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Editorial

This last month of Autumn sees us moving quickly into the Winter months, emphasised by the move back to Greenwich Mean Time at the end of last month with the last vestige of any lighter evenings now disappeared for a few months. The days of record temperatures and almost continual sunshine of last July and August are now a distant memory, but we now have the opportunity to see the natural world in a different light as each season brings new delights. We are fortunate to live in a



part of the world where we have distinct seasons to enjoy, though a case could be made for some blurring between them taking place due to climate change.

Despite our hot and dry Summer, this Autumn appears to have brought about an abundance of acorns and horse chestnuts. It was interesting to read recently that a single oak tree might produce over a million acorns during its lifetime. The oak will of course be amongst the last trees to shed its leaves, mostly leaving it until late into November to complete the task. Our own garden walnut tree has probably had its most fruitful year for a long time, but, as usual, the neighbourhood squirrels got there first and took care of every fruit.

This month records a clutch of significant anniversaries of historical events. On 18 November 1620, the Mayflower and its eighty-seven passengers landed on Cape Cod in what is now the state of Massachusetts and quickly learned that winters in that part of the United States can be severe and long! On 28 November 1919 Nancy Astor was elected to parliament in a Plymouth constituency, thus becoming this country's first female MP.

Those of us of a certain age will always remember where they were when they learned of the assassination of President Kennedy in Dallas, Texas on 22 November 1963, now almost sixty years ago.

We remember too that the guns fell silent on 11 November 1918, after four years and ninety-seven days of the Great War, culminating in the loss of many millions of military and civilian lives and many more injured. Once again November offers us the opportunity to remember all those who have made the ultimate sacrifice during wars.



Assistant Editor

Dear Friends,

Are you familiar with the poem 'November' by Thomas Hood? it begins:

"No sun - no moon!

No morn – no noon!"

and continues in this doleful manner, ending with:

"No warmth, no cheerfulness, no healthful ease

No comfortable feel in any member –

No shade, no shine, no butterflies, no bees,

No fruits, no flowers, no leaves, no birds,

November!"

We can probably all write a litany of what we feel is lacking in our lives, in our communities and on a wider scale.

I just want to say a little bit about our current situation in the Marden Vale Benefice. Many of you are aware that we are in vacancy: we have no Team Rector, no

Administrator, no retired priests available. We have four parishes and six churches, an acting Team Rector and a House for Duty Team Vicar (not full-time), two Licensed Lay Ministers and two Lay Worship Leaders.

However, we have two people currently training as Lay Worship Leaders in Derry Hill and Bremhill, and the possibility of a retired priest becoming available. We are encouraging more involvement by members of the congregation to plan and lead services. Hopefully, by the time you read this we will be advertising for a Benefice Administrator. All four PCCs are working hard to put together a Benefice Profile as part of the process to appoint a new Team Rector. All these things take far more time than one at first imagines, but it is vital that we get this right.

In the meantime, things are stretched and challenging. I am conscious that I am not seeing as many folk as I would like or taking enough time with you. This will not always be the case and I look forward to being able to catch up with you properly in the not too distant future.

Please continue to pray for wisdom, guidance and generosity of spirit as we discern the way forward together. God always goes before us and



walks alongside us, so we draw strength and hope from God's presence among us.

There is another poem "November Skies" by John Freeman, which begins:

"Than these November skies
Is no sky lovelier. The clouds are deep;
Into their grey the subtle spies
Of colour creep,
Changing that high austerity to delight,
Till even the leaden interfolds are bright."



Descriptions of cloudy, grey skies finally give way to:

"In all the myriad grey,
In silver height and dusky deep, remain
The loveliest,
Faint purple flushes of the unvanquished sun."

Look up, be encouraged, especially as we come to Advent Sunday on 27th November and once more look towards Emmanuel, God with us.



Blessings,

Linda.

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November 2022 Church Services

Time	Church	Service
Sunday 6th		
8am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Parish Eucharist
10am	Holy Trinity, Quemerford	Family Service
10am	Christ Church, Derry Hill	Said Communion
10.30am	Christ Church, Derry Hill	Family Service
6pm	Zoom*	Evening Prayer
Sunday 13th Remembrance Sunday		
8am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
9.30am	St John the Baptist, Foxham	Remembrance
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Remembrance <i>At War Memorial</i>
11am	Christ Church, Derry Hill	Remembrance <i>At War Memorial</i>
11am	St Martin's, Bremhill	Remembrance <i>At War Memorial</i>
6pm	Bowood Chapel	Evensong
Sunday 20th		
8am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
9.30am	St Peter's, Blacklands	Holy Communion
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Parish Eucharist
10am	Holy Trinity, Quemerford	Family Service
11am	Christ Church, Derry Hill	Parish Eucharist <i>Patronal Service</i>
6pm	Zoom*	Evening Prayer
Sunday 27th Advent Sunday		
8am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Parish Eucharist
10am	St Martin's, Bremhill	Parish Eucharist
10.30am	Holy Trinity, Quemerford	Holy Communion
6pm	St John the Baptist, Foxham	Evensong

*Contact Rev'd Linda Carter to obtain the link for Zoom Services:

Coming to Church

Parochial Church Council (PCC) Guidance

At the joint PCC meeting on **8th April 2022** there was general agreement that it is time to move forward into a new phase of living with Covid and to amend PCC guidance accordingly

Social distancing Please respect the wishes of those who prefer a bit of extra space – ask before you sit.

Face coverings There are no legal requirements in respect of face coverings. However, please continue to wear a face covering if that is your preference.

Communion (intincted wafers/bread) may be received at the high altar (standing).

