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## Editorial

At the very beginning we have 'April Fool's Day', so be on your guard, or have you been caught out if you are reading this later? The school holidays started at the end of last month with Good Friday being March 29<sup>th</sup>, Easter Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March and Easter Monday just creeping into April on 1<sup>st</sup>, with pupils in state schools in Wiltshire returning on 15<sup>th</sup> April. Easter falls early in 2024 because of the calendar system. On the Gregorian calendar, used by most Christian denominations, Easter typically falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon following the spring equinox.

We have Arbor Day for nature lovers (pick out a tree to plant on April 26), as well as the religious observances of Eid-Al-Fitr (April 9) and Passover (beginning April 22).



Of course, April brings more daylight and warmth, enough to open the buds on trees and flowers on a bright sunny day. It is one of the loveliest months of the year with the blossom and the verdant trees and shrubs there for us to behold. Personally, I can't wait to get into Bowood and the Woodland Gardens to drink in the wonderful array of trees, shrubs and plants. We are so lucky to have all of this on our doorstep.

**Editor**

## Mobile library visits to Derry Hill

### Lansdowne Hall Derry Hill

14.30 – 15.45

Tuesday: 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2024

Tuesday: 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024

### Kingston House Derry Hill

10.10 – 10.30

8<sup>th</sup> April 2024



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## Jigsaw Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who supported the jigsaw fundraising event on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February in the Lansdowne Village Hall, in aid of Christ Church, Derry Hill.

It was a fun afternoon with the London scene jigsaw leaving a few teams scratching their heads. But it wasn't long after the break for tea that the first team raised their hands to indicate that they had completed their puzzle. This was greeted with shouts of joy and some groans from the more competitive tables.

Thank you to all the people who helped on the day serving tea, making cakes, donated to the raffle and helped set up the hall and, of course, everyone who came along on the day.

A special BIG thank you goes to Margaret Bell for organising this event for Christ Church and helping to raise just over £600.

***Lucinda***

PCC Secretary

## Services at Christ Church Derry Hill

Date/Sunday	Service
07.04.24 Easter 2	10.00 am Said Communion 10.30 Family Service
14.04.24 Easter 3	11.00am Parish Eucharist
21.04.24 Easter 4	11.00 am Parish Eucharist
28.04.24 Easter 5	NO SERVICE AT CHRIST CHURCH
29.04.23 Good Friday	2.00pm Good Friday Meditation
05.05.24 Easter 6	10.00am Said Communion 10.30 Family Service

***For other services in the benefice please go to the  
Marden Vale Church's website***

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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.

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**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**



## Rector's notes for April - new life and new hope for the Church

I can't be the only one for whom this time of year is the best. On top of this being Easter season for the next six Sundays, with all the joy and hope of Jesus' resurrection life to celebrate and ponder, we have these great visual reminders of new life all around us, as life in the fields, hedgerows and our gardens begins to burst into life again.



New resurrection life is one of Christianity's most distinctive features, and we hope our churches embody it in some way all the year round. Jesus has risen from the dead, and so paves the way for resurrection life for all whose life on this earth comes to an end.

But before that, there is this life to be lived, with all its opportunities and challenges! It's worth imagining how the disciples of Jesus navigated that first Easter season - ecstatic with joy that Jesus was alive again, but also wondering what the future would hold. Yet the miracle of the resurrection, and the power of God which came upon them at Pentecost was sufficient to keep them trusting in God for whatever would become of them in God's service, even in the face of persecution.

We don't know how the future of our churches will play out. But we do know that our God is the same God who raised Jesus from the dead and sends his Holy Spirit to give us the power for whatever tasks he wants us to fulfil – even if at any one time we don't know quite what this will mean for us in the future.

On 7<sup>th</sup> April we say farewell and thank you to Revd Teresa Michaux, team vicar in Calne, and until Revd Sarah Errington is licensed in mid-June, we will be more reliant than usual on the kind and very capable lay ministers and retired clergy whom we value so highly to lead much of our worship. We trust God to lead us into this time of change, and to give us his power to accomplish what he intends for us in the service of our communities.

Wishing you a very joyful season of Easter

With my prayers, and very best wishes

**Caspar Bush** Team Rector

## Why Use a Telephone Kiosk?

Just when BT's telephone kiosks were becoming redundant, Community Heartbeat proposed using them as local medical centres for Public Access Defibrillators. A kiosk provides a safe weather protected location. It was agreed Community Heartbeat could adopt a box for £1 and BT would provide free 8 watts electricity for the first 7 years, via a formal adoption agreement.



