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Editorial

Welcome to the combined December/January issue. It seems right to look back on the past year and to what might lie ahead. When writing this piece for the December 2019/January 2020 issue, Covid 19 was just a local issue in China and there was little to warn us of the turmoil which was to hit the country within a matter of weeks. This time last year things were beginning to look more hopeful and there was the distinct prospect of fewer restrictions and health issues in 2022.

Such hopes were dashed fairly early in the year with the Russian invasion of Ukraine. While some experts might have foreseen some conflict as inevitable, I doubt that many would have predicted the almost immediate levels of economic chaos which would afflict the world so quickly. Concerns about Covid 19 (which is still with us) were replaced by anxieties over significant rises in the cost of fuel and of the impact of the loss of Russian gas supplies (of which this country used very little) on our electricity and heating prices. Government expenditure on support during Covid and in connection with energy costs has to be repaid and that is about to be dealt with, probably by tax increases and spending cuts. Certain other government actions have exacerbated the situation. So, we leave behind a very unpredictable year which highlights that we are all so dependent on world events than we have ever been. The coming year will not be easy, but we hope for the best, in particular some sort of resolution in Ukraine.

2022 saw a sunny and hot couple of months, masking the months of severely reduced rainfall. Lawns turned brown, hosepipe bans were introduced, and nature began to suffer. It has since recovered, though water levels remain low, and that gives us



hope. We still have distinct seasons to enjoy, and we enter the winter months where nature offers a stark beauty with trees and fields stripped back to basic structures, highlighted by a low sun and maybe some crisp, clear days. Enjoy the season and of course we have the delights of the Christmas and New Year festivities to look forward to.

Assistant Editor

Dear Friends,

By the time you read this the Advent season will have begun, the first candle on the Advent wreath having been lit on 27th November. Every year my intention is to try to find some space during the Advent season to be still, to experience fully the sense of stillness gradually giving way to expectation; the quiet inner preparation is important to me. Inevitably the reality is that I get swept up in expectations and preparations which are more practical than spiritual and it can feel as if Christmas ‘cheer’ tramples all over Advent; when the wonder and hope of the coming Christ-child gets lost in the business of the rota of services. Indeed, the first carol service of the season will have taken place at one of the churches in the Team (two days after Advent Sunday) as the various organisations and schools try to fit everything into a busy schedule.

So, I am grateful for the many resources available which enable one to set aside just a few minutes each day during the Advent season to reflect and to pray. This year I will be revisiting two favourites: “Haphazard by Starlight - A poem a day from Advent to Epiphany” by Janet Morley and “Lighted Windows – An Advent calendar for a world in waiting” by Margaret Silf. Together these books provide a daily treasury of poetry and scripture with a word of explanation and questions to ponder. I commend them to you.

Or you might like to sign up to “The Visual Commentary on Scripture (VCS)”. Liz Roberts, one of our Lay Pastoral Assistants (LPA) in Calne writes: “The VCS is a fascinating resource developed by King’s College London with a team of theologians, art historians and Biblical scholars. Various curators have gathered three different artworks and commentaries from a variety of viewpoints and voices to illustrate Biblical passages. The artworks help to give a fresh insight and challenge to the way we look at a familiar story. The material is freely accessible to view online (not to be printed due to copyright rules). During December, there will be a VCS advent calendar where a different angel-themed artwork will be delivered to your in-box every day. The website address is <https://thevcs.org/> “

May I encourage you to savour all that the Advent season has to offer in terms of spiritual nourishment as we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Christ-child?

And of course, may I wish you all a blessed Christmas and New Year, filled with love, joy and peace.

Blessings,

Linda.

Are you getting yours all the time?

This magazine is published in paper and digital form. The paper copies are not every month as printing costs (circa £550 an edition) mean we can only afford 5/6 paper copies a year. The rest of the time the magazine comes out in digital form which I email out to folk who agree to have it. So, if you are missing out on the



non-paper editions, please email me and I'll put you on the email out list. I don't share this list with anyone else, nor do I use it to send heaps of stuff out, just the magazine.

Ed (inspireeditor@outlook.com)

Message from the editor

It's been a bit of a struggle at times this year for most, politically and financially and it looks like it is going to get worse before it gets better. But 'always look on the bright side'. Yes, we should count our blessings, chief amongst them the lovely area we live in and the good community we have here.



