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## Editorial

Were gradually creeping into Autumn and my heart sinks a little as we are seeing the beginning of the end of the summer. But wait, just think of all those lovely autumnal colours on our trees and the harvesting of so many of our fruits and vegetables. (Harvest Festival in Church is scheduled to be Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September). It's not all gloom!

Well, what have we achieved this Summer? A cohort of children have left year 6 in our school for various secondary schools, equipped to carry on their studies to a higher level, and having the indelible memory of their time at our wonderful school.

We had a great Fete. What a wonderful occasion it always is, with groups from the villages contributing so much to the jollity and it all held together by the hardworking fete team.

Meanwhile the Parish Council has been working on our behalf in many different areas including looking after our local footpaths and finding out opinions on the proposal to put a playground on the 'Humps' – Petty Acre. Uppermost in their mind of course is the dissolving of our existing parish council – Calne Without and the creation of a smaller, more local to us, Derry Hill and Studley Parish council.

Coming up soon we have the King Charles 3<sup>rd</sup> Single Wicket Competition (7<sup>th</sup> September). In October there is the Sustainability and Wellness Weekend (19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>). Further down the line in 2024 we have the Christmas Fayre (November 16<sup>th</sup>) and the Village Christmas Tree Light Switch On (November 30<sup>th</sup>). Peeping into 2025 we have the thrill of taking part in the Best Kept Village 2025. Further details of all these events can be found on the [Derry Hill and Studley Hub](#).

**Ed**

## September 2024 Church Services

Time	Church	Service
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Trinity 14</b>		
8am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
10am	Christ Church, Derry Hill	Holy Communion
10.30am	Christ Church, Derry Hill	Family Service
6pm	St. Martin's, Bremhill	Patronal Songs of Praise
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup></b>		
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Trinity 15</b>		
8am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
9.30am	St John the Baptist, Foxham	Holy Communion
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
10am	St. Martin's, Bremhill	Holy Communion BCP
11am	Christ Church, Derry Hill	Holy Communion
6pm	Bowood	Evensong
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup></b>		
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Trinity 16</b>		
8am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
11am	Christ Church, Derry Hill	Holy Communion - Harvest
3pm	Holy Trinity, Quemerford	Family Service
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup></b>		
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Trinity 17</b>		
9.30am	St Peter's, Blackland	Holy Communion BCP
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Morning Praise - Harvest
10am	St. Martin's, Bremhill	All age Holy Communion
10.45am	Holy Trinity, Quemerford	Holy Communion - Harvest
6pm	St John the Baptist, Foxham	Harvest songs of praise
<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup></b>		
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion

## September 2024 Church Services (cont'd)

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> Trinity 18

8am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Confirmation and Commissioning – Bishop Andrew Joint Benefice morning service
3pm	Holy Trinity, Quemerford	Family Service
4.30pm	St. Martin's, Bremhill	Family Service
6pm	St Peter's, Blackland	Evensong

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## Sarah's ponderings

By the time you read this, the Olympic Games will be fading from your memory, but as I write, we're in the midst of all the excitement! Team GB has won a number of gold medals in really exciting contests – the men's mountain-biking, the women's quadruple sculls, and the men's triathlon all come to mind. And the individuals and



teams concerned can inspire us all, in Tom Pidcock's words, never to give up. He'd been forced to withdraw from the Tour de France a couple of weeks earlier, as he'd got Covid. In the Olympic mountain-bike race, he had to fight his way back to the front of the race after his bike had a puncture shortly before the half-way point. The women's rowing team were in second place for much of their race but overtook the Dutch boat as they crossed the finish line. In the triathlon, Alex Yee was 14 seconds behind the leader at the beginning of the final lap of the run, and really struggling, but as he said, "I didn't give up," and 400 metres before the end of the race, he took the lead, and went on to win.

"Never give up" doesn't mean that we should always plough on, regardless of circumstances. The American gymnast Simone Biles made the wise decision to pull out of the Tokyo Olympics, when she realised that she needed to put her own mental health first and take care of herself. There are times when we all need to take a step back, and take stock, before going ahead once more, possibly in a different direction. As I write, Simone Biles has won a team gold medal in Paris, and she's expected to do great things in the individual women's competitions.

Christians can learn a great deal from sportspeople; the writer of the letter to the Hebrews in the New Testament of the Bible pictures us as competitors in an athletics stadium, cheered on by all the Christian believers who have gone before us. S/he urges us to run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus . . . If you are a Christian, be inspired by our Olympians, and by those who have gone before us, not to give up. If you'd like to explore what it might mean for you, please make a start by talking it over with a Christian friend, and/or joining us for a Church service sometime very soon.

