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Editorial

We head into a new month with (hopefully) the last of the cold and dark days of winter very much in the rear-view mirror and with the Spring Equinox and the move into British Summer Time later this month. There's promise of increased daylight hours and longer time spent outside. Our gardens and hedgerows are already showing signs of life with crocus and snowdrops already adding some colour and cheerful daffodils will shortly be bringing their brightness to an awakening world.

A nearby woodpecker has been busy since the end of January extending and re-boring the arboreal home prior to a busy season. Our gardens will also be witnessing the acrobatic dusk flight of bats as they emerge from around one hundred and eighty-three days of hibernation and the odd hedgehog has already been seen during February, leaving their hibernation for a short time during warmer days. They too will shortly be carrying out their usual nightly patrols as food becomes more available.

In addition to the natural world re-awakening, March also sees an increase in the number of events which mark the passing year. The Saints Days of Wales and Ireland are marked this month with St. David's Day and St. Patrick's Day falling on 1 March and 17 March respectively. Lesser well known, 5 March sees St. Piran's day in Cornwall. The legend has it that in the sixth century Piran was thrown into the sea in Ireland and somehow managed to wash up ashore in Cornwall – even more impressive considering he had a millstone tied around his neck! His powers aided the locals in discovering and extracting tin from the granite and many centuries later he became the patron saint of tin miners, becoming recognised as the Cornish saint, his black and white flag being freely flown across the county.

There is National Book Day on 2 March when children in schools up and down the country will attend dressed as their favourite book character with much emphasis given



that day to encourage reading for pleasure. The following day there is an interesting one in the USA – National Day of Unplugging. The idea is that for a twenty-four-hour period, people are encouraged to switch off all their digital devices and instead re-connect with the outside world, nature and even people. There is no doubt there are many who will struggle with this whole concept in this day and age! Only applies in the United States? The UK version takes place on 25 June.....

In terms of sport, the annual university boat race will be held on 26 March, the first one having taken place back in 1827 and there is of course horse racing's Cheltenham Festival in mid-month plus many more events which somehow mark the start of the Spring season. On a note of history, the first F.A. Cup Final was staged at Kennington Oval on 16 March 1872 when Wanderers beat Royal Engineers.

Enjoy the month!

Assistant Editor

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Dear Friends,



HOLY WEEK

This year Holy Week begins on 2nd April with Palm Sunday. As it is right at the beginning of April, I thought it would be useful to have something in the March Newsletter to briefly describe what Holy Week is about.

Once again, we are invited to enter into the

drama and passion of Jesus' journey to the Cross. It is easy in these busy times to find ourselves joining in with the 'Hosannas' of Palm Sunday and the 'Alleluias' of Easter Sunday a week later, without pausing to reflect more deeply on the stories and events of the days in between. Yet, experiencing something of the minor chords gives us a much richer celebration on Easter Day.

The retelling of the Passion on Palm Sunday sets the scene for what is to come. Then on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week we hear stories of unrestrained love in Bethany; deep questions of life and death in a grain of wheat; betrayal.

Maundy Thursday takes us to the Last Supper and communion; to the washing of feet; to the stripping of the altar, to keeping watch.

Breaking bread and sharing wine; be transported to the upper room and recapture the mystery of the gift Jesus gives us of himself.

Foot washing is a profound expression of humility and what it means to love and serve one another. Many find this to be a particularly powerful experience; some feel uncomfortable or anxious. There is no compulsion to participate, it is completely voluntary; simply witnessing and acknowledging our responses is a valuable experience in itself.

Then to witness the removal of crosses, altar frontals, ornament...to keep vigil in the darkness (for a few minutes or an hour) helps us to find our place in this story.

We return on Good Friday to the church stripped bare, gazing on the Cross – from a distance, or up close and personal. We witness once more this desolate act. Jesus dies. Emptiness. We grieve.

This is a story we think we know so well. Yet participating in Holy Week gives us an opportunity to wrestle and ponder anew. I promise you there will be unexpected moments, profound moments of beauty and horror, moments of aching tension and waiting; all of which makes the Easter morning celebrations sublimely joyful.

May I encourage you to join us this Holy Week as the drama of God's purposes unfold? There will be services around the Marden Vale Team (keep an eye on the Notices). Come, let's journey together.

Blessings,

Linda.



Thursdays 10.30am to 12pm
at
Christ Church, Derry Hill
Drop in for a coffee, tea, biscuits
Everyone welcome

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March 2023 Church Services

Time	Church	Service
Sunday 5th Lent 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
10.30pm	Christ Church, Derry Hill	Family Service
6pm	Zoom	Evening Prayer
Sunday 12th Lent 3		
8am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
9.30am	St John the Baptist, Foxham	Parish Eucharist
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Parish Eucharist
10am	St Martin's, Bremhill	Morning Prayer
11am	Christ Church, Derry Hill	Parish Eucharist
12.30pm	St Mary's, Calne	Baptism
Sunday 19th Lent 4 Mothering Sunday		
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	Morning Worship
11am	Christ Church, Derry Hill	Parish Eucharist
10am	Holy Trinity, Quemerford	Family Service
Sunday 26th Lent 5 Passiontide begins		
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	Evening Prayer

Coming to Church

Parochial Church Council (PCC) Guidance

We have for some months now been worshipping in church with minimal restrictions regarding Covid, with people making their own choices about wearing face coverings and/or social distancing.

When it comes to Holy Communion, we are continuing to offer simultaneous administration where the priest intincts the wafer with wine for each communicant. We are also offering the common cup for those who prefer this. We simply ask those who wish to receive wine directly from the chalice to come forward after those who have received intincted wafers. Guidance will be given during the service.

