

PARISH OF DEVERILLS AND HORNINGSHAM

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| St Mary the Virgin | Kingston Deverill |
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Please remember the deadline is the 15th of every month

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PARISH NEWS

The Deverills & Crockerton



Longbridge Deverill

by Pat Armstrong

February 2011

Look inside for local information



Upper Deverills Village Hall Committee BOOK FAIR and COFFEE MORNING

10.00 am until 12.00 noon

Saturday 5th February

Rent a table and sell your unwanted books someone may love them!

Come and browse, enjoy some coffee and cake

(Table rental £5.00, please contact Trish Shuler on 844291)

Salisbury Theatre Club Trip

Monday 21st February

The Constant Wife by Somerset Maugham

Monday 18th April

Game of Love and Chance by Pierre Marivaux

Monday 16th May

Guys and Dolls - Broadway Musical

Cost: £19.00 (theatre seat £14.00, coach £5.00) Please book early to ensure tickets, payment in advance to Mary Stewart Cox tel 840877 at Longmead, Brixton Deverill, Warminster BA12 7EJ. Coach leaves Kingston Church 6.10 pm and col-



Let's make Beautiful Bunting

Longbridge Hall Monday 21st March 7.00 pm

With the Royal wedding, village street party and future celebrations, lengths of bunting will come in handy! If you have any red, white, blue fabric to donate, striped, checked, spotted or plain are all great, please bring them to Wylve Valley vineyard, checked shirts, table cloths, curtains and sheets are all great too!

If you would like to come and help, call Sarah Grogan on 218330 or 07968 778631. Please bring pinking shears, pins, pencils, biros, rulers, a sewing machine, if you can.

No sewing knowledge needed but bags of enthusiasm! All are very welcome!



CROCKERTON VILLAGE COMMITTEE STREET PARTY CELEBRATING ROYAL WEDDING

FRIDAY 29TH APRIL from 4.00 pm

To be held in Broadmead Lane, bring food, drink, chair or rug, we will supply tables, decorations, music and welcome drink etc.

More details next month, please make a note in your diary



F O R T H C O M I N G E V E N T S

- **Scottish Dancing** Monday Evenings Aline Fry (841054)
- **Bell Ringing at Longbridge** Wednesdays 7.30 pm Richard Munro (844385)
- **Hearing Loss Lip-reading** Wednesdays Margaret Head (213259)
- **Thursday Group** Thursdays 10.00 - 11.30 am See p14
- **Deverill Chamber Choir** Fridays Claire Johnson (01963 33592 or 07943 564923)
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LOCAL COUNCILS, SOCIETIES, GROUPS etc.

Longbridge Deverill and Crockerton Parish Council

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| Karen Manfield 215285 (Chair) | Peter Whithey 841111 (Vice Chair) |
| Helen Few 840119 (Clerk) | Thomas Minter 216909 |
| Bill Hurd 840023 | Elaine Pidgeon 212878 |
| Julian Algar 840816 | Graham Read 840296 |
| Brian Marshall 214789 | |

Upper Deverills Parish Council

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| Lady Felicity Wheeler 844683 (Chair) | Ranald Blue 841374 |
| Sarah Jeffries 213436 (Clerk) | Robin Greenwood 840743 |
| Sarah Fagan 844123 | Louise Stratton 844105 |

Wiltshire Councillor Fleur de Rhé Philipe 213193

Wiltshire Council 0300 456 0100

Longbridge Deverill Village Hall Committee

Pat Wood 840535 (Chair) Julie Read 840655 (Secretary) Sylvia Titt 214825 (Caretaker)

Upper Deverills Village Hall

Richard Cousens 844970 (Chair)
Mandy Martyn 844320 (Secretary) John Lea 844325 (Hall bookings)

Crockerton Millennium Committee

Marion Thomas 213739 (Chair)

Pre-School Children and Parents 'Thursday Group'

Sylvia Titt 214825 Pat Wood 840535

Deverill Valley & Crockerton WI

Ruth Sutton (President) Julie Wallder 213142 (Secretary)

Sir James Thynne Almshouse

Mrs Sue Jackson 840322 (Steward)

Deverills Cricket Club

Ed Read 840655 (Captain) Jamie Fagan 844123 (Secretary)

