

## 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

**Clergy** Rev Diana Britten, 69 Lane End, Corsley 01373 832515

**Lay Minister** Mr John Budgen 218203

### Churchwardens

Dr Guy Ratcliffe (Longbridge Deverill) 840405  
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Mr Robert Shuler (Kingston Deverill) 844291  
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**PCC Secretary** Mr Richard Abbott 840763

**Church Electoral Roll Officer** Mrs Diana Abbott 840763

**Parish News Editor** Mrs Judy Munro 844385

**Organist** Mr John Budgen 218203

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**Caretaker - Longbridge Church** Mrs Sylvia Titt 214825

**Parish office Administrator** Mr Dick Collins 215460  
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# PARISH NEWS

## The Deverills & Crockerton



Kingston Deverills from the west by Pat Armstrong

# January 2014

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### Contact the Editor and the Website

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**Please remember the deadline is the 15th of every month**



**Website:** www.deverills.org.uk  
**Email address:** info@deverills.org.uk  
**Website manager:** Kate Wilkinson 844998  
**Contents:** Parish News, Church services, Parish Register, Events, Local News

**Longbridge Deverill Village Hall**

**BURNS NIGHT**

**Saturday 25th January 7.00 for 7.30 pm**

**Three Course Traditional Dinner - Bring your own wine**

**Scottish dancing**

**Book early, tickets £11 from Sylvia Titt 214825**



**FUTURE EVENTS**

- Upper Deverills Parish Council 6.30 pm Wednesday 8th January p4/14
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- Upper Deverills Parish Council Annual meetings 6.00/6.30pm 14th May See p14
- Upper Deverills Pub Night Friday 30th May
- Upper Deverills Pub Night & Rounders BBQ Friday 27th June

**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 31st January**

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



**REV JANE SHAW'S SUDAN EXPERIENCE**

**With Supper & Slides**

**Friday 31st January - 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm**

**At Sutton Veny Village Hall**

**£10 per head Please bring your own wine etc**

**Admission by ticket only available from:**

**01373 825838, 01985 850141 or 01747 860609**



**Salisbury Theatre Club - Monday 17th February**

**Gaslight by Patrick Hamilton**

**Victorian psychological thriller.**

**Cost: £21.00 (theatre seat £15.00, coach £6.00) Performance begins at 7.30 pm**

**Please book early to ensure tickets, payment in advance A S P,**

**to Mary Stewart Cox (tel 840877) Longmead, Brixton Deverill, BA12 7EJ**

**Coach leaves Kingston church 6.10 pm collecting through the Deverills**

**New members are welcome, tell your friends and neighbours to contact me**



# LOCAL COUNCILS, SOCIETIES, GROUPS etc.

## Longbridge Deverill Parish Council

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

Richard Baxter 212918 (Chair)	Kevin Gray 841363
Graham Connellan 218622 (Clerk)	Brian Marsall 214789
Graham Read 840296	Caroline Sawyer 840585
Roy Dickson 218807	Nigel Spreadbury-Clews 216660
Ian Bell 840514	

## Upper Deverills Parish Council

[www.westwilts-communityweb.com/site/Upper-Deverills-Parish-Council](http://www.westwilts-communityweb.com/site/Upper-Deverills-Parish-Council)

Louise Stratton 844105 (Chair)	Richard Cousens 844970
Sarah Jeffries 213436 (Clerk)	Robin Greenwood 840743
Ranald Blue 841374	Colin Hirons 845255

**Wiltshire Councillor** Fleur de Rhé Philipe 213193

**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

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)

**Crockerton Millennium Committee** Marion Thomas 213739 (Chair)

**Pre-School Children & Parents Group** Sylvia Titt 214825 Pat Wood 840535

## Deverill Valley & Crockerton W I

Pat Wood 840535 (President) Julie Wallder 213142 (Secretary)

