

PARISH OF DEVERILLS AND HORNINGSHAM

Please Note: During the Interregnum please contact Rev Di Britten, the Church Wardens or Parish Office, listed below, to make arrangements for baptisms, weddings, funerals or pastoral visits.

Churches

SS Peter & Paul the Apostles, Longbridge Deverill
St Michael the Archangel, Brixton Deverill
St Mary the Virgin, Kingston Deverill
St John the Baptist, Horningsham

Clergy Rev Diana Britten, 69 Lane End, Corsley 01373 832515

Lay Minister Mr John Budgen 218203

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Dr Guy Ratcliffe (Longbridge Deverill) 219456
Mr Tim Young (Longbridge Deverill) 840477
Mr Richard Lucas (Brixton Deverill) 841164
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(Mon -Thurs 10.00 - 12.00) St Denys, Warminster

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PARISH NEWS

The Deverills & Crockerton



The church of St Peter & St Paul, Longbridge Deverill by PJ Smith

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Look inside for local information

Contact the Editor and the Website

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Please remember the deadline is the 15th of the month

Thank you

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INNER WHEEL CLUB of WARMINSTER

Flowers and Afternoon Tea

Longbridge Deverill Village Hall Friday 4th April at 2.00 pm
Demonstration of Spring and Easter Arrangements by Sue Scott
Plant Stall, Tickets £7.50 including Afternoon Tea
To book please contact Mari Poole on 840902
In aid of Jubilee Sailing Trust



HARRY ENSEMBLE CONCERT

7.00 pm Sunday 13th April, Minster Church, Warminster

Benjamin Britten: Rejoice in the lamb
Gerald Finzi: Lo, the Full Final Sacrifice
Edward-Rhys Harry: Santes Dwywnen;
John Rutter: Mass of the Children



Tickets £10 - Maggi Ratcliffe 219456 or Warminster Information Centre

The Annual Upper Deverills Easter Egg Hunt



Saturday 19th April 2.00 pm



Upper Deverills Hall

All children under 11 welcome with parent or guardian

St. George's Day supper in the Upper Deverills Hall

Saturday 26th April 7.00 for 7.30 pm

Tickets £7.50 or £15.00 per couple!
Delicious 3 course meal - bring your own alcohol
Dress red and white
Booking essential - Caroline Davies 845335



Ivy House St Denys Retreat Centre

Palm Sunday 13th April - Quiet afternoon with Helen Lems
Monday 14th - Thursday 17th April Holy Week guided prayer
Tuesday 22nd - Sunday 27th April CARN retreat
Monday 28th April House quiet day - Sister Theresa Kennedy SCL

To book please call 214824; email: stdenys@ivyhouse.org; www.ivyhouse.org



FUTURE EVENTS

- **Lent Talk** Thursday 3rd April See p3
- **Flowers and Afternoon Tea** Friday 4th April see p2
- **Deverills Cricket Club** Sunday 6th April See p5
- **Longbridge Deverill Parish Council** meeting Monday 7th April See p11/14
- **Wylve Valley Flower Club** Tuesday 8th April See p14
- **Upper Deverills Hall AGM** Wednesday 9th April See p4
- **Harry Ensemble** Sunday 13th April see p2
- **Ivy House** Quiet afternoon Sunday 13th April See p2
- **Deverills Cricket Club** Sunday 13th April See p5
- **WI meeting** Monday 14th April See p5
- **Wiltshire Wildlife Trust** Monday 14th April See p5
- **Salisbury Theatre Club** Monday 14th April See p6
- **Ivy House** Holy Week guided prayer Monday 14th - Thursday 17th April See p2
- **Upper Deverills Easter Egg Hunt** Saturday 19th April See p2
- **Ivy House** Tuesday 22nd - Sunday 27th April CARN retreat See p2
- **Cast on and Craft Group** Wednesday 23rd April See p5
- **Saturday Afternoon Strollers (SAS)** Saturday 26th April See p6
- **St George's Day Supper** - Upper Deverills Village Hall Saturday 26th April See p2
- **Deverills Cricket Club** Sunday 27th April See p5
- **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** Sunday 27th April See p3
- **Ivy House** Monday 28th April House quiet day See p2
- **Upper Deverills Pub Night** Friday 2nd May see p4
- **Deverills Festival** Friday 2nd - Monday 5th May See p4/14
- **Book & Dining Club** Thursday 8th May See p5
- **Salisbury Theatre Club** Monday 12th May See p6
- **Upper Deverills Parish Council** 6.30 pm Wednesday 14th May See p12/14
- **Bore Hill Farm Biodigester** Saturday 17th May See p6

