

# PARISH OF DEVERILLS AND HORNINGSHAM

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**Thank you**

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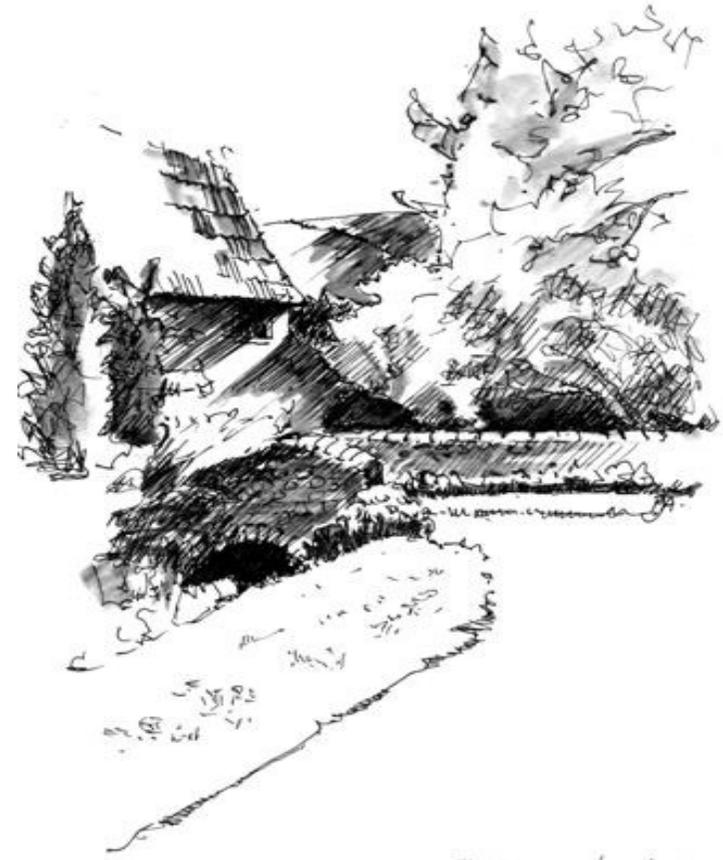
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# PARISH NEWS

## The Deverills & Crockerton



The Marsh Longbridge Deverill by Pat Armstrong

# February 2014

Look inside for local information

**Salisbury Theatre Club - Monday 17th February**  
**Gaslight by Patrick Hamilton**



Victorian psychological thriller

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

**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 28th February**

Facebook [www.facebook.com/groups/upperdeverills](http://www.facebook.com/groups/upperdeverills)



**Longbridge Deverill Village Hall**

**Come along to the delicious PANCAKE NIGHT**

**Tuesday 4th March 4.30 pm to 6.30 pm**

**Menu: Jacket potatoes and Pancakes with tea and squash**

**Price: Adults £3.00 Children £1.50**



**The Athenaeum Singers present**

**Dvořák: Stabat Mater**

**Saturday 8th March at 7.00 pm**

**St Denys Church, Church Street, Warminster BA12 8PQ**

**With professional soloists and orchestra**

**Tickets available six weeks before the concert**

[www.athenaeumsingers.com](http://www.athenaeumsingers.com)



**FUTURE EVENTS**

- Longbridge Deverill Parish Council meeting Monday 3rd February See p6/14
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- Ivy House Creative Quiet Day Saturday 8th February See p9
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- Easter Egg Hunt Saturday 19th April
- Upper Deverills Pub Night Friday 25th April
- St George's Day Supper - Upper Deverills Village Hall Saturday 26th April
- Deverills Festival Friday 2nd - Monday 5th May See p4/14
- Upper Deverills Parish Council Annual meetings 6.00/6.30pm 14th May See p14

# LOCAL COUNCILS, SOCIETIES, GROUPS etc.

## Longbridge Deverill Parish Council

[www.crockertonlongbridgeandhilldeverill.co.uk](http://www.crockertonlongbridgeandhilldeverill.co.uk)

Richard Baxter 212918 (Chair)	Kevin Gray 841363
Graham Connellan 218622 (Clerk)	Brian Marsall 214789
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](http://www.westwilts-communityweb.com/site/Upper-Deverills-Parish-Council)

Louise Stratton 844105 (Chair)	Richard Cousens 844970
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## Longbridge Deverill Village Hall Committee

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

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**Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator Upper Deverills** Bridget Beattie 844884

**Hospital Transport Link Scheme** 211655

**Mere Link Scheme** (covers Upper Deverills) 01747 860096



These are exciting times for the Cley Hill Benefice: the twin parishes of Deverills and Horningsham and our neighbours Corsley and Chapmanslade. Our Rector Norma Payne retired at the end of September. We had a wonderful last service for her at Longbridge Deverill and a beautiful buffet lunch and presentation at Horningsham village hall. Now we have to fill the large gap that Norma's well earned retirement has left.

