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Editorial

October sees us well and truly into the season of autumn colour, mists and fruitfulness – a final burst of brightness and warmth before the darker, colder months envelop us. In 'October Ferry to Gabriola' author Malcolm Lowry notes that 'the fallen leaves in the



forest seemed to make even the ground glow and burn with light', in the way we might expect of the countryside and forests of Canada where the book is set. Let's hope that we too can witness such pleasures this autumn - who knows, there may be that elusive 'Indian Summer'.

However, some aspects of autumn were with us in mid-August as trees under stress due to intense heat and prolonged drought began to shed leaves and show some colour, albeit of a brownish tinge, very early. Trees are very important to our ecology with a single mature oak for example typically supporting some 2,300 species of which 326 are dependent on it alone. It is expected that mature trees will survive the ravages of our summer weather but younger trees with a less well-established root network may succumb. Even the mighty oak is one of a several tree species currently at risk, this time from the effects of the oak processionary moth, an accidental import on plants from overseas. Nature certainly seems to be under attack on many fronts.

The summer 2022 has demonstrated graphically how climate changes are disrupting weather patterns, producing greater extremes and having consequent effects on our environment and ecology, highlighting that we all need to play our part in mitigating its effects for future generations. Whilst there is autumn bounty to enjoy, there is loss too. Sadly, we will miss seeing the hedgehog who has shuffled around our own garden on most summer evenings this year as he or she heads towards their period of hibernation. So too the swallows, swifts and martins whose chatter and aerial acrobatics have now left our skies as they head south. We look forward to witnessing and enjoying their reappearance next spring as the natural world re-awakens.

Assistant Editor

Dear Friends,

Recently, while staying in Helmsley, North Yorkshire, I was fortunate enough to witness the culmination of the fourth stage of the Tour of Britain cycle race. From the perfect vantage point in the local churchyard, I

watched as police outriders with lights flashing and the odd siren preceded the



cyclists. The leading four riders flashed past, followed a few seconds later by the peloton, a colourful, tightly packed group of cyclists. Bringing up the rear were several team vehicles carrying spare bicycles.

I only recently understood that this is a team sport rather than an individual sport. A domestique is a road bicycle racer who works for the benefit of his team and leader. The French domestique translates as "servant". The word was coined in 1911, although such riders had existed before then.

Much of a cyclist's effort is to push aside the air in front of him. Riding in the slipstream of another rider is easier than taking the lead. The difference increases with speed. Racers have known this from the start and have ridden accordingly, often sharing the lead between them. From there it is a small step to employing a rider to create a slipstream while his leader rides behind him.



Domestiques provide basic and tactical support - they bring water and food from team cars and shield teammates from opponents. They help teammates with mechanical disasters – should the leader puncture a tyre, the domestique will cycle in front to create a slipstream allowing him to reclaim their position. A domestique

may also sacrifice her bicycle or wheel.

Domestiques race in the interest of the team, or against opposing teams. By putting themselves in a breakaway they force other teams to chase. In turn, they chase a breakaway that threatens their team.

Domestiques lead out sprinters by letting them 'draft' behind to conserve energy until the last few hundred metres. The lead-out train sometimes starts 10–15 km to the finish with up to eight domestiques setting a pace to discourage others from breaking away. One by one, worn-out teammates drop off. The last to lead a sprinter is often a good sprinter herself. The sprinter will launch into a dash to the line with one or two hundred metres to go.

It's not a perfect analogy, but there is plenty to reflect on in terms of serving sacrificially, self-forgetfulness and seeing that everyone has everything they need.

The Gospel message challenges and overturns human assumptions about power and greatness. Where we might define greatness in terms of status, fame, wealth etc... true greatness is defined in terms of servanthood – and let's be clear that this is not about legitimizing or perpetuating the oppression of vulnerable and marginalized people. God's power is not that which seeks to control and dominate, God's power is at work through love.

We often ask 'what's in it for me?', but Jesus asks us to give of ourselves and our resources so that others will be blessed. In our present culture, this is a really different way of seeing the world. It's what makes us different and it's the foundation of the Kingdom of the self-giving God. It's worth noting 'peloton' is a Greek word meaning 'daring' or 'fearless'... Blessings,

Linda

All Souls'

Our 'All-Souls' Service (when we remember loved ones who have died) will be held at **Christ Church, Derry Hill at 3pm on Sunday 30th October**. If you would like the name of a loved one to be read out at this service, please add it to the list which is available at the back of the Church until a few days before the Service. Thank you.

