition so hurry... don't miss out!

PLACES LIMITED. PLEASE CALL NOW FOR MORE DETAILS AND A FRIENDLY CHAT.

NEW CLASS STARTS SOON



YOU DESERVE THIS TREAT



Lansdowne Hall
in Derry Hill, Calne

01249 736 494



A Derry Hill and Studley Christmas

16:40 to 19:00
2nd December

Lansdowne Hall
Petty Lane



Village Christmas tree,
lights switch on,
carol singing, brass band, gifts
German street food and Gluwein

Gardening Club

At the October meeting, the club enjoyed an interesting and informative talk from Andrew Tolman on Stumperies, Ferns & Shady Friends. Andrew worked for several years at Highgrove and was responsible for developing the stumpery in the Highgrove Garden. He is passionate about stumperies and ferns and advised how to construct stumperies and gave lots of ideas of plants which will happily grow in such areas.



The final club meeting this year is on Tuesday 7th November when members will be given a talk by Lyn Miles - For the Love of Snowdrops.

For further details on how to become a member of the club please contact me.

Paula Wheatcroft. pdoel@live.co.uk

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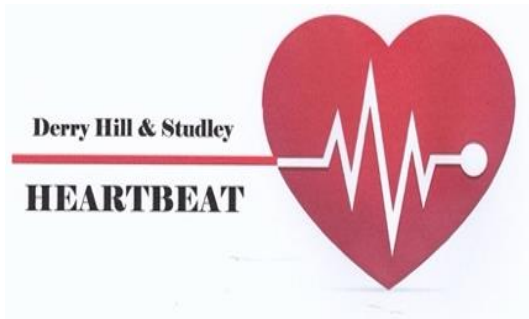
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Good News

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We would like to thank Calne Without Parish Council for funding this unit and their continued support.

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Don't miss this opportunity to enhance your business's online security and be sure you've covered all angles. You'll be able to connect with other local businesses and exchange ideas on how to create a safer digital environment.

Find out more and register at [Keep Your Business Safe Online - Wiltshire Police Cyber Protect Team Tickets, Mon 6 Nov 2023 at 10:30 | Eventbrite](#) to secure your spot and take the first step towards a more secure online presence for your business.

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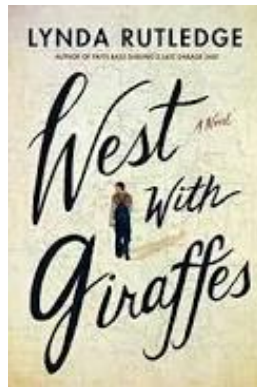
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Book Club Review

West With Giraffes by Lynda Rutledge

“West With Giraffes” is a bittersweet coming-of-age novel which celebrates hope over adversity. As well as being based on a true story, the novel is a story of adventure and unrequited love.

After 17-year-old Woodrow Wilson Nickel buried the last of his family, he struck out from his home in the Texas Dust Bowl to find his cousin in New York City. It was 1938, the US was in the throes of the Great Depression and war was looming in Europe.



Now, at the age of 105, Woody is in a care home, reflecting upon his life. He is enraged by seeing a television news article reporting the near extinction of giraffes, which played such a major part in his youth. He begins to write a journal of an eventful trip he took across the US with a pair of giraffes many years earlier.

The San Diego Zoo, had managed to procure two giraffes from Africa. As their transport ship neared New York City it was nearly sunk by a ferocious hurricane. The giraffes somehow survived and were placed into quarantine before their long road trip to California. It is here that the orphaned Woody encountered them and despite only being 17 and without any experience he secured the job of driving their transport truck on the long trip to San Diego.

The novel is beautifully written and has a real mixture of everything in it-love, intrigue, and redemption, all set against a tale of two graceful giraffes. There was a lot for us to discuss. I would recommend this book; I thoroughly enjoyed it!

Sarah

How to Kill Men and Get Away With it

'How to Kill Men and Get Away With it' is a dichotomy. On the one hand it is an easy read, light hearted and fun. On the other, the story centred around very serious issues of sexual assault, abuse and retribution. It was described as a combination of Dexter (a character that even you know is wrong but you can't help but champion) and 'Made in Chelsea' (privileged and somewhat ridiculous). However, it was agreed that the characters were shallow and superficial and the modern twist of influencers / social media did not justify how unlikeable they were.



In my experience, rarely has a book elicited such strong and open conversations. Conversations that explored the society in which we live and the differences across generations. Some topics discussed were both uncomfortable and challenging but nevertheless insightful. Or more mischievously, should your partner be concerned if they found you reading this book after having an argument.

The general consensus from the group was that this is not a good book, but it is a good book club book.

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Our much-awaited after-school-club is going well, open to all children of Rub-a-Dub Preschool and Derry Hill Primary School - term time until 17:30. If you're looking for after school childcare then please do get in touch.

I know it's early but remember us in your Christmas shopping; nominate Rub-a-Dub as your chosen charity using easyfundraising.org.uk and companies will donate to us without costing you a penny!

Thanks to all those who have donated to our Christmas raffle, there are lots of really lovely prizes, so look out for information on how to buy your tickets soon.