We continue to offer **Zoom services** (usually fortnightly) and of course, if you are feeling unwell or test positive for Covid please stay at home.

As ever, 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 March 2023.

Contact Rev'd Linda Carter to obtain the link for Zoom Services:
lindac@mardenvale.org.uk

New knitting, stitching & craft 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



Church Contacts CHRIST CHURCH - DERRY HILL

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(Day off Monday.

**Urgent calls only that day
please)**

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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.

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

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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

Derry Hill and Studley Community Support

The Night Sky in March

This month sees the return of British Summer Time at 01.00h on 26 March when clocks should move forward by an hour. This, along with the Spring Equinox, which is on 20 March, makes for lighter evenings and sky watching begins moving to more unsociable hours! However, there will still be opportunities to view Venus and Jupiter in particular during the month.



Jupiter has been dominating the heavens for a few months but is now beginning to fade and will shortly disappear from view until later in the year whereas brilliant Venus will be easily identifiable as it will be the brightest object in the sky, setting at around 23.00h at month's end. The two planets will be very close together at 18.30h on 2 March, low in the western sky, shortly after sunset, Venus

being some five times brighter than the gas giant. Both will set at around 20.30h.

Further opportunities to see these two, this time alongside the Moon, will occur at the end of the month between 21-24 March at around 18.45 in the evening twilight low in the western sky. The Moon will be a thin crescent with Jupiter below, very low to the horizon. Venus will be bright and easily located adjacent to the Moon.

Mars is fading rapidly and more difficult to spot but a good opportunity to locate it will be on the evening of 27 March at 20.00h in the western sky when it will be slightly above and to the left of the Moon. The star immediately above the crescent Moon is Elnath. The following evening at the same time, the red planet will sit immediately below the Moon.

This month also provides the last opportunity to see the constellation of Orion in full until it reappears in the autumn. It is easily identifiable by the line-up of the three stars forming his belt and will be towards the western sky. The distance between thumb and little finger of an outstretched hand will roughly cover the whole constellation and red-tinged Betelgeuse will form his left shoulder. Following the three stars of the belt towards the horizon will lead you to Sirius, the brightest star in our skies.



	Sunrise	Sunset
1 March	06.52	17.48
15 March	06.21	18.12
31 March	06.45	19.39

Richard Carter

Wiltshire and Swindon Historic Environment Record Website

This allows you to search for information on the known archaeological sites, monuments and finds in Wiltshire and Swindon.

The [HER](#) holds over 35,000 monument records on a variety of sites and finds from the prehistoric to the 21st century. The data is updated daily. This version of the [HER](#) is suitable for general interest only. Please contact the Archaeology Service archaeology@wiltshire.gov.uk for a fuller dataset, including archaeological events.

They would welcome your feedback on the website and any new or additional information that you may wish to provide.

Ed

Coronation of King Charles III. Voluntary Work

The Community Committee is busy planning for the forthcoming Coronation. King Charles has recommended that time be set aside on Monday 8th to facilitate voluntary works. To this end, we are approaching the community at large and village groups to ask if you could usefully employ a posse of willing volunteers on Monday 8th May for circa two and half hours to do something that may make a difference to you or your organisation.

Please write to me at peterprater@btinternet.com giving me your name, address, contact telephone number or email and a summary of what you might like a posse to do. The Committee will review all submissions, perhaps get in touch with you for more information or to recce the work if needed and agree any terms and conditions. We will then draw up a list of activities for people to get engaged with.

Given a list of tasks, the Community Committee will look to pull together as many members of our community as we can and divide them up amongst the tasks. These bands of volunteers will then descend on you, do what they can and then head back to the Lansdowne Hall for refreshments courtesy of Armstrong Architects (think back to the Jubilee celebrations.....).

So, I look forward to receiving your requests for voluntary support. Please would you submit these by no later than close of business **FRIDAY 10th MARCH**.

Peter

Peter Prater

Derry Hill & Studley Community Committee

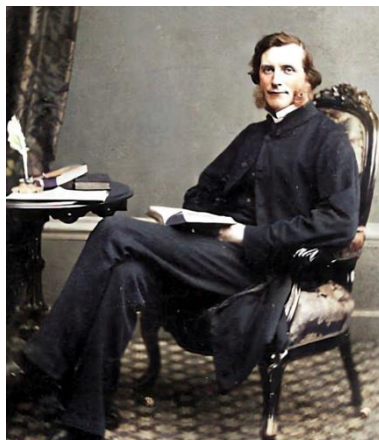
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The 4th Vicar of Derry Hill

The Reverend Henry Fletcher was the 4th vicar of Christ Church in Derry Hill. He served our community for 15 years from 1856 to 1871. Henry was born in Edinburgh in 1822, married Charlotte in 1851 and they had 5 children (3 born in Hill).

In 1871, Rev Fletcher led the mass migration of 60 people from Derry Hill and Studley to Quebec, Canada. The paper of the day describes the scene at the Victoria Dock in London "a large party of emigrants on Friday embarked on board the steam ship Medway bound for Quebec. A large group comprised chiefly of agriculturalists from Derry Hill, near Calne under the care of Rev. Mr Fletcher who will accompany them to Canada. Among the female emigrants were domestic servants who are in great demand in Canada. Nearly the whole of the party were in good spirits, and their physiques generally was in high order. Many of them complained of the want of money, in fact some were totally destitute of that essential commodity, but none appeared to want good health, the possession of which, when combined with energy and good conduct, will undoubtedly command success to the emigrant in his or her new home".



A few weeks later the local paper printed the message many in Derry Hill and Studley had been waiting for "the steamship Medway, which left London in the early part of last month for Quebec



, with a number of emigrants from Derry Hill under the care of Rev. Mr Fletcher, is reported by telegraph to have arrived safe at her destination".

