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## Editorial

The weather seems to be gradually turning into a warmer clime; as I write the grey skies still dominate, but when the sun shines there is a definite warmth.

We have had some brilliant blossom, as captured by artist Kathryn Peters-Smith on this month's front cover, and wherever you go this early blossom is a reminder that summer is creeping nearer. After the persistent rain we have had I just wonder what sort of weather is in store for us this summer.

At the Annual Parish Council meeting recently it was mentioned, nay, rightly boasted, that our villages are vibrant with so much going on. This month we have our usual club activities from Badminton to Wednesday walkers and Coffee and Chat to W.I. Of special note in May is a concert performance of HMS Pinafore at Christ Church Derry Hill.

Gifford's Circus is visiting Bowood and also at that venue are various workshops including a Stained Glass Taster Day. Further afield we have the Duck Race in Calne and at the end of the month the Chippenham Folk Festival. Just into June there is a barn dance down at the Lansdowne Hall run by the Rub a Dub. Plenty going on.

So, dear reader, whatever you get up to, I hope you enjoy the wonderful month of May.

## Editor

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### Mobile library visits to Derry Hill

#### **Lansdowne Hall Derry Hill**

14.30 – 15.45

Tuesday: 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Tuesday: 28<sup>th</sup> May 2024

#### **Kingston House Derry Hill**

10.10 – 10.30

6<sup>th</sup> May 2024



## May 2024 Church Services

Time	Church	Service
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup></b>		
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Easter 6</b>		
8am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
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	Rogation Service
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup></b>		
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Ascension Day
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Easter 7</b>		
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	St. Martins Bremhill	Holy Communion - BCP
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup></b>		
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Pentecost</b>		
8am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Parish Eucharist
10am	Holy Trinity, Quemerford	Family Service
11am	Christ Church, Derry Hill	Parish Eucharist
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>		
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> Trinity Sunday</b>		
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	Patronal Holy Communion
6pm	St John the Baptist, Foxham	Evensong

## May 2024 Church Services (cont'd)

Wednesday 29th

10am

St Mary's, Calne

Holy Communion

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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? 'Please contact Mrs. Lucinda Prater (Secretary) for further details: 07882 469005'.

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### Church Contacts CHRIST CHURCH - DERRY HILL

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

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#### Church Wardens

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Mr Ian Liddle 01249 816229

#### PCC Treasurer (Tr) & Secretary (Sec)

Mr Peter Roycroft (Tr) 01249 660550

Mrs Lucinda Prater (Sec) 07882 469005



## Rector's notes for May

May has always been my favourite month – I think it dates from my dairy farming days, when we could guarantee that the cows would be out grazing day and night (which always made the daily workload so much easier – self-propelled muck-spreaders, you understand). The days are still getting longer, the weather on average is getting warmer, and everything green is growing like crazy.

I confess I have never been much of a gardener in the past. But having a new vicarage garden in the middle of Calne right next to Abberd Brook where we live, Alice, my wife, and I thought we ought to have a proper go. We hacked down and ground out the roots of multiple uncontrolled shrubs over the autumn and winter, and having had a very out-of-control hedge laid, we are beginning now to see the fruits of all that drastic action. It is extraordinary how new buds have broken out of such unpromising-looking laid hedge branches. Some of the fruit trees we planted in December that have been flooded three times, as the Abberd has risen in times of flood, are blossoming already. The area of turf that we transplanted from a new patio area into the bare places the shrubs came out of are looking a bit like intended lawn!

Plant growth like this is such a good metaphor for the Christian life. St Paul writes to the rather wayward Corinthian church about how both he and another Christian leader Apollos have planted and watered the seeds of faith in the people of this church. But it's God who gives the growth, he points out.

I sometimes wonder whether we're tempted to settle for a level of faith which is more like a carefully curated collection of historical artefacts than a God-blessed Garden. Those artefacts may well be of real interest and merit, but they aren't alive as such. With a garden – or any living thing really – even something as simple as a leaf or a flower has the potential to take our breath away in the way it's so intricately formed and can grow out of nothing.

May God reinvigorate our faith this spring time, and dazzle us with fresh understandings of his love for us and all he has made, and lead us into new insights as to how he wants us to share in his purposes for the world.

