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

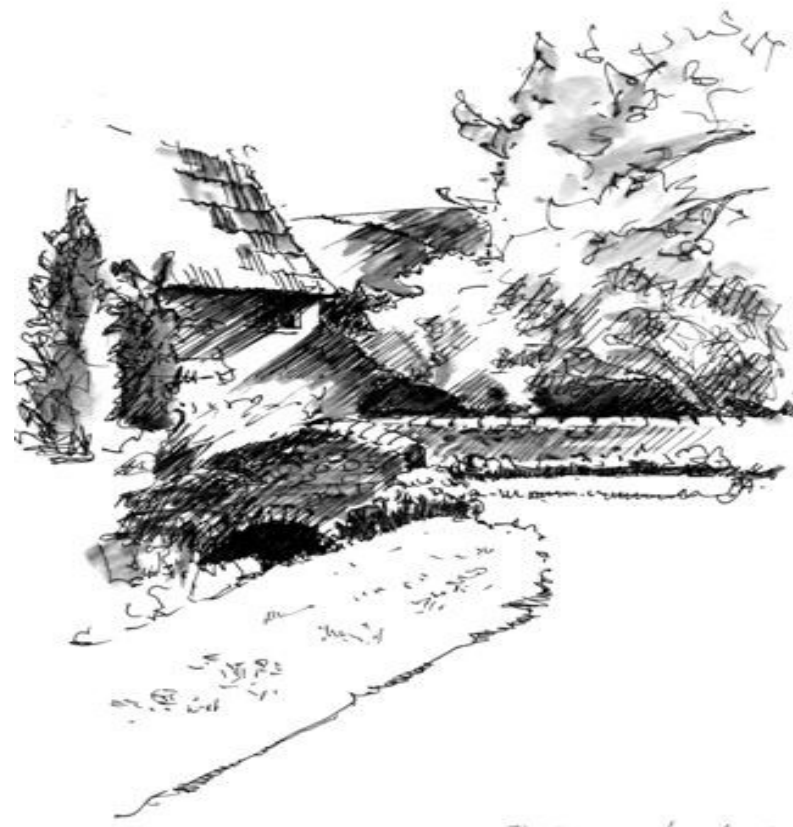
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PARISH NEWS

The Deverills & Crockerton



The Marsh, Longbridge Deverill by Pat Armstrong

February 2016

Look inside for local news & information

Last day of Studio WINTER SALE - Bull Mill, Crockerton
Saturday 6th February

10.00 am - 5.00 pm - Lots of work at half price
 Contemporary landscape painting by Nick Andrew
 Unique wildlife paintings on weathered wood by Tanya Hinton
 Tel: 07730 400784 www.bullmillarts.co.uk
 (next open studio Saturday 5th March)



Art Workshops - Bull Mill Arts with Olivia Clifton-Bligh
Saturday 6th February

10.00 am-12.00 noon, drawing nature children 6-11 years £10
 1.00 - 5.00 pm Lino & woodcut printmaking adults £20
 Book your space with Olivia 212 716



Community Coffee Morning

Everyone welcome 10.30 - 12.00

Wednesday 10th and Monday 29th February

The Orangery, the George Inn, Longbridge

For more information please call Emma Curtis
 your Good Neighbour Coordinator 07557 922033
 or if you require transport call Bridget Beattie 844884



MONTHLY PUB NIGHT - 'The Cricketers' Legs'

Come to a relaxed pub night with other villagers, children/dogs welcome!
 Firkin beer, wine, spirits, soft drinks, crisps - cheaper than a proper pub!