LOCAL COUNCILS, SOCIETIES, GROUPS etc.

Longbridge Deverill Parish Council

www.crockertonlongbridgeandhilldeverill.co.uk

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| Richard Baxter 212918 (Chair) | Kevin Gray 841363 |
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| Graham Read 840296 | Caroline Sawyer 840585 |
| Roy Dickson 218807 | Nigel Spreadbury-Clews 216660 |
| Ian Bell 840514 | |

Upper Deverills Parish Council

www.westwilts-communityweb.com/site/Upper-Deverills-Parish-Council

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| Louise Stratton 844105 (Chair) | Richard Cousens 844970 |
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Pat Wood 840535 (Chair) Julie Read 840655 (Secretary) Sylvia Titt 214825 (Caretaker)

Upper Deverills Village Hall

Caroline Davies 845335 (Chair) John Lea 844325 (Hall bookings)

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Pre-School Children & Parents Group Sylvia Titt 214825 Pat Wood 840535

Deverill & Crockerton W I Pat Wood 840535 (Pres) Julie Wallder 213142 (Sec)

Deverills Cricket Club Ed Read 840655 (Captain) Jamie Fagan 844123 (Secretary)

Deverills Festival May 2014 Richard Munro 844385 (Director)

Horningsham Youth Club (inc Deverills) Ken Windess 845002 Caroline Dykes 844022

Wylve Valley Tennis Club Colin Singer 213696

Wylve Valley Flower Club Mrs P Martin 212476 (Pres) Mrs S Scott 216584 (Prog)

Good Neighbour Co-ordinator Emma Curtis 07557 922033

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Clarence (pot holes) 0800232323

Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator Upper Deverills Bridget Beattie 844884

Hospital Transport Link Scheme 211655

Mere Link Scheme (covers Upper Deverills) 01747 860096

Dear All

At the beginning of April we are nearly halfway through Lent and looking forward to Holy Week and the Easter celebrations. Lent has caused us to reflect on what we do with our time and resources and our contribution to God's plan for us in the Parish.



In the middle of March the vacancy process for the selection of our new Priest-in-Charge concluded with the interview of the candidates. Sadly we were unable to make a selection and we must now reflect on how to proceed, with a view to re-advertising the post and interviewing again in a few months' time. Whilst it is disappointing not to have appointed a Priest, in many ways it has been a positive experience, enabling us to work together to identify what we are seeking in a new Rector and it has also drawn us closer as communities in the Parish. On behalf of the PCC I would like to thank the many people who have contributed in making the process work and for their continued support.

In the meantime we need to focus on Easter, the most significant festival in the Christian calendar, when we reflect on the death of Jesus Christ and celebrate his Resurrection on Easter Morning. We have planned a series of services in Holy Week with an Agape Meal on Maundy Thursday when we remember the Last Supper, a Reflective Service on Good Friday and a Paschal Service on Easter Eve, when we light the new Paschal Candles. Then we will celebrate Easter at Longbridge Deverill, with a service taken by Bishop David Hallatt (the retired Bishop of Shrewsbury).

Throughout Lent we have had talks across the benefice on the role of Lay Pastoral Assistants (LPAs) and the Warminster Food Bank, which have challenged us to reflect on our individual role and contribution to the church and community.

Please note the final **Lent Talk** will be a presentation on **The Role of Street Pastors in Warminster** to be held at Chapmanslade School starting at 7.30 pm on **Thursday 3rd April**.