Thanks to all the advertisers, contributors, distributors and the team who make inSPIRE the magazine it is.

On behalf of the inspire team, I wish you all the best over the festive season and for the New Year.

Richard Aylen Editor

Services December 2022

Sunday 4th Advent 2

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 11th Advent 3

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
5pm	St Mary's, Calne	School Carol Svs
6pm	St Martin's, Bremhill	Evensong

Saturday 17th

3pm	Christ Church, Derry Hill	Songs & Carols
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Sunday 18th Advent 4

8am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Parish Eucharist
10am	Holy Trinity, Quemerford	Family Carol Service
11am	Christ Church, Derry Hill	Parish Eucharist
3pm	St Peter's, Blackland	Lessons & Carols
6pm	St Mary's Calne	Carol Service
6pm	St John the Baptist, Foxham	Lessons & Carols
6pm	St Martin's, Bremhill	Lessons & Carols

Wednesday 21st

7.30pm	St Mary's, Calne	Blue Christmas
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Friday 23rd

4pm	St Martin's, Bremhill	Carols & Nativity
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Christmas Eve

3pm	Christ Church, Derry Hill	Carols & Crib Svs
4pm	St Mary's, Calne	Crib Service

Services December 2022 (cont'd)		
Christmas Eve (cont'd)		
6pm	Bowood Chapel	Carol Service
11.15pm	St Martin's, Bremhill	Midnight Mass
11.30pm	St Mary's, Calne	Midnight Mass
Christmas Day		
9.30am	St John the Baptist, Foxham	Family Communion
9.30am	St Peter's, Blackland	BCP Communion
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Parish Eucharist
10am	St Martin's, Bremhill	Family Service
10.45am	Holy Trinity, Calne	Holy Communion
11am	Christ Church, Derry Hill	Family Communion

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Closing date for applications Friday 30th December 2022

Services January 2023		
Sunday 1st Christmas 1		
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Parish Eucharist
Sunday 8th Epiphany		
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
6pm	St Martin's, Bremhill	Evensong
Sunday 15th		
8am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Parish Eucharist
10am	Holy Trinity, Quemerford	Family Service
11am	Christ Church, Derry Hill	Parish Eucharist
6pm	Zoom	Evening Prayer
Sunday 22nd		
8am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
9.30am	St Peter's, Blackland	Holy Communion
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Morning Prayer
10am	St Martin's, Bremhill	All Age Communion
10.45am	Holy Trinity, Quemerford	Holy Communion
6pm	St John the Baptist, Foxham	Evensong
Sunday 29th		
8am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
9.30am	St John the Baptist, Foxham	Morning Prayer
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Parish Eucharist
10am	St Martin's, Bremhill	Christingle
11am	Christ Church, Derry Hill	Parish Eucharist
3pm	Holy Trinity, Quemerford	Family service
6pm	Zoom	Evening Prayer

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.

Church Contacts **CHRIST CHURCH - DERRY HILL**

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(Day off Monday.
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please)

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The Vicarage,
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Calne. SN11 9NN
lindac@mardenvale.org.uk

Lay Pastoral Assistant (LPA)

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Mrs Deidre Lias 01249 822157 Mr Peter Rigby 01225 704356

PCC Treasurer (Tr) & Secretary (Sec)

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

Ian Liddle 01249 816229

Richard Gribble 01249 812018

Richard Aylen 01249 814632

Carol, Ian, Richard A and Richard G

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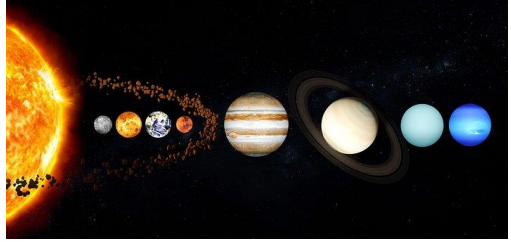
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The Night Sky in December and January

The next couple of months offers plenty of opportunities to view our celestial neighbours, aided by the longer and darker evenings. Later in December Venus reappears in our evening skies, and will be with us for some time, shining



brilliantly towards month end before setting around 17.30h. Jupiter has been with us for some months and continues to illuminate the southern evening skies before setting around midnight. The evenings of 28 and 29 December will see the Moon located close to the gas giant at around 18.00h. The same sort of picture will be painted on the evenings of 25 and 26 January.

