

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

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Please remember the deadline is the 15th of every month



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PARISH NEWS

The Deverills & Crockerton



The bridge, Sand Street, Longbridge Deverill by Pat Armstrong

March 2014

Look inside for local information



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

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 March

Facebook www.facebook.com/groups/upperdeverills



CROCKERTON VILLAGE COMMITTEE

Easter Egg Hunt with Easter Bunny

Saturday 29th March 11.00 am

All children welcome

At Shearwater, just past the Sailing Club

Small donations please



FUTURE EVENTS

- Longbridge Deverill Parish Council meeting Monday 3rd March See p11/14
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Test the Best Supermarket Wines

Wine tasting with delicious cheeses

At 6.30 pm prompt on Saturday 29th March

Horningsham Village Hall

Wine expert David Yates will give guidance on the
opportunities and pitfalls of supermarket wines

Tickets £15.00 per adult for wine tasting and food

Tim Young 840477, Robert Shuler 844291, Tim Moore 844336

In aid of the Deverills and Horningsham churches

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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| Ranald Blue 841374 | Colin Hirons 845255 |

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Wiltshire Council 0300 456 0100

Sir James Thynne Almshouse Sue Jackson 840322 (Steward)

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

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

Wow! February - fill dyke, fill field, fill ditch, fill road and fill pothole too! At times we needed a monsoon drain on Sandhill Lane in Longbridge! However, we have been spared the trauma that has afflicted so many others. Once again nature has demonstrated its awesome power, which we can try to control but never conquer. Let us hope March comes in less lion-like and more lamb-like.



Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday 5th March** with a service at 6.30 pm in Longbridge Deverill church. This will be followed by a talk in The George Inn from 7.30 pm, entitled '**Using your time for God**', detailing the role of Lay Pastoral Assistants by Debbie Albery, the Dorset LPA coordinator. There will be soup and a roll on offer for £5 per person.

Lent is a time for reflection – and abstinence! As we anticipate the Easter Festival. It is also a time of renewal, which may bring good news of the appointment of a new vicar. We hope and pray that good candidates will respond to our advertisement and we wish the interview panel 'Good Luck' in their task of selection.

The last few months have been a challenge for the Church Wardens but we have been greatly helped by local retired priests who have stepped in to take our services. We hope they have enjoyed coming to our churches as much as we have enjoyed having them.

A big 'Thank You' to everyone for their patience and support during this time which has, once again, shown the people of the Deverill Valley and Horningsham all pulling together for the common good when the need arises.

Tim Young – Church Warden Longbridge Deverill

Pastoral visits

I would be very happy to call and 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 me on 01373 832515.

Rev Di Britten



LENT LUNCHES

From 12.00 - 2.00 pm

Monday 10th March

At Warren House, Pottle Street, Horningsham, 844374

Monday 24th March

At Whitepits Lodge, Kingston Deverill, 844385

Monday 31st March

At 7 Homefields, Longbridge Deverill, 840902

Proceeds to Christian Aid

Please come to enjoy good food in great company, supporting CA



The First Community Big Breakfast - Upper Deverills

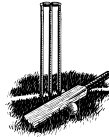


To take place at the Upper Deverills Hall on **Sunday 16th March** from 9.30 am - 12.30 pm, with profits and raffle proceeds going to Wiltshire Air Ambulance. Forget cooking just relax and join us, everyone is welcome!

Menu A: Continental breakfast of fruit juices, natural yogurt, choice of cereals, toast with marmalade and/or jam, tea and coffee, £3 each. **Menu B:** Continental breakfast, as above, plus full English breakfast (sausages, bacon, mushrooms, tomatoes, fried egg, fried bread and baked beans) £6 adult, £3 children.

As this is the first breakfast event (we are hoping to hold 2 a year) it would be helpful if you could let us know if you are coming, but booking is not essential. Please contact Sue Withers, email suetwithers@gmail.com or call 844481 or via Upper Deverills Facebook page www.facebook.com/groups/upperdeverills. If you would like to donate a raffle prize please contact Annie Shiner on 215487, all donations gratefully received.