A year later the local paper reported the fourth general meeting of the Derry Hill Free Library under the presidency of Lord Edmond Fitzgerald, the founder. In the meeting his lordship stated that the sum of £12 had been returned to him by the emigrants from Derry Hill to Canada and his lordship felt he could not do better than apply it to the purchase of new books for the library. This promise his lordship fulfilled.

The mass migration of 60 people from Derry Hill and Studley would have been a major event - one that touched so many families. You can see that connection with some of the names on our war memorial - men who were fighting under the Canadian flag, but very much remembered in Derry Hill and Studley.

The Rev Fletcher left Derry Hill in 1872 - moving his family up to Grasmere. He died and was buried in Oxford in 1914.

Steve Calder

Calne Without Parish council

What we've been doing in the last month

Over the last month we have continued to respond to planning applications and other consultations that come our way. It is important for us as a Parish Council to use our local knowledge and voice to help try to influence local government decisions.

Thermal imaging Camera Scheme

As we start to see the first signs of spring, the temperature is still low enough for us to continue to loan out our thermal imaging cameras. Over this winter, the Parish Council has been running a free thermal imaging camera loan scheme. We have loaned the cameras so far to almost 40 households helping residents of Calne Without to identify where their homes are losing valuable heat. Please do get in touch, we want to reach as many people as possible with this scheme.

If you'd like to sign up to the scheme, then please email Cllr John Barnes at john.barnes@calnewithout-pc.gov.uk

Derry Hill Phone Box

Our Phone box in Derry Hill is in need of a tidy up. The Parish Council have put aside a budget to purchase the necessary materials and are looking for someone/ a company to provide the labour. If you know someone or want to put in a quote to do the works please get in touch. We'd love to get it looking great again in time for the King's Coronation.

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. Scan the QR code below to find our small grant application form (for applications less than £1000)



Do you have a Community Improvement Idea?

If you are in a local community group and you have a project looking for financial assistance, please get in touch and have an initial conversation. We will be able to talk you through the grant application process and give you an indication of whether the Parish Council may be able to support the idea.

Great British Spring Clean- 17th March – 2nd April 2023

Calne Without Parish Council are organising a number of litter picks throughout the parish during the Great British Spring Clean. The timetable will be finalised shortly, if you would like to take part in a litter pick, please keep an eye on our social media page and website for details of times and dates. Alternatively, please email clerk@calnewwithout-pc.gov.uk to request the finalised timetable.

If you need to get in touch with the Parish Council please contact the Parish Clerk clerk@calnewwithout-pc.gov.uk
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Wiltshire Residents urged to report issues through Wiltshire Council's updated app.

Wiltshire Council has released an updated version of its smartphone app, MyWilts, and is reminding residents that it is the quickest and easiest way to report issues such as road defects, fly-tipping, trading standards issues and more.



The MyWilts app is available for [Apple](#) or [Android](#) devices and is also accessible through the Wiltshire Council website. This updated version offers improvements such as upgraded mapping technology for street scene and enforcement reports, plus improved email communication, so that people can receive more updates about their report.

Current app users are advised to update their app through the Apple App Store or Google Play as soon as they can; while anyone who downloads the app for the first time will automatically receive the new and improved version. On Apple devices, the minimum iOS version required is 12.0; while on Android devices, people must be using version 7.0 or above.

Cllr Ashley O'Neill, Cabinet Member for Digital, said: "The MyWilts app is the quickest and easiest way for people to let us know about any issues they see while out and about in Wiltshire.

"People can use the app to let us know about issues such as road defects, fraud, fly-tipping and abandoned vehicles – and much more.

"This updated version also offers improved maps, so people can more accurately plot where any issues are, making it easier for our teams to find the reports. Also improved is the email communication, so when people let us know about an issue, they will receive more regular updates on the progress of their report.

To report something using MyWilts or download the updated app, people should go to: www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywilts

(Extract from Wiltshire Council briefing)

Ed

Updating our Neighbourhood Plan: what's been happening?

Protecting our treasured 'Local Green Spaces'

We have been looking for opportunities to protect the green spaces which we all love, which give us room to breathe and get closer to nature, as well as somewhere to play or walk the dog.

The response to our survey was great and so many of you supported designating your local green spaces as part of the plan.

There are strict criteria for designation and we are currently hoping to include 28 in the revised plan. They range from small spaces with historic tree lines, such as the Calne Promenade near Holy Trinity Church and school, to the larger Castlefield Country Park, which includes the cycle path, the River Marden and open countryside close to the centre of town.

The support from landowners has generally been good, although there are some issues to resolve. We will keep you up to date as we progress this work.

Take a look on calnecommunityplan.com for a blog post about Local Green Spaces where we've answered some of the questions that came up from our community during the summer consultation.



OUR PLAN - YOUR SAY

Keep in touch with progress and get involved:

1. sign up for the mailing list or send us your questions to CCNPAdmin@Calne.gov.uk
2. keep an eye on the Plan **website** which is regularly updated (<https://www.calnecommunityplan.com/>)
3. follow the **facebook page** (3) [Calne Community Neighbourhood Plan | Facebook](#)
4. read regular updates in the village news letters and Calne connect
5. chat to local councillors who will continue to 'pop-up' at key local events and locations to share updates and give opportunities for you to have your say.
6. call Calne Town Council on 01249 814000 and ask that the Neighbourhood Plan Administrator calls you back.

In 2023 there will also be more opportunities for you to have your say on key topics such as housing, and on the overall draft Plan as work is progressed.



Bag a Bargain.



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Men have bigger hearts than women!