With prayers and best wishes

**Sarah Errington** (Team Vicar; email: sarah.errington@mardenvale.org.uk)



## The History of the Telephone Kiosk – Part 2

In the April issue we saw how the 1920/1 **K1** (kiosk1), the first GPO built kiosk, was constructed of 3 concrete panels with a wooden door. The K1 was not popular

and in 1924 a design competition was held to design a replacement. The winner was Giles Gilbert Scott. His design is the first time a phone kiosk starts to look like the iconic red box.



Made of cast iron with a wooden door the **K2** was the first time kiosks were painted bright red and had the familiar domed roof, but it was very large and far too expensive.

### The K3

A cheaper alternative was sought and the GPO turned again to Giles Gilbert Scott as designer but insisted on using cheap concrete. The K3 retained some of the style of the K2 but was much smaller and included backlit “telephone signs” and was painted white with red doors and red window surrounds (see picture below).

### The K4

The K4 was an unusual kiosk that performed two roles. Essentially an extended K2 in design and construction with a rear section holding a stamp dispensing machine and a post box

Thus, the K4 was essentially a mini-Post Office and the idea was to save opening more sub-post offices!

It was both enormous and difficult to site with access needed for four sides it couldn't be placed against a wall and equally took up most of the pavement, prompting lots of complaints.

K3

K4



The K5 was designed to be erected inside buildings and events as a temporary feature. It was predominantly seven pieces of plywood and could be packed into three cases – it didn't survive!

Next time .... The K6, K7, K8 and KX100 range.

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## Mobile library visits to Derry Hill

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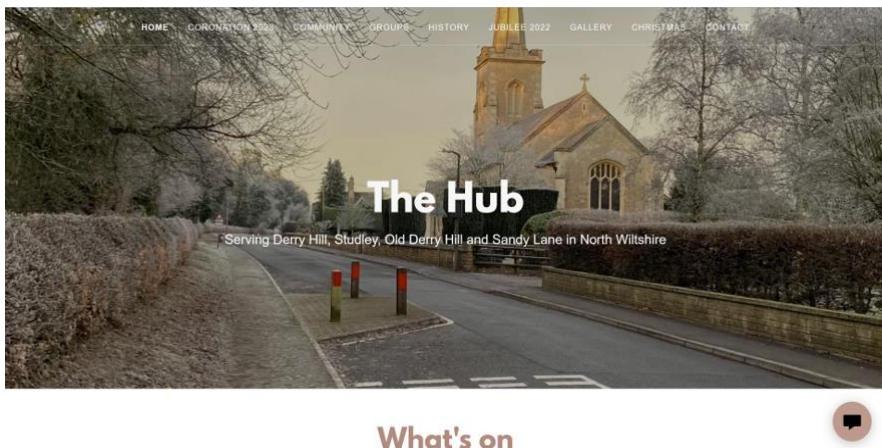
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23<sup>rd</sup> September 2024



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## A walk through the life and times of the Lansdowne Arms, Derry Hill

In 1841, the Great Western Railway was built from London Paddington to Chippenham. As it does today – the railway offered a fast and reliable route to London. Lord Lansdowne, commissioned Sir Charles Barry, architect of the Houses of Parliament, to build a new lodge on the western perimeter of the park at the point closest to Chippenham station.



The result was the Golden Gates - built on the site of the original Lansdowne Arms (formally the Shelburne Arms). The old Lansdowne Arms was demolished and the new pub was built on its current site in 1843. The Grade II listed pub is built of ironstone with ashlar dressings, stone slate roof and ornate ashlar Tudor style chimney stacks.

In his memoirs the Reverend Stafford Brown (the first vicar of Derry Hill) noted that before Christ Church was built in 1840, drinking had prevailed to a fearful extent at Derry Hill – with numerous public houses spread across Derry Hill and Studley. Whilst the Reverend Brown and his wife waited for the Vicarage to be built on Church Road, they were accommodated in an old pub which may have been the defunct old Lansdowne Arms. He describes how the sign had been removed and the interior thoroughly whitewashed. The old pub had a porch and had been made to assume quite a comfortable appearance. Stafford Brown particularly noted in his memoir that this had been the third public house that had been closed in just three years.