Congregational singing Hymn singing, Sung Eucharist and Evensong will be fully reinstated from Easter.

Ventilation doors and windows will be kept open during services as the weather permits.

Zoom services will continue.

If you are feeling unwell or test positive for Covid please stay at home.

Our Christian calling is to care for all our brothers and sisters, particularly those who are vulnerable; and there are times in our lives when every one of us (and those we have close contact with) is vulnerable. We ask that everyone continues to take extra care during our services and respects the wishes and needs of those around us so that everyone feels comfortable and safe.

Rev. Linda Carter on behalf of Bremhill, Derry Hill and Foxham PCCs 8th April 2022.

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If you wish to discuss arrangements for Baptisms, Marriages, Funerals or would like a pastoral visit or meeting arranged then please contact Reverend Linda Carter

Derry Hill and Studley Community Support

Has been operating since the beginning of lockdown and is continuing to help those who find it difficult to go out.

We offer a range of help from shopping, picking up prescriptions, dog walking or just a friendly confidential chat.

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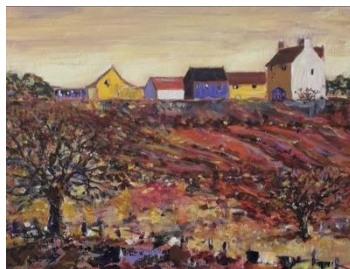
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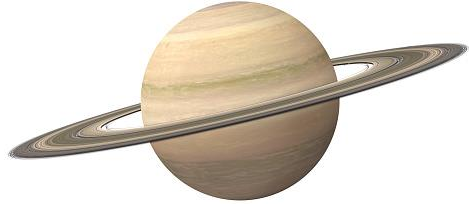
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The Night Sky in November

The return to darker skies enables sky watchers good opportunities to observe our neighbouring planets during the month. Low in the south-west at around 20.00h on 1 November, Saturn will be located immediately above the Moon. Once the planet has been identified in this way it will be easy to locate in the same area of the sky throughout the month.



SATURN

If skies are cloudy the following evening will see the Moon immediately to the left of the ringed planet with brilliant Jupiter slightly above and to the left of the Moon. On 4 November the Moon will be immediately below the gas giant with Saturn still in the picture. There is another opportunity to see the Moon and Saturn in close proximity on 29 November at around 17.00h low in the Southern sky, the Moon being just to the left of the planet. Jupiter is visible across the southern sky throughout the evening all month long before setting at around 02.00h.

Mars is identifiable with its reddish tinge but will be easily located on 10 November at 22.00h as the planet will be just below and to the right of the Moon. (The Moon will be sitting between two stars named Elnath and Aldebaran at this time). Mars will be to the right of the Moon on the following evening. Mars rises at around 17.30h and will almost double in brightness during the month.



Both Mercury and Venus are too close to the Sun this month and so are lost in the evening twilight – they do however reappear next month. There is a total eclipse of the Moon on 8 November but sadly it starts just after the Moon has set in our part of the world. The night of 17/18 November sees the maximum of the Leonid Meteor shower which has fast-moving ‘shooting stars’ as fragments of Comet Tempel-Tuttle impact on our atmosphere – best seen before Moonrise at midnight.



	Sunrise	Sunset
1 November	07.01	16.41
15 November	07.25	16.19
30 November	07.49	16.03

Richard Carter

Calne Town Hall Moviola

Hello everyone. Our last film for this year will Be 'Elvis' (12A)

Recounting the life and music of Elvis and his relationship with manager

Col. Tom Parker.

This will be showing on Weds 30th November at 7.30pm, Doors open 7.pm.

Tickets £6 available from the Information Centre Calne (sorry no cards)
Refreshments available. Please use entrance door next to The Lansdowne.

This is quite a long film so bring a cushion!!



Viv

The impact of war on Derry Hill and Studley

On the 14th May 1920 the Derry Hill and Studley War Memorial was unveiled by Lady Maud Evelyn Petty-Fitzmaurice, Marchioness of Lansdowne. It commemorates 21 local men who died whilst serving their country in the First World War. Following the Second World War the original inscription was re-cut and a further inscription added to commemorate 6 men who died whilst serving their country in that conflict.

The memorial, with its carving of George slaying the dragon on top, was originally positioned a few feet to the east and was moved to its current position when Studley Lane was widened to incorporate a pavement.

The memorial is in such a prominent position in the village as it provided the main focus of the grief felt at great loss of losing 27 men from our small village. Ours was just one of the many tens of thousands of memorials erected across England - the result of both the huge impact on communities of the loss of three quarters of a million British lives in the First World War, and also the official policy of not repatriating the dead.

Two names that appear on neighbouring plaques on the memorial are **Fred Bull** and **Charles Mercer Nairne**.

Their stories provide just a glimpse of that time.

Fred Bull lived at Loxwell Farm on the Devizes Road – on the right as you leave Derry Hill heading for Sandy Lane. Fred had two brothers, John and George. Fred served with the Wiltshire Regiment. He was killed in action at the battle of Hooge and Bellewaarde near Ypres in Belgium on 25th September 1915. Fred's body was never recovered. His name is carved onto the Menin Gate and is also scribed onto his brother's grave (John Bull) at Christ Church. There is a very small chance that Fred now lies in the Grave of the Unknown Soldier in Westminster Abbey. In August 1920 the body that now lies in Westminster Abbey was chosen from unknown British



servicemen exhumed from four battle areas, the Aisne, the Somme, Arras and Ypres.



