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#### 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.

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St Michael the Archangel, Brixton Deverill St Mary the Virgin, Kingston Deverill St John the Baptist, Horningsham

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Lay Minister	Mr John Budgen	218203

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#### **Contact the Editor and the Website**

**Parish News Editor:** Judy Munro 844385 Contributions for the Parish News by post to

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Please remember the deadline is the 15th of the month
Thank you

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## PARISH NEWS

### The Deverills & Crockerton



The Old Rectory and Armidale, Brixton Deverill by Pat Armstrong

## August 2014

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#### **PIRATES OF PENZANCE**

Gilbert and Sullivan's most comic operetta

SATURDAY 2ND AUGUST
MANOR FARM, CORSLEY, BA12 7QE

Gates open 5.30 pm, Performance at 7.30 pm
Tickets: adults £14; Bar, Supper (2 courses) available £6.00 or bring a picnic Children's 'Best Dressed Pirate Competition' plenty of 'treasures' to be won! For information go to www.theelizabethanevening.com or ring 01373 832 113

#### WYLYE VALLEY 1914 PROJECT

Longbridge Deverill Village Hall Saturday 2nd August 10.00 am – 4.00 pm Sunday 3rd August after church until 2.00 pm

Exhibits from the project include: Royal Flying Corps activities
British Expeditionary Force expansion and development 1914-1918
Flow chart of casualty evacuation system from Front Line
Teas and little nibbles available

Longbridge Deverill Nursing Home and House SUMMER FETE

Saturday 9th August 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm
Hog roast style lunch – Cream tea – Raffle – Tombola Stalls
Garden Games – Music & Entertainment
50p entrance fee

#### **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 Deverill; Village Hall When: Friday 29th August 6.00 - 11.00 pm BBO 6.30—8.30 pm

Facebook www.facebook.com/groups/upperdeverills

#### FUTURE EVENTS

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- Upper Deverills Parish Council 6.30 pm Wednesday 12th November See p14

#### LOCAL COUNCILS, SOCIETIES, GROUPS etc.

## Longbridge Deverill Parish Council www.crockertonlongbridgeandhilldeverill.co.uk

Richard Baxter 212918 (Chair)
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#### **Upper Deverills Parish Council**

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

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Member of Parliament Dr Andrew Murrison 01225 358584

Wiltshire Council 0300 456 0100

**Sir James Thynne Almshouse** Sue Jackson 840322 (Steward)

#### **Longbridge Deverill Village Hall Committee**

Julie Read 840655 (Chair) Anna Mead 212759 (Secretary) Sylvia Titt 214825 (Bookings)

#### **Upper Deverills Village Hall**

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

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

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

Wylye Valley Tennis Club Colin Singer 213696

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

Good Neighbour Co-ordinator Emma Curtis 07557 922033

Rural Community Beat Manager PC Vicky Howick 101

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

#### **New Priest In Charge appointed**

In the words of the Easter acclamation, Alleluia!

Following a second round of interviews in June, for the post of Priest in Charge of the Cley Hill Villages, the position has been offered to and accepted by the Rev Pauline Reid. Pauline is very excited about moving here to join us and said, "I am really looking forward to being with you all and getting to know everyone".



Pauline is currently Priest in Charge of the Raddesley Group of Parishes, six parishes in Suffolk, in villages between Newmarket and Cambridge where she has been for the past 7 years. She is hoping to move to the Rectory in Longbridge Deverill, with her husband Ian (and their Labrador Alfie) in September. On **Wednesday 1st October** at 7.30pm there will be a special **Licensing service** for the whole Benefice at St Margaret's, Corsley. The service will be led by the Bishop of Salisbury to license Pauline to her post as the priest of our Benefice. This will mark her formal welcome from the congregations, the civil parishes, the schools and local people, and will be the start of her Ministry here.

The interregnum has been a voyage of discovery for a lot of people in the congregation, as we have learnt to take more active roles in services – from leading services, intercessions and reading, through to much of the routine running of the parish. Thanks to all for without their support we could not have functioned. People have displayed hidden talents and grown in confidence in their roles in the Parishes. We should not stop now and there will be more opportunities to develop as 'Lay Assistants' as we continue. Let's hope that we can build on this and support Pauline as she develops her Ministry with us.