Our Derry Hill telephone kiosk is just 10 years old, having been installed in Jan 2014. Can you recognise anybody in the original photograph?

### **Julian**

Derry Hill and Studley Heartbeat 07769 970401 / [julesoliver3@gmail.com](mailto:julesoliver3@gmail.com)

## The Herbert-Smiths of Buckhill, Bowood

Henry Herbert Smith was the Agent to Bowood Estate for 40 years. Henry and his wife Emily had 3 children - Cyril, Dorothy, Violet. The three grew up at Buckhill House on Bowood Estate. Henry died in 1913. Today Henry and Emily lie under a large white cross in the graveyard of Christ Church. Inside the church on the North Wall just next to the John Spencer window is a blue tile plaque to the memory of Henry.



Cyril went on to be a Captain in the Gloucestershire Regiment and an architect. For most of his life he was associated with the firm Messrs. Smith and Marshall of St Mary's Street Chippenham. He was also agent to several estates including the



Marquess of Crewe. Those of us who travel through Calne pass three buildings closely associated with Cyril - Chilvester Hill House (his home for many years), the two red bricked semi-detached cottages on Chilvester Hill (he was the architect) and the Calne Heritage Centre (former library – he was the architect). Cyril was a keen rider to the hounds with the Duke of Beaufort, a good shot and fond of fishing. A great lover of dogs, he was seldom seen without one – usually of the retriever type. For many years he was the Chairman of the Calne Without

Parish Council. Cyril lies with his wife and parents in Christ Church graveyard, Derry Hill.

Dorothy went on to marry Major Marriot Smith. The paper of the day describes their wedding day:

“The church was filled with friends and the men of the 121<sup>st</sup> Battery, stationed at Trowbridge, lined the aisle. The floral decorations were very choice. The bride who was given away by her father wore a gown of rich white Duchesse satin arranged with pearl embroidery and old Limerick lace. Following the ceremony, a reception was held at

Buckhill House, in a large marquee on the lawn, the band of the Wilts Regiment being in attendance and supplying music”.

Violet Herbert Smith was born in 1884 and died in 1964. Like her brother, Violet was a keen rider. Violet went on to marry Ronald Carrington. Brigadier Ronald Carrington died on 10th December 1948 in Biddestone. Violet was the president of the Chippenham Women’s Section British Legion and for many years a member of the executive committee of the Chippenham Conservative Association. They had two daughters - Diana and Mavis. They lived in a house called Frenchay in Biddestone. Violet and Ronald share a grave marker in Biddestone. Violet was also a photographer and has left us with a glimpse into life in the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century at Bowood and Derry Hill.



## ***Steve Calder***

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### **Christ Church Derry Hill PCC**

This is the committee which helps govern what goes on in our church. Would you like to play a more active part in how our church is run? The annual meeting is taking place on April 14<sup>th</sup> following the 11am service. Do come along and join in.

## Annie's notes

Alleluia – He is risen! I hope you have all had a very Happy Easter and for those of you who gave up chocolate for Lent, the end of a long few weeks but – if you've made it this far why not carry on?!!!! For those of you who took up something that would help you physically, mentally or spiritually – definitely keep it up as you should now know and appreciate the benefit of doing it! To all of you – Well Done!!!

Easter is the most important time of the Christian year and lasts much longer than just Easter Day! The Easter Season, begins on Easter Sunday and lasts seven weeks, ending with the coming of the fiftieth day, Pentecost Sunday.

So do keep celebrating our Lord's resurrection! Easter is a new beginning in terms of our faith after the soul searching of Lent.

Talking of new beginnings, I should also mention endings and our churchyards! They do tend to be tranquil places where we can go and remember our loved ones who are buried or interred there and are beautifully kept – we owe our groundkeepers a debt of gratitude for all the work they do and I extend my personal thanks to them all. Looking after our churchyards can be thankless and hard work but who pays for this? Our churchyards are not open for burial or interment of churchgoers only. It is there for anyone who dies within the parish, including Anglicans, Methodist, Roman Catholic, those of no denomination and even for those who unfortunately die whilst visiting family here. No fees are specified for the ongoing upkeep of the churchyard and so the cost falls to the church. If you have a loved one buried or interred in one of our churchyards perhaps you might like to think about making a donation towards the perpetual upkeep – it would be very gratefully received!

