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Editorial



As the days grow shorter and the air turns crisp, November brings with it a unique blend of reflection and anticipation. The vibrant hues of autumn leaves remind us of the beauty in transition. November brings bonfire night, not a good night for pets perhaps, but a great time to watch spectacular fireworks light up the sky.

At Christ Church on the afternoon of Sunday 3rd at 4pm there is a service of Remembering those who have departed. Anyone is welcome to attend and there is a list inside church where you can add the name of a loved one to be read out in the service.

The Christmas Fayre (16th) and Christmas Lights switch on (30th), are on this month and wonderful times to connect with our neighbours and community.

In this issue, highlights from our village's recent events, including the brilliant Wellness and Sustainability weekend and the village clean up. Well done to all those who turned up and to the folk who put a lot of hard work in to make it happen.

Wishing you all a warm and wonderful November!

Ed

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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 Ayles – inspireeditor@outlook.com 01249 814632**

A donation to the church for the cost of the lighting is welcome.

October 2024 Church Services

Time	Church	Service
Sunday 3rd All Saints		
8am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
10.00am	Christ Church, Derry Hill	Holy Communion
10.30am	Christ Church, Derry Hill	Family Service
3pm	St Mary's, Calne	Remembering Service
4pm	Christ Church, Derry Hill	Remembering Service
6pm	St. Martin's, Bremhill	Evensong
Wednesday 6th		
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
Sunday 10th Remembrance Sunday		
8am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
9.30am	St John the Baptist, Foxham	Remembrance Service
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Remembrance Service
10.50am	St. Martin's, Bremhill	Remembrance Service
10.50am	Christ Church, Derry Hill	Remembrance Service
6pm	Bowood	Evensong
Wednesday 13th		
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
Sunday 17th 2nd before Advent		
8am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
9.30am	St. Martin's, Bremhill	Holy Communion
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
11am	Christ Church, Derry Hill	Holy Communion
3pm	Holy Trinity, Quemerford	Family Service
Wednesday 20th		
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
Sunday 24th Christ the King		
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
4pm	Christ Church, Derry Hill	Patronal / Deanery Service
6pm	St John the Baptist, Foxham	Evensong
Wednesday 27th		
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion

Rector's notes for November – a training curate on the way!

When I was interviewed for this post 18 months ago, I mentioned that I had enjoyed training curates in my previous post and would love to be able to do that in Marden Vale. The diocese was happy with this idea, not least because the benefice has an interesting mix of town and rural ministry, useful for a curate to experience. Presently there is a shortage of training curates, so it was far from certain when this might happen.

So, I'm really delighted that agreement has been reached for Carly Taylor to serve her curacy here, beginning in June 2025. Carly has spent most of her working life as a nurse, until beginning her journey towards ordination. She and her family will live in the house in Calne where Teresa our former house-for-duty priest used to live, and she'll serve in all our churches and communities. Carly will begin her ministry with us as soon as she is ordained deacon, which will be in Salisbury Cathedral, probably on Saturday 28th June 2025. It's important for us to remember that the three or four years that she will be with us are very much part of her training. She brings considerable life experience to her role, and some experience of leading worship in churches too, which will all be very helpful.



Carly writes:

"I'm an ordinand studying at St Augustine's College of Theology in Kent in my final year of training. I live in Seaford, Sussex with my husband Danny, and my children Beth (17) and Noah (15), and Eric our spaniel. I'm delighted to have recently accepted the offer of serving my title post as assistant curate in the Marden Vale Benefice from June 2025. In my spare time, I enjoy paddle boarding, dog walking, and swimming. I would appreciate your prayers for the year ahead as I finish my studies, prepare for our big move and the next season of my journey in ministry. I look forward to meeting you all in the coming year. Carly. "

With my prayers, and very best wishes,

Caspar Bush, Team Rector (Caspar.Bush@mardenvale.org.uk)

History of the Telephone Kiosk – Part 3

By the 1930's there was still no standard kiosk that could be used throughout the country and King George V's Silver Jubilee in 1935 prompted the GPO to try again.



Once more the architect Giles Gilbert Scott was tasked with designing a new standard box that could be used in both cities and tiny hamlets. The resulting K6 is the typical phone box you still see to this day everywhere. It even featured the Tudor crown for King George VI, a motif changed to the St Edward Crown when Elizabeth came to the throne. But more intriguing is that in Scotland this was replaced by the Scottish Crown!

