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Editorial

As we move into autumn, there is something rather lovely about watching our parish change with the season. The mornings are beginning to feel a little crisper, the evenings are drawing in, and the first hints of gold and red are starting to appear in the trees. After the warmth and fast pace of summer, the landscape seems to invite us to slow down and notice the beauty around us.

September brought its own sense of change. For many families, the new academic year means new uniforms, new classrooms, new clubs and activities, and a return to familiar routines after the freedom of the summer holidays. Even for those without school-age children, there is often a feeling of settling back into a more regular rhythm.

But while routines may change, one thing that remains constant is the strength of our community.

Over the past year, we have seen time and again what can be achieved when people come together. From village events and community groups to the many volunteers who quietly give their time behind the scenes, so much of what makes our parish special happens because people are willing to get involved and help one another.

It is easy to overlook the small contributions – delivering a magazine, helping at an event, checking in on a neighbour, giving time to a local group or simply stopping for a chat. Yet when all those small things come together, they create something much bigger: a connected, welcoming and vibrant community.

As we head into the autumn months, I hope we can all take a moment to appreciate both the beautiful parish we live in and the people who help make it such a special place.

Here's to a new season, new routines and, most importantly, continuing to work together as a community.

Katherine

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Derry Hill and Studley Parish Council



Outline Planning Application for 600 homes at Forest Farm

In late 2024, Wiltshire Council submitted its draft Local Plan to the Planning Inspectorate for Examination. This Plan included the allocation of 2,525 new homes on land to the south of Chippenham, as well as 15ha of employment land, a district and local centre, schools and a new road linking the A350 with the A4 to the north of Forest Gate.

During the consultation phase, the Parish Council made representations about the process used by Wiltshire Council to select the site for development, as well as the impact of additional traffic on the A4. Earlier this year, I was gearing up to give evidence at the public hearings, when they were put on hold. In May, the Local Plan was withdrawn by Wiltshire Council. (The Planning Inspectors had given the Council a choice to voluntarily withdraw the plan or have it rejected.)

In response, the developers are now proceeding with submitting individual planning applications. Gleeson Developments have recently submitted the outline planning application for the land around Forest Farm: this is for 600 homes, together with land for a local centre, open spaces and landscaping. The proposal includes an exit onto the A4 north-west of Forest Gate, with a new roundabout.

This application can be viewed on Wiltshire Council's planning portal: to view it, go to <https://development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr3/s/be-register-view> and search for **PL/2026/04823**.

The documents tab contains the application itself. There are 98 documents in all (!), but the best ones to start with are the Illustrative Masterplan, the Design & Access Statement and the Planning Statement.

The Parish Council (as a statutory consultee) considered the application at its September meeting and has objected to the application, highlighting the following issues:

- The Transport Assessment provided by the Developer is inadequate. It fails to consider the cumulative impact of other developments to the south of Chippenham; its modelling of the impact on the A4/A342

junction is erroneous; and it does not consider the impact on key junctions A4 to the south and east of the development, including Studley Crossroads (which is already operating above capacity) and through Calne.

- Despite this, the Transport Assessment provided still predicts unacceptable impact on the local road network with inadequate mitigation.
- There has been no consideration of the impact of additional traffic on community severance along the A4, particularly on people crossing the road near The Pewsham and the Black Dog.
- There has been no attempt to incorporate the restoration of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the development proposals.
- There are significant constraints on primary healthcare provision in Chippenham and Calne; no additional provision is made as part of this development.
- The size of the local centre proposed is inadequate and its location on the periphery of the development will detract from its purpose.
- The pre-application public consultation was inadequate and the developer has made no effort to accommodate feedback received into the application.
- The application does not adequately demonstrate that the development will not result in increased surface water flooding.
- The Air Quality Assessment similarly fails to consider the cumulative impact of other developments to the south of Chippenham. In addition, it does not extend into the most sensitive parts of the Calne Air Quality Management Area, covering New Road and London Road.

Any member of the public can comment and/or object via the comments tab ahead of the consultation deadline (which is currently set as 12th October).

Next Council Meeting Dates

Monday 12th October 2026 @ 7:30pm – Full Council

Monday 9th November 2026 @ 7:30pm – Full Council

Keeping in Touch

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John Barnes, Chair

October 2026 Church Services

Details of the Church services for October are available on the Marden Vale Benefice Website (<https://www.mardenvale.org.uk/>)

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 01249 816229**

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

Just a reminder that there will be a Celebration of Life Service for Margaret Hogarth on Monday 5th October at Christ Church, Derry Hill, starting at 11am.