Our Family Service continues at Christ Church and is held on the first Sunday of the month. All are welcome to come along and support our children – and their parents – on their journey of faith. Talking of which (journeys of faith that is!) are there any adults out there who would like to consider being confirmed? If so, we would be very happy to hear from you! Just dropping that in there as food for thought!!

Until next time, with love,

With every blessing. **Annie** x

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## The Sky at night



In April the Lyrid meteor shower peaks mid-month, providing a chance to see shooting stars streaking across the sky.

As darkness falls this month, the constellation of Ursa Major (the Great Bear) can be seen climbing high in the southeast. Look out for the distinctive brighter stars that form the 'plough' or 'big dipper' – these stars make up the back and tail of the Bear.

Also, this month, Mercury reaches 'greatest elongation', that is it is furthest from the setting Sun and will be easier to spot low in the west around half an hour after the Sun sets.

Venus is also climbing higher into our evening skies. Have a look to the west around 11 April to see the brightest planet in the night sky as it appears to pass close to the Pleiades star cluster in the constellation of Taurus.

The Moon has a couple of conjunctions with the brighter planets this month. On 22-23 April, a 10% illuminated crescent moon will appear close to Venus (and the Pleiades), while the evening of 25 April will see a 30% illuminated Moon setting in the west near to Mars.

**Ed**



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## Knitting, stitching & craft group.

A group meets weekly, on Fridays 2-4 pm in Christ Church Derry Hill. Bring your crochet, knitting or needlework, all abilities welcome. Share tips, chat and enjoy a tea or coffee, £3. Any queries contact Christine 817780, Liz 812138 or Marcia 820196



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## 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](mailto: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

During the last month we have been continuing with our routine tasks. We have come to the end of the consultation on the draft Calne Community neighbourhood plan and are now busy looking at the responses and necessary amendments prior to submission to Wiltshire Council. A big thank you to all of you who have taken time to come to the consultations or complete the survey.

We are now on the countdown to a big change within the Parish, next April 2025 Calne Without Parish Council as it has been since 1894 will go through a large boundary and name change, a newly named Derry Hill and Studley Parish Council will begin work. Part of this change means that we will be looking for more people to stand for election to the Parish Council. If you think you might be interested in becoming a councillor, please come along to the monthly meetings to see what a Parish Council does and how it works. Feel free to contact me to find out more.

### Reporting issues

Most months we have the Parish Steward visit us to carry out jobs as required, he can do small jobs associated with the highways. If you have an issue that you think he might be able to help with then please feel free to email me with photos and details of the concern and we can see if he is able to help.

We regularly receive reports of works 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 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024 7.30pm,

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 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](http://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](mailto:clerk@calnewwithout-pc.gov.uk)  
07751802761

## ***Katherine Checchia***

Parish Clerk

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

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

We met on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm in Christ Church. Barbara thanked everyone for coming along and Mary said the prayers and read a short poem to celebrate mothers. We then dealt with the matters of the day which included discussing the Salisbury Diocesan MU Spring Council which this year is being held in April at West Lavington. This makes a welcome change from the previous venues which have been in the south of the county or in Dorset so we will be represented by some of our members who are happy to attend.



Once all the admin was complete, we then got down to the main event which was a quiz afternoon organised by Christine P. We had great fun and the questions covered the whole range of knowledge. There were 3 overall winners, so the prize was put into the raffle which seemed the fairest result. Thank you, Christine, for such an entertaining afternoon. As normal we smoothed off our meeting with tea and biscuits kindly served by Christine W and Judi.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 2pm in Christ Church when we shall be having a talk by Judi with the theme 'Flowers of Love'. Robyn will do the prayers and reading and refreshments will be by Nan and Jean. Please do come along and join us, you will be most welcome.

***Barbara M Parry***



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## The Lansdowne Hall Annual General Meeting

The Lansdowne Hall Management Committee and the Derry Hill and Studley Village Hall Trust will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Thursday April 25th in the Lansdowne Hall commencing at 8.15 pm. Notice of the meeting will be sent to all regular users but other members of the local community are also invited to attend the AGM. It is hoped to serve light refreshments after the meeting and it would be helpful for making catering arrangements if the Hall's Administrator ([administrator@lansdownehall.org](mailto:administrator@lansdownehall.org)) could be advised of your planned attendance.

*Alan Rosekilly*

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# Calne Neighbourhood Policing Team Update

## Crime and incident updates

On 03/03/2024 between 01:00 and 03:00hrs, Unknown suspect has knocked on door to property in Studley during the early hours of the morning, then 2 nights later someone was ringing on a doorbell causing some concern to the resident.

