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Editorial

March is a time of renewal and revival, a season where nature awakens from its slumber and bursts forth with new life and colour. All around us now we see evidence of renewal and the onset of Spring; Snowdrops and Daffodils, birds starting to look for nesting places and the grass is growing! We can look forward to getting out and about more with the weather becoming warmer.

If you have time you can celebrate in March: St. David's Day (1st), International Women's Day (8th), Mothering Sunday (10th), St. Patrick's Day (17th), First Day of Spring (20th), Good Friday (29th) and Easter Sunday (31st). If you prefer quirky ones there's always Awkward Moments Day (18th), or how about National Peanut Butter Lover's Day! (1st)

A big thank you to our Parish council, Calne Without, for their grant to help us to afford to send paper copies to everyone almost every other month. This with income from advertising and help from the Fete Committee helps us to keep solvent and the show on the road.

I hope you and yours have a great March.

Editor

Mobile library visits to Derry Hill

Lansdowne Hall Derry Hill

14.30 – 15.45

Tuesday: 5th March 2024

Tuesday: 19th March 2024

Kingston House Derry Hill

10.10 – 10.30

11th March 2024



March 2024 Church Services

Time	Church	Service
Sunday 3rd Lent 3		
8am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Parish Eucharist
10am	Holy Trinity, Quemerford	Family Service
10am	Christ Church, Derry Hill	Said Communion
10.30am	Christ Church, Derry Hill	Family Service
6pm	St. Martin's Bremhill	Evensong
Wednesday 6th		
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
Sunday 10th Mothering Sunday		
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	Holy Communion
6pm	Bowood	Evensong
6pm	St. Martins Bremhill	Holy Communion - BCP
Wednesday 13th		
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
Sunday 17th Lent 5		
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 20th		
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
Sunday 24th Palm Sunday		
	St. Peters, Blackland	Service deferred till Easter Day
10am	St. Mary's Calne	Morning Praise
10am	St. Martin's, Bremhill	All Age Holy Communion
10.45am	Holy Trinity, Quemerford	Holy Communion
4pm	Christ Church, Derry Hill	Evensong
6pm	St John the Baptist, Foxham	Evensong

March 2024 Church Services (cont'd)

Monday 25th

7pm	Christ Church, Derry Hill	Compline
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Tuesday 26th

7pm	St. Mary's, Calne	Stations of the Cross
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7pm	Christ Church, Derry Hill	Compline
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Wednesday 27th

7pm	Christ Church, Derry Hill	Compline
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Maundy Thursday, 28th

7pm	St. Mary's, Calne	Maundy Supper and Service
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7pm	Christ Church, Derry Hill	Holy Communion
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Good Friday, 29th

8.30am	Zoom	Morning Prayer
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12pm	St. Martin's, Bremhill	At the Foot of the Cross
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12pm	TOWN CENTRE	Walk of Witness
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2pm	St. Mary's, Calne	Hour of the Cross
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2pm	Christ Church, Derry Hill	At the Foot of the Cross
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6pm	St. Mary's, Calne	Choral Meditation
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Holy Saturday 30th

9am	St. Mary's, Calne	Morning Prayer
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Easter Day, Sunday 31st

5.45am	St. Mary's, Calne	Dawn Service
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8am	St. Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
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9.30am	St John the Baptist, Foxham	Holy Communion
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9.30am	St. Peters, Blackland	Holy Communion - BCP
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10am	St. Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
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11am	St. Martin's, Bremhill	Holy Communion
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11am	Christ Church, Derry Hill	Holy Communion
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3pm	Holy Trinity, Quemerford	Family Service
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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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The office is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9am to 1pm

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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

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Carol, Ian, Richard A and Richard G

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Rector's notes

All change with team vicars!

I write this month with the very good news that Revd Sarah Errington has been appointed as our new team vicar in the benefice. Sarah and her family will be living in the vicarage at Derry Hill, and she will work on Sundays and three other days of each week. But Sarah and I will both work across all the churches, rather than keep to our own separate areas. She will be licensed by Bishop Stephen at 3pm on Sunday 16th June at Christchurch, Derry Hill. Sarah writes:



“Hello! First things first: I’m married to Steve, and we have two grown up children: Nathan, who will be moving with us to Derry Hill, and Joel, who is currently studying in Swansea.

Originally, I come from Hertfordshire. I studied languages at university, and then worked as a Parish Administrator for a few years before I began training for ordination.