One of the very first landlords of the new Lansdowne Arms was William Smith from Derbyshire accompanied by his wife Elizabeth. In 1851 records note that the Smiths kept lodgers in some of the 6 rooms they had upstairs. Two of the lodgers were Susannah Underwood a nurse from Stoke and a 2-year-old child in her care called Emily Colston from Oxford (wonder what the back story to that is?).



In late 1851 the Smiths moved on and the advert was put into the newspapers seeking a new landlord to take on the pub.

Henry and Jane Stadden arrived from Stepney, London to run the pub in 1852. By all accounts they were the life and soul of Derry Hill. On the 11<sup>th</sup> January 1859, the Derry Hill Church Choir gave their annual concert in the Lansdowne Arms. A grand piano had been transported from Bath by Mr Milsom free of charge just for the evening. Reverend

Fletcher led the programme of entertainment with the Curate of Derry Hill performing 'non piu Andrai' and 'Figaro'. The evening ended with a rousing chorus of 'God save the Queen'!

Tragedy struck later in 1859 when Henry died of consumption at the age of 48. He was buried in Christ Church graveyard (very near the main door) on 10<sup>th</sup> November 1859. Sadly, the headstone is weathering and recently fell in two. Jane took on the pub as Landlady at the age of 45 - continuing to serve the village and to care for her children. Tragically, death came calling at the pub in 1864 and took Jane, leaving her children as orphans. The probate records show Jane had provided for her children - with one of the main beneficiaries being her brother in Marlborough who then cared for her children.



By July 1892, the Nimrod Stagecoach stopped regularly at the Lansdowne Arms on route to Bath. Pulled by a team of 4 horses, passengers could sit inside or atop of the carriage. Each day (except Sundays) the Nimrod would depart the Bear Hotel in Devizes at 10:45 and (via Rowde and Sandy Lane) arrive at the Lansdowne Arms at 11:25. Passengers would alite and proceed to Bath arriving by 13:30. The return journey left Bath at 16:00 – expecting to arrive at the Lansdowne Arms at 17:55.

In 1898 the pub hosted a New Year's Eve celebration. Mr John Hayter was the Landlord and had issued invitations to many residents from the local 'hamlet'. These were joined by a party of 20 from Devizes. 'Auld Lang Syne' was heartily sung at midnight by the company with clasped hands. The New Year was welcomed with good wishes for prosperity and happiness being expressed. I am guessing the party from Devizes staggered towards home on a very dark road.

By the early 1900's cycling was a widespread past time. The Lansdowne Arms was a regular stop for cycle excursions from Bath – cyclists wearing jackets, shirts and ties and their trousers tucked into their knee length socks.

Throughout this time the local Hunt would use the green in the front of the pub as a meeting point – an activity of its time in history, with weekly reports in the newspapers advertising the fact. The papers would detail some hunts – the direction, speed and who was involved. The hunt would continue to meet into the 1950's – a real spectacle for the locals.





In the 1940's the pub hosted the Derry Hill Home Guard. There is a photo of the Home Guard pictured outside the Lansdowne Arms. Front and centre in the photo is Reverend Basil Palmer (9th Vicar of Derry Hill). The Home Guard were mobilised to protect the village from possible German attack. There is the story of oil drums buried halfway down Old Derry Hill by the Home Guard that could be filled with petrol and set alight to help repel German attack from the Chippenham direction. By 1953 Mr and Mrs Norfolk ran the pub – moving to the Dumb Post in 1955.

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By the 1970s Evelyn and Penny Jones ran the pub. Penny's Steak pies were legendary.

Between 1998 and 2003 John and Karin Chester ran the pub. In April 2005 following John's death, a tribute was paid by Karin, saying "John always said Derry Hill was a village full of genuine people, we enjoyed

our time there very much. He enjoyed raising money for the school and liked to get involved with the community. I think that is how people will remember him”.

Since 2003 there have been c.15 managers running the Lansdowne Arms. Today the Lansdowne Arms has its doors open once again and is providing a very warm welcome to all passing travellers and locals.

**Steve Calder**

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## **YOUR VILLAGE NEEDS YOU**

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

Make a note to volunteer for a village tidy up (and bacon butties) at 10am Saturday, 19 October before the opening of our Wellness & Sustainability Weekend. This will be the first of three tidy ups, also in March and in May, just before the BKV judges arrive.