Driver charged with drink driving following a collision in Derry Hill.

Officers from Calne Neighbourhood Team and Roads Policing Unit attended the incident shortly before 10am on 24<sup>th</sup> February.

A red Citroen C1 had collided with a bush whilst travelling from Devizes towards Chippenham.



Gary Packer, 55, of no fixed address, Devizes, has since been charged with drink driving and is due to appear at Salisbury Magistrates Court on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

## A woman and man sadly died following two separate collisions near Calne.

At approximately 2.45pm on February 26, three vehicles – a Vauxhall Zafira, Dacia Sandero and a Nissan Juke - were involved in a collision on the A3102.

The driver of the Dacia, a woman in her 60s from Melksham, was airlifted to Southmead Hospital with life threatening injuries. Sadly, she died in hospital. Her family are aware and are being supported by a specially trained family liaison officer. Our thoughts are with them at this difficult time.

The road was closed between Calne and Sandy Lane while collision investigators attended the scene. It reopened at approximately 1am the following morning.

Any witnesses to the collision, or anyone who may have dash cam footage, should call the Serious Collision Investigation Team on 01225 694597 and quote log number 173 of February 26. Alternatively, email [SCIT@wiltshire.police.uk](mailto:SCIT@wiltshire.police.uk)

On 3<sup>rd</sup> March, a male motorcyclist in his 60s was taken to Southmead Hospital by air ambulance after the collision, but despite the best

efforts of medical staff he sadly died of his injuries. His next of kin have been informed and our thoughts are with them at this incredibly difficult time.

Any witnesses to the collision, or anyone who may have dash cam footage, should call the Serious Collision Investigation Team on 01225 694597 and quote log number 144 of March 3. Alternatively, email SCIT@wiltshire.police.uk

### **Vehicle caused damage to wall on A342 Old Derry Hill**

On 05/01/2024 between 13:18hrs and 15:15hrs

An unknown vehicle has collided with stone boundary wall to property causing damage on the A342 in Derry Hill. The vehicle failed to stop at the scene and report the collision.

If you have any information which may assist us with our enquires in relation to this matter, please pass it onto PCSO Mark Cook at Calne police station. Please quote the crime/incident number: 54240006817



### **Road safety**

We are continuing to monitor any collisions or incidents on the A4 and surrounding routes of Derry Hill and will look to target those locations for preventive patrols and enforcement action where possible.

We are still seeing an increase in traffic on our rural roads due to a section of Dauncey, near Lyneham being closed. We will be paying particular attention to all routes including those in East Tytherton, Derry Hill, Bremhill and Foxham over coming weeks.

We have forwarded on reports of vehicles travelling at excessive speeds on the 60mph roads around the Derry Hill area and the 50/60mph on the A4 and towards Calne, Sandy Lane and Mile Elm to our Roads Policing Unit, who will also be looking to target this area in the coming weeks.

The Calne Neighbourhood Team are fully committed to keeping our roads as safe as possible and we will continue to conduct speed checks throughout our area.

## Closed fishing season – 15<sup>th</sup> March to 15<sup>th</sup> 2024

The coarse fish close season is approaching at the time of writing this update) meaning it's illegal to fish for coarse fish in rivers until 15th June inclusive.

Don't forget, there are plenty of still waters or canal coarse fisheries where you can fish.

These rules are aimed at protecting fish stocks and making fisheries sustainable. Freshwater fish include salmon, trout, coarse fish and eels

Learn more here: Freshwater rod fishing rules: Overview - GOV.UK ([www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk))



### Road defects

Recently a large hole appeared in the road on the A342 in old Derry Hill. Several vehicles sustained damage to their tyres and wheels due to colliding with the hole. Please report any road defects to Wiltshire Council as soon as they are seen. Don't assume someone else has reported this, it's likely they haven't.

Reports can be made on the Wiltshire Council App or by visiting this website:

MyWilts online reporting - Wiltshire Council and searching for 'Pothole'  
If you feel police need to attend the location, please call 101 or 999 if appropriate.

## *PCSO Mark Cook*

### Calne Neighbourhood Team

### Social Media and Community Messaging



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





# Derry Hill & Studley Gardening Club

## Gardener's Question Time

March saw our Gardening Club assemble to put questions to a panel of experts. Our panel of experts were Capability Charlotte ([www.capabilitycharlotte.com](http://www.capabilitycharlotte.com)), Mary Baker from the Botanic Nursery, Atworth ([www.thebotanicnursery.co.uk](http://www.thebotanicnursery.co.uk)) and Marcel Floyd from Floyd Climbers ([www.floydsclimbers.co.uk](http://www.floydsclimbers.co.uk)).