Rev'd Linda Carter

	Church	Service
Sunday 2nd October Trinity 16 / Harvest		
8am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Parish <u>Eucharist Harvest</u>
10am	Christ Church, Derry Hill	Said Communion
10.30am	Christ Church, Derry Hill	Family Service
6pm	<i>Zoom</i>	Evening Prayer
Sunday 9th October Trinity 17 / Harvest		
8am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
9.30am	St John the Baptist, Foxham	Parish Eucharist
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Parish Eucharist
11am	Christ Church, Derry Hill	Harvest Service (followed by Ploughman's Lunch)
5pm	St Martin's, Bremhill	Harvest Service (followed by Harvest Supper)
6pm	St Mary's, Calne	Evensong <i>Calne Arts Festival</i>
Sunday 16th <u>October Trinity 18 / Harvest</u>		
8am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
9.30am	St Peter's, <u>Blacklands</u>	Holy <u>Communion Harvest</u>
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Parish Eucharist
10am	Holy Trinity, <u>Quemerford</u>	Family Service
11am	Christ Church, Derry Hill	Parish Eucharist
6pm	<i>Zoom</i>	Evening Prayer
Sunday 23rd <u>October Bible Sunday</u>		
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, <u>Quemerford</u>	Holy Communion
6pm	St John the Baptist, Foxham	Evensong

Sunday 30th October All Saints' / All Souls'		
8am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
9.30am	St John the Baptist, Foxham	Parish Eucharist
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Parish Eucharist
11am	Christ Church, Derry Hill	Parish Eucharist
3pm	St Mary's, Calne	All Souls'
3pm	Christ Church, Derry Hill	All Souls'
3pm	Holy Trinity	Family Service
6pm	St Martin's, Bremhill	Evensong
Sunday 6th November Third before Advent		
8am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Parish Eucharist
10am	Holy Trinity, <u>Quemerford</u>	Family Service
10am	Christ Church, Derry Hill	Said Communion
10.30am	Christ Church, Derry Hill	Family Service
6pm	<i>Zoom</i>	Evening Prayer

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Church Derry Hill 11am Saturday 8th October

Join in the fun of a stroll through the woods to Bowood House Chapel and back. All those sponsored will receive free entry into Bowood House and refreshments, courtesy of Lord Lansdowne.

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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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Mrs Deidre Lias 01249 822157 Mr Peter Rigby 01225 704356

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Mr Peter Roycroft (Tr) 01249 660550 Mrs Lucinda Prater (Sec) 07882 469005

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.

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Ring one of our coordinators:

Carol Rigby 01225 704356

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Richard Gribble 01249 812018

Richard Aylen 01249 814632

Carol, Ian, Richard A and Richard G

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The Night Sky in October

This month really sees the return to darker night skies meaning that celestial viewing can take place at a more sociable hour. This is emphasised by the ending of British Summer Time on 30th October. The night sky continues to be dominated by the gas giant Jupiter which continues its brilliance low in the southern sky as it tracks from East to West before it sets at around 02.00h. On the evening of 8 October at 20.00h the planet will be located immediately above the nearly Full Moon low in the south-eastern sky. During the month Saturn will be to the right of and a little lower than Jupiter before it too sets at around 03.00h.



Mars rises at around 20.30h and can be located low in the eastern sky. Its reddish tinge brightens during the month as Earth and the red planet come closer together. Towards month's end, in the same part of the sky at around 21.00h, Mars will be just above the top part of Orion as the constellation begins its reappearance to dominate our winter night sky. Betelgeuse, one of Orion's component stars, can be identified as it too has a red tinge. Most of Orion will be visible towards the end of next month.



25 October will see a partial eclipse of the Sun visible across Europe and north-east Africa. Around 15% of the Sun will be covered when maximum is reached at around 11.00h. As usual, please do not look directly at the Sun to view the event as damage to eyesight will occur.



The darker skies of the evening of 21/22 October provide a great opportunity to witness the maximum of the Orionid meteor shower which consists of debris from Halley's Comet crashing into the Earth's atmosphere. They will emanate from the eastern part of the sky and skies remain dark until the Moon rises at around 03.30h.