Charles Mercer Nairne (Lord Charles), was the younger son of Maud Evelyn Petty-Fitzmaurice, Marchioness of Lansdowne and Henry Charles Keith Petty-Fitzmaurice, 5th Marquess of Lansdowne. He was married and had two children. Lord Charles was serving as a Major with The Royal Dragoons. On October 30th 1917, Lord Charles was positioned within the Chateau de Hollebeke repulsing German advances. It was during this action that he lost his life at the

age of 40. Lord Charles is buried in Ypres Town Cemetery. The inscription on his gravestone reads: NOT IN VAIN, NOT UNHONOURED, NOT FORGOTTEN, THEY GAVE UP THEIR LIVES. For his actions in Flanders, he was subsequently awarded the Legion of Honour (France).

Fred and Lord Charles lost their lives within 5 miles of each other – separated by 2 years. Both lie in a Flanders Field some 250 miles East of Derry Hill.

There is a name that does not appear on our war memorial that deserves to be remembered just like Fred and Lord Charles - **Captain Gerard Lysley of Pewsham House.**

Captain Lysley, (Prince Consort's Own) Rifle Brigade, was killed at the age of 28 in action near Bergendal (125 miles east of Johannesburg) on Monday August 27th, 1900. Captain Lysley fell while leading his company to attack a strong



CAPT G.L. LYSLEY

Boer position at Bergendal. Sir R Buller, in reporting this action in his despatch states: "The honours of the assault belong to the Rifle Brigade" and he "much regrets the death of Captain Lysley, who led his company most gallantly".

The next day news of the young officer's death reached Pewsham House, by means of a telegram from the War Office. The Lysley family were expecting Gerard to be returning as the campaign in South Africa was drawing to an end. Gerard was the eldest son of Frances (who built Pewsham House) and William Lysley. Frances was not at Pewsham House the day the telegram arrived, instead hearing the news a short time later in Yorkshire.

If he had lived, Gerard would have inherited Pewsham House in 1918 when his mother passed away – and perhaps a whole different set of circumstances may not have seen the sale of Pewsham House in 1945. Captain Gerard was buried very near to where he fell in South Africa. His lonely grave marked by a white cross is on the edge of a farmer's field in rural Kwazulunatal – 5,500 miles South of Derry Hill. He is remembered on the Lysley grave (the two big grey granite slabs that lie under the East Window) at Christ Church, Derry Hill.

The next time you pass the war memorial, Christ Church or the Pewsham Pub, take a moment to remember Fred, Charles and Gerard - NOT IN VAIN, NOT UNHONOURED, NOT FORGOTTEN, THEY GAVE UP THEIR LIVES.

Steve Calder

New knitting & stitching group

A new group meeting weekly, 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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A wonderful day for a stride!

The official day for the Ride and Stride this year was 10th September. However, this was sadly overshadowed by the passing of our late great queen. The decision was made to postpone our planned sponsored stride to the Bowood Chapel from Christ Church to a later day.

Eventually we decided to resurrect the walk on 8th October.

It was a merry bunch who set out from Christ Church on a lovely sunny morning. There was a lot of chat on the way and enjoyment of the countryside as we strode our way to Bowood House.

On arrival we were kindly given refreshments provided by Lord Lansdowne and then were admitted into the grounds and thence to the house and Chapel.

Our intrepid rider, Jim Collins, joined us having parked his electric bike. He managed to visit 8 churches altogether.

As you can see, we managed a group photograph and then we had some lunch and a stroll around the lovely grounds.

A big thank you to Lord Lansdowne and the Events Organiser Katinka for making our day so memorable.

To date we have raised £675 which will be split 50/50 between Christ Church and the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust.

So well done to all who rode and strode and thank you to all who sponsored us.



Richard Ayles

Local care home to launch ‘Spare Seat Sundays’ initiative



Kingston House Care Home in Derry Hill is launching an initiative that will see members of the local community invited into the home for lunch every Sunday, with the first event taking place on 6th November.

The home is offering up two spare seats every Sunday for people in the local area who would like to make new connections with the home's residents while enjoying a delicious home-made roast dinner, free of charge.

Catherine Beswick, Home Manager at Kingston House, said:

“With what is set to be a difficult winter ahead for many people, we wanted to extend the hand of friendship to our local community. We received so much support within the local area during the pandemic, so this is our way of giving something back. Not to mention, our food is delicious!”

Greensleeves Care, the charity which runs Kingston House, operates with the belief that its care homes should be seen as pillars of their local communities, and it is hoped that the scheme will foster new friendships between the home's residents and those who live in the local area.

Arrival times will be 12pm for lunch at 12:30, and guests will be welcome to stay for a cup of tea/coffee and a cake at 3pm. If you, a friend or loved one is local to Kingston House and would like to book a place on a

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Ella Cunningham

Communications and Engagement Officer

Jazz at Marden House Calne

Tuesday 29th November has the great sax and flute player:

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Admission still only £10

Please pay at the door and do please reserve seats by email to

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No bar but bring your own refreshments, small tables provided.

So far, no show in December

Hopefully all "last Tuesdays" of the month January 2023 to November 2023 will function as usual!

James and Brigid



Calne Without Parish Council

What we've been doing in the last month

In the last month we have been very busy with two full council meetings, a strategic plan committee meeting and a finance committee meeting.

Grants have been requested and awarded to the Lansdowne Hall for the installation of a basketball ring on the multi pitch and to Calne Tennis Club for a portaloos they required to overcome a potential safeguarding issue during their sessions.

If you are a community group have a project that needs financial assistance in the community, please approach us and discuss if it is something we may be able to assist through our grant process. Application forms can be found in the document library section of our website.