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

**Deverills Festival May 2014** Richard Munro 844385 (Director)

**Good Neighbour Co-ordinator** Emma Curtis 07557 922026

**Wylve Valley Tennis Club** Colin Singer 213696

## Wylve Valley Flower Club

Mrs P Martin 212476 (President) Mrs S Scott 216584 (Programme Secretary)

**Rural Community Beat Manager** PC Vicky Howick 0845 408 7000


**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



The dawn of a New Year is with us, in which we hope for peace in the world, as well as good health for ourselves and continuation of the economic recovery. However, before looking too far into the future, let us not forget this Christmas tide and remember the twelve days up to Christ's epiphany. The commercialisation of this festive season makes it too easy to forget after about the fourth day the true reason for the majority enjoying themselves, and by the time we should be singing about the eight maids a milking, we are too interested in celebrating hogmanay and the onset of another year. Let us not forget those far less fortunate than ourselves who have spent Christmas alone, or in a hostel, on the streets or, even worse, in a war zone. Fate has decreed that some people live in such circumstances frequently through no fault of their own. Let us give thanks to those whom we may know who have given their time voluntarily to assist such unfortunate people.

Some members of the PCC under Robert Shuler's chairmanship have been working hard to produce a parish profile which we hope will attract the right candidates to replace Rev Norma Payne later this year. Fortunately, discussions have gone well so far with little dissent amongst the ranks, so that in the near future an attractive document illustrating the advantages of possibly providing our pastoral and spiritual care over the next few years will be available for all potential candidates to read and consider. Meanwhile, we continue to welcome a variety of retired members of the clergy who live in the surrounding area, and of course Di Britten, all of whom contribute to our needs.



The recent not totally unexpected demise of Nelson Mandela is a strong reminder of how one man with an enormously powerful message can influence a nation so radically, and also prick the consciences of many other of the world's leaders. Let us hope that Mandela's legacy is allowed to prosper and not be affected by political expediency.

Finally, may I on behalf of Maggi and myself thank everybody who has offered words of support and advice during the oil spillage under Bridge House. We have not been particularly keen supporters of New Year celebrations in the past but, after what can only be described as an 'Annus Horribilis', we look forward to 2014 with renewed vigour.

A Very Happy New Year to all from the Parochial Church Council.

**Guy Ratcliffe**

(Church Warden - Longbridge Deverill)

## Rev Di Britten

I hope you will all enjoy a very happy Christmas and I send my very best wishes to you for the new year. If you or some one you know would like a pastoral visit please do not hesitate to contact me on 01373 832515.

## Horningsham Youth Club

We have made it through the first 3 months of the re-launched Youth Club and are looking forward to continuing to grow in strength and numbers in 2014. The Youth Club is now running independently of Warminster Youth Service. Ken Windess remains the Chairman, Caroline Dykes is Treasurer with a small team of volunteers who ensure we can open. We do need more volunteers, ideally the club needs 4 adults present when operating. A pool of 8-10 volunteers would mean no need for over-commitment. Could you volunteer 2 hours, once every 6 weeks? Please get in touch.

At the session on 6th December we were delighted to learn that members are passionate about the club and keen to keep it going as a vital part of village life. We got great feedback about what members want - dance club, a play, a pyjama/onesie movie night, chips, parachute games, a sports day, and a salon day. Members are keen to have a stall at the Village Fayre to fund-raise. We confirm that the parachute has been ordered and we will do all the other stuff in 2014! From the **8th January the club will run on Wednesday evenings from 6.30 pm - 8.30 pm** every 2 weeks - see below for dates. We will post dates in the Horningsham News and on Horningsham News Facebook page: sign up if you have not already.

**Ken Windess** 845002; **Caroline Dykes** 844022

**2014 Youth Club dates: January - Wednesdays 8th & 22nd,  
February - Wednesdays 5th & 19th, March - Wednesdays 5th & 19th.**

## Upper Deverills Parish Council

If you wish to contact the Upper Deverills Parish clerk by email please note her address has changed to [upperdeverills@virginmedia.com](mailto:upperdeverills@virginmedia.com).

