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Editorial

Here we are in the heat of the summer with the Fete and the School summer holidays nearly upon us.

By the time July arrives Wimbledon is in full swing. Some of us will be glued to the TV and wondering how those players can have so much energy and who will win.



Others might be visiting The RHS Hampton Court Flower Festival (1st – 6th July), Formula 1 Grand Prix at Silverstone (3rd – 6th July), The Bristol Harbour festival (18th – 20th July), the Proms (18th July to 13th September), The Edinburgh Military Tattoo (1st - 23rd August), The Edinburgh Fringe (1st – 25th August), and if you fancy a lot of street fun, the Notting Hill Carnival 24th – 25th August).

Whatever you get up to I hope you and yours have a wonderful summer.

On a personal note, as my health is failing, I'm having to give up this role and all that goes with it. I'm hoping that someone will pick up the reins and continue the task to help supply the villages of Derry Hill and Studley (and the wider world!) with news and views. My thanks to the team, Jacqui Bonardi, Ian and Cathy Liddle without whom this magazine would have been impossible to put together.

God bless,

Richard Ayles

Editor

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 our end of term campfire and promise evening and the Guides are off on camp over the summer holidays



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

Lucy, Emma, Erica, Emma and Jess

Derry Hill and Studley Fete

Saturday 12th July at the School and Hall

Can you spare a bottle or two for the church bottle stall? Church is also collecting for the

foodbank as well this year, so if you have any items (such as shampoo/ketchup/salad cream/vinegar/wash up soap etc) to donate too that would be brilliant. We will put a reminder in your door and where your local collection point is. If you don't happen to get one, please bring your donation to the Fete on the day.

This stall is to help with the upkeep of the church and to help with the foodbank.

Thanks in advance.



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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.

Rev. Sarah's thoughts

**"For I know the plans I have for you", declares the LORD,
"plans to prosper you and not to harm you,
plans to give you hope and a future".**

Jeremiah 29:11

This is one of my favourite Bible verses; I'm sure you'll hear me mention it again sometime! For now, I want to focus on one word: 'hope'. It seems to me that hope is in very short supply outside the church, and we all need to know the reality of Christian hope.

In the world around us, there is very little hope on offer. Climate change, war, famine, disasters, struggling economies, the ongoing fallout from the pandemic - all contribute to a future which looks very bleak.

But we can't live without hope. If there really is no hope of a better future, then the only alternative is despair. The great thing about the Christian hope is that it is a great deal more than a mild optimism (of the sort we exercise when we hope that our children might get into a good school, or that we might get a particular job). True Christian hope looks to the future with certainty.

Christian hope is sure and certain because it is based on God's promises. A song I used to sing at school had the refrain: God has promised. God never breaks a promise he makes. His word is always true. And God has promised us some wonderful things. He has promised us that we will be raised from the dead (Acts 24:15; 1 Corinthians 15:52). He has promised that he will make a new heavens and a new earth (2 Peter 3:13; Revelation 21:1). He has promised that he will wipe every tear from our eyes (Revelation 21:4). Our past experience, and our knowledge of Scripture, show us that God always keeps his promises, and gives us confidence that he will keep his promises for the future.

So, in these uncertain times, no matter the circumstances, let's remember that we have every reason to hope. Let's share that hope with our non-believing friends, family and neighbours, especially when they are in despair. And let's echo Paul's prayer below, as we pray for ourselves, and for one another:

**May the God of hope
fill you with all joy and peace
as you trust in him,
so that you may overflow with hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit.**

(Romans 15:13)

With prayers and best wishes

Sarah Errington

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

Derry Hill C of E (VA) Primary School



We have reached our final Term of the school year and what a busy one it is!

Rabbit Class have enjoyed a very exciting trip to Linkenholt to become a Viking for the day. The children learnt all about what it takes to become a Viking and even sailed on a Viking long boat.