With my prayers, and very best wishes

**Caspar Bush** Team Rector

## April Training Session

18 Derry Hill and Studley villagers turned out for the Heartbeat CPR training and Defib Awareness session last month with our experienced paramedic Bruce providing hands-on demonstrations.

Furthermore £240 was donated towards future upkeep and 4 people have volunteered to help look after the village defibs. A really good awareness session – if you missed it, and would like to attend a future session send me an email or a text (see details below)



### History of the Telephone Kiosk – Part 1

Last month I mentioned how Community Heartbeat (that's the national body) had agreed with BT to adopt existing no-longer used telephone boxes as safe locations for defibrillators. This got me researching the history of the famous red box.

Early phone kiosks were strange devices that were more like garden sheds than the phone boxes we know today. They came in multiple shapes and sizes and sometimes looked like decorative garden features with thatched roofs and stained glass. Lots of these boxes



*The K1, with second version (right). Courtesy Avoncroft Museum*

required payment to enter and some even had attendants! In 1912 the GPO took over the operation of phone boxes and started the

process of standardisation. The first of the K series of kiosks appearing in 1920/1.

The K1 (kiosk 1) was the first GPO built kiosk. Constructed of three concrete panels with a wooden door and a pyramid style roof that was topped off with a ball. Three versions were made, the differences being the windows and roof!

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

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## Derry Hill United FC

We are coming to the end of the 23/24 season and in spite of all the rain it looks like all the squads will get their games completed by the middle of May.



It has been a fantastic season with over 270 players registered, over 100 of them girls.

We have been able to run 11 mixed teams from U6 - U16 and seven girls' teams. It is great being able to offer grassroots football to all these players from Derry Hill and the surrounding areas. It doesn't happen by magic though, and the hours put into making it possible by coaches and committee members behind the scenes is amazing.

It has been a challenge this season balancing our budgets. Our costs have continued to rise and this has been hard to manage while remaining accessible to all families. We are always thankful to our sponsors for their generosity which has been an enormous help. If you or your business would like to find out about our squad and wider club sponsorship, please email [treasurer@dhufc.org](mailto:treasurer@dhufc.org)

One of the biggest success stories of the season has been revitalising our opportunities for younger girls to play football. We started the season with five girls at U9 and younger and we are ending with 35! For the first time we are going to be entering an U8 Girls team in the league.

Our Hotshots sessions for boys and girls in Reception are starting again on Thursday afternoons in June. We have a few spaces left so please email [joinus@dhufc.org](mailto:joinus@dhufc.org) if you would like to find out more information.

As we start to plan for next season, we are looking for some more volunteers to help on the committee and on the pitch. If you would like to get involved in your local grassroots football team, please email us ([admin@dhufc.org](mailto:admin@dhufc.org)). We have coaching opportunities as well as more administrative roles and roles helping with maintenance of the clubhouse and pitches, something for everyone!

**Claire** Administrator Derry Hill United

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## **Waste and Recycling collections over May Bank Holidays**

There are no changes to waste and recycling collections over the Early May Bank Holiday (6 May) and Spring Bank Holiday (27 May). Please put your bin out on your normal collection day.

Household Recycling Centres (HRCs) will be open but are likely to be busy over the May bank holidays and queues are expected. Save time by sorting your waste before visiting. If you don't have time at home, make use of the sorting tables whilst on site.

[Check your collection day](#)

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## **inSpire On Line**

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## A word or two from Annie

Hello again! I do hope that you all enjoyed Easter but don't forget that Easter Sunday was just the beginning of the Easter Season and it continues. Each Sunday of the season is treated as a Sunday of Easter, and, after the Sunday of the Resurrection, (Easter Day), they are named Second Sunday of Easter, Third Sunday of Easter, etc. up to the Seventh Sunday of Easter, while the whole fifty-day period concludes with Pentecost Sunday – so keep on celebrating our Lord's resurrection! Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

We now enter the 'wedding season' and welcome and pray for all those who come to our churches to marry. We wish them a wonderful wedding day and long and happy marriages.

There are some special services this month including our Family service at Christ Church on the 5<sup>th</sup> May where, I understand, there will be some Maypole dancing taking place!!! All are welcome to this service which starts at 10.30am, following our Said Eucharist service at 10am.



Another highlight for May is the performance by Mask of HMS Pinafore (concert edition!) on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May in Christ Church. If you have not been to one of the Mask concerts before – treat yourself – it is well worth it!

