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Editorial

What strange weather we have been having of late. Traditional April showers were mainly replaced by long, dry sunny days and cold nights. I've never had to water my garden in April before. Thank goodness it rained eventually and the nights are warming up.

May sees many local and national events. The chief amongst them are the RHS Chelsea Flower show (20th – 25th), Men's FA Cup final (17th) and the Women's FA Cup the following day. Near to home we have the Chippenham Folk Festival (23rd – 26th). In our two Villages we are celebrating VE day with a dance and beacon lighting. More details inside this magazine.

We are expecting a visit from the 'inspectors' of the Best Kept Village competition this month. See details on what we can do to help promote the villages in this magazine's pages.

Now a plea for help. Because of health issues, I may not be able to rise up to the challenge of being the editor, in the normal way, for the next few months. Is there someone in our readership who can lend a hand? No previous experience needed, just a computer to do some editing on in MS word. We'd love to have you on board!

Editor (Richard Aylen) inspireeditor@gmail.com



A LOVELY DEPICTION OF WW2

APCM date announced

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting of Christ Church Derry Hill will be on Sunday 18th May after the 11am service. This is effectively the AGM of the church. All those who are interested in the workings of the church are welcome to attend. Only registered members on the electoral roll may speak or vote.

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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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.

Vicar's Notes "Come to me"

Since the financial crisis of 2008, it has become ever clearer that we're all at the mercy of events and forces over which we have no control. The pandemic rocked the foundations of all our lives, and its ongoing impacts are like a series of 'after-shocks'. Financial news gets worse and worse: we feel as if we have no protection from spiralling inflation, and cuts in jobs and wages, which leave people with huge bills and nothing with which to pay them. We're left feeling scared and uncertain because there's no sense of security in our lives.

Of course, the truth is that even in the best of times, none of us knows what's just around the corner. Sudden death, terminal illness, serious injury, or redundancy can devastate any of our lives at any time.

Jesus understood the pressures under which people live. In his days, most people were extremely poor by our standards. They knew that, humanly speaking, it was chance whether or not they would survive from one year to the next. Bad weather meant bad harvests, which meant that food ran short. There was little knowledge as to how to treat illness or injury, and many people died quite young. People lived on a knife edge, which left them carrying huge burdens of worry.

Jesus spoke to people facing all these pressures, concerns and worries. He said to them, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

In another part of the Bible, in a different context, God says to his people, "Test me in this, and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it".

So, if you're worried and harassed, may I invite you to put God to the test? Come to Jesus and see if you don't find rest for your soul. Any of the churches in Bremhill, Calne, Derry Hill or Foxham would be very glad to see you, and to help you if you want to find out more.

With prayers and best wishes

Sarah Errington

(Team Vicar; email: sarah.errington@mardenvale.org.uk; tel: 01249 263430)

May 2025 Church Services

Time	Church	Service
Sunday 4th Easter 3		
8am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
9.30am	Christ Church, Derry Hill	Spoken Holy Communion
10.30am	Christ Church, Derry Hill	All age Holy Communion
4pm	St John the Baptist, Foxham	No Service today
6pm	St. Martin's, Bremhill	Evensong
Wednesday 7th		
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
Sunday 11th Easter 4 - also VE day 80th Anniversary		
8am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
9.30am	St John the Baptist, Foxham	Holy Communion
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
10am	Christ Church, Derry Hill	At War Memorial
11am	Christ Church, Derry Hill	Holy Communion
3pm	St Mary's, Calne	80 th Anniversary Service
6pm	St. Martin's, Bremhill	Holy Communion BCP
Wednesday 14th		
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
Sunday 18th Easter 5		
8am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
9.30am	St. Martin's, Bremhill	Holy Communion
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
10am	Holy Trinity, Quemerford	Family Service
11am	Christ Church, Derry Hill	Holy Communion
Wednesday 21st		
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
Sunday 25th Easter 6		
9.30am	St Peter's, Blackland	Holy Communion BCP
10am	St Mary's, Calne	All Age Morning Praise
10am	St. Martin's, Bremhill	All age Holy Communion
10.45am	Holy Trinity, Quemerford	Holy Communion
6pm	St John the Baptist, Foxham	Evensong
Thursday 29th		
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Ascension Day

Join us on the coach to Salisbury Cathedral!

On Sunday 29th June, our new benefice curate Carly Taylor will be ordained in Salisbury Cathedral, and we are all invited to be part of this very special service, in this amazing building. To that end we have booked a 50-seater coach! It will leave at 8.30am from outside the library in Calne, getting us there in plenty of time for the 10.30am service. Afterwards there'll be time to enjoy a picnic lunch (bring your own!) and soak up a bit of Salisbury atmosphere before the bus leaves Salisbury at 3pm. The price is £15 per person. Please book your place with Ann in the benefice office. You can email her on admin@mardenvale.org.uk or phone 01249 816522

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Mobile library visits to Derry Hill

Lansdowne Hall Derry Hill

14.30 – 15.45

Tuesday: 13th & 27th May 2025

Kingston House Derry Hill

10.10 – 10.30

5th May 2025



Where Are our Defibs?

Do you know where our defibs are in the village? Don't wait for an emergency use Defib Finder.

<https://www.defibfinder.uk>

Click otherwise continue,

Continue, enter your postcode or Derry Hill, Calne and you will see the location of the six defibs in Derry Hill and Studley. Click on each marker to see precise location, its ready status, and how to get there. Or check up on other locations you visit regularly.