Best Kept Village (BKV) is a Wiltshire-wide competition run by the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) to:

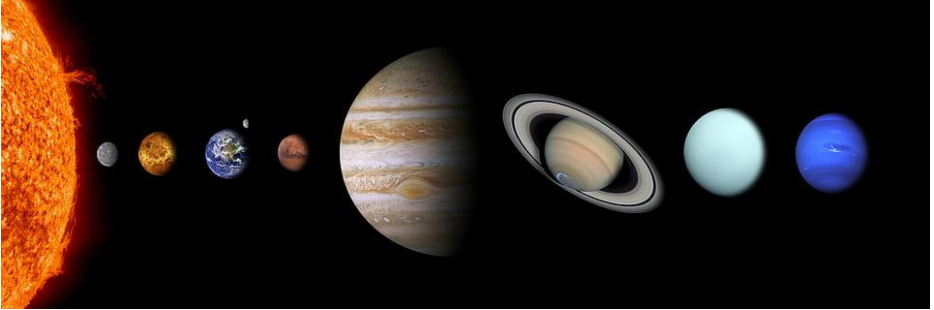
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- Tidiness and presentation of the village.
- Protecting and enhancing our local environment.

It's NOT about the prettiest or most photogenic village. It's about us working together to improve Derry Hill & Studley's surroundings.

**Martin Handyside** 07802475018



## The Sky at Night



Throughout the month many different planets will be visible. As Mercury can only be observed in twilight, it is very hard to see without a telescope. However, if you look East on 6<sup>th</sup> September, it will be at its highest altitude in the morning sky, so you will have the best chance of viewing it then.

Four planets will be at opposition in 2024; Saturn moves into opposition on 8<sup>th</sup> September, Neptune on 21<sup>st</sup> September, Uranus on 17<sup>th</sup> November and Jupiter on 7<sup>th</sup> December. All the planets in the Solar System orbit around the Sun. At certain points during these orbits, the Earth finds itself directly between the Sun and another planet. This is the moment at which that planet is said to be 'in opposition'. When Saturn is in opposition for example, Earth is between the Sun and Saturn.

Fortunately, every night in the South the two largest planets, Jupiter and Saturn, will be visible to the naked eye. Again, with a telescope on a clear night you might be able to spot Saturn's rings or Jupiter's moons!

If you're about at night on 18<sup>th</sup> September there will be a partial lunar eclipse when the Moon passes through a part of the Earth's shadow. September 22<sup>nd</sup> is the Autumn Equinox, when both day and night will be nearly exactly 12 hours.

**Ed**

## ***Ride and Stride Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2024***



As we had a successful fundraising walk and ride from Christ Church Derry Hill last year, it has been decided to repeat this wonderful event again. It involves a lovely walk, or bike ride, from our church in Derry Hill to the Bowood Chapel. Like last year, Lord Lansdowne has kindly arranged for all sponsored individuals or families to have free entry to Bowood for the day and refreshments on arrival.

The aim is to raise funds for Christ Church Derry Hill and the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust. We aim to leave Christ Church at 11am and walk via public footpaths to the Chapel in Bowood House, have refreshments and return. Riding to Bowood from church is also welcomed.

If you would like to be sponsored, we'd love to have you along as part of an informal group. Please contact me for a sponsorship form if you would like to participate.

If you aren't able to join in but would like to sponsor me to raise some much-needed cash for these deserving charities, please go to my page on [JustGiving](#): or just pop something in an envelope through my door, with your name on.

Thanks in advance,

***Richard Aylen***

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## Calne Without Parish Council

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

Normally the summer months mean that activity here at the Parish Council goes a bit quieter and we can all catch up a bit on any outstanding jobs! However, this summer the council certainly doesn't seem to have taken a break. We have continued to respond to planning applications and liaise with Wiltshire Council over road safety issues within the Parish.

I am pleased to report that the proposed 40mph speed limit through the Studley Crossroads should now be implemented by mid-October, we await the implementation works to be completed by Wiltshire Council as the highway authority.

In other road safety news, we have successfully advocated for an extension to the barrier at the bottom of Old Derry Hill, the improvements to this barrier should be completed soon.

We are now on the countdown to the start of the new 'Derry Hill & Studley Parish Council' we are starting to write the budget and confirm all the costs of the work that we already do and hope to continue to do under the newly shaped and named council starts work. We would love to hear from local residents about where we might look to set our priorities. We have created a short survey that we would love as many people as possible to complete. The survey can be found by scanning the QR code or clicking this link.

<https://forms.office.com/e/HtXw7rPV8C>

The survey will be open until the end of September.