Where: Upper Deverill, Village Hall

When: Friday 26th February 6.00 - 11.00 pm

Food: Jacket Potatoes & Chilli

Raffle: Meat Voucher

Facebook www.facebook.com/groups/upperdeverills



Candlemas - a candlelit service

Sunday 7th February at 10.30 am

St Peter and St Paul, Longbridge Deverill

The blessing of church candles for the coming year

Families are very welcome

Please bring your own candles to be blessed

FUTURE EVENTS

- **Pre-school children & parents group** Thursdays Longbridge Hall 10.00-11.30 am
- **Longbridge Deverill Parish Council** meeting Monday 1st February See p10/14
- **Warminster Library National Libraries Week** 1st - 6th February See p6
- **Longbridge Ladies Group** Tuesday 2nd February See p5
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- **Upper Deverills Pub Night** Friday 25th March
- **Upper Deverills Easter Egg Hunt** Saturday 26th March See p6

LOCAL COUNCILS, SOCIETIES, GROUPS etc.

Longbridge Deverill Parish Council

www.crockertonlongbridgeandhilldeverill.co.uk

Richard Baxter 212918 (Chair)	Kevin Gray 841363
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Nikki Spreadbury-Clews 216660 (Clerk)	Caroline Sawyer 840585
Ian Bell 840514	Nigel Spreadbury-Clews 216660

Upper Deverills Parish Council

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

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Longbridge Deverill Village Hall Committee

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

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Hospital Transport Link Scheme 211655

Mere Link Scheme (covers Upper Deverills) 01747 860096

Dear Friends,

As I write we are experiencing the first really cold days of the winter with an icy wind, but it is so lovely to see blue sky and the sun rather than endless grey; we have passed the shortest day so are moving towards spring, even though it seems far away. We are also moving towards Easter, which is very early this year on Sunday 27th March. Sometimes there is a big gap between Epiphany following Christmas and Lent which precedes Easter but this year there is only one Sunday of 'Ordinary time' and then it's Ash Wednesday and off we go into 40 days of preparation for the big day. Before all that we end Epiphany with **Candlemas**, I do hope you will be able to join us for this beautiful service at 10.30 am **Sunday 7th February at Longbridge**, Sunday 31st January 3.30 pm at Chapmanslade which will be a combined Candlemas and Christingle service.

I wonder if you have been to an Ash Wednesday service? True to its name, on this Wednesday to mark the beginning of Lent the priest takes ashes from burnt palm crosses mixed with oil to mark a cross on the forehead of each person saying, 'Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return. Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel'. Not exactly cheery is it? Yet I always find the Ash Wednesday service profoundly moving and life affirming. Confronted by those stark words the detritus and pretence that we surround ourselves with is stripped away; there is nothing like being told that one day you will be dust to clarify your perspective and enable you to see what is important and what is, quite simply, irrelevant. But there is more: Malcolm Guite writes: 'There is a deeper wisdom still in the tradition of ashing. For the ash that is left after purging fires is itself a fertilizer, a life enabler, a source of new growth; we place these unpromising leavings on the garden and new things bloom.' Paradoxically, in embracing our own mortality, our own capacity for making an almighty mess of things, we are released to begin again, to make something beautiful of our lives.



This year we are sharing our **Ash Wednesday on 10th February** with Bishop Ed. We will begin with a service of ashing at 10.00 am at Chapmanslade then walk around the Benefice stopping to pray in each church and ending at Longbridge Deverill for tea in the village hall where we hope lots of people will join us to chat with Bishop Ed. It will not be possible for everyone to walk the whole route but we will give approximate times for reaching each church so people can join us as they wish for a shorter walk. Do come, it promises to be a very special day. Love and prayers,

Pauline

Rev Pauline Reid - Tel: 841290 / revpauline@btinternet.com

Lent course - 'Source' A five session course on prayer for Lent starting on **Monday 15th February** 10.30 am at Chapmanslade, 2.30 pm at The Rectory, Longbridge Deverill. This will be another strand to our year of prayer, we will learn together what it means to pray with words and through creative approaches. In the Deanery we will be exploring prayer with several speakers, Brother Sam, from Hillfield, will speak at Christ Church, Warminster BA12 9NS, on **Thursday 18th February** at 7.30 pm, please come and join us.



