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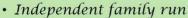
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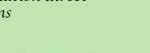
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Editorial

By the time you read this the constant barrage of information, of which party will do what if elected, may be over. A sigh of relief perhaps, but at the same time the reality; whatever the outcome of the election we are still in for a hard slog. But dear reader we have the summer holidays to look forward to and all that brings.

In the meantime, some interesting summer folklore facts. St. Swithin's Day – 15th July Traditionally if it rains on St Swithin's Day, it will rain for the next 40 days. The story began in the year 971, when the bones of St Swithin (who had died over 100 years before) were moved to a shrine in Winchester Cathedral, at that point there was a massive storm that lasted for 40 days. People said that it was the saint in heaven who was crying because his bones had been disturbed.

The 1st of August is Lammas Day which celebrates the bringing in of the first grain, with corn dollies being made from the straw of the first harvest.



The feast day of St. Oswald is 5th August. Oswald was a warrior king and champion of Christianity who unfortunately came to a sticky end. 15th August brings the Feast of Assumption which celebrates the departure of the Virgin Mary and her assumption into heaven.

Naturally, though some might say unnaturally, now the warmer weather is upon us, Morris teams are out and about in fetes, weddings and of course outside pubs.

Whatever you get up to I hope you have a great time this summer. The magazine team are having a well-earned rest, so this edition covers July and August. September's edition will be digital only. If you would like to receive a digital copy then please drop me an email – inspireeditor@Outlook.com

Ed

July 2024 Church Services					
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10am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion			
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8am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion			
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion			
10am	Holy Trinity, Quemerford	Family Service			
10am	Christ Church, Derry Hill	Holy Communion			
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6pm	St. Martin's, Bremhill	Evensong			
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10am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion			
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9.30am	St John the Baptist, Foxham	Holy Communion			
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion			
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10am	St. Mary's Calne	Parish Eucharist			
10.00am	Holy Trinity, Quemerford	Family Service			
11.00am	Christ Church, Derry Hill	Holy Communion			
	Wednesday 24 th				
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion			
Saturday 27 th					
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Bike Meet Service			
Sunday 28th Trinity 9					
930am	St Peter's, Blackland	Holy Communion			
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Morning Praise			
10am	St. Martin's, Bremhill	All age Holy Communion			
10.45am	Holy Trinity, Quemerford	Holy Communion			
6pm	St John the Baptist, Foxham	Evening Prayer ??			
6pm	St Mary's, Calne	Calne Partnership Service			
Wednesday 31st					
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion			

August 2024 Church Services				
Time	Church	Service		
	Sunday 4 th Trinity	/ 10		
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10am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion		
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Rector's notes for July

Football - the universal religion?

As I write, the 2024 European Football Championship is just about to get underway in Germany. England and Scotland are carrying British hopes, but it would be a much braver man than me who might predict how either of them will get on. England's worst ever international cup performance was in Brazil in 2014, made a little lighter by this report at the time:



During the World Cup in Brazil, the England team visited an orphanage. "It was heart-breaking to see their sad little faces with no hope," said José, age 6.

Many people have observed the potential for similarities between fans who follow football and fans who follow faith, though in reality, especially compared to a typical Church of England church, they're usually very different.

I've only ever been to a couple of Premiership football matches, but I remember being amazed at the volume of sound the crowd made. Also the way that everyone was caught up in exhilaration if your team scored a goal. The die-hard fans sing songs of course (though I never worked out the protocol for a football chant to be started – presumably the football fan high-priest somewhere?). In between matches, those same fans debate continually all the intricacies of decisions made about the running of the club - delighting in retelling the glorious highpoints of the recent match, having a good moan to each other when things have gone badly.

There are some Christian churches where the worship can seem as intense and joyful as a football crowd gets after the home team scores a goal – though most of us might find that a bit uncomfortable. The thing I'm most challenged by, however, is the huge passion that football fans show when they gather together, and their unwavering support for their team. The passion we have for our faith doesn't have to be noisy – but for most of us I'm sure there is scope for a bit more passion, as well as to talk in as animated a way about our faith as a football fan does about their team.