As a parish council we are the voice of the community, we advocate for the wishes of the community within Wiltshire Council and with other groups that we work with. We cannot do that without people standing to be Councillors. This is not as scary as it sounds and can be a really rewarding way to have an input into the community. Next May 2025 the local elections will be held and we will be looking to fill the 11 seats for the new Parish Council. If you think you might be interested in becoming a parish councillor, I would encourage you to come along

to one of our meetings (all our council and committee meetings are held in public) and find out more about what we do and how we make decisions. All the dates for our meetings can be found on our website.

We wanted to say a big thank you to all of you who came to our recent engagement events. We have already received a lot of feedback from our proposals for play equipment on Petty Acre. If you have not yet provided your views the survey and links to possible designs can be found by clicking this link or scanning the QR code. <https://forms.office.com/e/GaG7aM4rqw> The survey will be open until the end of the month.



### **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 9<sup>th</sup> September 2024 7.30pm,  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2024 7.30pm

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

### **Keeping in Touch**

We have many ways that you can keep up to date with the work here at the Parish Council. Our website ([www.calnewwithout-pc.gov.uk](http://www.calnewwithout-pc.gov.uk)) is kept up to date with meeting dates and associated papers, we use our Facebook page (search Calne Without) for quick updates and news

about our work and you can always get in touch directly with the clerk with any questions you may have.

If you need to get in touch with the Parish Council please contact the Parish Clerk [clerk@calnewwithout-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@calnewwithout-pc.gov.uk)

## ***Katherine Checchia***

Parish Clerk

[www.calnewwithout-pc.gov.uk](http://www.calnewwithout-pc.gov.uk)

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## **Derry Hill & Studley Sustainability and Wellness Weekend**

This exciting event in the community calendar is scheduled for the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of October and will take place at the Lansdowne Hall and other local venues.

A good number of local businesses, community groups and other interest groups are coming together to allow you, the good citizens of Derry Hill & Studley, to hear about, discuss and try out a variety of sustainability and wellness initiatives. For example, you will be able to walk an exhibition and get a better understanding of heat pumps, solar panels, house batteries, EVs and learn about wellness opportunities such as yoga, sound baths, mindfulness, meditation and more. You can listen to presentations and join in debates about these subjects with regional experts and indeed members of our community that have gone before you. You might see a demo of some of the tech and, very, very importantly, you will get a chance to test out some of the wellness classes free of charge.



So, please do put these dates in the diary and look out for more information via InSPIRE, The Hub and through the Derry Hill & Studley Facebook page.

***Peter Prater***

## Sad Handbells Part 2

I wrote some months ago in this magazine telling you all of my sadness at not being rung. Unfortunately, I am still not being used as nobody answered my plea.



I am the biggest bass bell that is rung by Marden Vale

Handbells. I am sad because I will not be rung for some time, as the team have not enough humans to ring all 37 bells. I will be left, with many other bells, in our boxes while a few smaller bells will be rung on our practice on Tuesday afternoons at 3pm in Christchurch Derry Hill. Yes, the humans have moved their practice time for the moment. The humans need at least 3 more people to enable the team to play all 3 octaves of bells.

If anybody reading this would like to try playing myself and my other bell friends, please contact the human leader David Bedford tel. 07977143822 or come along to a practice any Tuesday afternoon at 3pm to 4.30 pm in Christchurch Derry Hill.

The humans say you don't need any musical knowledge at the start so everybody is welcome to come.

The humans have started practicing Christmas music and carols as they have several gigs lined up.

Ring David now you might be surprised at how making music could help sooth your mind and bring a sense of achievement.

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# 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](mailto:mark.cook@wiltshire.police.uk)



## Crime and incident updates

On 08/06/2024 at 09:19hrs a silver Lexus was seized by officers on the A361 due to showing no insurance.

On 22/06/20254 at 00:52hrs, Officers attempted to stop a red Skoda Fabia in Sandy Lane. The vehicle failed to stop for officers reaching speeds of over 80mph. Upon the vehicle coming to a stop the occupants and the driver ran from the scene. All persons were located a short time later. The driver, a 19-year-old male was arrested on suspicion of dangerous driving and driving over the prescribed legal alcohol limit. Enquires are ongoing.

On 23/06/2024 at 17:12hrs, a white Seat Ibiza was stopped by police on the A4 in Derry Hill. The driver was found to be driving under the influence of cannabis. The driver was arrested on suspicion of that offence and taken to custody.

The 18-year-old local male was later released under investigation. Enquiries are ongoing.