Finally special thanks to Revd Di Britten, our Associate Priest, for all the time and effort she puts into looking after our spiritual needs and the practical aspects of running the Benefice. She is indeed a blessing and we would be lost without her.

Robert Shuler – Church Warden Kingston Deverill

Annual Parochial Church Meeting - Sunday 27th April

The first meeting of parishioners is open to all those on the Parish Roll of Electors and also open to anyone else who lives in the Parish. This is for the election of Churchwardens (who are ex-officio members of the PCC) and will be take place just before the APCM on the 27th April, which will then elect PCC members.



The second meeting is the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM), which is only open to church members. This will be held at 6.30 pm on Sunday 27th April in the Longbridge Village Hall after the 6.00 pm service in Longbridge Deverill Church. A formal notice is to be put in each Church.

Deverills festival
of performing arts

2 – 5 May 2014

See the full festival programme inserted in this Parish News. There is something for everyone! Tickets obtained through the website www.deverillsfestival.com or call the Box Office: 01749 813899. Tell your friends! There are still opportunities to volunteer, full training given. Call 219476 or email info@deverillsfestival.com

Deverills festival - 1976! At the Deverills festival in May there will be a display about the first such event in 1976! Do you have photographs, souvenir brochures, etc? Please contact Richard Munro 844385 director@deverillsfestival.com

MONTHLY PUB NIGHT - 'The Cricketers' Legs'

Join us for a relaxed pub night with other villagers
Firkin (local beer), wine, spirits, mixers, soft drinks, crisps, pork scratchings,
pub games and all cheaper than a proper pub! Children/dogs welcome

Where: Upper Deverills Village Hall

When: Last Friday every month 6.00 - 11.00 pm

Pub Night - Friday 2nd May

BBQ 6.30—8.30 pm

Facebook www.facebook.com/groups/upperdeverills



Upper Deverills Village Hall

Can anyone make curtains? The UDVH are replacing their curtains and invite tenders from seamstresses! We already have the material for the 10 pairs to be made. If you are interested in putting a quote forward or wish to measure the windows in the Hall first, please contact Caroline Davies on 845335 before 8th April. The next meeting of the Upper Deverills Village Hall Committee will be the AGM on **Wednesday 9th April** at 7.45pm, all are welcome to attend.

The Vintage Nostalgia Festival

Stockton Park Wiltshire 30th May, 31st May & 1st June

Live music, vintage trade stands, period exhibits, London Bus, cocktail bar, dance lessons, 100s of classic/vintage cars and motorcycles, automobilia, vintage fashion, vintage furniture, motoring memorabilia

Tickets are available at www.vintagenostalgia.co.uk

You can come for the weekend and camp on site or visit during the day

For more information contact 850970 or 07771 643227

This year's charity is Louie's S.M.I.L.E.S. which aims to relieve seriously ill children by providing equipment, toys and books to hospital wards which the children take home, in the hope that they make them 'smile'



Nature Notes

Finally it has stopped raining and when the sun comes out it feels absolutely gorgeous. Spring has sprung! The increase in temperature with the longer days has stirred nature into action. Everywhere there are signs of life; trees coming into bud, bumble bees are buzzing and birds pairing up. The dawn chorus is really going.

Our pond has come alive with amphibians. First the toads arrived, a week ago we went out in the late evening with a torch and estimated approximately over a hundred individuals, quite an orgy! Toad spawn is laid in chains deep in the pond amongst weed which makes it less vulnerable.



The toads appear to be active at colder temperatures than the frogs. We have only recently had frog activity; they seem to like warm sunny days with their mating activity takes place at the pond surface. You can see their heads with their bulbous eyes poking out from the water and they make quite a noise croaking away. (Toads make a higher pitched squeaky noise.) So far I estimate we have had about twenty frogs on the surface at one time, nowhere near the number of toads! The frog spawn is laid on the pond surface and is therefore more vulnerable, last year it became frozen in the ice and none survived. Spawn of any type is very attractive to ducks and we have already had a pair of mallards working their way through the weed after the toad spawn. So far the frog spawn has avoided such predation but I am sure it won't last. Surprisingly we have not had a visit from a heron, unless it comes when I am not around in the early morning or during the night, they readily take frogs and toads.