	Sunrise	Sunset
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01 October	07.08	18.46
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15 October	07.31	18.15
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31 October	06.59	16.43
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Richard Carter

Calne Town Hall Moviola

Our film for October will be **'Operation Mincemeat' 12 A**

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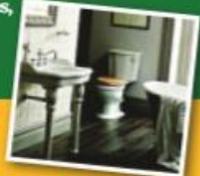
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Sir Samuel Romilly and the chance meeting of his future wife at Bowood House

A chance meeting at Bowood House in 1796. The couple announced their engagement 10 days later and within the year had married. Lady Anne Romilly died at only 45 in 1818. Four days later Samuel died. He was a lawyer, a reformer and spoke against the slave trade.



From the Life of Sir Samuel Romilly.

The event which formed the happiness of Romilly's life for twenty years was his marriage. This took place in 1798, when he was forty: and of the first meeting with his future wife, and the courtship, he wrote this account, but little more than twelve months before the eyes of both husband and wife were closed in death. "On the 14th of September, left Chevenage for Bowood. We stayed there ten days. The amiable disposition of Lord and Lady Lansdowne always renders this place

delightful to their guests. To me, besides the enjoyment of the present moment, there is always added, when I am at Bowood, a thousand pleasing recollections of past times; of the happy days I have spent, of the various society of distinguished persons I have enjoyed, of the friendships I have formed here; and above all, it was here that I first saw and became known to my dearest Anne.

If I had not chanced to meet with her here, there is no probability that I ever should have seen her: for she had never been, nor was likely, unmarried, ever to have come to London. To what accidental causes are the most importance occurrences of our lives some times to be traced! Some miles from Bowood is the form of a white horse grotesquely cut out upon the down, and forming a landmark to a wide extent of country.



To that object it is that I owe all the real happiness of my life. In the year 1796, I made a visit to Bowood. My dear Anne who had been staying there for some weeks, with her father and her sisters, was about to leave it. The day fixed for their departure was the eve of that on which I arrived; and if nothing had occurred to disappoint their purpose, I never should have seen her. But it happened that, on the preceding day, she was one of an equestrian party which was made to visit this curious object: she over-heated herself by her ride; a violent cold and pain in her face was the consequence. Her father found it indispensably necessary to defer his journey for several days, and in the mean time I arrived. I saw in her the most beautiful and accomplished creature that ever blessed the sight and understanding of man. A most intelligent mind, an uncommonly correct judgment, a lively imagination, a cheerful disposition, a noble and generous way of thinking, an elevation and heroism of character, and a warmth and tenderness of affection, such as is rarely found even in her sex, were among her extraordinary endowments.

I was captivated alike by the beauties of her person and charms of her mind. A mutual



attachment was formed between us, which, at the end of a little more than a year, was consecrated by marriage. All the happiness I have known in her beloved society, all the many and exquisite enjoyments which my dear children have afforded me, even my extraordinary success in my profession, the labour of which, if my life had not been so cheered and exhilarated, I never could have undergone, - all are to be traced to this trivial cause."

"What man is happy till he knows his end?" is a feeling so universally acknowledged that its truth must be admitted as inherent in the human mind.

Yet reason would decide in favour of a long life of happiness though overcast for a little at the close, instead of a career of toil and privation to be crowned at last by a transient enjoyment."

This article is based on research (Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette April 1840) carried out by Steve Calder and posted on the [Derry Hill, Old Derry Hill and Studley History Facebook site](#)

Our thanks to Steve for permission to feature this interesting account.

Ed

Concessionary bus pass

A message from Wiltshire Council

Great news – we've removed the 9.30am time restriction on all concessionary bus passes, until Friday 31 March 2023.

This means that you can travel on any buses in Wiltshire for free at any time of the day.

There are many wonderful places to explore across our beautiful county, especially as summer turns to autumn. Our Connecting Wiltshire travel website has several ideas and includes a journey planner if you prefer to design your own bus days out.

Calne Without Parish Council

Last month Calne without Parish Council held a very successful energy saving and advice day. Copies of the slides used during the event can be found on our social media and website.

We will be watching the weather carefully to begin the loaning out of thermal imaging cameras that we mentioned in the last article. The Council has purchased two thermal imaging camera, which we'll be loaning out for free to residents. These cameras enable users to identify the colds spots in their homes, where they're losing the most heat.