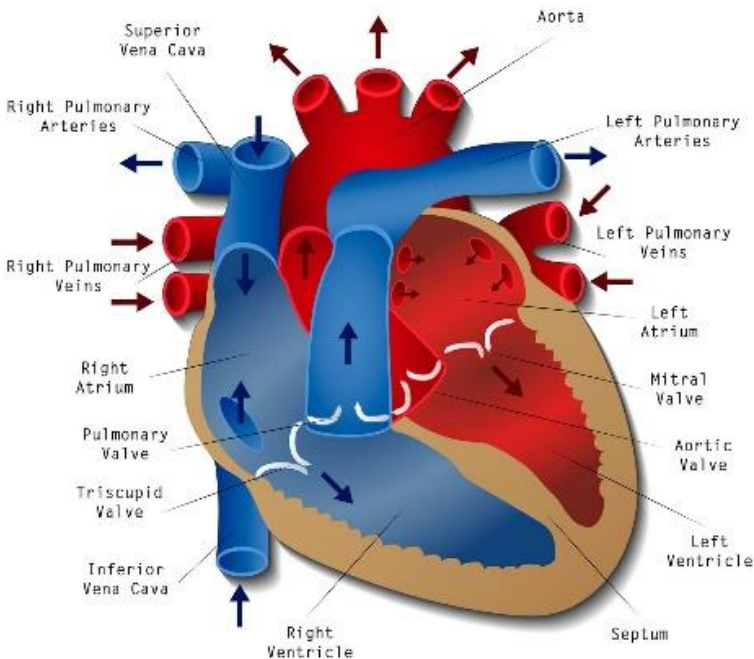
You can win it,
You can break it!
You can feel it,
You can hear it beating!

The heart is a vital organ in our body without which we cannot survive.

But how much do you really know about your heart?



Diagram of human heart



1. The human body cannot survive without a heart, but the heart can survive without a human body! It sounds weird but it's true. The human heart has its own electrical impulses. This allows the heart to

continue beating even if it is separated from the body. However, there is one requirement. It should continue to get a steady supply of oxygen.

2. The human heart beats around 100,000 times in a single day. That's something like 3.6 billion beats in a lifetime.

3. What do we really mean when we say that our heart beats? Our heartbeat is the pumping action of the heart muscles. The heart is a pump that works day and night without rest. The moment the heart decides to take a rest, we are dead!

4. The human heart is responsible for pumping 2,000 gallons of blood each day. It is not that we have 2,000 gallons of blood in our body but the 10 pints of blood that we have is pumped so many times that the net volume pumped is 2,000 gallons and it sends it to different tissues and organs in our body through 60,000 miles of blood vessels!

5. When the heart is relaxed, the pressure exerted by the blood on the chambers of the heart is called the diastolic blood pressure and when the heart is beating/pumping, the pressure exerted by the blood is known as the systolic pressure. A single heartbeat can squirt blood up to 30 feet away!

6. The heart is roughly the size of a large fist and weighs between 10 to 12 ounces in men and 8 to 10 ounces in women – so there you have it:

Men really do have bigger hearts than women!

Keep safe.

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Jazz Club Marden House Calne

March 28th Kit 'n' Aaron violin, vocals, guitar and stomp box - blue grass type early folk jazz....

April 25th Catherine Sykes - the wonderful singer who normally fronts the **Glen Miller Orchestra**.



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

Admission still only £10

Please pay at the door and do please reserve seats by email to harpahmusic@hotmail.com

James and Brigid 01249 812300 or 07976 945055

Popular £2 bus fare promotion extended until 30 June

The £2 single bus fare promotion has been extended until 30 June, so you can enjoy cheap and convenient travel until the summer.

Many single bus fares throughout Wiltshire have been capped at just £2 for both adults and concessions. If the single fare was originally less than £2, it will remain at the reduced price, and many day return tickets have also been reduced.

The promotion, which began on 1 January, is proving to be very popular in Wiltshire, with one bus operator in the county seeing more than 70,000 reduced-fare trips in the first month alone.

[\(Extract from Wiltshire Council mailing\)](#)

Local Police Update



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

Crime and incident updates

On 28/01/2022 22:20hrs, a white Ford Fiesta collided with a telephone post in Fishers Brook, Calne. Thankfully the driver only sustained very minor injuries. The investigation is ongoing regarding the driver's standard of driving prior to the collision.

On 05/02/2023 22:18hrs, a brown Vauxhall Astra was stopped on the A4 in Quemerford, Calne. The driver failed to provide a breath sample, so was arrested on suspicion of failing to provide a sample of breath at the roadside. The driver was then conveyed to custody. When in custody, the driver did provide a sample and was found to be over the alcohol limit. He was then subsequently arrested for that offence.

07/02/2023 18:45hrs, a pedestrian sadly died after being struck by a vehicle near to the Studley Crossroads on the A4 Derry Hill. We are not able to comment on this matter at this time as there is currently an ongoing police investigation. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of the male involved.

08/02/2023 02:00hrs, Officers sighted a black Volkswagen Touran stopping near another vehicle in Sandy Lane. Officers observed that items were being exchange seen between parties. On the vehicle being stopped by Officers drugs were thrown from the car. A passenger of the

vehicle was arrested on suspicion of possession of a controlled class A substance with the intent to supply and conveyed to Melksham Custody.

Speeding

We have recently received reports of vehicles travelling at excessive speeds through the 20mph limit in the village of Derry Hill.

On 23rd January, due to the concerns raised, we conducted speed checks in Church Road.

Two drivers were given words of advice for being found to be slightly over the 20mph limit, both drivers were residents of the village.

As the Calne Neighbourhood Team we are fully committed to keeping our roads as safe as possible and we will continue to conduct speed checks in this and other surrounding locations.