Wylve Valley Tennis Club

Colin Singer 213696

Wylve Valley Flower Club

Mrs Hazel Yate 215617 (President) Mrs S Scott 216584 (Programme Secretary)

Wiltshire Wildlife Trust

Elm Tree Court, Long Street, Devizes SN10 1NJ www.wiltshirewildlife.org

Rural Community Beat Manager - Police Community Support Officers

PC Vicky Pegrum - PCSOs Caroline Wright - 0845 408 7000

The Rector writes:

This time of year produces a variety of reactions. For many, the grey, damp days are depressing. The dark mornings do little to motivate. Yet there is the promise of better things to come. Already, snowdrops are blooming in our churchyards and gardens, heralding the spring. But as we wait for the days to brighten, we can indulge those hobbies which seem best left to the winter months.

During the winter, one of the activities I enjoy is patchwork. The pattern of a block is created by bringing together different colours and designs; each piece is important in shape or colour, but insignificant alone. Only when part of a greater whole, does the vital and complementary nature of each piece become obvious.



So it is, I believe, with our communities. On our own, we so easily feel unimportant and insignificant. Yet together with others, in situations where each is able to contribute experience and interests, enthusiasms and skills, then the life of the community unfolds in such a way that everyone can participate. Everyone has something to offer. Supporting groups locally is a good place to start, for it is there that friendships are made and cemented. I rejoice in the sense of community enjoyed in our villages, in our congregations, places of work and schools.

May we never take for granted the rich pattern of our lives and our relationships with those around us. Without the piece that is us, the community is incomplete. Enjoy the community 'patchwork' and your part in it.



Church Flowers

I would like to record my thanks to the flower arrangers who decorate our churches week by week. What a difference it makes to have beautiful flowers in church! If you would like to join the team, please speak to me or to one of the churchwardens. I quite understand that not everyone feels they have gifts of this sort to offer. Instead, you may prefer to make a donation towards the cost of the flowers. On occasional Sundays there will be the opportunity to do this, or a donation (mark the envelope FLOWERS) may be given to the Treasurer (David Stratton) or Churchwardens. Thank you.

Norma Payne



Fairtrade Fortnight 28th February - 13th March

This will be celebrated this year within our Morning Worship Service at 10.30

Longbridge Deverill Village Hall

Shrove Tuesday - Pancake evening

Tuesday 8th March 5.00 - 7.00 pm

Tickets £4.00, Children £2.00

Baked potatoes: various fillings and Pancakes!

Contact Janet Budgen 218203 or Pat Wood 840535



The King James Bible (Authorised Version) 1611

In the year marking the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible it might be of interest if a comparison were made between chosen texts from the 1611 translation and their equivalent from the two most important earlier translators, namely John Wycliffe (c.1324 – 1384) and William Tyndale (c.1494 – 1536), with the modern translation we use here in the Deverill Valley, the New Revised Standard Version. As a start here are two comparisons, one from the Old Testament and one from the New.

The Creation of Man (Genesis 2: 7-8)

Wycliffe (1384) 'Therefore the Lord God formede man of the sliym of erthe, and brethide in to his face the brething of lijf; and man was maad in to a lyunge soule. Forsothe the Lord God plauntide at the bigynnuyng paradis of liking, wherynne he settide man whom he had formed.'

Tyndale (1526) 'Then the Lord God shope man, even of the mold of the earth, and breathed into his face the breath of life. So man was made a living soul. The Lord God also planted a garden of Eden from the beginning, and there set man whom he had formed.'

King James (1611) 'And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. And the Lord God planted a garden eastward of Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed.'

NRSV (1989) 'Then the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed.'

(Here the similarities are remarkable, the most notable changes being 'dust' for 'slime' and 'mould' and 'nostrils' for 'face'. Wycliffe's beautiful 'paradise of liking' is replaced by 'Eden' and in 1611 the equally poetic 'eastward of Eden'.)

The Gospel According to St. John (1:14)

Wycliffe 'And the word was maad man, and dwellyde among us, and we han seyn the glorie of hym, as the glorie of the oon begetun sone of the fadir, ful of grace and of treuthe.'