Commissioning Service - Lay Worship Leaders

Sunday 7th February at 4.00 pm

This is a special service at The Minster conducted by Bishop Ed commissioning our new Lay Worship Leaders

Robert Shuler, Keith Muston, Ian Buik, Phil Jefferson and Pat Ryan

Please come along and support them

Refreshments will be served after the service



Longbridge Deverill Village Hall

Come along to the delicious PANCAKE NIGHT

Tuesday 9th February 4.30 pm to 6.30 pm

Menu: Jacket potatoes and Pancakes, tea and squash

Price: Adults £3.00 Children £1.50

Salisbury Theatre Club

Monday 15th February Deathtrap by Ira Levin

Julia Williams has taken on the organisation of the club from Mary Stewart-Cox, who did a wonderful job. Please contact her for tickets on 840188 or email: julia_william57@hotmail.com

Riversdale Cottage, Brixton Deverill, BA12 7EJ

Cost: £19.50 (theatre seat £14.50, coach £5.00) Performance begins at 7.30 pm

Please book early, payment in advance, (cheques payable to: Julia Williams)

Coach leaves Kingston church 6.10 pm collecting through the Deverills

New members are always welcome, tell your friends and neighbours



QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 12th March at 7.00 for 7.30 pm

Longbridge Deverill Village Hall

Tickets £9.00 from Quizmaster Guy Ratcliffe (840405)

Teams of 6 or 8 people Bring your own drinks

Supper: Baked Potatoes with assorted fillings & ice creams



Longbridge Deverill Parish Council

Clean for the Queen - Litter Pick Sunday 20th March

Meet 10.00 am : Bath Arms, Crockerton or The George, Longbridge

Equipment provided - All welcome,

Please come and help keep our parish tidy - love your community!

More information from Parish Clerk Nikki 216660 or nikkispreadburyclews@gmail.com

Nature Notes

It sounds as if we are in for a shock this week-end with very low temperatures that we have not experienced for several years. This will be a complete contrast to the much milder and wetter weather that we have been having so far this winter. No wonder we always talk about the weather in this country; it always keeps us guessing what it will do next. December was the warmest on record, hopefully January will not set records for being the coldest.

These violent swings in the weather cause so much confusion to nature. Plants have been shooting and flowering and now with freezing temperatures to come I fear they will suffer. It seems to me the natural rhythm of the weather is all upside down. For several years I have noticed we can get periods of unseasonal weather, be it milder or colder, at the wrong time. The whole ecosystem is then affected. For example, I was reading an article about last spring when in April we had some cold nights and May was wetter than usual. This affected nesting tits and a lot of broods were lost due to the cold and the adults not able to find enough food in the wet weather. The weather affects the time of flowering and so when pollen and nectar is available, this in turn affects all the insects, bees, butterflies, etc. It has an effect on when the caterpillars emerge in the spring and therefore affects the amount of food available for the tits. If the weather gets out of order too much it becomes dangerously out of balance and species can be hit hard. This is especially so in species that usually breed only once a year like the tits. Species that have several broods, such as robins and blackbirds, cope much better with changes in weather patterns. Maybe this is where the saying "don't put all your eggs in one basket" comes from!



We have had a sparrowhawk (pretty sure there are two about) swooping through the garden regularly. This morning it did a circle around the bird feeders and surprised the cock pheasant that was under them; it ducked to avoid being hit, though the sparrowhawk would not have collided with it, and then just carried on eating.

The visits from the sparrowhawk together with the winds of late have made the birds very nervous and some days the food consumption has been right down. We have had both types of woodpecker in the garden; the great spotted has been enjoying the fat balls and the green has been attracted to the rotting apples where it must be finding grubs and insects. With the weather due to get a lot colder we should get fieldfares and redwings coming in to feast on the apples.

