

# PARISH OF DEVERILLS AND HORNINGSHAM

**Please Note:** During the Interregnum please contact Rev Di Britten, the Church Wardens or Parish Office, listed below, to make arrangements for baptisms, weddings, funerals or pastoral visits.

## Churches

SS Peter & Paul the Apostles, Longbridge Deverill  
St Michael the Archangel, Brixton Deverill  
St Mary the Virgin, Kingston Deverill  
St John the Baptist, Horningsham

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**Lay Minister** Mr John Budgen 218203

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Mr Robert Shuler (Kingston Deverill) 844291  
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(Mon -Thurs 10.00 - 12.00) St Denys, Warminster

**Benefice Cley Hill Villages** website: [www.cleyhillchurches.org.uk](http://www.cleyhillchurches.org.uk)

# PARISH NEWS

## The Deverills & Crockerton



The river at Kingston Deverill

By Pat Armstrong

# June 2014

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### Contact the Editor and the Website

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

Thank you

**Website:** [www.deverills.org.uk](http://www.deverills.org.uk)

**Website manager:** Stewart Fergusson 07918 935697



### **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 30th May 6.00 - 11.00 pm**  
**BBQ 6.30—8.30 pm**

**Friday 27th June 6.00 - 11.00 pm**  
**Rounders & BBQ 6.30—8.30 pm**

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



### **Christian aid**

**Cabaret Dinner 7.00 pm Friday 6th June**  
Warminster Civic Centre  
Internationally known musician and cabaret artist  
**Gulliver Ralston does Noel Coward**  
Cocktails and laughter, select raffle, bar

Tickets £15 from Churches or Tourist Information Centre or call 301137

### **The Athenaeum Singers and Minster School Choir present A family concert on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June at 5.30 pm**

**Programme to include *John Rutter: 'Feel the Spirit'*,  
a lively presentation of seven spirituals,**

***Horovitz and Flanders: 'Captain Noah and his Floating Zoo'*  
a re-telling of the flood in contemporary style**

**Followed by refreshments**

**The Minster Church of St Denys, Church Street, Warminster BA12 8PQ**



### **Community Coffee Morning - The George Inn Longbridge Wednesday 11th June between 10.00 am and 12.00 noon**

**Everyone is welcome**

For further information please call  
Emma Curtis, Good Neighbour Coordinator  
07557 922033



## **FUTURE EVENTS**

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- Vintage Nostalgia Festival Friday 30th May - Sunday 1st June See p6
- Gardens open in Brixton Deverill Sunday 1st June See p5
- Longbridge Deverill Parish Council meeting Monday 2nd June See p12/14
- Christian Aid Cabaret Dinner Friday 6th June See p2
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- Upper Deverills Parish Council 6.30 pm Wednesday 9th July See p12/14
- Crockerton School Tradition Fete Friday 11th July See p6
- Duck Race Saturday 12th July
- Upper Deverills Pub Night Friday 25th July

# 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 Read 840296 (Vice Chair)	Brian Marsall 214789
Graham Connellan 218622 (Clerk)	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

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**Wiltshire Council 0300 456 0100**

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

## Longbridge Deverill Village Hall Committee

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

## Upper Deverills Village Hall

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

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

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

**Deverill & Crockerton W I** Pat Wood 840535 (Pres) Julie Wallder 213142 (Sec)

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

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

**Wylve Valley Tennis Club** Colin Singer 213696

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

**Good Neighbour Co-ordinator** Emma Curtis 07557 922033

**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

‘June is busting out all over’ says the song from Carousel, and let us hope this year we can enjoy a long hot summer. Certainly we were blessed in early May with generally good weather, not least during the Deverill Festival weekend. I am absolutely certain that the Festival fulfilled all the expectations of the organisers. Considered by some outsiders to be very ambitious before the event, all doubts were cast aside by those who attended concerts, recitals, plays and comedies, never mind the very informative walks hosted by local historians. The organisers deserve our very grateful thanks for all their hard work in providing us with a wide range of events for our entertainment and education. The whole programme encouraged an expansion of our community spirit in whichever of the designated venues.