Tyndale 'And that worde was made flesshe, and dwelt amonge us, and we sawe the glory off yt, as the glory off the only begotten off the fater, which worde was full of grace, and verite.'

King James 'And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.'

NRSV 'And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of the father's only son, full of grace and truth.'

(Here the main changes are 'flesh' for 'man' and 'lived' for 'dwelt'. The word 'begotten' is seen as outdated by the NRSV, but interestingly the modern and King James versions prefer Wycliffe's 'grace and truth' to Tyndale's 'grace and verity'.)

Wycliffe's text is on the web. The best biography of Tyndale is by David Daniell

Nature Notes

As I walked through the wood this morning I reflected on how much the weather conditions have changed in these past three weeks. Back then I was walking with snow and ice underfoot with that distinctive crunching sound that snow makes. This morning I was sliding along in the mud with numerous puddles. Back then it was cold and still, this morning just the opposite: mild and very windy. So windy that it was difficult to hear any bird song; I caught the odd phrase, a pair of bullfinches, some redwings tossed about in the wind, and some jackdaws. Once I was out of the wind in the relative shelter down by Shearwater, birds could be heard again. I kept hearing squeaky noises from the undergrowth and eventually found the culprits, goldcrests. Later I came across more birds making similar sounds but these were coal tits. They were feeding among some yew and conifer just above Bargate.



Shearwater Lake was frozen for several weeks with only a small area of water available for the waterfowl. I think quite a few birds decided to go away and look for 'running' water. Before the big freeze there were lots of great crested grebes and it is only in the last few days that I have seen two back on the lake. When it was all iced over with the birds concentrated in one patch, on several occasions I saw a mandarin drake, a very handsome bird, and a male widgeon with two females.

Although we have only just passed the shortest day it has not gone unnoticed by the birds or the hares that the daylight length is increasing, and together with the dramatic change in temperature, they can feel spring approaching. The robins have changed their song from the melancholy winter tune to the more upbeat spring version. Robins sing all year round and are very territorial unlike other birds which confine their voice to the spring to claim territory and attract a mate. I have heard songthrushes singing this last week, and blue and great tits. The hares have become more obvious in the fields at the back of the farmhouse. They are interacting with each other, sitting up and looking about, following the tracks of another, and chasing around. I am sure that it will not be long, if this mild weather continues, before I see some boxing. The bulbs are poking through in the garden, not just the snowdrops, daffodils too. There are buds on the cyclamen, hopefully the pheasants will leave them alone, and the *lonicera fragrantissima* (shrubby honeysuckle) is out and smelling gorgeous.

Of course we could quite easily have more bad weather with snow and ice. If we do the wild birds and animals will need help. The natural supplies of food in the hedgerows and on the trees have already been used. This morning I purposely looked out for berries and I didn't spot any left. So the bird feeders will be very busy in the next few months. Thankfully this mild wet weather will benefit birds and animals that dig for their food, such as robins, thrushes and badgers. But it may tempt hedgehogs out of hibernation especially if they were slightly underweight at the beginning. That could be fatal as they would use up valuable energy looking for food that probably would not be there. Any hedgehog found awake at

The Deverills and Crockerton Parish Rainfall report for 2010

The rainfall measurements from the catchment area reveals that 2010 was a considerably drier year than usual. I took the measurements from five sites, and produced an average figure of 27.23 inches for 2010. The driest month was May with 0.62 inches measured, and the wettest month was August with 3.76 inches.



2010 rainfall average 27.23 inches

2009 rainfall average 38.42 inches

2008 rainfall average 42.58 inches

2007 rainfall average 39.31 inches

I always work on a long term average for the Longbridge area of the parish of 38 inches, therefore to be down by 11 inches is a very dry year indeed. For 2010, Kingston Manor Farm recorded 33.01 inches, the lowest total there since 1981. At Longbridge we recorded 25.27 inches. An interesting difference between the two villages only 3 miles apart. This very low rainfall is demonstrated by the extremely low level of the River Wylye at the time of writing, and in some areas the feeder streams to the main river have dried up. I am extremely grateful to all those who took the trouble to provide these figures.