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.

Nature Notes

We seem to have had wind and rain since the start of the year. Last night (14th/15th February) brought the strongest winds to our region so far, surprisingly we did not lose the electricity supply and there was no major damage. I hope you have come through it all unscathed. How does the wildlife manage in such extreme weather? I have visions of the birds hanging on for dear life, claws gripped around a branch, sheltering from the prevailing wind. Hanging on strongly uses a lot of energy and the birds have eaten more food today after last night's storm.

It may have been wet and windy but not very cold yet. On the odd day when the sun has shone and the wind has died down you can see signs of spring in the birds; the relatively mild conditions and increasing daylight has stimulated them into action. This morning we had blue tits investigating the nest box on the beech tree at the front of the house, they were displaced by a pair of great tits, size wins! This does not mean that the great tit will take up residence. I have watched such activity before and been disappointed to find the box empty when checking at the end of the season. Several times recently I have seen a lone long-tailed tit feeding on the peanuts. Over the winter they stay in family groups but to see one on its own can mean it has already paired off and is nesting. They are early nesters. I remember a visit to the Somerset Levels with the RSPB in February seeing a long-tailed tit nest under construction deep in a hawthorn hedge. It is an amazing structure made from woven moss, cobwebs and hair, built in brambles or other thorny scrub. It can contain over 2,000 feathers in the lining. The nest is covered with lichen, probably for camouflage, very important as it is quite vulnerable when built early in the year before there is any foliage. Overall the nest is about six inches tall and four inches in diameter, with the entrance hole in the side near the top.

We have had a male sparrowhawk visiting the garden over the last month. I first realised it was around when I caught sight of a small fast low flying bird of prey zoom through the garden with something in its talons. The garden was suddenly very quiet and devoid of any birds. Normally after about ten to fifteen minutes birds will start to come back. On this occasion the garden remained quiet, a scan of the area with the binoculars found the sparrowhawk sitting on the branch of a tree in the garden next-door, busy plucking the small bird that it had just caught. I had a splendid view and could see it was a male sparrowhawk by its size, quite small, blue-grey upperparts and very rich rufous under parts. It took about an hour to pluck, eat and digest the meal before eventually flying away. At the farm we regularly had a female sparrowhawk predate the garden. The female is bigger than the male and is grey-brown above and white-barred below.

A week ago we had a pair of siskins on the feeders; I think of them as small greenfinches. The male is very smart with a black cap and bib. We have had some fieldfares and redwings in the garden but not the numbers we had last year, there is plenty of food still out in the fields. They will have need of the apples on our lawn if we get hard frosts or snow. We are only half way through February. Who knows what the weather will do next!!



Jane Trollope (written 15th February)

The programme of over 20 events includes:

- Angel Exit Theatre
- Bath Philharmonia
- Carducci String Quartet
- Nick Sorensen Trio
- Salisbury Playhouse
- Threepenny Bit

... plus comedy, street theatre, walks & talks

Deverills festival
of performing arts

2 – 5 May 2014

Tickets on general sale **10th March** but sign up on website for early bird booking from **3rd March!** www.deverillsfestival.com Enquiries: 219476

Hospitality!

Would you like to offer a night's accommodation to one of the top class performers taking part? Hosts receive complimentary tickets. Please get in touch with Anne Wiltshire at annewiltshire33@gmail.com or 844152.

Volunteers needed!

Would you like to get involved in the festival as a volunteer? We would really like to hear from you. We are looking for people to help across several areas: box office cover, stewarding, guiding, assisting in the tea room and shop, and parking. You will get training and refreshment vouchers and a lot of fun. If you are interested, please contact the team on 219476 or at info@deverillsfestival.com.