The next Parish Council meeting will be at 6.30 pm on **Wednesday 8th January**, everyone is welcome to attend.

## Longbridge Deverill Parish Council

At the December Parish Council meeting Richard Baxter was elected as the new Chairman. The council also awarded a grant to the Deverills Festival.

At the next council meeting, on **Monday January 19th**, the council will finalise the Parish Plan questionnaire for distribution to parishioners in the next few weeks.

## Save the Children

The Christmas Bazaar held at Mill Farm House on 17th November raised a great total of £1,423. It was a lovely successful day and well worth all the hard work. Thank you to all who contributed and those who came along and supported us. A special than you to Val Dale and family for their hospitality and welcome.

12.44 tonnes of newspaper and magazines were collected in 2012 which raised £448.28. If you don't already contribute to the paper collection (thank you if you do), please do not put your newspapers and magazines in the black box, bring them to the paper skip at the entrance to the old fish farm at Longbridge on the A350. Help raise vital money for the work done in the UK and abroad. Newspapers, magazines and soft back books are acceptable but no cardboard, string, plastic or yellow pages.



## Nature Notes

The weather has been kind to us so far; I can remember only one very hard frost about a month ago. I even saw a big bumblebee feeding on the bright yellow winter jasmine flowers in the full sun, just outside the lounge window the other day. In a little over a week we will get to the shortest day and not long afterwards nature will wake up to the increasing daylight. Of course, if the weather gets colder then things will be put on hold again. I have already been aware of some birds singing early morning and late evening; song thrush, mistle thrush, and the robin whose song has started to change its tune to a happier refrain. When we went to Stourhead last week-end the nuthatches were very vocal. I had previously heard one calling in the village. Hearing the birds singing more prompted me to clean out our bird boxes in readiness for use next year. We had 4 boxes used this year and, judging by the contents and from memory, I think the occupants were coal-tit, great-tit, blue-tit (the 3 hole nest boxes) and probably robin (open-fronted nest box). Another open-fronted nest box and a house sparrow terrace nest box were not used. Now is a good time to put up new boxes and replace those that are getting too old, to provide a safe and dry place to nest. We have one box that will need replacing as the lid is breaking up. This morning Major Nigel Lewis came with two helpers to put up a kestrel box on an ash tree in the hedge of our field in the village. He has warned us that tawny owls may take the box over and as I often hear them calling at night I reckon he will be right. I have seen a kestrel around here though, so fingers crossed they will find the box before the tawnies do.

I have added sunflower seeds to the bird feeding station and that has attracted in lots of finches, predominantly goldfinches and greenfinches. The greenfinches being the bigger bird hog the feeders and the goldfinches wait patiently to have a go. This afternoon all the birds suddenly flew off as a male great spotted woodpecker came to feed on the peanuts. Interestingly, the goldfinch that had been previously waiting for the greenfinches to finish feeding saw this as an opportunity, and quickly flew back to the sunflower hearts while the greenfinches were away. I fully expected the greenfinches to come back and push the goldfinch away or for the goldfinch to lose its nerve in the face of the much bigger woodpecker feeding on the peanuts inches away, but no, it carried on eating!

When we drove in to town three weeks ago passing Longbridge church I looked up and saw what I thought was a buzzard, but something made me take a second look. It had longer thinner wings and a forked tail; a red kite. Several people I have spoken to since have also seen it so when you see a buzzard just check to make sure it is not a kite! Finally the last weekend in January (25th/26th) is the RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch when we are asked to record the species and numbers of birds coming in to our gardens. Look at their website [rspb.org.uk](http://rspb.org.uk)

A Happy New Year to you all.