So far, we have enjoyed Sports Week with many fun activities, from inflatables to Zumba and even archery. The children had a wonderful time and enjoyed the variety of sport that was on offer.

The children had a wonderful sports day; the atmosphere was amazing! The children showed great team spirit and determination.

Dormouse Class had a trip out to Butterfly World and Owl Class enjoyed taking part in The Chippenham Games, where many other schools took part, a great time was had by all.

We also say goodbye to Owl Class as they go on to pastures new, good luck at your new schools.

Mrs H Roberts

July 2025 Church Services

Time	Church	Service
Wednesday 2nd		
	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
Sunday 6th Trinity 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 all-age service month
6pm	St. Martin's, Bremhill	Evensong
Wednesday 9th		
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
Sunday 13th Trinity 4		
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. Martin's, Bremhill	Holy Communion BCP
Wednesday 16th		
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
Sunday 20th Trinity 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 23rd		
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
Saturday 26th		
12.00	St Mary's, Calne	Bike Meet Service
Sunday 27th Trinity 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
6pm	St. Edmunds	Calne Partnership Service
Wednesday 30th		
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion

August 2025 Church Services

Time	Church	Service
Sunday 3rd Trinity 7		
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 6th		
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
Sunday 10th Trinity 8		
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. Martin's, Bremhill	Holy Communion BCP
Wednesday 13th		
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
Sunday 17th Trinity 9		
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 20th		
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
Sunday 24th Trinity 10		
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 (tbc)
6pm	St John the Baptist, Foxham	Evensong
Wednesday 27th		
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
Sunday 31st Trinity 11		
8am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
10.30am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
11am	Christ Church, Derry Hill	Holy Communion

Heartbeat at the Village FETE

Come and see what our defibrillators look like and we will show you how to use them, and where your nearest one is – it's important you know where to go in an emergency. We can also show you what our latest Rescue Ready Kits contain.



By popular request we will have the Netball Challenge again this year – courtesy of our Village Walking Netball team who have once again promised to support us. You can also find out more about the Walking Netball team at the same time.

Believe it or not we aren't funded by the NHS or any other Charity – we rely on you and the Parish Council to help cover our costs, so if you can give us a small donation towards keeping our defibs working that would be great, our account details are:

Account Name:Derry Hill and Studley Heartbeat

Sort Code:30-91-99

Account No:52349360

We look forward to seeing you at the Fete on Saturday 12th July.

Julian

Derry Hill and Studley Heartbeat

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The Sky at night

In July and August 2025, UK sky watchers can look forward to seeing the planets Venus and Mars close together in the evening sky.

The "Buck Moon" (full moon) will appear on July 21st. The 'Buck' refers to the time of the year when male deer start to grow their antlers.

In August the full moon will be the Sturgeon Moon. This name comes from the time of the year when large sturgeon are caught in the Great Lakes and Lake Champlain in North America.

The Perseid meteor shower starts July 17th and goes on until August 24th, peaking on 12th August.

The gas giants Jupiter and Saturn will be prominent in the south-eastern sky, rising earlier in the evening as the month of July progresses. Jupiter will be close to the Moon on August 15th.

Venus and Mars will be close together in the evening sky in July, especially noticeable from July 9th to 17th. Earth will be catching up to Jupiter and Saturn, making them appear brighter and rise earlier (around 10 pm by the end of July).

Saturn will be its closest to Earth on August 12th so appearing bright and large in the constellation of Capricornus. Look near the Moon.



Richard Aylen

Derry Hill and Studley Fete

Hi Everyone

The fete committee is almost there with planning this year's Village Fete and we look forward to welcoming you all on the 13th July at 1.30pm. It will be the usual fun-filled family day out with all the usual favourite activities, stalls, arena acts and fun and games! This year's theme is 'Community - what is that?'- look out for further information over coming weeks.



Full details of our Arts and Crafts competition for children and adults are provided on a poster in this inSPIRE magazine. We'll look to advertise these on the village website and the Derry Hill and Studley Facebook page over the next couple of weeks.