One other important difference. Football fans tend to be spectators, and most are not actually players at all. Whereas *all* Christians are called to be participants, and not simply spectators. We may have lost most of our pace, and perhaps we have to sit down quite a bit. But there really is a role for every person in a church – starting with prayer: that God would inspire us and give us what we need to be the players on God's team, and to play our part in inviting others to be joyful fans and followers of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

With my prayers, and very best wishes

Caspar Bush,

Team Rector (Email is Caspar.Bush@mardenvale.org.uk)

Refurbishing Furniture



Myth – You can take away items from the reuse drop off zone at Wiltshire's household recycling centres. Fact – Most items which are left for reuse are collected by a local charity called KFR. They refurbish furniture and white goods so that quality items are available to households with limited income. Anyone is welcome to buy these items by visiting the KFR showroom and residents on a lower income can qualify for a lower 'green price'.

The website is: kfr.org.uk Telephone 01380 720200. Unit 6B (5), Hopton Park Industrial Estate, London Road, Devizes, SN10 2EU

Heartbeat at the Village Fete

By popular request we will have the Netball Challenge on our stand again this year – courtesy of WI Walking Netball. Come and show us your Netball, Basketball of Korfball skills.



You can also find out more about the Village Walking Netball team at the same time.

And of course, 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 which way to run in an emergency. We can also show you what our latest Rescue Ready Kits contain. Also meet our new volunteers who have joined the group: Martin, Vicki and Andrew.

Believe it or not we aren't funded by the NHS – we rely on the villagers to cover our costs so if you can give us a donation towards the upkeep of the defibs 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 13th July.

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

Derry Hill and Studley Fete

Saturday 13th July 1.30-5pm at the School and Hall

We are hoping to collect as many bottles as possible for the church bottle stall. You may get a slip through your door from your local collector



directing you to your local drop off point. If not, and would like to donate a bottle or even two please take them directly to the stall on the day. This stall is to help with the up keep of the church. Failing that please drop them off at 1, Redhill Close. Thanks in advance.

Richard Aylen

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



What's on

A look back at Derry Hill School

Derry Hill School and the adjoining Headteacher's house were built 1872. The school replaced the earlier building at the junction of Church Road and Studley Lane (later this building became the Institute and the Old Village Hall).

The school logbook starts in 1863 and highlights daily life at the school.

On the first page of the logbook, it states that the teachers were Edward



DERRY HILL SCHOOL 1912 AND 2024

Beeney (Master), Emily Hopkins (Sewing Mistress), John Blackford (Pupil Teacher) and Charlotte Hopkins (Assistant Teacher). There were 89 pupils – 39 girls and 50 boys. The book goes on to record that "this day received the government papers giving notice that the examination is fixed for Feb 23rd at 2 o'clock. Lucy Grant returned to school after a severe and long illness".

Monday 28th April 1873 - the children left the old school (Old Village Hall/Institute) and walked up Church Road to see Lady Lansdowne officially open the new Derry Hill School on Church Road. During the opening ceremony the Rev. Hitchcock said that "he would hope that parents would now send their children to school more regularly". Lady Lansdowne signified her wish that the children might have a half day holiday in commemoration of the opening of the new school. This was accordingly given and received by the children with cheers for her ladyship.

February 1891 – Several families living near the school have been ordered to keep the children away from school as there have been cases of diphtheria. By March the school was temporarily compelled to close on account of diphtheria.

In 1905 - Wiltshire County Council took over the management of the school.

November 11th, 1918 – "News of the signing of armistice was reached during the dinner hour. The children were gathered together, and the flag hoisted (there was a large flag pole at the school). The Master and the Vicar then spoke a few words on the great event and the National Anthem was sung. Amidst much excitement the children were dispersed for the remainder of the day".

19th September 1939 – Lady Lansdowne called at the school at 11:15. The Children gathered and went to see Queen Mary at 14:45.

1950 – An agreement was made to provide hot school dinners for the school children at the Old Village Hall. Children and their teachers would walk to and from the hall for their lunch.

1959 – The school grounds were extended to incorporate the playing field. The playing field was Glebe (Church) land and used for allotments. There was a protracted negotiation to secure the land. In 1959 Miss Binns retired after 22 years as headmistress of the school. She was presented with a handbag and a cheques by Lady Walter Hervey – a school manager.

1970's – A scheme to provide the school with a swimming pool was launched with a social evening in 1971 which brought £54. It was anticipated that the pool would cost between £600 and £800. Further funds came from Lord Lansdowne who donated the proceeds of two public opening of the daffodil walks in Bowood. The plan was to build a learner's pool on the school playing field which was later realised.