Cardiac Arrest – 999 & CPR ASAP

If you see a person in cardiac arrest, call 999 immediately and start CPR. You will be told what to do by the 999 operator while you wait for an ambulance to arrive.

Time is critical and CPR is necessary to maintain an oxygen supply to the brain and other organs until the heart can be restarted by defibrillation shock.

You don't need to be qualified to do CPR or to use a defib, you are trying to save a life!

How to Save a Life (CPR & Defib training)

Our training session at the end of March in the Lansdowne Hall was attended by over 20 people and we are grateful to Bruce, our paramedic, for his practical demonstrations, his insightful explanations and of course his lively humour! If you missed the session scan below and watch the video:



Believe it or not Heartbeat isn't funded by the NHS – we are entirely volunteers and rely on the generosity of the villagers to help cover the regular costs of maintaining the defibs, so if you

can give us a one-off donation or a small regular standing order towards the upkeep of the defibs that would be great, our account details are:

Account Name:Derry Hill and Studley Heartbeat

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Account No:52349360

Heartbeat will be at the village fete in July with a stand as usual, but in the meantime:

Chris McCormack is running a Spring Fair on Saturday 31st May in the Lansdowne Hall from 10.30am to 3pm in support of the British Heart Foundation.

Many thanks for all your support

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

Spring Table Top Fair

The BHF North Wiltshire Fundraising Group will be holding a Spring Table Top Fair in the Village Hall on May 31st. We will be raising funds for life saving research for the British Heart Foundation (BHF) and offering advice on Heart Health and Wellbeing along with the chance to experience carrying out CPR and operating a defibrillator. We will have plenty of amazing table top stalls to look around, with delicious heart-healthy cakes and refreshments available. It is free entry so why not pop down and say hello, what you learn on the day may just save some one's life. For anyone who would like to book a table then please contact me as below.

Thanks.

Chris McCormack cdropstix@btinternet.com 07974 429153

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Bring your friends and family to explore unique crafts, heart health experiences, and contribute to a great cause.

Together, we can make a difference in the fight against heart disease.

Facebook : BHF North Wiltshire Fundraising Group



The Sky at night

In May 2025, the night sky will offer several interesting sights, including the Eta Aquariid meteor shower, Comet C/2025 F2 (SWAN), and the Flower Moon. The Eta Aquariid meteor shower will peak on May 5th. Comet SWAN will be visible low in the northwest twilight after sunset, near the Pleiades star cluster.



The Eta Aquariid Meteor Shower is active from April 19th to May 28th, peaking between midnight and dawn on May 5th. It's predicted to have a rate of up to 40 meteors per hour. While it favours the Southern Hemisphere, it's still possible to see it in the eastern sky in the early predawn hours from the UK, even when the radiant is below the horizon. The shower is caused by debris from Halley's Comet and is named after the constellation Aquarius and the star Eta Aquarii.

The Comet C/2025 F2 (SWAN) will be visible low in the northwest twilight after sunset, close to the Pleiades star cluster. Southern hemisphere observers will have better views than those in the Northern Hemisphere.

Flower Moon, so called as many flowers are in bloom during this month, will be visible from about 21:28 BST on May 12th. It will be beneath the constellation Libra and won't rise very high in the sky.

Another Celestial event is the large asteroid Vesta which will reach opposition on May 2nd, making it closest to Earth and brightest during that time.

Richard Aylen



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100 years ago, we were at war

In January 1915, the first German Zeppelin raid happened on the east coast of England. Diverted by strong winds from their original industrial targets on the Humber estuary, the two airships involved, the L3 and L 4, dropped 24 high explosive bombs, killing 4 people and causing 'untold' damage, estimated at almost £8,000.

On the 22nd April 1915, the Second Battle of Ypres had begun. Germany used poison gas for the first time in a major offensive. At 17.00 hours, German soldiers open the valves and release almost 200 tonnes of chlorine gas across a 4km front. Being heavier than air, they rely on the wind direction to blow the gas towards the French trenches. 6,000 Allied troops die within 10 minutes.

By May 1915 there were significant war preparations being made across the country.

On the 15th May 1915 the Wiltshire Telegraph reported the Military Camp at Bowood.

"By the end of next week, the whole of the second 1st Mounted Brigade of the Southern Division will be under canvas at Bowood for the purpose of completing their training. The Marquess of Lansdowne has placed his park at the disposal of the military authorities, and the change from being billeted in private and licensed houses in towns to tents pitched in these beautiful surroundings will be welcomed by the



men, whose physique and efficiency it will tend to improve. 'The Brigade will consist of the second line units of the Royal Wi, North Somerset, Dorset, and Hants Regiments of Yeomanry, the Hampshire Royal Horse Artillery, the Field Ambulance R.A. Medical Corps, and the Transport and Supply Column A.S.C., the total strength being estimated at 2,500.

The camp will form a semi-circle extending from near the entrance at the Golden Gates to Rumsey House, and embracing that part known as Queenwood (the length of the Golf Course Walk).