We thought at first that it was just a question of preparing a 'Profile' of the Benefice and sending it to potential applicants and then choosing the right one for us. There is hard work in preparing the Profile. Robert Shuler and Charlie Thackway have led and many hands have helped. But there is a complication.

The Bishop has put us into 'Suspension'. This is not to punish us for something we have done or left undone. It is to enable the Diocese, if it so decides, to reorganise the various parishes in the area into new Benefices. The Bishop has given us this opportunity to improve things, if we can, both for our Clergy and for ourselves. A Benefice, for instance, which stretches as far and as wide as, currently, ours does is tough on our priest. It would have been impossible had it not been for Rev Di Britten's staunch support. Di is not paid for her work but always seems to give more of herself rather than less. But the time will one day come when Di will also seek *her* well-earned retirement.

So should we stay exactly as we are? Or should we instead be thinking of aligning ourselves with Mere, West Knoyle and Maiden Bradley or with Zeals, Kilmington, Stourton and Bourton or both, with Corsley and Chapmanslade staying with us and making a much bigger Benefice or aligning themselves with another parish with whom they would fit as well or better? It is much too early to answer those questions. We shall have to see what advantages we can expect if we re-align, advantages for everybody, that is, and not just for the Deverills. It will take time and effort to work out, with the good offices of the Diocese, whether it is better to make changes – or to stay exactly the same, as many wish.

Our immediate task is to find and appoint our new priest. The target timetable is: 7th and 14th February Advertisement placed in the Church Times; 18th and 19th March Interviews and Appointment.

When our new priest will actually be in post we do not yet know. That will depend on when he or she is free to move, perhaps there are children who need to complete a school term or some other factor. In the meantime we are enjoying the novelty and variety of visiting priests or, as at Horningham's Plough Sunday Service, the unexpected pleasure of managing without a priest and making a big success of a warm and happy occasion.

**Bill Knowles** (Church Warden - Kingston Deverill)

**Rev Di Britten**

## Upper Deverills Parish Council - Community Litter Pick



The Upper Deverills Parish Council would like to invite parishioners to join together in a Community Litter Pick to help improve the appearance of the Parish on **Saturday 15th March**. Kingston Deverill and Monkton Deverill parishioners are asked to meet at 10.00 am at the Upper Deverills Village Hall to collect protective equipment, high viz waist coats, gloves, litter pick tools and waste bags. These have been organised by the Parish Council plus a map of the areas to cover, which will be highlighted, a copy will be provided to all participants. Brixton Deverill participants will be contacted by their local Councillor about the arrangements to take place within their village. Please could all parishioners contact the Clerk 213436 or [upperdeverills@virginmedia.com](mailto:upperdeverills@virginmedia.com) if you are able to come along to this Community Day so numbers attending can be gauged. Parishioners are very welcome to come along for just an hour or longer if they are able.

The date and time of the next Parish Council meeting will be the **Wednesday 12th March** at 6.30 pm in the Upper Deverills Village Hall. All are welcome to attend and a public question time is available at the start of every meeting.

## Longbridge Deverill Parish Council

The next council meeting is scheduled for **Monday 3rd February**, but as this is quite soon after the January meeting, this meeting may get cancelled. Please see the web site [www.crockertonlongbridgeandhilldeverill.co.uk](http://www.crockertonlongbridgeandhilldeverill.co.uk) for the latest information.



## Broadband in the Upper Deverills

**Stop Press:** Great news! The whole of the Upper Deverills will receive Superfast Broadband in 2015. More details in the March edition of the Parish News.