Please remember the family in your prayers.

Ian Liddle

URGENT

Christ Church is in urgent need of a treasurer.

Do you have the skills and willingness to be our voluntary treasurer.

If so please get in touch with Ian Liddle (Church Warden)

Tel. 01249 816229. Mobile 07802 576436

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Lansdowne Hall News

Parking at the Village Hall

The Hall car park is reserved for the use of those attending events, classes or groups at the Hall. Special arrangements with the school allow parents and guardians to park at the hall for school for drop off and pick up times to prevent congestion on Church Road and provide safe access to the school for the pupils and their families.

Any other parking, particularly overnight parking, must be given prior approval by the Management Committee. Please contact the Hall administrator if you wish to ask about parking.

Line Dancing

The line dancing taster session by Get in Line is on 10th October, see posters for full information. The proceeds from the session are kindly being donated by the company to the Hall refurbishment projects. Get in Line will be running weekly line dancing sessions at the Hall on a Thursday evening. Why not give it a go.

If you have any questions about a booking please contact Hall Administrator, Jane Clark 07860 940323
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Rector's notes for October 2026

It's easy to look at the way our world is at the moment and see a level of impatience, blame, and anger that feels greater than it has in the past, somehow. Our political scene is more polarised – tribal, even. The gap between the super-wealthy and everyone else is bigger than ever. The prospects for our younger generations seem bleaker than previous generations. And the apparent increasing pace of climate change makes us uneasy and uncertain about the future.

In a world where so often instant reactions to things are expected, there has never been a greater need for humans to pause, reflect, build bridges, and look for the positive things in life we can contribute.

One of the September Sunday Bible passages recently was from the story of Jonah. It works whether you think Jonah was an actual person in a real giant fish, or if it's a made-up account by a gifted story-teller to make a point (like the story of the Prodigal Son). After being spat out by the giant fish, Jonah gets on with his God-given assignment to call the wicked people of Nineveh to repentance.

To Jonah's amazement, the people of Nineveh *do* repent. So, amazingly the passage says *God changed his mind about the calamity he was going to bring upon them*. You might have thought Jonah would be delighted that his preaching had been so effective. Not a bit of it! The people of Nineveh are enemies of Jonah's people – turns out he was looking forward to them being destroyed. So we read (or paraphrase) 'Jonah was angry [that God had decided not to destroy them] and said to God 'I *knew* you were going to do that!'

One of the Unique Selling Points of the Christian faith is the enormous emphasis on forgiveness. God's forgiveness of us when we ask for it, and the chance to wipe the old slate clean. And the call on us to exercise forgiveness towards other people, to make the first move in restoring relationships, making peace, healing rifts. That's easier where minor issues are involved. It's a huge deal when we're talking about serious harm that someone might have suffered. Forgiving someone who has wronged us, is not the same as forgetting all about

it – often, of course, there are consequences that need to live on after the forgiveness. But still, forgiving is the first step towards restoring *ourselves*, as well as our relationships, and releasing just a bit of the tension in our world.

Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

With my prayers and best wishes

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

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Friends of Derry Hill School

It's lovely to be back for the new academic year and hope all new and returning staff and students are settling in well.

On Friday 9 October we will be holding our AGM in the school hall. This is a really important event as we do need a certain number of participants to allow the meeting to go ahead. We look forward to seeing you there, go through our reports and then give an overview of our plans for the year to come. It'll start at 9:15am and we'd love to see you there. There will be cake!

And watch this space! We'll shortly be launching our very own website, where you'll be able to see the difference your help and support is making, as well as find out about all the exciting events we have in the pipeline. Speaking of exciting events... we're already busy planning our **Christmas Bonanza on Friday 4 December!**

🎄 ✨ We'll be sharing more details very soon, so keep your eyes peeled!

Lina Middleton

FODHS Secretary



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Parish Clerk Notes

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We are looking for a new volunteer to help deliver the inSPIRE magazine, the round that needs to be covered is along Norley Lane in Studley, between Studley Corner and The Ranch.

Community Engagement

Thank you to those of you who popped in for a chat and to learn a little more about the parish council and its work at its first community engagement session. We were able to help with a couple of issues on the spot which was exactly what we were hoping to do.