The Wiltshire's being the home county in-between the place of honour near the Golden gates assuming them are the North Somerset and dividing these regiments from the Dorsets and Hants are the K AM.C. in a field adjoining the old road to Studley. The Army Service Corps, for the purpose of being ready to handle supplies coming in by rail, are located in a field at the rear of the goods sheds at Black Dog siding. 'The conduct of the men during the period of their residence in these towns has been exemplary; not a complaint has been received by the police as to their behaviour, and they have left nothing but the most pleasant memories of their stay. About it is to the advantage of the men that they should have a more extended scope for training,

and that they will find surrounded extensive grounds at Bowood the diversified character of which makes them well suited training troops. Advanced parties left the headquarters at Chippenham on Saturday, and when the regiment arrived in camp at about two o'clock on Monday they found all the arrangements practically complete for their reception. The strength of which is 418, and is under the command of Colonel Poore, Major Fuller is second in command, and the other officers of the three Squadrons include Major Richardson Cox, Major Webster, Captain Buxton, Captain Lysley, Captain Bennett, A.V.C., Lieutenants K Rooke, Chandler, Baines, Meyers, Hudson, Hawkings, Beaven, Cowan, Creasy, and Llewellyn. 1st regimental civil medical practitioner Dr Ferguson, of Calne, Dr Buxton, had a commission in the Royal Army Medical Corps, and is now on active service. The head of the non-commissioned officers is Regimental Sergeant-Major Walters, who has fought against his country's enemies in various parts of the world and has rendered valuable service in the training of the troops. The arrangements for the feeding of the troops are carried out by the Regimental Mess and are entirely satisfactory. The provision of an ample supply of pure water for a camp of this magnitude is of importance, and Lord Lansdowne placed his private source at the disposal of the military authorities. This is at Lady Spout, about a mile and a half from the camp; here a reservoir has been constructed capable of holding 10,000 gallons, and this is fed by two sets of pumps capable of raising 3,000 gallons an hour. The camp is 160 feet above the spring, and the water is contained by a three-inch main, which extends to the Hants and Dorset lines on the north side. Between the Wilts and Somerset camps there are four tanks with a storage capacity of 6,000 gallons. The whole of this work has been satisfactorily carried out by Mr. Maundrell, and Messrs. k. J. Drew and Sons, of Calne.

There are five lines of horse troughs, and these have been fitted up by Messrs Long, of Bath. Special attention has been given to the sanitary arrangements, which are of a complete character. It is too early yet to state in detail the work which the men will have to perform each day. The recruits, of whom there are 80, will have mounted and foot drills for the present, and all the other men are engaged in squadron and troop drill. At half-past seven every morning there will be a medical inspection by Dr Ferguson, who has already ordered one man to hospital, the servants' quarters at one part of Bowood House being used for this purpose. Provision has been made for 17 patients. We may here state that Lady Lansdowne has taken the greatest interest in the arrangements of the hospital, where removal cases will

be treated. The hospital will be conducted by the Calne Voluntary Aid Detachment, of which Mrs Ferguson is commandant. All cases of fracture will be dealt with in the Pavilion Hospital in the Calne Recreation Ground; this is under the superintendence of Mrs. J. M. Harris, acting as assistant commandant, and so will have the assistance of Nurses Garne, Gowan, and Godfrey. Cases of an infectious nature will be sent to the Operation Hospital.

Adjoining the Wilts Yeomanry are the North Somerset: the three squadrons are at full strength, the total rank and file being 482, The commanding officer is Lieutenant A. Gibbs, M.P., the second in command is Major A. L. Langman. C.M.G., and the other officers are Adjutant H. Carron-Serimgeour, Major A. H. Baker-Hahlo, Major Cooke-Hurle. Major Lord Wolverton, Cfuin C. F. Lattrell, Captain Gi. J. Joicey, and Lieutenant T. Rhind, RM.C., and Sgt.-Major King-Brain. The dismounted portion of the regiment came by train from Bath on Monday morning, and the mounted version by route march, reached the camp at about half-past six o'clock on Monday evening. The Field Ambulance, which comes from Swindon. has also taken up its quarters, and on Wednesday the Dorset Yeomanry arrived. The Hants are not expected till next week. The Transport and Supply Column is in command of Lieutenant Harman. The Brigadier Colonel Edwards, D. 5.0., and the second in command is Brigade Major J. Hamilton Sergeant Rendell (Devizes) of the Royal Wilts Yeomanry, is in charge of the brigade head."

One of the first Derry Hill men to fall in WW1 was Fred Bull. Fred lived at Loxwell Farm - on the Devizes Road as you leave Derry Hill heading for Sandy Lane. Fred had two brothers; John and George. Fred served with the Wiltshire Regiment. He was killed in action at the battle of Hooge and Bellewaarde near Ypres in Belgium on 25th September 1915 aged 22. Fred's body was never recovered. His name is carved onto the Menin Gate and is scribed onto his brother's grave (John Bull) at Christ Church.



Steve Calder

Calne Neighbourhood Policing Update

Welcome to our latest Neighbourhood Policing update
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

- Between 17-18/03/2025 a Ukrainian flag was stolen from a property in Foxham.
- On 20/03/2024 at 19:29hrs, officers attended a two-vehicle road traffic collision on the A4 Black dog hill. One driver was arrested on suspicion of driving over the prescribed limit of alcohol. Other driver involved suffered minor injuries. Both vehicles were recovered due to extensive damage.
- On 22/03/2025 at 13:34hrs, officers attended a single vehicle road traffic collision involving a motorcycle. The rider of the motorcycle was taken to hospital due to a suspected broken hip.
- Between 25/03/2025 16:00hrs and 26/03/2025 07:30, unknown persons have cut off a padlock to a gate near to Chilvester Hill, Calne.
- On 27/03/2025 at 14:10hrs, officers had seen two males wearing balaclavas attempt to burgle an address in Swindon. A vehicle has been stopped, and the occupants were searched in Hilmarton. The two males were arrested on suspicion of attempted burglary.
- On 27/03/2025 at 13:42hrs, a vehicle was stopped on the A3102 in Hilmarton. The driver was found to be in possession of a small amount of cannabis. The male was given a drugs intervention course.
- On 28/03/2025 at 23:33hrs, a vehicle was stopped on the A4 at Cherhill. The driver was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence of drugs and taken to Melksham custody.