## Deverills Festival - Hospitality!

Would you like to offer a night's accommodation to one of the top class

<p>Deverills festival of performing arts</p> <p>2 – 5 May 2014</p>	<p>The programme of over 20 events includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Angel Exit Theatre</li> <li>• Bath Philharmonia</li> <li>• Carducci String Quartet</li> <li>• Nick Sorensen Trio</li> <li>• Salisbury Playhouse</li> <li>• Threepenny Bit</li> </ul> <p>... plus comedy, street theatre, walks &amp; talks</p> <p>Tickets on general sale from <b>10th March</b> but sign up on the website for early bird booking from <b>3rd March!</b> <a href="http://www.deverillsfestival.com">www.deverillsfestival.com</a> Enquiries: 219476</p>
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performers taking part in the Deverill's Festival (2nd - 5th May)? Hosts receive

## Nature Notes



Well we have certainly had some rain! According to an amateur weather recorder on Points West this evening it has been the wettest period for 50 years \*(see also page 11). I don't think any of us would disagree with that! It has also been unseasonably mild. Last Wednesday when we had some gorgeous and welcome sunshine, I found a peacock butterfly near the pond in the garden. It had been sunning itself on a wooden platform but was in danger of falling into the water and then it started raining again! So it was in double need of rescuing. It was rather tatty, both wings were badly damaged but it was still alive. So I found a dry place in amongst some leaves in a big empty flower pot in the wood store where it could live out its days.

As the water levels rise in the rivers and streams, those animals and birds that live in or along them are severely affected. Bottom feeders, such as swans or ducks, can no longer reach down far enough, just keeping in one place against the flow becomes impossible. They will look elsewhere for food and I noticed the three swans normally on the river in the village feeding along the well filled ditch in front of the cress beds. Herons and little egrets unable to wade into the river from the bank will take to feeding out on the fields. It is not just the depth of water but the lack of clarity, the rush of water stirs up the bottom causing muddy cloudiness. A kingfisher will have no chance of seeing its prey or catching it. Normally we don't see a kingfisher on our pond at this time of year, but one had given up on the river (6th January) and came to try its luck out on our goldfish. Sadly our pond was fuller than usual and the fish had plenty of water and weed to hide in. I wonder how water voles manage, I hope they have a sixth sense when it comes to flooding.

I have noticed 2 bird species in the last month. Several times I have heard and then located a tree creeper. The sound is high pitched: a repeated "tsee". I always look for the silhouette as it climbs the tree trunk; they go up and/or along, never backwards. Their underneath is white and they have a fine, curved bill for probing the bark for insects. The tail is fairly long with stiff pointed feathers which they use for support in climbing. Once they have 'worked' one tree, starting at the base and moving upwards, they will fly to the next suitable tree and start again from the bottom up. They prefer trees with rough barks which harbour insects in between the cracks. The other bird I have noticed recently is the bullfinch. Again it was the call that alerted me to its presence. It has a soft "phee" call and tends to be secretive. Last year they were attracted to the buds on our neighbour's flowering cherry trees, and sure enough a pair of bullfinches have been feeding there in the morning sun. The male has a bright pinky red breast while the female's is a duller brown. Both have a jet black cap and white rump, obvious as the bird flies away. This is the best time of the year to learn bird calls when the trees are bare, you have a better chance to locate the bird making the sound. It takes time and patience but if I had not known the call of these 2 species they would have gone unnoticed by me.

## An Old Agriculturist's Ramblings by Ian Woodcock - Part 6

Before I took over Shute Farm I naturally required some funds, so had to visit the bank manager to arrange an overdraft, accompanied by my father-in-law, and negotiate what I thought was a terrific noose around my neck. With the help also of an uncle of my wife we had sufficient funds to make a start.

By then the Shute staff had all handed in their notice, and also the shepherd at Ryehill who was in charge of 250 breeding ewes. One of the other men from Ryehill was then appointed shepherd. Not a bad thing to happen at Shute as I could then have a complete fresh start. I employed a cowman, relief milker/general farm worker and a tractor driver. I had purchased two grey Fergies complete with 3 furrow mounted plough, cultivator, harrows, buck rake and a mower.

The milking equipment being used was a Simplex Runway Recorder, very cumbersome. The four units were suspended on wheels on a girder, running down the length of the cowshed with a pipeline to take the milk to the dairy and cooled by an old fashioned surface cooler. This was achieved by passing the milk into two 10 gallon churns at a time. We were producing 8-10 churns a day. These were put onto a stand built to the height of a lorry bed to make it easier for the lorry driver to load. All this equipment required a lot of maintenance, washed up first and then put into a steam chest for sterilisation, the pipeline was steamed in situ. Steam was produced by a large coal fired boiler. This all required the attention of two men who did no outside work, only the dairy!