I’ve been ordained since 1997. I served for 13 years in South Liverpool, firstly as a Curate, and then as a Team Vicar. In 2010, we moved to Wrexham. I’ve been the Vicar of St John’s ever since, and took on St James’ as well in 2014. I feel very privileged to have been able to minister the Good News of Jesus in lots of different contexts, and I’m looking forward to continuing to do that alongside you and in such a beautiful part of the country.

My hobbies include cycling, walking, bellringing and reading. In 2017, we did a family cycle trip from Land’s End to John O’Groats, but usually I stay much closer to home! So, I’m also looking forward to exploring the Wiltshire countryside on my bike”.

In other team vicar news, our much-valued team vicar in Calne, Revd Teresa Michaux, has announced that she will be retiring on 7th April, and there will be a joint benefice service to say farewell at 10am on Sunday 7th April at St Mary’s. She will be much missed from her licensed ministry, but I’m delighted to say that Teresa and her husband John have bought a house in Calne, and so we look forward to them both continuing to be involved in our churches (after a good rest!), albeit in a different way.

Caspar Bush Team Rector

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We have installed 6 defibrillators in the village – do you know where they are and how to use one? Can we show you?

There is a free Defib and CPR training session from our own Derry Hill and Studley village NHS paramedic at the Lansdowne Hall at 7.30pm on 27th March.

To book your place on this course email:

julesoliver3@gmail.com

or text/call me on 07769 970401

Julian Derry Hill and Studley Heartbeat
07769 970401 / julesoliver3@gmail.com

Children's Society Boxes

Please bring your box to church by Mothering Sunday – 10th March.

Thank you for your support.



Sarah Hooper

01249 658285

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Free Defib and CPR training session from our NHS paramedic at Lansdowne Hall 7.30pm 27th March.

Bookings via:

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Jazz Club

Tuesday 26th March

Dave Newton (Voted 'Best Jazz Pianist' for the sixteenth time by the Jazz Audience of the UK in the British Jazz Awards)

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James and Brigit

The Rev. Christopher Rutledge

The 13th Vicar of Derry Hill was the Rev. Christopher J. F. Rutledge.

Born in December 1944, the Rev. Rutledge was ordained in 1970 and went to Calne in 1973. Became vicar of Derry Hill on 8th April 1976. He played for Calne Rugby and moved to Bournemouth in 1981.

After 40 years' service to the community, the Rev Canon Dr Christopher Rutledge retired in 2010. Two articles in the press at his time:



Church kneelers

So many people are going to church at Derry Hill these days, but there are not enough kneelers. So, a group of women Parrish is under the leadership of Mrs Brenda Beint have been busy making new ones.

The first thirty-five were dedicated by the Reverend Christopher Rutledge join the churches annual service of lessons and carols.



Barrel holds up project

For want of a suitable barrel, a major Church redecoration project at Derry Hill will not go ahead until mid-January. Then the Rev. Christopher Rutledge will call on his parishioners to paint the interior of Christ Church.

The Rev. Rutledge may have the help of army officer cadets from Sandhurst who are in the area on a community project.

But of prime importance is to get a suitable barrel, so that an old-fashioned mixture of lump lime and tallow, which was used successfully some years ago to cover the exterior of the 300year old Calne Alms houses, will be allowed to mature for two weeks. Until the maturing process is completed redecoration work cannot begin. Then before the mixture can be applied, it will be necessary for all the walls to be cleaned thoroughly with damp sponges.

The Rev. Rutledge said "The barrel we got hold of is not suitable, but we are now on the track of another one 10 people volunteered their services when they knew we were going to carry out the work and I know there will be many more when the starting date is announced, probably in mid-January"

Steve Calder

Annie's notes

Where does the time go? It only seems 5 minutes since I was writing my last piece for the magazine!

So, here we are in March – a long month, a month of Lenten discipline and a time for our spiritual cleaning out and renewal.



Lent begins with Ash Wednesday and continues to Easter. Many people give something up for Lent, if it is a meal one day a week then save the money you would have spent and give it to a homeless charity. Many will take up something new and perhaps decide to spend more time in prayer or reading scripture. If this is what you are doing, I am **certain** that you will find it will draw you closer to God and you will find an inner peace that you didn't have before.