Amongst the questions were:

**Question.** I'm an organic gardener but am plagued with bindweed in my allotment. How, keeping to the spirit of organic gardening, can I deal with this weed?

**Answer.** Lots of careful digging using Hori Hori knife or a trowel. Every piece of root left in the soil will grow into a new plant so remove every bit carefully. It will take a few years. Alternatively cover area with cardboard to exclude light and leave.

**Question.** I have a Rebecca clematis which is currently planted in a shady area of the garden and does flower but has not been as expected. It said it would grow anywhere so would a sunny spot be better, and can I move it in spring? Also, would it benefit from well-rotted manure or another feed? I was thinking of growing it up a small pergola with a rose.

**Answer.** The Rebecca Clematis loves the sun and likes light. Can be moved early Spring. In April feed with potash (tomorite/rose feed/high potassium comfrey) and then once a week/fortnight until buds open then stop as soon as they start to flower. Once 1st flowers go over start feeding again.

**Question.** I suffer from black fly on my roses. How do I get rid of it? Is it about cutting the plant right back or application of specific spray? Help?

**Answer.** Don't cut down, pick off affected leaves, spray with rose clear or other similar spray. Make sure the soil is healthy and keep plant clean, encourage creatures that eat black fly such as ladybirds, hoverflies, wasps & earwigs) and be patient. Plant garlic round the rose. Check roses regularly from Spring onwards.

The Derry Hill and Studley Gardening Club meet monthly on the first Tuesday of each month at Christ Church Derry Hill – why not come along?

**Steve**

## Derry Hill C of E (VA) Primary School



This month we celebrated World Book Day in style! Everywhere you looked you could see children dressed up in their favourite character from their chosen book. Even the teachers got involved and looked the part, a great day was had by all.

Hedgehog Class had a trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park and enjoyed seeing all the exciting animals they had on offer.

The Derry Hill Tag Rugby Team took part in a tournament alongside 13 other schools. The children displayed great teamwork and enthusiasm which lead them to win the tournament over all. Well done team!

Some of the children put on a concert for the school to show off their drum, guitar and keyboard skills, they even played some popular tunes!

***Mrs H Roberts*** Headteacher

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### Jazz Club

**April 30th: Matt Steele Quartet** plays repertoire of the MJQ (subtle marriage of piano and vibes).

**May 28th:** "Remembering Brigid" with personal anecdotage, appropriate tunes and sympathetic players....

**June 25th:** Dave Newton piano trio.

Admission still only £10 please pay at the door.

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***James***



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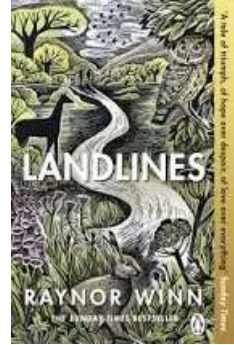


## Book Club Review

### Landlines by Raynor Winn

This book is a must for anyone who enjoys walking through our green and pleasant land and is a follow on from the best-selling author of *The Salt Path* and *Wild Silence*.

Raynor and Moth set out once more on a journey across The Cape Wraith Trail. This time, Raynor is very aware that Moth's health is declining rapidly and this adventure is a culmination of their belief in the healing power of walking and a testament to their deep connection and loving relationship. It is a story full of hope and resilience and a wild adventure.



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Along the way the story is sprinkled with delightful characters, inspiring observations of nature and the natural environment of Scotland, England and Wales as well as thoughtful meditations on current issues affecting our nation.

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### *Sue Deedigan*

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## Rub a Dub Preschool

April. Already?! January lasted 100 years, yet February and March seemed to disappear in a blink of an eye.

Thank you for those who took part in our Mothers' Day squares fundraising event. Well done to all our winners and thanks again to all the lovely local companies who donated great prizes.



By the time this edition of Inspire is published, we will have also had our Easter Fayre- let's hope that was a great success too!

Next event is the Barn Dance, in partnership with the Derry Hill and Studley community committee. Get this date in your diaries: **Saturday 1st June**. We look forward to the return of the much-loved band "Get Reel" who performed at our Coronation Barn Dance last year with great reviews. Food provided by The Dumb Post Inn. Ticket prices and final details TBC but please email [rubadubfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:rubadubfundraising@gmail.com) should you wish to find out more.

