

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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(Mon -Thurs 10.00 - 12.00) St Denys, Warminster

Benefice Cley Hill Villages website: www.cleyhillchurches.org.uk

PARISH NEWS

The Deverills & Crockerton



Whitecliff Farm, Brixton Deverill

By Pat Armstrong

May 2014

Look inside for local news & information about the
Deverills Festival

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

Website manager: Stewart Fergusson 07918 935697



Deverills festival
of performing arts

2 – 5 May 2014

A wonderful weekend of music and drama, including Angel Exit Theatre, Beautiful Monsters, TapriSha, Threepenny Bit, Salisbury Playhouse Practitioners, Kepow and fascinating talks. Plus brass band, mummers, guided walks - and refreshments all day at The George Inn and Upper Deverills Village Hall. For all details please see www.deverillsfestival.com, or call 219476 or come to the Box Office at Longbridge Deverill Village Hall from 10.00 am to 10.00 pm over the weekend. A perfect bank holiday w/e for all the family!

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: Friday 2nd May 6.00 - 11.00 pm

BBQ 6.30-8.30 pm

Facebook www.facebook.com/groups/upperdeverills

Gliding Club Open Day

Sunday 4th May at The Park, Kingston Deverill

Take a flight in a 2 seater glider with a fully trained Instructor

Bring the Family, Refreshments available

Pure energy, sheer excitement - something you always wanted to try?

www.bwnd.co.uk or 844095 for details



Art & Crafts at Stourhead

Stourton Village hall - Entrance FREE

Over two weekends different artists and craftspeople offering great gifts

Saturday & Sunday 10th & 11th May

Saturday & Sunday 17th & 18th May

On Saturday 10th May - Frome Morris dancers (10th year!)

On Saturday 17th May - Jazz trio

FUTURE EVENTS

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- Book & Dining Club Thursday 8th May See p5
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- Wylve Valley Flower Club Plant Sale Saturday 17th May See p14
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- Deverills Cricket Club Sundays 18th & 25th May See p5
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LOCAL COUNCILS, SOCIETIES, GROUPS etc.

Longbridge Deverill Parish Council

www.crockertonlongbridgeandhilldeverill.co.uk

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Upper Deverills Parish Council

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

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Longbridge Deverill Village Hall Committee

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

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

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Deverills Festival May 2014 Richard Munro 844385 (Director)

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

Good Neighbour Co-ordinator Emma Curtis 07557 922033

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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

May, glorious May, unquestionably one of the most beautiful months of the year. The month was named after Maia, the Roman Goddess of Spring and Growth. Traditional British May Day rites and celebrations include Morris Dancing, Crowning of the May Queen and festivities involving a maypole. Much of the tradition derives from the pagan Anglo-Saxon customs along with many Celtic traditions. May Day itself has been a traditional day of festivities throughout the centuries and is mostly associated with towns and villages celebrating springtime fertility (of the soil, livestock and people) and revelry with village fetes and community gatherings. Since the reform of the Catholic calendar, 1st May is the feast of Joseph the Worker, the patron saint of workers and craftsmen. In rural communities seeding had been completed by this date so it was convenient to give farm labourers a day off. These days in many countries 1st May is celebrated as International Labour Day. May Day was abolished and its celebration banned by puritan parliaments during the **Interregnum** (1649- 1660) but reinstated with the restoration of Charles II in 1660.



We have no plans to abolish celebrations during our **Interregnum**, in fact we hope to expand them and develop our Stewardship of Time and Talents within the community. Part of the diversity of the creation is the unique way in which we each have been created and equipped with talents, aptitudes, gifts and skills. This is true of musical, teaching, financial and academic talents, but it is also true of the spiritual gifts we have received. Being part of the Church does not just mean going to church on Sunday, although that is a good start. The parish thrives because its members get involved and support the life and worship of the church. Many people, including those who are not regular churchgoers make a huge contribution by giving time, practical and creative ability to the local community, may this continue and expand.