There have been up to six bramblings coming into the garden; if the weather gets colder that may increase. So far no siskins but they too may be tempted in by falling temperatures. Most days we have long tailed tits visit as least once, covering the fat balls and sometimes venturing onto the peanuts too. It is very difficult to count them as they are continually on the move but I reckon there were about a dozen.



Jane Trollope (written 14th January)

PS This morning, 15th, I had a glimpse of a male siskin on the sunflower hearts.

Kingston Deverill School Logbook – part 22

1961 Apr 4: Headmistress resigns. Sep 11: G Mounsdén takes temporary charge. Mrs Cooper made supervisor. Mrs Jackson school cleaner.

1962 Mrs Werner takes up duties as Headmistress. May 11: complaint about school meals sent to Mere: ‘There was approx.. a slice of egg between three children and bread buttered with a margarine-like substance’. This description of the school’s culinary experience is distinctly at variance with that reported by Lady Asquith. Either matters had gone downhill or an unusually special meal had been prepared for her on the occasion of her visit. **May 19: visit to the Roman Baths in Bath. Jul 24: 7 bottles of milk were sour today. Nov 13: new building of flush toilets.** It is obvious that some heed is being taken of Lady Helen’s strictures about the sanitary arrangements – but see related disasters below. **Dec 5: Mrs Coleman fainted almost at lunchtime.** It seems that the children are still conducting their ablutions whilst the food is being prepared. **Dec 13: visit to Salisbury Playhouse.**

1963 – Jan 8: snow-blocked roads; the children are bringing soup and cocoa which we had at school. Jan 11: roads to Mere and Maiden Bradley are still impossible. Jan 18: Timothy Gallup has still not attended school although the road is passable to his home. Mrs Gallup insists he uses the school bus which is not yet running. This he is not entitled to do. Presumably the Headmistress is trying to say that Timothy’s usual entitlement to the non-running school bus does not mean that his mother is exonerated from sending him to school on foot. This implication would receive short shrift today. **Sep 9: waste tank full: children had to use neighbours’ toilets. Request that tank be emptied weekly. Sep 16: waste tank full again. Sep 17-18: school closed - no toilet facilities.** So much for the recent provision of flush toilets. It is surprising the school did not revert to the 19th century buckets which had provided good service up until 1961.

1964 Jun 26: trip to Salisbury Cathedral cancelled owing to lack of transport.

1965 Jan 29: heavy snow: the Brixton children go home at 1.30 pm. Feb 12: waste tank overflowing. Feb 18: school closed because of overflowing waste tank. Mar 2-5: school closed – all roads blocked to village. If it’s not the toilets, it’s snow. Unless, of course, it was a combination of the two. **Apr 2; Mrs Newbury removes Elizabeth, her daughter, from school to protest against a detention I set.** This is a different Mrs Newbury – not the retired Headmistress. **Jul 19: annual outing to Branksome Chine.**

1966 Jan 6: Miss Smissen begins duties as Infants teacher. More problems with sewage tank. Mar 17: visit to Wilton Carpet Factory: Mar 31: election holiday. Jul 18: Branksome Chine. Dec 16: carol service at Christchurch.

1967 Jan 20: Lady Helen visits. New roller towelling provided and tank emptied every other day. The Asquith magic wand is waved once again.

Julian Wiltshire



Longbridge Deverill Ladies Social Group

Our regular monthly get together will be on **Tuesday 2nd February** from 8.00 pm onwards so join us for a gossip and a drink. If you would like more information ring Audrey 841183 or email: asapearce@btinternet.com.



Deverill Valley & Crockerton WI

Our Meeting in January was very successful. The History of the Athenaeum by Andrew Frostick was extremely interesting particularly as we all can associate with the Athenaeum, a well loved historical building in Warminster. Our next meeting will be on **Monday 8th February** when Graham Harding will speak on working for **Fred Pontin - ‘Book Early’**. This will be followed by tea, coffee, biscuits, a raffle and general conversation. To find out more about the WI in the Deverill Valley please contact Julie Walder on 213142. You are very welcome to join us.