Mars will be particularly impressive looking towards the south-eastern sky and is visible all night. It reaches its closest point to Earth since October 2020 on 1 December at around 81m km away. A week later Mars lies directly opposite the Sun and on 8 December the Moon passes in front of the red planet – a rare planetary occultation. This is visible from the UK starting at around 04.55h with the planet reappearing an hour later. It may be worth viewing as it is the first occultation of Mars visible from this country since 1952 with the next one not due until 2052. On 3 January at around 22.00h, Mars will be easily identifiable very close to the top of the Moon.

At around 16.45h on Christmas Day, brilliant Venus, low in the south-western sky, will have rocky Mercury just above and to its left with the thin crescent Moon a little further to the left. Above the Moon and further to the left, Saturn can be located.

21 December at 21.48h sees the Winter Solstice, giving us the shortest day (7h. 50min. 36secs in our part of the world) and the longest night of the year. Earth will be at perihelion, its closest point to the sun in its orbit, at 16.17h on 4 January.

	Sunrise	Sunset
1 December	07.50	16.02
31 December	08.13	16.00
31 January	07.47	16.56

Richard Carter

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Calne Without Parish Council

What we've been doing in the last month

On October 18th, 2022, Wiltshire considered and approved the recommendations from the Community Governance review that was looking at the boundaries of Calne Without Parish Council and neighbouring parishes.

This will be submitted to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England to seek their consent for the changes. If approved, they will come into effect in May 2025.

As you will have seen from the consultation, the boundaries of Calne Without Parish Council will be redrawn, with parts of the current parish moving into neighbouring Town/ Parish Council areas. The remaining part of Calne Without will be renamed Derry Hill and Studley Parish Council. We will keep you informed as we get more information.

Thermal imaging Camera Scheme

We are still waiting for the outside temperature to drop low enough for us to launch our Thermal Imaging Camera scheme. 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.

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

Making Plans for the coronation?

The Coronation of King Charles III will take place on Saturday 6th May 2023. As a council we acknowledge that there is likely to be a desire to mark this occasion in your communities. We have set aside a budget to be made available for community projects/ celebrations. If you are organising a community event or commemoration, please get in touch and we can discuss how to apply for funds.

Budget Setting

We are in budget setting season here, we are obviously very aware of the financial issues affecting everyone, we are working very hard to make sure that we keep our budgets low and avoid an increase on our part of your council tax bill.

And finally, we would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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

Chuckle corner

These sentences actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services, but not from around here!

'Ladies don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands'.

'Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation'.

'The eighth graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7pm. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy'.



Poppy Appeal 2022

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to this year's Poppy Appeal. The total for the village, including the Shop, the School and the Pub was £526.03. I would especially like to thank my collectors who gave up their time to do the collection.

Cathy Liddle

Poppy Appeal Organiser

Calne Community Neighbourhood Plan Review - Update

The Steering Group are working hard to take forward all the information that has been gathered through the consultations during the summer and early autumn.

The long list of buildings identified in the Local Heritage Asset consultation, (72!) is being refined against the criteria for designation and owners will be contacted shortly.



“Bowood style” houses have also been identified through this process and will be mapped as part of the background information for the ongoing work on the Plan’s Design Guide.

We had good feedback from the community and Landowners about potential Local Green Spaces. The final list of spaces that we can protect through this strong designation in our Neighbourhood Plan is being refined that will be shared back with the community in the new year.

The technical Housing Needs Assessment by consultants Aecom which will provide data to underpin the Plan’s housing policies has been completed and will be available on the Neighbourhood Plan website for anyone that wishes to read it.

The “call for sites” period has finished, and the Group has received information on a number of sites put forward as available for housing and employment development. These will be referred to independent consultants for technical evaluation and advice on what further information or investigation is required before being considered by the Town and Parish Council.

For more information please visit the website:

<http://www.calnecommunityplan.com/>

Sue

Get A Defib While You Are Waiting

If you phone 999 in an emergency these days they may well tell you to go get a Defib while you are waiting for an Ambulance to arrive, because the 999 service is under severe pressure and response times are getting longer.



If you live in Derry Hill or Studley, you are lucky because we have 5 Defibs available and we need to raise enough money for a sixth unit for a position on Old Road (Rag Lane) to complete our coverage across the villages. Each unit costs £2,500 to buy and install, and about £120 a year to maintain (that's new pads every 2 years or so, and a new battery every 4 years).