I shall also be doing a session in Christ Church at 7pm on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May called Grave Talk!! Further details can be found elsewhere in this edition of Inspire. Although the title does not sound very inviting, I can guarantee that those who attend will get something out of it! Tea, coffee and cake will be served and it is free of charge!!!

It is a busy time in the garden, saying goodbye to the wonderful spring flowers and preparing for the bedding plant season.

The birds are busy too, busy searching out grubs and whatever they can find that will satisfy the appetite of their young. My garden is now

being visited by long tailed tits (which are very acrobatic!) and I have seen the first chaffinch too and a pair of goldfinches!!

So, as we approach, hopefully, the summer, can we all make a big effort to be nice to others and smile a bit more? The sunshine always makes me and many others smile just because we feel better, let us spread our smiles!! Kindness and good manners cost nothing!



Until next time, with much love and prayers.

**Annie** x

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## The Hub - serving Derry Hill, Studley, Old Derry Hill and Sandy Lane in North Wiltshire

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A screenshot of the website for 'The Hub'. The header features a navigation menu with links: HOME, CORONATION 2022, COMMUNITY, GROUPS, HISTORY, JUBILEE 2022, GALLERY, CHRISTMAS, and CONTACT. The main image shows a street scene with a church in the background. Overlaid on the image is the text 'The Hub' in a large, white, sans-serif font, and below it, in a smaller white font, 'Serving Derry Hill, Studley, Old Derry Hill and Sandy Lane in North Wiltshire'. At the bottom of the page, there is a 'What's on' section with a circular icon containing a speech bubble.

There are signs throughout our culture that people are beginning to talk about death, dying and funerals and that it is not such a taboo subject any longer.



The church of England conducts around 3,300 funerals each week and for generations the church

has been helping people prepare for dying, remember loved ones at funeral services and has supported them on their journey of grief and remembering.

Grave Talk is a simple way to help us get together and talk about death, dying and funerals in the relaxed easy context of a café space. It has been tried and tested over the past few years and has proved successful and popular. There are no answers – just though provoking questions to get you thinking – and talking.

This is not a course – it is a conversation. It is for any age or group of people. There will be tea and coffee and cake and there will be conversation.

Reverend Annie Church will be facilitating one session initially, which will be held at Christ Church in Derry Hill at 7pm on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May. The session will last for one and a half to two hours and numbers will be limited to 16 per session. Please contact Reverend Annie on 01249 490440 or 07789 778312 or [anniechurch@hotmail.com](mailto:anniechurch@hotmail.com) to book your place.

***Reverend Annie Church***

# HMS Pinafore

Christchurch, Derry Hill.

7.30pm Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2023

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## The Sky at Night



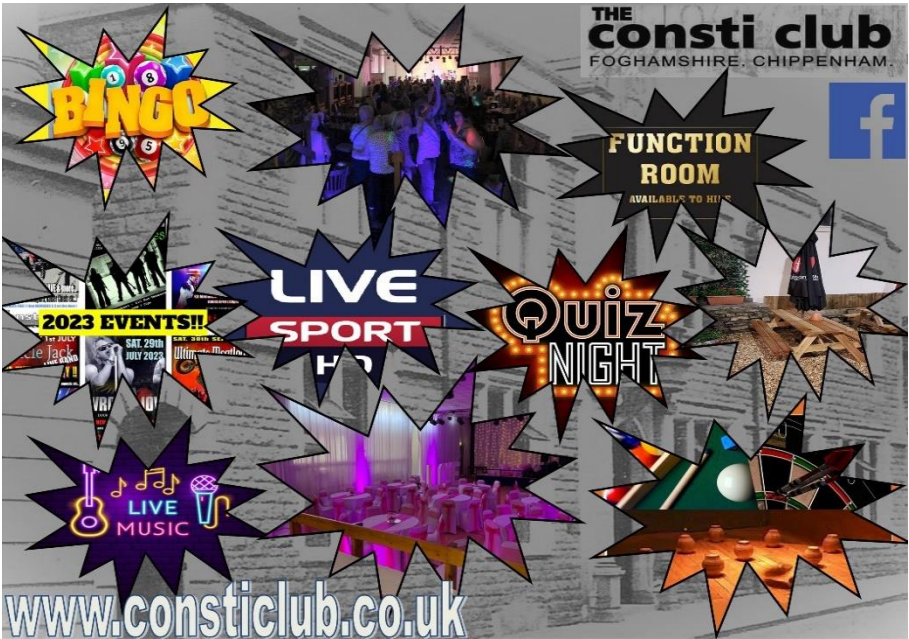
The Eta Aquariid meteor shower is active between 19<sup>th</sup> April and 28<sup>th</sup> May, coming to a climax around 6<sup>th</sup> May with up to 50 meteors per hour.