We have started work on the council's budget for next year and are working hard to ensure that our services are run as cost effectively as possible.

During the last meetings the council received the Stage 2 report on the Road Feasibility Study that has been carried out. The councillors are working hard on absorbing all the information in the reports and determining the way forward and next steps. The reports can be viewed by looking in the document library section of our website.

Thermal imaging Camera Scheme

When the outside temperatures drops below 10°C we will be formally launching our Thermal Imaging Camera scheme. The Council has purchased two thermal imaging cameras, which we'll be loaning out for free to residents. These cameras enable users to identify the cold spots in their homes, where they're losing the most heat.

If you'd like to take part, you can register now by emailing Cllr John Barnes at john.barnes@calnewithout-pc.gov.uk.

It will soon be time to get those walking boots out

One of the aims of the Parish Council is to engage with the community to promote walking, running and cycling. And to encourage participation and the enjoyment of the countryside by all, through the use of paths and rights of way.

Over the next few months the Parish Council, hopefully with your help, will be carrying out an audit of the footpaths within the Parish. The aim will be to identify those footpaths that need improving and those most frequently used.

So we would like those people/organisations that use the footpaths not only to advise the Parish Council of those that need some attention, but to recommend any routes that they find most enjoyable. Once this has been accomplished, we would like to produce a guide so that more people can enjoy the countryside within our Parish.

If you are looking for walking routes in the parish keep an eye on our Facebook page [\(1\) Calne Without Parish Council | Facebook](#) where we have posted a couple of our favourite walks in the parish, similar posts are on the way.

If you need to get in touch with the Parish Council please contact the Parish Clerk clerk@calnewwithout-pc.gov.uk

07751802761 (please note the new phone number)

Katherine Checchia Parish Clerk

www.calnewwithout-pc.gov.uk

Almost There - Wiltshire Council Unanimously Approve a Derry Hill & Studley Parish Council

A separate Parish Council for Derry Hill & Studley took what is hopefully the final step towards fruition last month. The full council meeting of Wiltshire Council gave its unanimous approval to the various boundary changes to bring about a Parish Council for Derry Hill & Studley.

Derry Hill & Studley Parish Map



*Shaded area is proposed new parish boundary, Dark grey line existing parish line.
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Whilst the process has been very long, it's great news that with our own genuinely local parish council, Derry Hill, Studley and the immediate surrounding area will have decisions that affect our local community made solely by councillors from our own community. We are currently an underrepresented part of Calne Without Parish Council which includes

villages that are miles away on the other side of Calne with little or no connection with our area.

Subject to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) having no objections, the Derry Hill & Studley Parish Council will be formed at the next Council elections in May 2025. Some have described the LGBCE's involvement as a technical formality; hopefully that will be the case, but we can't yet be absolutely certain of that.

The newly formed parish council will be close to that requested by the vast majority of local residents through the major petition in 2019. There are two significant differences. Firstly, Sandy Lane will also be part of the new parish, and secondly rather than the parish being 'unwarded' with nine councillors as the petition originally sought, there will be three wards. The 'Bowood and Sandy Lane' ward and the 'Pewsham' ward will each have one councillor with the Derry Hill & Studley ward having nine councillors.

I and many other petitioners didn't really want to see the new council divided into wards, as it was felt that wards might be divisive and would weaken the cohesiveness of the newly unified community. However, Wiltshire Council respected the wishes of some residents of Sandy Lane and Pewsham that at least until the new council was well established, these two outlying parts of the community should each have their own representative.

Sadly, there are a handful of households currently in Studley, that although supported a council for Derry Hill & Studley, will unfortunately under the new arrangements, find themselves in Bremhill Parish. This followed Bremhill's request for the boundaries to be adjusted near Studley.

The formation of the Derry Hill & Studley parish will involve changes to all the seven local parish and town councils in the Calne area. Much of our current parish (Calne Without), will be joined with the nearest neighbouring parishes where they have far greater affinity and much closer links than with Derry Hill & Studley. Stockley will join with nearby Hedlington, and Calston and Lower Compton joining Cherhill, where their school and local facilities are. The link below to the Wiltshire Council report gives the full details of the changes along with some detailed maps of the existing and approved new parish boundaries (pages 48 to 51).

https://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/documents/s207331/Item12_CGR_FinalRecommendations_221018.pdf

I and many others look forward to our community finally having its own parish council. Hopefully it will attract local residents to become parish councillors who will help shape our community's future.

These are my own personal views. If you would like more information please contact me, **Ioan Rees** on 01249 819428 or i0anrees@icloud.com

Ioan

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If you are interested in volunteering with your local Link Scheme or Community Minibus Group, please get in touch with us by email: linkproject@communityfirst.org.uk or by calling 01380 722 241.

Alternatively you can contact your local transport group directly, a searchable [list of Link Schemes and Community Minibus Groups is available on our website.](#)

Twice Around the World

Did you know that there are 60,000 miles of blood vessels in the human body? If you could extract the blood vessels from a single adult (let's not) and lie them out in a straight line they would reach more than twice around the world!



The heart and circulatory system is formed from stem cells in the first 10 days of life. The system needs to be flexible and stretchable to allow blood cells to pass through easily. As we get older and eat a Western diet (and/or smoke regularly) these vessels tend to clog up and become less stretchy. This plaque makes the vessels less slippery and stretchable which in turn causes blood cells to get stuck and clot.

There are two main solutions. Firstly, a stent can be inserted in the blood vessel to hold it open, but this reduces the stretchiness. Alternatively, statins can be taken to reduce the amount of plaque but statins can have side effects.