We'll be launching this scheme as soon as the outside temperature drops below 10°C, if you'd like to take part, you can register now by emailing Cllr John Barnes at john.barnes@calnewwithout-pc.gov.uk.

As you travel around the Parish you should see our two new Speed Indicator devices. These will be located around the parish on the local roads to help remind drivers to keep within the speed limit. Sid will smile if you are below the speed limit.

I'd like to finish by sharing a message from the Chairman of the Parish Council following the death of HM Queen Elizabeth II.

"At this moment of great national sadness it's hard not to focus entirely on Her Majesty the Queen's incredible dedication to serving the nation. However, we should remember that Queen Elizabeth II was also a mother, grandmother and great grandmother whose family are now in mourning. On behalf of the Parish Council and our local communities I would like to express our heartfelt condolences to her immediate family.

In 1947 she devoted her whole life "whether long or short" to serve our country and its people, and she has stood by that pledge to the very end. Her commitment to duty and public service over her long lifetime has never wavered.

Her Majesty the Queen was universally admired, respected and held in great affection as our cherished sovereign. That admiration, affection and respect came to the fore in our parish in June of this year, when people joined together to commemorate and celebrate her Platinum Jubilee.

For myself, and the vast majority of us, the late Queen Elizabeth has been the only monarch on the throne for the whole of our lives. She was a constant that will be greatly missed; our nation has lost a treasure."

Katherine Checchia. Clerk to the Council. Clerk@calnewwithout-pc.gov.uk

Congratulations.....Yes, but.....

“Congratulations”, he said, “it is 8 years since the first 3 defibs were installed in the village, I remember them going in!” “and its four years since the one in Studley at Sunny View” his friend said, that’s great isn’t it ? “

“Yes, but”.... I started to say, “that’s multiples of 4 though, and that’s not good for us!”

Why so, I hear you all ask? Is this a mathematical puzzle?

Well it’s not good because defib batteries have to be replaced every 4 years, which means this year we have to buy 4 new batteries at £265 each, as well as replacing electrode pads at £50 a set whenever they are used or go out of date – **so this year we are facing absolutely horrendous costs - over £1,200 !!!**

So, I want to ask all villagers to see if they can help us keep our defibs going. Maybe you can join our team (just a few hours a year) or make a regular annual standing order payment of just £5 to:

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This is so important if you want us to keep all 5 defibs in the village in working order. The Lansdowne Hall unit was deployed again just this weekend. They are being used more frequently now and they are there for everybody’s benefit!

Can you help please? Many thanks if you can.

Julian (Chair) 01249 814145 / julesoliver3@gmail.com



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LANSDOWNE HALL, DERRY HILL

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)

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Neighbourhood Policing update



Introduction

Welcome to my 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 contact me using my Email address: mark.cook@wiltshire.police.uk

Bowood Game and Country show

On 13th and 14th August, Officers from the Calne and Chippenham Neighbourhood Policing Teams, Roads Policing Unit and Officers from the Special Constabulary attended the Wiltshire game and country fair in the Bowood estate.

Prior to attending the event we liaised closely with the organisers to gain the assurances that any animals at or used in the event would be



adequately cared for due to the excessive heat conditions forecast for the weekend.

As we were advised prior to the event a number of shows where animals were involved

had been cancelled due to their welfare. Animals which were used had times reduced and appropriate safeguarding and extra provisions made. Our stand at the event was well attended over both days, where members of the public came chat to local officers on a number of matters.

Children also had the chance to sit in our police vehicles, try on a number of items of uniform and police equipment and take their own fingerprints.



We were also joined by members of the Citizens in Policing Team from Headquarters.

We would like to pass on our thanks to them for all their hard work over the weekend.

Our stand was also next to the WAGS retired police dog's charity. For further information on what great work the WAGS charity does, please follow this link: <https://wagsretiredpolicedogs.co.uk/> Many thanks to everyone who came to speak with us. We hope to be back at the event next year.

Pro-active Wildlife and Rural Crime prevention patrols

Lots of patrols have been conducted in our rural areas over the summer months to combat Wildlife and other rural crime in our area.

It can be difficult to know what is or isn't a wildlife crime and when it's right to involve us.

Wildlife and animal crime takes many forms from hare coursing, trade in endangered species,



persecution of protected species to livestock worrying. Find out what is a crime and what you can do about it.