That was the first piece of equipment I disposed of. Instead I purchased a two unit Alfa-Laval second hand bucket plant. This meant that one man could cope with 40 cows single handed. Milk poured through a filter straight into churns taken into the dairy and cooled by an in-churn cooler, water fed through a pipe immersed to the depth of the churn, with this water flow designed to stir the milk slowly. This system was carried on for 8 years. I wanted to increase the cow numbers so purchased a Hosier 4 unit bail installed in the farmyard. This bail was raised up 18 inches so when the cows entered they had to mount this



step which enabled the cowman not to have to crouch to put the units on. As you can imagine this required a great deal of training of the cows to get them used to going up this step, but baited with tasty dairy feed nuts they soon got used to it. With the first calf heifers joining the herd we put them through the bail before they calved. This system enabled us to increase the herd to 70 cows.



### Space for an Artist

Above the Magpie Art Café in Warminster is an artist/craft space available for someone needing a large light area to work in amongst other artists and crafts people. For more details please contact Julie Read 840655.

### Gliding Club at Kingston Deverill - Cleaner required

The job consist of 2 hours a week cleaning the clubhouse, kitchen area, briefing

## Deverill Valley & Crockerton WI

Our meeting this month will be on **Monday 10th February** at 7.30 pm at Longbridge Deverill Village Hall when Win Quinney will speak and answer questions on 'Caring for Bats'. This will be followed by tea, biscuits and a raffle. If you would like to know 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

**Monday 10th February** Our monthly meeting at the civic Centre will begin at 7.30 pm. Cost £3 (under-18s £1) includes refreshments. Yet another local speaker - we are delighted to have Tamsin Holmes from Stourhead Estate back with us, to tell us how she and her team are working to help another species in decline - Tree Sparrows. Those who came to her delightful talk about Dornice will know that this is an evening not to be missed!



**Saturday 22nd February** A Bird Walk with expert Frank Lowe to Nockatt Coppice/Heaven's Gate. The walk will depart from Heaven's Gate car park at 9.30 am - ST827423; or take the Horningsham Road from Longleat roundabout.

**Saturday 29th March** Hopefully the flood waters will have well and truly subsided! This is our fund-raising/fun day at Langford Lakes, more details in next month's Parish News, but the Ploughman's Lunch will cost £6.50 and for catering purposes must be booked in advance as numbers are limited.

## 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 12th February** from 2.00 - 4.00 pm at Judy Munro's home Whitepits Lodge, Kingston Deverill. Please call 844385 for directions if required. Everyone is welcome to join the group, just bring your craft work.



## Book & Dining Club

Our next meeting will be on **Thursday 13th February** at The George, Longbridge Deverill. The chosen books for discussion are 'Priscilla' by Nicholas Shakespeare and 'Instructions for a Heatwave' by Maggie O'Farrell. Please contact Christine Lucas on 0208 979 5250 or 841164 if you would like to come.



## Deverill Players

There will be a further gathering re the summer production of 'Oliver' on **Thursday 13th February** at 7.30 pm in the Upper Deverills Village Hall. The main roles have now been cast but anyone who would like to audition for chorus roles is more than welcome to come along. For any further information please contact Caroline Davies on 845335.



## Your Parish News - Donations



Thank you very much to those who have already generously handed in their donations for 2014. However, if you have not please may I remind you how much we rely on your financial support to keep our production costs down. A pale blue envelope was included in the January Parish News for donations but if you need another one please do not hesitate to contact me on 844385. The envelopes can be placed into the collection at Church, given to a Church Warden; given/sent to David Stratton, PCC Treasurer, Manor Farm, Kingston Deverill; handed into Longbridge Deverill Garage; given/sent to Judy Munro (Editor), Whitepits Lodge, Kingston Deverill BA12 7HD

## Volunteering

Do you want to do something new this year? Have you thought of volunteering? Why not come along to Volunteer Centre Wiltshire's drop in session at Bradford-on-Avon Library on **Thursday 13th February** 10.00 am – 12.00 pm. If you've got a bit of spare time that you like to put to good use but don't know where to start then drop in and see us to find out about all the volunteering opportunities in the area. If you can't get down to see us but want to get involved and make a difference phone our dedicated volunteering support line 'Call-IT!' now on 0845 521 6224. Or visit our

website: [www.volunteercentrewiltshire.org.uk](http://www.volunteercentrewiltshire.org.uk).