One morning, about ten days ago when I opened the curtains, I saw the silhouette of a large bird in the cherry tree which overlooks the pond. As I watched it swooped down onto the pond surface and with talons outstretched caught something and flew up onto the summerhouse roof then over to the nearby tree stump covered in ivy. It was a buzzard and I watched as it used it's beak to tear whatever it had caught up into digestible pieces. Once it had finished it flew back onto the summerhouse roof and then repeated the 'osprey like' fishing action successfully again and returned to the tree stump. Finishing the second meal it took up position again on the summerhouse but I must have made some movement and it flew off with the characteristic lazy flight. It was a frosty morning so it is unlikely any amphibians were on the surface of the pond. Looking through binoculars I could only see pond snails that it could have plucked from the water. I checked the tree stump, when I went outside, to find any leftovers to identify what the buzzard had been eating. There were strands of pond weed and a dried up bit of flesh so I think it must have been catching the snails, which are quite big, extricating the snail from the shell with its hooked beak.

Last Sunday was the warmest day of the year, so far, and we went over to Langford Lakes and saw lots of butterflies; small tortoiseshells, brimstones, one peacock and one comma which all over winter as the adults. Before we left home I had noticed brimstones and small tortoiseshells, rescuing four of the latter from the garage. From one of the bird hides at the reserve we spotted a coot on a nest with eggs.



Jane Trollope (written 15th March)

Upper Deverills Parish Council

The Annual Parish meeting will be on **Wednesday 14th May** at 6.00 pm. This is a meeting of the electorate and members of Clubs and Societies who are invited to give reports on their actions over the past year and aspirations for the year to come. Grants cheques will be presented to the Clubs and Societies who have applied. The Annual Parish Council Meeting will follow. All will be welcome.

Upper Deverills Litter Pick

The annual Upper Deverills litter pick took place on the 15th March and the Parish Council would like to extend its sincere thanks to the many volunteers who gave up their morning to clean up the Parish. The litter pickers reflected there was probably less litter than last year and the haul was also less exciting. Whereas last year's pick revealed an intriguing variety of whisky bottles, wing mirrors and contraceptive pills, this year's collection was altogether more mundane - characterised by coffee cups and crisp packets. Notwithstanding the boring nature of the 2014 finds, some intriguing trends emerged. Litter on the Hindon road reflected a taste for cheap lager, crisps and yoghurt. The Maiden Bradley road revealed a preference for more up-market lager combined with Red Bull and chocolate. An amateur time and motion study revealed that the time taken to consume a Coop sandwich and coke, purchased in Mere is equivalent to the time taken to drive to Kingston Deverill, 200 metres west of the Church. Clearly, the need to change gear on the hill is a catalyst for hurling the can and sandwich wrapper into the verge. Sincere thanks to all the litter pickers. Until next time.



An Old Agriculturist's Ramblings by Ian Woodcock - Part 8

Being encouraged to produce even more milk by the powers that be the landlord kindly provided the building to house a milking parlour. This had a pit down the middle so that the cows udders were at eye level. The milking equipment had to be supplied by me, we gradually increased the herd to 160 cows, looked after by one operator who had the use of 10 milking units milking 10 cows at once.

To house these extra animals we installed cow kennels for 120 and an adjoining building to house the other 40. This enabled us to keep the 40 best yielding ones separately to give them special treatment to produce more. To provide more silage for these extra cows entailed building another sleeper sided silo which meant growing more grass, cutting down my cereal acreage, which I was loth to do, but milk provided a greater income. By then at the peak production in the autumn daily output was approaching 2,600 litres. I well remember the first time in 1958 when we achieved a daily output of 450 litres (100 gallons) we were ecstatic. With all the extra slurry produced a large slurry pit was dug which was emptied each autumn by a contractor with a Hy-Mac, loading five dung spreaders to be applied on stubble and ploughed in. This caused a few complaints of the smell but it soon dispersed!