So, I want to ask all villagers to see if they can help us get that extra defib and keep our existing units running. 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 Derry Hill and Studley well covered for emergencies. By the way the November CPR and Defib training session at the Lansdowne Hall was a great success and we will arrange the next one with our village Paramedic next year.

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

The Lansdowne Hall and basketball

A previous article in inSPIRE sought reader's views on how to increase the use of the Hall's Multi Sports Pitch and feedback has indicated that there were a number of basketball enthusiasts living in Derry Hill and the surrounding area. These enthusiasts included an international coach, The Calne Saints Basketball Club (many whose members live in Derry Hill) and the running of junior coaching sessions.



The Multi Pitch is ideally positioned to provide basketball training and coaching besides being able to accommodate the up and coming 3 v 3 version of the game. With this potential in mind, a request, with supporting details, was made to the Parish Council for a grant towards the cost and installation of a basketball goal (otherwise known as a Ring). This request was successful and the Hall's Management Committee thanks the Parish Council for their support in this venture.

The Ring has now been delivered and installation will hopefully follow soon. Once installed those who have backed the project will be raring to go, but the Ring will be available for use of the whole community. This use can include the individual wanting to practice their skills, a group training / practice session, or joining in with coaching sessions. For those interested further details can be obtained from Alan Rosekilly (Rosekilly@aol.com) who will be pleased to outline the background to this venture and how to become involved in its participation.

Alan

Neighbourhood Policing update

CCTV van deployed to Church Road in Derry Hill due to diversion concerns.



The mobile police CCTV van was deployed to the area of Church Road in Derry Hill recently due to concerns raised by residents that vehicles were travelling too fast through the Village.

Residents also raised concerns that heavy goods vehicles would use the

village as a short cut due to the diversion in place to re-route traffic while Wiltshire Council Highways completed works in Old Derry Hill.

The van is a useful tool we can deploy to any location where there is an ongoing concern or for the reassurance of residents. If you see the vehicle and have concerns why it is there, please contact me on the above email address so I may reassure and advise you what we are doing in the area.

Rise in residential burglaries

We are currently seeing a slight increase in residential burglaries in the Calne, Heddington, Hilmarton and Chippenham areas in recent weeks. Items being targeted in these burglaries have been that of high value gold and jewellery items. We have also seen a rise in electric bikes and motocross style motorcycles being targeted in our area. As we approach the festive season, gifts and other items may also be targeted.



Please ensure to:

- lock windows and doors, even when at home.
- Ensure any alarms and/or CCTV are working properly. Doorbell cameras 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/>

Speed Enforcement in Derry Hill

On 20/10/2022, two vehicles were stopped on the A361 near Derry Hill for travelling at excessive speeds.

At 15:20hrs, a black Porsche 911 Carrera was stopped by police due to travelling at 87mph in a 60mph limit. A short time later at 16:14hrs, a black Jaguar F Pace was also stopped. This time for travelling at 88mph in the 60mph limit.

Both drivers have been reported for the offence of traveling at excessive speeds in a 60mph limit.

Vehicles stopped near Derry Hill due to erratic driving.

04/11/2022 23:15hrs, Officers stopped a grey Volkswagen Polo in Stanley Lane due to the vehicle being driven in an erratic manner. A positive drugs wipe process was conducted on the driver which revealed a positive result. The driver was arrested on suspicion of driving a motor vehicle whilst under the influence of a controlled substance.

07/11/2022 00:26hrs, Officers stopped a black Hyundai on the A4 near to Derry Hill due to the vehicle being driven in an erratic manner. Upon the officers conferring with the driver, they could smell the scent of cannabis emitting from within the vehicle. The driver of the vehicle and all passengers were searched. A passenger within the vehicle produced a small item to officers which they believed was cannabis. This passenger will be attending Chippenham police station on a later date to deal with the offence.

Social media and Community Messaging.

