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Editorial

Here we are stepping into the month of February, a month synonymous with love and affection, which is often associated with Valentine's Day, a day dedicated to expressing love and appreciation for those dear to us. (See [Annie's notes](#) in this magazine for further thoughts on this topic).



However, in our villages, I like to think the spirit of February goes beyond romantic love. It encompasses the love and care we have for our neighbours, friends, and fellow villagers. So, it is a good time to celebrate the bonds that unite us and the sense of belonging we feel within our community.

One of the greatest strengths of our villages is the strong sense of community that permeates through its streets. We are fortunate to live in a place where neighbours know each other by name, where we lend a helping hand to those in need, and where we come together to celebrate and support one another. This spirit of unity and togetherness is what makes our villages truly special.

It's good to reflect on the ways and opportunities we have to meet others and enjoy friendship and company which holds us together. From Badminton Clubs to W.I., Gardening Club to Lunch and Carving Clubs, Coffee Mornings to Craft Afternoons and so on, not forgetting those who meet on a Sunday to worship God. A full list of organisations and groups is available on [The Derry Hill and Studley Hub](#). Are you missing out!

So, February is a time to celebrate the bonds that unite us and the sense of belonging we feel within our community.

Editor

February 2024 Church Services

Time	Church	Service
Sunday 4th 2nd before Lent		
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 & Christingle
4pm	St. Martin's Bremhill	Benefice Advent Service
Wednesday 7th		
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
Sunday 11th Next before Lent		
8am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
9.30am	St John the Baptist, Foxham	Holy Communion
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
11am	Christ Church, Derry Hill	Parish Eucharist
5pm	St Mary's, Calne	School Carols
Wednesday 14th Ash Wednesday		
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion with Ashing
7pm	Christ Church, Derry Hill	Holy Communion with Ashing
Sunday 18th Lent 1		
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 21st		
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
Sunday 25th Lent 2		
9.30am	St. Peters, Blackland	Holy Communion
10am	St. Mary's Calne	Morning Praise
10am	St. Martin's, Bremhill	All Age Holy Communion
10.45am	Holy Trinity, Quemerford	Holy Communion
6pm	St John the Baptist, Foxham	Evensong
February 2024 Church Services (cont'd)		

Time	Church	Service
Wednesday 28th		
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

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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.

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Please get in touch if we can help.

Email the dedicated email account:

dhsfriend@gmail.com

Ring one of our coordinators:

Carol Rigby 01225 704356

Ian Liddle 01249 816229

Richard Gribble 01249 812018

Richard Aylen 01249 814632

Carol, Ian, Richard A and Richard G

Derry Hill and Studley Community Support

Annie's notes

Welcome to February when our thoughts turn to love!! Although the weather may be cold, love can always keep us warm. Of course, in the secular world, the focus of love in February is St Valentine's Day. The first official Saint Valentine's Day was declared on 14th of February by Pope Galasius in 496, in memory of a 3rd century martyred priest in Rome. It is believed that the young priest rose to distinction after betraying Emperor Claudius in 270 AD by conducting illegitimate wedding ceremonies in the capital. Emperor Claudius claimed that married men made poor soldiers and consequently decreed that all marriages of younger citizens would be outlawed. Bishop Valentine, however, maintained that marriage was part of God's plan and purpose for the world. He continued to conduct marriages in secret between young people, sometimes as young as twelve, in the name of love.



His success gained him unwelcome notoriety, which became Bishop Valentine's downfall. He was jailed and ultimately beheaded, but not before he fell in love with the jailer's daughter. It is thought that on the evening of his execution the bishop passed her a note which read "from your Valentine". This story has blossomed into the defining tradition of Valentine's Day.

Shrove Tuesday comes on the 13th February this year, and is the last chance to indulge yourself, and to use up the foods that aren't allowed in Lent. Pancakes are eaten on this day because they contain fat, butter and eggs which were forbidden during Lent. On Shrove Tuesday, in the Middle Ages, people used to confess their sins so that they were forgiven before the season of Lent began. So, Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, the 14th, Ash Wednesday is a Christian festival. It marks the beginning of six and a half weeks of repentance, fasting and abstinence in preparation for the most important Christian festival of Easter. Many Christians will attend a religious service where the ashes are blessed by the priest and placed on their forehead. Christians often give something up for Lent, like chocolate or alcohol, or sometimes even take something up, like reading the Bible or taking time for prayer every day.