As we look forward to the joy of Easter and the coming of spring it is wonderful to watch God's amazing creation. From my window I watch the birds on the feeders and have learnt a couple that I didn't know before, my garden has been visited by Dunnocks, Black caps and a plethora of Robins as well as the different varieties of Great Tit, Coal tits and Blue tits!! Out of my kitchen window I have watched as the crocus and daffodils have pushed their way out of the ground and are beginning to give a wonderful display of shape and colour – we have so much to be thankful for!

Our Lent courses have already started and will continue throughout the time leading up to Easter. I am sure that it will be thought provoking and fulfilling for all those who attend.

By the time you read this we will have had a wonderful Jigsaw afternoon in the Lansdowne Hall in order to raise much needed funds for the church. It is great fun to have teams 'race' against each other to complete the same jigsaw puzzle, as well as partaking of some scrummy cakes!!! Very many thanks go to Margaret Bell and all who helped to organise this fabulous event.

Take pleasure in the simple things, take care of yourselves and each other – all within the love of God.

With every blessing. **Annie** x

The Sky at night



One of the highlights of the March night sky is the presence of the Orion constellation. Dominating the southern sky, Orion is easily recognizable with its distinctive pattern of stars forming the shape of a hunter. Within Orion, stargazers can marvel at the famous Orion Nebula, a stellar nursery where new stars are born amidst colourful clouds of gas and dust.

Mars, the red planet, also graces the March night sky, shining brightly as it reaches its closest approach to Earth. Observing Mars through a telescope reveals its rusty surface features and polar ice caps, offering a glimpse into the mysteries of our neighbouring planet. Jupiter and Saturn are two other prominent planets visible in the March night sky. Jupiter, with its mesmerizing bands of clouds and four largest moons, and Saturn, adorned with its iconic rings, provide celestial delights for amateur astronomers and sky watchers.

In addition to these celestial wonders, March often brings with it the mesmerizing dance of the Moon and the planets. Observing the waxing and waning phases of the Moon as it moves in proximity to Jupiter, Saturn, and Mars creates a stunning visual display that is bound to inspire awe and wonder.

Grab your telescope, set up your stargazing gear, and immerse yourself in the beauty of the night sky this March.

Ed



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 – inspireeditor@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;

We have continued to loan out our Thermal Imaging cameras, if you want to assess the energy efficiency of your property please get in touch and we can get the camera loaned to you.

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.

Recent Flooding

The weather recently has been exceptionally wet, and we are aware of a number of properties in the Calne Without Parish Council area having an issue with flooding and water ingress into properties. If you have been affected by flooding and have not made contact with us or Wiltshire Council, please do get in touch so that we can see if there is anything we can do to assist or provide you with information for further help.

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 – Mondays at 7.30pm 11th March and 8th April 2024
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 me.

Katherine Checchia

Parish Clerk

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Mothers' Union Prayer & Fellowship Group

Our meeting in February took place on Monday 5th in Christ Church when we held our meeting at 11.30am as part of the Mothers' Union Wave of Prayer. The 'baton' was passed to us from Haytesbury in Wiltshire and we passed it on to Wootton Bassett then Calne before it left the Marden Vale and continued its journey around the Diocese with Poole in Dorset. It was a short but meaningful service which we all enjoyed. We owe particular thanks to Richard Aylen for opening the church for us as it's normally closed on a Monday and for setting out the chairs and table. We do appreciate what you do for us Richard, thank you.

In March we return to our normal day and time so we will be meeting on Wednesday 6th March at 2pm in Christ Church when the opening prayers and reading will be done by Robyn, Christine P is organising a quiz and refreshments will be done by Christine W and Barbara. We look forward to seeing anyone who wishes to join us.

Barbara Parry

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Calne Neighbourhood Policing Team Update

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

Crime and incident updates

- 13/01/2024 at 19:00hrs – an unknown vehicle damaged a fence in Fishers Brook. Left the location without leaving any details
- On 13/01/2024 – Two vehicle collisions near to the junction of Studley and Derry Hill on the A4 between a Skoda and a Land Rover. Thankfully no injuries to anyone. The road was blocked for a short time.
- 16/01/2024 12:00 – Two XL Bully type dogs escaped from an address near to a school in Hilmarton. Police have been liaising with Wiltshire Council dog warden regarding this matter.
- An XL Bully dog was seized by officers last week in Calne after the owner failed to appropriately care for the dog. This was also the owner who had attended court in relation to the matter.
- 18/01/2024 10:00 – unknown persons attempted to steal a quad bike in Lickhill Road in Calne.
- 21/01/2024 – A Renault Clio collided with a tree on the A4 near Derry Hill – Thankfully no injuries to the driver or passengers.
- 31/01/2024 - Two vehicles collided on a sharp bend at Beacon Hill, Hilmarton due to poor visibility. One of the drivers was suffering with head pains so was taken to GWH.
- 03/02/2024 - Unknown suspects were reported to be Hare coursing in Yatesbury. Officers attended the location, but no persons were located.