John Robins, Manor Farm, Longbridge Deverill



Wiltshire Wildlife Trust

Trout get a new nursery for their eggs

Wiltshire Wildlife Trust (WWT) has restored the riverbed at Amesbury, making it into a first class maternity suite for trout and salmon. The spot chosen for the restoration is next to Amesbury's recreation ground and public footpath so people can see how WWT has worked to bring new life to the Avon. Wild trout and salmon make an exhausting journey of 35 miles from the sea at Christchurch to the upper reaches of the Avon to spawn. Previously they arrived to find the river bed on which they lay their eggs was silted up. Their eggs cannot survive in these conditions. In the mid-1900s damage was caused to the Avon when it was dredged and widened, drastically slowing the flow which caused sediment to build up hardening on the river bed. In healthy chalk streams the pure clear waters ripple over clean gravel which provides nooks and crannies for the buried eggs nests (redds). The gravel is also a refuge for other river life including mayflies, stoneflies, caddis flies and water crow-foot. Over two months the damage has been undone, the river banks and bed have been shaped, the river narrowed at selected points to speed up the flow by creating new bank side walls out of chestnut faggots and brushwood offering small fish shelter from predators. High water levels will wash sediment into these contained areas and build up new banks, plants will grow providing nutrition for water voles. In a hot summer the narrowed river channel will still contain enough water to allow fish to move through it. The project, funded by the Environment Agency and Salisbury & District Angling Club, poured nearly 700 tonnes of new gravel into the river to form a sequence of riffles which create ripples helping to oxygenate the water. A few large dead trees have been put in the river providing small fish shelter along with swirls and eddies adding variety to the water. Why not see the results of the

Your Parish News

Thank you to those who have already generously handed in their subscriptions/donations for 2011; 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 edition of the Parish News but if you need another one please do not hesitate to contact me. The envelopes can be:

Put into the collection at Church or given to a Church Warden

Given/sent to David Stratton, PCC Treasurer, Manor Farm, Kingston Deverill

Handed over the counter at Longbridge Deverill Garage/Post Office

Given/sent to Judy Munro, Whitepits Lodge, Kingston Deverill BA12 7HD



Longbridge Deverill and Crockerton Parish Council

Grit Bins again!

Please can I remind everyone that the grit in our local bins can be spread on icy roads and pavements by anyone, as long as sensible precautions are taken. Some areas have been particularly bad, such as outside The Bath Arms in Crockerton. Residents have been concerned that they may be sued if an accident occurs. Remember, the grit is there for your own safety. If you find the grit bin near you is empty, please let me know or ring Wiltshire Council direct on the Clarence number 0800 23 23 23.

Our next meeting is on **Monday 7th March** at Longbridge Deverill village hall at 7.30 pm. All are welcome to attend.

Helen Few Clerk 840119

Upper Deverills Parish Council

The Parish Council have asked me to inform Parishioners that the Upper Deverill Parish Councillors now have supplies of the replacement speed limit stickers, so please could you get in contact with your relevant Councillor (see page 14) to obtain a replacement sticker to use instead of the original given out.

Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday 9th March** at 6.30 pm in the Upper Deverills Hall, everyone is welcome to attend.

Sarah Jeffries Clerk 213436

Parish Directory

It seems there are many talented people in our parish with a special skill or service to offer, but it is not always easy to find them especially if one is new to the area. It might be helpful if a 'parish directory' could be compiled to be delivered possibly annually with the Parish News. If you have a special skill or service to offer the local community be it babysitting, cleaning, cake making, hairdressing, dog walking, picture framing, gardening etc., or run a small local business and would like to be included in such a directory, please get in touch with me by email greatjane@btinternet.com or ring me, Jane Edwards, on 840065.



Eyesight Loss Information Desk

A welcome change in the weather allowed the opening of the desk on 7th January, at Warminster Library. It was a great success, and the volunteer staff were rushed off their feet answering questions. The next session will be on **Friday 4th February** at Warminster Library from 10.0 am to noon. For further information please contact Elizabeth Diacon on 846488.

Athenaeum Singers

Saturday 5th March - Come and Sing

An open invitation for singers to learn and perform Haydn's 'Mass in a time of War' in a day. Christ Church, Weymouth Street, Warminster BA12 9NS 9.30 am - 4.30 pm. Details: www.athenaeumsingers.com/events or Paddy Yerburch 212017.