We work with the RSPCA to investigate animal cruelty. To report cruelty, neglect or abuse, you can go to the RSPCA's website or call them on 0300 1234 999 (lines open 24 hours a day)

Other News

- On 06/08/2022 13:08hrs, a blue Nissan Micra was stopped on the A361 near to Derry Hill. The driver of the vehicle was arrested for providing a positive drugs wipe for cannabis.

The driver was conveyed to Melksham Custody and later released under police investigation.

- Witness appeal: Road traffic collision/damage to vehicle
This happened on 16/09/2022 at 16:32hrs in Old Derry Hill, Calne.

A white Fiat 500 was parked in the lay by on the A342 Old Derry Hill. (The lay-by next to the well.) when it was struck by another vehicle. The driver of the offending vehicle failed to leave any details at the scene.

If you have any information, CCTV or doorbell footage which may assist us with our enquiries in relation to this matter, please contact Wiltshire Police on 101, quoting the crime reference number: 54220098997.

Information can also be given anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Social media and Community Messaging

ON THE BEAT



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The 'Community Policing One team' logo, featuring stylized human figures in various colors (blue, green, yellow, red) above the text 'Community Policing' and 'One team' in a smaller font.
The logo for the Wiltshire and Swindon Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC), featuring a crown, a shield with a cross, and the letters 'pcc' in a stylized font.

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

Mark Cook

Facebook – [Calne Police](#)

Twitter - @Calnecop

Mark Cook Police Community Support Officer

Mothers' Union Prayer & Fellowship Group

We met at Christ Church on Wed 7th September and it was a delight to not only welcome Stephen Starr but also Barbara Starr who started our meeting with prayers. After going through the matters arising for this month we then handed over to Stephen who gave us a very interesting talk on gardening. This included how he got into horticulture, and I think it fair to say that it's in his blood, passed down from at least 2 generations. We were able to ask questions which were helpfully answered and we all enjoyed learning more about spring bulbs, summer flowers and lawns, plus the effects of the drought! Having only covered two seasons we were all keen to learn more about autumn and winter gardening and to the delight of everyone present Stephen very kindly offered to return next year. We all look forward to this very much and thank Stephen for giving us such a wonderful and humorous talk. We then finished with refreshments kindly done by Christine P and Jean.



Our next meeting is on Wed 5th October at 2.30pm in Christ Church when our speaker will be Rev'd Linda talking to us about Halloween and Mary H and Robyn will be doing the refreshments. All are welcome to join us. **Barbara Parry**

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH 2022 CRIME AND COMMUNITY SURVEY LAUNCHED

We are delighted to invite you to take part in our annual [Crime and Community survey](#). The survey is in its third year running, and we want to hear your views on crime, community, and your experience of Neighbourhood Watch. The survey is open to everyone across England and Wales, regardless of whether you are a Neighbourhood Watch member or not.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NWCCS2022>

All responses will be anonymised and aggregated, and everyone who completes the 5 – 10 minute survey can choose to opt-in to the prize draw to win one of four £25 Amazon vouchers.

The results will enable us as a charity to better understand crime and fear of crime, benchmark whether membership in a

Neighbourhood Watch scheme or living in a Neighbourhood Watch area impacts crime levels, neighbourliness, and the willingness of communities to work together. This information is vitally important to ensure we can better target our work to meet your crime and community needs and concerns.

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Last year our survey received 16,000 responses from across England and Wales, providing us with rich and useful data. This year we will be able to compare our data to the last two year's results and share our findings with you.

The survey closes on 26th October 2022.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NETWORK
Central Support Team

The Derry Hill and Studley Gardening Club



The 2nd March 2022 was witness to the inaugural Derry Hill and Studley Garden Club monthly meeting. Since then, our monthly meetings have enabled us to learn from the experts, including; Capability Charlotte's masterclass on rose pruning, Johnstone's Landscaping providing insight into garden design, Claire Satchell (the Derry Hill Florist) on planting hanging baskets and Sophie Chalmers from Hither Garden Design on the importance of planting pollinators.

Many of us have been encouraged by Sue Deedigan from the Calne Without Parish Council to support the Calne Community Nature Reserve. The aim is to create a mosaic of wildlife-friendly places where we live and garden. Look out for the small wooden plaques on gateposts across the village, indicating those that have set aside areas of our gardens to encourage wildlife. If you want to join in just search for the "Calne Community Nature Reserve".