**Jane Trollope** (written on 12th December)







As usual in January we are asking for an annual **donation of at least £5** per household. Your contributions are vital to ensure the production of the Parish News which keeps our community informed of information, news and events locally and outside our area. Please use the enclosed pale blue envelope for your donation, if you are a UK tax payer please complete the relevant section to enable reclamation of tax. Some financial support is also received from the PCC and Parish councils. Thank you.

The envelopes can either be: put into the collection at Church or given to a Church Warden; given to David Stratton, PCC Treasurer, Manor Farm, Kingston Deverill; put into the collecting box at Longbridge Garage; given or sent to Judy Munro, Whitepits Lodge, Kingston Deverill, BA12 7HD

**I say a very special thank you to everyone who helps to produce, deliver and contribute to the Parish News throughout the year.**

*Judy Munro* - Editor



### **An Old Agriculturist's Ramblings by Ian Woodcock - Part 5**

We moved to Shute Farm on 21st June 1956 and borrowed my father-in law's 3 ton Bedford lorry, collecting it from Chisledon to move our few scraps of furniture which did not take long and settled in. By then we had a 10 month old daughter. I next took the lorry to my brother-in-law's farm at Horningsham, loaded it with three tons of barley in sacks and returned it to Chisledon.

A change in life style for me to run the 2 farms Shute and Ryehill together for the next 3 months before we split them into a 40 cow dairy and arable at Shute; arable, pigs, sheep, beef cattle at Ryehill. The 2 farms acreage came to just under 700 acres, a staff of 4 on each farm, still with 3 ricks of barley to be threshed. Ryehill did own a threshing machine and straw trusser so we got stuck in, we did not want to be dealing with this dusty job in the height of summer.

I was now faced with one of my least favourite tasks, that of hay making. A large acreage had been shut up for hay and although it was now almost the end of June we had to hurry with it; luckily the weather was reasonably good and we managed to cope. I had no intention of sweeping it into loose ricks as a baler was available. There were already 4 ricks of loose hay at Ryehill and 2 at Shute. These were dealt with during the following winter using the pick-up baler. One man with a hay knife cut a wide swath across the rick, another pronged it to the ground, another fed it into the baler another pitched the bales on a trailer, another loaded the trailer. If all trailers were filled he made a stack for collection later, all fairly time consuming and labour intensive.

The next task was harvest, approximately 200 acres to be dealt with. I was not going to cut this with a binder into sheaves, making more ricks, so a contractor came and combined it into sacks. If it needed drying a neighbour had a small sack dryer we made use of, very labour intensive, straw baled up and sold locally or stored in barns.

I had to decide how the 2 businesses were to be split, what machinery to keep, what to dispose of. Mr Algar and I decided to have a farm sale of the surplus, the dairy at Shute was to be sold and I could select the cows I wished to keep to start my own dairy and dispose of the rest. I relied on the advice of the existing cowman.

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

Our next meeting at Longbridge Deverill Village Hall will be on **Monday 13th January** when Gillian Carpenter will speak on **Indonesian textiles - A Cultural History**. To find out more about the WI in the Deverill Valley please contact Julie Walder on 213142. You are very welcome to join our meetings.



### **Wiltshire Wildlife Trust - Warminster**

Yet another local speaker - but not a local theme this time. On **Monday 13th January** Simon Martyn will be telling us about his travels in Equatorial Forests. As usual we meet at the Civic Centre for 7.30 pm and the cost will be £3 (under-18s £1), which includes refreshments, and non-members are most welcome.



Looking ahead there are two dates to note. On **Saturday 22nd February** Frank Lowe will be taking us on a birding walk through Nockatt Coppice and Heaven's Gate. On **Saturday 29th March** - our annual event at Langford Lakes: the day will include another birding walk, Ploughman's Lunch, a Bring & Buy and a chat about recent developments in the Reserve. More details to follow nearer the days. For further information 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 15th January** from 2.00 - 4.00 pm at Heather Webster's home Pinetops, Orchard Way, Crockerton, please call 213642 for directions if required. Everyone is welcome to join the group, just bring your craft work.