As always, in the cold weather, please remember to show some love to our neighbours, particularly the elderly and infirm, to make sure they have all they need and are ok. Share the love!!!
With every blessing from

Annie x

Jazz Club at Marden House 7 for 7.30pm

Tuesday 27th February:

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Plans are also going ahead for 2024 with for instance on February 27th the JAKE LEG JUG BAND!

We hope you're keeping well and tappin' your feet to the **jazz!**....

James and Brigid

Rector's notes

Easter falls early in 2024 (on 31st March), and that means Lent begins with Ash Wednesday in the middle of this month - on 14th February. So, you could choose to take your nearest and dearest out to a Valentine's meal with a big ash cross on your forehead!

The season of Lent actually has quite a lot going on in it.

Traditionally it's a time of self-examination and penitence, and the concept of giving something up for Lent relates to *self-denial*, of course. But also during Lent, in the story of Jesus' own life there is the dramatic turn to the cross and the intensity for us of reliving the Passion of Christ in Holy Week, and our own consideration of what discipleship might cost us. In between – this year it falls on Sunday 10th March – is Mothering Sunday; celebrating our mothers whether they have died or are still with us, and paying attention too to those among us for whom the whole issue of motherhood is difficult.

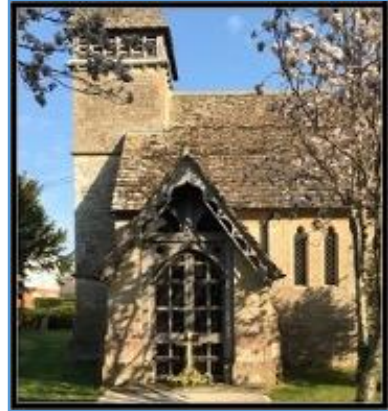
One of the characteristic features of the world we inhabit is how relentless is the pace of life and the flow of information from every direction. Most of us are almost instantly connected with the world all the time. I remember when my daughter was a teenager, on one occasion being full of anguish because her best friend hadn't replied to a message. 'When did you send it?' I asked. She looked at her phone. '17 minutes ago!'

We all surely benefit from a conscious disconnecting from the world from time to time, and if it feels like we haven't done that for a while, what better time than Lent (or whenever you might happen to be reading this)? 'What's keeping you busy?' is quite a useful question to ask ourselves; 'Which of those busy things really matters?' might be a helpful follow up, because it's possible to spend a lot of our time busy with things that in the end are not that important. I hope this Lent might offer you a moment to reflect on which are the really important things for you, and to appreciate them in a fresh way.

With my prayers and very best wishes

Caspar Bush Team Rector

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENT



The Bishop of Ramsbury is pleased to announce that he has appointed the Rev'd Sarah Errington to be Team Vicar in the Marden Vale Benefice. Please pray for Sarah and her family as they prepare to move to the Vicarage in Derry Hill. The details about Sarah's licensing will be confirmed in due course.

Caspar adds:

I'm really delighted about this appointment. Sarah brings a great deal of relevant experience to this role, a real passion for growing the church, and proven staying power! At the moment she is serving in Wrexham, part of the Church in Wales Anglican Province, though she was in Liverpool Diocese before that. She will be writing a piece to introduce herself to us before too long. We expect her and her family to be moving down to Wiltshire in late May, and her licensing service to be at some point in June.

Rev'd Caspar Bush

Team Rector of the Marden Vale Benefice

TOWN HALL MOVIOLA

The Miracle Club

Set in 1967. For the womenfolk of Ballygar, there is a chance to win a Pilgrimage to Lourdes. 4 close friends win this ticket at their local raffle night.

This will be showing in The Town Hall on **Weds Feb 21st at 7.30pm**. Doors open at 7.00pm.

Tickets £6 are available from the Calne Information centre or on the door.

Lift and refreshments available

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Viv

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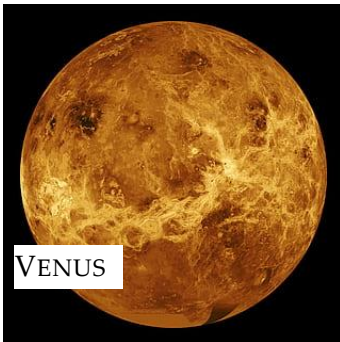
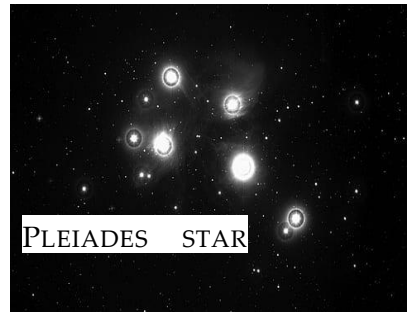
The Sky at night

The sky at night in February in the UK offers a captivating celestial display. As the winter season continues, the nights are longer, providing ample opportunities for stargazing and observing the wonders of the universe.