This shower is more visible for the Southern Hemisphere and will appear low in the sky in the Northern Hemisphere in the early hours pre-dawn.

However, it should still be possible to see the shower in the eastern sky, even when the radiant is below the horizon. This year the maximum on May 6 happens two days before new Moon, making good viewing conditions.

If you look eastwards, you'll see the star Eta Aquariid in the constellation of Aquarius, after which the meteor shower is named. The source of the meteor shower is the famous Halley's Comet, which is visible from Earth every 75-76 years.

**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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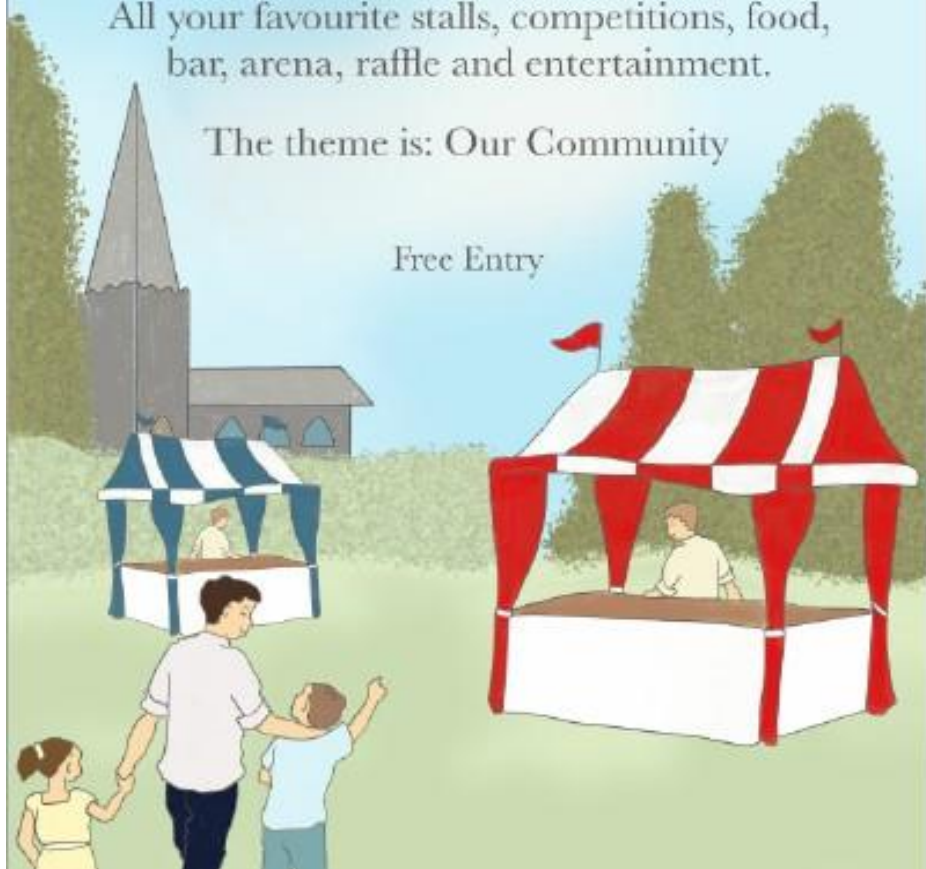
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## Calne Without Parish Council

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

During the last month we have been continuing with our routine tasks. Work has continued on analysing the responses to the recent Consultation on the draft Calne Community Neighbourhood plan. Responses to all comments will be available on the website in the near future. The amended plan will be submitted to Wiltshire Council by the end of May for the next stage of the process.

We have now entered the last year of Calne Without Parish council as it currently exists. Next May 2025 the boundaries of the existing Parish will be changed and your property will be in a new Parish. The New Derry Hill and Studley Parish Council will start work in May 2025, and will cover Studley, Derry Hill, Sandy Lane and Pewsham.