- 06/02/2024 – A black Volkswagen Golf was stopped by officers on the A342 in Derry Hill. The driver failed a Drugs Swipe test and was arrested on suspicion of driving a vehicle whilst being unfit through drugs.
- On 07/03/2024 between 10:00hrs to 12:00hrs, PCSO Cook is holding a community consultation session in The Lansdowne Hall car park.

PC Lizzie WRIGHT joins the Calne Neighbourhood Team

PC Lizzie Wright has joined the Calne Neighbourhood Team from Chippenham Response where she has been a serving Police Officer since 2019.

PC Wright said: “whilst my new patch does not suffer from some of the more serious drug and violence problems experienced in other larger towns, I do understand that any crime, anti-social behaviour or drugs related issues are a concern to residents and business owners.

I am really looking forward to getting to know people in the community. I want to hear about residents’ concerns so we can attempt to put the right resources in the right places at the right times to address those issues.

I have already been to Town Council and Area Board meetings, but I am also looking forward to attending our Parish Council meetings. The Team will also be joining as many community events our town and rural areas over the coming year.”

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

PCSO Mark Cook
Calne Neighbourhood Police
Mark Cook PCSO 6080

Derry Hill & Studley Gardening Club

Our 2024 meetings kicked off with a very informative and very entertaining talk by Timothy Walker on 'Spring in the Garden'. Timothy worked for over 20 years at the University of Oxford Botanic Garden & Harcourt Arboretum and is now a lecturer on Plant Sciences at Somerville, Pembroke and Hertford Colleges, Oxford.



At our next meeting, on Tuesday 5th March, we will be welcoming three of our previous speakers back –

Capability Charlotte (www.capabilitycharlotte.com),

Mary Baker from the Botanic Nursery, Atworth (www.thebotanicnursery.co.uk)

Marcel Floyd from Floyd Climbers (www.floydsclimbers.co.uk)

They will be making up a GQT panel.

Non - members are welcome to come along (£5.00 per person including tea/coffee). If you would like to book a place, please contact me.

Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month February to November 7.30pm at Christ Church, Derry Hill. New members welcome.

Paula Wheatcroft

pdoel@live.co.uk

0783 3755232.

Derry Hill C of E (VA) Primary School

This Term we have had a visit from South Wiltshire Falconry, where the children had a chance to meet an owl, a falcon and a Hawk.



We have also enjoyed a visit from Jonathan's Jungle, this time they met all kinds of creepy crawlers!

Derry Hill School Football Team took part in a football tournament, they played brilliantly and showed excellent teamwork and sportsmanship.

We have also enjoyed sharing our talents by participating in the school talent show. There was a variety of talent on offer, singing, dancing and even some guitar playing.

Mrs H Roberts Headteacher

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Christ Church Derry Hill Grave Yard

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

Addendum to this article – I would like to give my heartfelt thanks to my wife Cathy for all her help and work in getting the plan ready.



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Calne Foodbank

Calne Foodbank offers short-term help to all who are facing difficulties.^[1]_[SEP]



Their main goal is to provide a food parcel that contains enough items to sustain an individual, a couple or a family for three days. By doing this, they hope to take away the short-term worry and stress of having food, allowing people to focus on resolving their problems with the help of other agencies.

At present 227 households are registered with the foodbank. Calne Foodbank is an independent charity relying on grants and the goodwill of the community for support. It is run completely by a dedicated team of volunteers.

Whilst they supply the food parcels, they work closely with established agencies who are experienced in identifying those in need. These agencies play a vital role in connecting the foodbank with individuals or families who require assistance, ensuring that the food parcels reach the right people at the right time.

The Foodbank offers food parcels for individuals, couples and families.

In particular they are looking for donations of: tinned meat, tinned veg, rice pudding, custard, pasta sauce and cereal bars. (Please make sure your donations are in date).