Whilst listening to the concerts and recitals, I was reminded yet again what splendid buildings our churches are, both historically and architecturally. Furthermore, they fulfil most of the necessary ticks in boxes as concert halls because of their excellent acoustic qualities. More than one musician commented in this regard. As cherished buildings in our community they require essential maintenance. To help us achieve this requirement Quinquennial Reviews by expert architects are demanded by the diocese. Horningsham church was inspected several months ago and appropriate actions have been taken. The Deverill churches have each been inspected in the last few months and, once the architect’s report for Kingston Deverill, as the last to be inspected, has been received the church wardens and PCC Treasurer will meet to define priorities. Fortunately the respective church reports identify which urgent actions are necessary soonest with other requirements identified to be considered during the quinquennium. One known requirement is to confirm that electrical wiring in the churches is up to scratch.

The **Benefice Service on Sunday 29th June** will be different in that pets are invited. This promises to be an exciting challenge. The church wardens would be grateful for prior warning of possible exotic animal attendance plus notice of specific requirements for such pets or their owners. In view of the proximity to Longleat it is worth noting that we are not expecting ‘pets’ from there.

A very happy summer to all.

**Guy Ratcliffe** – Church Warden Longbridge Deverill



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



As a means of raising funds for our Churches we intend to run a 50/50 Club open to all. 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 on the last Sunday of each month. The first draw will take place on **Sunday 27th July** so please join now by using the form inside this magazine **Diana Abbott 840763**



**CROCKERTON VILLAGE COMMITTEE  
SUMMER SOLSTICE STREET PARTY**

**Saturday 21st June 3.00-6.00 pm Broadmead Lane**

Please bring: a plate of food to share, a chair & alcohol you require

We will supply tables, decorations, music and a welcome drink

Hot drinks and children's drinks supplied

**Children's Entertainer - Family and Friends welcome**

**Donations** for entertainment and costs appreciated

**Information** please contact Tracey 216939 Marion 213739



**MIDDLEWICK HOUSE GARDENS**

Middlewick Lane, Corsham SN13 0PX



**Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd June 11.30am to 4.30pm**

By kind permission of Nick and Annette Mason in aid of

**Wiltshire Bobby Van & Springboard Opportunity Group**

Sculptures by Art at the Edge, leading Sculptors from Bath

Miniature donkeys, Kunekune piglets and lambs,

Stalls, Demonstrations, Tea, coffee and cakes available

**Entry £5 children under 16 years - FREE**

**HORNINGSHAM VILLAGE FAYRE**

**Sunday 22nd June 12.00 - 6.00 pm**

at the Village Hall (BA12 7LY) Free Entry

Grand Opening 12.30 pm by Viscount Weymouth

**Games, Dog show, Stalls, Arts & Crafts, Classic cars**

**Teas, Hog Roast, Bar**

**Lots of fun for all the family**



**BULL MILL OPEN STUDIOS**

**SATURDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> - SUNDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 10.00 AM-5.00PM**

painting, printmaking, sculpture, gilding & jewellery

at Bull Mill, Crockerton, Wiltshire BA12 8AY [www.bullmillarts.co.uk](http://www.bullmillarts.co.uk)

**Nature Notes**

The colours are absolutely gorgeous this time of the year. There are so many different shades of green setting off the vivid yellow of the oilseed rape. Yellow is also provided by laburnum and the wonderful scented azalea. There is the mauve of the foxglove, lilac and rhododendron and the beautiful blue haze of bluebells. Finally, there is the white frothiness along the roadside verges provided by cow parsley, another name for it is Queen Anne's lace. This white frothiness is repeated in the hedgerows by the hawthorn.