Saturday 18th June - Summer Concert

The Minster Church, Warminster BA12 8PQ 7.00 pm. Vivaldi: *Gloria*, Mozart: *Missa in C*, Jenkins: *Stabat Mater*. Details: www.athenaeumsingers.com/events or call Paddy Yerburch 212017.

Sutton Veny Pre-School

Open Morning Tuesday 15th February

Sutton Veny Pre-School was established in 1980 and is attended by children from Sutton Veny and the surrounding towns and villages. The Pre-School currently provides childcare for children from the ages of 3 to 5 years and is open during term time from 9.00 am to 12.00 noon Monday to Friday. We also offer a lunchtime session every day from 12.00 noon to 1.00 pm. From 1st March, the Pre-School will be taking children from the age of 2½ years and will open at 8.30 am. The Pre-School meets in Sutton Veny Village Hall, which provides a bright, open and flexible space for our many indoor activities. Our village location and proximity to the Alexander Memorial Field also provide us with fantastic opportunities for outdoor activities and physical play. We are committed to providing high quality care and education for the children and a well planned and resourced curriculum which encompasses the six Areas of Development and Learning as set out in the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS).



The Pre-School will be holding an Open Morning on **Tuesday 15th February** between 9.30am and 12.00 noon. We hope that the Open Morning will provide new parents and children with an opportunity to join in with activities, meet our staff as well as talk to some of our parents. If you would like any further information about the Open Morning, please contact the Pre-School Leader, Gay Woods on 840 057. Otherwise, please come along on the day!

Sutton Veny Pre-School is a community group with charitable status. The Pre-School is a member of the Pre-School Learning Alliance and is registered on the Early Years Register. We also receive support from the Wiltshire Early Years Partnership.

Mere Surgery - Dr Bill Price

Following my decision to retire from full time practice last year, Renata and I have decided to take a period of unpaid sabbatical leave for the first four months of 2011. This will enable us to fulfil some longstanding travel ambitions. On my return I intend to continue with part time work, between the surgery, for one morning per week, the hospital and some appraisal work for the PCT. I would like to take this opportunity to thank my patients for their friendship, warmth and loyalty over the last 23 years.

I am pleased to announce that my replacement has now been selected and is Dr Tim King. Many of you will know him already as he has for the last year worked at Mere Surgery as our Registrar. Tim qualified from Oxford University in 2004 and then went on to complete his basic surgical training and qualified as a MRCS in 2007. He then embarked on his general practice training, qualifying in 2010. Tim will become a Partner from April 2011 and this new partnership will, I am sure, be able to expand the services available at Mere Surgery over the coming decades.

The Bowen Technique

Since being introduced to the UK in the early 1990s, The Bowen Technique has been rapidly gaining popularity. There are now hundreds of practitioners in this country and thousands worldwide. Bowen has been available in this parish for the past 15 years, so many of you have already benefited from it and know how effective this remarkable treatment can be. To find a local practitioner visit www.fht.org.uk.

The Bowen Technique is non invasive, gentle and usually only takes two or three sessions at 7-10 day intervals for significant improvement to be noticed even with long standing conditions. Chiropractors, Osteopaths, Sports Therapists and Physiotherapists are now choosing to add The Bowen Technique to their skills as it can successfully address many of the conditions they treat. Developed by Tom Bowen in Australia in the 1960s and 70s, he described it as 'A gift from God'. Originally devised to help people suffering from muscular and skeletal problems, it was found that the Bowen Technique stimulates the body's own natural healing mechanism and can therefore help numerous other conditions as well. It is believed that this is because it creates homeostasis (balance) in the body, once homeostasis is achieved the body is able to heal and function at its optimum level. No manipulation or adjustment is involved, just a series of precise, gentle rolling movements over muscle and soft tissue with the practitioner's fingers and thumbs. These are interspersed with short breaks during which the recipient is left alone to quietly rest, allowing time for their own healing mechanism to kick in and start making the subtle adjustments needed to correct any problem within the body.