Livestock worrying

Lambing season is upon us, and we are asking dog owners to act responsibly and put all dogs on a lead when around any livestock.

Livestock-worrying is a criminal offence, and the penalty can be six months imprisonment and/or a fine of up to £1000.



Why is this important?

You are responsible for your dog; action may be taken against you and your dog. Dogs should not be left unaccompanied outside of the home, and their behaviour should be managed at all times if livestock are present

How can you prevent this?

Enjoy the countryside but keep your dog on a lead when walking your dogs on a public footpath, near or through a farmer's field.

Know the area where you walk your dog and keep an eye out for any fences, gates, and signs.

If you come across a dog actively attacking livestock, contact police on 999 and give us a specific location (<https://crowd.in/qOyPXF>) if possible, along with description of the dog, owner, and any vehicle belonging to the dog owners.

PCSO Mark Cook says: “Any dog has the ability to worry livestock – it can be any type of dog, no matter how well trained. Once worrying starts, recall usually goes out the window”.

“Prevention by using a lead is always the best course of action. Sheep are frequently killed by dogs. Chasing can cause extreme stress, miscarriage, mismothering of lambs, and horrific injuries resulting in euthanasia. It can be traumatic for farmers who have to deal with the aftermath of an incident”.

“Farmers are the ones who put their heart and soul into the soil to give it life and give us food. Let us thank them for their efforts and salute their hard work. Please share this post and help spread the word”.

Fly-tipping

In November Wiltshire Council launched a new campaign to combat fly-tipping in the county.

The striking campaign, which builds on the success of the council's hard-hitting **We're Targeting Fly-tippers (WTF)** branding, focuses on three key areas:

- Warning people of the penalties of fly-tipping including unlimited fines, prosecution and seized vehicles.
- Encouraging residents to report fly-tipping.
- Educating and informing people about how they can safely and legally dispose of their waste, particularly highlighting the dangers of using 'tip run' style social media advertisements.

The campaign is part of the council's investment of an extra £150,000 each year for the next three years into tackling fly-tipping and environmental crime in the county. The bulk of this funding is being spent on more officers and equipment such as state-of-the-art cameras to catch these environmental criminals in the act.

To find out more about how to report fly-tipping and how to prevent fly-tipping in Wiltshire, people can go to: www.wiltshire.gov.uk/fly-tipping



Social Media and Community Messaging



ON THE BEAT



Community Messaging is a free way to keep up to date with what's happening in Wiltshire North CPT. Get real time updates on crime activity in your area.

You're in control – choose what and how you receive your updates – by email, text or voice message

Messages are sent by:

- Wiltshire Police
- Swindon and Wiltshire Fire & Rescue
- Action Fraud
- Wiltshire Neighbourhood Watch

www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk



Regular updates for the Calne area can also be found on Community messaging and our Facebook page: [Calne police](#)

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

Calne Town Hall Moviola

Our next film will be:

Fisherman's Friends 2

on **March 22nd at 7.30 pm**

After success the Group is riding high but a new arrival in town, Aubrey (Imelda May), is a sign of changing times. Can the band make it to the Pyramid stage at Glastonbury?

Doors open at 7.00pm. Tickets £6 available from the Information Centre (sorry no cards) Refreshments available. Please use the entrance around the corner near to the Lansdowne Hotel.

Viv



Mothers' Union Prayer & Fellowship Group

In February we took part in the Mothers' Union Wave of Prayer with our allotted date and time being on Monday 6th February at 11.30am. The service, which is used by everyone in the Salisbury Diocese, only lasts 20 – 30 mins but it's very special as it links everyone together. We took over the 'baton' from Heytesbury and after Wootton Bassett and Calne had followed us here in Derry Hill. The 'baton' then passed to Lyme Bay. Everyone enjoyed the service which was made extra special this year thanks to Rev'd Linda who provided music for the hymns which, in recent years, we have had to omit. So thank you so much Linda, and also for leading the service.



Next month we return to our normal time, so our meeting will be on Wednesday 1st March at 2pm in Christ Church, when we are looking forward to a talk by Lady Lansdowne on her year as Wiltshire High Sheriff. The meeting will start with prayers by Christine Weston and refreshments afterwards are being done by Judi and Barbara. Anyone wishing to join us will be made most welcome.

Barbara Parry

Children's Society Boxes

It's that time of the year again. Please hand your box into church or to the vicar by Mothering Sunday – 19th March.

Thank you!

Sarah (01249 658285)



News from Wiltshire Council

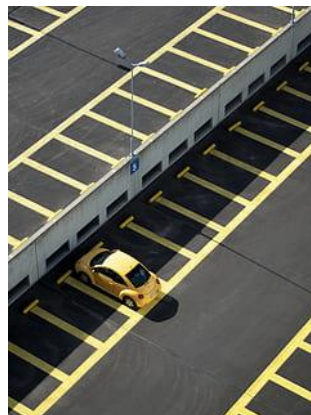
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Having a season ticket can help you save approximately 50% on the daily rate in our car parks.

Season tickets are available at individual car parks across the county, including those in Chippenham, Devizes, Melksham, Trowbridge and Salisbury, and are available in one-month, three-month, six-month or 12-month options.



Recycling - let's sort it!

Let's be honest, sometimes it can be really tricky to know which bins to put certain items in!

Our [Recycling-let's sort it! campaign](#) is now underway as we aim to make it easier for you to understand which items go into the correct bins. Some of the common items incorrectly placed in blue lidded bins include:

Carrier bags and bin bags - put these in the general waste bin for energy recovery.

Hard plastics, such as toys and plant pots - take these to a household recycling centre for recycling; or put in the general waste bin for energy recovery.

Scrap metals - take these to a household recycling centre for recycling.

Nappies - put these in the general waste bin for energy recovery.