DEVELOP run regular events and training courses across Wiltshire to bring people in the voluntary sector together to learn, solve problems and share ideas. The listing below gives details of many events, training courses and forums that DEVELOP is running over the coming months. Please browse, share with colleagues and whichever events you choose, book early to ensure you don't miss out. Online bookings are available for all events

[www.developecs.org.uk](http://www.developecs.org.uk). If you do not have access to the internet you can book on to any event by calling 0845 034 5250. Have you been to any GROW or ECBL events in the past? As of April DEVELOP is the new name for GROW and ECBL. The events below are the same events, run by the same team, come along and find out more about our new name!

### Forthcoming Events & Training

- Thursday 6th February **Salisbury - Volunteer Managers' Network**
- Tuesday 11th February **Devizes - Developing Your Skills in Equality**
- Wednesday 19th February **Chippenham - Wiltshire Voluntary Sector Forum**
- Wednesday 19th February **Chippenham - Funding Advice Surgery**
- Tuesday 25th February **Trowbridge - Developing Your Skills in Marketing**
- Thursday 27th February **Bath - L2 Award in Food Safety**
- Tuesday 4th March **Devizes - How to Find Funding**
- Wednesday 5th March **Devizes - Equalities Discussion and Networking Event**
- Thursday 6th March **Calne - Developing Skill to run successful Community Group**
- Wednesday 12th March **Bath - Introduction to Social Media**

## The Deverills and Crockerton Rainfall figures for 2013

The report for the weather in this parish for 2013 must be looked at in two parts. The period February to end of August was surprisingly dry, and from September onwards increasingly wet. The summer months provided an abundance of fruit, and certain vegetables from our gardens. I have never known the orchards yield so much, in a complete contrast to 2012. The cereal harvest was one of the best I have ever experienced. However, all was not plentiful, and grass on our lawns was not cut as often as usual. The grazing and forage grass (to be converted into silage), for feeding cattle, suffered from the very cold spring and lack of rain. The rainfall measurements taken from 5 different sites throughout the Parish, and averaged out, reveals 34.17 inches fell during 2013. It is hard to believe, but that is 11.37 inches less than the Parish records for 2012, the wettest month being December 2013 when 7.036 inches were recorded, being the average taken from the 5 separate sites. August was the driest month with 0.708 inches recorded. I noted in my diary that there were 21 days without rain in July. Earlier, March, April and May were particularly cold with quite hard frosts up to April 30th. I recorded a slight frost at the end of August, which is earlier than usual. In this report last year, I bemoaned the decrease in certain bird species such as the lovely goldfinches. I am delighted to see that their numbers have almost recovered to where they were two years ago, likewise other visitors to our bird feeders.

Since the year 2000, here at Manor Farm, Longbridge Deverill, I have recorded the annual rainfall as follows. The 14 year average is 36.63 inches. There is always a difference between the Kingston and Longbridge rainfall records. In 2013 there was just over 3 inches more rain recorded at Kingston.

2013 30.76 inches	2012 40.61 inches	2011 26.805 inches	2010 27.23 inches
2009 38.42 inches	2008 42.58 inches	2007 39.31 inches	2006 34.35 inches
2005 27.83 inches	2004 34.10 inches	2003 27.96 inches	2002 41.73 inches
2001 30.44 inches	2000 42.83 inches		

### The records of the more recent bad weather.

As I write this report on January 14th 2014, we have hopefully just reached the end of a succession of storms and continuous wet weather. I thought you might be interested in the figures recorded from this recent bad spell. In the period 13th December to 14th January - 32 days, 10.75 inches of rain have fallen, 5.90 inches in December, followed by 4.85 inches in January. The barometer went down to 28.4 inches (an all-time low) just after midnight on Monday 23rd December. This heralded the worst of the storms, when we recorded 1.5 inches of rain in 24 hours.



However, we have suffered similar if not worse weather in years past. Those of us with long memories will recall the winters and subsequent floods in 1947 and 1962/3, the rainfall of September 1992 (when we recorded 4 inches in one afternoon), the awful summer of 1968 and again in 1977, the snows of December 1981, and again in January 1982.