You don't need to take your donations down to Calne, there is a weekly collection from Christ Church in Derry Hill – there's a collection point in the porch on the left as you go in.

They are happy to accept monetary donations and support from local businesses.

Further information is available on their website www.calnefoodbank.co.uk/

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Book Club Review

Still Life by Sarah Winman

This beautiful book was very well received by most of our group. It is really about the friendships that we make throughout our lives, sometimes in the most unlikely situations.

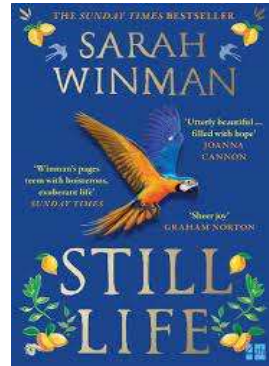
Ulysses Temper is a young British soldier serving in Italy towards the end of the Second World War when he meets elderly Evelyn Skinner, an art historian.

He returns to the East End of London after the war and we meet the wonderful group of characters who eventually all find their way to the palazzo in Florence which Ulysses has inherited.

Although not plot driven, the narrative goes all the way from the 1940s to the late 60s and cleverly uses the news events of each era as a backdrop.

So we witness the tearing down of the slums in the East End and the great flood of Florence in 1966, vividly portrayed that you can really imagine the smell of it. There are glorious descriptions of Florence, of the Tuscan countryside and an Italian island contrasted with the drabness of post war Britain and the colourful East End pub, the Stoa and Parrot.

However, it is the characters which make this book stand out. Evelyn is erudite and Bohemian, the Londoners are raucous and funny and the Italians so wonderfully eccentric. There is a lot of warmth and humour in this book which is why I recommended it. The few criticisms were of some implausibility, the length of time it took to reconnect Ulysses and Evelyn and the rather protracted and unnecessary ending.



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The arrival of March, and the promise of Spring, is welcomed here at Rub a Dub. The little ones are looking forward to getting out in the sunshine.

I, for one, can't wait for the end of the winter (and winter-associated illness!) so here are a few things to look forward to:

Friday 8th March - The Mothers' Day Squares draw.

Prizes include:

- Ice cream at the Rowdey Cow
- Coffee and Cake at The Pewsham
- A voucher for the Treatment Rooms at Blacklands Mill House
- Bouquet of flowers from The Derry Hill Florist
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Email rubadubfundraising@gmail.com to purchase the last few squares. £2.50 per square.

Saturday 23rd March- Rub-A-Dub Easter Fayre at the Lansdowne Hall. 11am-3pm. Meet Chase and Rubble at 11am as doors open. Event includes artisan stalls, easter egg trail, bouncy castle, name the easter bunny and lots more.

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.

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.

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The 'Crazy Whist' evening was very entertaining! Colin Bell and his helpers put us through our paces. I have played whist before but not like this.... we gave cards away, we had to swop our scores, winning pair changed tables with one going clockwise to the next table and the other anti-clockwise, one of the losing pair moved to a different seat on their table etc., etc.

There was a lot of laughter, confusion, cheering and exasperation. Colin awarded prizes at the end of the session – Maureen and Suzie won prizes for their whist skills, although Mark seemed to think he deserved a share of Maureen's prize for all the help he had given her... Sheila won the 'Booby' prize for managing to stay on the same table all evening!!!! Great evening so thanks to you Colin.

Janet hosted a 'Knit and Natter' evening on Monday 5th February. Sorry I missed it, but I hear they had a productive session with loads of 'Natter'! Angela collected in and delivered the knitted hats for Doorway in Chippenham.



Our mini walk in February was to the Golf Club House in Bowood. We arrived early so had a coffee while waiting for everyone to assemble then enjoyed a delicious lunch.

Margaret hosted a 'Coffee Morning' on Friday 16th. These are lovely occasions and great to catch up with members and their news, as well as eating cake!!

In March our speaker will be Jennie Shaw. Jennie will be talking about 'Living at Hazeland Mill'.

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

Tina

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WI Walking Netball

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Tina (01249 814145)



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 an in-person consultation event in Derry Hill.

The date and time is:

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.