Is there another solution? The very latest scientific research suggests it is possible to reduce plaque build-up and restore blood vessel stretchiness without the need for stents or statins. Our bodies are designed to handle a plant-based diet which will improve our microbiome and restore the stretchiness to our blood vessels. It has now been shown that by reducing our intake of red meats, bacon, beefburgers etc and increasing vegetables and fruits it is possible to reduce some heart disease!

Do you know how to restart a heart? We are running a short CPR and Defib training session in the Lansdowne Hall 8-9pm on Thursday 10th November. Come along and see how to save a life.

For FREE tickets email: julesoliver3@gmail.com

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THURSDAY, 10th NOVEMBER 2022

AT 8.00 P.M. (doors open 7.45 p.m.)

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Derry Hill & Studley-HEARTBEAT who provide, maintain and support the defibrillators in the area, has been asked to put on this first public awareness session since 2019. It is an opportunity to learn and experience using the equipment and refresh your knowledge of what to do when faced with a cardiac event; the scene is developing rapidly of what is best practice.

This session is led by a local practicing Paramedic who will demonstrate the life-saving actions and use of the equipment and answer all your queries, concerns and allay any anxieties about what to do.

Please let us know if you are coming:

Contacts: Julian Oliver (Chairman)

julesoliver3@gmail.com

John Baumber (Treasurer)

baumber.john@btinternet.com

(Opportunities of how you can help fund this service will be explained during the session)

.....supporting your community in an emergency

Police update



CCTV van deployed to Studley Lane for reassurance of residents and reports of Anti-social Behaviour.

On 15/10/2022, the police CCTV van was deployed to the area of Studley Lane due to a report of youths riding mopeds in the village causing a nuisance to residents and other motorists.

The van was also parked in the location for the reassurance of residents due to a report of items being set on fire in a porch of a property in the area.

Our enquiries are currently ongoing regarding this arson, and we will be keeping residents updated.

If you have any CCTV in the wider area of Studley Lane, please could it be check for any suspicious activity on 08/10/2022 at 19:00hrs. Many thanks.



Rise in residential burglaries

We are currently seeing a slight increase in residential burglaries in the Calne and Chippenham areas. Items being targeted in these burglaries have been that of high value gold and jewellery items.

The current price of Gold: According to The Royal Mint, on 17th October 2022, the Opal price of gold per troy ounce was GBP 1471.54. The highest recorded so far in 2022 was GBP 1668.99 on 23/07 and the lowest was GBP 1324.90 on 09/01.

This makes for a high value return on any gold and jewellery items which may be taken.

Please ensure to –

- lock windows and doors, even when at home.
- Ensure any alarms and/or CCTV are working properly. Doorbell camera are a great investment.
- Using a property marking kit. This sometimes can lead to the recovery of stolen items
- Use a time switch on internal lights when not in at home
- Keep an inventory/take photos of valuable items
- Consider storing valuables out of sight and securely elsewhere when not in use.

You can find further crime prevention advice on the Wiltshire Police website: <https://www.wiltshire.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/>

Road traffic collision A4

On 10th October at 11.29hrs, we attended a report of a road traffic collision on the A4 near to Derry Hill along with Calne/Chippenham Fire Officer, South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust.



Two vehicles were involved where the drivers were of both vehicles were trapped. Firefighters administered casualty care to both drivers until the arrival of the ambulance service. Fire crews used hydraulic cutting equipment to release both drivers who were then left in the care of paramedics.

The road was closed for several hours to allow for all emergency personnel to work safely at the scene. Photo credit: Calne/Chippenham Fire Service.

Adverse winter weather and road conditions

On Sunday 23rd October, we discovered that the A4 at Black Dog Hill was partially flooded.

The road was passable with care. Please always take note of the police slow signs when they have been placed in locations.

As we moved into the winter months, our weather will become more unpredictable like this. Please always drive according to the road and weather conditions at the time. At the clocks change it is always a good opportunity to spend some extra time checking over your vehicle for the winter months ahead.

Wiltshire Council Highways were tasked to attend the location to clear the standing water.

Social media and Community Messaging

Regular updates for the Calne and Calne Rural areas can also be found on our Facebook and Twitter pages:

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MOTHERS' UNION PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP GROUP



We met on Wednesday 5th October in Christ Church and Barbara started the meeting by welcoming everyone, lighting a candle for those that couldn't be with us, remembering Queen Elizabeth II who was our Patron and opening with prayers. We ran through the business for the month including discussing our meal out for the December meeting. This was followed by an excellent talk, with slide show, by Rev'd Linda Carter about Halloween and All Souls. It was really fascinating and surprised many of us with details and facts that we hadn't previously known. We all enjoy learning things new, especially when on a topic that we thought we had a decent knowledge about which once more shows that one is never too old to learn. Thank you so much Linda, your talk was superb and we greatly appreciate you giving of your time, especially at this very busy period in the life of the Marden Vale Ministry.

We enjoyed refreshments after the talk thanks to Mary Hobbs and Robyn Summers. The next meeting is on Wednesday 2nd November **at the new time of 2pm** in Christ Church when we shall be having a short talk on Guy Fawkes and Bonfire Night Treats given by Barbara followed by a Christmas Quiz done by Judi. Prayers will be said by Christine Weston and refreshments by Rev'd Linda and Barbara. All are welcome to come along and join us.