We have 3 nest boxes I know are in use. The one at the front, visible from the kitchen, is being used by a pair of great tits. They have been zooming back and forth with food non stop and going straight into the box. This morning I noticed that they stopped short and started wing quivering, an action associated with the young begging for food, perhaps they are trying to coax them out of the box. The young fledged from 16 - 22 days, so I think they will be out soon, they are certainly noisy now and attracting Stitch's (local cat) interest. The other 2 boxes are both being used by blue tits. I know the eggs have hatched as I can hear the young but neither box is easy to watch without worrying the adults. The pair of blackbirds, mentioned last month, have 2 youngsters and watching the male bird feed them I reckon the female is already sitting on a second clutch of eggs. I have been putting mealworms out on the saddle stones in front of the kitchen window providing a good view. Recently one of the youngsters had a Eureka moment realizing it no longer needed 'Dad' to feed it, it was perfectly capable of picking up its own mealworm. The other youngster was bemused and thought about asking its sibling for food before flying off after 'Dad' begging again. We have been lucky to have a family of mistle thrushes with 2 youngsters, feeding is shared between the parents, each parent taking one youngster into its care.

We have big black shoals of tadpoles in our pond, so far none with legs but getting bigger. I have also spotted a newt. The mallards continue to provide us with entertainment. Others have joined the original pair, our greatest number at one time is 6; 2 ducks and 4 drakes. When there are more males than females chaos ensues and they all fly off. Recently a pair flew in and after a short time the duck left the water wandering around the garden looking for a nesting site and then dropped back into the water. She started washing and preening giving the impression of mission accomplished, so there maybe eggs somewhere!

'Our' swallows are back in the stables, possibly two pairs. So far our house martin boxes are empty. Hopefully next month I will be able to tell you they are back. The swift box at the back of the house has attracted house sparrows; this morning there was a particularly vocal male hanging out of the hole. I don't know if a swift would evict a house sparrow, they must often find their old nest site occupied when they arrive to breed by other birds or even wasps and bees. There are good numbers of swifts now in town so look upwards when you are there next and listen for that high pitched squealing call.



Jane Trollope (written on 16th May)



## Longbridge Deverill Parish Council

At the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, Richard Baxter was re-elected as Chairman and Graham Read as Vice Chairman. The Parish Plan Questionnaire has been distributed to all households in the 3 villages, at the time of this report, over one third have responded with 3 weeks to go before the deadline. We hope to have a first draft of the findings in time for the July meeting. The council want to encourage local groups and clubs to apply for grants, an application form is on the website. There is an allocation of £1,000 for grants in this financial year.

The Environment Agency (EA) have contacted the council about the Sutton Veny Poultry Farm (SVPF), who have applied for an Environment Permit Application (EPA). They have also sent a briefing note, which states that we have until 12th June to register any comments. The briefing note is available on the website. Unfortunately, the application is not on-line but can be seen at Blandford. In order to help Longbridge PC and Sutton Veny PC, the EA will send both clerks a CD of the plans, these will be passed to all councillors, it is anticipated this matter will be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting which is at 7.30 pm on **Monday 2nd June** in Longbridge Hall.

## Upper Deverills Parish Council

The next meeting will be on **Wednesday 9th July** at 6.30 pm in the Upper Deverills hall, you are welcome to attend.

## Roasted Root and Rocket Salad

### Recipe sponsored by Maiden Bradley Community Shop

It is nearly summer - time to start thinking about salads! The BBQ will be coming out and a salad is always a healthy addition.

#### Ingredients - Serves 1

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| 1 small parsnip               | 1 carrot                        |
| Half a sweet potato           | Olive oil                       |
| 2 tsp runny honey             | 1 heaped tsp wholegrain mustard |
| 1 large handful fresh rocket  | sm handful nuts walnuts/pecans  |
| 25gms blue cheese eg. Stilton |                                 |



#### Method - Preheat the oven to 200C/Gas 6

Cut the parsnip, carrot and sweet potato into thin batons. Place them on a roasting tray, drizzle with olive oil, season with salt and pepper and roast for about 30 minutes, or until they are soft and beginning to brown at the edges. Make a dressing by blending the honey, mustard and 1 tbsp olive oil. Season with salt and pepper. Remove the vegetables and allow to cool. Mix with the rocket and toss with the dressing. Scatter over the nuts and crumble over the blue cheese.