The treatment is deeply relaxing, can be carried out through light clothing and is suitable for all ages from infants to the elderly. Whilst Bowen is particularly helpful for back, neck, shoulder and other joint problems, it can also help respiratory conditions such as Asthma and Hay Fever, allergies, digestive problems (including infant colic), Chronic Fatigue, hormonal problems, stress and anxiety, headaches, Migraine, skin conditions and can improve rehabilitation time from injury. Many sportsmen and musicians find Bowen helps to correct postural imbalances and prevent injury and use

Recipe of the Month

Sponsored by Maiden Bradley Community Shop (844206)

Buck Rarebit

25g (1oz) butter

1 x 1.25ml (¼ spoon) dry English mustard

3 x 15 ml (3 tablespoons) brown ale or milk

4 eggs

Method

Melt the butter in a heavy-based saucepan, stir in the ingredients up to and including salt and pepper. Heat through gently on a low heat until cheese has melted, stirring constantly with a wooden spoon. Poach the eggs. Spread the cheese mixture on the toast and pop the poached egg on top. Serve immediately. Delicious served with grilled tomatoes and a glass of beer.

Where have you been?

The Stapleton Arms, Church Hill, Buckhorn Weston, Dorset SP8 5HS (01963 370396; www.thestapletonarms.com)

Buckhorn Weston is a little off the beaten track: it is a small village between Gillingham and Wincanton, however The Stapleton Arms at Buckhorn Weston has been so well recommended to me by several people, I decided to give it a try. I am so glad I did! It is an attractive inn situated just down from the church in Buckhorn Weston. It has a real country house feel to it but modern and minimalist with large plain leather sofas, open log fires and walls painted in Farrow and Ball shades. The snacks at the bar consist of hand made pork pies or bowls of olives or pistachios but there is also a light bites menu and sandwiches if you don't want a full meal. I had a marvellous starter of whipped goats' cheese, rocket and balsamic vinegar; my husband had a mushroom risotto and we both found the starters delicious and good sized portions. In my case, so much so that I struggled with my main course burger but my husband managed all his steak and ale pie! We ate in the dining room which was busy, perhaps as it was a Bank Holiday Monday lunch time, but the bar area is also a large and attractive area in which to eat. This is a real ale pub (Heart of Wessex CAMRA pub of the year) and so has an extensive range of beers but it has an equally comprehensive range of malt whiskies and an excellent wine list. Although a little out of the way, it is a convenient stopping off point after a trip to Waitrose in Gillingham or if you are passing through Wincanton as it is about 4 miles from each of these towns and a couple of miles off the A30 Sherborne to Shaftesbury road (detailed directions on their website). Give it a try, I am sure that you won't be disappointed – we weren't! Dogs are welcome in the large bar area.

If you have somewhere you would like to recommend or any comments to pass on, please put your comments and suggestions through my letter box at Farthings, Kingston Deverill or send them to me by email at farthings.kd@btinternet.com



Cast on Club

The next meetings of the club will be on **Wednesdays 2nd & 16th February** from 2.00 - 4.00 pm at Heather Webster's house, Pinetops, Orchard Way, Crockerton. Contact Heather on 213642 if you need directions. Come and join us, bringing needles, wool and a pattern of something you would like to make. We look forward to seeing you.

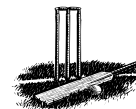
Deverill Valley & Crockerton Women's Institute

The Meeting on the 10th January was a huge success, Sarah Buttenshaw spoke on 'Rural India - people and its wildlife' with many slides and a vast amount of knowledge, it was enjoyed by members and visitors. Our next meeting will be on **Monday 14th February** at 7.30pm at Longbridge Deverill Village Hall when farmer Gerald Osborne will be speaking on '**Send a Cow to African farmers**'. This is a project set up by a group of UK dairy farmers and has grown into a thriving international development charity with power to influence the policies of African governments. Visitors from the local farming community would be most welcome to join us. There will be an exhibition of 'Something edible you are growing in a pot'. 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 will be very welcome to come to our meetings.



The Deverills Cricket Club

The Deverills Cricket Club will be warming up for the new season with some nets sessions in the indoor nets at Warminster Cricket Club. All are welcome. The details are as follows:



Sunday 3rd April 4.00 - 5.00 pm

Sunday 10th April 4.00 - 5.00 pm

Sunday 17th April 4.00 - 5.00 pm

For further details please contact Jamie Fagan on 844123.