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

Facebook – Calne Police. Twitter - @Calnecop

PCSO Mark Cook Calne Neighbourhood Police Team
mark.cook@wiltshire.police.uk

MOTHERS' UNION PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP GROUP



We met on Wednesday 2nd November in Christ Church at our new time of 2pm, and after the welcome and lighting of the candle, Christine W said the prayers. Robyn then gave us a finance update and we discussed the Diocesan Autumn Gathering and were pleased to hear our subs are not going up next year. We then discussed our Christmas Meal before having a short talk about Guy Fawkes and bonfire night treats by Barbara. Then Judi ran a Christmas Quiz which was very good, with a combination of moderately hard and very hard questions. We had two highest scorers, Mary H and Christine W who were both given a prize for being the top of the group. Well done to both and well done to Judi for such a good quiz. We then had refreshments which were done by Barbara and Rev'd Linda and included a home baked Yorkshire Parkin which was a traditional treat on Bonfire Night in years gone by. This went down very well, thank you to both ladies.

In December we are having our Christmas Meal so we won't meet again in Church until Wed 4th January 2023 at 2pm. On behalf of all our members, we wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Barbara Parry

Mobile library visits to Derry Hill

Lansdowne Hall Derry Hill

14.20 – 15.45

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Kingston House Derry Hill

10.10 – 10.30

Mondays: 19th December 2022, 16th January 2023



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Friends of Derry Hill School (FODHS)

Parents, guardians, staff and pupils raising funds for Derry Hill School together.

Firstly, we would like to say a big Thank-you to everyone who attended the FODHS AGM. We had a very successful meeting. Friday 11th November saw a return of parents being able to attend the Remembrance service in person and it was wonderful to see so many people for tea and biscuits afterwards. Thank-you to everyone who gave a donation or came in to have a chat and a catch up. We also saw our Bags2School event and another huge thank-you to everyone who brought in your unwanted items. We raised £44!

A reminder that our School Family **Christmas Bonanza is on Friday 2nd December 4.30-6.30pm**. We have lots of gifts stalls great for Christmas presents, children stalls to entertain, Raffle, Tombola, Santa's little helper and even Santa's Grotto. It will be great to see all of our community.

We Thank you all for your ongoing support and look forward to all of the exciting events that we have coming up.

Thanks as ever for your continued support, Sarah, Lauren and the rest of the team. Email: friends@derryhill.wilts.sch.uk



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Rub a Dub Pre-school

Firstly, can I say a big thank you to those of you who read and responded to our article last month that outlined our current financial struggles. We have been touched by all the donations to our just giving page and reading all the lovely messages really has brought a tear to our eyes. The just giving page is still open and ready to accept donations.

For those of you who didn't have an opportunity to read last month's edition I'll summarise our situation.

This academic year the pre-school has a lower number of children attending the setting than we would usually expect. The low attendance numbers is giving us serious financial concerns.

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 impact on fundraising, our reserves are not enough to survive the academic year if our numbers/ income do not increase.

We have done everything we can to crop our outgoings, applied for several grants and have gone on a major fundraising drive and it is here that we are asking the community around us to help.

What can the community 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 at the Lansdowne Hall during the evening we will be drawing our raffle, if you are reading this before the 9th December and would like to buy some raffle tickets or enquire about a table for a quiz team please get in touch.

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 dubs Preschool, we would truly appreciate any help the community are able to offer.

Kate Checchia

Chair of Committee. rubadubchair@hotmail.co.uk

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A festive poster for a Christmas Quiz Night. At the top, a string of colorful lights (blue, yellow, orange, purple) is visible. The text 'Rub-a-Dub Preschool are hosting a' is in a pink, bubbly font. Below it, 'Christmas Quiz Night' is written in a large, white, cursive font. The date and time 'Friday 9th December 8pm, at the Lansdowne Hall, Derry Hill' are in a green, blocky font. On the left is a cartoon illustration of a green goblin with a long white beard and a pointed hat. On the right is a green Christmas tree decorated with red and white ornaments, candy canes, and a yellow star on top. Several wrapped gifts are at the base of the tree. The background is dark blue.

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
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Soft drinks and snacks will be available to purchase on
the night, bring your own bottle (....) of festive cheer for
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We will also be holding a raffle during the evening and
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bring along some cash on the night.

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Book Club Review

'The Lincoln Highway' by Amor Towles. Chosen by Tanya

This author wrote 'A Gentleman in Moscow', a novel we read back in 2019 and which we all loved reading due to the beautiful writing and wonderful characterisation.

Would 'The Lincoln Highway' 'match up'?