Finally thanks to all those priests who have helped by taking services for us. As well as regular services they have taken baptisms, weddings and funerals. But especially we give thanks to Rev Di Britten, our Associate Priest, for all the time and effort she dedicates to looking after our spiritual needs and the running of the Benefice. She is indeed a blessing and we would be lost without her.

Robert Shuler - Church Warden

#### The Deverills, Crockerton & Horningsham 50/50 Club



The first draw took place on Sunday 27th July, but it is NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN. Email or phone Diana Abbott as soon as possible for details. The proceeds will be divided, with 50% being used to support our four Churches and the other 50% being used as prizes which will be drawn monthly. The names of the two winners of July's draw will be published in next month's Parish News.

Diana Abbott 01985 840763 or email: decabbott@gmail.com

# SPONSORED RIDE & STRIDE

#### SATURDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER

Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust RIDE & STRIDE

Please support by taking part or sponsoring CONTACT JUDY MUNRO 844385

A fun way to raise funds for our beautiful churches

#### **New Orleans Jazz**

At Horningsham Village Hall Saturday 13th September at 7.00 pm Listen and Dance to New Orleans Heat, a professional Jazz Band



Tickets £22.50 to include a two course supper, Bar available Don't delay, book now and enjoy some superb New Orleans Jazz! Tickets can be obtained from Richard Abbott Tel 840763 All profits go to The Deverill Valley Churches



#### Salisbury Theatre Club Monday 22nd September

#### Bedroom Farce by Alan Ayckbourn

Cost: £22.50 (theatre seat £17.50, coach £5.00) Performance begins at 7.30 pm Please book early to ensure tickets, <u>payment in advance A S P</u>, 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

MacMillan Cancer Support
World's Biggest Coffee Morning



Friday 26th September 10.00 am - 12.00 noon

Lakeside Garden Centre

Please come and support us

Further information from Janet Budgen 21820

#### Flower Show Schedule 2013

#### The Village Hall Cup for Classes 1 to 4

Class 1 - Vegetables & Fruit

- 1.1 Best collection of 4 Vegetables
- 1.2 A Salad Selection (Max 10")
- 1.3 Largest vegetable
- 1.4 Soft Fruit Selection (Max 10")

#### Class 2 - Cookery (WI Cup)

- 2.1 Treacle Tart
- 2.2 6 decorated cup cakes
- 2.3 Home made preserves any variety
- 2.4 6 decorated biscuits
- 2.5 Open class cake of own choice
- 2.6 6 Brownies / Blondies
- 2.7 Best eggs from chicken owners (enter 6 1 will be broken to check)

#### Class 3 - Flowers 1

- 3.1 Specimen HT or Non Cluster Rose
- 3.2 6 Sweet Peas
- 3.3 Annuals 6 stems 1 or more varieties
- 3.4 Perennials 6 stems 1 or more varieties
- 3.5 Flowering shrubs 3 different sprigs
- 3.6 Tallest weed

#### Class 4 - Flowers 2

- 4.1 Hanging Basket
- 4.2 Foliage plant in a pot
- 4.3 A Flowering pot plant (excluding 4.1)
- 4.4 An arrangement of wild flowers
- 4.5 Table arrangement

#### The Liz Peters Cup for Class 5

#### Class 5 - Arts and Crafts

- 5.1 Needlepoint or Cross Stitch Article
- 5.2 A handwritten short story (250 words) marks for content and presentation
- 5.3 Any knitted item
- 5.4 A painting or drawing (any medium completed since August 2013)
- 5.5 A collage or mosaic content and presentation
- 5.6 Open class for any hand-made article

#### Class 6 - Photography

- 6.1 Dogs
- 6.2 Wild Wiltshire
- 6.3 Embarrassing Family photos
- 6.4 Children

#### The Junior Shield Class 7: Under 5 years & 7-11 Years

- 7.1 Garden on a tray
- 7.2 A painting of the World Cup
- 7.3 A decorated cake
- 7.4 Home-made Hat
- 7.5 Lego construction













#### **Upper Deverills Village Hall**

Summer Fete, Flower & Dog Show 2.00 pm Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August

The Fete will include the usual Flower and Craft competitions, Dog Show, many of the popular sideshows and delicious cream teas. Details of

the classes are opposite and an entry form is below.