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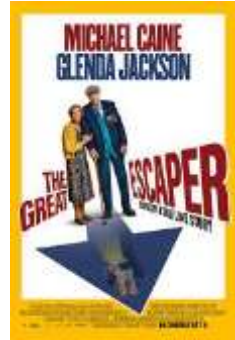
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Weds March 20th at 7.30pm. Doors open at 7.00pm (please use entrance round the corner by The Lansdowne Strand).

Tickets £6 available from the Calne Information Centre or on the door (cash only, no cards) The right amount would be much appreciated. Refreshments available and there is a lift.

Viv

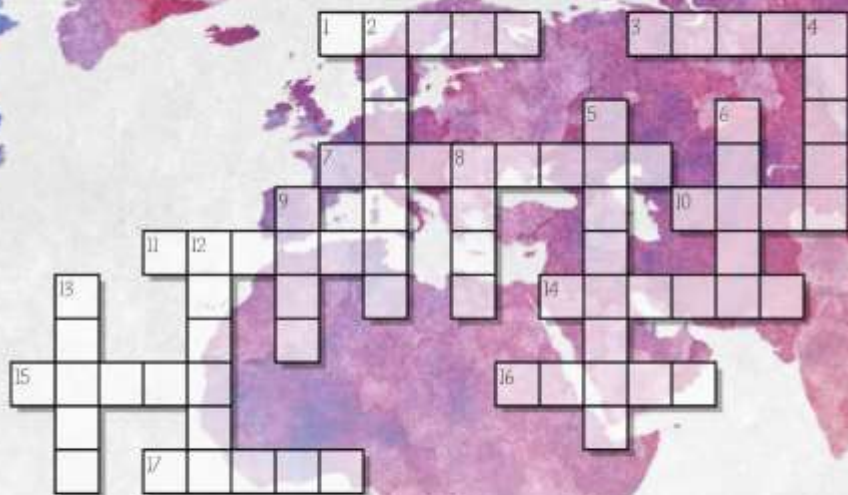
A message from the Parish Council

Following recent flooding incidents throughout the Parish, the council are keen to get a clearer picture of any flooding issues experienced by local residents. If you have experienced flooding, we would appreciate it you could complete the following survey accessed via this QR code.



Katherine Checchia Clerk

March 2024 Crossword



ACROSS

- 1 Alloy(5)
- 3 Desert area(5)
- 7 Scented(8)
- 10 Difficult(4)
- 11 Remember(6)
- 14 Riches(6)
- 15 Church
passageway(5)
- 16 Wading bird(5)
- 17 Swiftness(5)

DOWN

- 2 German measles(7)
- 4 Church council(5)
- 5 Spiny creature(8)
- 6 Precise(5)
- 8 Charges(4)
- 9 Bucket(4)
- 12 Skin complaint(6)
- 13 Offence(5)



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Wellbeing notes

Dream, believe, rinse and repeat

Recently I spent a couple of days by the sea. The apartment was a quiet, uncluttered space. There was little in the way of decoration – why compete with the marvellous view? However, the few decorative touches – cushions, pebbles, wall art – featured a bunch of positive slogans, often with a maritime feel.



At first, I smiled and then basically ignored the uplifting messages. But in an eyrie with little else to distract the eye (when not actually looking at the view), these pieces of advice gradually sunk in, like a sort of mantra. Dream, invited a pebble by the front door. Believe in your dreams, urged a canvas above the kitchen sink. By the sea all worries wash away, whispered a driftwood panel above the harbour boats.

And actually, I decided, it was very sound advice. How often have you dreamed of something you would love to have in your life and then decided that it wouldn't be possible, for one reason or another? But it's okay to believe in a broadly positive future. There is always room for hope.

And then what about the idea that water can wash away your troubles? I have a friend who has struggled with mental health issues, who has found that outdoor swimming stops the spiral of destructive thoughts like nothing else. Although that's not for everyone, even a simple, candlelit bath can shift the mood quite wonderfully.

What dream do you have? What dream will you believe in today?

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 3. Prickle **Thorn**, 5. Nosegay
Posy, 8. Very hungry
Ravenous, 10. Type of loaf
Bloomer, 12. Coral or rock shoal
 or bank **Reef**.

Down: 1. Dram **Tot**, 2. Princess
 Royal **Anne**, 3. Underwater
 missile **Torpedo**, 4. Big **Large**,
 6. Hard rock **Marble**, 7. Camping
 toilet **Latrine**, 9. Sporting official
Umpire, 11. Seaman **Mariner**.



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