One of the highlights of the February sky is the constellation of Orion, which dominates the southern sky. Orion is easily recognizable by its distinctive shape, resembling a hunter with a belt of three bright stars. Within Orion, you can find the famous Orion Nebula, a stellar nursery where new stars are born. With a pair of binoculars or a small telescope, you can witness the intricate details of this stunning nebula.



Another prominent feature of the February sky is the Pleiades star cluster, also known as the Seven Sisters. Located in the constellation of Taurus, the Pleiades is a beautiful cluster of blue stars that can be seen with the naked eye. It is best observed in a dark sky away from city lights.



In the early hours of the morning, the planet Venus shines brightly in the eastern sky. Venus is often referred to as the "Morning Star" and is the second brightest object in the night sky after the Moon. Its dazzling appearance adds a touch of beauty to the pre-dawn sky.

February also offers a chance to witness the elusive phenomenon known as the Zodiacal Light. This faint glow of sunlight

scattered by interplanetary dust can be seen in the western sky after sunset or in the eastern sky before sunrise. It appears as a pyramid-shaped glow extending from the horizon.

So, grab a warm coat, a telescope or binoculars, and immerse yourself in the awe-inspiring beauty of the universe.

Ed

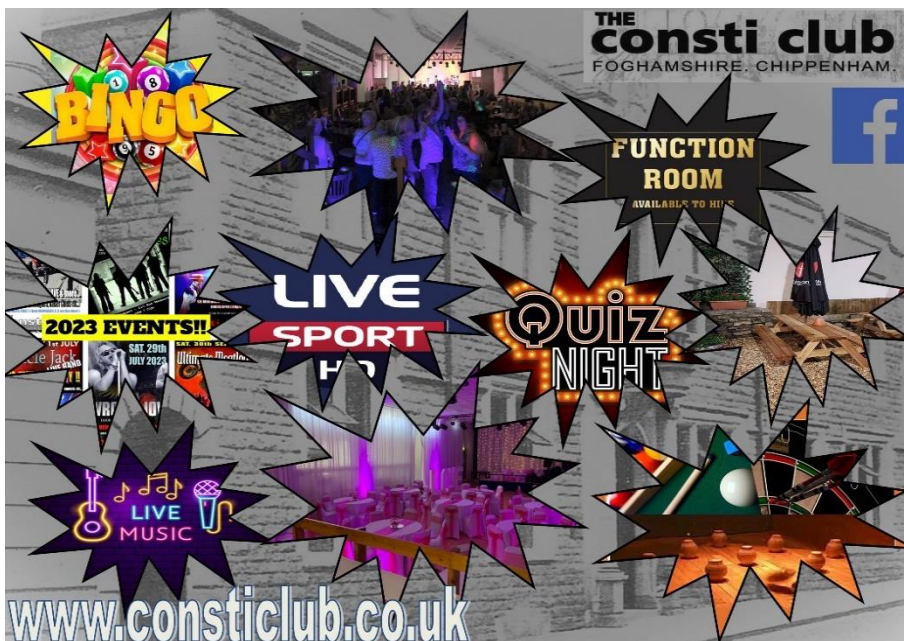
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FLOODLIGHTING THE SPIRE

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 Ayles – inspireeditor@outlook.com 01249 814632**

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

The Wizard of Oz

What a splendid and enjoyable pantomime this was.

I went on the first night and noticed almost immediately how smooth the performance went. Pippa Chadfield playing Dorothy House put in a confident and charming performance and was backed up by all the cast showing that they had learnt their roles and knew how to play them.



There were notable performances by so many of the cast, but



especially Tin Man (Rhianna Selkridge-Parham), Lion (Sharon Selkridge-Parham) and Scarecrow (Nick Archibold). As usual Nick Roberts played a central role as Toto the dog and with Dorothy kept the whole performance rolling along well. It was great to see so many young folk

taking part!

Congratulations to Rosalind Scott for coming up with an entertaining script and excellent direction. None of this could have happened without the back up and support of the 'Behind the Scenes' folk, so well done to them for helping make this a memorable show.