Wiltshire Wildlife Trust - Warminster Supporters' Group

On **Monday 8th February** we will join Paul Morton as he takes us on a tour around Poole Harbour to learn about the extraordinarily variety of fascinating bird life that lives there. Resident or migratory, land or water, waders or swimmers - this picturesque stretch of water houses them all. As always - non-members are welcome at the Civic Centre at 7.30 pm cost £3 (under-18s £1), includes refreshments.



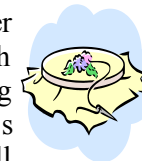
Star Gazing!

Come for an enthralling evening under some of the darkest skies in southern England on **Monday 8th February**, Upper Deverills Village Hall 7.30 pm to approx 10.00 pm, led by Bob Mizon, Co-ordinator for Commission for Dark Skies, British Astronomical Association. Warm clothing a necessity, and binoculars helpful, the presentation will be indoors if cloudy. No charge but please book if possible on 01725 517417 or at info@cranbornechase.org.uk. Bring your own refreshments.



Cast on & Craft Group

If you like knitting, embroidery, tapestry, bead making or other crafts, this group is for you! We meet at someone's home once a month to share ideas and enjoy each other’s company. This month’s meeting will be on **Monday 22nd February** 2.00 - 4.00 pm at Julie Read’s home, Sandhill Farm, Sand Hill, Longbridge Deverill, BA12 7DW, call 840655 if you need directions. Everyone welcome.



Book & Dining Club

Our next meeting will be 7.00 for 7.30 pm on **Monday 29th February**, at The Bath Arms, Crockerton. We have chosen **‘I am Pilgrim’** by Terry Hayes, a crime and mystery story, topical, gritty and a real page turner. Please let Jude Jenkins on 215840 or 07974 675399 know if you will be joining the group for a meal and to discuss the book. We look forward to seeing you.



The annual Upper Deverills Easter Egg Hunt

On **Saturday 26th March** at 2.00 pm at the Upper Deverills hall, all children under 11 welcome with a parent or guardian.



Upper Deverills Hall - Queen's 90th Birthday

Please note on Queen's 90th Birthday **Thursday 21st April** we will join the national celebrations by taking part in the lighting of beacons and enjoying a hog roast at the village hall. More details next month.



Deverills Performing Arts Series

An inspiring mix of music & drama across the seasons! Something for everyone. Tickets on sale in March. Look out for the flyer!



Saturday 7th May

Sarah McQuaid - folk/jazz fusion The George Inn, Longbridge

Saturday 23rd July

Theatre Rush – The Lost Tales of Wiltshire Barn Theatre, Manor Farm, Kingston

Saturday 17th September

Bath Philharmonia Chamber Players Kingston Church

Saturday 12th November

Amalthea Duo - harp and flute Brixton Church

For details: email info@deverillsfestival.com or see website deverillsfestival.com

Action Ovarian Cancer

In June Nick Johnson (Monkton Deverill) is cycling from Glasgow to London (484 miles) to raise money for this charity. You will see him training over the coming months so please give him a wave. If you would like to sponsor Nick please visit his justgiving webpage at www.justgiving.com/Nick-Johnson22.



Warminster Library - National Libraries Week 1st - 6th February

Poetry Out Loud at Warminster Library Bring your own poetry or a favourite poem to read out loud or just come along to listen.

History Talk by Archivist Steven Hobbs FSA Maintaining order and social justice in 17th Century Wiltshire.

Harry Potter Book Night A Night Of Spells. Enjoy an enchanting evening discovering the magical world of Harry Potter, games, craft activities, and book readings! Dress code: Wizarding robes or Harry Potter character fancy dress. Ages 6-11 (please note all children must be accompanied by a parent/carer).