Waste crews have stepped up their visual checks of recycling bins and between Monday 20 February and Friday 3 March will advise you if your bin contains the wrong items by placing an amber bin tag on the handle of your bin.

Friends of Derry Hill School

As you are aware Friends of Derry Hill Primary School (FODHS) are responsible for the main fundraising events for Derry Hill Primary School. After a recent library audit it has been identified that the current school library needs some updating and replenishing.



Many of the books in the current library were damaged or out of date and therefore not in line with current world and social affairs or interests of the children using the library. The current furniture needs updating and the environment is lacking comfortable seating and furnishings, and as such does not provide an environment which is conducive to promoting a love of reading. This year the money that we successfully raise from past events and current events is being used to improve our school library. The library project is estimated to cost over £8000. We have currently raised £2800.

Therefore, we are asking for help in any of the following ways:

1. Place a donation directly into the Friends of Derry Hill account where we can receive gift aid and use it towards match funding grants: Friends of Derry Hill School [30-91-99 01037158](https://rb.gy/30-91-99-01037158)
2. Sponsorship. Do you have or know a local business that would be willing to support our library project?
3. Visit our JustGiving site using the link or QR code and place a donation <https://rb.gy/pn05eq>



We can apply gift aid on any donations thankfully received – <https://rb.gy/tdaixx>

We understand that this is a difficult time for many people. If you cannot support us financially, we would really appreciate you spreading the word with friends and family.



Thanks,

Sarah

Eden Solar application at Forest Gate

This application is going to be heard at the Strategic Planning Committee in the Council Chamber at County Hall **on 2nd March 2pm.**

There will be a live stream on [Wiltshire Council's YouTube Channel](#) so you can watch the proceedings.

[More details here.](#)



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What do you do for work?

As part of updating the Calne Community Neighbourhood Plan, we want to find out where people work, the types of jobs they do and industries they work in.

We'd like to understand if Covid has changed the way you work? You might have decided to retire, lost a job, or changed what you do. Have you decided to work part time, or simply work from home rather than the office?

To support residents of the Calne area the Neighbourhood Plan aims to encourage a wide range of jobs and business opportunities. To do this we need to understand more about the way you work, by filling in our short online survey you can help us plan for the future.

You can follow the link <https://forms.office.com/e/tXaQT3a2Dp>

Or use the QR code below

Calne Community Neighbourhood
Plan - Employee Survey



Do you run a business in the Calne Area?

We want to create a Neighbourhood Plan that will help businesses grow and flourish and create an environment that encourages new ones to open.

Employers need premises and a wide range of skills for their workforce, please fill in our short online survey to help us understand your business and what you need to grow.

You can follow the link <https://forms.office.com/e/ArmkmZGvyn>

Or use the QR Code below

Calne Community Neighbourhood
Plan Employer Survey (2)



Speed

Sadly, we're probably all be aware of the recent tragic accident on A4 and I'm sure we all have huge sympathy for the family and friends of the person killed on the A4.

Although the cause of the accident may not yet be determined, the tragic accident has rightly brought an outpouring of reactions from many of us who want to see improved safety on the roads in and around our villages.

We all know that the A4 near Studley Crossroads is potentially a very dangerous road, primarily because of the high speed of traffic which can turn relatively minor errors of judgement into serious and fatal collisions. Over the years additional local housing developments have added to queuing at the crossroads increasing driver frustration leading to the risk of more errors of judgement.

A roundabout or signals at the crossroads would certainly cost many hundreds of thousands of pounds and would possibly require the demolition of property which, Wiltshire Council as the highway authority, have soundly rejected calls for in the past. Even if they could afford a major improvement, we should remember that around half the traffic on Church Road is using it as a 'Rat Run' to avoid congestion in Calne. A roundabout or signals may or may not be safer, but they would make it a much easier 'Rat Run', attracting more drivers from the congested routes in Calne. - How do we feel about double the through traffic on Church Road?

The Parish Council commissioned a transport consultant, Entrans to undertake a feasibility study into road safety in our area. Included in their recommendations on a dozen or so other safety concerns, was the need a review of speed limits on the A4 between Calne and the Pewsham roundabout. The Parish Council has pressed for, and part funded, a review by Wiltshire Council of the speed limits on the A4. Wiltshire Council's consultants recently completed the review and recommended that the whole of the 60mph speed limit each side of the 50 mph section at Studley Crossroads should be reduced to 50mph. Bizarrely and very disappointingly they felt the 50 mph at Studley Crossroads was OK. The Parish Council in line with its own consultant, strongly disagrees and

have been seeking a 40mph speed limit on the crossroads section of the A4 whilst supporting 50 mph on the hills in each direction.

The Parish Council is well on the way to getting at least some of the speed limits reduced but that's only the beginning - speed limits have to be adhered to and enforced. I wager there's not one driver in our villages who can honestly say they have never, ever exceeded a speed limit. The parish council's Speed Indicator Devices show speeding is commonplace yet Wiltshire Police have one of, if not, the worst record in England in enforcing speeding.

What struck me in the days after the accident was that most of the local people commenting on social media and elsewhere, were perhaps understandably not aware of what the Parish Council has already been doing to improve road safety over the last year or so. That's understandable as reports on Parish Council meetings are rarely riveting reading but, to help, links to some details of recommendations from the Parish Council's transport consultants Road Safety Feasibility Report which sets out proposals to address many of local people's concerns can be found on the [Derry Hill and Studley Hub website](#).

The Parish Council's feasibility study proposes a 20mph speed limit throughout Studley with measures to keep speeds down in both Derry Hill & Studley. Weight restrictions are also recommended to protect Studley and parts of Bremhill from large HGVs trying to take short cuts through our narrow lanes. Whilst these are really important improvements, I think most people would agree that the speed of traffic on the A4 between Calne and the Pewsham roundabout is of the greatest concern.