Nesting Birds

We are in a very busy time for nesting birds, and the Rural Crime Team would like to raise awareness around the legislation and responsibilities that we all have at this time of year.

All wild birds are protected, and Schedules were created to highlight their level of protection. Schedule 1 species receive the tightest of protections, with Schedule 4 species being at the lower end of the scale (but are still protected). Birds like Bitterns, Barn Owls and Ospreys fall under Schedule 1, as well as other species that are low in numbers, threatened, or in decline. Dog owners are advised to keep their dogs on leads when walking in the countryside to prevent disturbing ground-nesting birds.

Under the Wildlife and Countryside Act, it is an offence if a person:

- Intentionally kills, injures or takes wild birds
 - Intentionally takes, damages or destroys a wild bird's nest while it's being used or built
 - Intentionally takes or destroys a wild bird's egg
 - Possesses, controls or transports live or dead wild birds, or parts of them, or their eggs
 - Sells wild birds or puts them on display for sale
 - Uses prohibited methods to kill or take wild birds
-
- Intentionally or recklessly disturbing any wild bird listed on Schedule 1 while it is nest building, or at a nest containing eggs or young, or disturbs the dependent young of such a bird
- We ask for people to educate themselves and be respectful around our wild birds. More information can be found on the RSPB website here <https://orlo.uk/ipfCU>

Warnings issued to under 18's in Calne

Since January, 4 formal warnings have been issued to under 18-year-olds using E-scooters in Calne.

PCSO Mark Cook said: "We have been targeting this issue, after concerns were raised by members of the community. Several warnings were issued last year, but since the start of January we have already seen several people riding e-scooters illegally.

"We will continue to give advice on e-scooters and the restrictions on using them if purchased. Anyone seen riding an e-scooter will be issued a warning and if underage, parents will be advised.

“We will remain focused on problem-solving interventions and will continue to engage with riders to make them aware of the law. Offenders who knowingly and persistently break the law will be dealt with appropriately, whereby the e-scooter will be seized, and the rider will be reported for any offences.”

We would like to remind any e-scooter owners or parents who are considering purchasing an e-scooter for their children that it's illegal to use them on the road or in public spaces, such as parks, street pavements, car parks, town centres or promenades.

For more advice visit our website: https://orlo.uk/Advice_on_using_e-scooters_WiMqv

Increasing number of stolen quad bikes and all-terrain vehicles (ATVs)

In recent weeks, particularly in Southwest and Southeast Wiltshire, with the most recent being this week. Considering this, the public are reminded to check the security of their agricultural equipment and plant machinery to make theft as difficult as possible for criminals.

Since the beginning of the year, 12 quad bikes or ATVs have been reported stolen to Wiltshire Police, however we believe this figure may be higher and some thefts may not have been reported.

Wiltshire Police offer owners of quad bikes and ATVs the following advice:

1/ Consider installing trackers on your vehicles – visit the police-approved Secured By Design website for more information.

2/Keep good records of your vehicles – take photographs from different angles of the vehicle, record the serial/chassis numbers, record the model number and any distinguishing features. Keep a personal record of your vehicle and register it on the national property database www.immobilise.com.

3/ Mark your property – mark an obscure part of the vehicle with your postcode and property name or number or use a DNA kit to forensically mark your vehicle. More information about forensic marking kits can be found on the Secured by Design website.

4/ Ensure your vehicle is secured when it is not in use by storing it in a locked outbuilding (preferably with further deterrents such as CCTV or motion-sensor security lighting). Make sure keys are stored securely and not kept within the vehicle/ in the ignition.

5/ Consider installing loud alarms on outbuildings

6/ Report suspicious vehicles and number plates entering your yard or grounds to the police, noting the dates and times

If you have been a victim of theft, dial 101 or report via the Wiltshire Police website - www.wiltshire.police.uk/ro/report. If you notice suspicious activity or witness a crime in progress, dial 999. For more information, visit our website <https://orlo.uk/0ckE0>

Wiltshire Bobby Van seeking referrals for Ring doorbells

If you know of anyone who would benefit from a Ring Doorbell, in the Calne rural area please email on BobbyVan@wbvt.org

Bobby Van referral criteria:

18+ registered disabled, or over the age of 60 who would not normally be classed as vulnerable or disadvantaged and be willing to subscribe to Ring subscription.

PCSO Mark Cook

Calne Neighbourhood Police Team



THE WILTSHIRE BOBBY VAN TRUST

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Sustainable fashion event will promote green shopping and raise Bobby Van funds

A TWO-DAY sustainable fashion event in Marlborough will promote the use of pre-loved clothes as well as raise money for the Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust.