Burns Night - Longbridge Village Hall

This was a very enjoyable evening. The haggis was addressed by Richard Munro, before he gave it a jolly good stab, and toasted by all the guests. After a lovely supper, provided by the committee members, Jean and Mike Stanley started the dancing. This was great fun and had to be seen to be believed with everyone laughing and clapping. Some dancers were really good but others were just having fun trying. Can't wait till next year! Thank you to everyone for their support.



Pat Wood - Chairman

An Old Agriculturist's Ramblings by Ian Woodcock - Part 7



Shute Farm now having a dairy herd of 70 cows there was a need to house the extra cows in the winter. The system of tying the cows was abolished and they were turned into loose housing by removing the mangers etc. Adjoining this shed we built a dutch barn, putting railway sleepers upright each side and at the ends to contain the silage. We built a ramp on one end to enable the silo to be filled by a buckrake. The railway sleepers were priced at 2/6d each and collected from Warminster Station, the first load by our little grey Fergie towing a two wheel trailer. Once loaded we proceeded through the town; on arriving at Bell Hill, which was quite steep, the front wheels of the tractor came off the ground thus we had no steering. I had to sit on the tractor bonnet which enabled us to get up the hill, but when we arrived at Shute Farm it required two of us to sit on the bonnet as this hill was much steeper, with a hair pin bend at the top! The following loads of sleepers were loaded on 4 wheel trailers borrowed from Ryehill.



Prior to the building of the barn the silage was clamped in the field where it was grown, these clamps were covered with lime, or ground chalk supplied by Charnage Lime works to give it weight to expel the air, the lime was then spread on the fields. By moving the silage-making to the barn it saved the task of loading trailers and bringing it to the cows. In this barn, by the use of barriers called tombstone feeders, the cows could feed themselves behind an electric fence. After the filling of the barn with the silage a plastic sheet was put over it and then at harvest straw was stacked on top to be used as litter for the loose housing in the adjoining barn.

The method of bringing the cut grass into this silo was by purchasing a David Brown forage harvester 40" cut with a trailer attached behind, powered by a new Ferguson 35x diesel tractor. There was a need for ever more power as farming became more advanced. The development of forage harvesters was forging ahead, from the original flail type to double chop, which meant cutting the grass even shorter so that it would pack down in the silos even tighter, excluding the air and producing a better end product. The next stage we employed was to cut the grass with an old flail mower and then collect it with our double chop. This made the task much quicker and more efficient. It is now done by precision chop machines which are self propelled with trailers pulled by a tractor along side.

Deverill Valley & Crockerton WI

Our **Annual General Meeting** will be held on **Monday 10th March** at 7.30 pm in Longbridge Deverill Village Hall with elections of our committee and officers for 2014/15. This will be followed by our monthly meeting with a Fish and Chip Supper and a raffle. Please contact Julie Walder on 213142 if you would like more information.



Wiltshire Wildlife Trust - Warminster

Another busy month, we hope to see members and non-members at the following:

Monday 10th March: an appropriate subject for this month, Peter Thompson will be talking about **Hares** - their lifestyle and how changing agricultural practices have altered habitats to their detriment. Civic Centre 7.30 pm, cost £3 (under 18s £1) includes refreshments. For further information please contact Ann Jones 218928.



Sunday 23rd March: A Quiz Evening to be held at the Organ Inn at 7.30 pm, all proceeds towards updating facilities (paths, access etc) at Warminster's Smallbrook Nature Reserve. For further information please contact John Walpole 217358.

Saturday 29th March: Annual fund-raising/fun day at **Langford Lakes Nature Reserve**. Activities begin at 9.30 am, with a Bird Walk led by Frank Lowe followed at about 12.30 pm by a **Ploughman's Lunch**. Afterwards a Trust representative will tell us about projected improvements on the Reserve and how recent weather conditions have hampered their efforts! There will be a Bring & Buy. Booking for the lunch is essential (maximum of 40). You can join any or all of the day's activities, for further information or to book for lunch, please contact Ann Jones 218928.