K6

K7



In the 1960's it was decided that a new design was required and the K7 appeared with large panels of glass and aluminium giving a much more modern appearance. They were quickly put to use in London and Coventry, but the GPO was put off the design once it was realised, they weathered too quickly.

With the K7 not meeting its aims the GPO turned to a competition again. The winning design was by Bruce Martin and was designated K8 – a cast iron icon of the 1960's with 3 large glass panes designed to be vandal proof by giving a better view of the vandal!



The K8

KX100 range

The mid 1980's saw the introduction of the KX100 range of modern kiosks built for what became BT. They looked very similar to the K7 of the 1960's but were produced with new ideas such as access for wheelchair users! Made to be more user friendly a rare blue one was introduced for early public internet access. Of course, since then they have been largely disconnected and used for a variety of new uses, such as book swaps, flower displays, and more importantly for housing defibrillators – which is why this article appears here.

Cardiac Arrest and How to Use a Defibrillator

Our next face to face Awareness/Training session will be in the New Year, but in the meantime please take 5 minutes to watch the following video (my apologies for any adverts that appear first).

The video shows what to do when somebody has a cardiac arrest, how to contact emergency services, how to get a defibrillator, how to give CPR while waiting for the defib to arrive, and how to use the defibrillator.

<https://youtu.be/g88dmDWZSec?si=qUTb-xvUqzC-4IWl>

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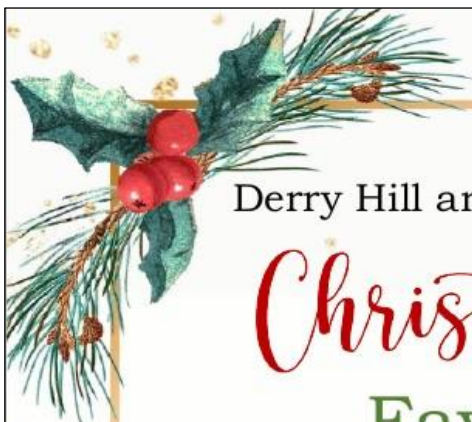


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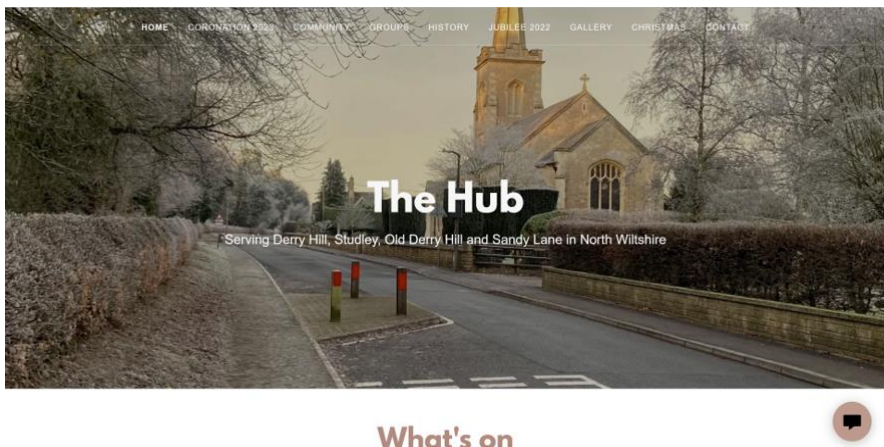
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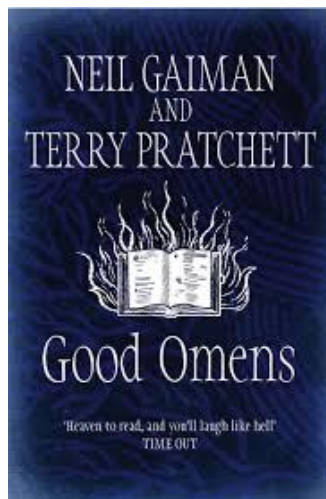
Book Club review

This month we read *Good Omens* by Neil Gaiman and Terry Pratchett. This is a story about the end of days (or not?). It concerns a variety of characters, an angel and a demon, a professional descendant (her ancestor was a witch who ACCURATELY foretold the future) a group of pre-teens who resemble Just William and his gang and finally the four horsemen of the Apocalypse.

The main themes of the book are the blurred distinction between good and evil, free will and whether it exists and the nature versus nurture debate.

We all found the book amusing (often we laughed out loud at the many funny episodes).

Andrea



The Book Club's Deep Dive into Thomas Hardy

In September Derry Hill Book Club decided to venture out and follow in the footsteps of one of Britain's famous writers, Thomas Hardy.