The next session will be held in the **Old Meeting Room of the Lansdowne Hall**, from **9.00am–12.00pm on Thursday 15th October**

The Parish Clerk and a councillor will be available at each session, and everyone is welcome to drop in, whether you have something you'd like to discuss or simply fancy a coffee and a chat.

Footpaths

We're very lucky in Derry Hill and Studley to have a network of footpaths providing access around our villages and the surrounding countryside.

With the main nesting season now ended, this is a good time to take a look at any hedges, shrubs or borders on your property alongside footpaths and check that they aren't starting to encroach on the available walking space.

If you have vegetation overhanging a footpath or the public highway, please take a few minutes to cut it back where necessary. Keeping our paths clear makes them safer and more enjoyable for everyone to use.

COME AND HAVE A CHAT!

Community Engagement Morning
Thursday 15 October
9.00am – 12.00pm

📍 Old Meeting Room, Lansdowne Hall

Come along for a relaxed chat with members of
Derry Hill & Studley Parish Council or just chat
with your friends.



Enjoy a cuppa and a chat



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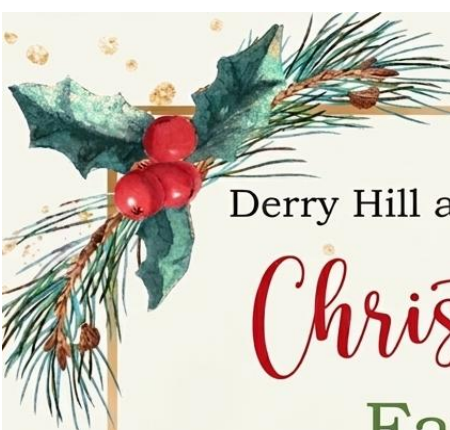
Find out what's happening in our parish

There's no need to book – just drop in when you
can.

Future dates will be advertised in inSPIRE magazine.

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Derry Hill and Studley's

Christmas

Fayre

Saturday 14th November

11am – 3.30pm

Lansdowne Hall, Derry Hill,
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Café, Raffle and lots of stalls

A huge variety of stalls selling Christmas gifts including handmade silver jewellery, crochet Xmas gifts, local honey, jams & chutneys, Chocoholics, handmade glass decorations, Xmas cards & gifts, beaded jewellery, original art & prints, Xmas wooden signs and decorations, pyrography tables & cheese boards and Gardening club gin.

Organised by Derry Hill & Studley
Gardening Club



Another New Defibrillator

If you think some of the defibrillators in the village look different – then you're right. This month we installed the 3rd new defibrillator in the village this year in the old telephone box on Church Road near the shop.



Why? Because believe it or not the first three defibs in the village were 12 years old and had reached the end of their safe life.

How could we afford to do it? Because the new Derry Hill and Studley Council and the Calne Area Board jointly provided the financial support needed to buy 3 new systems and cabinets. We are grateful to both organisations for their support.

It means that our village now has 6 of the very latest type of defibrillator for use in an emergency



What next?

Our small team needs more volunteers to help us maintain the existing systems and develop our systems further for the future.

If you could spare a few hours a year and would like to help please get in touch with me for a chat.

Many Thanks

Julian

Derry Hill and Studley Heartbeat
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Sky at Night

October is here, the evenings are getting darker earlier, and there is plenty to discover if you take a few minutes to look up!

The *full Moon arrives on 26 October*, and as always, it is hard to miss. On a clear evening, take a look towards the eastern horizon around sunset and watch the Moon rise. If you have a pair of binoculars, even better, you can pick out some of the larger craters and features on its surface.

The autumn constellations are now taking centre stage. Look towards the south and east for *Pegasus*, which is easy to recognise thanks to its large square of four stars. Nearby you'll find *Andromeda*, and if you are somewhere with reasonably dark skies, October is a great time to have a go at finding the *Andromeda Galaxy*. It appears as a faint, misty patch of light and, remarkably, is around 2.5 million light-years away!

If you are an early riser, keep an eye out for *Jupiter*. It is becoming increasingly prominent in the morning sky during October and shines much brighter than most of the surrounding stars. With binoculars or a small telescope, you may even spot its four largest moons – Io, Europa, Ganymede and Callisto. Their positions change from night to night, so Jupiter can look slightly different each time you see it.