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 26th March** from 2.00 - 4.00 pm at Dianna Abbott's home Uppingham House, The Marsh, Longbridge Deverill. Please call 840763 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 20th March** at The Prince Leopold, Upton Lovell. The book for discussion is 'Stoner' by John Williams. Please contact Anne Wiltshire 844152 if you would like to come.



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 £12.50 - Ann Coventry tel. 213594 ww.athenaeumsingers.com



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
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

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

Longbridge Deverill Parish Council

The Parish Councillors hope that everyone is coping with the wet weather. To help we have loaded the Flood Map onto the Parish Council web site www.crockertonlongbridgeandhilldeverill.co.uk to show those areas that are most at risk. In addition there is a link to the Environment Agency guide called 'Living on the Edge', giving useful tips, please look for the latest information. The next meeting is on **Monday 3rd March** at 7.30 pm in Longbridge Deverill Parish Hall.

Upper Deverills Parish Council - Community Litter Pick



The Upper Deverills Parish Council invite parishioners to join together in a Community Litter Pick to improve the appearance of the Parish on **Saturday 15th March**. Kingston and Monkton Deverill parishioners are asked to meet at 10.00 am, Upper Deverills Village Hall to collect equipment, high viz waist coats, gloves, litter pick tools and waste bags plus a high-lighted map of the areas to be covered. Brixton Deverill participants will be contacted by their local Councillor about the arrangements within their village. Please contact the Clerk 213436 or upperdeverills@virginmedia.com if you can come to this Community Day in order to calculate the amount of equipment needed.

The next Parish Council meeting is on **Wednesday 12th March**, 6.30 pm in the Upper Deverills Village Hall. A public question time is at the start of every meeting.

Rainfall

While preparing this article, it occurred to me to have a dig into The Book of Genesis. 'And the Lord said unto Noah, "---And I will cause it to rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights---". What was that about climate change? The rainfall recorded here at Manor Farm, Longbridge Deverill since 13th December is as follows:



13th to 31st December 5.90 inches; 1st to 31st January 8.025 inches; 1st to 15th February 4.175 inches; a total 18.10 inches.

Half our average annual rainfall dumped on us in 64 days. This parish should be grateful that the water meadows above Hill Deverill, and from below Longbridge Deverill Church to Bull Mill are still there, and in good order. It was thanks to them that the River Wylde behaved within reason, and so little property was flooded. Seeing those ridge and furrow water meadows full of water, acting as a floodplain, it makes one admire the skill and labour that created them. At the same time where there are hatches on the river, gratitude is due to Longleat and the River Keeper for operating them to prevent flooding. Chapter 7 of the Book of Genesis ends with "And the waters prevailed upon the earth an hundred and fifty days". From today 15th February that means to 15th July. Maybe the water will have drained from the Somerset Levels by then, however, there will be no grass or other crops surviving there. We have been lucky and escaped the devastation that has occurred in so many other places. For the few parishioners who have suffered flooding, they deserve heartfelt sympathy. When we were threatened with flooding in this part of the parish, it was a wonderful sight to see so many neighbours helping each other.

John Robins (written 15th February)

Temporary Closure: B3095 Hill Deverill (part), Longbridge Deverill

Wiltshire Council gives notice of temporary closure to all traffic of the B3095 Hill Deverill (part), Longbridge Deverill from its junction with the A350 in a south-westerly direction for about 500 metres. This will enable highway improvements: resurfacing, drainage repairs etc. The alternative Route for **Southbound traffic** via A350-B3089-A303-Chetcombe Road- B3095 (unaffected length), for **Northbound traffic** via B3095 (unaffected length)-Warminster Hollow-A303-350. The work will take place from 9.00 am - 3.00 pm on **Friday 21st March** and completed the same day, depending upon weather conditions. Access will be maintained for residents and businesses within the closure. Traffic signs will indicate closure and diversion routes. For further information please contact Balfour Beatty Living Places on 01249 468582 (Office Hours) and 07900 715776 (Out of Hours – Duty Manager).