We set off for Dorset to explore the natural landscapes of his life and books and travel with a self-guided walk of Hardy's 'Wessex', a part real, part imagined world brought to life in his books and to discover how the countryside inspired his fiction, dream a little of what it would have been like then and see how it has now changed.

We began in the 'whispering' Thorncombe Wood, an Ancient Woodland...stopping to take notice of the different broadleaved species, oak, silver birch, beech and chestnut and to consider what the lowlands England would have looked like covered in woods like these when now only 10 percent is covered with trees. Hardy knew about trees as you can tell from Under the Greenwood Tree when he tells us:

To dwellers in a wood almost every species of tree has its voice as well as its feature. At the passing of the breeze the fir trees sob and moan no less distinctly than they rock; the holly whistles as it battles with itself; the ash hisses amid its quiverings; the beech rustles while its flat boughs rise and fall.

We then arrived at Hardy's Cottage, a humble dwelling, where he was born in 1840. Allegedly Hardy's grandfather allowed smugglers to use the cottage as a place to store their contraband. In the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries many people who worked the land were very poor. Importing goods, usually liquor from cross channel boats under the cover of darkness and avoid regulations could be a very lucrative sideline... there is small peephole by the door to watch out for customs men!



From there we went across the heathland of Bhomepton Heath and discovered how inspirational it was to the writer, who gave it human characteristics:

It was at present a place perfectly accordant with man's nature - neither ghastly, hateful nor ugly; neither commonplace, unmeaning, nor tame; but like man, slighted and enduring; and withal singularly colossal and mysterious in its swarthy monotony.

Heaths were created by Bronze Age (wo)man when they cleared the native woodlands for farming and settlements and around 70% of heathland has been lost since Hardy's time. We also took in Duddle Heath and the variety of fauna and flora that grow there such as gorse and heather and listened to the birdsong of rare birds. Sadly, we didn't see any ponies or 'heath croppers' as they would have been known as in Hardy's time.

We walked through the landscape until we came to an area besieged by swallet holes. These are sinkholes or hollows in the ground that are formed when water dissolves the surface rock. Acidic rainwater gathers underground, dissolves the chalk rock and weakens it until it eventually collapses in on itself. There are more than 370 swallet holes in this area and Hardy used one as a setting for a scene in 'Far From The Madding Crowd' as a stage for the budding love affair between Troy and Bathsheba.

We next visited the Rainbarrows, rounded mounds of earth that are ancient burial mounds or barrows. Built by the Bronze Age people to honour their dead four thousand years ago, it is estimated there were 2,000 in Dorset in Hardy's time. He engaged their symbolism in 'The Return of the Native' to great effect:



...she followed the path towards Rainbarrow, occasionally stumbling over twisted furze roots, tufts or rushes, or oozing lumps of fleshy fungi, which at season lay scattered about the heath like the rotten liver and lungs of some colossal animal.

As we continued, we saw incredible views of the Frome valley and stood where the tragic heroine, Tess D'Urberville stood in the novel of the same name:

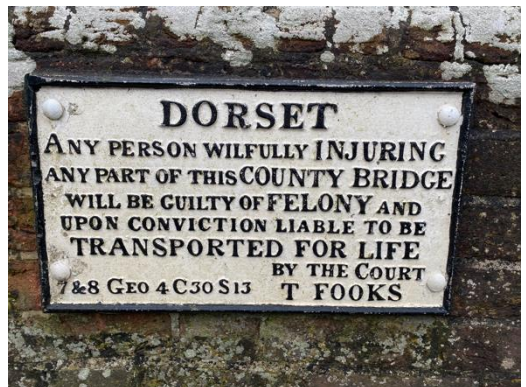
...she found herself on a summit commanding the long sought for vale, the Vale of the Great Dairies, the valley in which milk and butter grew to rankness... the verdant plain so well-watered by the River Var or Froom...



Dairy farming is usually associated with the drained floodplains like these because the damp, rich alluvial silt left behind after the river floods grows nutritious grass and provides food for the cattle. We did pass some farms, but this is no longer the 'Vale of the Great Dairies' Hardy wrote about. Back then dairy farming was a lucrative business and a dairymaid a respectable profession. Milking methods have changed too, milking by hand has gone and herd sizes too...

The milkers formed quite a little battalion of men and maids, the men operating on the hard teated animals, the maids on the kindlier natures. It was a large dairy. There were nearly a hundred milchers... all told...