This was done in conjunction with the construction of the extension to the school in 1975 to enable 150 children to attend. The £90,000 provided a new infant teaching area, cloakrooms, toilets, store spaces and main hall. The school was extended again in 1995.

30th April 1984 – Mr John Bellamy took over as head teacher. He records that 12 new pupils enjoyed their first day as well as himself. 24 pupils and Mrs Johnson went to Bowood to assist in the making of a T.V. programme for HTV.

Steve Calder

Local girl awarded OBE

A rightfully very proud dad, Geoff Symonds, rang me to say his daughter Philippa had just been awarded the OBE (Order of the British Empire). The citation reads: 'Director for Operations, Office for National Statistics. For Public and Charitable Services'.

The award cites her contribution to making the ONS the only Civil Service department to make it onto the list for the Glassdoor Employees' Choice Awards for the Top 50 Best Places to work in 2023. Furthermore, Philippa is praised for her voluntary work as a as trustee with Beyond the Streets, a trust to works to safeguard vulnerable women experiencing sexual exploitation. Philippa is further cited for her voluntary work in addressing issues and concerns of serving women in the Army.

Philippa went to Derry Hill School from 1978, thereafter John Bentley. She then studied at Manchester, Dijon and Essex Universities. After working and living in Paris for a number of years, she moved back to the UK in 2006, one of the main reasons being that she wanted her 2 girls to have the type of primary education that she had enjoyed herself. After working in the private sector, she worked for the Home Office, Cabinet Office, M.O.D. and joined the Office for National Statistics some years ago.

Our congratulations go to Philippa and her proud dad!

Ed

The Sky at Night



July and August will see the Perseid meteor shower, which is caused by the debris flow from the comet Swift-Tuttle (also known as the Great Comet of 1862).

It's the exciting time of many astronomers' calendars due to its high hourly rate and bright meteors. At the height you could see up to 100 meteors per hour, and you might even see some fireballs as well.

In 2024 the Perseid meteor shower will be active between 17 July and 24 August, with the shower at its height 12-13 August. This year, the peak of the shower falls during the Moon's first quarter phase, so viewing conditions are quite good.

The shower will appear to radiate from the constellation of Perseus, so find a dark spot and look there for the best chance of seeing some Perseid meteors.

How are the Perseids formed? As comets get near the Sun, they heat up and pieces break off. If the debris ends up in the Earth's path around the Sun, it can slam into our atmosphere at speeds of between 7-45 miles per second. The speed at which a meteor enters our atmosphere depends on the combined speed of the Earth and the debris itself.

The normal speed for a Perseid meteor is about 36 miles per second. The air in front of the meteor is squashed and heated to thousands of degrees Celsius. Smaller meteors vaporise and leave behind a bright trail of light, the larger ones can explode as fireballs.

Ed

Calne Without Parish Council

What we've been doing in the last month.

The Council last met on Monday 10th June and continued to consider all the routine tasks that we need to complete each month. We continue to consider all planning applications and discuss any grant applications that we have received.

All our meeting dates and associated supporting documents can be found on our website.

The Calne Community Neighbourhood plan is now with Wiltshire and we await a date for their consultation on the document to start, please look at our social media presence and website www.calnecommunityplan.com for up-to-date information.

Our footpaths working group have been out and about improving access on our local footpaths, if you regularly use a right of way and have any issues with access (stiles, overgrowth, damaged bridges) please get in touch and we may be able to help.

With less than a year until significant boundary changes take place to parish and town councils in the area, all the affected councils are busy working together to develop a communication strategy to help all residents understand how the changes will affect them. Keep an eye out for leaflets coming through your letterbox soon to explain the changes. We will have a stand at the Derry Hill and Studley village fete on the 13th July and will be happy to talk through the changes with you in person. We'd also love to have a chat if you have any thoughts about what you would like to see the new Derry Hill and Studley Parish Council doing once established next May.

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 18th July 2024 7.30pm, Monday 9th September 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.calnewithout-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@calnewithout-pc.gov.uk 07751802761

Katherine Checchia

Parish Clerk www.calnewithout-pc.gov.uk

WI Walking Netball

The rain is playing havoc with many sporting events, but we have been mostly lucky with the weather and managed to play our netball outside. There are just a few weeks left before we stop for the school holidays. We continue to have fun and hone our netball skills!



We will be helping to raise funds for Heartbeat at the Fete on Saturday 13th July. Come along to see us and if you can score 5 goals in the fastest time during the afternoon, you will win a prize. Easy!!!