The Platinum Jubilee Weekend in June provided a platform for Derry Hill, Old Derry Hill and Studley to really come together. Our Open Gardens initiative was a huge success - enabling all to share their passion for gardening - and what a variety of show gardens there were on Studley Hill, Old Road, the Lansdowne Crescents, Church Road and Old Derry Hill - just to name a few.

As a club, we have now taken on the maintenance of the Derry Hill and Studley War Memorial which was unveiled on the 14th May 1920 by the then Lady Lansdowne (the name of her son is on the memorial). Our monthly rota ensures that as a village we maintain the memory of those that made the ultimate sacrifice.

Two other highlights of our year were the Village Fete (where we had our first stall) and our club visit to the amazing gardens of Pewsham House (a rich oasis that has been curated by Colin and Rosemarie for over 40 years).

Today we are a vibrant garden club with over 50 members from across the village. We have an active Facebook page (search for [Derry Hill and Studley Gardening Club](#)) that is the focus for gardening insight, plant swapping and community. The club committee have recently met to ensure that we have a plan for 2023 - ten talks from those in the gardening industry to provide real insight, our social events (it's not all about gardening) and potential trips (someone did mention a trip to Chelsea). If you are interested in joining in, please come along to our monthly meetings (first Tuesday in the month hosted in Christ Church, Derry Hill).

Steve Calder

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



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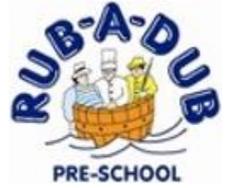


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Rub a Dub Pre-School

It's been a lovely start to the new academic year and we have enjoyed welcoming our new children to Rub A Dub.

Our rising stars sessions are being enthusiastically enjoyed by our children going off to school next year and the Forest Rangers sessions are a big hit. We are excitedly putting together our plans for our Halloween fundraiser and we hope the community will get involved and make it a big success. Watch out on our [social media](#) for further information.



We still have a few spaces available in the setting, if you are interested in your child or grandchild attending Rub A Dub, then please get in touch. We can organise a show round or if space allows, we can offer a free stay and play session to give a good idea of the setting.

Please contact us and see if we can meet your childcare requirements.

Updates on the preschool and our fundraising activities can always be found on our [Facebook page](#), please feel free to follow our page to see what we are up to.



Please feel free to contact the team on rubadubpreschoolenquiries@gmail.com

It's never too early to get your child's name on the waiting list.

Kate Checchia Chair of the Committee

Jazz at Marden House Calne

Tuesday 25th October: 4 + 1

Local Trad band

Trombone- sax- banjo- bass-drums

Tuesday 29th November

Keith Morgan on sax and flute

Bill Lynn on double bass

+ piano and drums

Nothing for December



NEWS EXTRA

Kit and Aaron are appearing in the CALNE Festival of Music and Arts on **Tuesday 11th October**

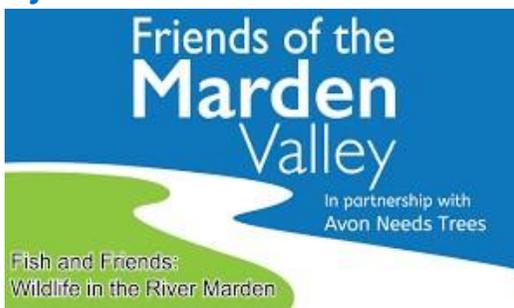
This event is only bookable at Bank House, The Strand, CALNE.

or on line at: www.cmaf.co.uk (no booking fee).

James and Brigid

A short film about the beginning of the river Marden by Friends of the Marden Valley

[A short film](#) following the river Marden as it winds through its course from the source at Calstone Wellington to the convergence with the River Avon at Tytherton Lucas. Beautifully filmed.