Whilst the prospects of getting the 60mph limits reduced to 50mph are very good, the Parish Council will face major resistance from Wiltshire's Highway Department towards lowering the 50mph limit around Studley Crossroads to 40mph. The Council will need your support as local residents in order to win the argument for reducing the limit.

It's hoped to launch the consultation on all the major proposals at the Annual Parish Meeting on 27th April. In the meantime, please let the Parish Council know (preferably in writing/email) your thoughts and experiences of using the A4, not just as a car user but particularly as a pedestrian or cyclist. The Parish Council and our Wiltshire Councillor, Ashley O'Neil can then use those experiences to help convince Wiltshire

Council of the need to reduce traffic speeds that have been a blight on our villages for too long.

Ioan Rees 01249 819428 i0anrees@icloud.com

(Chairman of Calne Without Parish Council writing in a personal capacity)

Book Club Review

Black Water Lilies by Michel Bussi

A murder mystery set in Monet's home village of Giverny where Monet painted his many versions of water Lilies. Like an impressionistic painting, the story leaves much for the reader to question and there are a few red herrings in the pages. There is some clever usage of characters and a dog who appears to be linked to two separate deaths in the same spot but separated by 50 years. One of the central characters is an aged woman who appears to have a secret, is she a witness or merely an observer?



Dani



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It's hard to believe that February half term has already passed and we're looking towards Easter and all the fun activities that brings. Our Rub a Dubbers are still busy having lots of fun and learning as they enjoy themselves. More children have joined us here and we're enjoying all getting to know each other and making friends.

Our Rising Stars sessions continue on a Friday afternoon and help prepare the children for school, working on their independence and introducing letter sounds among many other fun activities.

Last term we amended our opening hours and began providing childcare from 8.30am – 17.30pm Monday to Friday, term time only. This is going well, please get in touch if you think we might be able to help you with your childcare needs.

Last year we put out an appeal as we were in a quite dire financial situation, I am pleased to say that things are looking much better through the combined efforts of fundraising and welcoming more children into our setting. Although things are much better, we still need to raise a bit more money to get our reserves back to a comfortable level.

Our just giving page is still open for donations and can be found by scanning this QR code or visiting

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/saverubadubpreschool>



At the time of writing our fundraising total on the page stands at £1400, we would truly love to reach our fundraising page target of £5000 and would really appreciate if anyone felt able to donate to the preschool.

When I wrote last month we were just starting to plan our fundraising for the next few months; here are the next few important fundraisers that we are running;

Tuesday 14th March – Bags 2 school, I'm sure most of you are aware of how this works; if you have a clear out of clothes shoes or textiles, please bag them up and donate them to us. Then we get the clothes collected and we get paid for the weight of what we to collect.

Friday 17th March Draw date for our Mother's Day squares. This has become a staple of our fundraising calendar. We have 100 'squares'; for sale, and three fabulous prizes; a bunch of flowers from the Derry Hill Florist, a voucher for a cream tea for two from the Pewsham and a £15 voucher from Kavele beauty in Derry Hill. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for information on how to get your squares. (or feel free to email me)

We are very excited to have set a date for our **Barn Dance**, we will be running the dance as part of the village King's Coronation Celebrations on Saturday 6th May. Tickets will be on sale soon, but if you want to get on the list for tickets please get in touch.

As ever our Facebook page will be full of information on all of our events, so please keep an eye on it for updates as we have them.

<https://www.facebook.com/rubadubpreschool>

Thank you as ever for your support.

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

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<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/will-blake-entertainment-and-psg-choirs/t-moeqdom>

Join Avon Needs Trees for tree planting at Hazeland in March

We are planting woodlands to combat climate change, improve biodiversity, create natural flood management and provide public amenity space.

Plenty of volunteering days are coming up at our Hazeland site throughout March. Young people aged 9-17 can join our volunteering when accompanied by a parent or carer.

Sign up and find all the details here: [Hazeland Archives - Avon Needs Trees](#)



Family Tree Planting Day on Saturday 11th March.

A chance to learn about the wonder of trees, why we need to plant them and the type of trees we plant. You will be able to take part in planting trees at a pace that involves all ages. All children attending will receive their

own tree planting certificate. These sessions are aimed at children under 10, accompanied by parents or carers, although older siblings are very welcome.

Sign up and find all the details here [Family Tree Planting day at Hazeland Wood - Avon Needs Trees](#)

Susan Barker

Hazeland Project Coordinator

Avon Needs Trees

Derry Hill Theatre Group

He's behind You!

January 2023 saw Derry Hill Theatre Group perform the panto 'Goldilocks and the Three



Bears' to three sold out performances. Audiences heckled, sung and shouted boo to help the characters stop the evil Queen bee making the good honey bad which would turn the bears against the good characters, friends of Goldilocks. Obviously good beat the bad, Goldilocks ate porridge, made friends with the bears and lived happily ever after!



It was great to be back to some normality after the past couple of years with how covid has affected groups like ourselves. We would like to thank everyone who came to see us and the continued support for our local theatre group.

Next year is our 10th year anniversary so we are currently looking for exciting scripts for January 2024. If anyone has suggestions or would like to get involved, please contact me on 07733231735 as there is lots of things you can do to be part of the show, even if you don't want to go on stage!





Jane

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

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The Hub is our new village web site and is part of the legacy from last year's Jubilee and a platform to better communicate the plans for the Coronation in May. The Hub has the village calendar on the home page.

