

## PARISH OF DEVERILLS AND HORNINGSHAM

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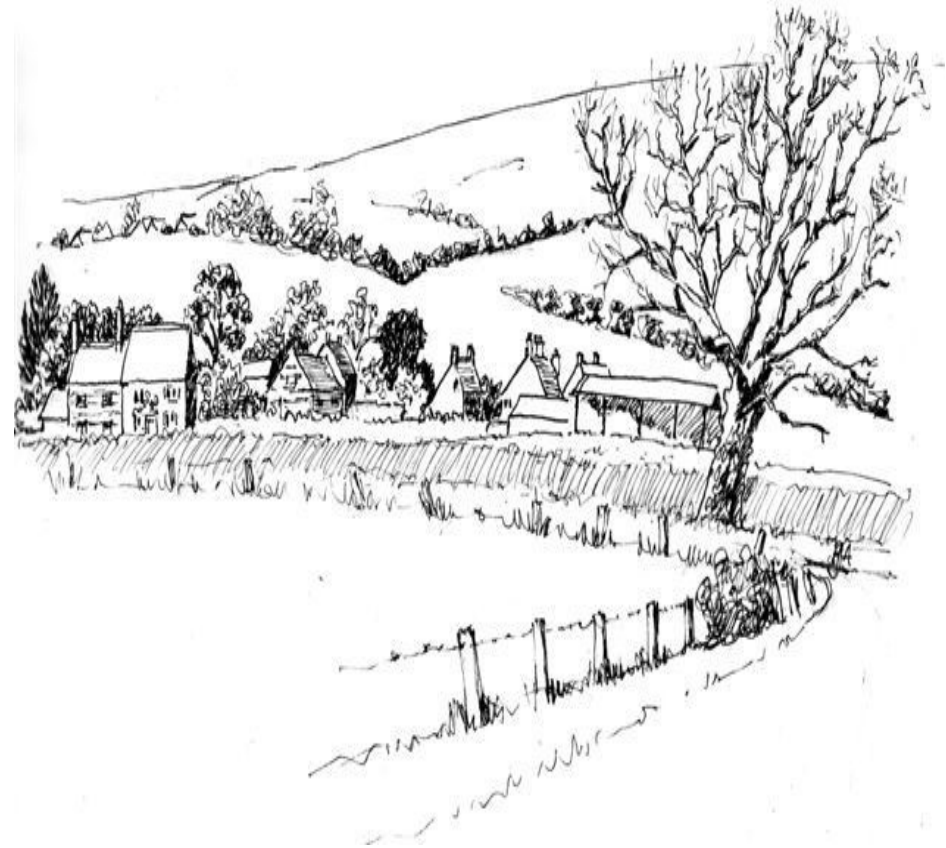
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# PARISH NEWS

## The Deverills & Crockerton



Monkton Deverill by Pat Armstrong

# March 2015

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

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

Website contents:

Parish News, Church services, Parish Register, Events, Local News



## Community Coffee Mornings

Wednesday 11th March

Monday 30th March

Between 10.00 am - 12.00 noon

in the Orangery, George Inn Longbridge Deverill  
Everyone is welcome

For further information please call Emma Curtis  
your Good Neighbour Coordinator 07557 922033  
If you require transport please call Bridget Beattie



## Salisbury Theatre Club

Monday 23rd March - Dosh

By Laura Wade

Monday 11th May - Little Shop of Horrors

Book and Lyrics by Howard Ashman

Music by Alan Menken

Cost: £22.50 (theatre seat £17.50, coach £5.00) 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

## Jane Taylor – BBC Radio 2 favourite

A Special Spring Concert Friday 27th March

Longbridge Deverill Hall 7.30 pm for 8.00 pm – 10.00 pm

Fresh from the Clare Balding Show, a recording session at BBC Maida Vale Studios, opening for Jools Holland and winning 'Best Album' at Independent Music Awards, Jane Taylor and band are on a Rural Tour.