We dropped down to follow the path along the floodplain by the river Frome and read some of the evocative imagery Hardy uses to describe the geography of the valley plain before passing over a bridge with a warning sign:



We stopped at St. Michael's Churchyard to pay our respects at his grave and the church that was so important to him and his family. His father and grandfather came every Sunday

to worship and played violin and cello in the church band. On his death in 1928 many called for him to be interred in Westminster Abbey along with other notable authors such as Dickens and Chaucer but Hardy had expressed a wish... I shall sleep quite calmly at Stinsford, whatever happens... In the end, Stinsford local vicar, Rev Cowley reached a compromise - his heart was buried in Stinsford and his ashes in Poet's Corner in Westminster.

Light rain was beginning to drizzle by the time we reached Kingston Maurward College, an impressive Georgian mansion, which was built by George Pitt, cousin of Prime Minister William Pitt the elder, who was an influential politician in the eighteenth century. The building features in Hardy's first published novel, *Desperate Remedies* but we didn't stop long there nor at the Old Manor House nearby - which was originally built in the 1590s - as by now the rain was falling more heavily and we feared a deluge was fast approaching. We made our way back to the car park and said our goodbyes to Hardy's 'Wessex', a little damp but exhilarated.



We hope our account inspires you to visit the landscape of an author you admire and to discover something new.

Sue Deedigan

Calne Neighbourhood Policing Update

Mark Cook

Calne Neighbourhood Police Team mark.cook@wiltshire.police.uk

Introduction

Welcome to our latest Neighbourhood Policing update for Derry Hill and surrounding villages. If there is anything you wish for me to add to these updates, or concerns you may have, please do contact me using my Email address: mark.cook@wiltshire.police.uk

Crime and incident updates

On 02/10/2024 at 08:45hrs, a child was bitten by a dog as he was riding his bike to school. This happened near to the junction of Church Road and Lansdowne Close in Derry Hill. We are attempting to identify the owner of the dog and nearby CCTV is being checked. Any information can be passed on 101 quoting the crime reference number: 54240115974.

Arrests made after keyless vehicles stolen in our area

Recently we arrested three people in connection with the theft of several high value keyless vehicles.

In recent weeks, we have received several reports of vehicles being stolen from driveways in the Calne, Chippenham and Corsham area.

Enquiries have been ongoing and in the early hours of yesterday morning (21/08) we arrested a man and a woman, both in their 30s and from Melksham and a man in his 30s from Bath on suspicion of theft of a motor vehicle. They have been bailed while enquiries continue.

We have been making the public aware of the increased reports of high value keyless vehicle thefts in recent weeks in a bid to ensure owners take preventative measures to help better protect their vehicles.

We recognise the significant financial and emotional impact an incident of this kind can have on a victim – please be reassured that



our teams are carrying out extremely thorough investigative work to identify perpetrators and news of these arrests is an example of significant inroads we are making into tackling this crime type. We continue to urge residents to ensure they know how to protect their homes and vehicles from criminals.

The advice to keep doors and windows locked, and keys locked away in Faraday pouches may seem obvious, but many burglaries and thefts are opportunistic crimes, so it is vital we don't give them an easy ride."

Driving in adverse weather conditions

We are responding to ever higher numbers of vehicle collisions during this time of year.

We urge drivers to take extra care on the roads around Wiltshire, with ice, snow and flooding in some areas leading to hazardous conditions.



Please avoid unnecessary journeys and if you must drive, reduce your speed - it can take 10 times longer to stop in icy/wet conditions, and do not attempt to drive through deep flooded routes.

Always ensure all windows, any snow-covered surfaces are clear before moving off.

The Highway Code provides more information about driving in adverse weather conditions.

Cyclists, please ensure that you have sufficient reflective clothing and appropriate lighting when riding your bike at this time of year. We are receiving several reports of cyclists wearing dark clothing and not being visible in our area.

This also includes children travelling to and from school. Our evenings are slowly getting lighter, but please be mindful of this as we move through the darker mornings.

Protect your oil tank

We have seen one report of theft of oil recently in our area.

Whilst it may seem like an unlikely target for criminals, the theft of heating oil is not uncommon - particularly in rural areas at this time of the year.

Domestic oil tanks can contain many hundreds of pounds worth of oil. As the price of fuel remains high it makes it a valuable target for thieves.

There are however several things you can do to help protect your oil supply.

Wherever possible, keep fuel tanks locked and alarmed and install them within secure buildings or a cage. Consider installing anti-siphon devices, remote oil level gauges which set off an audible alarm if the level drops suddenly. You can also consider installing motion sensing lighting and CCTV connected to your mobile device when away from your property.