Rachel Missen. Rub-a-Dub committee member

Derry Hill & District WI

We have had a fairly full program during October. Margaret H. hosted a Knit & Natter at her house. We had a lovely evening putting the world to rights and catching up with news while working of course!



On Wednesday 4th October 6 of us went to the Federation Annual Meeting held in Swindon at the Steam Museum.

This is a good day out. WI Federation business is reported back to us interspersed with excellent speakers. This year we had Catherine Roper, Chief Constable for Wiltshire, and Baroness Floella Benjamin. Catherine was a fine speaker. Her story of her progression in the Police Force was very informative and entertaining. She has a wicked sense of humour. Catherine is a petite lady with a powerful personality. We were very impressed.

Our Chairman Gill Gibson- Piggot with Chief Constable Catherine Roper.



Baroness Floella Benjamin talked of her childhood through to the present. She was very entertaining touching on her time in 'Play School', her desire to champion children at every possible opportunity including Parliament, she sang, and role played. Floella is a colourful, vibrant and determined lady. We were all riveted to every word. Brilliant!

Saturday November 4th 2-4pm in the Hall is the Puzzle Challenge. Margaret B has organised teams of 4 competing to complete a puzzle. To keep things fair every team will have the same puzzle. There will be an interval halfway through for tea/coffee and cake. Can't wait!

Derry Hill WI will also be selling cakes at the Gardening Club Xmas Fayre on 18th November. Don't miss our delicious cakes, see you there.

The November speaker is Kady Chapman from The Saxon Group Riding for the Disabled Association talking about 'Changing Lives With Horses'

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Tina

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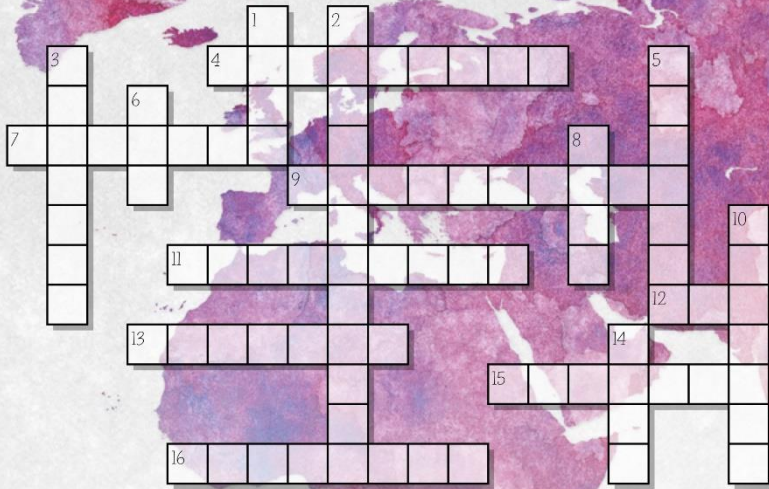
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- 9 Unnerve (10)
- 11 Indigestion (9)
- 12 Golf peg (3)
- 13 Restricted (7)
- 15 Customers (7)
- 16 Careless (8)

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- 1 Row (4)
- 2 Needs (12)
- 3 Terse (7)
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We then handed over to Nan who gave us a very interesting talk on the Language of Flowers mentioned in the Bible. It was both fascinating and enlightening and we all thoroughly enjoyed it so thank you so much Nan for all the research work that you must have put into your talk, it was super. After Nan's talk we had tea and biscuits kindly provided by Colette and Jean.

Our next meeting is on Wed 1st November at 2pm in Christ Church when we will be having a talk on All Saints and All Souls with Rev'd Katey Minshall from Royal Wootton Bassett. All are welcome to come along and join us. Prayers will be done by Christine P and refreshments by Barbara and Christine W.

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Embracing wabi-sabi

November is not a famously pretty month. Though autumn leaves are stunning, they won't be around for much longer. The Wiltshire nights are getting longer, and the air colder... and that, in a nutshell, is why November is a great month to enjoy the Japanese concept of wabi-sabi.



Wabi-sabi is a philosophic outlook that accepts the imperfection of beauty. Wabi-sabi recognises that nothing lasts, and yet nothing is ever truly completed. Leaves in late autumn around Derry Hill are a perfect example of this. A growing season has finished... and yet the trees will burst into new life in the new year.

There's a sweetly melancholy element to wabi-sabi, inviting us to experience the sadness of beauty as it fades away. To face up to this – to accept that real life does not come air-brushed – is a form of mindfulness, which can lead to a healthy acceptance of ourselves in this moment. The message of wabi-sabi is that it's okay to age; and it's okay to feel sadness for what has been and now is gone. When we accept the melancholy, we are also accepting that the scars we gain through life are a valuable part of who we are. In our imperfection lies a different, rarer kind of beauty.

So, I invite you today to look at our neighbourhood through the principles of wabi-sabi. What, or who, embodies the subtler kind of beauty that comes through imperfection? What, or who, deserves cherishing?

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| 5 Nearly (6) | 15 Envelop (8) | 3 Pagan (7) |
| 6 Rip (4) | 16 Can (3) | 4 Facet (6) |
| 7 Total (3) | 17 Stir (7) | 8 Answer (7) |
| 10 Detritus (6) | 18 Scamp (6) | 9 Cunning (6) |
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