Allie is organising an 'Afternoon Tea' for us to end the season. I can assure you we are all looking forward to it.

We will be back on Monday September 5th after the break

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 (01249 814145)

Mothers' Union Prayer & Fellowship Group

We met on Wednesday 5th June in Christ Church. Rev'd Annie Church officiated our Holy Communion Service. We all felt very uplifted afterwards. Deidre Lias gave her a vote of thanks. We were joined by an MU member from another branch who was visiting in Derry Hill. She enjoyed our time of worship together. We then had our meeting finalising arrangements for



Monday10th June. Refreshments were served by Deidre and Mary.

Christine Weston

We had our summer outing which had been organised by Colette and an MU member from Chippenham and met on Monday 10th June at St Andrews Church in Chippenham where we had a very informative tour of the church. We all found it really fascinating to hear of the history behind how the church developed over hundreds of years to become the church we know today. This was followed by afternoon tea in the vicarage garden kindly hosted by Rev'd Benji Tyler and the St Andrews MU ladies. it was a lovely sunny afternoon and a delight to enjoy a lovely garden that goes down to the river whilst enjoying delicious cakes and tea. We had a lovely time and hope we can offer them our Derry Hill MU hospitality next year.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 4th September when Robyn is organising a Beetle Drive. Christine W will do the opening prayers and Judi and Jean are kindly doing the refreshments. However, prior to this on Friday 9th August we are invited to join with Calne and Royal Wootton Bassett for a service to commemorate our MU founder Mary Sumner. This will take place at St Mary's Calne at 2pm.

Barbara Parry



Kingston House Activities & Lunch

Monday to Friday 10am - 2pm

Join our team and residents in our charming care home any weekday for a morning of company, fun and interaction, plus a nutritious and delicious lunch shared with friends.

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to book your place and do a quick safety pre-assessment.

We cannot wait to meet you!

Kingston House, Lansdowne Crescent, Calne SNII 9NP









YOUR VILLAGE NEEDS YOU.

Derry Hill and Studley is entering the Wiltshire Best Kept Village Competition in 2025.

We need even more volunteers over the next year. Can you provide a few hours to help with some digging or fixing, cleaning, trimming, projects, enhancing our community and any specialist skills you may have? Also, we're looking for any suggestions for improvement projects that we can get together a team of people to work on.

What is Best Kept Village (BKV)?

It's a Wiltshire-wide competition run by the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE).

- It's about fostering and improving community spirit.
- It's about demonstrating attention to detail and inclusivity.
- It's about the tidiness and presentation of the village.
- It's about protecting and enhancing our local environment.
- It's NOT about the prettiest or most photogenic village.

CPRE says....'It's about encouraging village communities to work together to improve their surroundings'.

This includes maintaining and improving their environment including local fauna and flora.

Some villages have made huge progress in improving their villages through entering the competition.

If you have a particular part of the village which is unloved and downat-heel then entering the competition is an ideal way to motivate people to change it for the better.

The competition is split in to three categories based on population, small, medium and large. Derry Hill and Studley is large. For example, the winners for best kept villages in Wiltshire for 2023 are Bratton, Urchfont and Tockenham in their respective categories.

This is a great opportunity to build on all the hard work that's been done by everyone in the village over the years This is such a great village to live in and make continuous improvements.

Please contact me, (a member of the Community Committee) on martin@handysides.co.uk or 07802 475018 to show your interest or if you have any ideas etc.

Martin Handysides



Calne Neighbourhood Policing Update

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

- Between 28/05/2024 at 16:30hrs and 29/05/2024 at 08:00hrs, unknown persons have stolen a quantity of fuel from a digger on a building site in Chilvester Hill, near Calne.
- On 01/06/2024 art 17:532hrs, two unknown males have been seen metal detecting on private land without the permission of the landowner.
- On 03/06/2024 at 23:08hrs, a vehicle was seized due to being driven with no road tax or insurance on the A342 near Derry Hill.
- On 07/06/2024 at 10:27hrs, Officers attended a report of a two-vehicle road traffic collision on New Road Derry Hill. One of the drivers left the scene of the collision prior to police attendance. A male believed to be the driver of one of the vehicles is now assisting officers with their enquiries.

Illegal Metal Detecting.

On 01/06/2024 at 17:45hrs, and yesterday at 13:57hrs we received reports of persons metal detecting in a field in Derry Hill which is known to be a site of archaeological interest.