Please start planning your exhibits now! You can take part in as many categories as you wish! We welcome entries from everyone - the more we have the greater the competition and the more fun it is! It is not the winning but the taking part that counts, come and enjoy this fun event and enter something!

Caroline Davies, Chair UDVH

#### Upper Deverills Flower Show Entry Form Saturday 30th August

One exhibitor per entry form please. Entry forms to be submitted by Wednesday 27th August to: Caroline Davies, 23 Kingston Deverill, BA12 7EX Tel: 845335 or email: carolinedavies096@btinternet.com

Class No	Description of Class	Description of Item	Size

NB A	ll exhibits to	be at the	Village l	Hall by	10.00 am on	Saturday	30th Aug	лıst

Name:	
Address:	
Phone Number	. Email

#### **Deverill Valley & Crockerton WI**

Our meeting this month is on **Monday 11th August** at 7.30 pm at Longbridge Village Hall when Mrs. Terry Edwards will speak and answer questions on 'Women of Oman'. 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. INSPIRING WOME You are welcome to come and join our meeting.



#### The Deverills Cricket Club

The home matches will take place on the cricket pitch next to the Upper Deverills village hall on **Sunday 17th August.** Everyone is very welcome to come and watch. For further information please contact Jamie Fagan 844123.



#### Save the Children Cream Teas and Open Garden

These will take place at Mill Farm House, Hill Deverill, on Sunday 31st August from 3.00 - 6.00 pm, and on the 28th September. Homemade cakes and other items will be for sale. Come and enjoy a delicious Cream Tea in pretty surroundings and help raise money for the vital work undertaken by Save the Children at home and abroad.



#### **Book & Dining Club**

The next book chosen to read is 'The Shock of the Fall' by Nathan Filer. The meeting will take place at the Weymouth Arms, Warminster BA12 8JA at 7.30 pm on Monday 8th September. Please contact Anne Wiltshire on 844152 if you would like to come by the beginning of August so she can get an idea of numbers.



#### Longbridge Deverill Village Hall

We have some great events planned for later in the year at the hall so please put the following dates in your diaries:



Saturday 20th September - Big Breakfast starting 9.30 am, details next month Saturday 11th October - Harvest Supper Saturday 13th December - Christmas Quiz

#### **Saturday Afternoon Strollers**

We will be having a break during August and September. Walk No 5 will take place in October and will be announced in the September edition of the Parish News. If you would like to go on the mailing list for future walks please phone/ text 07732 740364 or call landline 841164 and speak to Richard Lucas.

#### **Community Coffee Morning**

There will be no coffee morning at the George Inn in August, but they will resume in September. If in the meantime you have any queries I can help you with please do not hesitate to call me, Emma Curtis your Good Neighbour Coordinator 07557 922033.

#### **Summer Lunch**

The lunch in June which took place in the Manor Farm Barn at Kingston, by kind permission of David and Alice Stratton, was a huge success. The food, produced by many people, looked and tasted delicious and was enjoyed by the large number of people who attended the event. For the first time an auction was held with three wonderful items very generously donated going under the hammer, the raffle raised additional funds culminating in a magnificent total of £1,761 towards the fabric funds of our beautiful churches. Thank you to everyone who attended and gave so generously and especially to those who provided the wonderful food, items and their time to make this event so successful.

#### **Wessex Cancer Trust**

Hello villagers. Have or will any of you gardeners have a glut of fruit this year? I will be on pudding patrol again in October for the Wessex Cancer Trust dinner in the Kinston Deverill village hall. As many of you may remember we made in excess of £1,400 last year for the trust on the evening of the dinner. The trust provides local cancer care for adults, teenagers and children living with cancer across the Wessex region, Hampshire, Dorset, Wiltshire, Isle of Wight and the Channel Islands. I am happy to collect any offerings or welcome any fruit left on my door step. Please put my details on your message board - Longbarrow, Kingston Deverill, phone number: 845166 (on the way to the glider club). Tickets will be on sale later in the year. May I thank you all in anticipation.

#### Dizzy Bridge

#### **Upper Deverills Parish Council**

The next meeting of the Upper Deverills Parish Council will take place on the **Wednesday 10th September** at 6.30pm in the Upper Deverills village hall, all are welcome to attend.