The Pre-loved Fashion Event, at Marlborough Town Hall on Tuesday, May 20 and Wednesday, May 21, will showcase the importance of re-using clothes. The centrepiece of the event at 7pm on Tuesday will be a fashion show featuring models wearing donated garments that highlights how choosing the right pre-loved clothes can be just as stylish and fashionable as buying new.



Anyone buying a £25 ticket to the fashion show will receive a glass of wine on arrival and exclusive access to the pre-loved sale featuring dozens of rails of nearly new designer clothes, accessories and jewellery at bargain prices.

The pre-loved sale continues on Wednesday from 9.30am to 3pm, where entry is free.

The charity, which works with Wiltshire Police to protect over 60s and people aged 18 and over with a disability, wants to add the cameras to the range of security measures it provides in the wake of burglaries or to victims of domestic abuse.

Director Jennie Shaw said: "Embracing pre-loved clothing significantly enhances sustainability by reducing textile waste and conserving resources. In the UK, approximately 49 per cent of used textiles are discarded as general waste, with every person throwing away an average of 35 items a year.

“Choosing second-hand garments extends their lifespan and, lessens the demand for new production and minimises carbon emissions. By choosing pre-loved fashion, we can all play a crucial role in mitigating landfill overflow and promoting a circular economy.

“The event also helps us to maintain our vital service. We receive no funding and we have to raise more than £300,000 a year so this is a wonderful way of finding some real bargains to refresh your wardrobe and helping a great cause.”

The doors open at 6.30pm on Tuesday evening and access to the pre-loved show is available to ticket holders from 7.45pm. Tickets are available from wiltshirebobbyvan.org.uk/future-events.

For further details contact Gary Lawrence on 07866 422308 or gary@meadowcomms.co.uk

EDITOR’S NOTE:

The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust (WBVT) provides a free home security service and online safety service for over 60s and over 18s with a registered disability and people experiencing domestic abuse throughout Wiltshire and Swindon.

The charity funds the operation of three Bobby vans providing mobile workshops for Bobby operators to secure homes. Its team of Stay Safe Online Volunteers offer one to one home visits and community talks on online safety.

WBVT is based at Wiltshire Police Headquarters, London Road, Devizes, Wiltshire SN10 2DN

Phone: 01225 256867 Email: BobbyVan@wbvt.org Website: wiltshirebobbyvan.org.uk

For further details contact Gary Lawrence of Meadow Communications on 07866 422308 or gary@meadowcomms.co.uk.

Update on traffic calming measures for Church Road

In early 2021, Calne Without Parish Council commissioned a highways consultant to perform a feasibility study regarding several road safety issues within the parish. One specific area of concern was Church Road in Derry Hill, which experiences problems with speeding vehicles and serves as a shortcut for through-traffic. These issues have been substantiated by traffic surveys and extensive feedback from local residents.

The Feasibility Study proposed enhancements at five locations on Church Road in Derry Hill, with the underlying principle that “If you want drivers to behave as they should in a village, make sure it feels like a village”.

The proposed solutions were designed to reinforce existing traffic calming with additional measures, such as using contrasting materials to enhance the presence of village features including the shop/post office, school, church, war memorial and village gateway.

The Parish Council presented these solutions to a packed Parish Meeting in April 2023, and, with the backing of those present, put them forward to Wiltshire Council. This was done via the Calne Area LHFIG (Local Highways and Footpaths Improvement Group), which is part of Wiltshire Council’s devolved local government where proposals are then further worked on and supported by the Wiltshire Councillors on Calne Area board.

In April 2023, the Parish Council presented these solutions to a well-attended Parish Meeting. With the support of those present, the proposals were submitted to Wiltshire Council via the Calne Area Local Highways and Footpaths Improvement Group (LHFIG). This group operates within Wiltshire Council’s devolved local government structure, where the proposals are further developed and approved by the Wiltshire Councillors on Calne Area board.

The Wiltshire Council Highways team developed the detailed design, but the estimated cost exceeded the area LHFIG budget. Consequently, it was submitted as a bid for “substantive highways scheme funding”. This is an annual process at Wiltshire Council with a budget to fund larger schemes. To improve the likelihood of success,

contributions towards the costs were offered by Calne Without Parish Council, Calne Area Board, and the Shop Developers.

We are pleased to announce that our bid was successful, one of only eight selected in the county amid strong competition. This is a great example of the Parish and Wiltshire Council working together to bring investment into our village and make it a better and safer place to live. Road safety has been a key priority for Parish and Wiltshire Councillors in our area. Improvements made over the last 4 years include speed limit reductions, additional signage, deployment of speed indicator devices and more police enforcement. The long awaited 20mph speed limit for Studley and Norley Lane has recently been approved by Wiltshire Council Highways and will soon be implemented.

We look forward to building on these improvements in the coming months and years by promoting schemes across the new Derry Hill & Studley Parish.

Cllr Ashley O'Neill – Wiltshire Councillor, Calne Rural
Cllr John Barnes – Chair, Calne Without Parish Council

1st Derry Hill Rainbows, Brownies and Guides

All three sections meet at the village hall on a Monday at 6pm, we enjoy doing a variety of activities each week. We are looking forward to meeting again after the Easter Break and have a joint unit campfire evening lined up as well as a VE day party and taking part in the village VE celebrations



If you are interested in volunteering or if you daughter would like to join us please do get in contact via <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk>.

Lucy, Emma, Erica, Emma and Jess

The new Parish of Derry Hill and Studley

After what feels like many years of consultations and then planning, the new Derry Hill & Studley Parish Council has now started work. The parish councillors have been elected and the hard work begins.