I forgot to mention in the early days of expanding cow numbers I enquired of the cowman if he would consider taking on managing the herd by contract, I would pay him so much a gallon produced and he would arrange his own relief. This he agreed to. A load off my shoulders! This system was used until I retired in 1988.

Deverill Valley & Crockerton WI

We had a very enjoyable Fish and Chip supper after our Annual General Meeting last month. Our next meeting will be held on **Monday 14th April at 7.30pm** in Longbridge Deverill Village Hall when Michael Gamble will speak on **Wiltshire through the seasons (with music)**. This will be followed with tea, biscuits and a raffle. To find out more about the WI in the Deverill Valley please contact Julie Wallder on 213142. You are very welcome to join our meeting.



Wiltshire Wildlife Trust - Warminster

A very special treat is programmed for our last talk of this season on **Monday 14th April**, when Philip Muggerridge will be coming to talk to us about Hebridian Islands. As usual we meet at the Civic Centre's Cley room at 7.30 pm, cost £3 (under -18s £1), includes refreshments: non-members always welcome. If you require more information please contact Ann Jones - 218928. A note to put in your diaries, on **Saturday 28th June**, Tamsin Holmes will take us on a walk over/around Whitesheet Hill, to see if we can find butterflies, orchids and other plants and wildlife; for more details, watch this space in the May edition of the Parish News.

Cast on and Craft Group

If you like knitting, embroidery, tapestry, bead making or other crafts this group may be for you! We meet in someone's house once a month to share ideas and enjoy each other's company. The meeting this month will be on **Wednesday 23rd April** from 2.00 - 4.00 pm at Heather Webster's home Pinetops, Orchard Way, Crockerton. Please call 213642 for directions. Everyone is welcome to join the group, just bring your craft work.



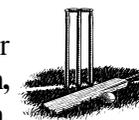
Book & Dining Club

The next meeting will be 7.00 pm on **Thursday 8th May** at The George Inn, Longbridge Deverill. The book for discussion will be 'The Cuckoo's Calling' by Robert Galbriath. Please contact Trish Shuler 844291 if you would like to come along.



The Deverills Cricket Club

There will be warming up sessions for the new season with indoor nets at Warminster Cricket Club on: **Sunday 6th April 4.00 - 5.00 pm, Sunday 13th April 4.00 - 5.00 pm, Sunday 27th April 4.00 - 6.00 pm.** Further information from Jamie Fagan 844123



Gardens Open in Brixton Deverill – Sunday 1st June

There will be a group opening of four gardens in Brixton Deverill under The National Garden Scheme on **Sunday 1st June** from 2.00 pm - 5.30 pm. The gardens are at Bridge Cottage, Little Down House, Manor Farm Cottage and Longmead where there will also be teas. Parking is in the field adjacent to Bridge Cottage, immediately next to the bridge over the R Wylde. Combined Admission is £5 (children free) supporting NGS charities with a share to the Deverill Churches.



A New Walking Group - The Saturday Afternoon Strollers (SAS)

At an Upper Deverills Parish Plan Meeting last year it was suggested that a local walking group should be established covering the Deverills and surrounding villages. If you are interested in walking then brush up your boots, check out your children, dig out your dogs and prepare for the inaugural stroll planned in April. The walks will be held monthly starting and finishing at a local pub where thirsty walkers can prepare themselves for an afternoon trek. If you are interested in joining SAS and would like to go on the mailing list please e-mail Richard Lucas at rjlucas56@hotmail.com. Walk One will meet at the George Inn, Longbridge Deverill, at 2.00 pm on **Saturday 26th April** and will cover about 4.5 miles.