### **Book & Dining Club**

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



### **Deverills Festival**

The festival line-up is now complete: see the website, [www.deverillsfestival.com](http://www.deverillsfestival.com), for details. Tickets go on general sale on 10th March but sign up to the mailing list on the website to become a Festival Friend and get access to exclusive early bird offers.



### **Pilates**

Regular Pilates classes are held at Upper Deverills Village Hall, on Wednesday evenings and Thursday mornings. Led by Jacqui Loader, Chartered Physiotherapist and Pilates Instructor. There are only a few places available currently but if you are interested please email [wellbalanced@btinternet.com](mailto:wellbalanced@btinternet.com) or phone 07923 839021.

## Brixton Deverill Church - New Organ

At the Eucharist service on Sunday 15th December Brixton Deverill church was filled with the sound of the 'new' organ, replacing a most inferior and unloved electric instrument. The organ was purchased from the United Reform Chapel in Broadchalke, near Salisbury, following the change of use of the chapel to become a community centre. It was disassembled on site and transported by car and horsebox to John Budgen's workshop to prepare it for a new life.

The new organ was built in 1878 by Bishop and Son of London for the church of St Michael, Lewes, Sussex, but it is not known if it had another home before it arrived in Broadchalke. It is a single manual instrument with pedals, having seven stops and is housed in a pitch pine case. A noteworthy detail is the use of a superior metal alloy in the manufacture of the pipes. It is a 50/50 mix of tin and lead, giving a pleasing appearance known as 'spotted metal', visible on the front pipes.

John Budgen joined Bishop & Son to become a professional organ builder, staying with them for 37 years before starting his own business. He has spent many hours, with utmost care, diligence and devotion in repairing, cleaning and restoring the organ, assisted by Janet, finally reassembling it at Brixton Deverill, where it will enhance worship for years to come. It is hoped there will be a recital in the New Year.

The cost of the project has been supported by a generous donation from Pam Joy, in memory of her son Jeremy, who lies buried in the churchyard at Brixton Deverill, and also her granddaughter Clara, who is laid to rest at Eastbourne.



Almshouse Almshouse | Cabinet Pipe Organ

## Sir James Thynne's Almshouse - Longbridge Deverill

A volunteer is required to take over from the present Steward of Sir James Thynne's Almshouse, Longbridge Deverill. Sue Jackson, who currently undertakes this task, is planning to retire as the Steward, but retain her role as Treasurer. The Steward's tasks are:

- Dealing with financial matters concerning the Almshouse
- Residential Administration
- House matters
- Arranging repairs and maintenance

There are currently four residents living in the Almshouse. This is not an onerous task, but the successful applicant will carry out an important role in support of this charitable organisation. The Chairman of the Trustees is Lady Silvy McQuiston. For further details please contact Sue Jackson on 840322. (Charity No 203094)



## Longbridge Deverill Village Hall Christmas Market

Thank you to everyone who contributed cakes, their time and effort to the Village Hall Christmas Market on 30th November. We raised £74.60 which was a good sum, given the stiff competition from 2 larger events held at the same time elsewhere! £25 was raised by the cake stall and £29.60 from the 'coffee shop'. All money raised has been donated to the Village Hall double glazing fund.

## Broadband in the Upper Deverills Funding application



Thank you again to all who responded to the Survey distributed to residents of Kingston and Monkton Deverill at the beginning of November. With a lot of hard work (and especially thanks to some residents who helped chase up return of surveys) we have so far achieved a response from 71% of households. Our initial analysis also shows that we would have at least a 60% take up of Superfast Broadband using a fixed line connection which we hope is sufficient to demonstrate that there would be sufficient demand and most importantly that SB would bring significant business/economic benefits to the two villages.