## Maiden Bradley Community Village Shop



To all our customers and potential customers we hope the new year has started well for you. 2013 was a very good year for our shop and we are delighted that it is proving successful and popular with customers. Our success has been overwhelmingly due to the dedication and hard work of our outgoing Manager, Kay Mayne. Kay has worked tirelessly over the last 18 months to get the shop to good profitability by changing suppliers, bringing in new ideas, improving systems and installing new equipment. She has now passed the mantle to Amanda Dye (from Horningsham) and, along with 2 new Assistants, she is already working hard to take the shop to even dizzy heights. Amanda is open to any ideas about what you would like to see in the shop - just let her know. The shop is there for you! Volunteers are crucial to the shop's success and new recruits are always welcome. The shop is now on Facebook (for regular up-dates) and we have an excellent website at [maidenbradleyvillageshop.co.uk](http://maidenbradleyvillageshop.co.uk) - created by Carrie, one of our volunteers.

The shop has a committee which comprises representatives from the community. Its function is to oversee, but not interfere with, the running of the shop. It looks at strategic planning and ensuring that the shop is on a sound financial footing. The committee meets every 6 - 8 weeks. At the AGM in March (date to be decided) several of the present committee will be leaving us and we are therefore looking for more people to join us. If anyone is interested in joining the committee, and I do urge you to think about this, then please contact me for more information.

**Liz Nixon** Chairman Shop Committee, 844242 [elizabethnixon@onetel.com](mailto:elizabethnixon@onetel.com).

## Recipe of the month - Roast Chicken Thai Style.

*Sponsored by Maiden Bradley Community Shop*

Everyone likes roast chicken, but sometimes it is nice to do it a bit differently. Try this for an interesting take on your Sunday lunch.

### Ingredients:

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| 1 onion                       | 2 garlic cloves crushed         |
| 3 lemon grass stalks          | 1 red chilli                    |
| 5cm piece root ginger, grated | Juice of 2 limes                |
| 1 tbs fish sauce              | Handful of coriander with stems |
| 1 tbs brown sugar             | 1 chicken, about 1.8 kg         |



### Method:

Blitz the marinade ingredients (everything except the chicken) together in a food processor and then rub it all over the chicken. Leave to marinate in the fridge for at least 4 hours. Roast at 180C/gas 4 for 1 hour and 15 minutes, or until cooked, basting occasionally. Deliciously different!

All ingredients available or can be ordered from Maiden Bradley Community shop.

**Contact:** Website: [maidenbradleyvillageshop.co.uk](http://maidenbradleyvillageshop.co.uk); Tel: 844206

**Open:** Monday - Friday 7.30 am - 6.00 pm, Saturday 8.00 am - 1.00 pm  
Sunday 9.00 am - 12.00 noon

## Marie Curie

We are appealing to you to volunteer for Marie Curie Cancer Care's Great Daffodil Appeal, and help people with terminal illnesses in Wiltshire get the care they need. We are looking for people who can donate an hour of their time in March to collect for Marie Curie by simply giving out daffodil pins in return for donations. Marie Curie Nurses provide free care to people with terminal illnesses in their own homes. To ensure we can continue to provide this vital care, we need people to help make this year's Great Daffodil Appeal a huge success. If you are able to donate an hour of your time to help someone in their final hours then please contact me on 01179 247 275 or visit [www.mariecurie.org.uk/daffodil](http://www.mariecurie.org.uk/daffodil). Thank you for your support. To get help from the Marie Curie Nursing Service, talk to your GP, district nurse or discharge nurse. For more information please visit [www.mariecurie.org.uk](http://www.mariecurie.org.uk) or call 0800 716 146.



**Natalie Taylor** Community Fundraiser



## A social start to the New Year

After the excitement and rush of Christmas and New Year, January and February can be dull and grey months and we can all feel a bit stuck inside because of the cold and sometimes icy weather. It seems apt therefore to draw your attention to the range of social groups and activities available for older people in the Warminster Community Area. There are many clubs and societies whatever your interests or abilities. Sometimes it is hard to find out what is on and how to access these groups. It can also be daunting to turn up on your own for the first time or may be difficult to attend due to a lack of transport. As your local Good Neighbour Coordinator I can provide you, your friends or neighbours with information on these groups and help to make taking the first step a little easier.