Richard Aylen

Calne Without Parish Council

What we've been doing in the last month;

There continues to be lots going on here at Calne Without Parish Council. We continue to ensure that we represent the local residents and respond to planning applications. Just before Christmas we distributed all the trees that had been requested as part of our 'free tree scheme'. If you received a tree as part of the scheme, we'd love to see pictures of where you have planted it and maybe receive regular updates over the years as it grows. In total we distributed 137 trees.



As the weather is colder, we are once again loaning out our thermal imaging cameras for use in your homes. These cameras help residents identify areas in their houses where heat may be escaping allowing them to make informed decisions about thermal improvements in the property. Please get in touch if you wish to put your name on the waiting list to loan one of the cameras. At the time of writing, the waiting list is not very long so you could have the camera sooner than you think!

You will see in another article that the Calne Community Neighbourhood plan is currently out for consultation. Our parish councillors have been heavily involved in getting the revised plan to this stage so please make sure you take a look and have your say.

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 Full Council Meeting Dates

Full Council – Monday 12th February 2024, 7.30pm

Monday 11th March 2024 7.30pm,

All council meetings are held at the Lansdowne Hall, Derry Hill.

Keeping in Touch

We have many ways that you can keep up to date with the work here at the Parish Council. Our website (www.calnewwithout-pc.gov.uk) is kept up to date with meeting dates and associated papers, we use our Facebook page (search Calne Without) for quick updates and news about our work and you can always get in touch directly with the clerk with any questions you may have.

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

CHRIST CHURCH DERRY HILL GRAVEYARD

After diligent work over a considerable period of time I am pleased to be able to tell you that we now have a plan of the positions of the burials and cremations that are in the Graveyard.

The actual plan is kept in the vestry but there is an index of the names of those who are in the Graveyard which is on the table in the porch.

The index is a list of names in alphabetical order with the row and plot numbers for the years as follows: -

1840 to 1877

1877 to 1933

1933 to 2001

2001 to Present day.

If anyone requires more information about any of the names listed, then they can email me at

iliddle1@btopenworld.com with contact details and I will do my best to let them know as much as I can.

Ian Liddle

The Lysley Family

In 1832 William John Lysley (MP for Chippenham between 1859 and 1865) bought the Pewsham Estate – land that included Little, Middle and Great Lodge Farms and extended to the A4, where the Pewsham (Lysley Arms) public house stands.

William Lysley lived in Great Lodge Farm – just behind the Pewsham Garage – with his wife Caroline. They had four children; Caroline, Sarah, William Gerard and Warine.

William Gerard inherited the Pewsham Estate in 1873, passing it to Frances Lysley (his wife) in 1887. Frances built Pewsham House in 1892.

This Lysley Dynasty lie under the East window of Christ Church.



The East window, illustrating the Ascension of Our Lord, was erected in 1865 in memory of Caroline by William John Lysley.

Steve Calder



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STUDLEY METHODIST CHURCH

Services for February 2024 all at 10.30am

4 Feb. Rev Mark Barrett (Holy Communion)

11 Feb Rev Andrew Bird (Holy Communion)

18 Feb Rev David Gray

25 Feb Mr Geoff Rhodes

All welcome

A recent fund raising for good causes includes:

£400 for Macmillan Cancer support

£200 for Action for Children

£50 for Derry Hill and Studley Heartbeat

Many thanks to everyone for supporting the above.

Please see Notice Board for further events/activities

Happy New Year and Very best wishes from

Studley Methodist friends

Mothers' Union Prayer & Fellowship Group

We didn't have a proper meeting in January, as we had quite a few missing due to health issues, so Nan kindly invited the remaining 4 of us to tea and cake at her lovely home. We had a very enjoyable time and it was so nice to catch up after all the Christmas and New Year festivities. Our thanks go to Nan for her superb hospitality.