We will be looking for more people to stand to be councillors, please get in touch if you think you want to find out more about what it means to be a councillor. Over the next year we will be providing more information on the changes, please keep an eye on our website and Facebook page for updates.

### **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 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024 7.30pm,  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 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 in Christ Church on the 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 2pm. Everyone was welcomed by Barbara and Robyn started the meeting with prayers and readings. The Diocese had sent a short questionnaire to all Mothers' Union Groups which was duly completed, along with other relevant matters, before we were able to have the main focus of our meeting which was a talk by Judi on the meaning of flowers. This was a super talk; not only interesting but also very informative and we all learnt something and enjoyed it enormously, thank you Judi for your time and effort in giving us this super talk. Refreshments were kindly done by Nan and Jean.



Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May at 2pm in Christ Church when we will be having a talk about Christian Aid given by Colette. Everyone is welcome to join us.

### ***Barbara M Parry***



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# Calne Neighbourhood Policing Team Update

## Police Crime and incident updates

### Incidents

In early April, unknown suspect(s) stole 2 packets of biscuits and toilet rolls from Christ Church, Derry Hill.

On 25/04/2024 00:12hrs, following a single vehicle collision in Fishers Brook a driver provided a positive breath sample at the roadside. The male driver was arrested on suspicion of driving over the prescribed limit of alcohol and taken to hospital due to sustaining minor injuries.

On 26/04/2024, a male was reported as missing in Chippenham. Multiple police units were searching the surroundings fields and areas of Derry Hill, Hilmarton, Foxham, Chippenham and Compton Bassett throughout the afternoon and into evening. Thankfully, the male was found safe and well.

### Wiltshire Roads Policing Day of action.

On Wednesday 24th April our Roads Policing officers targeted the Calne and Derry Hill area in a clampdown on various traffic offences. Speed checks were conducted in Sandpit Road in Calne.

A Mercedes was stopped on the A4 Cherhill travelling at 100mph. The driver apparently needed the toilet (having recently left their house). The driver was issued some paper(work) for the offence!

A brown Range Rover was stopped in Calne due to the dark window tints, despite many lies and protesting recent purchase of insurance there was no such policy... plus cords exposed on a tyre and no tax. The Driver was reported for the offences and the vehicle was seized.

A motorcyclist was stopped in Calne for not displaying L plates. Rider was reported for the offence for the second time!



A driver of a skip lorry was issued a ticket for not wearing a seatbelt. A tractor was stopped where the driver was reported for not having a secure load.

## **Safeguarding**

Police visit licensed premises, shops and hotels to check safeguarding measures.

Neighbourhood officers joined forces with police cadets last week to test safeguarding procedures and raise awareness of child sexual exploitation at local hotels.

Working alongside the Neighbourhood Harm Reduction Unit (NHRU), plain clothes officers attempted to book a room with an underage cadet at several hotels in the Chippenham, Calne and Corsham areas as part of Hotel Watch.

This was carried out to test the safeguarding procedures at the hotels. Follow up visits will now be carried out with the hotel managers to those that failed, with an emphasis on education around exploitation and the signs to look out for rather than punishment.

The following day, neighbourhood offices from Corsham joined police cadets to once again carry out vape test purchases in the local area. Insp Pete Foster said: "It's crucial that we continue to test our local stores, hotels and pubs to ensure steps are being taken to protect our young people from harm.

"By using our volunteer police cadets, it enables us to test our local premises safely and highlights the businesses we need to work closely with in order to make improvements."

## **Cold Callers**

We are aware of cold callers going door to door selling items in the area without Pedlars Certificates – so called "Nottingham Knockers" recently in our area.

These people may often offer household cleaning products for sale from rucksacks or suitcases. Please be vigilant, do not purchase anything and never hand over cash on your doorstep.

If you feel threatened, close the door and contact police.



Always ensure your property is fully secure.  
Look out for your elderly neighbours.  
The items offered are often of low quality and advertised at inflated prices.  
The “sales pitches” can also be part of a wider operation to identify burglary targets.  
Those involved may claim to be part of rehabilitation schemes and could produce ID cards – these are entirely false and have no legal bearing.  
Never buy anything from these people and report them to police.  
Always dial 999 in an emergency.