Metal detecting can be a great hobby, but you do need the permission of the landowner to do so.



It is also illegal for anyone to use a metal detector on a designated area such as Scheduled Monuments (SM), Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) or Ministry of Defence property) without permission from the appropriate authority.

If you witness anyone on land with metal detectors that you suspect should not be there, please report to us via 101 or 999 and quote 'Op Apollo'.

We are working closely with the landowner and pro-active patrols are being conducted in the area to address this matter.

Keyless vehicles stolen in Calne.

No entry was gained to the addresses, and we believe a frequency scanner was used to steal both vehicles.

We continue to urge residents who own keyless cars to purchase a Faraday pouch to keep keys inside to help prevent incidents of this nature taking place.

Anyone who can help should call 101 and quote 54240067314. Alternatively, call Crime Stoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.



PCSO Mark Cook

Calne Neighbourhood Team

Social Media and Community Messaging



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



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



Calne Community Neighbourhood Plan

Thank you to everyone who has helped us shape the new Neighbourhood Plan by making comments and responding to our surveys.

We have now submitted the Plan to Wiltshire Council for the next stage in the process, a formal consultation which we hope will run over the summer.

Take a look at our website https://www.calnecommunityplan.com/ to see what changes were made in response to your comments and see the additional projects suggested to take forward issues that you have raised.

Details of how to support the plan when the consultation starts will be posted on the website when the dates are confirmed.

Sue

Let's get ready for next year

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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.

Derry Hill C of E (VA) Primary School

We are on the final stretch of a very busy year at Derry Hill School!

Rabbit Class have enjoyed a very exciting trip to Oxenwood 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 street dance and even dodge ball. The children had a fabulous week 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. Fox Class had a trip out to a Solar Farm and Owl Class enjoyed taking part in The Chippenham Games where many other schools took part, a great time was had by all.

Mrs H Roberts Headteacher

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Tuesday 30th July
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Tuesday 27th August
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Tuesday 24th September

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or by phone to James on 07976 945055. Stating, if possible, where you'd like to sit: There are 6 rows of seats, plus a good view from the back wall or arguably the best sound and lofty view from the Balcony.

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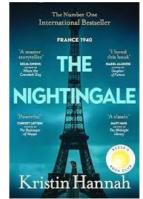
James

Book Club Review

The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah

This historical fiction novel takes place in Nazi-occupied France during World War 2. It is an international best seller that is soon to be made into a film.

The story centres around two main protagonists, sisters Isabelle and Vianne, who separated by time, distance and experiences, both embark on their own dangerous and significant role in helping the French resistance.



Isabelle, the younger of the two and the most

impulsive, formulates a plan to guide Allied airmen shot down in France over the Pyrenees mountains to safety in Spain, earning herself the codename Nightingale. Vianne and her young daughter Sophie who live in the small fictional town of Carriveau, are forced to billet Nazi officers, both of whom bring extreme challenges and, in a bid, to survive starvation Vienne does what she needs to do to keep them safe. Due to circumstances, Vianne starts to rescue Jewish children by sending them to a catholic orphanage.

Whilst we all agreed that there were many historical inaccuracies and the story was nothing we hadn't read before, the book was a page turner and even evoked a few tears. Considering the atrocities that took place within the book, Hannah handles them with thought provoking arguments and spotlights women's strengths in uncomprehending situations. The character of Isabelle was based on a true story of woman who worked for the Belgium resistance.

Whilst it's hard to say we enjoyed this novel due to its subject matter. We liked reading it from the perspective of the women who suffered and endured through the war and felt it was a refreshing insight into the resilience of human spirit.

Tanya



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 a 'Celebration of Community'.

Please look out for further information about the Arts and Crafts competitions on the village website and the Derry Hill and Studley Facebook page over the next couple of weeks. There's a photography competition for the adults and children where we're looking for you to take a humorous selfie or photobomb. We also have a children's art competition from which we hope to create a community mosaic. Please bring all entries to the fete entrance before 2pm on fete day.

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 and The Dumb Post Inn for their contribution.

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

Rub a Dub Preschool

It's finally summer. Let's hope the weather reflects this soon!