Finally, don't forget the *Orionid meteor shower*, which reaches its peak around *21–22 October*. Wrap up warm, find somewhere away from the brightest lights, lie back and give your eyes time to adjust. You might be lucky enough to catch one of the fast-moving streaks of light.

So, before reaching for the television remote on a clear October evening, why not step outside first? You never know what might be waiting above the villages!

Ed

Rub-A-Dub Pre-School



September highlights

We have had a great start to the year at Rub-a-Dub. The children have all settled in wonderfully and we have enjoyed the last of the summer weather, with plenty of fun had outside.

Coming up in October

As we move into the autumn, and witness the changing of the seasons, we have some lovely seasonal activities planned for the children.

There will be plenty of autumn themed crafts and we will be spending plenty of time outside, witnessing the change of season around us. The children will be exploring 'environmental sounds' this month, so please look out for us around the village as we go off exploring and discovering what's around us.

Spaces available on the Committee

We have some spaces available on our Committee and would like to invite any keen and willing villagers to contact us if they have the time and skills to help us. This is a voluntary role and would require roughly 2 hours a week of your time, meeting once every 6 weeks. If you have a financial background, this would be a great benefit.

Please do feel free to get in touch if you would like to discuss these opportunities - we would love to hear from you. Please email: rubadubchair@hotmail.co.uk

Kind regards,

Megan Lee

(Committee Secretary)

Mobile Library Visits to Derry Hill

Lansdowne Hall, Derry Hill

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Tuesday 13th & 27th October 2026

Kingston House Derry Hill

10.10-10.30

Monday 19th October 2026



Derry Tots Toddler Group

Welcome to Derry Tots! We are a friendly, welcoming group for children from birth to 5 years old, running every Wednesday during term time from 9:30am to 11:30am at the Lansdowne Village Hall.



Summer Round Up, Our Summer Term got off to a great start with a visit to Derry Hill Church to meet the legendary Pip the church bear. The enthusiastic singing and historic surroundings proved a big hit, and we hope to return this term.

Our summer outing took us to Fairfield Animal Centre, where a little British drizzle didn't stop the children from enjoying feeding the animals before burning off some energy in the playground.

Back at the hall, we turned our attention to the village fete's wheelbarrow competition, creating an army of cardboard bumblebees. All that cutting and gluing paid off, earning us a brilliant second prize!



Thanks to our members' fundraising efforts, we've also been able to buy lots of new toys, including a much-needed fleet of toy prams, meaning far fewer battles over who gets to push one!

Looking Forward, We have a busy autumn schedule alongside our weekly sessions. We're hoping to run our popular toy sale again this November, so if you're planning a half-term clear out, we'd be hugely grateful for donations of clean, working toys. We also have plenty of creative crafting lined up for Halloween and on into the festive season (it seems so early to be thinking of Christmas but party planning will soon commence as well!).

Interested in Joining Us? If you'd like to know more about the playgroup, please contact us at engdhuf@gmail.com or join our Facebook group, [Derry Tots – Derry Hill Under 5s](#). We'd love to welcome you to a free trial session.

Alex Morgan Derry Tots Committee Member

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A Big Thank you

I would just like to Thank everyone who came to our Flower Demonstration Fundraiser we held on 4th July at the Lansdowne Hall.

It was lovely to see the Village Hall full and have so many villagers there. It was a wonderful evening with Michael listening to him share his knowledge and humour while making some beautiful Flower Arrangements.

I wanted to share with everyone that we managed to raise £3,100 for The Children's Oncology team at The Great Western Hospital. Evie's nurse Helen has informed me she has been given authority to purchase The Chester Chest for the children's ward which is what the fundraiser was for. The amount raised is double I was hoping for which means they have money left over to purchase some smaller items for the children on the ward.

Thank you again

Vicky, Evie and Grace

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. After the summer break we are now back enjoying new activities and looking forward to the term ahead.

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, Jess and Lucy

Calne Neighbourhood Policing Team Update

Considerate Parking in Our Village

Residents are being reminded to park considerately when visiting local facilities, shops, schools and leaving works vehicles after we have received several complaints.

Inappropriate parking can create hazards for pedestrians, obstruct driveways, block access for emergency vehicles and make it difficult for larger vehicles such as buses, refuse lorries and farm machinery to pass safely through our village's narrow roads.