#### Longbridge Deverill Parish Council

Due to the resignation of Councillor Roy Dickson, there is now a vacancy on the Longbridge Deverill Parish Council. The vacancy notice is displayed on the Parish Notice Boards and the Parish Council web site.

There will be no meeting in August, the next meeting is scheduled for **Monday 1st September** at 7.30 in Longbridge Hall, you are welcome to attend.

#### **Crockerton Speedwatch**

Crockerton Speedwatch is after new members, if you are interested in being trained in the use of a police speed gun and want to take an active part in reducing the speed of vehicles in Clay Street then please contact Nigel Spreadbury-Clews on 0790 404 7369 or email nsclews@hotmail.com



#### **Nature Notes**

Over the last month we have had some different visitors to the garden. A mallard duck with eight adolescent ducklings came for a morning, the youngsters were small replicas of their mother and still not able to fly. She was a very good mother to rear a large number of young to that age. While she was with us she was always on guard, head erect like a meerkat or one eye open watching. The kingfisher has started to come to the pond again. According to my notes, which are not always complete, we had not seen him since the end of February. A young great spotted woodpecker has come to feed on the peanuts, you can tell the young apart from the adults by their red cap. The cherry tree has attracted a lot of birds as the fruit has set and begun to swell. Mistle thrushes, blackbirds, crows, magpies, jackdaws and jays have all been feasting on them. We do not often have jays in the garden so they were lovely to see, they tend to be a very secretive woodland bird; their call betrays them before they are seen. We have also had siskins returning to the feeders with young.

It is not only different birds coming to the garden. A squirrel has been visiting the bird feeding area for more than a month, and occasionally there are two. We have had to take precautions to stop them getting to the feeders; an up-turned bucket on the pole supporting the hanging feeders seems to have worked. Squirrels are very clever, we have to make sure the feeders are far enough away from the nearby hedge and fence, and not too close to the cherry tree branches above, otherwise a quick leap and they'd be over! When we first put the bucket barrier on the pole they tried going around it and then sat contemplating what they could do to reach their goal. Thankfully they have given up trying and are content to eat up the food that drops to the ground. They are quiet feisty and chase off blackbirds, collared doves, woodpigeons, all small birds and hold their own against a duck despite the size difference. We have also had a rabbit but thankfully I have no vegetable patch for it to dine on!

The swallows appear to be doing well and are now on a second brood. The first brood of four or five all flew successfully. The first brood of house martins have also just flown, I could only ever see two heads poking out of the nest at one time but there may have been more inside. Yesterday in the garden there were lots of swallows and house martins flying around and it wasn't long before a predator was attracted. I think it was a sparrowhawk but it could equally have been a hobby. It all happened quickly behind some trees, their panicking calls and then joining forces to chase the predator off followed by silence all around was typical of an attack. We had some swift interest at the end of last month. One morning a pair was flying around and even landed momentarily on the roof of the house just above the swift box. I was in Bishopstrow recently and just caught sight of a swift landing on the wall of a house there and climbing up under the eaves.

There are butterflies about but not as many yet as last year. I have seen small tortoiseshell, red admiral, peacock, brimstone, and various 'whites', one I could identify as a marbled white, and quite a few 'browns'. Hopefully once the buddleia bush at the front of the house comes out we will see more.

Jane Trollope (written on 15th July)

#### Kingston Deverill School history part 5 – School logbook

1910: Apr: 67 children on register. Jul 1: During the haymaking, play has on several occasions been dispensed with and the school closed to enable children to carry parents' tea to the fields. Aug 10: C of E Manager's report: 'English and Arithmetic deplorable. The teacher of the infants suffers from the proximity of the noisy Standard children, and they are backward with their work.' This would appear to be inevitable since the schoolroom is still unpartioned. Dec 21: I give up charge of the school today – signed, Beatrice A Maxfield. It appears Mrs Maxfield's autocratic regime failed to lift academic standards at the school, it would be unsurprising to learn, though we have no evidence, for a combination of reasons (including her unsympathetic attitude to the children) she had been dismissed. Presumably she returned to her family who ran the King's Arms in Monkton.