As the term draws to an end, we have an exciting few weeks ahead. The older children have been on a field trip to Marden Court in Calne and graced the residents with their



singing and crafts. Fathers' Day dens were built, we have had Tash from The Little Photo Company to take some photos for us. Later there's Sports Day, our summer trip to Westonbirt and the graduation ceremony for all our Rising Stars who are leaving us to start school in September- bring tissues $\ 2$

We hope to see as many of you as possible at the Derry Hill Summer Fayre on July 13th. We will be there with our much-loved Treasure Island game and pre-loved children's toys and books stand. Come over and say hello!

Rub-A-Dub Preschool requires a committee of volunteers to support the village pre-school. Currently, the committee are on the hunt for a replacement Chair as the lovely Kate Checchia is standing down after 4 dedicated years with us. As a charity we must have a chair in post, without one Rub-a-Dub has to discuss the prospect of closure.

If you wish to find out more about this role then please email rubadubchair@hotmail.co.uk for more details. You do not need to have children within the preschool to be part of this fantastic team.

It has been a really lovely year and we hope all staff and pupils have a wonderful summer break.

Rachel Missen

rubadubsecretary.@gmail.com

Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service

An Amber wildfire alert has been issued for the Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service area over the coming days.

An Amber alert means that, should a wildfire be experienced, it could spread quickly and easily due to the conditions. The risk is greatest on large areas of open land, such as heathlands, fields and even cliffsides.

Group Manager Graham Kewley said: "While the warmer weather is welcome after such a wet start to the year, it does mean that foliage will now be dry, and this can result in a greater risk of fires spreading if something happens to cause ignition. "We would urge anyone going out and about in our beautiful countryside this weekend to take extra care, follow our advice to #BringAPicnicNotABarbecue, and avoid having campfires on heathland or in woodlands."

Top tips for staying fire safe while out and about include:

Avoid having open fires or using barbecues in the countryside. Disposable barbecues and campfires are actually banned in many parts of Dorset.

Extinguish smoking materials properly, and don't throw cigarette ends on the ground or out of car windows – take your litter home.

If you see a fire in the countryside, report it immediately to the Fire & Rescue Service. Early detection can prevent it from developing into a large wildfire incident.

When calling the Fire & Rescue Service, get to a safe place, note the fire's location (apps such as What3Words can help if you're not sure), call 999, and meet firefighters at the access point if you can.

Don't attempt to tackle fires that can't be put out with a bucket of water – leave the area as quickly as possible and call 999.

If you're at the beach, don't set off flares, have campfires or light barbecues as these can easily lead to gorse and foliage on the cliffs catching fire.

Landowners and land managers are advised to be prepared for fires, where possible, and ensure that fire breaks are cut and well maintained, with any cut grasses and vegetation removed from the site.

Farmers are urged to keep their machinery well maintained, and to follow the Service's advice on staying fire safe, which can be found at www.dwfire.org.uk/fire-risks-on-farms

More information on staying safe and enjoying outside areas whilst avoiding starting a wildfire can be found at www.dwfire.org.uk/heath-fires-and-countryside-safety

Derry Hill & District WI

Our May speaker was Bernard Purrier from the Whale and Dolphin Conservation UK based in Chippenham. They are the leading charity dedicated to the protection of whales and dolphins. There are about 90 species of whales, dolphins and porpoises, many of them endangered. Bernard's talk was very interesting and delivered with a wonderful sense of humour. He told us some amazing facts accompanied by stunning photographs. We all agreed the talk was excellent and had all learnt so much.

Some of our members had a fun day out walking along the Canal in Bradford on Avon. This was followed by a delicious lunch at Hartley

Farm Shop. Elizabeth bravely volunteered to climb up onto the tractor. I am told getting up was easier than getting down!

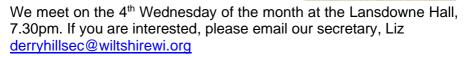
Our speaker in July will be Claudia Hickin from Julia's House, our local children's hospice located in Devizes. Julia's House is our WI's chosen charity so we are looking forward to hearing all about their amazing work.

We do not have a formal meeting in August. This year we will be attempting a 'Treasure Trail' around Lacock followed

by a meal at the Bell.

ADVANCE WARNING

Derry Hill WI will be selling homemade cakes again at this year's Fete on Saturday July 13th. Last year we completely **sold out**! So, if you like cake come along and visit our stall. Don't miss out



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We shall be taking a break in August but will be back again on 18 Sept. Thank you for supporting us for the past year.