Simple actions such as avoiding parking on pavements, grass verges, near junctions, across dropped kerbs or opposite other parked vehicles can make a significant difference to the safety and convenience of everyone in the community.

We understand that parking can sometimes be limited, but a little extra thought when choosing where to leave a vehicle helps keep the village safe, accessible and welcoming for all residents and visitors.

Thank you for your cooperation and for helping to make our village a safer place for everyone.

Rural Crime Week of Action 7th to 13th September.

Wiltshire Police is supporting the national Rural Crime Week of Action by continuing efforts to tackle crime in our countryside.

Rural crime can have a serious impact on local communities, farmers and businesses. Over the past two years, Wiltshire Police has made 44 arrests, charged 38 offenders and seized 19 vehicles linked to rural crime.



Residents can help by reporting any suspicious activity. Information from local communities plays a vital role in preventing crime and protecting our rural areas.

PCSO Mark Cook
Calne Neighbourhood Police Team

Derry Hill & District W.I.

In October our speaker will be Ali Warren giving us a talk entitled "Don't Whistle on the Stage, Mrs Robinson" which sounds interesting.



The highlight of August was our social meeting when we gathered to play skittles at the Wellesley Arms, Sutton Benger and also enjoyed some excellent food. Several husbands and partners joined us and we had a male and a female winner Alan and Hazel. After the meal we had a knockout game which was won by Wendy. Alex, Tina and Elizabeth put a lot of time into organising the event so we thank them and also thank Tina's grandsons for sticking up the pins.

In September several members went to the Sun Café at Christian Malford for lunch and we are looking forward to a visit to Vecchia Orsa in Chippenham later this month.

In November we will be having a craft evening, as I write this it still feels like summer but no doubt our crafts will be Christmas related and we will also be preparing for our stall at the Gardening club Autumn Fayre on Saturday 14th November.

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



e mail: derryhillsec@wiltshirewi.org.uk

Sally

Meditation – a contemplative space to be present

Why not join us for an introduction to meditation on any Wednesday evening during the coming months? Take a 30-minute break from your business and discover this gentle way of stilling your mind and body.



We meet in Derry Hill Church and all are welcome. Each time we sit down to meditate, we are all beginners, so all you have to do is just turn up!

And it is simple, we arrive in quiet and listen to a short reading before meditating together for 20 minutes. We end with a short reading. And there are chairs not cushions for us to sit on!

We meet every Wednesday from 6.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

You can just turn up or if you need further information, please contact [Janet Robbins](#) on 01249 814845
www.WCCM.org

Derry Hill & Studley Gardening Club



At our September meeting, we welcomed Richard Rickitt who is one of the UK's best-known beekeepers and co-editor of BeeCraft magazine. He keeps around 30 swarms of his own bees as well as a few more for some high-profile locations and individuals. He is beekeeper at Westonbirt Arboretum, where he also teaches beekeeping. He has written several award-winning books.

Richard's talk *A Buzz in the Garden* was both informative and thought-provoking.

The talk highlighted the worrying decline in insect populations:

- A 78% reduction in insects across Europe in just 24 years
- Loss of 97% of wildflower meadows since the Second World War
- Increased use of pesticides and habitat destruction

Bees are essential to our everyday lives. Without bees, many foods including fruit, vegetables, coffee, and chocolate would become scarce.

We can make a real difference in our gardens by:

- Planting nectar and pollen-rich flowers
- Choosing simple, open blooms
- Allowing parts of lawns to grow naturally
- Providing nesting areas such as bare soil or bee hotels
- Reducing or avoiding pesticide use

Several members went home with a jar of Richard's honey.

We were delighted to welcome 3 new members.

The Derry Hill & Studley Gardening Club Annual Christmas Fayre is on Saturday 14th November at the Lansdowne Hall 11am – 3,30pm.

There will be lots of exciting stalls, a raffle to win one of our hampers, teas, coffees, mulled wine, mince pies etc.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 6th October. Our speaker will be Richard Cripps talking about pruning trees & shrubs.

Paula Wheatcroft

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Mothers' Union Prayer & Fellowship Group.

We celebrated our 150th Anniversary of the Mothers' Union on Wednesday 2nd September in Christ Church. We were delighted to welcome MU members from St Andrews, Chippenham; St James, Trowbridge and St Marys, Calne plus 3 or 4 husbands and several individuals from Derry Hill.