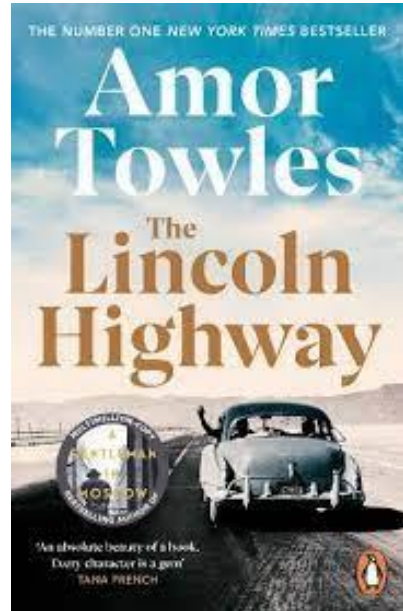
The novel opens in 1954 as the 18-year-old Emmett Watson is being driven through the mid-west by a prison warden. He has been released on compassionate grounds after serving a little over a year for hitting a boy who had mocked his sickly father. His opponent had fallen against a kerb and died, and Emmett was sent to a juvenile reform programme on a farm in Kansas. His father has died and the family farm has been seized by the bank, he must work out how to take care of himself and his precocious young brother. Unbeknown to Emmett, Duchess and Woolly, also from the reform programme, hide in the boot of the car and, once the warden has gone, reveal themselves to Emmett.

Emmett has plans to go to California to attempt to find his long-lost mother, heading down the Lincoln Highway, America's oldest coast to coast road. But the two friends have hatched an altogether different plan for Emmett's future.

This is a journey about three teenage boys, who are well meaning but flawed, trying to do the right thing. Towles' storytelling is superb, the characters are intimately observed and the writing is beautifully crafted.

Our book club was not disappointed. We all loved it!

Our final book of the year is, 'If We We're Villains' by M.L. Rio
Chosen by Kay Brown.



Tanya



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Derry Hill and District W.I.



The October speaker was a great success!! As promised, I have added some photographs for you

to see. We had a wonderful night! Debs Marrison was inspiring. We are eagerly awaiting our craft evening which will be run by Dani French, a WI Member. Unfortunately, we go to print before the event, I will keep you informed of the creative results.

In December we have no WI meeting as it clashes with Christmas! Nevertheless, we are making up for this by Christmas dinner at the 'Rowdey Cow'. The menu sounds delicious, should be a good night out.



January brings John Jameson-Davis who will tell us about Pelham Puppets – Wiltshire's Little Folk. These were made locally and some members still have their childhood puppets. This talk will be nostalgic and very interesting.

Derry Hill and District WI would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year!

We meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month at the Lansdowne Hall, 7.30pm. Why not come

along and give it a try.

Tina

Forest Gate solar farm redesign



Eden Renewables has made some major design changes to reduce the size of the solar farm and height of the panels, which will substantially reduce its visual impact.

The four most easterly fields have been removed from the project completely, reducing the overall area by 22%. Instead of using panels which track the sun, fixed-tilt panels will be installed, facing south, which are 14% lower in height.

By changing the technology, we have been able to maintain the installed capacity of the solar farm at 49.9 Megawatts. It will produce enough power for the equivalent of 13,300 homes and save 19,000 tonnes of CO₂ per year compared to energy from gas. The war in Ukraine has highlighted the need to reduce our dependence on gas, and solar power is now 1/9th the cost of gas generation.

The new permissive footpath around the site will follow the new boundary; and our community benefits package is unchanged, with over £800,000 expected to go back into the community over the life of the project. This will be boosted further by the opportunity for shared ownership/community investment through Zero Chippenham/ Zero North Wiltshire; surplus revenues would be used to provide fair access to solar, energy efficiency and EVs for local people, and other long-term environmental benefits.

Wiltshire Council is consulting on the revised plans until December 12th, which can be viewed on the planning portal using reference number PL/2021/06112. More info: www.edenrenewables.com, communityUK@edenrenewables.com.

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Town Hall Moviola

We will not be showing a film in December but will be back on

January 18th 2023 with **'Mrs. Harris goes to Paris'**, starring Lesley Manville.



A widowed char lady in post war London falls in love with a Dior dress so she decides that she must have one of her own.... from Paris.

7.30pm. Doors open at 7.00pm. Tickets £6 from the information centre or on the door (cash only please. No cards) Refreshments available.

Viv

WI Walking Netball

Our numbers are slowly increasing which is great! We have been running for 3 years now and I love every minute of it. I have made some lovely friends in the village; some I didn't know before. Walking Netball is such fun!