1911: Mrs A Elliott ACP takes over duties as Headmistress. Jan 9: Lily and Gladys Marshall away this afternoon having gone home to dinner 2 and a quarter miles. Since they were walking, presumably on their own, in the depths of winter, it was surely reasonable that they did not return for afternoon school, given the prospect of a walk back home in the dark. May 2: Miss L C Stevens commences duties. May 29: Miss Stevens away making preparations for her marriage. It appears that the only source for assistant teachers is amongst a pool of immediately marriageable girls. Jun 1: I sent Eva Feltham and Percy Mills home in the afternoon because Bert Wilson had saturated them with water. Jun 20: School closed for Coronation. Sep 15: Mrs Stratton visited the school this afternoon to present Coronation [George V] mugs to each child. This is the first mention – but by no means the last – of the Stratton family in their connection with the village school. Richard Stratton took on the tenancy of Manor Farm in KD in 1865 and the family remained as tenants until 1924 when they bought the holding from its owner, the 6<sup>th</sup> Marquis of Bath. Manor Farm is still in the hands of the Stratton family and the current owner attended the school. Oct 7: Bert Wilson leaves – mentally deficient. Bert Wilson had a series of fits during the year whilst at school, and his mental state might have contributed to his dousing Eva and Percy with water in the early summer. Whether or not the final diagnosis was correct is another matter.

1912: Jan 4: as Mr Stratton gave the children a Christmas Tree there was no school this afternoon. Jan 18: Snowy weather – 18 children present. Jan 19: 4 Rixons, 8 Marshalls, 2 Ruddicks, 2 Gibbs, 1 Carpenter, Lily Mabbitt and M Day (19) present. The Marshall, Ruddick and Carpenter families had lived in the village for generations. Jan 27: I punished P Gibbs, B Gibbs and Tony Marshall for interfering with Muriel Maxfield. It appears that the three boys were taking it out on one of the daughters of the previous Headmistress. Feb 20: Owing to visit of Bishop of Salisbury, no school this afternoon. Jack Carpenter who lived in KD all his life and died in 2004 aged 100 remembered this visit, and spoke of seeing the Bishop being driven up to the Rectory in a horse-drawn carriage. Feb 21: Annie Pullinger insolent to her teacher during the Needlework lesson. Feb 26: Annie Pullinger left. It didn't take long for Annie's parents to take decisive action.

#### Julian Wiltshire

#### Warminster information centre

Warminster information Centre is the place to find all your local information. Also details about events and to buy event tickets, often at reduced prices, for instance during July we were selling tickets for the Air Tattoo and Royal International Air Day at Yeovilton, as well as many other fantastic local events.

We can book you on to National Express, Berry's coaches and day trips or holidays with Chandlers. We can organise accommodation for your visitors and we can supply ideas for days out. Look out for school holiday ideas coming soon.

We look forward to seeing you at the information centre where you will always get a friendly welcome. You can contact us by phone on: 218548 or by email at visitwarminster@btconnect.com or find us on Facebook.

#### An Old Agriculturist's Ramblings - Ian Woodcock - Part 12

At Ryehill there were two 16th and 17th century tythe barns, thatched and in a poor state of repair and holes in the thatch so it was decided to demolish them and build a Dutch Barn 60' long, 30' wide with lean-to buildings on either side 30' wide; the central barn was divided in two with a sleeper wall to hold silage for self-feeding the beef animals, the lean-to's bedded with straw stored on top of the silage as housing for them. An electric fence was used to restrict them burrowing into the silage face and a supplementary feed of crushed barley fed in wooden troughs daily.

The two tythe barns that were demolished were built with beams from oak trees, still as good as at the time they were felled. These were stored in the corner of the farmyard to be used by anyone who was interested, I contacted all the building contractors from Trowbridge, Salisbury, Shaftesbury and Frome but not one was interested so eventually they were all burnt; a crying shame!

The two farms, Shute and Ryehill, were working together much more closely as time went by in labour and machinery to save overheads. With the increased number of animals on both farms, more winter feed was needed so improved methods of collecting the grass for silage were needed. Shute provided a flail mower to cut the grass a day or two before collection to allow wilting to occur. A double-chop forage harvester was purchased by Shute, but driven by a tractor and driver from Ryehill and larger trailers for transport bought by both farms.

On the cereal enterprises we each owned our own ploughs and cultivating equipment. Ryehill owned the power harrow, Shute owned the drill mounted on this harrow as well as the fertiliser distributor, the trailed crop sprayer and the combine harvester driven by a Ryehill driver. With the advent of all fertilisers and seed corn being delivered on pallets, a fork lift truck was purchased by Shute and shared. This machine also had a large bucket enabling it to load the grain into waiting lorries from the barns that had concrete floors on either farm. There was another bucket which could be fitted to feed the highest yielding cows an evening high protein feed supplement.