If it's not possible to keep your tank inside a building, please consider planting spikey shrubs which serve as a good deterrent. You can also use fencing and hedging to hide your tank.

Police visit to Derry Hill School

Calne officers visited Derry Hill School Friday 19th October to meet and chat with the Dormouse class.

The class also got to meet PC Leach from one of our Chippenham Response Teams.

A little talk on 'Stranger Danger' lots of great questions and answers. The children got to look and sit in a response police car and try on some of our spare uniforms.

Social Media and Community Messaging

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



The Sky at Night

On 21st November Uranus is in opposition, a good time to observe it. In astronomy, an opposition is the time when a planet or planetary body is in the exact opposite position in the sky to the Sun. Another way of thinking about it is, opposition is when the Sun, Earth and



another planet or planetary body form a line with Earth in the middle.

The Pleiades star cluster is easy to see in the night sky throughout the whole of November.

This star cluster sits within the constellation of Taurus the Bull and can be seen with the naked eye. It's one of the most easily seen pattern of stars to observe in the night sky during the winter, with the stars in the cluster glowing a luminous blue.

There are over 1,000 stars, but only six are normally seen with the naked eye. Some Stargazers however, may be able to spot more members of the family.

The Pleiades are only about 100 million years old, younger than the dinosaurs.

Richard Ayles

Calne Without Parish Council

What we've been doing in the last month

The Parish Council has continued to consider and respond to planning applications and requests for Highway improvement works.

I am pleased to report that 40mph speed limit through the Studley Crossroads is now up and running. We hope this speed reduction helps everyone who uses the A4 either as a road user or pedestrian to feel safer.

Those of you who attended our Parish Meeting back in April 2023 will recall that we have big plans for improving road safety within the parish. The 40mph limit through Studley crossroads is just a small part of what we have been working on. We are continuing to push towards a 20mph speed limit in Studley and hope to have more news on this soon. Please keep an eye on our website and Facebook page for updates as they happen.

At the last Parish Council meeting in October the councillors considered the proposal for Play equipment to be provided on Petty Acre. Thank you to everyone who provided comments to the consultation and to those who came along to the meeting to have their say. The councillors supported the proposal and work will now begin to arrange installation of 'option 4' which was the 'tangled web' equipment that was the clear favourite from those who responded to the consultation.

We also worked alongside the community committee on the recent Sustainability and Wellness weekend. Thank you to all who turned up to take part in the village clean up. We hope those of you who attended the talks or taster sessions enjoyed the weekend.

We continue the countdown to the start of the new 'Derry Hill & Studley Parish Council' This means that next May 25 all properties to the East of Calne (Blackland, Calstone, Lower Compton and Stockley) that are currently in Calne Without Parish Council will be moving a different Town or Parish Council. If you are in a property that is changing council, you should have received a leaflet through your door explaining the changes and providing contact information for your new parish council.

A parish council is the voice of the community, they advocate for the wishes of the community within Wiltshire Council and with other groups that they work with. They cannot do that without people

standing to be Councillors. This is not as intimidating as it sounds and can be a really rewarding way to have an input into the community. Next May 2025 local elections in Wiltshire will be held and all seats in the new Derry Hill & Studley Parish Council will be up for election (11 in total) If you think you might be interested in becoming a parish councillor, I would encourage you to come along to a parish council meeting (all Parish council and committee meetings are held in public) to find out more about what parish councils do and how they make decisions. All the dates for Parish Council meetings can be found on our website.

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 11th November 2024 7.30pm,
Monday 9th December 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) 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 07751802761

Katherine Checchia

Parish Clerk

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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



A message from a Studley resident

I would like to convey my appreciation to the volunteers who contributed to the litter picking in the area. I observed them on Saturday with admonition. It will be a step forward towards Studley's bid for best kept Village.

If you could get the verges cut back how good would that look. Please pass on our thanks to the volunteers.

Sayed khan

WI Walking Netball

Time is flying past! Half term has come and gone. We are still able to play walking netball outside and enjoy the fresh air. The lines on our court have been freshly painted so looks amazing, thank you to the Hall Committee. Our numbers are slowly growing but we still welcome any new ladies.

Our next session runs from 4th November to 20th December then we break for Christmas. 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.