## **PCSO Mark Cook**

### **Calne Neighbourhood Team**

### **Social Media and Community Messaging**



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## Derry Hill & Studley Gardening Club



At our April Meeting, we welcomed Kate Collyns from Grown Green and she talked to us about Growing Salad Leaves all year round. Grown Green, a certified organic business, was set up by Kate in 2010 and is based at Hartley Farm, Winsley. Produce is grown year-round in polytunnels, beds and fields and is available to buy from the Hartley Farm Shop - Kate brought samples of salad leaves for us to try!

Members were given a Geranium Plug plant to take home and nurture for our Annual Competition. The Geraniums will be for sale on our stall at the Derry Hill & Studley Fete on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July.

Our speaker next month is Carrie Pakenham, and she will talk about the cultivation and uses of unusual herbs.

A coach trip to RHS Rosemoor is planned for Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June.

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

***Paula Wheatcroft***

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



After such a lovely restful Easter holiday, we are back to our learning with a spring in our step!

We have enjoyed a mini marathon around our school field on our first week back. We challenged ourselves to see how many laps we could do. We were so excited to see which house team would win!

Mole Class enjoyed a sharing afternoon with their parents in which they discovered all about dinosaurs. They found out about fossils and made dinosaur masks.

The school enjoyed a visit from Wiltshire Fire and Rescue and learnt how to walk safely when out and about in the village.

**Mrs H Roberts** Headteacher

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### Jazz Club

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

Our regular performers well remember her charm and of course the food she always sensationally prepared for them, and so several of them have agreed to attend and celebrate her life....



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

Admission still only £10 please pay at the door.

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## Book Club Review

### Big Brother by Lionel Shriver

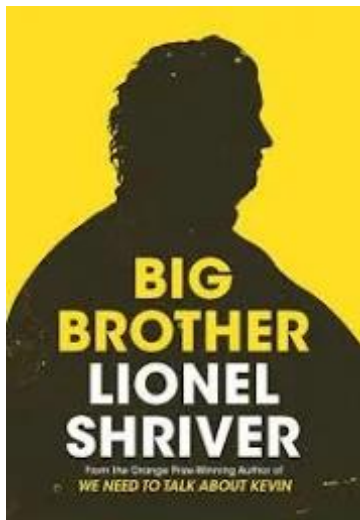
Shriver's 2010 novel about her obese elder brother, Greg, was preceded by an article, wherein she calls out the "fat pride community", describing the life of a 55-year-old man weighing 24 stone and whose breathing is so restricted that he "drags a portable oxygen tank with him like a faithful dog". Her brother died shortly after the article was published. *Big Brother* is her attempt to answer the questions that troubled her – could she, should she have saved him?

The central character is Pandora, the middle-aged middle child in a middle-class American family, unexpectedly rich from her invention of a doll, living with her craftsman husband (Fletcher) and his two teenage children. She loves her big brother Edison, but when he invites himself to stay, she fails to recognise him at the airport. In the 4-year absence, the once slim, 'hip' New York jazz pianist has gained hundreds of pounds. After Edison has more than overstayed his welcome, Fletcher delivers his wife an ultimatum: It's him or me.

Whilst the central topic is our relationship with food and attitudes to fat, for me, *Big Brother* raised many additional issues, including the fragility of family dynamics; the emotional and financial power within relationships, born into and chosen; sibling rivalry and family ties; and the allure and pressures of business and entertainment fame.

For many of the group, the flaws in Shriver's writing style and book structure, her language, the unsympathetic characters and a disconnect with the subject matter were too difficult to overcome. Dislike it they may, but the debate was fast and furious... food for thought!!

**Elizabeth.**



## Rub a Dub Preschool

The sun is finally starting to show itself and we can't wait for lots of lovely outdoor activities here at Rub a Dub this Spring.

Thank you for those who came to our Easter Fayre in Lansdowne Hall last month. We raised just over £900 for improvements within the preschool. This money will be incredibly helpful, so a huge thank you to all who got involved. A special mention to all our artisan stall holders: Mamma Thea, On The Green, The Flower Press, Sweets n Treats Wiltshire, Helen Warran, Hillbilly Rocks Vintage, Life is what you bake it and Eco Warrior.