Barbara Parry

Mobile library visits to Derry Hill

Lansdowne Hall Derry Hill

14.20 – 15.45

Tuesdays: 1st, 15th & 29th November
2022

Kingston House Derry Hill

10.10 – 10.30

Mondays: 21st November 2022



The Friends of Derry Hill School (FODHS)

We are a voluntary group of Parents/Guardians and Friends of the school. We work alongside the school and the governors to help raise funds for school events and activities. We also try to promote social activities for the school and its community. To get up to date details on our events please join us on our [Facebook group](#)



We kick started our school year by having a coffee morning after The School's Harvest festival and are now starting to plan for our **Annual Christmas Bonanza on Friday 2nd December 4.30pm-6.30pm**. If you would like to run a stall or know of someone who would, please get in contact at friends@derryhill.wilts.sch.uk

We are holding our next **AGM** at The School Hall on **Friday 4th November 9am**.

We always welcome new members and volunteers. We have recently had our first committee meeting and were pleased to welcome several new members. If you are interested in joining us or helping at our events, we are always happy to hear from you.

Lauren, Sarah and The Committee

Household Recycling Centres to switch to their winter opening times

From 1 November, the opening hours of all 10 of Wiltshire Council's HRCs will change to 10am to 4pm on each day that they're open. In the Summer they are open from 9am.

As per previous years, Salisbury, Trowbridge and Stanton St Quinton HRCs will be closed for an additional day a week, so will not be operating on Thursdays and Fridays. The opening days of the other centres will remain as they are.

All of these temporary changes will take affect from 1 November and last until 31 March.

[Household recycling centres opening times](#)



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Rub a Dub Pre-school

The submission this month is the hardest I have had to write so far in my role as Chair of the Committee. You may have heard on the grapevine that the preschool is struggling financially this year and I wanted to take the opportunity to update the community on what we feel is a big issue for Derry Hill.



In case you don't know who we are, I'll briefly introduce ourselves. Rub a Dub is a charity run preschool in the heart of Derry Hill. It has served the community in one form or another for 35 years. We employ 7 people and can support many families each academic year.

We run from the Lansdowne Hall at the centre of the community. The majority of the children who attend the preschool go on to attend the Derry Hill primary school.

Throughout the years at Rub-A-Dub's we have supported many children with SEND, children with Autism Spectrum Disorder, Downs syndrome, visual impairments and hearing impairments. We offer the children who wouldn't otherwise be able to access mainstream preschool the chance to come and be immersed into our community setting.

It is very important to us at Rub-A-Dub's to be inclusive and we do everything we can to ensure we can offer a place to all children no matter their needs or disability.

Financial position

This academic year we have very few children. The numbers are so low that it is causing us immediate financial concerns. We are currently running at 37% occupancy and the numbers are not projected to rise as much as we would normally expect as the terms go on.

Preschools are accustomed to a rise and fall in attendance and usually use their reserves to deal with the financial impact of low numbers. However, following COVID and its fundraising implications, our reserves are not enough to survive the academic year if our numbers/ income do not increase.

Despite running at 95% occupancy last year, we were disappointed to find that our financial situation had not improved as much as we had hoped. Due to a combination of increased outgoings, from the increased minimum wage and general increased cost of living and reduced

incoming funds, from children primarily attending using government funded hours, we are left with severe financial implications for the ongoing survival of our community preschool.

We have reduced our staff costs to the lowest possible level and have with a very heavy heart put a temporary pause on our Forest Rangers sessions as the number of children we had attending them simply did not add up financially.

I won't go on about all the many things that we are doing to improve the financial stability of the setting (there are many!) but we wanted to let the community know what was going on in case anyone would like to help in any way.

What can you do to help

Spread the word about the pre-school as we need to improve our occupancy levels.

If you know of somewhere some promotional leaflets could be left, please let us know.

Help with the fundraising. We have many fundraising events going on that we would love the village community to be part of, we have a quiz night on Friday 9th December and a fantastic Elf Academy Event for the little ones on Tuesday 29th November. look out for our information on our Facebook page.

If you are or know of anyone who may be taking on a challenge would they do it for sponsorship with proceeds to Rub-A-Dub?

If you know of someone, or a company, that could be interested in making a donation, please get in touch.

Are you a business that could help with a prize for a raffle? Or to sponsor one of our fundraising events? We have lots planned over the next few months so would love to hear from any business that might be able to help.

If you can make a donation to the pre-school please do!
<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/saverubadubpreschool>

We are working really hard to ensure the future of Rub a Dub Preschool, we would truly appreciate any help the community are able to offer.

Kate Checchia

Chair of the Committee, rubadubchair@hotmail.co.uk

Rub-a-Dub Preschool are hosting a

Christmas Quiz Night

Friday 9th December 8pm, at the
Lansdowne Hall, Derry Hill



Team table £10.00, **PLUS** a raffle prize donation
(Maximum 6 people).

**Tickets to be purchased in advance, email
rubadubfundraising@gmail.com to reserve yours now.**

Soft drinks and snacks will be available to purchase on
the night, bring your own bottle (...s) of festive cheer for
your table.

We will also be holding a raffle during the evening and
playing a game of heads and tails so don't forget to
bring along some cash on the night.

A whimsical illustration of an elf house on a snowy hill, decorated with lights and candy canes.

Rub-a-Dub Preschool is excited to host—

Elf Academy

Tuesday 29th November 4 – 5.30pm

Children are welcome to come along to the Lansdowne Hall, Derry Hill and learn to be an Elf. Visit all of the Elf stations and collect your stamps to prove you have passed each Elf skill. Once qualified as an honorary Elf, sit down and get cosy with some hot chocolate and a cookie. Father Christmas will come and read a festive story, then he will award Elf certificates.

Elf costumes and festive wear would be wonderful to see (but not compulsory). Refreshments and mince pies will be available in the foyer for parents waiting for their Elf in training.