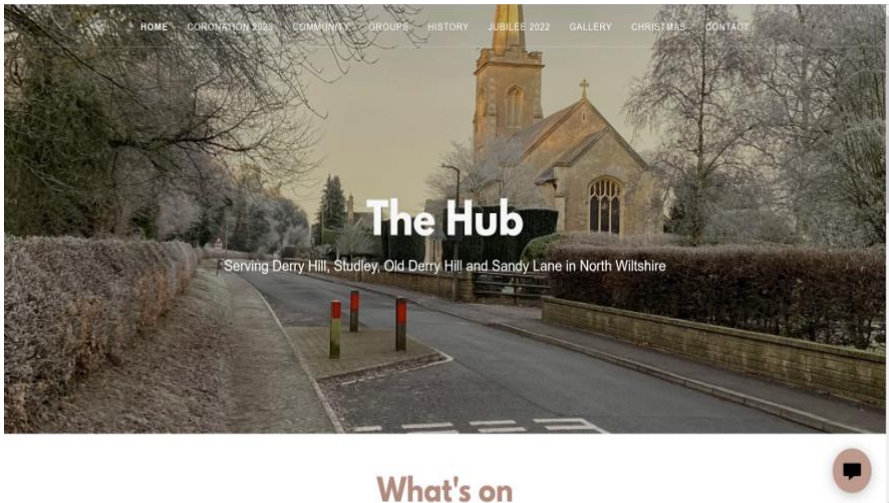


Our next meeting is on Monday 5th February at 11.30am in Christ Church when we will be taking part in the Mothers' Union Wave of Prayer. This will be a short service starting at 11.30am and lasting approximately 20 minutes. We take over from Lyme Bay MU and hand over to Calne MU, followed by Wootton Bassett MU before they hand over to Bradford MU. If anyone wishes to join us for this short service, we would love to see you.

Barbara Parry

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What's on

Mobile library visits to Derry Hill

Lansdowne Hall Derry Hill

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Tuesday: 6th February 2024

Tuesday: 20th February 2024

Kingston House Derry Hill

10.10 – 10.30

12th February 2024



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Saturday 24th February 2024

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2pm start (arrive from 1.45pm) - 4.45pm
£6.00 per person to include tea & cake.

Raffle

Individuals will be put into teams of 4 or enter as a team of 4 if you prefer

For tickets please contact Margaret Bell— 07821 767354 (text if possible)

Tickets to be purchased by 18 February but it is first come first served as maximum 15 tables in hall.

Proceeds in aid of Christ Church, Derry Hill

Calne Neighbourhood Policing Team Update

Crime and incident updates

- On 23/12/2023 at 17:40hrs, a blue Silver Mercedes Sprinter van was seized by police on the A361. The driver was also reported for not having an MOT or valid insurance policy.
- On 12/01/2024 at 12:46hrs, a blue Toyota Aygo was travelling too fast around a bend in Tytherton Lucas almost colliding with a police vehicle. The driver was stopped and reported for careless driving.
- On 13/01/2024 at 11:01hrs, we received a report of a two-vehicle road traffic collision on the A4 in Derry Hill near to the pedestrian crossing. Thankfully all drivers and passengers were uninjured. Police remained at the location to direct traffic until the damaged vehicles could be removed from the road.
- On 13/01/2024 at 19:00hrs, an unknown vehicle collided with a boundary fence in Fishers Brook causing damage. The driver did not stop or leave their details at the scene.
- At 14:53hrs, we received a further report of a road traffic collision on the A4 at Chilvester Hill. This collision involved five vehicles. Thankfully, all drivers and passenger were uninjured. Officers remained at the scene until the vehicles were cleared from road.

Driving in adverse weather conditions.

We are responding to ever higher numbers of vehicle collisions during this time of year.

We urge drivers to take extra care on the roads around Wiltshire, with ice, snow and flooding in some areas leading to hazardous conditions.



Please avoid unnecessary journeys and if you must drive, reduce your speed - it can take 10 times longer to stop in icy conditions, and do not attempt to drive through deep flooded routes.

Always ensure all windows, any snow-covered surfaces are clear before moving off. The Highway Code provides more information about driving in adverse weather conditions.



Cyclists, please ensure that you have sufficient reflective clothing and appropriate lighting when riding your bike at this time of year.

We are receiving several reports of cyclists wearing dark clothing and not being visible in our area.

This also includes children travelling to and from school. Our evenings are slowly getting lighter, but please be mindful of this as we move through the darker mornings.

We will be looking to stop and offer advice to cyclists seen over the coming weeks to try to keep everyone safer on our roads.