On 27/07/2024 at 22:31hr, Officers stopped a red Citroen C4 on the A4 in Derry Hill. The driver was arrested on suspicion of driving over the prescribed legal alcohol limit. The driver was then conveyed to custody.

Mr Philip Stickley of an address in Calne was later charged with the offence of driving over the prescribed legal alcohol limit.

On 21/08/2024 at 04:25hrs, we received a reports of vehicle car alarms being activated in the location of Lansdowne Crescent in Derry Hill. No vehicles have been stolen, but this could have been someone searching the area for insecure vehicles. Please ensure your belongings are removed from your vehicle and your vehicle is secure. If you have a keyless vehicle, please ensure the key fob has been placed in a faraday pouch to secure its signal.

## Derry Hill Pursuit and RTC



A man in his late teens has been arrested for a number of driving offences following an authorised pursuit in Calne on July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The driver of the vehicle failed to stop for officers and, was involved in a road traffic collision around 10.25am this morning on Chapel Street, Derry Hill, near Calne.

The teenager was arrested for failing to stop, dangerous driving, driving without a licence or insurance and taking without consent.

He has been taken to hospital after suffering a suspected leg injury as a result of the collision, not suspected to be life changing or life threatening.

Wiltshire Police are investigating the circumstances around the collision and have made a referral to the Independent Office for Police Conduct (IOPC), as is mandatory following serious injury involving police involvement.

## Derry Hill Summer Fete

PCSO Cook attended the Derry Hill fete July 14<sup>th</sup>.

Lots of children managed to have a look at a police vehicle and cause a lot of noise with the siren.

It was also great to chat with several residents on issues affecting them in the village.



## Two vehicle collision on the A4 in Derry Hill



A4 closed in both directions between Studley and junction of Old Derry Hill on August 5<sup>th</sup>.

The road was closed for 2 hours due to a collision between and motorcyclist and a car. The motorcyclist was taken to hospital with some minor injuries.

Considering this most recent and previous collisions on the A4 we are increasing our patrols along the A4 and will be conducting some speed enforcement checks in the location.

## **A great weekend had by all at the Wiltshire Game and Country Fair at Bowood**

On the weekend of 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> August, Officers from the Calne Neighbourhood Policing Team were at the Wiltshire Game and Country fair at Bowood.



They were also joined on their stand by officers from other specialist teams including the Rural Crime Team, dogs and Firearms.

## Rural Community engagement event Studley Gardens



Officers from the Calne Neighbourhood Team held several community engagement events during the week of 14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> Aug.

Officers attended locations in Bremhill, Studley Gardens, Calne town centre, Cherhill, Heddington and Tesco store in Beversbrook to meet and chat with

residents in one of the new mobile police stations.

We will be holding more events like this in the coming months.

### Court Result

A man from Semington has been sentenced to 18 months Community Order for theft and a public order offence.

Paul Emmett, 33, of Littleton, Semington was sentenced on August 13 at Salisbury Magistrates Court after pleading guilty to the offences at an earlier hearing in June.

On January 26

Emmett entered a shop on The Pippin, Calne and removed a number of items of designer clothing before leaving the shop without paying. When challenged by the sales manager he threatened them. Emmett was also fined £343 in compensation.



## Arrests made in connection with Keyless vehicles stolen in Wiltshire.

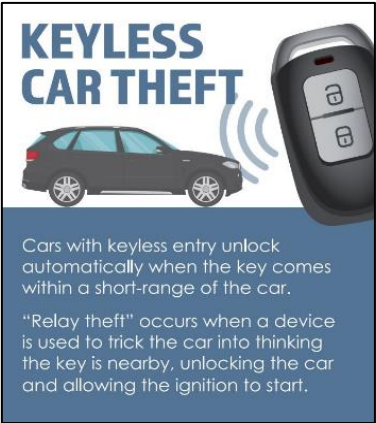
We have arrested three people in connection with the theft of several high value keyless vehicles.

In recent weeks, we have received several reports of vehicles being stolen from driveways.

Enquiries have been ongoing and in the early hours of Aug 21<sup>st</sup>

Officers 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.



**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](#)



## Derry Hill & Studley Gardening Club

At our August meeting we welcomed Aldetha Raymond who gave a very informative & interesting talk on Propagation. We all went home with great plans to increase our plant numbers free of charge!



The speaker at our September is Matt Simpson, and he will talk about Hydroponics - the technique of growing plants using a water-based nutrient solution rather than soil. The Competition Table will be a selection of cut flowers in a vase.