If you are not comfortable leaving your home or unable to, but would like some more social contact, there are several organisations who can offer a befriending service in the area, where someone could visit you every now and again for a chat or call you once a week on the telephone. Perhaps you have some free time and feel you could volunteer to help reduce the social isolation in your local area. Many of the befriending organisations are always on the look out for more volunteers.

If you think I could help you or you are interested in finding out more about anything mentioned above, please ring me and I will do what I can to provide you with the information that you need and put you in touch with the right people. Wiltshire Good Neighbours is a free and confidential service, which provides information and signposts older residents living in the Warminster Rural Community Area to the excellent service and organisations that are available to them. Wiltshire Good Neighbours provides information about any and every service available to help older people live more independent and fulfilling lives.

### SERVICES PARISH OF DEVERILLS & HORNINGSHAM

**Sunday**      **5th before Lent**  
 2nd February      Brixton 8.00 am      Holy Communion 1662  
                                  Longbridge 10.30 am      Holy Communion

**Sunday**      **4th before Lent**  
 9th February      Kingston 10.30 am      Holy Communion

**Sunday**      **3rd before Lent**  
 16th February      Horningsham 8.00 am      Holy Communion  
                                  Brixton 10.30 am      Sung Matins

**Sunday**      **2nd before Lent**  
 23rd February      Longbridge 8.00 pm      Holy Communion 1662  
                                  Horningsham 10.30 pm      Holy Communion

**Sunday**      **1st before Lent**  
 2nd March      Kingston 8.00 am      Holy Communion 1662  
                                  Longbridge 10.30 am      Holy Communion

**Mid Week Holy Communion** Wednesday 26th February 10.00 am Longbridge

**The Deverills & Horningsham Register**  
**Funeral**  
 West Wiltshire Crematorium of Kathleen Mills Thursday 23rd January



**Church Cleaners for February**  
**Kingston** - Mandy Martyn & Trish Shuler  
**Brixton** - Aline Fry & Jean Staniland  
**Longbridge** - Monday 3rd February 9.30 - 10.30 am - all helpers please

**Church Flower Arrangers for February**

	<b>Kingston</b>	<b>Brixton</b>	<b>Longbridge</b>
2nd Feb	Mrs McMulloch	Lady Walker	Mrs Robins
9th Feb	Mrs Mounde	Mrs McDonald	Mrs Abbott
16th Feb	Mrs Mounde	Mrs McDonald	Mrs Abbott



### SERVICES PARISH OF CORSLEY & CHAPMANSLADE

**Sunday**      **5th before lent**  
 2nd February      Corsley 9.30 am      Holy Communion

**Sunday**      **4th before Lent**  
 9th February      Chapmanslade 9.30 am      Family Holy Communion  
                                  Temple 11.00 am      Matins

**Sunday**      **3rd before Lent**  
 16th February      Chapmanslade 9.30 am      Holy Communion

**Sunday**      **2nd before Lent**  
 23rd February      Temple 9.00 am      Holy Communion 1662  
                                  Corsley 10.30 pm      Family Parish Worship

**Sunday**      **1st before Lent**  
 2nd March      Corlsey 9.30 am      Holy Communion



**Ivy House St Denys Retreat Centre**

Saturday 8th February - Creative Quiet Day  
 Wide Horizons with Sarah Chabowska & Libby Dobson

Friday 21st - Sunday 23rd February  
 Friends of Ivy House Retreat with Rev Pat Clegg

Thursday 27th February  
 House Quiet Day with Rev Harold Stephens

House Quiet Days are open to everyone, £21 per person (including morning coffee, lunch and afternoon tea), starting at 10.00 am and ending at 4.00 pm.



#### A Church Warden's Tale!

A funny thing happened on my way to an 8.00 am service at Kingston just after Christmas. The night before I had covered my windscreen to protect it from the frost. As I set off lights appeared in the mirror, diffused by the heavy frost on the rear window. I carefully rounded the corner by the cricket field when my windscreen suddenly went opaque. I slowed down drawing into the near side, as I thought. The car behind stopped. I opened the door to find I had parked in the *middle of the road!* I cautiously again drew to the *near side* but when I looked out again I found myself close to the *off side*. So I took a really good look and drove slowly across to the *near side*. The car behind drew alongside me, the driver was our celebrant, Rev. Tony Watts. "Oh, it's *you*, Bill" he said. "From the driving I thought it must be someone coming home late from a party!"