As the new councillors take up their new roles there will be a big emphasis in ensuring that the opportunities presented to us with the new parish council structure are seized.

Councillors will be working hard to identify priorities and projects to get stuck into for the benefit of the community. If you have ideas please get in touch with myself or one of the councillors. Full contact details will be provided on our website once all the new email accounts have been set up and activated. Please note that if you have emailed me in the past my email address has now changed to represent the new council's name.

We have 11 seats on the new parish council, and 9 people stood for these seats, we therefore have the opportunity for two further people to be co-opted onto the council, we are looking for someone to represent the Bowood & Sandy Lane ward and one more person to represent the Derry Hill & Studley Ward. If you are interested and would like to find out more about what being a parish councillor entails, please get in touch.

Next Council Meeting Dates

Full Council

Monday 12th May 2025 7.30pm

Monday 9th June 2025 7.30pm

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

Keeping in Touch

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Katherine Checchia

Parish Clerk

IF YOU CAN KEEP YOUR HEAD WHEN ALL ABOUT
YOU ARE LOSING THEIRS AND BLAMING IT ON YOU,

IF YOU CAN TRUST YOURSELF WHEN

ALL MEN DOUBT YOU,

BUT MAKE ALLOWANCE

FOR THEIR DOUBTING

TOO; IF YOU CAN WAIT

AND NOT BE TIRED BY

WAITING, OR BEING LIED

ABOUT, DON'T DEAL IN

LIES, OR BEING HATED,

DON'T GIVE WAY TO

HATING, AND YET DON'T

LOOK TOO GOOD, NOR

TALK TOO WISE: IF YOU

CAN DREAM — AND NOT

MAKE DREAMS YOUR

MASTER; IF YOU CAN

THINK — AND NOT MAKE

THOUGHTS YOUR AIM;

IF YOU CAN MEET WITH

TRIUMPH AND DISASTER

AND TREAT THOSE TWO

IMPOSTORS JUST THE

SAME; IF YOU CAN BEAR

TO HEAR THE TRUTH

YOU'VE SPOKEN TWISTED

BY KNAVES TO MAKE A

TRAP FOR FOOLS, OR WATCH

THE THINGS YOU GAVE YOUR LIFE TO, BROKEN,
AND STOOP AND BUILD 'EM UP WITH WORN-OUT
TOOLS: IF YOU CAN MAKE ONE HEAP OF ALL YOUR

WINNINGS AND RISK IT ON

ONE TURN OF PITCH-AND-TOSS, AND

LOSE, AND START AGAIN AT YOUR

BEGINNINGS AND NEVER BREATHE

A WORD ABOUT YOUR LOSS; IF YOU

CAN FORCE YOUR HEART AND

NERVE AND SINEW

TO SERVE YOUR

TURN LONG AFTER

THEY ARE GONE, AND

SO HOLD ON WHEN

THERE IS NOTHING IN YOU EXCEPT THE

WILL WHICH SAYS TO THEM: "HOLD ON!" IF

YOU CAN TALK WITH CROWDS AND KEEP

YOUR VIRTUE, OR

WALK WITH KINGS —

NOR LOSE THE

COMMON TOUCH, IF

NEITHER FOES NOR

LOVING FRIENDS

CAN HURT YOU, IF

ALL MEN COUNT

WITH YOU, BUT

NONE TOO MUCH; IF

YOU CAN FILL THE

UNFORGIVING

MINUTE WITH SIXTY

SECONDS' WORTH OF

DISTANCE RUN, YOURS

IS THE EARTH AND EVERYTHING THAT'S
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Derry Hill & District WI

Easter has come and gone. And most of us are still eating chocolate!!

A group of our members had coffee at Bowood and a stroll around the gardens. The walled gardens were very interesting, definitely a must if you intend going to Bowood.

Margaret kindly held Knit and Natter at her home on 14th April. Spies told me that although everyone took their knitting along it remained untouched!! There was obviously too much to talk about.

Cinema Club was 22nd April showing 'The Penguin Lesson' with Steve Coogan, was enjoyed by the ladies. Daphne highly recommends our ladies to see this film if they get a chance.

We had an amazing WI Meeting 'Painting Coasters with Dani'. The Hall was a hive of creation. The members thoroughly embraced the experience, expertly guided by Dani, and created some beautiful coasters.





Dani has taken all the coasters home to have resin applied to the surface and cork underneath. Thank you, Dani, I loved the session. The speaker at the May meeting is Philippa talking about 'How a Hobby Became a Job'. Our Annual Meeting will follow. We will have a new President and some new committee members.

A new Programme of speakers and events will be published after the meeting. Lots of exciting speakers and experiences to look forward to. We meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month at the Lansdowne Hall, 7.30pm. If you are interested please email our secretary, Liz, at derryhillsec@wiltshirewi.org

Tina



Friends of Derry Hill School (FODHS)
*Parents, guardians, staff and pupils
raising funds for Derry Hill School
together.*

Friends of Derry Hill School

As we head into the final stretch of the academic year, we just wanted to say a quick but heartfelt thank you to all the children and their grown-ups, staff and our local community for the ongoing support we receive for our fundraising efforts for Derry Hill School.

As a group, we are keen to enhance the ongoing wellbeing of Derry Hill students and provide funds for extracurricular projects and activities like the much-loved annual trip to the pantomime or improvements to the children's outdoor play areas. Your support enables us to do this!