Keep an eye on future Inspire issues and social media for ticket sale release.

Rub a Dub Preschool are also the proud providers of an afterschool club open to all pupils at the Derry Hill C of E Primary school.

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## *Rachel Missen*

[rubadubsecretary.@gmail.com](mailto:rubadubsecretary.@gmail.com)

## Derry Hill & District WI


Our February 'Members Meal' was a wonderful evening. Members prepared the food and set up the room. Our business section was over very quickly then festivities began!



The food was delicious and the company entertaining. Everyone agreed we had had a great night.



Well done everybody!

Sally hosted a Tea Afternoon in her house on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>. Several members attended and enjoyed some super  cakes.



Our crafty members met at Margaret's house on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March for their monthly Knit and Natter. A glass of wine is often enjoyed at these events which obviously adds to the conversation but not sure how productive the knitters are!

We are at the start of another WI year and our Programme Team have organised a great selection of speakers and events. The first speaker on the programme for our April meeting, will be Eve Cale sharing 'Top Tips For Greener Gift Wrapping'.

We are looking forward to learning how to improve our gift wrapping which is something we all do frequently with varying degrees of success. Watch this space!

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

**Tina**

## Friends of Derry Hill School (FODHS)

Parents, guardians, staff and pupils raising funds for Derry Hill School together

We are having a fun packed term of fundraising. Our annual school disco

returned and we would like to say a huge thank-you to all the teachers, volunteers and Mr Monteith from Platinum music & events who made this such a successful event full of dancing and party games enjoyed by all.



This term Owl and Mole class are leading the cake bake providing some wonderful cakes to be enjoyed by all. So that all of The Derry Hill students could partake in the Annual Easter Egg hunt, it was held during the day. We would like to thank Tesco's and Morrisons for their generous donation of eggs towards this event which allowed us to make this a fun and free event for all of our students. Bags2 School returns on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April.**

If you have anything to donate, please bring it along to the school bike shed for the event or contact us so that we can arrange collection.

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## WI Walking Netball



Our trip to see Team Bath v London Pulse was a great night out. Unfortunately, Team Bath lost this time but the netball was of a very high standard. London Pulse were the winning team and played an amazing game. Amongst the players were several England Roses. They make it seem so easy! Everyone enjoyed the evening. Thanks to Suzie and Allie who drove us all on the night. I think we will all be going again next year!!

We are a very friendly group of ladies, so 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 during school term, on the outside multi-pitch next to Lansdowne Hall.

An excellent way to socialise, have fun and keep fit.

**Tina** (01249 814145)



# April 2024 Crossword



## ACROSS

- 1 Throb (7)
- 8 Mimic (7)
- 9 Speech (7)
- 10 Bold (8)
- 11 Felt hat (6)
- 13 Roomy (8)

- 14 Rabbit's tail (4)
- 15 Body (7)
- 16 Legjoint (5)

## DOWN

- 2 Mean (6)

- 3 Golf course (5)
- 4 Greed (7)
- 5 Scold (9)
- 6 Tooth (5)
- 7 Monarch (4)
- 12 Duty list (4)



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### Being peaceful in a hectic world

A good friend once lived in a serene flat on a lively street. Cars sped past. Lorries lumbered. But in my friend's lounge there was a picture of a temple garden that seemed to invite the viewer to breathe and relax.



I've always loved the contrast between busyness and peace. Perhaps it dates back to an old tollbar cottage that my grandparents used to live in. We children slept under sloping eaves. Outside, cars zoomed. Inside, all was still. Yes, the traffic held dangers. But in the cottage, we always felt safe.

Now, this can require a certain amount of work, a shift of mindset. But sometimes, when you are surrounded by bustle, that's when you can feel especially peaceful.

There is an old story that illustrates this. Weighed down by state business, an emperor was hungry for tranquillity. Three of the best artists in the land were summoned to produce a painting that would help him to feel calm.

The first artist painted a still lake. The second created an untrodden, snowy landscape. "Very nice," said the emperor. And then he turned to the final painting, which didn't seem tranquil at all: a forest waterfall crashing down from a great height. "This is the one," exclaimed the emperor to his puzzled courtiers. And he pointed to a nest, where a bird slept soundly. "That," said the emperor, "is true tranquillity."

However hectic the world may be, I wish you the peace of true tranquillity.

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