People can register their event for inclusion on the village calendar by using the contact tab on the website or emailing derryhillandstudley@gmail.com

If you would like to know more - or get involved then please get in contact with the Community Committee (Peter Prater, Alison Maddicks, Neil Hare, Liz Vaughan, Martin Handyside, Rosamund Millett or Steve Calder).

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Derry Hill and District W.I.



In January we were off out again! WI enjoyed a delicious lunch at the Wagon & Horses, Beckhampton.

Thank you, Janet, for organising this for us. The Coffee Morning was at my house and once again was well attended. My husband was in his study with the door shut! He asked how we can all talk at once and still have a conversation – **WI members can!**

Our lunch outing in February was to the Dumb Post. 15 of us enjoyed another good meal with excellent company. Hopefully we will soon be able to combine a walk with our lunches as the weather improves. This may just balance out the calories!!



February is usually our 'Members' Night'. This gives us the chance for a more social event so members can have fun and get to know each other a little better. 'A Right Royal Evening!' was a night of Royal themed picture quizzes, Only Connect walls, and quiz questions. We were in teams and competed for prizes. A very good evening with lots of fun.



Our meeting in March is our 'Annual Meeting'. This is when we sign off last year's accounts and put things in place for the next 12 months. We will entertain ourselves with members' stories about our WI. The Scrapbook and other documents about Derry Hill WI will be there for us all to see and reminisce.

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

WI Walking Netball

The weather has been kind to us for the last few sessions and we managed to play on the outside court. It is good to be in the fresh air once again. Let's hope we have a good spring and summer.



Some of us went to Team Bath on Friday 24th February to see Team Bath v Strathclyde Sirens Netball match. It was a great evening, I am sure watching elite netball players will only enhance our skills!

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.



Tina (01249 814145)



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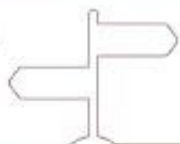
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Wellbeing notes

Outdoor spring clean



If you see a piece of litter on a country walk, do you pick it up sometimes, often, or never? In my case, if I'm honest, it depends on the litter. Some items can't easily be picked up. Other times, I'm rushing past on my way to a Very Pressing Appointment, and I'd rather not turn up all mucky. But I hope that I do try to bag litter at least some of the time.

When you or I pick up discarded rubbish, we're contributing to a beneficial

practice which has been gaining real traction in the UK.

This year the Great British Spring Clean runs from 17th March to 2nd April. Look out for individuals, pledging to fill a single bag; and volunteer groups, working together. For ideas on how to join in, see [Keep Britain Tidy](#). In 2022's Spring Clean, nearly half a million bags of refuse were apparently collected and properly disposed of. That's a lot of tidying up – enough to make a visible difference.

Walking outdoors is brilliant for mental wellbeing as well as physical health. One of my favourite local walks takes me through woods, meadowland and over a tiny wild garlic stream, all dappled in sunlight. Over the coming weeks, additional flowers will grow along the route: fragrant bluebells like the ones pictured here; dainty lady's smock; vibrant orchids; purple knapweed and tall, waving daisies. What I'd rather not see among them is an empty can or plastic wrapper, so if there's anything along those lines, here is my pledge that I'll be picking it up.

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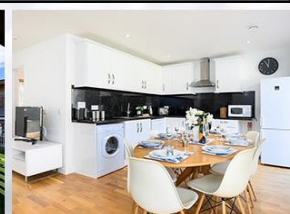
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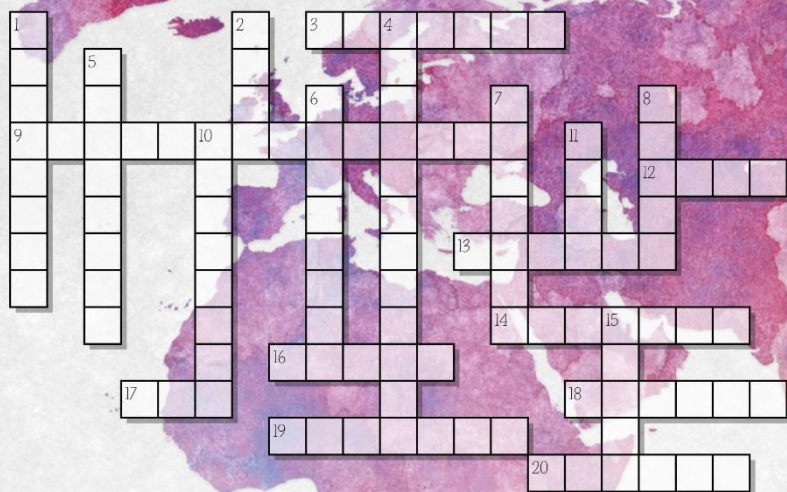


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March 2023 Crossword



ACROSS

- 3 Left out (7)
- 9 Abattoir (14)
- 12 Sunrise (4)
- 13 Asian cheese (6)
- 14 Female ruler (7)
- 16 Gem (5)
- 17 Large deer (3)
- 18 Precious metal (6)
- 19 Omen (7)
- 20 Evening meal (6)

DOWN

- 1 Plot together (8)
- 2 Large cask (4)
- 4 Erratic (12)
- 5 Tall fur hat (8)
- 6 Card game (8)
- 7 Row of houses (7)
- 8 Sea duck (5)
- 10 Rick (8)
- 11 Mound of sand (4)
- 15 Rule (5)

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February 2023 Crossword



ACROSS

- 1 Cure (6)
2 Penalise (6)
3 Flinch (5)
5 Memory loss (7)
9 Three pronged spear (7)
10 Bet (5)
14 Farm vehicle (7)

DOWN

- 6 Pupil (7)
7 Underwear (5)
8 Sparse (6)
11 Sufficient (6)
12 Simple poem (5)
13 Scent (5)

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