**Contact:** Website: maidenbradleyvillageshop.co.uk; Tel: 844206

**Open:** Monday - Friday 7.30 am - 6.00 pm, Saturday 8.00 am - 1.00 pm  
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

## Gardens Open in Brixton Deverill



There will be a group opening of four gardens in Brixton Deverill under The National Garden Scheme on **Sunday 1st June** from 2.00 pm - 5.30 pm. The gardens are at Bridge Cottage, Little Down House, Manor Farm Cottage and Longmead, where teas will be available. Parking in the field adjacent to Bridge Cottage, immediately next to the bridge over the river Wylde. Combined Admission is £5 (children free) supporting NGS charities with a share to the Deverill Churches

## Deverill Valley & Crockerton WI

One of our long-term members, Margaret Bottomley, passed away on the 24th April. She contributed so much to our meetings and will be sadly missed by us all. Her funeral was held at Longbridge Deverill Church on 7th May.

Our meeting this month will be at 7.30 pm **Monday 9th June** at Longbridge Deverill village hall when we will have a Social evening with an American Supper and raffle. To find out more about the WI in the Deverill Valley please contact Julie Wallder on 213142. You are welcome to come and join our meeting.



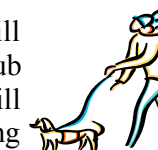
## Cast on and Craft Group

If you like knitting, embroidery, tapestry, bead making or other crafts, this group is 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 11th June** from 2.00 - 4.00 pm at Bridget Beattie's home Monkton House, Monkton Deverill, please call 844884 for directions. You are very welcome to join the group, just bring your craft work with you.



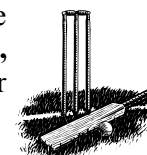
## Saturday Afternoon Strollers SAS

SAS Walk No 3 will take place on **Saturday 14th June** and we will be joined by a mixed group of walkers from the Civil Engineers Club (CEC) in London on a summer walking week-end in the Deverill Valley. Anyone is welcome to join in on the CEC Saturday morning circular walk, meeting 10.00am at the George Inn, covering about 6 miles and finishing at the George for 1.00pm lunch. The SAS/CEC walk will start from the George at 2.00pm and will take in the watercress beds, Field Barn Farm, Brixton Deverill with a brief stop for tea at Brimsdown Cottage if the weather is fine. We will return to The George at around 5.00pm via footpaths to Brims Down, Wing Farm etc. If you are planning to join us for lunch on Saturday please let me know so bookings can be made in advance. If you would like to go on the mailing list for future walks please phone/text 07732 740364 or call landline 841164



## The Deverills Cricket Club

The home matches will take place on the Cricket pitch next to the Upper Deverills village hall on **Sundays: 15th June, 6th and 27th July, 17th August**. Everyone is very welcome to come and watch. For further information please contact Jamie Fagan 844123.



## The Vintage Nostalgia Festival

Stockton Park Wiltshire 30th May, 31st May & 1st June



Live music, vintage trade stands, period exhibits, London Bus, cocktail bar, dance lessons, 100s of classic/vintage cars and motorcycles, automobilia, vintage fashion, vintage furniture, motoring memorabilia

**Tickets are available at [www.vintagenostalgia.com](http://www.vintagenostalgia.com)**

You can come for the weekend and camp on site or visit during the day

**For more information contact 850970 or 07771 643227**

**This year's charity is Louie's S.M.I.L.E.S. which** aims to relieve seriously ill children by providing equipment, toys and books to hospital wards which the children take home, in the hope that they make them 'smile'

### Book & Dining Club

The next book chosen is '**A Delicate Truth**' by John Le Carré. Meeting at 7.00 pm on **Thursday 26th June** at the Snooty Fox, 1 Brook Street, Warminster, BA12 8DN. If you would like to come please contact Norma Payne on 846188.



### Wiltshire Wildlife Trust - Warminster

Our next meeting will be on **Saturday 28th June** - better weather this year we hope for our Morning Walk on Whitesheet Hill. Tamsin Holmes, of Stourhead's Conservation team, will guide us in search for orchids, wildflowers, butterflies and birds. We will meet in the Lower Car Park (accessed by a track beside the Red Lion at Kilmington) for a 9.30 am departure. Cost is £2, donation to Stourhead's Tree Sparrow project. Numbers limited: for further information and to book a place contact Ann Jones 218928. Bring wellies and waterproofs - just in case!