On Thursday 1 May at 9am we have a Bags2School collection booked. This is fantastic, FREE way to raise money for the school as the company will pay for what they collect; the more they collect, the more money is raised!

If you are giving your wardrobes a spring clean, please leave your donation of clothes, shoes, bags, hats scarves and jewellery in the bike shed at the school by 9am. (Bags2School is unable to accept duvets, bed linen, cushions, curtains, textile offcuts, school uniforms, blankets or furniture.)

Lina Middleton FODHS Secretary

Future dates and performers for the Jazz Club

May 27th: Martin Kolarides (guitar) plus piano and double bass.



June 24th our 20th anniversary with Dave and Euan on 2 pianos...

July 29th: Medicine Creek

September 30th: Hendo's Washboard Kings

Bring your own refreshments for which there are some (24) little tables...Admission still only £10 Please pay at the door
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James

WI Walking Netball

A disruptive few weeks ahead with all the Bank Holidays in May. If you were thinking of dropping in to see us we do not have Walking Netball on Bank Holidays.

We are enjoying being outside on the court. Lots of fun, exercise and fresh air, what could be better for you? We have 3 more coaching sessions booked this term. These are always interesting and we learn quite a lot.

New things are in the pipeline so watch this space!

If you would like to come and have a go, it is £2 per session, Monday and Friday at 1.45-2.45 pm, term time only, on the outside multi-pitch next to Lansdowne Hall. An excellent way to socialise, have fun and keep fit.



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Derry Hill & Studley Gardening Club



At our April meeting, Nicola Hope 'talked tomatoes'. Nicola clearly adores tomatoes and has been growing them for many years. She gave us lots of growing tips, variety recommendations and encouragement to start growing!

We were then treated to delicious cakes - thank you to our members on refreshment duty this month!

Members were all given a raffle ticket and the lucky winners of the Easter Egg prizes were Alison and Ali.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 6th May. Our speaker is James Allison, and he will be talking about the Secrets of Successful Water Gardening. Our competition in May is a Spring Posy.

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

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Mothers' Union Prayer & Fellowship Group



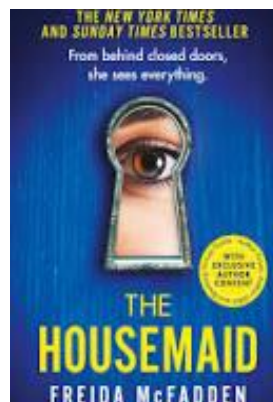
Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, we had to cancel our April meeting. Our next meeting is on Wednesday 7th May at 2pm in Christ Church when Rev'd Caspar Bush will give us a talk on moving from Dairy Farming to being a Vicar. All are welcome to join us for what should be a very interesting talk. This will be followed by refreshments.

Barbara M Parry

Book Club Review

The Housemaid by Freida McFadden

Millie cannot believe her luck when as a homeless parolee she is offered a job by Nina and Andrew Winchester as a live-in housekeeper. On the surface, Nina Winchester seems to have the perfect life- a handsome, wealthy husband, a daughter (Cecelia), a beautiful home and wardrobes full of designer clothes. As she had been living in her car, Millie feels very lucky to have been offered such a well-paid job but starts to feel uneasy when she is shown to her room in the attic which only locks from the outside. As the story progresses Millie finds herself at the mercy of Nina's highly erratic and disturbing behaviour. Nina and her daughter, Cecelia, seem to be going out of their way to make life as difficult as possible for Millie.



The narrator changes and we then hear Nina's side of the story. She fills in the gaps in her history and starts to change the reader's perspective on recent events in the Winchester household. She tells the reader about her life before she met Andrew and how she was swept off her feet by him and the promise of the comfortable life he could give her and her daughter. It becomes evident that things are not as they seem and aided by the gardener, Enzo, Nina comes up with a plan to resolve the situation. From this point the storyline takes another turn leading to a dramatic finale.

We found the book to be a page turner with a storyline that had lots of potential which remained unfulfilled. There were lots of missed opportunities to further develop the characters and delve in to their back stories which, in our opinion, meant that the author's writing style was simplistic and repetitive. The ending of the book was very trite and quite disappointing, it felt like the ground was being laid for a second book.

Despite this domestic thriller being highly popular on TikTok and receiving thousands of reviews on Amazon our thoughts were that the book did not live up to all the hype surrounding it. We agreed that it is a good holiday read and that we won't be rushing out to buy the sequel!

Sarah

TOWN HALL MOVIOLA

Our film for May will be 'Maria' 12A starring Angelina Jolie.

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- Join the Area Tidy Up morning on Saturday 3rd May – a part of the VE Day +80 activities. Assemble at the hall at 10am armed with anything you can think of to brush, wash or otherwise clear curbs, remove weeds from foot paths, pick up litter, clean signs etc. We certainly need some help to finish the steps down to Old Derry Hill. You will be generously rewarded with butties and hot drinks!
- Take a look at your house and garden from the roadside and just ask yourself if it could do with a bit of tidying and/or smartening up. Perhaps it's about weeding between the slabs, cutting the grass or fixing that hanging basket bracket. Now is the time to address those things you have been putting off.
- We have noted the continual cry to clear up after our dogs and we would urge you to please do this at all times and if you witness someone not doing so then call them out if you feel confident enough to do so.
- Why not take a small bag with you when you go for a walk and if you come across any litter then pick it up and dispose of it at home or the nearest bin – search for your inner Womble!
- Particularly, during May and July if you are wandering the village and you come across people you are unfamiliar with, especially if they are carrying clip boards, why not give them a cheery “G’ day” or similar?
- Your efforts, no matter how small, may help us to secure this marvellous accolade. And don't forget, being able to say that Derry Hill & Studley is the Best Kept Village may even add a bit to the value of your house! There, blatant bribery.