Social Media and Community Messaging



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



Mark Cook PCSO 6080

Calne Neighbourhood Police Team
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Derry Hill and Studley Gardening Club

We are about to begin our third year and have a full programme arranged for 2024. A bumper year that includes:

- A comprehensive list of gardening experts who will give us their insight at each of our monthly meetings
- A Derry Hill and Studley Gardeners Question Time on 5th March - 3 experts who will answer all of our gardening questions.
- A trip to an RHS garden (a coach and a great day out).
- Our plug plant competition.
- Our Christmas Fayre (already booking the Lansdowne Hall).
- Our Christmas social.
- Our 2024 Gardening Club calendar (a month-by-month photo competition to reflect the changing seasons).
- Open Gardens - back by popular demand. Open Gardens will coincide with other events across the village that are being organised by the Community Committee.



Gardening for the greater good!

Derry Hill & Studley Gardening Club

Our first meeting this year is 7.30pm on Tuesday 6th February at Christ Church Derry Hill. We will be welcoming Timothy Walker who will be talking about 'Spring in the Garden'. We will have the remaining few 2024 calendars for sale at the meeting at a discounted price of £4.00.

If you are interested in joining then please get in touch via 'contact me' on www.derryhillandstudley.org or come along on the 6th. The membership fee of £25.00 per family remains the same for 2024.

Steve

Derry Hill C of E (VA) Primary School



January has soon come around and Derry Hill School is as busy as ever!

We have adopted two donkeys from The Donkey Sanctuary in Sidmouth called Timothy and Walter; we look forward to receiving updates throughout the year.

As another school term begins the children are looking forward to seeing where their learning is going to take them: Owl class will be discovering how things have changed throughout the decades; Fox class will be finding out about the Mayans and how chocolate played a big part in their lives; Rabbit class will be exploring the Roman Empire and how their roads were built; Squirrel class are delving into local historians whilst Hedgehog class are finding out what life is like in East Africa and how it compares to life in England. Mole class are going on an adventure to find out what Mother owl could see on her journey around the town and Dormouse will be taking a giant leap into space!

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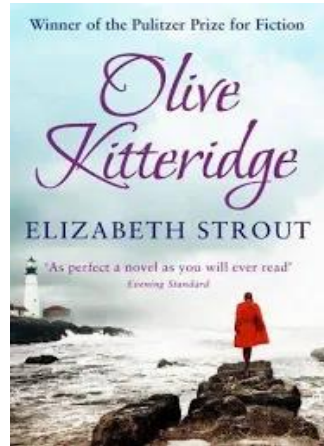
Olive Kitteridge by Elizabeth Strout

Elizabeth Strout's 2009 Pulitzer Prize winning novel, set in the 1980's, is a collection of short stories based around the coastal town of Crosby, Maine, detailing the residents' lives and problems, held together by the central, larger than life character of retired schoolteacher Olive Kitteridge.

A sharp, impatient, and difficult woman, Olive struggles to make sense of the changes in her life and her connections with others. She's a woman you may begin the book hating and her callousness towards her son and husband, combined with her thoughtless exasperation with those she encounters, is almost unbearable to read. There's humour – but it's dark. The group chuckled at Olive as reluctant supper hostess serving baked beans, rolls and vanilla ice cream; and stealing one shoe from her daughter-in-law's favourite pair after hearing her less than kind comments about Olive's homemade mother-of-the-bride dress.

Beautifully written and deeply moving, the group felt it was 'spread too thinly' and 'bitty' – learning that many of the thirteen chapters were published separately and that the book has been called 'a novel in stories' was an 'Aha' moment. For me, it was an accurate depiction of the closeness and remoteness found within small communities wherein the emergence of several key characters, like Olive, play a more crucial role in the lives of those around them than they'll ever know.

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This year we welcome a new member of staff to the team - welcome Jess!



With the new year brings new fundraising events and here are a few dates for your diaries:

Sunday 10th March - The return of our famous **Mothers' Day Squares** event. Keep an eye on social media for more information on how to buy a square for the chance to win some fabulous prizes.

Saturday 23rd March- **Rub-A-Dub Easter Fayre** at Lansdowne Hall-artisan stalls, easter egg trail, bouncy castle, name the easter bunny and lots more. If you are interested in being a stall holder at this event then see below for more information.

Saturday 1st June- **Barn Dance** in partnership with the Derry Hill and Studley community committee. The return of our much-loved event, following a huge success last year on the Coronation weekend. Come along for a drink, jig and delicious grub. More details to follow.

Furthermore, we appreciate your support via easyfundraising.org.uk when doing your online shopping. Go onto www.easyfundraising.org.uk, click "Find a cause", type "Rub-a-Dub" and register us as your chosen charity. Then when you're doing any online shopping via the **easyfundraising** app or website, every purchase will result in a small donation to us. We also have an Amazon Wish List should anyone wish to purchase anything for the preschool to help us out. Please message me if you would like the link.