In total we had around 35 and everyone commented on what a lovely service it was with lots of lovely hymns, made all the better with Carol playing the organ for us, thank you.

This was followed by a superb spread laid on by Derry Hill MU, which again everyone enjoyed. We held a raffle with the prizes being donated by the DH MU members and we were very grateful to Christ Church PCC for donating a bottle of wine.

The proceeds of the raffle went to the MU Away From It All caravan on the Dorset coast. If anyone is interested please see the MU notices at the back of church for details.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 7th October at 2pm in Christ Church when we are having a quiz about garden plants. All are welcome to join us.

Barbara M Parry

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Hot Shots Walking Netball

We are back!



The new term has started and the weather much cooler. It has been a pleasure to play outside on the court catching up with everyone's news. We laughed a lot at ourselves but the rest over the summer didn't improve our (well my) shooting!!! But we will soon be back to fitness.

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. You only need a pair of trainers and a bottle of water. An excellent way to socialise, have fun and keep fit.



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Wiltshire Bobby Van

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EARLY Christmas shoppers can get a head start on their festive lists when the popular Devizes Autumn Fair returns to The Corn Exchange in Devizes on Friday, October 2.

The fair, which has been running for more than 20 years, will once again be featuring unique gifts, clothes and crafts to raise funds for the Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust from 10am to 4.30pm. There will be dozens of stalls from craftsmen and women and producers from across the South West with refreshments and light lunches available at the events pop-up café.

Tickets are £5 per person but anyone booking online in advance can get two for the price of one.

A stirring evening of music amid the splendour of Malmesbury Abbey will also raise money for the Bobby Van.

Music at the Abbey on October 10 will also support the Wiltshire Concert Band, which will perform popular classics and new interpretations of favourite pop standards alongside the Cantanti Choir.

Bobby Van Director Jennie Shaw said the performers have put together a programme that features something for everyone, with popular classics like Goff Richards' brass band March and songs by The Beatles, Leonard Cohen, Neil Diamond and Boston.

"We will also have a wonderfully rousing Last Night of the Proms finale, with Rule, Britannia!, Pomp and Circumstance and Jerusalem, complete with Union flags waving and the audience encouraged to sing along, it promises to be a truly memorable and uplifting end to a wonderful evening," said Jennie.

The concert band, which changed its name from the Wiltshire Police Band in April, has been performing all over the South West since its formation in 1985 at charity fundraisers, community festivals and civic events, led by musical director Martin Perry.

Cantanti is a mixed voice choir based in Royal Wootton Bassett. Since its formation in 2010 it has earned a reputation for its lively and engaging repertoire, from classical and madrigals to songs from the

shows and contemporary pop. Led by musical director Lisa Williams, it performs at choral competitions, festivals and community events.

They will be joined by soprano Kristina Takashina, who has sung with the British Youth Opera and BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, as well as working as a voice over artist for Japanese gaming companies and in commercials.

Tickets are £35, including drinks and canapés.

Tickets for both events are available from wiltshirebobbyvan.org.uk/future-events.

1st Derry Hill Scouts

It has been a pleasure to welcome all of the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts back after their Summer break and to hear all of their tales about their adventures. They have all enjoyed getting back to the routine of regular meetings. The Beavers have been out walking around Bowood, spotting deer and hare and returning with pockets full of conkers. The Cubs had their traditional swim up to welcome new members and enjoyed a scavenger hunt around the grounds of the hut. The Scouts have been making fires and enjoyed a hike up around Bowood and played manhunt in the dark.

If anyone would like to join them on their adventures then please scan the QR code which will take you to a link to register for a place. Please note that the email address which may have been published elsewhere is no longer in use. Please use this code.



Our current Chair of Trustees stepped down at the recent AGM and we are in need of someone to step into his shoes. The Trustee Board provides oversight for the Group and ensures that they are compliant with all of the relevant procedures. The role of Chair will involve 3 Trustee Board meetings a year plus running the AGM.

If anyone is interested then please get in touch with our Group Lead Volunteer Hamish MacBean via email hamishmacbean@icloud.com.

Hamish MacBean
Group Lead Volunteer

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FOUNDATION GOVERNORS NEEDED

Derry Hill Church of England School is seeking Foundation Governors to join our Governing Body as soon as possible. This is a voluntary role, perfect for individuals who are passionate about making a difference in young peoples' lives and supporting our school's Christian foundation and strategic vision

We are currently recruiting Church Foundation Governors to join our Governing Body.