The DH&S Community Committee were honoured to be handed a brilliant banner made by the Derry Hill & Studley Knitting, Stitching & Craft Group. This will be part of our Best Kept Village and enhance all future village events.

Martin Handyside

Derry Hill Art Club

Would you like to learn to draw/paint/re-visit a hidden talent. Maybe play with clay?

If you have access to a tablet or computer on Monday evenings 7.30 -9pm join us on Zoom. Yes, it works! We are able to paint in the comfort of our own homes and share our work very successfully and have a lot of fun and chat with advice happily given when needed. Once a month we get together in the afternoon either for a trip out to plein air (weather permitting) or to meet at a member's house for a tutorial and to look at work completed over a cup of tea.



Art Club is celebrating 25 years of being a village community facility, new members are always welcome and it is our ethos that it should remain a non-profit making group, so the only costs we have are the annual Zoom subscription which to date has been voluntarily split between us all.

We have plenty of supplies to get you started in whichever medium you would like to try. Some of our work can be seen on Instagram #derryhillartclub.

Dani 01249 816106

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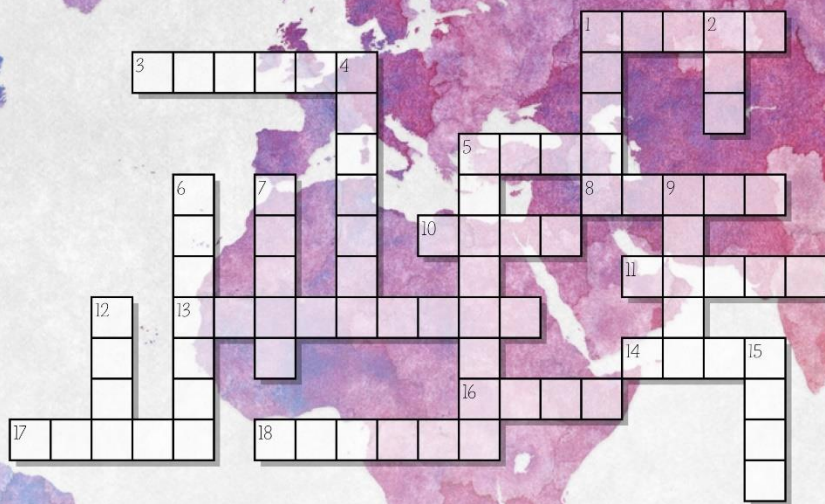
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- 1 Church
vault(5)
3 Loathe(6)
5 Sour(4)
8 English
county(5)
10 Partiality(4)
11 Hurl(5)

- 13 China(9)
14 Egg part(4)
16 Inheritor(4)
17 Ointment(5)
18 Small seal(6)

DOWN

- 1 Box(5)
2 Tavern(3)

- 4 Homage(7)
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7 Stylish(5)
9 Burst of
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Why get-togethers are so good for us
I was meeting three old friends in the Coffee Shop at The Pewsham. It was one of those mellow afternoons that seem drenched in sunshine and fun. Over cups of tea and latte, we were putting the world to rights. One of us, I forget who, said, "Look at us, four heads bobbing round a table." And we shared one of those belly-filling laughs that leave you feeling simply good about life.



It had taken us ages to find a day that suited everyone. For the longest time we settled for group chats online. And those did help... but that coffee shop get-together was better. There were moments, between the fun, when one or another of us shared a difficult situation. We unburdened, and that felt good. We listened, and that felt life-affirming.

After our get-together I started appreciating other social moments in life that maybe I had taken for granted. These were mainly simple things, like a chat with a colleague or a customer. But what I noticed was that these ephemeral exchanges could pack in a huge range of emotions, from a recent dire experience that could fairly be described as 'pants', to the sharing of a moment of sheer happiness. They were mini doses of everyday therapy.

It's common sense that regular doses of talking and listening would be good for us. But what happens if we've become a bit isolated? I like the advice of Age UK, which can apply to any time of life: 'If you have lost connections, take small steps to start rebuilding.' So, if by any chance you've been wondering, please take this as your prompt to join that club or social group, to follow your interests and enjoy the chats that will undoubtedly follow.

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- 6 Tuneful(7)
- 8 Dried grape(7)
- 10 Sunshade(7)
- 11 Hairless(4)
- 12 Face veil(7)

15 Young lion(3)

- 16 Cargo(7)
- 17 Unwell(3)

DOWN

- 1 Wan(6)
- 3 Untruth(3)
- 4 Just(4)

5 Expel(6)

- 6 Error(7)
- 7 Passionate(6)
- 8 Halt(4)
- 9 Fruit(7)
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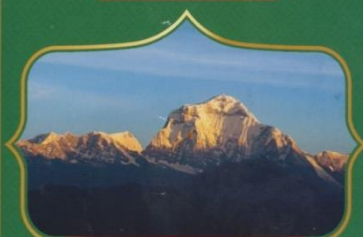
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