Superfast Broadband for the Upper Deverills

Residents will recall that we have been progressing a Rural Community Broadband Fund (RCBF) application in order to secure Superfast Broadband for Kingston and Monkton Deverill. A year ago Wiltshire Council contracted with BT to provide increased coverage of Superfast Broadband (minimum download speed of 24mbps) from the 60% of households in the County that would be covered by normal commercial provision to 91%. Brixton Deverill was included in that project, but Kingston and Monkton Deverill were in the remaining 9% only to receive the minimum 2mbps service. The Broadband Action Group have been pursuing an alternative route and last September were successful in passing the first stage of competitive bids to Defra for the EU supported RCBF. In the last 3 months of 2013 we worked hard to demonstrate potential demand, including conducting a successful survey, thank you to over 70% of residents who contributed to it. We also had to secure some private funding and we were delighted that Wessex Water generously pledged £25,000 towards our full application.



In January's Parish News I said that BT were carrying out an on the ground survey to update their original estimate of costs for the RCBF stage 2 application. Later that month we attended a meeting with BT and Wiltshire Council where BT said that as a result of the survey they now believed they had sufficient existing infrastructure (ducting from Maiden Bradley exchange to Kingston Deverill) to make the project cost effective, so Kingston and Monkton Deverill would now also be included in the 91% of households being catered for under the Wiltshire Council contract. We have formal confirmation of this, the only caveat being that it is subject to a final survey. This reservation applies to all communities in the WC/BT contract, and we have already had a more detailed study than other villages. This is excellent news and should mean that all the Upper Deverills will be connected to Superfast Broadband in 2015. The work for our RCBF application showing potential demand and a more intensive survey being carried out has paid dividends. We shall continue to provide updates when we receive any further information. More details of the Wiltshire Broadband at www.wiltshireonline.org/index.php/broadband-rollout

Richard Kitson richard.kitson@virgin.net 844803

Stories and poems!

Free weekly sessions for people with memory loss and their carers take place at **Mere Library every Wednesday 2.30 – 4.00 pm.** Please call or email Josephine Corcoran on 07812 238503 josephine-corcoran@thereader.org.uk or leave a message with the library staff on 01747 860546 to let them know you are coming or you can just turn up on the day. It would be lovely to see you. This is a friendly and stimulating group for people with memory loss and their carers. We read, listen and chat about stories and poems together with Josephine from Reader Organisation www.thereader.org.uk (Charity No. 1126806). All the reading materials provided. We look forward to seeing you!



Fairtrade Fortnight 24th February - 9th March

How can we make Bananas Fair? We want to campaign for a change that can make a difference to the lives of millions around the world. Cheap bananas threaten farmers' futures. In the last 10 years, a bitter price war has seen UK supermarkets almost halve the price of loose bananas, while the cost of production has doubled. This traps many farmers and workers in poverty. We want to demand the price stickered on loose bananas reflects their true cost, enabling banana farmers and workers to earn a fair living and protecting their livelihoods. We believe supermarkets will struggle to act on their own, they need to stay competitive and are stuck in a banana price war, while Competition Law forbids co-ordinating price rises amongst themselves. It is time for the government to step in. Together we can make bananas prices fair by demanding government intervention to end unfair supermarket pricing. We will ask Vince Cable, Secretary of State for Business, to urgently investigate the impact of supermarket pricing and act to protect millions of poor farmers and workers who grow the UK's favourite fruit. You can help by signing a petition during Fairtrade Fortnight, please go to stickwithfoncho.org.uk to make a difference.



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.com

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 our nominated charity is Louie's S.M.I.L.E.S.

The charity aims to relieve sickness and preserve good health for seriously ill children by providing equipment, toys and books to local hospital wards. The children take the items home, in the hope that they make them 'smile' and give them some relief during an extremely difficult time.