All the usual stalls have confirmed their attendance again this year so many thanks to all those involved. Look out for specific requests over the next few weeks from our stall holders such as bottle contributions etc. The Dumb Post will be on-site with a barbeque, so why not come and have your lunch at the fete?!

Further information regarding the programme of activities will be circulated soon so look out for that on all the usual channels. Rub-a-Dub will be having their usual races before we have a dance performance from FitzGraham Dance School, followed by Colin Bell's traditional fete games, a magic performance from Dave Hickory before we finish with our exciting Tug-of-War battle.

We've got plenty of fantastic raffle prizes so please remember to buy your tickets when you arrive at the fete.

As always, we couldn't do it without our Sponsors. So, this year we'd like to thank PSP Insurance / Assured Partners and The Dumb Post Inn for their contribution.

We look forward to seeing you all again this year on the big day! Hopefully the sun will be out for us. **Please remember no dogs are allowed at the fete.**

If you have any questions in the meantime, or if you would like to get involved in the fete with a stall, or by joining the fete team, then please let me know. We are short of volunteers on Fete Day this year so if you'd like to help us on a stall then please let me know as soon as possible, it would be great to have you onboard!

All the best

Tom Metcalfe – Chair – Derry Hill and Studley Village Fete Committee. 07841 131623 Tom_metcalfe@sky.com

How to recycle medicinal blister packs

Recycle your medicine and vitamin blister packets at Boots!

Boots have now extended their blister pack recycling scheme to include a number of stores across Wiltshire. These include stores in:

Melksham
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You can find out more about this scheme and where their nearest participating store is on the Boots website here - Recycle your medicine & vitamin blister packets

Unfortunately, as medicinal blister packs are made of mixed materials (plastic and foil) we are unable to accept these items in with our kerbside recycling collections. If you are unable to recycle them using the Boots recycling scheme, place them in your household waste bin, where they will be sent to energy recovery.

Extract from Wiltshire Recycling News

Rub a Dub Pre-School



Summer Term Fun!

Rub a Dub has had a busy summer term, filled with exciting learning experiences. The children were lucky to have a visit from Bruce, the paramedic who let the children sit in his Ambulance and learn all about how he helps people who are poorly. Drama Tots have been visiting weekly to teach the children some drama skills which they have loved. Whilst learning about life cycles this term, the children were given the responsibility of looking after five real caterpillars. They enjoyed watching them go through the different stages before emerging as beautiful butterflies which they set free in the garden. How can we forget to mention Den Day! Dads, uncles and grandads from far and wide all descended on the preschool for a morning of den building fun. The winning group made a fantastic castle using a variety of materials. But it's the taking part that counts, and it's just as well really, as all were rewarded with doughnuts and tea.

Summer Fete (12th July in the village)

We will be present at this year's summer fête with our usual fun and games. See you at the stall!

We are hiring!

We are looking to recruit a new Bank Staff member to cover staff training and sickness. If you are interested in applying, please contact our Chair of the Committee, Adam Jones by emailing rubadubchair@hotmail.co.uk

Committee recruitment

Our fantastic committee team will sadly be losing some members come September, due to their children moving up to school.

We are therefore very interested in hearing from anyone who may wish to join up in order to help Rub a Dub run from behind the scenes. In particular, we are looking for someone who may be interested in the treasurer role. As we are in the process of becoming a CIO, the treasurer responsibilities are reduced from what they were previously. If interested, please email our current treasurer, Katherine Checchia who will provide you with a role description:

rubadubchair@hotmail.co.uk.

New to the area and looking for a pre-school?

If you are new to the area and interested in looking around our pre-school for your child, please email: rubadubpreschoolenquiries@gmail.com where we will be happy to help.

Many thanks for reading.

Leah Ryan

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The Shops

Derry Hill and Studley has a long history of small businesses which have served the community. Gladys Daniels tells us about her memories in her short book "Memories of Derry Hill Village".