### Save the Children Cream Teas and Open Garden

These will be at Mill Farm House, Hill Deverill, on **Sunday 29th June** from 3.00 - 6.00 pm, and on the following **Sundays 27th July, 31st August and 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.



### Crockerton School Traditional Fete

A date for your diary. There will be a traditional Fete in aid of the school held on **Friday 11th July** between 3.30 - 6.30 pm at the Bath Arms in Crockerton, more details in next month's Parish News.



## An Old Agriculturist's Ramblings - Ian Woodcock - Part 10



Having coped with two harvests with the help of a neighbour and contractor, I felt I must have my own combine and not rely on someone else so I purchased a second hand MF726 with an 8'6" cut and a tank for the grain instead of bags (no more sacks to be collected from the fields, bliss!) I also purchased a second hand Alvan-Blanch drier and a Eureka grain cleaner which I installed in an existing building but still filling hired sacks. The Ryehill harvest still had to be carried out with the contractor using a bagging combine and if it needed drying this was done by a neighbour's sack drier, very labour intensive.

As the cereal acreage was increased on both farms, in 1960 I purchased a MF415 combine with a 12' cut to cope with both harvests; at Ryehill a bin drier was installed in an old tythe barn which was last used as a cowshed, we gutted the cow stalls, concreted the gutters, dug another pit and installed a 12" grain auger to load the lorries outside. With this larger combine to be manoeuvred around the farm entailed enlarging all the gateways.

With the passage of time improved varieties of cereals were being produced, better use of fertilisers, greater use of herbicides, growth regulators, pesticides increased grain outputs, so in 1968 a higher output combine was required and a MF515 with a 14' cutter bar was bought, (1 year old second hand of course) part of the deal being that I would arrange collection of this machine from a farm near Shrewton. We set off, I driving the Land Rover in front with headlights on, a 'Wide Load' sign hanging on the radiator, my farm student perched on the table on the off side to help guide oncoming traffic to pass, (no health and safety those days!) through Chitterne, Heytesbury before the by-pass was built, Sutton Veny and back to Ryehill without further ado, safely and a sigh of relief.

### Good Bye & Thank You to our Postie



Sadly for the Deverills David Fuller, our wonderful postman, is being transferred to the Heyesbury postal round. He has been a smashing Postman who has done so much for the residents of the Deverills including being the eyes and ears for the police, looking out for older residents, picking up and delivering post and joining the litter pickers to keep the Deverills looking such a place of beauty. Wonderful service and always with a smile and a happy word or two. We will all miss him. May I say, on behalf of all residents in the Deverills, that we wish him well on his new round and a huge thank you for all he has done for everyone.

*Dizzy Bridge*

### A Gardener needed

A very interesting and beautiful garden in Crockerton requires an experienced gardener for one day per week on a potential rolling basis. They must have a sound knowledge of plants. The work would include keeping up herbaceous borders; tree maintenance; woodland pond; beech hedging, etc. References required, also own equipment, insurance, certificates and legally able to work in the UK, speaking fluent English. Please contact: Simon - 07956 282 490

### History of Kingston Deverill School part 3

For information about the school between 1859 and 1898 we are solely dependent upon the Census Returns and Kelly's Directory. These sources tell us in 1861 the teacher was Leah Pressley, aged 20. By 1871 she had been succeeded by Georgina Callaghan, aged 29, she in turn was followed by Anne Gilbert (18) Headteacher and Elizabeth Ford (26) assistant, who appear in the 1881 census. In a Directory entry for 1889 we read: 'In KD there is a National School (mixed) built in 1853 for 60 children; average attendance 30; Mrs C Wheeler, Mistress.' Meanwhile, the Government had passed the Elementary Education Act of 1870 which aimed to make education compulsory for all children between the ages of 5 and 13. In order to achieve this it set up School Boards in areas which had been identified by census returns as indicating that a number of children were not attending school, and instructed these Boards to obtain funds in order to provide school places where there was a shortfall. Most parents were still required to pay a small fee for their children's education, receipt of government funding was to an extent dependent upon the children's attendance. The Act also made provision for the institution of 6 'Standards' by which the children could be judged on their abilities in Reading, Writing and Arithmetic, school classes were set up on this basis, with 'Standard 1' being at the lowest, or Infant level. The Act took a long time to implement, it was not until 1880 that the ideal of compulsory attendance was accomplished. We now reach a period when we are able to give a more detailed and intimate view of the school and its daily life by the existence of the Headteacher's Logbook dating from 1898 and continuing to the closure of the school in 1969. The following entries were chosen at random attempting to give an idea of the aims and activities of the children and their teachers over a period of 70 years encompassing 2 World Wars and substantial social change. *1898 – Dec 12: 40 children present. Rev Moore visited school this morning.* Since the school was a C of E foundation, the local Rector was the school manager and paid regular visits. William Moore was appointed to the KD benefice in 1885. *1899 – Mar 23: Standard 111 were very careless in Arithmetic, and Standard 11 in Geography. Sep 28: several boys away potato picking. Nov 1: am disappointed in all the infants' work. Nov 6: Rev. Moore is leaving the parish. The vacancy will be filled by Rev. Edmund Caudwell.* Edmund Caudwell remained as Rector until 1903. *1900 - Jan 23: school closed today for the children's Xmas Tree given by Mr. Stratton. Feb 14: school closed today on account of very deep fall of snow. Mar 28: Rose Draper (Infants' teacher aged 17) 7 minutes late this morning. Apr 9: Inspection by George Gordon – 'the Upper Deverills infants' Arithmetic was very poor indeed. Only one child got anything at all right. In the lower division, 2 children who have been in the school over 12 months do not yet know their letters.' Jul 2: Govt. report – 'It's a nice little county school. The teaching is bright and effective.'* Obviously the standard of teaching and learning had shot up in the three months between the two inspections.

**Julian Wiltshire**



### Summer lunch - Sunday 22nd June - Auction

Come and enjoy a delicious buffet lunch in Manor Farm Barn, Kingston Deverill beginning at 12.30 pm with a free drink followed by lunch at 1.00 pm. Tickets are £13.50 each obtainable from Church Wardens, [see page 9 for details](#). There will be a bar, a raffle and a special auction of three marvellous and very generously donated prizes detailed below:

#### **A visit to Venetia Williams' Racing Stable for 2 people**

Tim and Julia Young are donating this visit to the stables located near Hereford. Venetia Williams was the 7th most successful National Hunt trainer in the 2013/2014 season, she has approximately 100 horses in her yard. The prize includes transport to and from the stables, coffee with the Trainer on arrival, a guided tour around the yard, watching the horses on the Gallops and lunch at a pub nearby.

#### **A Welsh Longhouse for one week**

Mary Stewart Cox is donating a week at Cefn-y-Gadfa, a 17th century longhouse about 10 miles from Betws-y-Coed, near the market town of Llanwrst, and situated on the edge of Snowdonia with glorious views and walks. The house sleeps 6, plus 2 or 3 children in sleeping bags. Central heating plus a wood burning stove. A pure drinkable water supply is pumped into the house from the hill. No TV but books, radio/CD cassette player, games and jigsaws. No phone, but good mobile signal.

#### **Drawing of your house**

Pat Armstrong, a well known local artist, who contributes her pictures to the front cover of the Parish News each month, will undertake a commission to draw your house in pen and ink. The picture will then be framed to your liking by local picture framer, Robert Shuler.

### **Deverills festival of Performing Arts 2014**

The first Deverills festival took place over the gloriously sunny bank holiday weekend of 2nd - 5th May. Supported by Arts Council England, Wiltshire Council, Wessex Water and many other generous organisations and individuals, over 23 events in 7 venues, indoor and outdoor, showcased all types of music, drama, comedy, talks and guided walks. Audiences thoroughly enjoyed the exceptional performances and festive atmosphere. A year of hard work by a great team paid off as visitors delighted in the quality and range of performances in this unique rural setting. All the villages pulled together in a great show of community spirit to put the weekend on the festival map. Quote from Richard Munro, Festival Director: 'What can I say? We set out to celebrate the performing arts and to offer professional quality music and drama to as many people as possible in a delightful environment and at affordable prices. And we did! We are thrilled that so many festival goers were captivated by the variety of events and exceptional performances in unique rural venues, in such a beautiful setting. Will we do it again? Definitely!' There is a move to stage the festival every 2 years, with touring theatre and concerts in between. Thank you to everyone who volunteered and those who came to events. Please see the website, [www.deverillsfestival.com](http://www.deverillsfestival.com), for loads of pictures of the events and to sign up for news. Do tell your friends!





### SERVICES PARISH OF DEVERILLS & HORNINGSHAM

<b>Sunday</b> 1st June	<b>Easter 7</b> Brixton 8.00 am Longbridge 10.30 am	Holy Communion 1662 Holy Communion
<b>Sunday</b> 8th June	<b>Whit Sunday</b> Kingston 10.30 am	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday</b> 15th June	<b>Trinity Sunday</b> Horningsham 8.00 am Brixton 10.30 am	Holy Communion 1662 Morning Worship
<b>Sunday</b> 22nd June	<b>Pentecost 2</b> Horningsham 10.30 pm	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday</b> 29th June	<b>Pentecost 3</b> Longbridge 9.45 am Longbridge 10.30 am	Said Holy Communion Benefice Pet Service
<b>Sunday</b> 6th July	<b>Pentecost 4</b> Kingston 8.00 am Longbridge 10.30 am	Holy Communion 1662 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 no hesitate to contact her on 01373 832515.

**The Register**  
**Funeral**  
Longbridge Deverill of Margaret Bottomley on Wednesday 7th May

**Church Cleaners for June**  
Kingston - Alice Stratton & Clare Mounde  
Brixton - Julia Abraham & Christine Lucas  
Longbridge - Monday 2nd June 9.30 - 10.30 am - all helpers please

**Church Flower Arrangers for June**

	Kingston	Brixton	Longbridge
1st June	Mrs Stratton	Mrs Irwin	Mrs Young
8th June	Mrs Stratton	Mrs Marsh	Mrs Young
15th June	Mrs Barnes	Mrs Marsh	Mrs Plastow
22nd June	Mrs Barnes	Mrs Rose	Mrs Plastow
29th June	Mrs Williams	Mrs Rose	Mrs Budgen



### SERVICES PARISH OF CORSLEY & CHAPMANSLADE

<b>Sunday</b> 1st June	<b>Easter 7</b> Corsley 9.30 am	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday</b> 8th June	<b>Whit Sunday</b> Chapmanslade 9.30 am Temple 11.00 am	Family Communion Matins
<b>Sunday</b> 15th June	<b>Trinity Sunday</b> Chapmanslade 9.30 am	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday</b> 22nd June	<b>Pentecost 2</b> Temple 9.00 am Corsley 10.30 am	Holy Communion 1662 Family Parish Worship
<b>Sunday</b> 29th June	<b>Pentecost 3</b> Longbridge Deverill 10.30 am	Benefice Pet Service
<b>Sunday</b> 6th July	<b>Pentecost 4</b> Corsley 9.30 am Chapmanslade School 3.30 pm	Holy Communion Messy Church for families



**‘ALL CREATURES GREAT & SMALL’**  
Bring your pets all great and small to the  
**Benefice Pet Service**  
**Sunday 29th June 10.30am**  
Longbridge Deverill Church  
Everyone welcome!



**Deverills & Horningsham Parish Fund Raising Events**  
**Sunday 22nd June 12.30 for 1.00 pm**

 **Summer lunch - Manor Farm Barn, Kingston**  
Special Auction plus a Bar and Raffle (see page 7 for details)  
**Tickets £13.50 inc free drink wine/soft, Cold Buffet & Puddings**  
From: Guy Ratcliffe 840405, Tim Young 840477  
Bill Knowles 844476, Robert Shuler 844291

**Saturday 13th September 7.00 pm**  
**Jazz Night - Horningsham Hall**

Featuring the famous **New Orleans Heat** professional jazz band  
There will be dancing, a bar and a buffet with delicious puddings  
**Tickets £20 from Richard Abbott 840763**