SERVICES PARISH OF DEVERILLS & HORNINGSHAM

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| Sunday 2nd March | Sunday before Lent Kingston 8.00 am Longbridge 10.30 am | Holy Communion 1662 Holy Communion |
| Wednesday 5th March | Ash Wednesday Longbridge 6.30 pm The George Inn 7.30 pm | Holy Communion Lent Talk |
| Sunday 9th March | 1st Sunday of Lent Kingston 10.30 am | Holy Communion |
| Sunday 16th March | 2nd Sunday of Lent Brixton 10.30 am | Holy Communion |
| Sunday 23rd March | 3rd Sunday of Lent Longbridge 8.00 pm Horningsham 10.30 pm | Holy Communion 1662 Matins |
| Sunday 30th March | Mothering Sunday Longbridge 10.30 pm | CLOCKS FORWARD Mothering Sunday Service |
| Sunday 6th April | 5th Sunday Brixton 8.00 am Longbridge 10.30 am | Holy Communion 1662 Morning Worship |

Ivy House St Denys Retreat Centre

Wednesday 19th March - BRF Quiet Day with Canon David Winter
 Monday 24th March Creative Day with Maggie Hooper & Lin Burton
 Monday 31st March - Friday 4th April Lent Retreat with Dr Paula Gooder
 To book please call 214824; email: stdenys@ivyhouse.org; www.ivyhouse.org

Church Cleaners for March

Kingston - Judy McCulloch & Anne Wiltshire
 Brixton - Pat Armstrong & Pony Burrige

Longbridge - Monday 3rd March 9.30 - 10.30 am - all helpers please

Church Flower Arrangers for March

| | Kingston | Brixton | Longbridge |
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| 2nd March | Mrs Noonan | Mrs Lawson | Mrs Steptoe |
| 9th March | Lent | no | Flowers |
| 16th March | " | " | " |
| 23rd March | " | " | " |
| 30th March | Mrs Munro posies | ----- | Helpers (see flower list) |



SERVICES PARISH OF CORSLEY & CHAPMANSLADE

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| Sunday 2nd March | Sunday before lent Corsley 9.30 am | Holy Communion |
| Wednesday 5th March | Ash Wednesday Chapmanslade 10.00 am | Holy Communion |
| Sunday 9th March | 1st Sunday of Lent Chapmanslade 9.30 am Temple 11.00 am | Family Holy Communion Matins |
| Sunday 16th March | 2nd Sunday of Lent Chapmanslade 9.30 am | Holy Communion |
| Sunday 23rd March | 3rd Sunday of Lent Temple 9.00 am Corsley 10.30 pm | Holy Communion 1662 Family Parish Worship |
| Sunday 30th March | Mothering Sunday Chapmanslade School 9.30 am | CLOCKS FORWARD Holy Communion |
| Sunday 6th April | 5th Sunday of Lent Corlsey 9.30 am | Holy Communion |

The Deverills & Horningsham Register - Funeral

Friday 7th February Richard Frederick Diacon at Longbridge Deverill

Salmon burger - Recipe sponsored by Maiden Bradley Community Shop

Ingredients

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| 4 skinless salmon fillets, cubed | 2 cloves garlic, finely chopped |
| 1-2 tbsp Thai green curry paste | Juice of 2 limes & 4 wedges |
| 200g quinoa | 150g edamame beans |
| Large bunch fresh coriander, chopped | olive oil for frying |



Method

Place salmon, garlic, curry paste, ½ lime juice in food processor, season with salt, process into a smooth, mince-like texture. Remove mixture, form 4 burgers. Firm up in fridge. Place the quinoa in a pan, add boiling water and simmer for 10-15 minutes until tender. Drain and stir in the edamame beans, remaining lime juice, coriander, season with salt & pepper. Stir well, set aside. Heat olive oil in a frying pan, add the salmon burgers, fry for 5 minutes on each side. Put some quinoa in centre of each plate, place a burger on top, garnish with coriander and a lime wedge.

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 Sunday 9.00 am - 12.00 noon

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