Our next fundraising event is the Barn Dance on Saturday 1st June. We look forward to the return of "Get Reel", the wonderful band who performed at our Coronation Barn Dance last year. Food to be provided by The Dumb Post Inn. Ticket price £22.50, on sale now- please email [rubadubfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:rubadubfundraising@gmail.com) to secure yours. Please see attached poster for more details.

The next in-house event is the Den Day with Dads- our most competitive day of the whole year! Dads, Grandads and Uncles are invited to come in and create some dens with the children. The children absolutely love this event, and we have seen some fabulous creations over past years.

Rub a Dub Preschool are the proud providers of an Afterschool club open to all pupils at neighbouring Derry Hill C of E Primary school. School children can attend Rub a Dub 15:15 until 17:30 Monday to Friday. Please email [rubadubpreschoolenquiries@gmail.com](mailto:rubadubpreschoolenquiries@gmail.com) for more information.

**Rachel Missen** [rubadubsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:rubadubsecretary@gmail.com)





## Derry Hill & District WI

Jennie Shaw gave us a wonderful talk about 'Living at Hazeland Mill'. The Mill was part of the estates of Malmesbury Abbey, recorded as a grist and tucking mill in 1534! The property had sadly fallen into disrepair. Jenny and her husband Peter started the restoration in 1985 and it took nearly 20 years to complete. Jenny took us through all the stages of restoration work accompanied by some fascinating photos. Thank you, Jennie.

As we were days away from Easter, our members decorated a hard-boiled egg for our monthly competition. Janet Baumber painted this winning entry, well done!

Some members walked down to the Bowood Golf Club House for lunch. Food was great and they had a lovely time despite the weather! A trip to see the Fritillary Meadow at Cricklade was, unfortunately, cancelled due to the meadow being too wet. The trip to the National Open Gardens Scheme – Blackland's House was fully booked! We have not been so lucky with the weather or bookings this month, but we are resilient and will try again later.

The talk in May will be given by Bernard Purrier from the Whales and Dolphins Conservation Organization, based in Chippenham. Should be very interesting.

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**

## The 2,500 men of the Bowood Camp in 1915

In 1915 as peace gathered in the 1<sup>st</sup> World War the 1<sup>st</sup> Mounted Brigade of the Southern Division were under canvas at Bowood. The men were at Bowood for the purpose of completing their training. Lord Lansdowne had placed the estate at the disposal of the



military authorities. The papers report that the change from being billeted in private and licensed houses in towns to tents pitched in Bowood's beautiful surroundings was most welcomed by the men.



The Brigade consisted of the second line units of the Royal Wilts, North Somerset, Dorset and Hants Regiments of Yeomanry the Hampshire Royal Horse Artillery, the Field Ambulance, the Medical Corps and the Transport and Supply Column. There were 2,500 men camped in

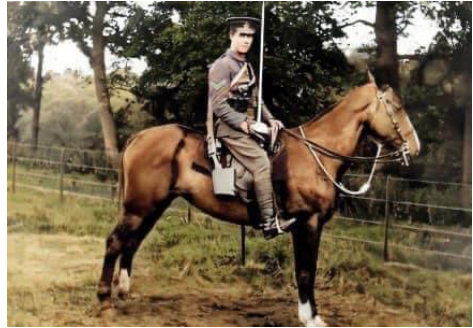
Bowood.

The camp ran from just inside the Golden Gates, past Queens Wood, and down as far as Rumsey House. The Wiltshire's being the home county regiment were given the place of honour near the Golden Gates. The supplies for the 2,500 arrived at Black Dog Halt.

The papers report that the inhabitants of Chippenham and Calne regretted the departure of the men when they left later in 1915 to meet their destiny on the Western Front. The conduct of the men was reported as exemplary with not one complaint received by the police as to their behaviour.



So, when you take a walk along the golf course from the Golden Gates to Studley Lodge, take a moment to remember the 2,500 men who spent 1915 preparing for war. They had no idea what awaited them in France. Many of them didn't return.



## **Steve Calder**

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### **WI Walking Netball**

April has been a funny month! We have played outside on the court in brilliant sunshine, freezing wind and forced indoors because of the copious amounts of rain. We still manage to have a lot of fun whatever the weather throws at us!!



One of the goals for WI Walking Netball, as well as keeping fit in a fun way, is to socialise so, with that in mind, Allie is organising a dinner out for us all. Can't wait!