Love Your Library Story Time & Crafts Free story time and craft activity, children ages 4-11 (all children must be accompanied by a parent/carer).



Local History quiz - test your history knowledge.

Blind Date with a book - a lucky dip of specially selected books.

Tell your family and friends to visit the library, take part in the events and promotions, everyone welcome. **For information** and to book events please call into Warminster Library, Three Horseshoes Walk, BA12 9BT or call 216022.

Annual weather and rainfall report for 2015



When considering the weather in 2015 one thinks immediately of the floods and ensuing heartbreaking tragedies of late December 2015 and early January 2016 in the north of England and north east Scotland. There were headlines in the press saying it had been the wettest year on record. I have to tell you that this Parish bucked the trend and we had quite a dry year! However, we must remember the period 2 years ago, when there were houses flooded in this parish and the water meadows, either side of the river Wylde, were full of water for some months. Thankfully during 2015 the Deverills and Crockerton Parishes escaped the worst of the weather. August was the wettest month with 4.5 inches rain, compared to March 1.5 inches and April 1.0 inch being the two driest months. The result for this parish is an average of 33.50 inches or 85.09 cm of rain fall in 2015. Which is just below my 15 years average of 35 inches.

The readings to base this annual report on are taken from 6 weather watchers in this parish and catchment area. They diligently record the rainfall on a daily basis and send their annual results to me just after the New Year. I am very grateful to them all. If anyone wishes to join in and report their rainfall records to me they will be very welcome. You can buy top of the range automatic high tech rain gauges on the internet with a link to a computer. You may record everything to do with the weather from temperatures to rainfall, wind direction etc for about £60 plus. These high tech gauges also keep recording for you while you are away from home. There are also very cheap simple reliable ones sold at local stores or garden centres. The positioning of a rain gauge is critical and should be well away from buildings or trees.

Finally, to avoid the possibility of flooding the best advice is always to keep our various waterways, rivers, streams and ditches clear of weed and other hindrances.

The year 2016 started with a very wet period and as I write this on 16th January, in 16 days we have had 3.4 inches of rain. This morning I recorded the first real frost of the winter, it was minus 4 degrees, but it has been a remarkably mild winter to date.

John Robins, Manor Farm, Longbridge Deverill, BA12 7DF

South West Wildlife Fundraising Ltd (SWWFL)

Membership Recruiter We are looking for self-motivated people to recruit members for **Wiltshire Wildlife Trust**. Our recruiters work at venues such as shops, garden centres, county shows and events. Rates of pay range from £7.50 - £20 per hour, depending on performance. SWWFL offers some travel expenses and contributory pension scheme. On going permanent roles are available. You may have sales, promotions or customer-facing experience but many of our team have been recruited on their presence, attitude and personality. If you have access to a car and are able to work 2-4 days per week, (Thurs/Friday to Sat/Sun) please apply by sending your CV and a short covering note indicating reasons for interest and suitability, and stating where you saw the role advertised, to finance@swwfl.co.uk



Longbridge Deverill Parish Council

The next full Parish Council meetings will be held in Longbridge village hall on **Monday 1st February, Monday 7th March** at 7.30 pm.

Upper Deverills Parish Council - Annual Litter Pick

The litter pick will be on **Saturday 19th March** 10.00 to 12.00 noon, equipment will be provided. Councillor Robin Greenwood will lead in Brixton Deverill, Councillor Bridget Beattie in Monkton Deverill and Councillor Louise Stratton in Kingston Deverill.

The next Parish Council meeting will be at 6.30 pm on **Wednesday 9th March**.

Update on Broadband for the Upper Deverills

BT Openreach have now brought on line the new cabinet located in Kingston Deverill. The first resident to migrate to the new service in Kingston reports 69Mbps download and 19Mbps upload speeds. Information about ordering the improved service can be found at wiltshireonline.org/index.php/broadband-rollout/find-your-postcode/gone-live. Monkton Deverill residents may not be able to receive a superfast service, defined as 24Mbps but several report availability of 7-22 Mbps. An improved service will only be provided if residents contact their service provider and buy a new package.