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Full details of the whole programme in each town at www.calnefairtrade.org.uk

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Derry Hill United FC





Blaze U9, 2017

Blaze U16, 2024

We had a great End of Season celebration at Bowood Sports ground on 14th June. Celebrating the achievements of all our teams and thanking our coaches for all the work they do. We gave particular thanks to five coaches who are hanging up their tactic boards and moving to the other side of the respect barrier. Our U16 Blaze coaches Steve, Neil and Dave have been with the team since U7. In that time the boys have grown to be very tall young men who we are very proud of. Wayne and Gary will be taking the team forward into U18. Mark Fowler coached in our girls' section and was our girls' lead for many years. His involvement has helped us offer football to more and more girls. And finally, Dave Prescott is leaving Firestorm in the capable hands of Luke and Nathan.

A massive thank you to Calne Without Parish Council who approved our grant application at their June meeting. The grant is going to enable us to refurbish the goals and goal nets ready for next season and improve our parking and dog signage. We are also going to purchase some more bins. Unfortunately, when people use our football pitches to walk their dogs, they don't all pick up and some people who pick up leave the poo bags for our coaches to dispose of! The pitches are used by children and dog mess on the pitch is a Health & Safety hazard. The new signage will remind all users of the area to pick up and take the waste home.

As we look forward to next season, we have some opportunities for shirt sponsorship for our teams. If you would like us to help promote your business or would like to support a local grassroots football team, please get in touch by emailing admin@dhufc.org or calling Claire Kennedy on 07801 056647.

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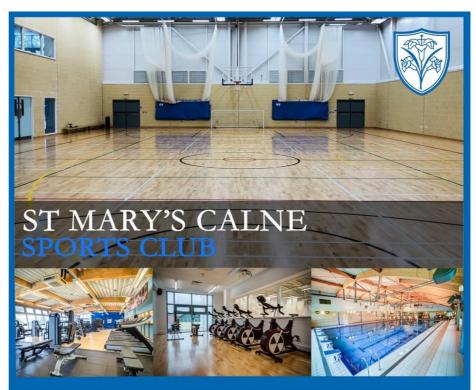
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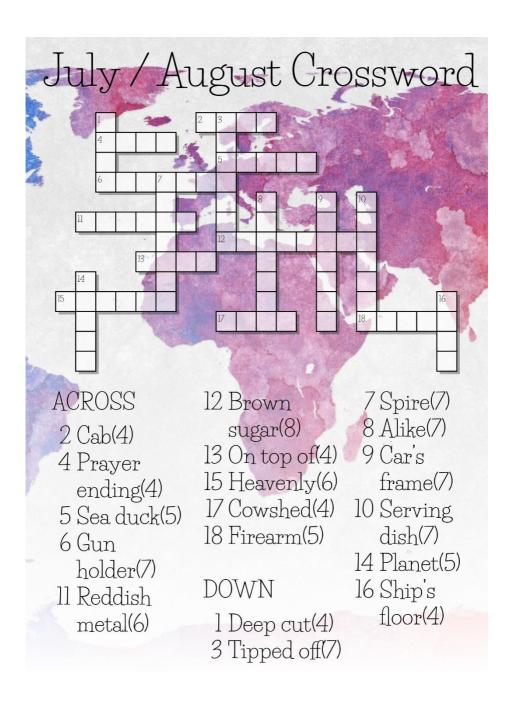
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Wellbeing notes

A wellspring within you

Many years ago, in my 20s, I experienced one of those dreams that you never really forget. In this dream, I met an older version of myself. A fountain sparkled in her garden. She reassured me that my life might get bumpy at times, but it was ultimately going to be okay.

Roll forward to the present day and who knows how it happened, but I'm now as old as that dream character. Even my home, and its setting, are like hers. But there is one difference. My garden contains no fountain.



And yet I wonder if something does sparkle here: a sort of spiritual fountain or wellspring, that can be accessed in moments of quietness. This place, after all, has hosted countless meditators as well as those looking for sanctuary. The healing that has taken place here can seem quite tangible at times.

Recently I was sitting in the garden, listening to birdsong – a form of meditation in itself. I became refreshed. And I understood then that we each have a wellspring within us, that sparkles during moments of peace. Just like the water feature of my long-ago dream, this spiritual fountain is full of light.

I invite you, now, to sit silently, focusing on the rhythm of your breath. If any worries crop up, let them pass through your mind without engaging, just for now. Feel your body and mind relax. In the quietness of this moment, right here, is your own inner wellspring.

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