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)



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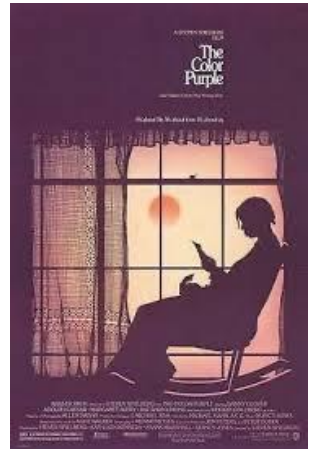
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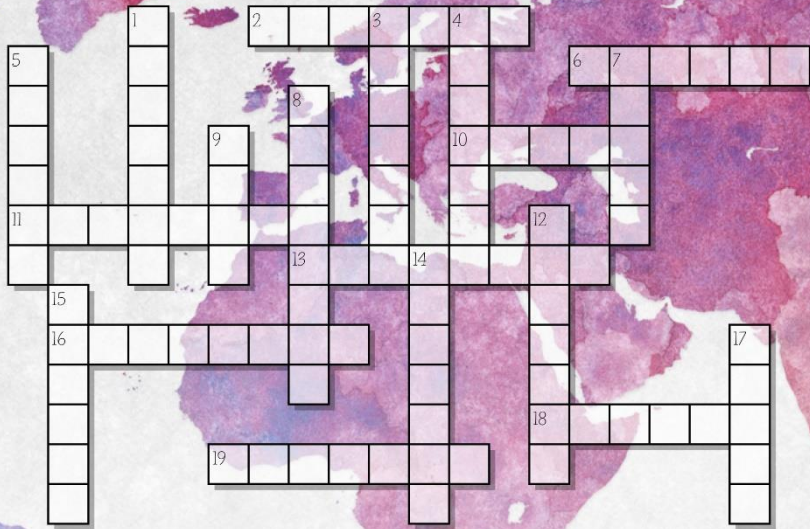
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## ACROSS

- 2 Tutor (7)  
6 Stay (6)  
10 Arrow part (5)  
11 Computer programs (8)  
13 Appended (8)

- 16 Outside (8)  
18 Lithe (6)  
19 Hone (7)

## DOWN

- 1 Keepsake (7)  
3 Pharmacist (7)  
4 Stretchy (7)  
5 Waylay (6)

- 7 Access (5)

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## Wellbeing notes

### Your own, curated history is amazing

There's a new and friendly group that meets at Chippenham Library every week. It's called the Thursday Club, and I've been privileged to be there, helping out. People of all different ages sit around a table on the ground floor, just by the main door, discussing times past and present over a cup of tea or coffee.



Every week there's a theme. Last weeks, for example, was 'Schools'. All manner of memories – and damning school reports! – were swapped. The week before, the theme was fashion history. One of the things I love most is when people bring in documents, clothes and photos. Some of the ephemera are from our own lifetimes; some are from our forebears'.

And here's what I've discovered: in a world of dizzying change, it's *therapeutic* to look back on how things used to be. Keeping and sharing a small, curated collection from your own family history can help to remind you where you're from and where you're going. Last week, for example, I shared documents from my bookish, suffragette great grandmother. In the process, it dawned on me how much she quietly influenced me. And I said a silent 'thank you' to her memory.

When you think back over your own family history, who, or what, helped you to be the person you are today?

The Thursday Club meets at 10.30am in Chippenham Library on Thursday mornings. It's free, and new members are always welcome. Just turn up – there may even be cake!

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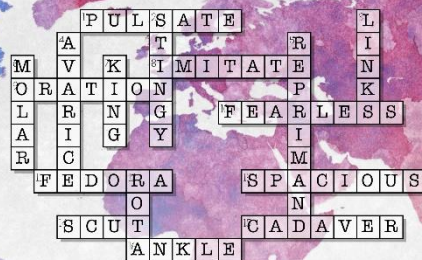
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- 14 Rabbit's tail (4)
  - 3 Golf course (5)
  - 1 Throb (7)
  - 15 Body (7)
  - 8 Mimic (7)
  - 16 Legjoint (5)
  - 9 Speech (7)
  - 10 Bold (8)
  - 11 Felt hat (6)
  - 13 Roomy (8)
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