**Tickets will be sold in advance, available from
Rubadubfundraising@gmail.com – £6.00 per child**

Flying high above Derry Hill



A very good friend of mine was a pilot, sadly now emigrated to Australia. He was taking a bi-plane, a Boeing Stearman, back to Rendcomb where it was normally kept and he offered to take me on the trip. We had done similar flights together previously in light aircraft, but this was something special, being an open cockpit biplane (oh joy!). We had planned to just fly around and I suggested a Derry Hill flyby as I had my camera with me. Hence the photograph above which shows how much the village has changed over the years; perhaps some of the current incumbents may be surprised. The back of the photo has the date of May 1999. You can see Petty Lane in the throes of being built.



Here's me alongside the Boeing Stearman.

Don Barnard



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Book Club Review

The Keeper of Stories by Sally Page

Janice is a cleaner and housewife in Cambridge with a rather narcissistic husband so she cleans to support their income. The reader is introduced to her variety of clients as the book progresses. Janice is a collector of stories, maybe just based on a fragment of overheard conversation on a bus or the stories of the lives of the people she works for. We meet Mrs Yeah-Yeah-Yeah and her fox terrier Darius (the dog's imagined vocabulary is both rude and funny), Mrs B. - an outspoken, eccentric and elderly widow, who eventually encourages Janice to tell her own story, a grieving widow and her son who bring a rather poignant element to the book.



As Janice starts to bloom and gain confidence there is a romantic element to the novel. This is a light read, some chuckle passages and situations which many of us can identify with.

Dani

A message from the Red Cross

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Derry Hill and District W.I.



Our walk in October took us to Avebury. We saw the Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition displayed in the gardens of Avebury Manor. We had planned to do the gardens then go for coffee but, alas, it poured with rain as we arrived! So, coffee came first, then, as we finished, the sun came out and saved the day. The gardens and sculptures were beautiful. We all enjoyed the afternoon.



Sally hosted a well attended coffee morning. These get togethers are a good opportunity to catch up with fellow members. Thank you Sally.


Our October Speaker was Debs Marrison from Marrison Millenery. She told us about her millinery story over the last 10 years and talked about her designs. Her creations were absolutely amazing and more importantly, we all got to wear a headpiece!! There was a lot of excitement and 'posing', as you can imagine! Great evening, thank you Debs. I will include some photographs in next month's magazine for you all to see.



In November we will be 'Glass Painting'. One of our members, Dani French, will be guiding us through our craft evening. With our creativity to the fore, we will be producing beautiful painted wine bottle ornaments.

Derry Hill & District WI meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month at the Lansdowne Hall, 7.30pm. Why not come along and give it a try.

Tina



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The New Highway Code

Changes were made to The Highway Code on 29 January 2022.

Here are some I have picked out:

1. At a junction you should give way to pedestrians crossing or waiting to cross a road into which or from which you are turning.
2. People cycling, riding a horse or driving a horse-drawn vehicle should respect the safety of people walking in shared spaces, people walking should also take care not to obstruct or endanger them.
3. Take care when passing parked vehicles, leaving enough room (a door's width or 1 metre) to avoid being hit if a car door is opened
4. Watch out for people walking into their path
5. You may cross a double-white line if necessary (provided the road is clear) to overtake someone cycling or riding a horse if they are travelling at 10 mph or less
6. When people cycling are going straight ahead at a junction, they have priority over traffic waiting to turn into or out of a side road, unless road signs or markings indicate otherwise.
7. People driving or riding a motorcycle should give priority to people cycling on roundabouts.
8. The code recommends a new technique when leaving vehicles. It's sometimes called the 'Dutch Reach'. Where people driving or passengers in a vehicle are able to do so, they should open the door using their hand on the opposite side to the door they are opening. For example, using their left hand to open a door on their right-hand side.



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[A full guide can be found here](#)

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Avon Needs Trees - Autumn Wellbeing Day

1-4pm, 12th November 2022

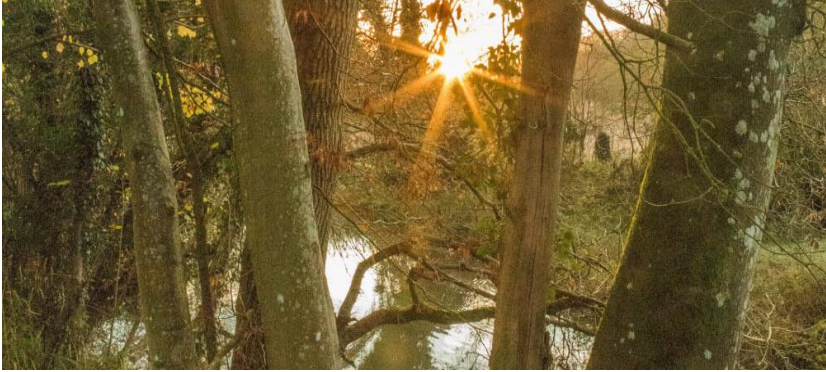


Photo of autumn sunshine over the River Marden at Hazeland with thanks to Kevan Wind.

Hazeland, Bremhill, Near Calne SN11 9LJ [book now](#)
Explore Wellbeing in Nature at Avon Needs Trees' Hazeland site this autumn.

Autumn can be a time of reflection and letting go. As the season changes, before we move into the stillness of winter, join us for an afternoon of nature focused activities to benefit wellbeing. The Hazeland site runs along the River Marden between Chippenham and Calne and features riverside meadow, ancient woodland, an abandoned canal now reclaimed by nature, and open pasture recently planted with new woodland. John Chew will be using these spaces to create opportunities for stepping away from day-to day-stresses and focusing on wellbeing and the natural world.