#### **SERVICES PARISH OF DEVERILLS & HORNINGSHAM**

Sunday
3rd August
Brixton 8.00 am
Longbridge 10.30 am
Holy Communion
Holy Communion

Sunday Trinity 8

10th August Kingston 10.30 am Holy Communion

Sunday Trinity 9

17th August Brixton 10.30 am Holy Communion

Sunday Trinity 10

24th August Horningsham 10.30 am Holy Communion

Sunday Trinity 11

31st August Chapmanslade 10.30 am Benefice Service

Sunday Trinity 12

7th September Kingston 8.00 am Holy Communion 1662

Longbridge 10.30 am Holy Communion

#### The Register

#### Marriage

Nigel Martin Wills & Katherine Marie O'Keefe at Longbridge Saturday 12th July

#### **Interment of Ashes**

Sadie Clark at Longbridge on Saturday 19th July

#### **Funeral & Burial**

Raymond Derek Pearce at Kingston on Monday 21st July Amanda Christie at Kingston on Wednesday 23rd July

#### **Church Cleaners for August**

**Kingston** - Judy MCulloch & Anne Wiltshire **Brixton** - Sophie Lawson & Eve Mcbride

**Longbridge** - Monday 4th August 9.30 - 10.30 am - all helpers please

#### **Church Flower Arrangers for August**

	Kingston	Brixton	Longbridge	
3rd Aug	Mrs Munro	Mrs Burridge	Mrs Jackson	
10th Aug	Mrs Wiltshire	Mrs Burridge	Mrs Steptoe	
17th Aug	Mrs Wiltshire	Lady Walker	Mrs Steptoe	
24th Aug	Mrs Beattie/Stone	Lady Walker	Mrs Norrington	n Davies
31st Aug	Mrs Beattie/Stone	Mrs Mcdonald	Mrs Norrington	n Davies
10th Aug 17th Aug 24th Aug 31st Aug	Mrs Wiltshire Mrs Beattie/Stone	Lady Walker Lady Walker	Mrs Steptoe Mrs Norringtor	n Davie

#### **SERVICES PARISH OF CORSLEY & CHAPMANSLADE**

Sunday **Trinity 7** Corsley 9.30 am 3rd August **Holy Communion Trinity 8** Sunday 10th August Chapmanslade 9.30 am **Family Communion** Temple 11.00 am Matins Sunday **Trinity 9** 17th August Chapmanslade 9.30 am **Holy Communion** Sunday **Trinity 10** 24th August Temple 9.00 am Holy Communion 1662 Corsley 10.30 am Family Parish Worship Sunday **Trinity 11** Chapmanslade 10.30 am 31st August Benefice Service

Sunday Trinity 12

7th September Corsley 9.30 am Holy Communion

#### **Pastoral visits**

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

#### Dear Friends,

In doing some tidying of papers I found a pile of Deverill magazines from 1998 (just after we left having served as your Rector) until 2002 which Elizabeth Atkinson sent us. I do hope copies are in the Church archives. Re-reading these brings back lots of memories and names of special people – some of whom have now died. Edward Sawyer, Wallis Hunt, Peter Royall, Charles & Nonie Camell, Charles Taylor, Richard Yates and many more...... I always enjoyed the bird notes – much more exotic sounding than our garden birds of mainly sparrow, blackbird, thrush and wax-eye with an occasional fantail. Then there were all the fundraising efforts for the Village hall or Mission work, lighting the beacon, Pat's front cover illustrations and the importance of the Yew trees – did the Millennium Brixton Deverill one grow? I am reminded of the difference in our church seasons with no flowers in Advent when you have so few when our gardens here are bursting. There are comments re the schools and Crockerton post office which was still operating. When we lived in the Vicarage in 1998 I wrote a regular newsletter back home listing all the differences I observed. We were greatly blessed by that experience and the long lasting friendships we made. Many of you have visited us – but there are still a few who could be brave and travel to the outtermost part of the earth ©

Many blessings and loving greetings from us both, *Adrienne & Chris Rodgers* - New Zealand