The Broadband Action Group has realised not all households are connected to the upgraded fibre service cabinet at Maiden Bradley. BAG asked Wiltshire Council to contact BT Openreach to investigate why some residents are connected to a cabinet which has yet to be converted to fibre optic service and await a response.

The service to Brixton Deverill has not been upgraded. We are in contact with Wiltshire Council/BT Openreach to explore what can be done and asked Upper Deverills Parish Council to escalate the matter to a senior level at WC. Brixton residents will receive an explanatory email.

Phil Davies

Deverills bus Service

As reported in the Warminster Journal, unprofitable bus routes across the county may face the axe after a shake up by Wiltshire Council which subsidises about half the routes. Our local bus between Warminster and Kingston Deverill runs three times a day and is one of the routes under threat. People are invited to have their say in a review which is part of wider plans to help Wiltshire Council save millions of pounds over the next three years. Public consultation runs until 4th April, see Wiltshire Council web site, paper copies are available in council offices, libraries and on buses. For an alternative view see option247.uk. If you value your service have your say, leave your car at home and use the bus. The bus leaves Kingston Deverill Church at 09.27/11.50/14.20 arriving Warminster 16 minutes later and stops when requested. Passengers should stand in a safe place in their village to flag the bus down. Return buses leave Warminster Market Place at 11.30/14.00/17.50. Fares are reasonable, Wiltshire Council concessionary bus pass holders travel free.

Richard Lucas



Your Parish News - Donations

Thank you very much to those who have already generously handed in their donations for 2016. However, if you have not, please may I remind you how much we rely on your financial support to keep our production costs down. A pale blue envelope was included in the January Parish News for donations, but if you need another one please do not hesitate to contact me on 844385. The envelopes can be taken to: Longbridge Deverill Garage, or put into the collection at Church, given to a Church Warden (see pack page), or Robert Steptoe, PCC Treasurer or given to Judy Munro (Editor) Whitepits Lodge, Kingston Deverill, BA12 7HD. **THANK YOU.**

Judy Munro - Editor

IMPORTANT my email address is now: judymunro@btinternet.com

Recipe of the month - Tomato soup & garlic bread

Ingredients

For garlic butter

1 garlic bulb, 500ml/18fl oz double cream, salt and black pepper
1 large bunch basil (roughly chopped, 2 sprigs reserved)

For tomato soup

75ml/2½fl oz extra virgin olive oil, ½ banana shallot (finely chopped),
2 x 400g/14oz tin tomatoes, 1 small baguette (cut lengthways into 4 pieces)

Preparation method

Preheat the oven to 170C/340F/Gas 3½. Wrap the whole garlic bulb in aluminium foil and cook in the oven for 40-45 minutes or until soft. When cool cut the top off the bulb. Squeeze out all the garlic and finely chop. Pour double cream into the bowl of a mixer and beat for 3-5 minutes or until mixture turns to solid fatty lumps with a liquid base. Line a colander with muslin cloth and place over a bowl. Tip the mixture into the colander and wrap muslin tightly around the cream. Squeeze out all liquid until left with a solid mass of butter in muslin, discard liquid. Tip butter into a bowl, add chopped garlic and a pinch of salt. Stir in a third of the chopped basil and mix once more.

Heat a large frying or sauté pan until hot, add all but 2 tablespoons of the extra virgin olive oil and the shallot, gently fry for a minute. Add the tinned tomatoes and the rest of the basil, reserving two sprigs for garnish, then simmer for 2-3 minutes.

While the soup simmers, heat a griddle pan until very hot and char the bread on both sides, then slather with the garlic butter and place in the oven to warm through.