I have mentioned in previous reports that we have to provide some private funding to complement the EU grant. I am delighted to say that Wessex Water have very generously pledged £25,000 towards our full application as a community contribution in relation to the water pipeline and pumping station work being carried out in Monkton Deverill. This is tremendously helpful in pressing our application. Ideally we need to raise some further private funds and this is currently being pursued.

In mid-December we were advised by Defra that the rate of grant for community led projects submitted for EU funding could not exceed 50%. Our approved Expression of Interest was for 75%. However because we are proposing piggy backing on Wiltshire Council's contract with BT it seems that a higher level of grant may still be available. Having said that we have been advised that if the available funds are over-subscribed, value for money (in terms of level of requested intervention rate, and the number of premises connected for the level of grant requested) will be key considerations.

The key information that we are still awaiting is an update of BT's estimated costs. On the ground survey work was taking place in mid-December and this will provide this information and be a key indicator as to whether we can meet Defra's viability and value for money tests.

Once we have this information Wiltshire Council and ourselves will be in a position to submit our full application for grant. We still seem to have hurdles to jump and I'm sure that I will have a further update next month!

**Richard Kitson** 844803 richard.kitson@virgin.net  
(Chairman, Upper Deverills Broadband Action Group)

## Upper Deverills Parish Plan

Work on the Parish Plan continues and we have now drafted the Action Plan. This will need to be discussed with various organisations, groups and committees. Estimates of production costs will soon be received and we will then in a position to finalise a source of funds for printing costs. We expect to be able to distribute a colour booklet style A4 size copy of the Parish Plan to all households in the Upper Deverills by the end of March 2014. If you have any further and final issues to contribute, please contact the Working Group. For: Kingston - Michael Mounde 844363, Monkton - Andrea Llewellyn 844803, Brixton - Peter Marsh 840828.

## Public Transport – Use it or Lose it

Ask yourself the question – If I had no personal transport or was unable to drive how would I get to Warminster for shopping or for further onward travel? Would I cycle, hitch a lift, take a taxi, ride a horse or just walk. No need for any of that - take the bus! The 57 Service provided by Frome Minibuses under contract to Wiltshire Council runs from Warminster to the Deverills 4 times a day. Unfortunately it is rarely used by the local community and most of the time runs empty. For those of you with a bus pass, the service is free and although there are scheduled stops on the way the driver will drop and pick you up anywhere on the route. I always use the bus when travelling to and from London by train, it is so convenient to be dropped right outside the house in Brixton Deverill. We have good public transport in this area and if we do not use it we will lose it. Instead of driving to the Farmer’s Market in Warminster on Friday why not take the bus? The schedule is conveniently timed for shopping and coffee, it’s a relaxing way to travel and a good way of meeting new people. For Senior Citizens free bus passes go to [www.wiltshire.gov.uk](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk). Michael and Jacqui Burden, this summer left their 2 cars in Devon and spent their summer holiday travelling the length of Britain for free. Over 7 days they meandered 500 miles on their free bus passes to Carlisle – 28 buses and 15 different bus companies.



On the subject of public transport, you can travel from Warminster Station to London, Southampton, Bath, Bristol, Cardiff, Malvern etc. at a very reasonable cost, providing you have a railcard. Book at least one day in advance either at the station or online via a web site such as [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk) A typical off peak /railcard return fare to Bath is £6.65 to Waterloo £24.10 booked in advance. (2013 prices).