Tina



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Sustainability & Wellness Weekend

Working hand in glove with Calne Without Parish Council, The Community Committee delivered a well-rounded and content-full day and a half of exhibition, presentations, panel debates and free taster sessions over the weekend 19th and 20th October. The event saw great presentations from a range of experts in sustainable matters such as Warm and Safe Wiltshire, Hither Garden Designs, The Heat Pump Federation and our very own Shaun Cairns whose home is an exemplar in the deployment of modern sustainable solutions. The content was truly brilliant

and provided powerful information and personal experiences which any of us considering investing in a more environmentally-friendly way of life totally benefitted from. Should we be heading in this direction? Well, other contributors such as Adrian Temple-Brown certainly gave us the reasons to do so. However, it is acknowledged that it is not easy to make the move, it's not cheap and doubts remain about whether a UK climate is truly conducive to the ambition.

We were so pleased with the community's engagement in the Wellness side of the weekend. We had some presentations about how certain disciplines and practices can deliver a little more inner-peace and relaxation in an otherwise hectic or high-octane life style and a number of you got stuck in and enjoyed sound therapy, Shiatsu massages, Shintaido, yoga and meditation. We hope all who attended went away feeling a little less stressed.

For me, the highlights of the weekend were the two panel debates. Both the "Sustainable Energy – Where Are We Really?" and the "Wellness - Does it help?" delivered excellent and thought-provoking content and the interaction with the audience was particularly impressive.

We again thank all those who participated in the weekend's activities for bringing such insight to our community.

Peter Prater



Derry Hill & Studley Gardening Club

At our October Meeting, we welcomed Charlotte Hitchmough from Ark – Action for the River Kennet. Charlotte gave a very interesting talk on rain gardens. If you are interested, more details can be found: [here](#)



The Derry Hill & Studley Gardening Club Annual Christmas Fayre is on **Saturday 16th November, 11am – 3.30pm at the Lansdowne Hall** – we look forward to seeing you there!

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

The next meeting is on Tuesday 5th November and Harriet Rycroft will be talking about A Year in Pots - a romp around the calendar, with tips and ideas for keeping your container displays looking good all year round. The Competition Table will be An Autumn Arrangement.

Paula Wheatcroft

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Macmillan Coffee Morning at Christ Church 26th September

Many thanks to all those who attended. We raised a magnificent £404.95 for this charity. Thanks also to those who helped.

Barbara Barnard



Derry Hill C of E (VA) Primary School

As we have settled into a new academic year, it has been wonderful to see all the children return with such enthusiasm and excitement. We have welcomed new staff and children as well as a newly refurbished outdoor learning area in Dormouse Class.



For the launch of our new Spanish curriculum we enjoyed a themed day, which involved food tasting and some of the children dressed up for the occasion!

Owl Class have also experienced what it was like to be alive during WW2, finishing off with a VE day party to celebrate all of the wonderful work they have done.

We had a church service for the Harvest Festival with parents and children and were thrilled with all the donations of food we received. These were donated to the local charity Doorway. All in all, we have enjoyed our first term of school.

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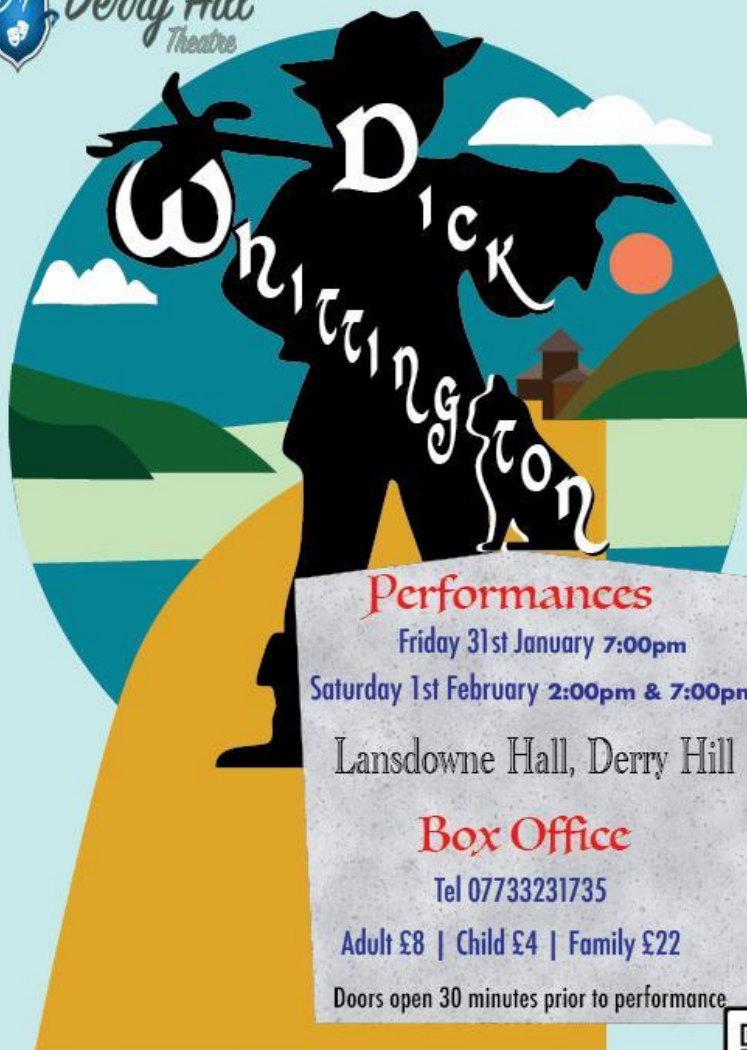
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Christmas Raffle