In the early 1900's there were several small businesses, one being a baker's shop where Mr Fred Bradfield baked his own bread, so there was plenty of home-baked bread available. This bread shop was in the cottage in Church Road that is today called The Granary.

There was also a village undertaker run by Mr Elliot and Mr Caleb Holley (where the Fiat Garage is today in Old Derry Hill). Elliot and Holley were also a wheelwright and blacksmith's shop where farm carts and waggons were built and repaired.

Milk was delivered to everyone's door by Fred Angell who lived in Angell's cottage on Church Road. Fred used an uncovered bucket with a ladle to measure the various amounts of milk needed.



The Village Shop

In the 1930's the village shop was in one of the cottages opposite the War Memorial, where Mr and Mrs Charlie Wiltshire lived and ran a very prosperous grocery business in which most things could be bought. Naturally, not the variety available today, as there were no deep-freezes, but plenty of good wholesome food. In addition, he had his own slaughterhouse where he killed his own pigs and cured his own bacon – so there was always plenty of fresh pork and lovely home-cured ham at Christmas, or whenever it was possible to afford one. Charlie employed a man to drive round the village regularly each week, when we



were able to buy fresh pork, including liver, kidney and delicious home-made faggots. Four faggots for sixpence (old money). The slaughterhouse was not attached to his cottage but was situated on the corner of Studley Crossroads which is to-day Studley Gardens. In 1932 a Miss Dorothy Chivers started a small shop in her parents' house, making and selling her own sweets and chocolates. She cycled round the village selling them and many other items such as cotton and haberdashery, which was most useful. In 1942 Dorothy married Mr Tom Strange and moved next door to her parents in 1949, and a small shop was built. These two cottages and the small shop make up the former Village Stores – currently under re-development. In 1951 Mr Charlie Wiltshire retired and his business was transferred to Mr and Mrs Strange, who also became the newsagents through taking over the agency from Mr Ben Wiltshire. In 1956 Mr and Mrs Strange were Postmaster and Postmistress, and in 1958 they had the Spar Supermarket built as it is to-day. There was a very happy occasion when many well-wishing friends came to see Mr Charlie Wiltshire perform the opening ceremony of the new Spar Supermarket. In 1975 the business was transferred to Mr Simon Strange when he became postmaster.

The Village Post Office

In the 1920's and 1930's the Post Office was in the cottage on Church Road which today is called The Granary. The Postmaster and Postmistress were Mr and Mrs Cyril Thomas. Mr Thomas also sold bicycles, did repair work and ran a taxi service. Later the family moved to Calne and set up a business known as Thomas's Coaches. The Post Office was then transferred to Mr and Mrs Ben Wiltshire, brother and sister-in-law of Charlie Wiltshire. Ben ran a hairdressing business for men and children, using what was the showroom for cycles as a salon (today this is the small cottage called Catkins).



Here men were able to have a haircut, shampoo and shave for a few pence. There was no provision for ladies' hairdressing included, but as many women still wore long hair, there was no demand for hair-sets and waves. Ben ran a small taxi service and news agency. In the 1930's many in the village had a reasonable radio, often with a very large loudspeaker, which was run with an accumulator that needed regular weekly charging. Ben Wiltshire provided this service to the village – with service later transferring to Bulson in Chippenham who collected and returned accumulators on a weekly basis. When Ben retired the Post Office was transferred to Mr and Mrs Strange at the Village Stores. Going right back to the 1900's there was also a hairdressing shop for men call The Barber's Shop situated next door to the pig slaughterhouse at Studley Crossroads.