As always, If anyone is looking for childcare; term-time, Monday to Friday, 8:30-17:30, from age 2 then please get in touch. 2024, it's going to be a busy one but we're looking forward to it.

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Some brave members sold our Christmas gifts at the Community Christmas Light Switch On'. It was a very cold evening but all who attended had a lot of fun.

Our Christmas Dinner on December 13th was held at the Rowdey Cow in Rowde. We had a great time. The staff looked after us so well and the food was wonderful. There were lots of laughs and a lot of chat. Sally read us an hilarious poem about Ralph the dog eating too many sprouts! I think you can guess the rest. Hazel led us in a funny song to the tune of 'Ilkley Moor Bar Tat'. Great Evening!



The New Year started with our Knit & Natter evening at Andrea's house. Some knitted, some were cutting and gluing but all were nattering. We put the world to rights and enjoyed the company. 14 members attended the 'Curry Night' at the Gurkha Baynjan on 10th January. It sounds like they all had a good time.

At the January meeting Colin Bell taught us to play 'Crazy Whist'. As suspected, this turned out to be a fun evening.

The February meeting is our 'Members' Evening'. We attend to all official business then entertain ourselves.

This year is the year for a Members' Meal, we make ourselves a choice of main and dessert and all sit together to enjoy it. This is always a very successful evening.

As the weather improves, we start our walks and visits to interesting places again. We are always busy in WI and have a good social calendar as well as a programme of speakers to enjoy. We meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month at the Lansdowne Hall, 7.30pm. Why not come along and give it a try.

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Calne Community Neighbourhood Plan 2 *Public Consultation*

Thank you to everyone who's responded to our surveys and consultations over the last 2 years. What you've told us has been used to help create an updated version of the Neighbourhood Plan, **Calne Community Neighbourhood Plan 2**

We now need your help again to see if we've got it right!

We will be running a public consultation on the policies in the Plan between 1st February and 22nd March 2024.

During this time the draft Plan will be available for you to read and we invite you to fill in an online survey to tell us what you think.

It shouldn't take long but has the option for you to say as much as you want on the policies that you want to support or see changed.

For those who want to read more, there are topic papers that give the background to the policies and for those with less time, useful chapter summaries give an overview of the issues and priorities.

We will also be holding in person consultation events in Derry Hill and Calne.

The dates and times are:

23rd February - Calne Town Library 15.30 - 18.30

24th February - Corn Exchange, Calne Town Hall 10.30 - 14.00

2nd March - Lansdowne Hall, Derry Hill 10.30 - 14.00

We will be there to explain and discuss the plan and will have paper copies of the documents, and survey if you prefer to read them and respond that way.

The results of the consultation will be reported after Easter and the Plan will be amended accordingly before being submitted to Wiltshire Council in summer 2024.

If you have any questions, please visit our website calnecommunityplan.com, contact the CCNP Administrator by email on: CCNPAdmin@calne.gov.uk or speak to your local parish

Sue

WI Walking Netball

We are back playing! Some of our sessions have been outside in the sunshine. We wrap up warmly and play in the fresh air. Top layers are soon discarded. Nancy has agreed to continue to coach us once a month We all enjoy these sessions and learn a lot.



Our Christmas Dinner at the 'Grey Hound' In Bromham was delicious. 12 of our squad had a super evening. Tina and Suzie were presented with bouquets of flowers, from all the members, for running Walking Netball sessions. A big thank you to Allie B. for organising this event.



We have a trip to see Team Bath Netball booked for early March to look forward to.