As the nights draw in, this can only mean one thing...Christmas is on the horizon!

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Leah Ryan rubadubsecretary@gmail.com

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Tuesday 26th November:

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Cheers,

James



Mothers' Union Prayer & Fellowship Group

We met at Christ Church on Wednesday 2nd October; Barbara welcomed everyone to our meeting which began with prayers by Judi. We discussed the way forward for the MU in the Salisbury Diocese and are pleased that at the end of this triennial a new Board of Trustees has come forward. We also went through our programme for 2025 and it's looking like it will be another action-packed year.



We then handed over to Geoff Hobbs for his talk about the making of a king which turned out to be Athelstan (924-939). This was a very interesting subject beginning with Ethel Wulf through the line of descent to Alfred The Great, then via Aethelfleada to Edward The Elder who, with his first wife Ecgwynn, fathered Athelstan (924-939) who became the first King of England and was known as Rex Britannicus. Geoff is a super speaker and we were so grateful to him for such a wonderful talk. We followed this with refreshments kindly done by Robyn and Deirdre.

Our next meeting is on **Wed 6th November** when Nan will be helping us with Christmas Decorations. Jean will be doing the prayers and refreshments will be done by Barbara & Christine W.

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Derry Hill & District WI

Some of our ladies went to Stourhead to see the Autumn Colours. They had a wonderful day out. Unfortunately, the trees hadn't started to turn but it was still beautiful. The second photograph is the winner of last month's 'Autumn Colours' photograph competition. We had several entries and our members voted for their favourite



On the 8th October, 400 Wiltshire WI members attended the Wiltshire Federation of WIs Annual Meeting at the Corn Exchange, Devizes. We listened to a range of excellent speakers. The Marchioness of Lansdowne and Chair of Swindon Women's Aid Nicky Alberry spoke very powerfully about domestic abuse and the work being undertaken to end violence against women and girls in Wiltshire. After lunch we heard from Julia Mackay, a retired Detective Superintendent, who worked on solving cold crime cases. Sally Smith was up next talking about 'Magnificent Women and Their Flying Machines'. We had a great day out!

October has been a busy month with a visit to the Avebury Sculpture Trail, a walk around Bowood, a Knit and Natter at Sally's and some of



us painting coasters at the 'Sustainability and Wellness' weekend. Very relaxing, thank you Danny and the Art Club.

Claire Dimond-Mills told us all about 'The Darker Side of Wiltshire' at the October meeting. We heard about murders, ghosts, witches and highwaymen. This was a very interesting talk delivered with a lot of humour. The most entertaining group discussed were the Cherhill Highwaymen. A gang of men, who were completely naked, would jump out and rob unsuspecting travellers on the A4. They had no fear of being recognised as no one was looking at their faces!! A darker side of Wiltshire indeed.



Our competition was to create a 'Highwayman's Mask'. This was won by Roberta whose creation was made from a covid mask! Very resourceful.

The November meeting will be our 'Craft Night', we wonder what will be in store for us to create this time! This is always an enjoyable evening, can't wait.

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Tina

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The annual fair, in the Kerry Suite at the Bowood Hotel Spa and Golf Resort between Calne and Chippenham, is not just a showcase for the best in local producers, it raises vital funds for the Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust, says Director Jennie Shaw.

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“The fair is such a lovely event because within the setting of Bowood’s hotel, with the music, carols and the buzz of everyone shopping, you really get a sense of the season,” said Jennie.

“It’s such a joyous time but it also helps us to think of those who need our help all year round. The money raised by the fair will go such a long way to continuing to support the safety and joy of those vulnerable people and will allow them to enjoy the festive period too.”