Expect a little magic, a lot of warmth, gypsy jazz mixed with classical, blues, gospel, Spanish guitar and something quintessentially English. A unique opportunity to catch an intimate performance with an award winning, acclaimed artist on your doorstep!

Tickets £10 from [www.janetaylor.co.uk/tickets](http://www.janetaylor.co.uk/tickets) or phone 07855 135 233

BBC Radio 2: 'Lovely, lovely music.– Bob Harris , 'What a voice!' Clare Balding

'Go and see her if you get the chance' - The Independent



## FUTURE EVENTS

- Pre-school children & parents group Thursdays Longbridge hall 10.00 - 11.30 am
- Longbridge Deverill Parish Council meeting Monday 2nd March See p10/14
- Longbridge Deverill Flower Show Open meeting Monday 2nd March See p7
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- Lent Lunch Tuesday 31st March See p9

## 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 Marshall 214789
Graham Connellan 218622 (Clerk)	Caroline Sawyer 840585
Ian Bell 840514	Nigel Spreadbury-Clews 216660

### 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** Karen Seymour 840196 (Steward)

### Longbridge Deverill Village Hall Committee

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

### Upper Deverills Village Hall

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

**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

**Wylde Valley Tennis Club** Colin Singer 213696

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

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

**Rural Community Beat Manager** PC Vicky Howick 101

**Clarence** (pot holes) 0800232323

**Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator Upper Deverills** Bridget Beattie 844884

**Hospital Transport Link Scheme** 211655

**Mere Link Scheme** (covers Upper Deverills) 01747 860096

*Dear Friends,*

I would like to say that spring was finally here, but as I write it is still very cold and wet outside. Never mind! The snowdrops are glorious, the later bulbs are growing taller everyday and the daffodils in the garden are in bud ready to burst forth in all their glory any day now. The light is returning and hens will be coming into lay again after being on strike during the dark months of winter. We have nearly got our hen run finished so we will be back into egg production shortly I hope, when we have found some willing pullets to add to our family. I do miss my hens; it was one of the hardest things we had to do in giving our 'girls' away when we moved here. I do know someone who takes their hens on holiday with them so as not to leave them behind, but perhaps that is going a bit too far.



I do think the seasons are a wonderful gift to us, a cyclical story of birth, growth and flowering, dying and regeneration, told with beauty and pathos through the ever changing vista of the natural world. Nothing in the created order ever stands still. Even in the depths of winter when day after grey day saps our energy, there is change and movement; an almost imperceptible shift in the quality of light, fragile sunshine on a bare field revealing tiny green shoots, the ever changing colours of earth and sky. And of course at this time of year we await with bated breath for the world around us to explode with life and colour in the riotous dance of spring.

Colour can be so enthralling can't it? Recently, at a day conference, I escaped during the lunch hour and made my way to a tiny shop dedicated solely to knitting. Oh the colours inside that shop! Blues and greys and beautiful woody browns, deep red and burnt orange, leafy greens and richly decadent purple, wool with flecks in it, wool shimmering with hues of many different colours, exquisitely delicate wool, soft to the touch, skeins of chunky, earthy wool that whispered of moor and mountain – I could go on.

Such a variety of beautiful wool ready to be woven into something wonderful, ready to be knitted stitch by stitch into a much loved jumper or comfy cardigan. It set me thinking about the colours in our lives; sometimes glowing with hope, sometimes more muted; the greys and browns of winter woven in with red and gold, sometimes flecked with sorrow, sometimes shot through with joy.

We so fear change don't we, but maybe we would be better to embrace it; like the cycle of the seasons the colours in our lives will ebb and flow, ever changing, for that is the nature of all life. As the writer of Ecclesiastes so movingly wrote: 'For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.' To change and grow, to change and die, to be caught up in the extraordinary cycle of life, this is what it means to be human. Whatever season we find ourselves in; God goes with us and his loving faithfulness, woven throughout the created order, will sustain us, hold us and finally welcome us home when our time comes.