Deverills Chamber Choir

Following the success of our concert in November it was so good to have several new people join the choir for the first rehearsal of this year. If there is anyone else who would like to come along please do not hesitate to contact me.

Claire Johnson 01963 33592



Upper Deverills Village Hall

Forthcoming events

Book Fair and Coffee Morning - Saturday 5th February (See page 2 for details)

***Organs - A Talk by John Budgen - Friday 25th February at 7.30 pm**

***Bill's Music Evening - Friday 11th March at 7.30 pm**

***Eddie Mirzoeff Talk & Film - Friday 1st April at 7.30 pm**

*At these events snacks will be provided, please bring your own drinks,

SERVICES PARISH OF DEVERILLS & HORNINGSHAM

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| Sunday 6th February | 5th before Lent Kingston 8.00 am Longbridge 10.30 am Horningsham 4.00 pm | Holy Communion 1662 Morning Worship Evening Prayer |
| Sunday 13th February | 4th before Lent Kingston 10.30 am Horningsham 11.15 am | Holy Communion Holy Communion |
| Sunday 20th February | 3rd before Lent Longbridge 8.00 am Brixton 10.30 am | Holy Communion 1662 Holy Communion |
| Sunday 27th February | 2nd before Lent Longbridge 10.30 am Horningsham 11.15 am | Holy Communion Morning Prayer |
| Sunday 6th March | Sunday before Lent Brixton 8.00 am Longbridge 10.30 am Horningsham 5.00 pm | Holy Communion 1662 Morning Worship - Fairtrade Evensong |

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday Longbridge 8.30 am Prayers

Wednesday Longbridge 10.15 am Holy Communion

Parish Prayer Group Meeting - Deverills and Horningsham

The Deverills & Horningsham Register

Funerals

Carole Mary Stenner at Longbridge Deverill Thursday 13th January

John Trevor Tyers at Longbridge Deverill Friday 14th January



Church Cleaners for February

Kingston - Mandy Martyn & Trish Shuler

Brixton - Leah Allard & Ruth Sutton

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

Church Flower Arrangers for February

| | Kingston | Brixton | Longbridge |
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| 6th Feb | Mrs McCulloch | Mrs Hammick | Mrs Sue Scott |
| 13th Feb | Mrs Mounde | Mrs Hammick | Mrs Sue Scott |
| 20th Feb | Mrs Mounde | Mrs Marsh | Mrs Ann Hurd |
| 27th Feb | Mrs Royall | Mrs Marsh | Mrs Ann Hurd |



Tuesday 1st February 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm at Mary Royall's house (840338)

SERVICES PARISH OF CORSLEY & CHAPMANSLADE

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| Sunday 6th February | 5th before Lent Corsley 9.30 am | Holy Communion |
| Sunday 13th February | 4th before Lent Chapmanslade 9.00 am Temple 11.00 am | Holy Communion Morning Prayer |
| Sunday 20th February | 3rd before Lent Chapmanslade 9.00 am | Holy Communion |
| Sunday 27th February | 2nd before Lent Temple 9.00 am Corsley 10.30 am | Holy Communion Parish Service |
| Sunday 6th March | Sunday before Lent Corsley 9.30 am | Holy Communion |

Contact the Clergy

Please contact Norma Payne (841321) or Di Britten (01373 832515) if anyone is housebound and would like communion or a visit at home; or if someone is ill and needs our prayers; or to discuss any church matter.



IVY HOUSE - ST DENYS RETREAT CENTRE

Friday 4th February

House Quiet Day with Rev Kate Sax

For bookings & information please ring 214824



JUNIOR CHURCH & CRECHE

Longbridge Deverill Village Hall

Fourth Sunday of the Month

Sunday 27th February 10.30 - 11.30 am (during the service)

6 months to 11 years - everyone welcome

Sir James Thynne House, Longbridge Deverill

A self-contained flat is available in this charming old building:

Bed/sitting room, small kitchen, easy access shower, use of garden area

Applicants should be aged 50 years or over and be resident locally

For further information please contact Sue Jackson on 840322