The Monday evening’s preview event runs from 4pm to 8pm at just £15 per ticket. Visitors will be greeted with a glass of wine and canapes, as well as atmospheric music and carols in the Kerry Suite.

The fair is open again at 9am on Tuesday December 3 and will be running through to 3pm – providing another chance to meet up with friends to shop, have coffee or lunch in the hotel’s Shelburne Restaurant to share Christmas plans and enjoy the festive atmosphere.

“As ever we are blessed with a full range of amazing stall holders selling a wide variety of products,” said Jennie. “Whether you’re looking for stocking fillers, leather goods, festive food, inspiration for important family members or just to spoil yourself then rest assured we have thought of everything.”

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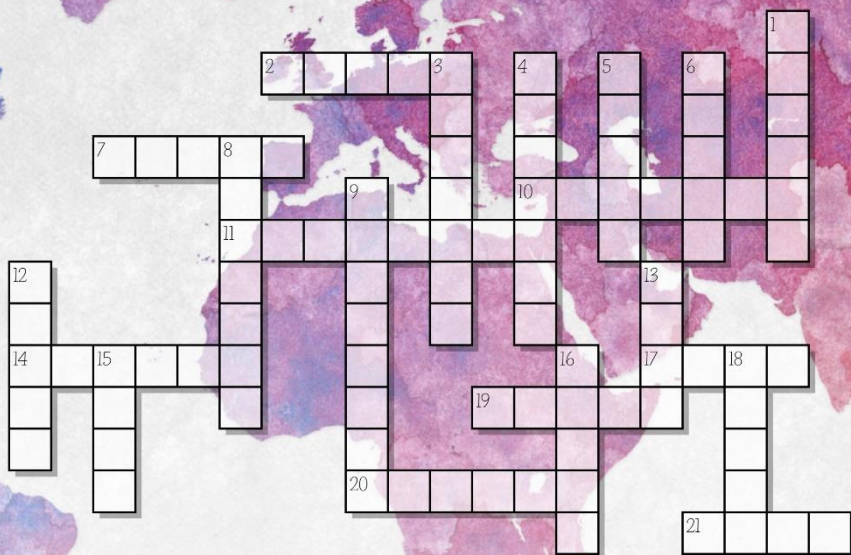
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ACROSS

- 2 Savoury jelly(5)
7 Reel(5)
10 Very old(7)
11 Infinite time(8)
14 Idea(6)
17 Stronghold(4)

19 Happening(5)

20 Small(6)

21 Tax(4)

DOWN

1 A score(6)

3 Pharmacist(7)

4 Held up(7)

5 Destroy(5)

6 Skinflint(5)

8 Herb(7)

9 Serene(8)

12 Less(5)

13 Present(4)

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The mother was me. The incident happened many years ago, but I still remember it and probably always will. Kindness is like that, isn't it? Heart-warming, unconditional, and memorable.



World Kindness Day falls on Wednesday 13 November. The date is an invitation to create thoughtful acts in our community and further afield, and to celebrate kindness in everyday life. If you would like to learn more about this annual event, you can go to [Kindness UK](#) for ideas and perhaps to pledge action.

Practising compassion towards others and ourselves has been described as an innate aspect of human nature, that flourishes with encouragement. In 2020 the Mental Health Foundation together with YouGov conducted an online survey with over 4,000 adults. The survey found that both being kind and receiving kindness are widely linked with improved mental health.

Many people find that being considerate and caring can make us happy. Think of a genuine compliment you gave, that made someone's face light up. A gift you offered without expectation of anything in return. A donation to a cause that will directly help disadvantaged people. Even if we can't solve all the world's problems, we can always create moments of kindness.

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- 1 Month(5)
- 4 Kill(4)
- 6 Weapon(3)
- 7 Italian sparkling wine(9)
- 10 Scent(5)
- 11 Omen(7)

- 12 Drama(4)
- 14 Luck(7)
- 16 Smell strongly(4)
- 18 Nostrils(5)

DOWN

- 2 Residue(9)
- 3 Delphinium(8)

- 5 Main artery(5)
- 6 Opening(3)
- 8 Little(5)
- 9 Left out(7)
- 13 Foot part(5)
- 15 Scope(5)
- 17 Large snake(3)



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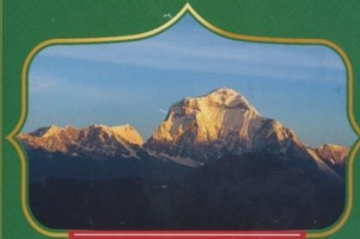
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