Salisbury Theatre Club

Monday 14th April

Worst Wedding Ever by Chris Chibnall

Monday 12th May

Betty Blue Eyes by Ron Cowen & Daniel Lipman

Cost: £21.00 (theatre seat £15.00, coach £6.00) Performance begins at 7.30 pm



Please book early to ensure tickets, payment in advance A S P,

to Mary Stewart Cox (tel 840877) Longmead, Brixton Deverill, BA12 7EJ

Coach leaves Kingston church 6.10 pm collecting through the Deverills

New members are welcome, tell your friends and neighbours to contact me

CROCKERTON VILLAGE COMMITTEE

Invites you to take a tour of the new

BORE HILL FARM BIODIGESTER



Conducted by Thomas Minter - Saturday 17th May at 10.00 am

Tickets £4.50 (discounted rate, spaces limited, 1st come 1st served)

Please contact Marion Thomas 213739 gandmthomas@btinternet.com

Bore Hill Farm is an anaerobic digestion facility with a capacity to recycle 17000 tonnes food-waste per annum. Owner/operators Malaby Biogas run a 'Direct to A.D.' service in Wiltshire collecting commercial food-waste from local businesses, commercial food-waste from food producers is received daily

CROCKERTON VILLAGE COMMITTEE

SUMMER SOLSTICE STREET PARTY

SATURDAY 21ST JUNE 3.00-6.00 pm

To be held in Broadmead Lane

More details next month



Fostering - Help to change a child's life

Wiltshire Council urgently need foster carers, who can look after children who can no longer remain with their parents. This could be short or long term. For example, their parents may be ill or having addiction problems, experiencing family breakdown or the children may have suffered neglect or abuse. If you could provide a secure and caring home for a Wiltshire child, come along and find out more about fostering at one of our information sessions: Tuesday 13th May at 7.00 pm in County Hall, Trowbridge; Tuesdays 29th April and 20th May at 7.00 pm in City Hall, Salisbury. For more information please contact: 0800 169 6321 or fostering@wiltshire.gov.uk or look on the website www.wiltshire.gov.uk/fostering.

Spring Funding available for Local Charities

The Community Foundation is keen to hear from community groups and local charities who could do with an extra funding boost this spring. The main grant round takes place in early May and the closing date is 17 April so there is time to get organised and submit your application. Grants of up to £5k are available to support and maintain organisations which make a difference to their local communities. You do not even need to be a registered charity as long as your organisation is based in Wiltshire, benefits Wiltshire residents and you have a constitution and a bank account. The Community Foundation will fund core costs such as salaries, equipment and training, as well as new projects.

Recently funded projects include Seeds 4 Success, a new Wiltshire charity which runs a leisure credit scheme in south Wiltshire for NEET (Not in Education, Employment or Training) young people offering them training in exchange for environmental volunteering work. The grant is paying for an additional youth worker without whom the scheme could not expand. Jaki Farrell of Seeds 4 Success said "The grant from the Community Foundation was vital for so many young people who would not otherwise get this chance. We are now able to provide essential support for volunteers and ensure liaison with local parishes and communities plus promotion and administration work." Last month young people cleared a cemetery in Wardour, carried out hedge trimming and tree felling in Mere and raised over £370 for the charity packing bags in supermarkets, which was almost as popular as the quad biking reward trip. One said "I've learnt how to use different kinds of tools and improved my skills at working with people. I enjoy being respected by local people because of the work we do and I like the rewards."

The Community Foundation has a range of grants available and staff will help with your application. In the first instance, apply via the Expression of Interest Form on the website www.wscf.org.uk

Longbridge Deverill Parish Council

We are always looking to add local events to the Parish Website, if you have any events you would like to publicise please forward the details to Caroline Sawyer at caroline.sawyer585@btinternet.com. The next council meeting is being held on **Monday 7th April** at 7.30 pm in Longbridge Deverill Parish Hall.

Kingston Deverill School - A Short History

The first mention of any educational activity in Kingston Deverill occurs in a document entitled ‘The Education of the Poor Digest’ published 1818. Apparently there were ‘Two Dames Schools, usually attended by 24 children’ and ‘A Sunday School, containing about 50 children, supported by voluntary contributions, which are both small and uncertain’.

In far off Scotland John Knox had proclaimed the ideal of ‘Universal Education’ in the 1570s, and although his ambition was not realised in his lifetime, the Scottish Education Act of 1633 stated that a school should be founded in every rural community, and by the end of the 17th century this aim had been accomplished throughout the lowland areas of the country.