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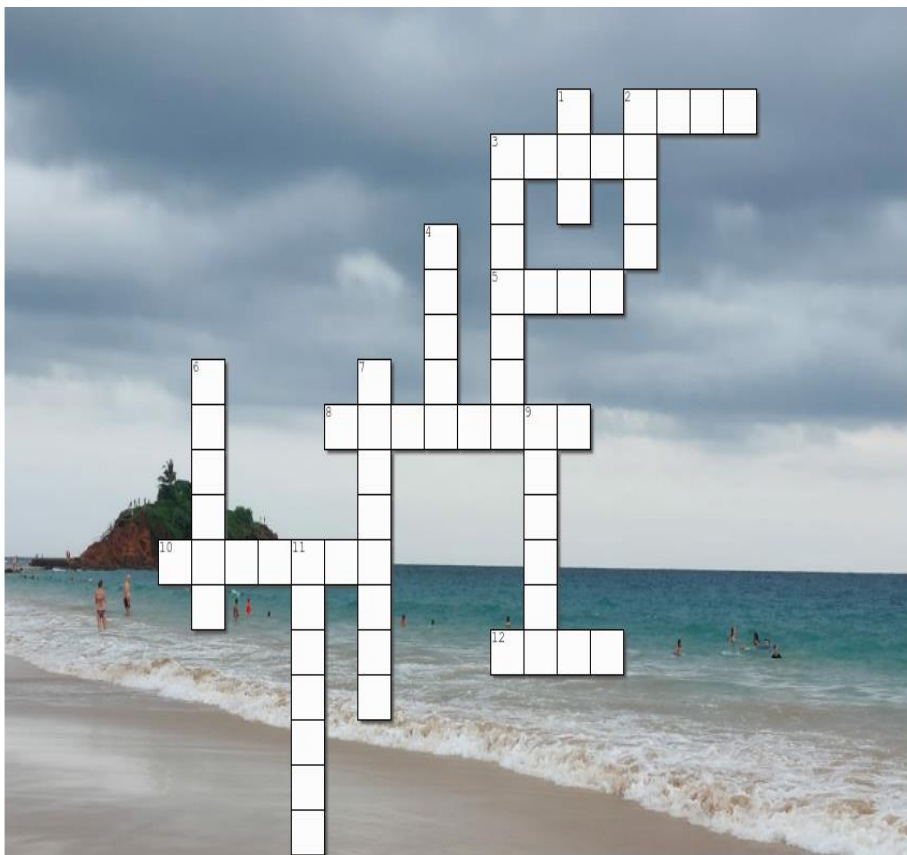
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Across

- 2. Nautical hail (4)
- 3. Prickle (5)
- 5. Nosegay (4)
- 8. Very hungry (8)
- 10. Type of loaf (7)
- 12. Coral or rock shoal or bank (4)

Down

- 1. Dram (3)
- 2. Princess Royal (4)
- 3. Underwater missile (7)
- 4. Big (5)
- 6. Hard rock (6)
- 7. Camping toilet (8)
- 9. Sporting official (6)
- 11. Seaman (7)



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Wellbeing notes

Banana bread (traybake version)

There's something about February. The land is just beginning to warm up, the days are becoming longer, and the snowdrops and aconites in Lacock Abbey gardens are splashing the ground with beauty. After a bracing walk outdoors, it's the perfect time to enjoy simple home comforts – including, very possibly, some easy baking.



One of my family's favourite everyday recipes is banana bread. The version we like best comes from [BBC Good Food](#). All you need is 140g each of butter, sugar and self-raising flour, two eggs, one teaspoon of baking powder and – of course – a couple of very ripe, mashed bananas.

Instead of the caster sugar that the BBC recipe calls for, we make use of whatever sugar is in the kitchen: granulated, or perhaps soft brown. We've discarded the old loaf tin in favour of a silicon, traybake mould –18cm x 18cm – which bakes quicker. When it's out of the oven we drizzle it with around 70g icing sugar dissolved in a few teaspoons of water. And, as soon as it's cool enough, we cut it into springy, fragrant squares roughly the size of a cupcake. There should have been more slices to include in this illustrative photo, but half of them were eaten straight away!

Banana bread is a great example of kitchen therapy – simple dishes, made mindfully, can be hugely soothing to the cook. The traybake pictured here was made during stormy weather, and the contrast between howling winds outside and cosy domesticity indoors is something to be cherished.

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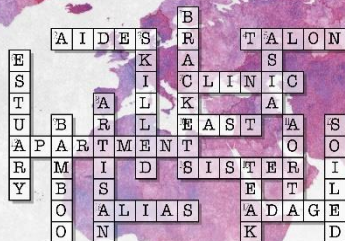
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ACROSS

- 2 Assistants(5)
- 4 Bird's claw(5)
- 7 Health Centre(6)
- 10 Compass point(4)
- 13 Flat(9)
- 14 Female sibling(6)
- 16 Assumed name(5)
- 17 Saying(5)

DOWN

- 1 Parentheses(8)
- 3 Adept(7)
- 5 Continent(4)
- 6 Sea inlet(7)
- 8 Skilled worker(7)
- 9 Woody grass(6)
- 11 Artery(5)
- 12 Dirty(6)
- 15 Hard wood(4)

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