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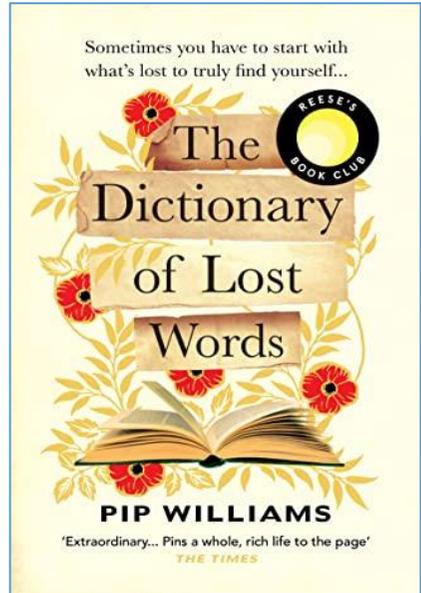
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Book Review

The Dictionary of Lost Words by Pip Williams

The Dictionary of Lost Words is the debut novel of Australian writer, Pip Williams and is based on real events. It concerns the compilation of the Old English Dictionary, (OED) which began in 1879 and was not completed until 1928. The story is told through the eyes of the fictional character of Esme, who is the daughter of one of lexicographers involved who were led by Sir James Murray.

As a child Esme grows up fascinated by words and how they are scrolled, cut up and pinned to slips in the pigeon holes of the Scriptorium ready for edit and inclusion into the OED. Her life is interwoven with both real and fictional characters from Oxford of that time, the sights and sounds of the city and her own personal journey collecting and compiling her own dictionary of those words deemed 'less important'.



The novel explores the complexity but also the beauty of language as well as exploring the gender politics of language in the patriarchal society of that time. It is told against the background of historic events such as W.W.I., the woman's suffrage movement in the UK and privilege versus servitude.

Everyone at book club thoroughly enjoyed this book. If you love words and are interested in their meaning and interpretations you will too.

Sue Deedigan

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Derry Hill and District W.I.



The games evening and Fish & Chip supper was great fun and well attended with lots of laughter and noise. We played Boggle, Jenga, Dominoes and a daft drawing game. Some hadn't played these games since they were children. You are never too grown up for a good game!!

Margaret Hogarth won the Beetle Drive and bottle of Prosecco. Well done, Margaret.



We had a very interesting walk at Caen Hill Locks. The weather was wet but we still enjoyed ourselves. Lunch was at the Rowdey Cow Cafe, delicious!! A great way to spend the day.



Our September speaker was Claire Mills who talked on 'DNA Detectives, using DNA testing to support Family History Research'. Claire was a very enthusiastic speaker and brought this subject to life. It has made me want to revisit my family history with the new tools we have learnt.

On 26th October we are very excited to have Debs Marrison, from Marrison Millinery come to talk to us about how she makes her beautiful hat creations. Debs will be bringing along many samples of fascinators etc for us all to try on.

Can't wait!

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

WI Walking Netball

Our new Walking Netball season has had a slow start. Friday 9th September session was cancelled, out of respect, on hearing the sad news of the death of Queen Elizabeth. Then, Monday 19th was the day of her State Funeral.

We should be back on schedule from Friday 23rd September.

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)

To Gigaclear or not to Gigaclear

As my broadband and telephone provider (BT) contract was coming to an end in August I decided to take the plunge and swop to Gigaclear.

My reasons for doing this were mainly to get rid of the need for a landline with the saving of about £20 a month, plus the hope of faster up and download speeds.

Having talked to one of their sales team for about 20 minutes to get various assurances on such things as how long it takes for them to come along (week to 2 weeks), and how long to fit it in, I took the plunge.

Essentially, I went for the slowest and therefore cheapest (£17pm) broadband option: 200Mbps up and download speeds, which is faster than I was getting with BT by a mile. I also went for the most expensive telephone deal £9 (There are three call plans from £3 to £9) which is Anytime Plus and is inclusive of most landline numbers and mobiles 24/7.

The appointed day came and the engineer turned up on time and informed me of the path they would like to take through my front garden (which was fine) and agreed the position of their box in my lounge – exactly where I wanted it.

The whole process took about 2 hours and it was a clean job. The engineer explained what all the kit was and that my existing line number would be ported over to their service in about a week. My phone was on a temporary Gigaclear landline number I could use in the meantime. I hadn't cancelled my BT line so I could still use this as well with an old phone I had connected to my BT socket.

So far everything has worked fine. The upload speed is much quicker and the download a bit faster. The telephone works fine and we can still use our mobiles using the wi-fi calling system.

I did have a query about the download speed and an email to them was replied to within 24 hours.

I haven't got any connection (!) with Gigaclear and they aren't paying me or the magazine for this article. This is just an airing of my thoughts on the matter and what happened.