England was a little behind – 178 years in fact – since it was not until 1811 that the Church of England set up what became known as ‘The National Society’ to promote the education of the rural poor in our part of the world. It took some time. ‘Dames Schools’ and ‘Sunday Schools’ had existed in some villages for many years, but the former were usually no more than day care establishments for infants, and the latter, for obvious reasons, offered religious instruction only.

At the time of the 1818 report, the Rector of Kingston Deverill (KD) was Josiah Thomas (1782-1820), but it is evident that he was non-resident and probably ill when the report was published, since the details of the educational establishment in the village were given to the commissioners by a stipendiary curate, John Offer. (John had succeeded a previous curate, Thomas Heathcote, who is described as receiving a ‘stipend of £60 and all surplice fees’ and ‘permitted to reside at Longbridge Deverill (LD) as the KD parsonage house is unfit’.)

The next mention of education in the area comes from a report entitled ‘The Abstract of Education Returns’ which was published in 1835. According to this, the Dames Schools and the Sunday School at KD no longer existed, although there were thriving Sunday Schools at Monkton Deverill (MD) and LD, and it is possible that children from KD attended one of these. However, by this stage the connection between the church at KD and the 2nd Marquess of Bath at Longleat was more firmly cemented by the appointment in 1831 of the Marquess’s third son Lord John Thynne as Rector, with the result that there was an obvious opening for increased patronage of the Church of England – and by inference the National Society – by the Thynne family. That this was indeed the case has been proved by a recent discovery in the Longleat archives of a document which states that a carpenter’s cottage tenanted by a Mr Young on the site of the present School House was taken back into ownership by the Marquess of Bath in 1840, and set up as a school. That was the beginning.

Julian Wiltshire

Upper Deverills Parish Plan

The Parish Plan Working Group is pleased to announce that the Upper Deverills Parish Plan is in the final stages of production and it is expected that a copy of the Plan will be delivered to all households shortly before Easter. Many thanks to everyone who contributed to this Plan.

Church Electoral Roll

Under Church of England rules, we are required to update the Electoral Roll. Should you wish to add your name to the Roll it will be necessary to complete a new application form. This is necessary to prepare the Roll for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. The Electoral Roll is the formal list of members of the Church who are entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting. There are eligibility requirements but most baptised worshippers over the age of 16 will be eligible. It is important that everyone who is eligible joins the Roll in order that the membership is truly representative of the Parish. It is also helpful to the clergy to keep in touch with church members and to offer appropriate pastoral care. Application forms are available in the churches or from the Electoral Roll Officer, Diana Abbott 840763 or 29, The Marsh, Longbridge Deverill, BA12 7EA. Please return the forms before the closing date of **Saturday 12th April** to the above address or hand them to a Church Warden.



Friends of the Deverills Churches - a new charity

The charity’s objects are: (a) to raise and target money towards maintenance and improvement of the beautiful churches of the Deverill Valley in Wiltshire, their fixtures and fittings and possessions but not contributing to the liturgical and related functions of the Church of England; (b) to co-operate with and support the Parochial Church Council of the Deverills or its successor in the spending of that money.



Last year the Parochial Church Council invited a number of us living in the Valley to form a committee to be known as Friends of the Deverills Churches with the sole and specific purpose of raising funds to help maintain the fabric of our churches. I write now as the Chairman of the Friends to enlist your help.

You may or may not be a churchgoer, but we are sure you would wish to see the three churches in our beautiful Valley properly maintained. They are key features of our villages; indeed the recent draft Parish Plan for the Upper Deverills noted that the churches were “significant tourism assets” within the Parish. Furthermore, with the very successful exhibition for the Art Trail, music concerts and in May this year the Deverills Festival, the church buildings have become more widely used for the benefit of everyone in the valley and all those who pass through it.

The challenge facing the PCC is that there will be a considerable shortfall in funds needed to meet the requirements of the recently completed Quinquennial Review of the fabric of the churches for essential maintenance. This situation is being faced by many parishes in the country, and a large number have formed an association, usually called the Friends of the Parish, with the aim of raising money to close that funding gap. I should emphasise that the funds we raise will be specifically for the fabric of the churches and not for liturgical purposes or any other business of the PCC.