Love and prayers,

*Pauline*

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



Upper Deverills Village Hall  
Friday 17th April 7.30 pm

### NORTHERN FORESTS AND GRASSLANDS

Speaker - Simon Martyn Photographer - Mandy Martyn  
Contrasting North American wilderness & UK countryside  
(lying at similar latitudes) celebrating the wildlife of both  
Looking at some contemporary conservation issues  
Please bring you own drinks



### QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 18th April at 7.00 pm

Longbridge Deverill Village Hall  
Quizmaster Guy Ratcliffe (840405) teams of 6 or 8 please call him  
for Tickets £8.00 inc Baked Potatoes with assorted fillings  
Bring your own drinks  
Raising funds for repairs to our Deverill churches

### Horningsham village hall presents CHURCHILL

A one man play written and performed by Pip Utton  
Thursday 23rd April, 7.30 pm



St George's Day & 50th Anniversary year of Churchill's death  
Tickets £12 (children £10) from James Osborne 844711 /  
07753 404705 / jamesosborne@btinternet.com  
"a tremendous show beautifully performed" British Theatre Guide  
The proceeds will to help fund repairs to the village hall roof

### CROCKERTON VILLAGE COMMITTEE

Community Afternoon Tea Thursday 30th April



Invite all to Lake Shearwater tearooms 2.30 pm  
There will be a selection of refreshments to buy  
If you require transport please contact  
Marion 213739 Nikki 216660



### Nature Notes

Just a bit warmer and nature responds; I could hear and feel spring in the air today. The bulbs are coming up faster; I'm sure the daffodils have grown several inches in as many days. Snowdrops are blooming everywhere, there is a super display in the churchyard at Longbridge. I expect Brixton and Kingston are just as good. The birds are more active and vocal and are busy pairing up and looking for nest sites. Some are already singing strongly; I have noticed in particular song thrush, mistle thrush, house sparrow and robin. We have a pair of great tits that have claimed the box on the beech tree at the front of the house. Today I watched them chase away a coal tit that was getting too close. It was the first time that I had seen a coal tit in the garden for quite a time. Hopefully it will find another suitable nest site, maybe one of the other boxes we have. Several times recently I have heard house sparrows at the front of the house and was hoping that they might have found the terraced sparrow nest box near the front door, but no, they were investigating the house martin nests up under the eaves.

Most days we have long-tailed tits come to feed on the fat and peanuts. They are such pretty birds and so dainty. They tend to nest early in the year and if the weather stays mild I expect they will start building. We were having a party of them visiting, regularly 4 or 5 sometimes more, but now it is often just 2 indicating a pair ready to breed. Bullfinches still come regularly to the flowering cherry trees near the feeding station.



So far they haven't dropped down to the feeders and are content to feast on the flower buds. The great spotted woodpeckers, male and female, come most days to the peanuts and fat; making holes in the fat block!

It is only in the last week that the pond has thawed out completely. Yesterday a pair of mallards came to visit staying all afternoon. Today a pair, probably the same ones, have been there for most of the day. Their presence attracted a little egret who stayed for a few minutes before flying off. A buzzard has been watching the pond. I think it is after the water snails that come to the surface now and again.

When I was walking towards the church along the main road at the beginning of the month I was delighted to spot a red kite soaring above the water meadows. I think I may have seen it again from the house one morning later in the same week, but by the time I had got my binoculars to look it had disappeared. Kites seem to have that ability to vanish; they have such a powerful wing beat they have only to flap a few times and they are gone. Now every time I think I see a buzzard I check to make sure it is not a red kite; the kite has longer slender wings and the classic forked tail.

*Jane Trollope* (written 14th February)

### Website

At present the Deverills website is under review, so if you wish to view the Parish News electronically please visit the Benefice of Cley Hill Villages website [www.cleyhillchurches.org](http://www.cleyhillchurches.org) where you will also find other useful information.

## Farmland birds boosted by water main project

Rare and declining bird species in the Monkton Deverill area, near Warminster, will get a much needed boost, as a strip of nectar-rich wildflowers will be sown following the construction of Wessex Water's strategic water main. Usually the land used to lay this pipe would be returned to crops immediately, but in this case, Wessex Water has worked with the local Pertwood Organic Farm to sow a mixture of wildflowers. It is hoped this will boost the numbers of rare bird species in the area. As well as creating a swathe of colour across the chalk downs, the 2.7 hectares of flower meadows will also provide a food source for many bees and insects. In turn these provide rich feeding grounds for the birds which occur in this area of the West Wiltshire Downs or the Cranborne Chase Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Recent surveys by the British Trust for Ornithology identified a total of 65 species of song bird from Pertwood Organic Farm alone, many of which will benefit from the rich source of protein for the rearing of their chicks.



"Pertwood Organic Farm is already a stronghold for rare arable birds," said Tracy Adams, South Wiltshire farmland birds adviser, Cranborne Chase AONB. "Its organic status means that it is ecologically very rich in bird life. You can almost always see corn buntings singing from song posts around the farm, quails were heard here last summer. Barn owls love hunting over these wide conservation margins."

This conservation work is one example among many which have resulted from the South Wiltshire Farmland Bird Project, a partnership project, funded by Wessex Water, which allows an AONB project officer to spend time working with local farmers and provide advice about the options available to them to conserve wildlife, and especially arable bird species. The South Wiltshire Farmland Bird Project focuses its attention on six species of birds associated with arable farmland, which are those farmland bird species known to be in greatest threat in the country. These are the lapwing, turtle dove, corn bunting, grey partridge, yellow wagtail and tree sparrow. The project team has been focussing activities on land where Wessex Water's water supply grid main is being laid, as part of a scheme to provide its customers with security of supply for years to come.

The new main, which is 64 km long, is now part-way through construction and will transfer water from areas of surplus to areas of deficit when completed. As well as the nectar-rich flower margins, these projects have delivered new hedgerows, re-stocked woodland areas and allowed installation of new barn owl / kestrel boxes.

"Farmers are generally fantastic custodians of the countryside, and it is surprising how easy it is to get them to change farming practices to fit in with wildlife," said Mark Doughty, Wessex Water's principal ecologist. "Pertwood Organic Farm was already aware of the fantastic wildlife on their land and has been providing habitats for birds with the help of Natural England's Higher Level Stewardship Scheme."

Information: Wessex Water's GRID project: [www.wessexwater.co.uk/grid](http://www.wessexwater.co.uk/grid)  
S.Wiltshire Farmland Bird Project: [www.ccwwdaonb.org.uk/projects/farmland](http://www.ccwwdaonb.org.uk/projects/farmland)  
Pertwood Organic Farm conservation news: [www.pertwood.co.uk](http://www.pertwood.co.uk)

## Notes from the PCC Treasurer - 5 -

The decline in church attendance in rural parishes across the land has recently been in the news. Fortunately we in the Deverills and Horningsham continue to be well supported and not just by regular churchgoers but by our community as a whole. However, as the PCC accounts for 2014 show, we are not immune to the financial burden of running the parish and maintaining our four beautiful church buildings. Our operating deficit for last year was over £14,000 against £10,000 in 2013. Your PCC together with The Friends of the Deverills Churches are actively seeking to reduce this deficit but with expensive and essential repairs needed to all three Deverills churches, as identified in the recent Quinquennial Inspections, the shortfall is unlikely to be reduced in the near future.

We rely almost entirely on the voluntary donations from the community, in particular on regular Gift Aid planned giving on which 25p in every pound donated can be reclaimed. Recently HMRC has introduced the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme whereby 25p in every pound given in open collections can be reclaimed without the donor's details. This removes the need for people to fill in and sign the yellow Gift Aid envelopes in the pews, HMRC assume most people are at least basic rate tax payers. The yellow rectangular envelopes can be dispensed with unless a donor wishes to make a one off cash donation of more than £20 or write a cheque for any amount, then they should be used and completed for tax to be reclaimed. This new scheme should enable an additional £1,500 a year to be claimed back.

The numbered envelopes issued to regular donors who have previously signed a Gift Aid Declaration are intended for the minority of people who choose not to donate by a regular Standing Order but may also be used for additional one off donations, although such donations can now be made in cash without an envelope. I know some people like to put their collection into an envelope but this is no longer a requirement to claim tax relief, many parishes are actively trying to discourage the use of envelopes altogether. A word of warning here; tax relief cannot be claimed back on out of date envelopes so please use the correct colour (currently yellow, due to change on 1st April) and date, no need to include envelopes for missed weeks.

Two final points (1) If for any reason you write a cheque to the PCC please make it payable to **PCC The Deverills & Horningsham**, no other form of words will be accepted by our bank and requires me to return it to the sender. (2) If you use a one off Gift Aid envelope or blue Parish News envelope please remember to sign it.

*Robert Steptoe*

## Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2015

The first meeting of parishioners is open to all those on the Parish Roll of Electors and also anyone who lives in the Parish. This is for the election of Churchwardens (who are ex-officio members of the PCC) and will be take place just before the APCM at 6.30 pm on **Sunday 26th April**, which will then elect PCC members.

The second meeting is the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM), which is only open to church members. This will be held at 6.30 pm on **Sunday 26th April** in Longbridge Deverill Village Hall after the 6.00 pm service in Longbridge Deverill Church. A formal notice of the meetings will be put in each Church.

Upper Deverills Hall

### St Patrick's Day Supper

**Saturday 21st March - 7.30 pm for 8.00 pm**

Three course Irish meal, please dress in something green

Tickets £15 a couple or £7.50 single, bring your own drinks

To book contact Caroline Davies: email [carolinedavies096@btinternet.com](mailto:carolinedavies096@btinternet.com) or 845335 by Monday 16th March



### 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, all cheaper than a proper pub!

Children/dogs welcome

**Where: Upper Deverills Village Hall**

**When: Friday 27th March 6.00 - 11.00 pm**

**Food: Jacket Potatoes & Chilli, Raffle: Meat Voucher**

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



### Dr Bill Price - Retirement Party

Dr Bill Price retired from the Mere surgery last year after 27 years. We are holding a retirement party for him at The Grove Building on **Friday 27th March**, from 5.30 – 7.30 pm and hope that those who have known him and benefitted from his devoted care will be able to attend. It would be lovely to see lots of you there!



### The annual Upper Deverills Easter Egg Hunt

This will take place on **Saturday 4th April** at 2.00 pm at the Upper Deverills hall. All children under 11 welcome with a parent or guardian.



### Saturday Afternoon Strollers

Walk No 6 will take place on **Saturday 11th April** 2.00 pm meeting at Bath Arms Horningsham. Further details in the April News or please e-mail [rjluucas56@hotmail.com](mailto:rjluucas56@hotmail.com) or phone Richard Lucas 07732 740364 / 841164.



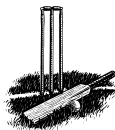
### The Deverills Cricket Club

The Deverills Cricket Club will be warming up for the new season with some nets sessions in the indoor nets at Warminster Cricket Club on:

**Sunday 12th April 4.00 - 5.00 pm, Sunday 19th April 4.00 - 5.00 pm**

**Sunday 26th April 4.00 - 6.00 pm**

All welcome, for more information please contact Jamie Fagan 844123.



### Post Office Maiden Bradley and Horningsham

Some people may be aware, I am leaving the Post Office during 2015, therefore it seems essential a meeting is held to discuss possible options and hopefully avoid closures in Maiden Bradley and Horningsham. The Maiden Bradley village shop AGM will be held in Maiden Bradley Memorial Hall at 7.00 pm on **Monday 9th March**. This will be an ideal opportunity for me to explain the circumstances and give residents from both villages and surrounding areas a chance to ask questions and maybe find a person or persons who are interested in running and/or being responsible for PO services. I urge as many people as possible to attend. In the meantime, if any one would like to contact me before the meeting, please do so on PO telephone 845040, at home 844777 or e-mail [westcountry@post.com](mailto:westcountry@post.com)

*Pam Thomlinson* Postmistress

### 2015 Wylve Valley Calendar

Many thanks to everyone who supported **Hope and Homes for Children** (registered charity 1089490) by purchasing copies of the 2015 Wylve Valley Calendar. Sales of the 2015 calendars have raised £3,292, all this money will support the vital work of the charity in transforming the lives of children in Central/Eastern Europe and Africa ensuring that they have a chance to grow up in a loving family.

*Chris Lock*

### Kingston Deverill School part 11 - School Logbook

**1936 – Jan 28: Holiday for funeral of George V. Apr 27: 2 pictures arrive: St. Francis and St. George.** Does anyone know where these pictures are now? **Apr 30: Every child present – 28 on books. May 18: report: ‘a marked improvement in the school since the new Headmistress arrived a year ago’.** **Jul 21: outing to Weymouth. Oct 6: ‘Nature room’ to be made into an extra classroom.** 28 children in two classrooms – the ‘infants’ separated from the others! A remarkable change from a few years earlier.



**1937- Mar 29: Rector [Robert Fugard] warned children to be careful when walking along and crossing roads.** Some private cars had obviously joined the farm vehicles – to the extent that crossing a road might prove occasionally hazardous. **Apr 15: Upper classes taken by head teacher for a nature walk to gather material for the aquarium and to notice birds on their nests. May – during holidays the offices were limewashed, cess-pit cleaned and rooms distempered. The piano tuned.** Dorothy Richards is doing a great job, and the school is transformed. **Jun 2: outing to Bristol Zoo. Jul 27: village outing to Bournemouth.** This is the first time that adult members of the community are, by implication, included in a school excursion. The departure of a vintage charabanc or two can readily be imagined, as can the excitement of Wiltshire children on their way to a glimpse of the sea. **Dec 8: heavy fall – only 7 children came and they were taken home again. 1938 – Jun 1: the children told to look both ways when crossing road.** Traffic now increasing in both directions between Mere and Warminster.

*Julian Wiltshire*



### Upper Deverills Parish Council

The Community Litter Pick will take place on **Saturday 28th March** starting at 10.00 am at the Upper Deverills Hall, if you would like to come along please contact the Clerk to ensure equipment is available. The next meeting will be on **Wednesday 11th March** at 6.30 pm Upper Deverills Hall, all welcome



### Longbridge Deverill Parish Council

The Spring Litter Picking Day is on **Sunday 22nd March**. Please contact Councillor Graham Read (840296) for further details. Please note there is still a councillor vacancy, please contact the Parish Clerk (218622) for more details. The Longbridge Deverill Parish Council (LDPC) have agreed to increase the Parish Precept by 5%, which will result in the total precept increasing by just over £300 to approximately £6,600. This works out to an average increase of approximately £1.00 per household. There are two main reasons for this decision. Firstly, the top-up grant from Wiltshire Council to LDPC has been reduced and secondly the LDPC commitments, including the Grass Cutting, have increased due to general inflation. The next full meeting will be on **Monday 2nd March** at 7.30 pm at Longbridge Deverill Parish Hall, all welcome.



### Crockerton Village Committee

I moved to Crockerton 14 years ago and was immediately struck by the friendliness of locals and how much there was 'going on' in the village. Many of these events were organised by the then Crockerton Millennium Group. I became a member several years ago and have really enjoyed planning events for the village. Over the years we have held cycle rides, village quiz nights, summer parties (on several varying themes), duck races, skittle evening, Easter Egg hunts, carol processions, balloon races, street parties. It has been wonderful to see many locals at these events enjoying a catch up with friends and neighbours. The committee is also responsible for the wonderful display of daffodils around the village and several trees and bushes have been purchased and planted. Over the forthcoming year events are planned that we hope span the generations, eg: a cup of tea and chat at the new Lake Shearwater tea rooms, Crockerton swapping event, garage sale, as well as a return of the old favourites, Easter egg hunting in the woods! We would love to see you at these events (all will be advertised in more detail nearer the time) and if you have any ideas for future events we could hold please do not hesitate to contact the group. Our committee is small and in need of new members, we would welcome anyone who would like to get involved. Please contact Marion Thomas on 213739.

*Caroline Law-Irish*

### First Great Western & Network Rail - modernisation

The line between Bath and Westbury will be closed for 4 weeks in August for route modernisation, residents and commuters across Wiltshire and parts of Somerset who make use of this line may be affected. To find out more details please go to the website at [www.networkrail.co.uk/great-western-route-modernisation](http://www.networkrail.co.uk/great-western-route-modernisation).



### Longbridge Deverill Flower Show - Saturday 8th August

The next **Open meeting** at The George 7.00 pm **Monday 2nd March**, come along to offer help and find out more or contact Clair Gray 841363.



### Book & Dining Club

The next book chosen to read is 'The A303' by Tom Fort. The meeting will be on **Thursday 5th March** at The Angel in Heytesbury at 7.00 for 7.30 pm. Please contact Pam Russell on 07719 757091 if you would like to come along to join in the discussion and book a place for dinner.



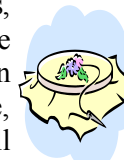
### Deverill Valley & Crockerton WI

Our meeting this month will be on **Monday 9th March** at 7.30pm at Longbridge Deverill village hall when we will hold our Annual Meeting followed by a fish and chip supper and a raffle. If you would like to know more about the WI in the Deverill Valley please contact Julie Walder on 213142. You are very welcome to join our meeting.



### Cast on & 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. This month's meeting will be on **Wednesday 11th March** 2.00 - 4.00 pm at Elizabeth Stewart's home, 1 Church Farm Cottages, Longbridge Deverill, BA12 7DG, please call her on 844920 if you need directions. All are welcome to join the group.



### Wiltshire Wildlife Trust - Warminster

On **Monday 9th March** Johnny Birks, Chairman of UK Mammal society, will talk about Polecats and their decline and gradual recovery. We meet in the Civic Centre at 7.30 pm admission £3 (under-18s £1), light refreshments; non-members welcome.



Our annual get-together/big fund-raising event will be at Langford Lakes on **Saturday 21st March**. The day begins with Frank Lowe leading a birding walk, departing from the centre at 9.30 am. Ploughman's Lunch (including drinks) available from 12.30 pm, there will also be a Bring & Buy. This is a great opportunity for members/friends to get together. Cost of the day £6.50, for the walk only we ask for a donation of £2.50. Money raised goes to conservation work at Smallbrook Meadow Nature Reserve. To book for lunch and event information contact Ann Jones 218928.

### The Athenaeum Singers

Present **The Crucifixion** by John Stainer **Sunday 29th March** at 6.00 pm in **The Minster Church St Denys Warminster BA12 8PQ** Admission Free - retiring donation.

Deverills mini-fest  
of performing arts

2 - 3 May 2015

See the flyer inserted with this Parish News for details about the mini-fest in May. **Tickets are now on sale!** Call 844385 or email [info@deverillsfestival.com](mailto:info@deverillsfestival.com). For more information please see [www.deverillsfestival.com](http://www.deverillsfestival.com).

**SERVICES PARISH OF DEVERILLS & HORNINGSHAM**

<b>Sunday</b> 1st March	<b>2nd Lent</b> Kingston 8.00 am Longbridge 11.15 am	Holy Communion 1662 Morning Worship
<b>Sunday</b> 8th March	<b>3rd Lent</b> Kingston 10.30 am	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday</b> 15th March	<b>4th Lent</b> Longbridge 10.30 am	Mothering Sunday
<b>Sunday</b> 22nd March	<b>5th Lent</b> Horningsham 10.30 am	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday</b> 29th March	<b>Palm Sunday</b> Chapmanslade 10.30 am	<b>Benefice service</b> Holy Communion
<b>Thursday</b> 2nd April	<b>Maundy Thursday</b> Longbridge 7.00 pm	Agape meal
<b>Friday</b> 3rd April	<b>Good Friday</b> Brixton 11.00 am	Stainer's Crucifixion & service
<b>Sunday</b> 5th April	<b>Easter Day</b> Brixton 8.00 am Longbridge 10.30 am Horningsham 10.30 am	Holy Communion 1662 Holy Communion Holy Communion

**Register**

Baptism - Longbridge Deverill  
Nyla Hope Philips baptised on Sunday 25th January

**Church Cleaners for March**



**Kingston** - Judy McCulloch & Anne Wiltshire  
**Brixton** - Pat Armstrong & Pony Burrige  
**Longbridge** - Monday 2nd March 9.30 - 10.30 am - All helpers please  
**March - no flower arrangements during Lent**

**BARN DANCE Saturday 30th May 6.30 - 10.30 pm**

**TIM STEER & BAND** with dance caller

Fun for all the family - BBQ - bring you own drinks  
At Manor Farm Barn, Kingston Deverill  
In aid of the Deverills and Horningsham churches

**SERVICES PARISH OF CORSLEY & CHAPMANSLADE**

<b>Sunday</b> 1st March	<b>2nd Lent</b> Corsley 9.30 am	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday</b> 8th March	<b>3rd Lent</b> Chapmanslade 9.30 am Temple 11.00 am	Family Holy Communion Morning Prayer
<b>Sunday</b> 15th March	<b>4th Lent</b> Temple 9.00 am Chapmanslade 10.30 am	Holy Communion 1662 Mothering Sunday
<b>Sunday</b> 22nd March	<b>5th Lent</b> Corsley 9.30 am	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday</b> 29th March	<b>Palm Sunday</b> Chapmanslade 10.30 am	<b>Benefice service</b> Holy Communion
<b>Thursday</b> 2nd April	<b>Maundy Thursday</b> Chapmanslade 7.00 pm	Agape meal
<b>Friday</b> 3rd April	<b>Good Friday</b> Corsley 12.30 am	Service
<b>Sunday</b> 5th April	<b>Easter Day</b> Temple 9.30 am Corsley 9.30 am	Holy Communion 1662 Holy Communion

**Lent Course - 'Creative Spirit'**

Discussion will centre around paintings from the Methodist Art Collection. You don't have to be arty to join in! Meetings, 1 hour, at The Rectory, Longbridge, **7.30 pm Tuesdays 3rd March, 10th March, 17th March & 24th March** (same days 10.30 am 131 High Street, Chapmanslade)

**Lent Lunches 12.00 noon for Christian Aid**

**Wednesday 11th March** - Mari Poole's house, 7 Homefields, Longbridge  
**Wednesday 25th March** - Judy Munro's house, Whitepits Lodge, Kingston  
**Tuesday 31st March** - Jane Yates, Warren House, 212 Pottle Street, Horningsham, BA12 7LX

Please support this vital charity and enjoy a simple lunch in good company!

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

January's draw prizes were won by: Simon Martyn £30 and Margot Judd £15. If you would like to join the club please contact Diana Abbott 840763 or email decabbott@gmail.com. Proceeds are divided 50% supporting our four churches and 50% given in prizes.