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

- 15/05/2025, unknown persons have attended a property and attempted to charge an unreasonable amount of money for very little works completed in Hilmarton.
- 16/05/2025, Unknown persons have taken several heavy machinery items and tools from a woodland in Compton Bassett.
- 26/05/2025, police attended a report of a single vehicle collision involving a red Skoda Fabia in Ratford. The Driver and 2 passengers were treated at the scene for minor injuries
- 26/05/2025, police attended a report of a road traffic collision involving two cars and a motorcycle in Hilmarton. All persons were treated at the scene for minor injuries. One driver was found not have insurance and has been reported for that offence.
- 03/06/2025, police attended a report of a road traffic collision involving two vehicles in Mile Elm. All persons were treated at the scene for minor injuries.
- Between 01/06/2025 an 05/06/2025, unknown suspects have killed and dumped 10 foxes and placed them in a river and on a nearby bank in Hilmarton.
- 06/06/2025, report received of a two-vehicle road traffic collision, where one vehicle has rolled back into another vehicle in slow moving traffic in Hilmarton. One driver has been reported for careless driving and driving without insurance.

Drug (use) activity in Studley Gardens

Concerns have been raised to us regarding persons loitering near to the visitor car parking spaces to the rear of Studley Gardens smoking cannabis.

The Calne Neighbourhood Team are fully committed to keeping our communities as safe as possible, we have increased our patrols in this location and will continue to do so over the foreseeable future. If you see any suspicious activity of this nature, please report this via the 101 number and email me at the above email address.

Mobile CCTV van deployed to monitor traffic in Studley and Derry Hill

On Wednesday 14th May, The Mobile CCTV van was positioned in various locations in Calne and Derry Hill to monitor the traffic in the locations. The vehicle can also be used as a base for officers to complete clerical tasks and conduct foot patrols in the area. Several residents stopped to chat to PCSO Mark Cook who was working from the vehicle at the time.

Public Engagement Events

Sunday 29th June

Equine security tack stamping at the Foxham Reading Room from 10am to 12pm

And Bremhill village hall car park from 2pm to 4pm

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

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



Derry Hill and Studley Parish Council

What we have been doing in the last month.

The second full council meeting has been held of Derry Hill & Studley Parish Council. Work is beginning to identify the new priorities of the new council with the new smaller focus area.



We will have a stall at the Derry Hill & Studley fete on the 12th July and we would love to hear from local residents what your priorities are and what opportunities we should focus on in our new form. We feel this is a really exciting fresh start and we really want to be a proactive council meeting the needs of the community.

We have two vacant seats that we can co-opt new Councillors onto, one seat representing Derry Hill & Studley Ward and the other representing Bowood & Sandy Lane ward. Please get in touch if you would like further information.

Unfortunately, in the last month we have been dealing with some vandalism at the new play equipment on Petty Acre. The disclaimer sign (that we are legally obliged to have) have been repeatedly targeted to the point of complete destruction.

This costs the Parish Council (and ultimately local residents) time and money to deal with the results of the destructive behaviour through investigation and replacement of materials. The vandalism has been reported to the police. If anyone has any information on the vandalism it would be appreciated if you could make contact using the details below.

Next Council Meeting Dates

Full Council

Monday 14th July 2025 7.30pm

Monday 8th September 2025 7.30pm

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

Keeping in Touch

Website; <http://www.derryhillandstudley.gov.uk/>

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Phone; 07751802761

Katherine Checchia Parish Clerk

Derry Hill and District WI

Members were thrilled to see the coasters that they had made once they had been finished. Our thanks went to Dani for helping us create something really unique.

In June, 6 members visited Beggar's Knoll Chinese Garden near Westbury and were treated to a private guided tour. The

garden is an amazing place created over 25 years and full of interesting trees, shrubs and plants and also pagodas and mosaics hand made by the owner. It was open under the National Garden Scheme and is well worth a visit.



In addition to our regular coffee mornings and occasional walks and outings, we also have small groups playing canasta and scrabble and are in the process of starting a book group. So not much jam and Jerusalem these days but plenty of interesting activities whatever you enjoy doing.

We will now be looking forward to another garden visit in July to Tristenagh House, Potterne, also to running our usual cake stall at the village fete on July 12th, to hearing all about the benefits of laughter from our July speaker, Bruni Walker and to a game of mini golf and a meal in August.