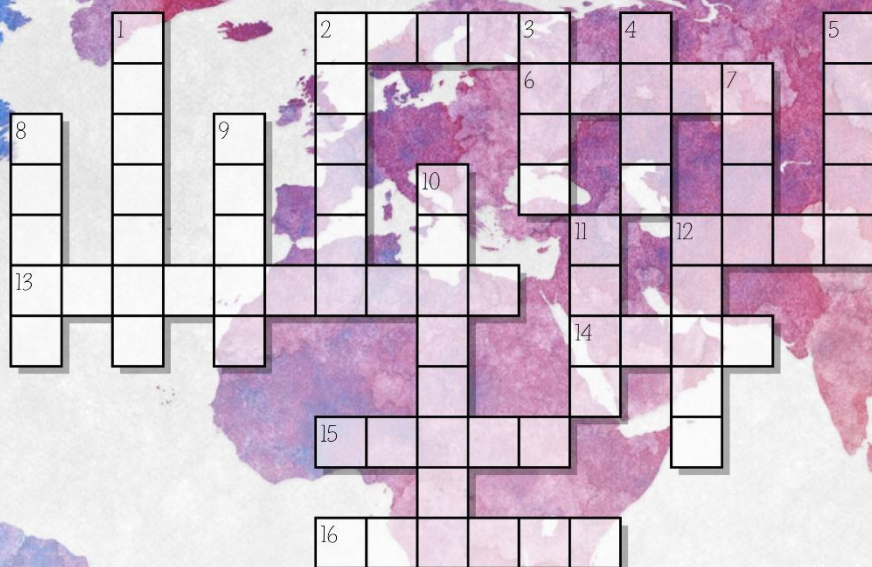
As part of the Governing Body you will need to set aside time to prepare for these meetings, school monitoring activities and undertaking training/updates. Full training for the role is also provided via the Local Authority and Salisbury Diocese.

We warmly invite anyone interested in finding out more about the role to contact the school to arrange an informal chat.

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October 2026 Crossword



ACROSS

- 2 Coral reef(5)
 6 Pinny(5)
 12 Agitate(4)
 13 Not moving(10)
 14 Dutch cheese(4)

15 Alloy(5)

16 Light wind(6)

DOWN

- 1 Cheese(7)
 2 Aft(6)
 3 Idle(4)
 4 Dry(4)

5 Say(5)

7 Bird's Home(4)

8 Stop(5)

9 Killed(5)

10 Buy(8)

11 Charges(4)

12 Mollusc(5)



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Within the groups, everyone keeps agreeing on one key point: in the past, there were more human interactions. We went to a bakery to buy bread, or possibly the baker came to us. We went to the butchers for meat, the farm for eggs and potatoes, the grocers for rice, flour and sugar. In each one of those transactions, a human talked to another human and went home feeling all the better for doing so.

If we wish for the sense of wellbeing that comes from human interactions, we need to make it happen. We all had a taste of this during covid, when neighbours helped each other out. Today, it's worth asking yourself three simple questions. First, is there a local group that I could join, that aligns with my interests and could even help the local community? Second, instead of ordering online, can I go to a real shop, perhaps make a bit of an outing of it? And third, who will I talk to, and listen to, today?

Suzanne Askham

Wellbeing notes from Old Derry Hill

Wellbeing Walks on Wednesdays

What time do the group meet?

9.30am at the Lansdowne Hall next to the bench under the tree.

What sort of walks does the group do?

The most appropriate to the group that meets. Get in touch and join the WhatsApp group for more info.

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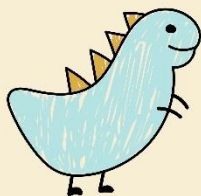
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- 5 Less(5)
- 6 Freight(5)
- 8 Brag(5)
- 10 Quick(5)
- 12 Lap(7)
- 14 Enemy(3)
- 15 Lorry(5)
- 16 Pale-faced(5)
- 17 Cure(6)

DOWN

- 2 Honey drink(4)
- 3 Go in(5)
- 4 Continent(4)
- 7 Attic(6)
- 8 Meat(4)
- 9 Error(7)
- 11 Hooded jacket(5)
- 12 Ravine(6)
- 13 Planet(5)



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