*Richard Lucas*

### Warminster - The Deverills Services 50 / 57

	Monday to Friday (except Public Holidays)				Saturday			
	57	57	57	50	57	57	57	50
Market Place Nationwide	0910	1130	1400	1750	0910	1130	1400	1710
Morrison's Store	▼	1132	1402	1752	▼	1132	1402	1712
Bradley Road	▼	Req	Req	▼	▼	Req	Req	▼
Crockerton Village	Req	1140	1410	Req	Req	1140	1410	Req
Longbridge Deverill Garage	0919	1142	1412	Req	0919	1142	1412	Req
Monkton Deverill	0924	1147	1417	Req	0924	1147	1417	Req
Kingston Deverill Church	0926	1149	1419	Req	0926	1149	1419	Req
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Kingston Deverill Church	0927	1150	1420		0927	1150	1420	
Monkton Deverill	0928	1151	1421		0928	1151	1421	
Longbridge Deverill Pub	0933	1156	1426		0933	1156	1426	
Crockerton Village	0936	1159	1429		0936	1159	1429	
Bradley Road	0942	▼	▼		0942	▼	▼	
Weymouth Street	0948	1204	1434		0948	1204	1434	
Market Place M & Co	0946	1206	1436		0946	1206	1436	

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## Volunteering

A new volunteer recruitment website has been launched, enabling local people considering volunteering in Wiltshire to find out more about what they can do. The website [www.volunteercentrewiltshire.org.uk](http://www.volunteercentrewiltshire.org.uk) highlights the types of volunteering, local volunteer stories and ways to get involved. The website is in direct response to the challenges which charities face in finding volunteers across the county. It allows free volunteering opportunity advertising for all not-for-profit organisations, charities, community groups and social enterprises. Any role can be added to Volunteer Centre Wiltshire’s database, the website is free to use by anyone. The idea behind the website comes from a desire to give volunteers a clear and simple means of accessing information about volunteering, and a central place for community groups to post their vacant opportunities. Volunteer Centre Wiltshire is part of local charity Develop Enhancing Community Support who regularly support volunteers to find volunteering opportunities in their local communities.

Volunteer Centre Wiltshire supported Vicky Stretton to find a volunteering opportunity. Having left education and been at home looking after her children for a few years, Vicky recently finished her Book Keeping course at college and wanted to do something to put it into practice, before her youngest daughter started school, to improve her chances of getting a job. The Job Centre suggested she contacted Volunteer Centre Wiltshire to find out about all the volunteering opportunities in Wiltshire. The opportunity to volunteer at Wiltshire Credit Union seemed the perfect choice for her as it was somewhere she could use her qualifications and she liked the idea of being involved with a ‘not for profit’ organisation. Meeting the Office Manager she felt she was someone she could learn from and there would be some good projects to be involved with and develop her skills. Vicky started as a cashier to see the start of the process and learn about the services the credit union provides. She moved into the back office where she learnt office procedures. Her duties included data input, filing, enquiries, one-off reports and general administration.


Vicky had left school with no GCSEs and the only qualifications she had were Maths, Adult Numeracy 1 and 2 and Book Keeping Levels 1 and 2. Through volunteering she has been given the chance to improve her skill base in literacy and IT skills, including Microsoft Word, Excel and emailing. A year after she started at the Credit Union they needed an Office Manager’s assistant and she applied for the role. The job was advertised at the Job Centre and received 40 applications, so she was thrilled to get the job. She is sure the confidence and skills gained from her volunteer role there played a huge part in securing the job.

Voluntary and community groups can register with the Volunteer Centre, it is free to join and easy to get volunteering opportunities promoted in very little time. During the last year the Volunteer Centre dealt with over 2,300 volunteer enquiries with over 3,200 opportunities being passed on to them. If you want to get involved and make a difference visit the new website [www.volunteercentrewiltshire.org.uk](http://www.volunteercentrewiltshire.org.uk) or phone our dedicated volunteering support line “Call-IT!” on 0845 521 6224.