It has been all change in WI. I really enjoyed my 3 years as President and was thrilled to receive a beautiful rose bush from the committee but am now looking forward to writing these articles instead and telling you what we are getting up to. Alex has made a great start and I certainly hope she enjoys her time as President. We will certainly all be supporting her.

Derry Hill WI meet on the 4th Wednesday of each month (except August and December) at 7.30pm in the Lansdowne Hall.

If you would like to find out more, please contact our secretary, Liz.

Email derryhillsec@wilshirewi.org.uk

Sally

Future dates and performers for the Jazz Club

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Tuesday 26th August

DAVE NEWTON and Euan Stevenson – both on piano!

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James

Walking Netball

We now have a new name – ‘Hot Shots Walking Netball’.

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Children’s Creativity Competition: “It Takes a Village.....”

There are lots of people who help us in our community. Can you think of someone amazing and think of a creative way to celebrate them and what they do for us? This could be someone who does an important job in our community, someone who runs a club or someone who is always helping others.

You could do a drawing, a painting, a collage or a poem.



There will be a prize for the winning entry from

- Preschool
- Key Stage 1
- Key Stage 2

Please clearly label which age category you are entering in to.

Photography Competition

Please submit a photo of ‘Your favourite community memory of the past 5 years’.

Please clearly mark the month the photo was taken in so we can generate a bank of photos for the Village Community Facebook page.

In addition to the above, on fete day this year we are planning on having an ‘ideas page’ to generate a collection of thoughts of what community means to you and ideas for improving the community feel of the village. We are planning on locating this near the entrance to the fete and would really encourage you to take part. After the event we will collate the feedback and pass on to various village groups such as the Parish Council.

Please bring all entries to the Fete Welcome Desk before 2pm on Fete Day

Derry Hill & Studley Gardening Club



Our June meeting was our Summer Social. Fortunately, after a very wet start to the day, the weather was kind to us in the evening. We visited the gardens of 3 members – all different and all very beautiful. We then enjoyed Pimms, nibbles and a good chat!

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 1st July. Our speaker, Nick Morgan, will be telling us how to make the most of our greenhouses.

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

Paula Wheatcroft

pdoel@live.co.uk 0783 3755232.

Fruit and Vegetable Competition!

**The Derry Hill and Studley Gardening Club
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Mothers' Union Prayer & Fellowship Group



Our meeting on Wed 4th June was a great success as once we had been welcomed and had prayers and a reading done by Colette there was very little business to deal with, so we quite quickly passed over to Deirdre who gave us an excellent talk on The Nations Favourite Bird which, not unsurprisingly, turned out to be the Robin. We then enjoyed good conversation over refreshments done by Judi & Christine P; thank you very much ladies.

Our next meeting is on Wed 2nd July when we are having our summer outing which this year is Afternoon Tea in Barbara's garden.

Barbara M Parry

TOWN HALL MOVIOLA

Our film for this month will be Bridget Jones. 'Mad about the Boy'. Has Brigit Jones finally found The One?

Wednesday July 16th. Doors open at 7.0pm Film starts at 7.30pm. Calne town Hall. Cash only

We shall be taking a break for a month and will be back later in September.

Thank you all for supporting us.

Viv



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Book Club Review

Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver.

Demon Copperhead is a compelling and powerful novel. It is a reimagining of Dickens' David Copperfield set in Lee County in the Appalachian Mountains, a world of rural poverty, plagued with the horrors of America's opioid addiction epidemic.



From the moment of birth onwards, the novel charts Demon's life in detail. He manages his mother's alcoholism, dependence on drugs, inappropriate relationships with men and marriage to the abusive and violent Stoner and eventually her death. We then follow Demon through the care system who see the young boy as nothing more than cheap labour. He has brief success on the school football field, which leads to his own spiral of drug abuse. He falls in love for the first time but loses her to drugs.