[This well being day](#) is for over 18s: please also look out for our family days and other events aimed at a younger audience. Please be aware that due to preserving the biodiversity at Hazeland there are no hardstanding paths and we are not able to allow dogs on site (except assistance dogs).

We would like to thank all our funders and the National Lottery Heritage Fund for supporting our work at Hazeland.

A Forager's Tales with Fred Gillam – online event Weds 7th December, 7pm

Join renowned forager Fred Gillam for tales of: “Stinking fart trumpets, why fairies do it in rings and how to eat sloes without puckering up”.

Fred has more than 3 decades of foraging experience and is passionate about re-connecting people with the wild. His business ‘The Wild Side of Life’ is recommended by BBC Countryfile Magazine in their Top 10 UK Foraging Courses. The life of a forager is a varied one, and full of surprises: to round off Avon Needs Trees and Friends of Marden Valley's year of online talks accessing the wild, join us to hear Fred's illuminating stories of the joys of the foraging life.

All of our events can be booked via ANT's website events page: [Events - Avon Needs Trees](#)

Susan

WI Walking Netball

Back to normal! We have had some great sessions with many actually in the sunshine! Our group has gained another new member, but more are always welcome. We have a lot of fun. Walking netball is not as fast as ordinary netball so anyone can take part no matter what your age. It is a good way to exercise, socialise and have fun.

Allie is busy planning our Christmas outing. This is always well attended, a not to miss event in our season!

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

Looking forward to seeing you

Tina (01249 814145)





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Clive Dellard

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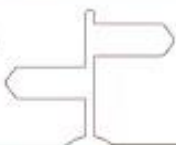
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Wellbeing notes

A time to share

Recently a stranger, a young woman, moved into my spare room. Before she arrived, I was nervous. I'd heard stories about house shares that had gone wrong: lodgers who expected hotel service; who made a terrible mess; who were noisy; who smoked or drank too much.

"It's wise to set clear boundaries," said the rep from the refugee department at Wiltshire Council. So I settled on '*No smoking*', and '*No visitors*', and hoped for the best.



Needless to say my new lodger is lovely: quiet, considerate and thankful to be safe. The council rep is just a phone call away if I need guidance. A government payment covers any extra costs that I might incur. Honestly, the risk is minimal, and I'm glad I took a chance in opening my door.

Imagine, now, that bombs were falling in Bath or Swindon, not that many miles away. Imagine that you don't feel safe, that you need to escape abroad. And now imagine that in some far away country there's a household where you can stay... how welcome that sanctuary would be.

There are various ways to sponsor a refugee. Easiest method is to [register interest at gov.uk](#). In due course your local council contacts you, to invite you to join their list of available households. They send someone to okay your property and organise a DBS (criminal record) check. And then, when your room is needed... your new lodger comes to stay.

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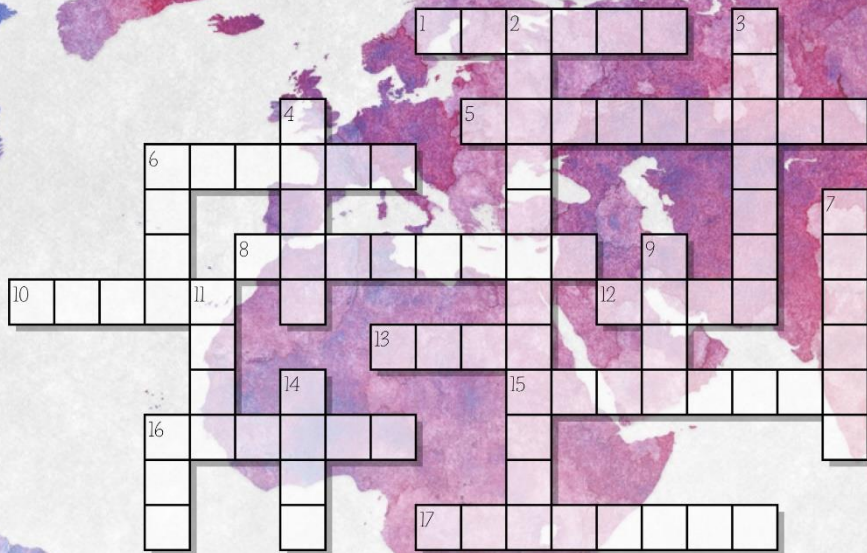


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November Crossword



ACROSS

- 1 Tyrant (6)
- 5 Subway (9)
- 6 Falseness (6)
- 8 Heavy glove (8)
- 10 Beam (5)
- 12 Nobleman (4)
- 13 Destiny (4)

- 15 Witch's pot (8)
- 16 Urban bird (6)
- 17 Savage (8)

DOWN

- 2 Type of bus (6-6)

- 3 Mass of ice (7)
- 4 Rot (5)
- 6 Platform (4)
- 7 Crime (6)
- 9 Genuine (4)
- 11 Cab (4)
- 14 Seaweed (4)
- 16 Wages (3)

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October 2022 Crossword



ACROSS

- 1 Quarrel (5)
- 3 Sign carried in
demo (7)
- 4 Fill with air (7)
- 9 Paradise (6)
- 10 Leg bone (5)
- 12 German
measles (7)

DOWN

- 1 Dry (4)
- 2 Light musical
drama (8)
- 5 Zodiac sign (3)
- 6 Start (5)
- 7 Duty list (4)
- 8 Dark beer (5)
- 11 Writing fluid (3)

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