### SERVICES PARISH OF DEVERILLS & HORNINGSHAM

<b>Sunday</b> 5th January	<b>Epiphany</b> Kingston 8.00 am Longbridge 10.30 am	Holy Communion 1662 <b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>Sunday</b> 12th January	<b>Epiphany 1</b> Horningsham 11.15 am	<b>Plough Sunday</b>
<b>Sunday</b> 19th January	<b>Epiphany 2</b> Brixton 10.30 am	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>Sunday</b> 26th January	<b>Epiphany 3</b> Longbridge 8.00 am Kingston 10.30 pm	Holy Communion 1662 <b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>Sunday</b> 2nd February	<b>Prep. Christ in Temple</b> Brixton 8.00 am Longbridge 10.30 am	Holy Communion 1662 <b>Holy Communion</b>


**Mid week Holy Communion** Wednesday 29th January 10.00 am Longbridge




**Church Cleaners for January**  
**Kingston** - Sarah Fagan & Judy Munro  
**Brixton** - Caroline Huntley & Frances MacDonald  
**Longbridge** - Monday 6th January 9.30 - 10.30 am - all helpers please

**Church Flower Arrangers for January**


	<b>Kingston</b>	<b>Brixton</b>	<b>Longbridge</b>
5th Jan	Mrs Stratton	Dr McBride	Mrs Steptoe
12th Jan	Mrs Stratton	Mrs Burridge	Mrs Hinton
19th Jan	Mrs Stratton	Mr Burridge	Mrs Hinton
26th Jan	Mrs McCullouch	Lady Walker	Mrs Robins





**Ivy House St Deny's Retreat Centre**  
**Monday 27th January - House Quiet Day**

House Quiet Days are open to everyone, £21 per person (including morning coffee, lunch and afternoon tea), starting at 10.00 am and ending at 4.00 pm. To book please call 214824; email: stdenys@ivyhouse.org; www.ivyhouse.org



### SERVICES PARISH OF CORSLEY & CHAPMANSLADE

<b>Sunday</b> 5th January	<b>Epiphany</b> Corsley 9.30 am	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>Sunday</b> 12th January	<b>Epiphany 1</b> Chapmanslade 9.30 am Temple 11.00 am	<b>Family Holy Communion</b> Morning Prayer
<b>Sunday</b> 19th January	<b>Epiphany 2</b> Chapmanslade 9.30 am	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>Sunday</b> 26th January	<b>Epiphany 3</b> Temple 9.00 am Corsley 10.30 pm	<b>Holy Communion 1662</b> Family Parish Worship
<b>Sunday</b> 2nd February	<b>Prep. Christ in Temple</b> Corlsey 9.30 am	<b>Holy Communion</b>

#### Recipe of the month - One Pot Chicken with Rice and Peas

*Sponsored by Maiden Bradley Community Shop*

After the excesses of the festive season, not to mention the mountains of washing up because we used every pot and dish available, it would be nice to prepare something simple but tasty done in one pot.

**Ingredients:**

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| 2 shallots, diced            | 250ml chicken stock         |
| 100g risotto rice            | 100g frozen peas            |
| 200g cooked chicken shredded | grated zest of 1/2 lemon    |
| freshly ground black pepper  | small handful chopped basil |
| lemon wedges                 | cherry tomatoes on the vine |



**Method:**

Cook the shallots in a little of the stock in a heavy based saucepan over a low heat until soft and golden for about 5 minutes. Add the risotto rice, stir for about 1 minute. Pour in the rest of the stock, then cover the pan and bring to a gentle simmer. Cook for approx 25 minutes, or until the rice is cooked and just tender.

Stir in the frozen peas, about 3/4 of the chicken and half the lemon zest. Season with freshly ground black pepper and continue cooking gently for 5 minutes.

To serve, divide the rice mixture between 2 plates and top with the remaining chicken and lemon zest. Sprinkle chopped basil over each portion and serve with a wedge of lemon and some raw, grilled or roasted cherry tomatoes.

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

**Contact:** Website: maidenbradleyvillageshop.posterous.com; Tel: 844206

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Sunday 9.00 am - 12.00 noon

**PO:** Mon 9.00-1.30 Tues 1.30-4.00 Wed 9.00-12.00 Thurs 8.00-5.30 Fri 9.00-1.00