This all sounds so depressing, but the power of the novel lies in Demon's narrative. We loved his spirit and humour when coping with all that was thrown at him.

Having read J D Vance's 'Hillbilly Elegy' this year, we felt that 'Demon Copperhead' was a more realistic and honest portrayal of Appalachian life, the treatment of America's rural poor with the focus on the opioid crisis that places the blame on doctors and drug companies.

Acknowledgements: -

'For the kids who wake up hungry in those dark places every day, who've lost their families to poverty and pain pills, whose caseworkers who keep losing their files, who feel invisible, or wish they were: this book is for you.' Barbara Kingsolver.

Christine

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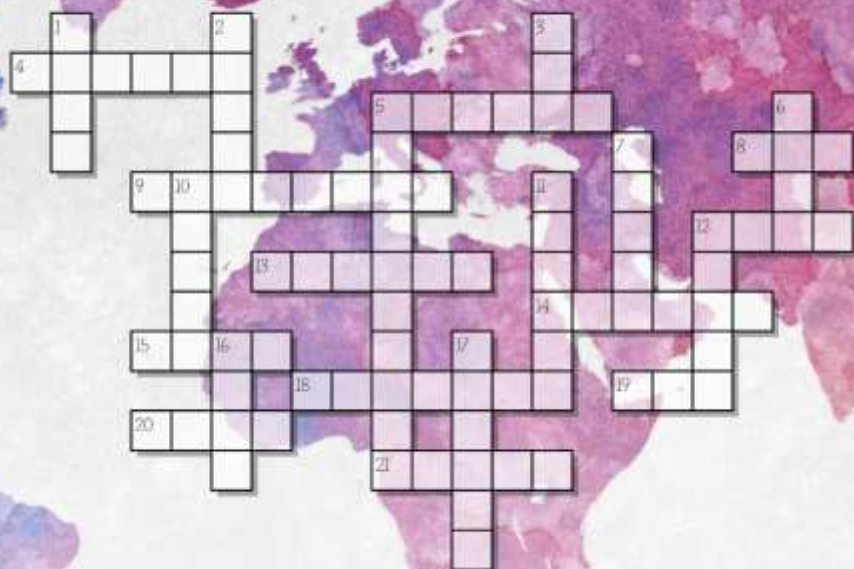
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 5 Occur(6)
 8 Pole(3)
 9 Trachea(8)
 12 Felines(4)
 13 Golf club(6)
 14 Worldwide(6)
 15 Nosegay(4)

18 Caller(7)

19 Pig pen(3)

20 Dressed(4)

21 Green turf(5)

DOWN

1 Untidy
state(4)

2 Steel tower(5)

3 Pastry dish(3)

5 Theory(10)

6 Vessel(4)

7 Lariat(5)

10 Ice house(5)

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A London friend, Vivien, was strolling around Avebury with me. She adored the ancient, mysterious stone circle. I love it too. But on this particular day I had a busy schedule. In the north-west quadrant, it all became too much. "There's so little time," I fretted.



Vivien laughed. "Look around. There's literally no one here but us. You'll get to your appointment, but worrying won't help, I promise you."

I looked around properly then, at the stones that measure time in unfathomable ways. And I realised that my worries were as fleeting as a breeze compared with Avebury.

Understanding that our woes are transient is a well-established principle in meditation, both in stillness and in action. An example: I like to exercise on a rowing machine, finding that its rhythm can become quite meditative. As imaginary oars slide through the water, and an imaginary boat scoots forward, the distance covered is displayed on the screen before me. At times the metres look like years rushing by. The 1970s turn into the 1980s and so on, through the millennia until we reach the year 5,000, aka 5km, when I generally stop.

What will the world look like in the years 3025 and 4025? What will our descendants be like? Perhaps they will view us, with our paperback books, rather as we view the faraway papyrus generations. One thing doesn't really change: our ability to feel all the emotions. Hence that comforting expression in hard times: 'This too shall pass'.

Suzanne Askham

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