Blend the soup using a stick blender or a food processor until you have a fine purée. Season, to taste, with salt and black pepper.

Serve the soup in bowls with the reserved olive oil drizzled over the top and a scattering of basil leaves, with the garlic bread alongside.

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SERVICES PARISH OF DEVERILLS & HORNINGSHAM ⁻⁸⁻

Sunday 7th February	Next before Lent Brixton 8.00 am Longbridge 10.30 am	Holy Communion Morning Worship
Wednesday 10th February	Ash Wednesday Chapmanslade 10.00 am	Holy Communion & Benefice Walk
	Longbridge 6.30 pm	Holy Communion
Sunday 14th February	Lent 1 Kingston 10.30 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 21st February	Lent 2 Brixton 10.30 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 28th February	Lent 3 Longbridge 10.30 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 6th March	Mothering Sunday Kingston 8.00 am Longbridge 10.30 am	Holy Communion Mothering Sunday service

NB Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays at Longbridge 8.00 am Morning Prayers

Register

Baptism - Welcome to our church family

Kimie-Rose Ephgrave-Brown at Horningsham on Sunday 3rd January



Church Cleaners for February

Kingston - Mandy Martyn & Angela Beloe

Brixton - Eve McBride & Sophie Lawson

Longbridge - Monday 1st February 9.30 - 10.30 am - All helpers please

Church Flower Arrangers for February

	Kingston	Brixton	Longbridge
7th Feb	Judy Munro	Mrs Lawson	Julia Young
14th Feb	Lent	No	Flowers
21st Feb	"	"	"
28th Feb	"	"	"



The Deverills, Crockerton & Horningsham 50/50 Club

December's Christmas winners:

£200 Liz Gatt; £150 Julia Young; £100 John Robins; £75 Anna Mead

The 50/50 Club is open to everyone and always welcome new members.

For more information please contact Diana Abbott by telephone:

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SERVICES PARISH OF CORSLEY & CHAPMANSLADE ⁻⁹⁻

Sunday 7th February	Next before Lent Corsley 9.30 am	Holy Communion
Wednesday 10th February	Ash Wednesday Chapmanslade 10.00 am	Holy Communion & Benefice Walk
Sunday 14th February	Lent 1 Chapmanslade 9.30 am Temple 11.00 am	Holy Communion Morning prayer
Sunday 21st February	Lent 2 Temple 9.00 am Corsley 10.30 am	Holy Communion BCP Morning Worship
Sunday 28th February	Lent 3 Chapmanslade 9.30 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 6th March	Mothering Sunday Corsley 9.30 am	Holy Communion

Neighbourhood watch - warning

This warning concerns the need to be extra careful while out and about in town and is from me not from the Police.

I was in Barclays today and one of the staff told me about worrying incidents in Warminster. A man was apparently using the ATM outside the bank after the branch had closed. Several people were nearby. He keyed in his number and was immediately distracted by one of the people dropping something at his feet. He bent down to pick it up for her/him and while his attention was momentarily elsewhere his card was taken. When he turned back to the machine and exclaimed that there was no card someone said the machine must have retained it. Not as anxious as he should have been the man went to the bank immediately it opened the next morning but no card was found in the machine. CCTV showed there were two accomplices; one read his number from behind his back while the other fleetingly distracted his attention.

The second incident took place in the Morrisons car park. A customer put in her number to pay at the checkout and then went out to her car. She opened the car door and put in her bag. At this moment someone asked her a question (do you know the way to/your tyre is flat or similar) and as she turned to speak to this person the accomplice swiftly and quietly opens the door, looks in her handbag, takes her card (only the card) and replaces the bag on the seat. This takes seconds. The lady gets back in her car and does not notice her card is missing until the next day. Many transactions had been made meanwhile.

These scams are nothing new, but the fact that they happened in Warminster so close to us stresses the need for extra vigilance.

Bridget Beattie - Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator

