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## Editorial

As the seasons turn and autumn colours our days with change, so too begins a new chapter for **inSPIRE**. Just as the falling leaves make way for new growth, this is a moment of transition for the magazine.



At such a time, it feels especially fitting to pause and give thanks to the previous editor Richard Aylen, who has dedicated so many years to nurturing **inSPIRE** and guiding it with care, creativity, and commitment.

I am especially grateful to Richard for his support throughout the recent transition of the magazine from the PCC to the Parish Council. His encouragement and generosity of spirit have made the handover process smooth, and I am fortunate to have benefited from his experience and wisdom.

On behalf of the Parish Council, and I am sure the whole community, I want to thank Richard for all that he has done for **inSPIRE**. We look forward to building on the strong foundation he has laid as the magazine continues to grow and evolve.

As well as the season change October also brings with it the fun and excitement of Halloween. As the evenings draw in, many families in the village will be taking part in trick-or-treating, with children dressing up in their favourite costumes and enjoying the festive spirit. We encourage everyone to join in safely and considerately—whether that's by taking little ones out to knock on doors, or by welcoming them with a smile and a sweet treat.

For those who wish to participate a simple way of showing trick or treaters are welcome is by putting a lit pumpkin outside your front door.

**Katherine Checchia**

Editor

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### **FLOODLIGHTING THE SPIRE**

This is a lovely thing to do to remember loved ones and to celebrate special anniversaries and birthdays. The Spire is currently lit between 7pm and midnight, though this varies with the time of year. Floodlighting the Spire can be arranged through **Ian Liddle – [iliddle1@btopenworld.com](mailto:iliddle1@btopenworld.com) 01249 816229**

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

## Rector's notes

For the pragmatic reason that my mother-in-law gave us a packet of sunflowers seeds that had come free with a magazine, this year my wife Alice and I have had the simple pleasure of watching quite a good number of sunflowers grow in various spots around our garden.

What was striking was how they flowered entirely independently of each other. One or two flowered in mid/late July. Others showed the faintest hint of a flower, and then stayed like that for weeks, till their time was ready. At the time of writing (mid-September) we still have just one left, its head now beginning to droop. Also, from somewhere in my consciousness I thought all the sunflowers would face the sun, whereas ours were a maverick bunch and seemed to face a variety of directions.

It struck me as an mildly interesting analogy with how we ourselves all operate at our own level / timing. Some of us are keen to rush on. Others prefer a more measured approach. Some people might be perceived as more handsome specimens than others, or are larger or smaller. Some flower together with others, and some are individualistic to the point they just want to do their own thing!

Of course for human beings to do well we have rather more factors to take into account than sunflowers. As far as we know sunflowers are not in competition about which flowers first – the processes just unfold according to circumstances. Whereas for we humans, some have all sorts of advantages in life given to them, while others may have to battle against all sorts of difficulties just to survive.

The idea of human flourishing is one which I think practically every person knows within themselves is of fundamental importance. But it raises challenging questions: how much am I concerned that not just my family and I but *every* person (and indeed every part of creation) has the possibility of flourishing? Is it possible that in attending to my own flourishing, I negatively affect someone else's? How should we apply this challenge to the issue of those seeking asylum in our safe country, whilst also taking into account this country's limited resources?

Christian teaching of course includes the call to love our neighbour as ourselves, to 'love the foreigner residing with you', and even to love our enemies (however we might define them). That might not make those big political decisions any easier, but starting from the point of

loving and valuing all people regardless of how *like us* they are sounds like the sort of approach Jesus would take. In the letter to the Colossians we read this: 'clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience...Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love'

Once again, this year we are holding a Remembering Service at Christ



Church Derry Hill to remember those people close to us whom we have lost. If a loved one of yours has died recently or in years gone by, and whether they were local or lived far away, you are welcome to come to this service to remember them

before God. If you'd like their name to be read out, please email it to the benefice office, or simply add their name to the list in church.

With my prayers and best wishes

***Caspar Bush,***  
***Team Rector of the Marden Vale Benefice***



## October 2025 Church Services

Time	Church	Service
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup></b>		
8am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Trinity 15</b>		
8am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
9.30am	Christ Church, Derry Hill	Spoken Holy Communion
10.30am	Christ Church, Derry Hill	All age Holy Communion
4pm	St John the Baptist, Foxham	All Age Harvest
5.30pm	St. Martin's, Bremhill	Harvest in the Square
6pm	St Mary's, Calne	Festival Evensong
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup></b>		
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Trinity 16</b>		
8am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
9.30am	St John the Baptist, Foxham	Holy Communion
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
11am	Christ Church, Derry Hill	Holy Communion
6pm	St. Martin's, Bremhill	Holy Communion BCP
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup></b>		
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Trinity 17</b>		
8am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion - Harvest
9.30am	St. Martin's, Bremhill	Holy Communion
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion - Harvest
10am	Holy Trinity, Quemerford	Family Service
11am	Christ Church, Derry Hill	Holy Communion
6pm	Holy Trinity, Quemerford	REMEMBERING SERVICE
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>		
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> Bible Sunday</b>		
9.30am	St Peter's, Blackland	Holy Communion - BCP
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Morning Praise
10am	St. Martin's, Bremhill	All Age Holy Communion
10.45am	Holy Trinity, Quemerford	Holy Communion
11am	Christ Church, Derry Hill	Morning Prayer
6pm	St John the Baptist, Foxham	Evensong
6pm	Baptist Church	Calne Partnership Service at Baptists
<b>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup></b>		
10am	St Mary's, Calne	Holy Communion

## How Does a Defibrillator Work?

As the name suggests, defibrillation stops **fibrillation**, the useless trembling that a person's heart muscles can adopt during a cardiac arrest. Simply speaking, a defibrillator works by using a moderately high voltage (something like 200–1000 volts) to pass an electric current through the heart so it's shocked into working normally again – at least that's the objective!



The kind of defibrillator you see on TV consists of an electric supply unit and two metal electrodes called paddles that are pressed very firmly to the patient's chest using insulating plastic handles (so the person using them doesn't get a shock too). In a hospital the doctor manually sets the voltage and usually increases it if the first attempt fails. The important thing is getting the current to flow through the heart, so where the paddles are applied is crucial and a conducting gel is usually applied to the patient's chest first. Does the patient leap up in the air like on television? No, that's just TV being overly dramatic!

Our automatic defibrillators in the village are designed to be used by untrained people and issue precise audible instructions telling the user exactly what to do and where to place the pads. They use sticky, self-adhesive electrode pads instead of paddles for safety and simplicity: once the pads are stuck on, the operator can stand well clear of the patient's body and that reduces the risk of their getting an electric shock. Our automatic units test the heart first before applying an appropriate electric shock if needed. **If the patient's heart is working correctly our automatic units do not give an electric shock, so they are completely safe!**

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### Single Wicket Cricket Competition

On Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September the Community Committee organised the Derry Hill & Studley Single Wicket Competition held on Petty Acre.

The winner of the King Charles III shield was Olly Young.

Thank you to Colin Bell and Matt Maddicks for creating the pitch and to Mark Paxford our umpire! Thank you to the players who took part. My thanks also go to Andy & Heather Crocker allowing us to use their electricity and finally the spectators who enjoyed a lovely afternoon supporting us.

Memorable moments during the afternoon include Ethan launching the ball into a garden adjacent to the field, Rob Wellings' great catch, Jack's brilliant fielding and many others for their ball catching skills.

***pp Peter Prater***

## The Night Sky in October 2025:

October is a month when the nights get longer, the air feels fresher, and the stars really seem to sparkle. And this year, the sky is serving up plenty of reasons to head outside.



First up, the Full Moon arrives in the early hours of 7 October, known traditionally as the Hunter's Moon. Rising just after sunset on the 6th and glowing through the night, this Moon tends to look extra-large and bright, hanging low on the horizon.

If you love meteor showers, October gives you not one but two! The Draconids are first, peaking around 8 October. They're unusual because they're best spotted in the early evening. Worth a look if the skies are clear just after sunset.

The Orionids are the headline. Active all month, they peak on the night of 21–22 October, with swift, bright meteors streaking out of Orion's "club.". Head out after midnight, wrap up warm, and you could catch 20 meteors an hour under good conditions.

October also offers a few opportunities to spot the brighter planets: Saturn hangs in the southern sky after sunset. With a small telescope you'll be able to glimpse the famous rings.

Jupiter rises in the pre-dawn hours, brightening as the month goes on. Venus is the true "morning star" this month, dazzling in the east before sunrise. If you're up early, you can't miss it.

Mercury puts in a brief appearance low in the southwest just after sunset in the latter half of the month (around the 18th–28th). You'll need a clear, low horizon to catch it.

***Katherine Checchia***

# 1st Derry Hill Rainbows, Brownies and Guides

All three sections meet at the village hall on a Monday at 6pm, we enjoy doing a variety of activities each week. We are looking forward to starting back after our summer break, the guides had a fun filled time camping over the break at Foxlease.



**Rainbows**  
1st Derry Hill

Come and join us at 1st Derry Hill Rainbows. We are a group of 4 to 6 year olds who make friends, play, craft, sing, cook, try new things, earn badges and have fun!

We meet on Mondays during term time 6pm to 7pm at The Lansdowne Hall, Derry Hill.

Please register via the Girlguiding website, we would love to have you join us. We have spaces available.

If you have any questions or would like some more information please contact our leader Jess. (Jessemilylowe@gmail.com)



**Guides**  
Derry Hill

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Guides is a relaxed, welcoming space where you can have fun, learn and be yourself with good friends from 10 to 14 years old.

We play games, do craft and cooking, have campfires, try new things, earn badges, go on camp and have adventures!

We would love you to come and join us!  
Monday evenings during term time  
from 6pm - 7.30pm  
at The Lansdowne Hall, Derry Hill

Please register via the Girlguiding website.  
If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact our leaders Lucy and Emma - derryhillguides@gmail.com

If you are interested in volunteering or if you daughter would like to join us please do get in contact via <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk>.

**Lucy, Emma, Erica, Emma and Jess**



## Derry Hill United Football Club



The 25/26 season started at the beginning of September, and we are all looking forward to seeing the players develop their football skills, make new friends and have lots of fun. We have 20 teams, including 8 girls' teams and almost 300 players between 4 and 18 registered with the club. There are some spaces in the following age groups:

U6 and U7 Girls (Year 1 & 2)  
U9 Girls (Year 4)  
U10 Girls (Year 5)  
U6 Mixed (Year 1)  
U7 Mixed (Year 2)  
U8 Mixed (Year 3)  
U14/U15 Mixed (Year 9/Year 10)

If you would like more information about coming to free tasters for any of these teams, please email [joinus@dhufc.org](mailto:joinus@dhufc.org)

We are always looking for support with coaching and volunteers to help behind the scenes or in the Dugout selling refreshments. If you are able to get involved supporting your local football club, please contact Claire via [admin@dhufc.org](mailto:admin@dhufc.org)

This season we celebrate 25 years since the club was formed. We are planning celebrations throughout the season - keep an eye out for details.

***Claire - Administrator***

Derry Hill United

## Rub a Dub Preschool

How fast summer flew by! We hope everyone had a very lovely summer filled with smiles and sunshine.



We want to thank everyone who came to our stall at the summer fete; your contributions helped us raise over £112.50 which we are putting towards new equipment in the preschool.

While it may seem sad to see summer warmth slipping away, we are so excited to see all the children back and would like to give a warm welcome to both new starters and returners into our setting. Children have settled in wonderfully and are excited to explore and have fun adventures while building friendships.

Our forest school on Wednesdays have been off discovering all the colours of Autumn and will be watching the leaves go from green to reds and oranges.

We are currently looking for a treasurer, we have an administrator who does most of the financial tasks, so this role is more an oversight role. Now that we are a CIO our committee members do not need to have a child in the setting to get involved. Please email our Chair, Jenny Wright who can provide more information and role description: [rubadubchair@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:rubadubchair@hotmail.co.uk).

We would love to hear from you.

Follow us on Facebook to learn about our engaging preschool, community events and fundraisers:  
<https://www.facebook.com/rubadubpreschool/>



The staff and committee at Rub a Dub would like to wish everyone a cosy and colourful Autumn.

**Jenn Epstein**

Committee Member

## FODHS Friends of Derry Hill School



We hope everyone had a fabulous summer. As we start the new school year, a big hello and welcome to all the dormouse students and their families.

The FODHS committee also welcomes our new members, we have already made a cracking start of planning events over the coming year including:



The first cake bake sale on **Wednesday 24 September**



Our AGM on **Friday 10 October**



And dare I mention it, but we've already started organising the Christmas Bonanza on **Friday 5 December!**

We are delighted to share our application to "Tesco Stronger Start" in-store fundraising scheme was successful. From the first week of October 2025 to mid-January 2026, customers will be able to vote (with the blue tokens) for us! Our project is called **Project Playtime** and our aim is to improve the outdoor play area at Derry Hill School with new play resources, Forest School equipment and the reintroduction of the Gardening Club. Please do vote for us!

Keep an eye out for more events throughout the year, as always, we appreciate your support.

***Lina Middleton***

FODHS Committee Secretary

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## Derry Hill and Studley Wednesday Walking Group

Meeting all through the year 9.30am outside the village hall. All welcome but no dogs please! We have a Whatsapp group if you want to join us regularly. There is no commitment and no charge.



***Colette***

01249 736497

## Derry Hill and Studley Parish Council



I am pleased to welcome Lord Kerry who was formally co-opted onto the Parish Council at our September meeting, as the councillor for Bowood and Sandy Lane Ward. We do still have one outstanding vacancy for Derry Hill and Studley ward. If you are interested in serving your community as a parish councillor, then please email our Clerk, Katherine Checchia at [clerk@derryhillandstudley-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@derryhillandstudley-pc.gov.uk).

You may remember that back in 2023 we presented the results of our Road Safety Feasibility Study to a packed Parish Meeting. Many of the recommendations have now been implemented, but two significant schemes for traffic calming measures in Derry Hill and Studley are still in progress.

This year, we were successful in bidding for substantive highways scheme funding from Wiltshire Council for the traffic calming measures in Derry Hill, one of just eight schemes selected across the county. This is in the pipeline for delivery next Spring.

At our September meeting, we approved our contribution towards a similar bid for substantive scheme funding for the measures in Studley, to reinforce the recently implemented 20mph speed limit. We also approved our contribution towards the cost of white gates for Old Derry Hill and Pewsham to help moderate driver behaviour along our main roads.

### **Next Council Meeting Dates**

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2025 @ 7:30pm – Full Council

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2025 @ 7:30pm – Full Council

### **Keeping in Touch**

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**John Barnes**  
**Chairman**

## Calne Neighbourhood Policing Update

### Crime and incident updates

On 16/08/2025 at 16:01hrs, a white Seat was sighted being driven in Studley. The driver of the vehicle was found to not have a license or insurance. The vehicle was seized, and the driver was reported for the offences.



On 23/08/2025 at 13:07hrs, police attended a two-vehicle road traffic collision on the A3102. One driver was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol but was de-arrested due to having to attend hospital for treatment. The offence of drink driving will be progressed using slower time enquiries.

On 27/08/2025 at 18:43hrs, a vehicle was stopped by police on the A3102 due to the manner driving. The driver was tested then arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol and taken to custody.

On 01/09/2025 at 20:32hrs, police attended a report of a vehicle colliding with a deer on the A4 Derry Hill. The driver was uninjured, but driver's vehicle sustained some damage.

### Driving in adverse weather conditions

We are responding to higher numbers of vehicle collisions during this time of year.

We urge drivers to take extra care on the roads around Wiltshire, with ice, snow and flooding in some areas leading to hazardous conditions.



Please avoid unnecessary journeys and if you must drive, reduce your speed - it can take 10 times longer to stop in icy/wet conditions, and do not attempt to drive through deep flooded routes.

Always ensure all windows, any snow-covered surfaces are clear before moving off.

The Highway Code provides more information about driving in adverse weather conditions.

Cyclists, especially children please ensure that you/they have sufficient reflective clothing and appropriate lighting when riding your bike at this time of year.



We are receiving several reports of cyclists wearing dark clothing and not being visible in our area.

This also includes children travelling to and from school. Our evenings are slowly getting darker, but please be mindful of this as we move through the darker mornings.

### **Protect your oil tank.**

As we move into the winter months we are advising of security of oil tanks on our area, prevention being key.

Whilst it may seem like an unlikely target for criminals, the theft of heating oil is not uncommon - particularly in rural areas at this time of the year.

Domestic oil tanks can contain many hundreds of pounds worth of oil. As the price of fuel remains high it makes it a valuable target for thieves.

There are however several things you can do to help protect your oil supply.

Wherever possible, keep fuel tanks locked and alarmed and install them within secure buildings or a cage. Consider installing anti-siphon devices, remote oil level gauges which set off an audible alarm if the level drops suddenly. You can also consider installing motion sensing lighting and CCTV connected to your mobile device when away from your property.

If it's not possible to keep your tank inside a building, please consider planting spikey shrubs which serve as a good deterrent. You can also use fencing and hedging to hide your tank.

**Mark Cook**

**Calne Neighbourhood Team**

### **Social Media and Community Messaging**



Regular updates for the Calne area can also be found on community messaging and Facebook page: Calne police



## Derry Hill and District W.I.

We have been busy as usual at W.I. We held our coffee morning at the Treetops café in Bowood – always a popular venue.



For our August meeting we were so lucky with the weather for our crazy golf, it had been raining in the afternoon, but the sun came out in time for us to enjoy a couple of hours in Monkton Park before we had a delicious meal at Vecchia Orsa.



In September several members went to Lowden Garden centre and after lunch we stocked up on bulbs and gifts and looked round the farm shop.



On Saturday morning 27<sup>th</sup> September, several of us are helping at the MacMillan coffee morning in the village hall which we are pleased to be able to support in memory of Margaret Bell.

Our October meeting will be a talk by Julia Kirkland on the basics of investment and in November we will be having a craft evening – our usual varied programme.

Derry Hill W.I. meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month (except August and December) at 7.30pm in the Lansdowne Hall. If you would like to come along or find out more, please contact our secretary, Liz.

email: [derryhillsec@wiltshirewi.org.uk](mailto:derryhillsec@wiltshirewi.org.uk)

**Sally**

## Leave only Pawprints

Wiltshire's parks and pathways are to get a splash of colour and creativity, thanks to the winners of Wiltshire Council's "Leave Only Pawprints" competition, announced at a special presentation event in Trowbridge on Wednesday 10 September.

Organised by the council's Dog Warden team, the competition invited children aged 5 to 14 to design bold, eye-catching posters reminding dog owners to clean up after their pets.

Over 60 vibrant entries were submitted and judged by representatives from Bath Cats and Dogs Home. The top three finalists in each age category (4-6, 7-9, and 10-14 years) were shortlisted and showcased on Wiltshire Council's Facebook page, where the public cast more than 1,000 votes to select the winners.

The winning artists, George (6), Elise (8), and Freya (10), were celebrated at the event and presented with keepsake versions of their designs by Cabinet Member Cllr Paul Sample JP and Paul Ashman from the council's Streetscene contractor, *idverde*. Their artwork will now be displayed across a variety of parks, footpaths and open spaces to help spread the message in a fun and engaging way.

Congratulations to our winners, George, Elise, and Freya, their work will make a real difference.

Paul Ashman from *idverde* Community Engagement Manager commented "Children in our community care deeply about the environment around them, and they have been rightly frustrated by the amount of dog mess left on our pavements.

I truly hope this campaign encourages both our local and wider community to take notice and act responsibly, by picking up after their dogs and helping keep our streets clean for everyone. We live in a beautiful area, and it's only right that we all do our part to look after it"

*Wiltshire Council*

## Future dates and performers for the Jazz Club

Here is the menu at the Jazz Club from October onwards (NB concerts are at 7 for 7.30pm at Marden House, Calne on the last Tuesday of each month except December).



28th October:

Duncan Anselm sax plus piano and double bass in the style of Charles Mingus etc.....

25th November:

Iain Ballamy sax plus Gareth Williams piano

27th January 2026

Nick Payn sax plus harmonica and vocals with organ accompaniment.

24th February

Dave Newton piano trio

## James

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### Hot Shots Walking Netball

We are back! Of course it rained but we were very fortunate to be able to use the Main Hall. It was great to catch up with everyone's news although one or two were still on holiday!



Our sessions consist of 'warm up' exercises followed by a few walking netball drills and fun skill games. The second half of the session is usually given over to a walking netball game accompanied by a lot of laughter. We have fun and no one is forced to attempt anything they can't manage.

If you would like to come and have a go it is £3 per session, Monday and Friday at 1.45-2.45 pm, term time only, on the outside multi-pitch next to Lansdowne Hall. An excellent way to socialise, have fun and keep fit.



Tina

## Derry Hill & Studley Gardening Club



On 2nd September we welcomed Paul Green from Greens Leaves Nursery, Gloucestershire. Paul arrived with a huge number of plants with which to illustrate his talk 'Plants of the Season'.

At the end of Paul's interesting and entertaining talk members lost no time in buying a selection of plants to take home.



The Competition Table this month was 'A Fruit or Vegetable from your Garden' and Chris was the winner with her peppers

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

The Derry Hill & Studley Gardening Club Annual Christmas Fayre takes place on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November 11am – 3.30pm at the Lansdowne Hall, Derry Hill.

***Paula Wheatcroft***

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## Mobile library visits to Derry Hill

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It was nice to be back in Christ Church after our summer break which saw us having an Afternoon Tea in Barbara's garden which was enjoyed by all, beautiful sunny weather, good food and good company, what more could anyone ask for. Then in August some of us joined Calne MU in St Mary's Church for a lovely service taken by Rev'd Annie Church to celebrate the MU's Mary Sumner Day Service and again the event was enjoyed by all and our thanks go to the ladies of Calne MU for their warm hospitality and delicious cakes.

Back in Christ Church we met on Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> September and had a very interesting talk by Colette on higher education which prompted a super afternoon of discussion involving everyone and all agreed it had been a very interesting and enjoyable afternoon. Thank you, Colette, for a great talk. This was followed by refreshments kindly done by Dierdre and Barbara.

Next month we meet on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October at 2pm in Christ Church for a Quiz Afternoon organised by Barbara. The meeting will begin with prayers led by Deirdre; Robyn and Colette are doing the refreshments. Anyone wishing to join us will be most welcome.

***Barbara M Parry***

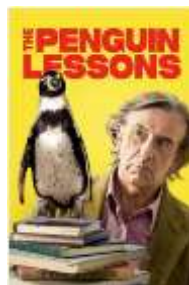
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Thanks to generous grants from both the Parish Council and Calne Area Board essential repairs to the Lansdowne Hall roof will start towards the end of October.

The work is being carried out by local contractor Daylan Gleed Roofing Ltd and regular users of the Hall have been contacted about changes that will have to be made during the works.

Every effort will be made to minimise disruption and for health and safety reasons access to some areas will be restricted but the hall is still open for business so please contact the hall administrator or use the online booking form if you want to hold an event during this time.

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Work is progressing well on the new shop and post office; it is an exciting time to look forward to the move from the old building to the new one.

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The parcel shop and Post Office services will be massively disrupted during this period. We understand the disturbance this will cause leading up to Christmas but please bear with us and we'll be back better than ever before you know.

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We are compiling a register of local suppliers, particularly for accommodation and transport services. If you are a local business that would like to be involved please let us know.

We will share more details and confirm construction dates as soon as they are set. Updates will be posted on our website: **[uk.edenrenewables.com/forest-gate-solar](http://uk.edenrenewables.com/forest-gate-solar)**

We will also be sending information directly to local residents and businesses who may be affected, via a mail drop.

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# October 2025 Crossword



## ACROSS

- 1 Glossy fabric(5)  
 3 unsweetened biscuit (7)  
 7 School bag(7)  
 8 Herb(7)  
 9 Educate(5)  
 11 Young child(7)  
 14 Steel tower(5)

- 15 Once more(5)  
 16 Spine(8)  
 17 Marry(3)  
 18 Male singer(5)  
 19 Illness(7)

## DOWN

- 2 Dirigible(7)  
 4 Fake(11)

- 5 Paper fastener(6)  
 6 Ruin(7)  
 10 Tall fur helmet(5)  
 12 Amphibian(4)  
 13 Squander(5)  
 17 Sardonic(3)

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## Wellbeing notes

### Leave peace and kindness in your wake

My home is not actually listed as a guest house, but sometimes it feels that way. Of the many people who have stayed here, my favourites arrived last weekend. And when they left, their room was impeccable: bed stripped, room tidied, a small gift for us left on the table. More than that: there was an air of peace and kindness within the room which made it a joy to enter.



Such people are inspiring. They remind us that leaving a room or situation in kind and thoughtful ways can be the best choice, for ourselves as well as others. No doubt there are many ways to leave peace behind you, but the following three principles can surely help:

- \* Consider those who will follow you. Instead of giving them messes to clean up, tidy away all your stuff and leave a calm and neutral space that will be a pleasure for the next person to enter.
- \* Accept that transitions are best not rushed. Give yourself time to clear up the old and make way for the new.
- \* If you are so inclined, send love and blessings to all who will follow in your footsteps.

After my guests had left I went to gather some apples, windfalls, from the garden, which got me wondering. Maybe everything we humans leave behind us, including peace and kindness, can be viewed as a harvest of sorts?

**Suzanne Askham**

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## September 2025 Crossword



### ACROSS

- 3 Lozenge(8)
- 5 Wading bird(5)
- 6 A dozen(6)
- 7 Swim suit(6)
- 9 Uproar(6)
- 11 Perhaps(5)
- 13 Be too hot(7)
- 15 Begin(5)
- 16 Light cake(6)

### 17 Outdoor(8)

### DOWN

- 1 Catch fire(6)
- 2 Venerate(6)
- 4 Selfless(10)
- 8 Die(6)
- 10 Fondle(6)
- 12 Writing desk(6)
- 14 Male singer(5)



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