We are going to the Dumb Post for our Christmas Dinner and hope to plan an outing to watch Team Bath Netball in the New Year.



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 socialise, have fun and keep fit. Happy Christmas Everyone!

Tina (01249 814145)

The Lysley Family and Pewsham House



Pewsham House stands on land that was once part of Pewsham Forest.

Beginning at Lacock Bridge, the Forest boundary is reported to have stretched along the River Avon to Chippenham, around the north of the town to the Marden River. The Marden was the boundary past Stanley Abbey up to Studley and then to Bowood. A line then ran along Sandy Lane to the road leading to Bowden and back to Lacock Bridge. It was not all forest, but included large tracts of heath land, valuable for pasturing cattle, and many acres of meadows along the watercourses

James 1st granted Pewsham Forest to the Earl of Anglesey. It was disforested in 1630, and broken, up for sale into small fee-farms. At this point the peasantry lost their ancient rights and serious disturbances followed, during which a riotous assemblage, not being able to capture the Earl of Anglesey (whom they considered their prime enemy and oppressor), most ungallantly laid hands on his Countess, and carried off the noble lady prisoner. Audrey writes that the people made this rhyme "When Chipnam stood In Pewsham's wood Before it was destroyed, A cove might have gone for a groate a year, And now it is denied."

Two granddaughters of the Earl of Anglesey inherited Pewsham. In 1791, they sold the larger part of it to Mr. Montague, of Lackham House (now Lackham College).

In 1832 William John Lysley (MP for Chippenham between 1859 and 1865) bought the Pewsham Estate – land that included Little, Middle and Great Lodge Farms and extended to the A4, where the Pewsham (Lysley Arms) public house stands.

William Lysley lived in Great Lodge Farm – just behind the Pewsham Garage – with his wife Caroline. They had four children; Caroline, Sarah, William Gerard and Warine. The East window of Christ Church, illustrating the Ascension of Our Lord, was erected in 1865 in memory of Caroline by William John Lysley.

William Gerard inherited the Pewsham Estate in 1873, passing it to Frances Lysley (his wife) on his death in 1887.

Frances Lysley built Pewsham House in 1892. Frances was the eldest child of Sir Charles Lowther of Swillington Hall in Leeds. Sir Charles was blind from birth and his mother was instrumental in promoting Braille in the UK. Frances was the widow of William Gerard Lysley - a lawyer and JP who died in 1887.

Charles Ponting was the architect for Pewsham House, responsible for Marlborough Town Hall and Dauntsey School. Ponting took inspiration from North Mimms - an Elizabethan House and the childhood home of William Gerard.

Frances moved her family into the new Pewsham House in 1892, living there until her death in 1918. The house passed to Major William Lysley and his wife Gwendoline. They were the heart of society in Derry Hill and Studley - noting numerous charity events for the aid of Christ Church.



The Major died in 1944. In 1945, Pewsham House was sold to George Young of Gordano, Bristol for £21,000. Gwendoline moved to live with her daughter Joan Lysley in Notton, Lacock and died in 1955.

Today, Pewsham House continues as a cornerstone of Derry Hill and the Lysley family who built it lie under the East window of Christ Church, Derry Hill.

Steve Calder

December Tree Planting at Hazeland



Tree Planting season is here again! Join us for tree planting in December as we add to our new local woodland at Hazeland. Learn the techniques for planting native tree saplings, and the proper care for them to thrive into the future.

Tree planting days will take place 10am to 3pm on the following dates in December: Friday 2nd, Sat 3rd, Thurs 8th, Fri 16th, Sat 17th, Sun 18th, Fri 30th and Sat 31st.

You can register as a volunteer and sign up for our upcoming dates at [Volunteering | Avon Needs Trees](https://avonneedstrees.org.uk/volunteering/).
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Free online talk on Foraging Weds 7th December 7.30

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To sign up for the event visit our website here: [Events - Avon Needs Trees](https://avonneedstrees.org.uk/events/) (<https://avonneedstrees.org.uk/events/>)

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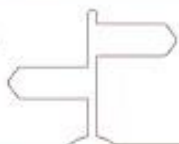
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Wellbeing notes

Farewell, lovely meditations

For the past 14 years I've hosted weekly meditation groups. They've brought me masses of pleasure, as I hope they have for countless attendees. But we're not built to do the same thing all our lives, and this month the doors will close for the last time on our peaceful meetings. To mark the moment, I thought I'd include some memories here, with thanks to all the fabulous souls who participated...



Meditation is not always quiet. The biggest secret about our sessions were that they were a 50/50 mix of chat and silence. The chat always had a theme – and sometimes that theme required a little noise. So let's hear it for Trevor on the accordion and Kerstie on the Native American flute, not to mention the noisy swarm of bees that once perched on the wild cherry tree outside.

Meditators came from far and wide. We shared quiet times with guests from all over the world. Our youngest meditator was a very new baby. Our furriest attendee was a cat. Our most surprised visitor was the courier who tried to deliver to a room full of people sitting with their eyes closed – at least we weren't chanting!

Those who meditate are creative – maybe the practice of stilling the mind helps ideas to flow. We have shared paintings, pottery, screen-printing, poetry, glasswork, and many other beautiful creations.

Meditation doesn't have to take place in one room. During the pandemic, we went online. Other years we enjoyed the local countryside, including sacred Avebury, and neighbouring Somerset. The truth, as we discovered, is that peace, calm and kindness can flourish wherever we choose. And along the way, enduring friendships are made.

Suzanne Askham

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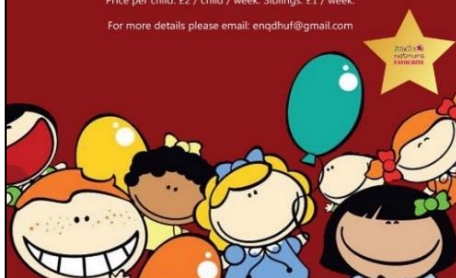
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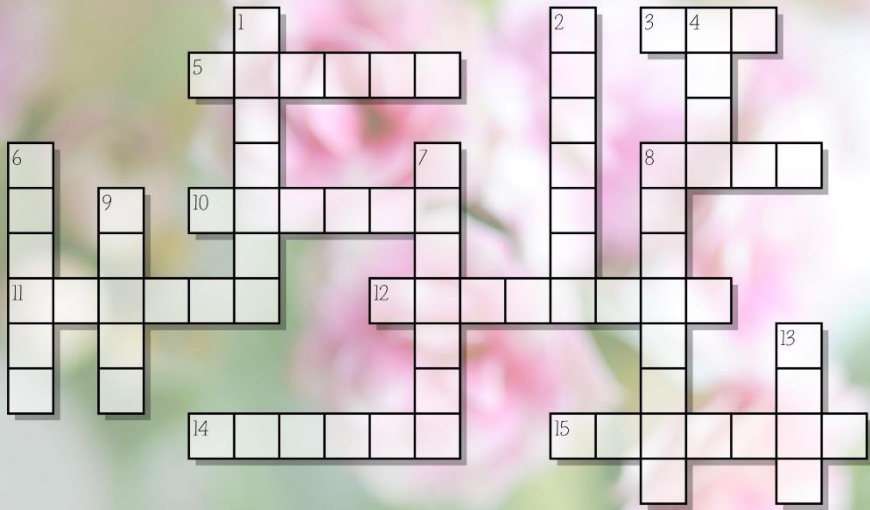
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December 2022 / January 2023 Crossword



ACROSS

- 3 Loud noise (3)
- 5 Colour (6)
- 8 Hard wood (4)
- 10 Bodyguard (6)
- 11 Harsh (6)
- 12 Spice (8)
- 14 Stew (6)
- 15 Arena (7)

DOWN

- 1 Trick (7)
- 2 Kitchen tool (7)
- 4 Lazy (4)
- 6 Gaol (6)
- 7 Cargo (7)
- 8 Sledge (8)
- 9 Roof edge (5)
- 13 Smear (4)

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November Crossword



- ACROSS 15 Witch's pot 3 Mass of ice
1 Tyrant (6) (8) (7)
5 Subway (9) 16 Urban bird 4 Rot (5)
6 Falseness (6) (6) 6 Platform (4)
8 Heavy glove 17 Savage (8) 7 Crime (6)
(8) 9 Genuine (4)
10 Beam (5) DOWN 11 Cab (4)
12 Nobleman 2 Type of bus 14 Seaweed (4)
(4) (6-6) 16 Wages (3)
13 Destiny (4)

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