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

### *Paula Wheatcroft*

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## Knitting, stitching & craft group.

A group meets weekly, on Fridays 2-4 pm in Christ Church Derry Hill. Bring your crochet, knitting or needlework, all abilities welcome. Share tips, chat and enjoy a tea or coffee, £3. Any queries contact Christine 817780, Liz 812138 or Marcia 820196



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## 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 – [inspireditor@outlook.com](mailto:inspireditor@outlook.com) 01249 814632**

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

## Rub a Dub Pre-School

As the summer holidays draw to a close, we reminisce about the lovely things we have done with our summer break: picnics in the park, ice cream on the beach, paddling pool in the garden.



It may be difficult to accept that summer is almost over but as one season ends, an exciting one begins, and this marks the start of the new academic year!

The staff at Rub a Dub will be there on the first day of term to welcome those children back and get them settled. They will be all ears ready to hear about your summer adventures!

For those families who are new to our setting, welcome! We look forward to greeting you on the first day with big smiles and exciting activities for your children to explore.

As a charity run pre-school, we put on regular events throughout the year which not only bring the community together, but also raise funds which help to keep us afloat. Examples of these past events include a Halloween cake sale, quiz nights, Christmas fayre, Mother's Day raffle, Easter fayre, bunny trail and many more! To keep abreast of these events as well as our pre-school news, please refer to our Facebook page [here](#).

If you are new to the area and interested in looking around our pre-school for your child, please email:

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Best of luck to everyone beginning their new academic year!

**Leah Ryan**

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FREE Public Events in CALNE with Patrick Kaberia Muthaura  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Sept @ 1pm-2pm Calne Library – Meet Patrick by the Fairtrade Fortnight Display  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September @ 7pm Calne Free Church – Faith, Fairtrade & the Climate Crisis



Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September @ 7pm Calne Library – Fairtrade and Climate Change affecting Fairtrade Farmers co-hosted by Sustainable Calne.

Patrick will also be visiting schools and other organisations. Browse <http://www.calnefairtrade.org.uk/ftf2024> for his complete programme in Calne, Corsham, Devizes, Bradford on Avon and Trowbridge!

Contact: [Stan Woods chairman@calnefairtrade.org.uk](mailto:Stan.Woods@calnefairtrade.org.uk)

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Wiltshire Fairtrade communities and Town Councils are supporting this Fairtrade project.



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## Jazz Club

### Tuesday 24th September

MSK - Dorian's new trio with David Mowatt on trumpet and flugelhorn & Rachel Kerry on piano.

### Tuesday 29th October:

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**James**

# Church bottle stall at Derry Hill and Studley Village Fete



Many thanks to all those who contributed bottles or came and tried their luck on the day.

We made a magnificent £801! This will go towards the much needed upkeep of Christ Church Derry Hill.

***Richard***

## Maud's Way



**Saturday 7 September 2024**  
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## Derry Hill & District WI

WI has had a great summer. We had a one-off silk painting workshop in the Hall in July. 15 members came along and thoroughly enjoyed the evening.



We all painted a beautiful suncatcher to hang in our windows. The WI cake stall at the Fete was another sell out this year! Thank you all for your support.





The next outing was to the American Museum in Bath. The ladies had a wonderful day out. The sun shone and the gardens were beautiful. Lunch was enjoyed sitting on the patio overlooking the gardens and the fabulous views.

This is a gem! If you haven't been you should certainly go for a visit.

There was a coffee morning at Sally's and a walk in Bowood. We enjoyed our 'Treasure Hunt' around Lacock on 28<sup>th</sup> August followed by dinner at the Bell in Lacock.

Our next speaker in September will be Neil Parkinson talking about 'Training and Working with Police Dogs'.





We meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month at the Lansdowne Hall, 7.30pm.

If you are interested, please email our secretary, Liz:

derryhillsec@wiltshirewi.org

**Tina**

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## The Bremhill Produce Show

**Saturday 7th September 2024**

Find the schedule, notes and entry form at: [www.tinyurl.com/produce-show](http://www.tinyurl.com/produce-show) or pick up a paper copy in the porch of Bremhill Village Hall.

Now is the time to make your plans about what you and your family would like to enter (it is fun to enter - really it is!).

**8am to 10am** Bring your entries to Bremhill Village Hall.

**3pm** Doors open to view all the entries in the show and see the prize winners. Also there will be refreshments; tea served in vintage china tea pots and cups, homemade cake etc.