Ed

Events at Hazeland this Autumn

The beautiful 34-acre Hazeland site runs along the River Marden between Chippenham and Calne. The site includes riverside meadow, ancient woodland, hillside meadows newly planted with trees and views across the surrounding area. We have a range of autumn activities for all ages to enjoy the site and explore nature and wellbeing this autumn.

Forest School Family days at Hazeland October half term:

-Tuesday 25th October. 10am -2pm

-Weds 26th October. 10am-2pm

The Forest School sessions will feature a range of outdoor exploration, crafts and nature-based activities. Join us to discover this secret world of woods, meadows and wildlife at Hazeland. These sessions are aimed at children

age 5-12 (with flexibility for siblings) accompanied by parents or carers.

Fungi Event at Hazeland with John and Doreen Bailey

- Sunday 30th October 1-3pm

Learn more about the wonderful world of fungi this autumn. Explore Hazeland with John and Doreen Bailey who will lead a tour of the site to help you discover fungi in its many forms.



Outdoors Wellbeing Day

- Saturday 12th November. 1-4pm

We invite you to join an afternoon of nature focused activities to benefit wellbeing. John Chew will be using the site at Hazeland to create opportunities for stepping away from day-to day-stresses and focusing on wellbeing and the natural world.

This wellbeing day is for over 18s: please also look out for our family days aimed at a younger audience.



For more details and to book any of the events please visit the event page of our website: [Events- Avon Needs Trees](#)



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Wellbeing notes

Power of Perseverance

My latest book – first novel – is written and it's time to see which literary agents and/or publishers might be interested. Fellow writers confirms that this can be A Hard Slog, involving many letters and accompanying documents. In a way, the process is like applying for a job, which can seem like a thankless task at times. So, for all those who are trying to make something happen, here is my personal checklist that may help you to persevere.



1. Keep on keeping on. Be persistent. Set an achievable weekly goal and do your very best to keep to it. I've resolved to have seven queries out at any one time. And with each one I try my best to understand the recipient.
2. Tread lightly. If the task is feeling burdensome, step away for a while. Do something completely different. Reconnect with your joy. Imagine how wonderful you will feel when you achieve what you have set out to do.
3. Review from time to time. Does your goal still resonate for you? Are you still happy that you're on the right path, or do you wish to adjust your goal to something that feels more 'you'?
4. Believe in yourself and trust in a positive outcome. Remember that you have a wonderful and unique blend of qualities. No one does 'you' better than you.
And when you finally reach your goal... celebrate and share the news!

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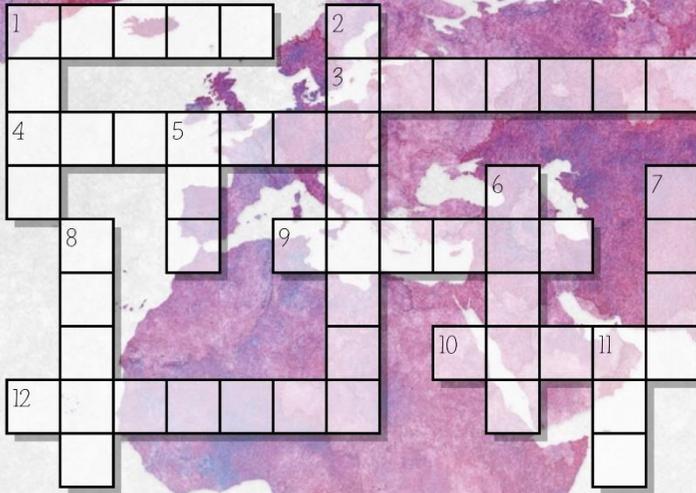


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October 2022 Crossword



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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September Crossword



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|----------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| ACROSS | 15 Japanese robe (3) | 4 Ironically mocking (9) |
| 7 Large shop (11) | | 5 Turn to bone (6) |
| 9 Coal Miner (7) | DOWN | 6 Napkin (9) |
| 10 Drink (3) | 1 Gadget (Informal) (5) | 8 US State (6) |
| 12 Advertising leaflet (5) | 2 Pinch (3) | 9 Morsel (5) |
| 14 Tartan trousers ((5) | 3 Public procession (6) | 11 Fire raising (5) |
| | | 13 Jump (4) |

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