We feel sure that many people in the Valley will want to help. When Richard Askew was our Vicar he led a very successful fundraising campaign to restore the interiors of our churches to mark the Golden Jubilee in 2002. Many people in the Valley contributed and we hope, with your support, we shall be equally successful.

Roger Wheeler - Chairman

SERVICES PARISH OF DEVERILLS & HORNINGSHAM

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| Sunday 6th April | 5th Sunday of Lent Brixton 8.00 am Longbridge 10.30 am | Holy Communion 1662 Morning Worship |
| Sunday 13th April | Palm Sunday Horningsham 8.00 am Kingston 10.30 am | Holy Communion 1662 Holy Communion |
| Thursday 17th April | Maundy Thursday Longbridge 7.00 pm | Agape Meal |
| Friday 18th April | Good Friday Brixton 11.00 am Brixton 12.15 pm | Stainer's Crucifixion Good Friday Service |
| Saturday 19th April | Easter Eve Horningsham 6.00 pm | Easter Eve Service |
| Sunday 20th April | Easter Day Longbridge 10.30 am | Holy Communion Bishop David Hallatt |
| Sunday 27th April | Easter 2 Horningsham 10.30 pm Longbridge 6.00 pm | Holy Communion Evening Prayer & APCM |
| Sunday 4th May | Easter 3 Kingston 8.00 am Longbridge 10.30 am | Holy Communion 1662 Deverills Festival Choral Service |

Pastoral visits Rev Di Britten would be very happy to give Home Communion to anyone who is unable to get to Church on Sunday. If you or someone you know would like a pastoral visit please do not hesitate to contact her on 01373 832515.



Church Cleaners for April

Kingston - Mandy Martyn & Trish Shuler
Brixton - Penny Marsh

Longbridge - Monday 7th April 9.30 - 10.30 am - all helpers please

Church Flower Arrangers for April

| | Kingston | Brixton | Longbridge |
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| 6th April | Lent | no | flowers |
| 13th April | " | " | " |
| 20th April | All | helpers | please |
| 27th April | Mrs Stratton | Mrs Sutton | Mrs Scott |



SERVICES PARISH OF CORSLEY & CHAPMANSLADE

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| Sunday 6th April | 5th Sunday of Lent Corsley 9.30 am | Holy Communion |
| Sunday 13th April | Palm Sunday Chapmanslade 9.30 am Temple 11.00 am | Family Communion Matins |
| Thursday 17th April | Maundy Thursday Corsley 7.00 pm | Agape meal |
| Friday 18th April | Good Friday Corsley 12.30 am | Good Friday Service |
| Saturday 19th April | Easter Eve Horningsham 6.00 pm | Easter Eve Service |
| Sunday 20th April | Easter Day Temple 9.00 am Corsley 10.30 am | Holy Communion 1662 Holy Communion |
| Sunday 27th April | Easter 2 Corlsey 10.30 am | Family Worship |
| Sunday 4th May | Easter 3 Corlsey 9.30 am | Holy Communion |

Slipper Aubergine, Tomato & Goat's cheese Recipe sponsored by Maiden Bradley Community Shop

Ingredients

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| 6 medium sized aubergines | olive oil |
| 16 pitted black olives | 2 x 400g tins chopped tomatoes |
| 2 tbsp capers | 2 x 120g goat's cheese logs |
| Freshly grated parmesan cheese | |

Method

Heat the oven to 220c/gas 7. Halve the aubergines lengthways, cutting through the stalk. Use a small sharp knife to cut a lattice almost to the base but without puncturing the skin. Smear lavishly with olive oil, arrange in a roasting tin and bake for 25 mins until soft. Slice the olives into thirds. Drain the tomatoes, then mix with the capers and olives. Spoon the tomatoes mixture over the aubergines and cover with thick slices of goat's cheese, dredge with parmesan. Return to oven or under a hot grill to burnish the cheese and heat the aubergine mixture. Serve immediately.

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