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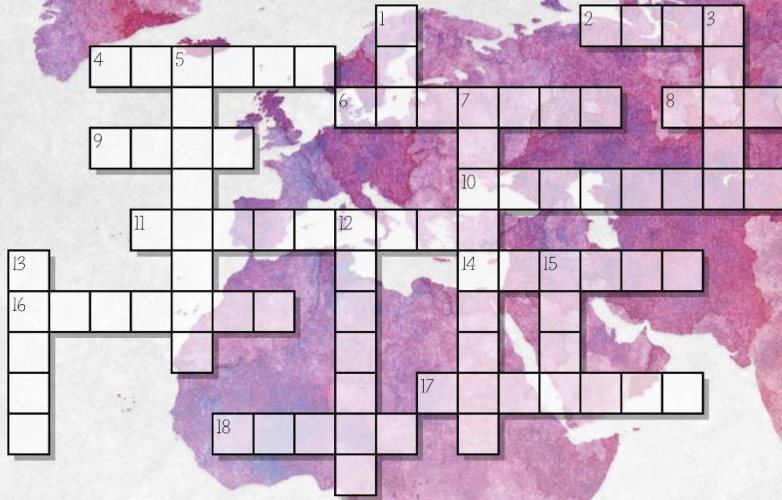
We have all been out for a cream tea at the Lowden Garden Centre to celebrate the end of our playing year. The sandwiches and cakes were delicious and enjoyed by everyone. The annual awards were handed out and graciously received. These are purely for fun and made us all laugh. Although the award for the most chatty player was contested but I mention no names! We will be back on Monday September 2nd 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**



# September 2024 Crossword



## ACROSS

- 2 Foot part(4)
- 4 Help(6)
- 6 Held up(7)
- 8 Wager(3)
- 9 Stronghold(4)
- 10 Energy(8)
- 11 Copy(9)
- 14 Mend(6)
- 16 Omen(7)
- 17 Try(7)

- 18 Plant life(5)

## DOWN


- 1 Flock of pheasants(3)
- 3 Happening(5)
- 5 Ridged(8)
- 7 Hardship(9)
- 12 Everyday(7)
- 13 Froth(5)
- 15 Prod(4)



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## Wellbeing notes

### Listening to nature's symphony



Midnight. Outside, a tawny owl is hooting. In the morning, the buzzard takes over: a high, childlike cry. For a few moments, the sound is drowned out by a plane from the Americas, passing overhead. But the plane goes; the buzzard is audible again. And more quietly, here in the garden, there's the musical fluting of robins and goldfinches, the cooing of woodpigeons, and the rasp of crows. One day, soon, the geese will arrive, honking overhead as they remind us of snowy places, far away in the north.

The symphony of nature is incredibly varied when you stop to listen – and all of it tells a story. Wind in the trees

around Derry Hill change like ocean currents when storms approach. Streams gush noisily after heavy rainfall. Boots squelch muddily or perhaps crackle through autumn leaves.

Listening mindfully to the symphony of nature can be a calming meditation. For the space of ten breaths, focus on what you can hear to your left then, for another ten breaths, tune into the sounds on your right. And then, finally, listen to your own, inner sounds, such as breathing or even your body's pulse. The aim is to listen without judgement, understanding that everything and everyone is a part of nature. We are all, according to the poet Kahlil Gibran, 'sons and daughters of life's longing for itself'. Appreciating that insight can bring bliss.

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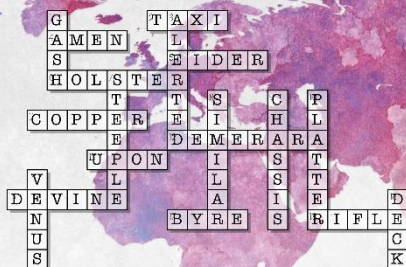
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- ACROSS
- 2 Cab(4)
  - 4 Prayer ending(4)
  - 5 Sea duck(5)
  - 6 Gun holder(7)
  - 11 Reddish metal(6)
- DOWN
- 12 Brown sugar(8)
  - 13 On top of(4)
  - 15 Heavenly(6)
  - 17 Cowshed(4)
  - 18 Firearm(5)
  - 1 Deep cut(4)
  - 3 Tipped off(7)
- 7 Spire(7)
- 8 Alike(7)
  - 9 Car's frame(7)
  - 10 Serving dish(7)
  - 14 Planet(5)
  - 16 Ship's floor(4)





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