Meanwhile the appointment process for our new Priest-in-Charge continues and the new timetable agreed with the Archdeacon is as follows:

Advertise in the Church Times on 6th and 14th June;

Closing date for applicants 7th July; Short listing 10th July;

Familiarisation day Monday 21st July; Formal interviews Tuesday 22nd July.

Please continue to pray that our advert and profile generates a good response and that the right person comes forward. In the meantime we continue to be ably served by the Rev Di Britten and a number of visiting priests and heartily thank them for their support, especially retired Reverends Tony Watts and Harold Stephens.

Finally, we should all remember those less fortunate than ourselves. Christian Aid Week from 11th - 17th May gives us the chance to do that. Christian Aid's philosophy is to educate and enable people to support their own families by their own efforts. Christian Aid envelopes are available in the churches of the Benefice if you wish to make a donation. Last year 20,000 churches across the country raised over £12m during Christian Aid Week. See page 7 for more information and to read how your donation can also help people suffering the devastating ravages of war.

Richard Lucas – Church Warden Brixton Deverill



Salisbury Theatre Club

Monday 12th May

Betty Blue Eyes by Ron Cownen & Daniel Lipman

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.

Community Coffee Morning - The George Inn Longbridge

Wednesday 14th May between 10.00 am and 12.00 noon

Everyone is welcome

For further information please call

Emma Curtis, Good Neighbour Coordinator

07557 922033



CROCKERTON VILLAGE COMMITTEE

Invites you to take a tour of the new

BORE HILL FARM BIODIGESTER



Conducted by Thomas Minter - Saturday 17th May at 10.00 am

Tickets £4.50 (discounted rate, spaces limited, 1st come 1st served)

Please contact Marion Thomas 213739 gandmthomas@btinternet.com

Sale of new or nearly new clothes

Wednesday 21st & Thursday 22nd May 10.00 am until 6.00 pm



Tired of your wardrobe, need something special?

Come to Convish Farm, West Knoyle, BA12 6AH

Refreshments available - In aid of RNLI



Zumba in Longbridge Deverill village hall

The fun way to keep fit

New class Thursdays 7.00 pm - 8.00 pm

Class rate £5, but enjoy a half price class in May quoting the Parish News

Contact Amy on 07830 119032

Nature Notes

The sun is out and the sky is blue but it seems very empty and quiet to me. I keep looking up expectantly hoping to see swallows. I saw one last Friday, 11th April, flying very high but it was not one of 'ours'. Looking back to last year 'our' first swallow came on the 11th April so they are due any day, the anticipation is almost tangible.

Everywhere you look there are signs of spring having sprung. The trees are breaking into leaf, the blossom is coming out and the grass is growing. The countryside has coloured up and looks absolutely gorgeous. In the pond we have tadpoles, and a pair of mallard have made it their home. At first we were seeing 'Mr' and 'Mrs' on a regular basis and he would chase off any male intruders. Now we see 'Mr' quite often during the day but 'Mrs' comes just once late afternoon or early evening for a feed and wash and brush up, all done with great speed and purpose, and then she's gone again. We are sure that she is on eggs nearby. 'Mr' now tolerates the occasional male intruder which indicates to me that 'Mrs' is no longer ovulating/egg laying and therefore she is no prize so there is no competition between males. Hopefully there are ducklings to look forward to, but unlike last year when we had some at the end of July when the water lilies were in full growth, there is not much cover for them to hide in at the moment - just some reeds down one end.



So far this year seems to be good for butterflies. I have been seeing good numbers of small tortoiseshells and brimstones, some peacocks, the odd comma and now orange tip and speckled wood. There are lots of bumblebees about too and I am seeing swarms of flies and gnats which are very important in the ecosystem; they are eaten by both of birds and bats.



The dawn chorus is really stepping up a gear now; it is a proper bird symphony. The reason they sing so strongly in the morning is to let other birds know that they have survived the night and that this is their territory. It is the male birds that sing, the females will be on the nest. I find that it is the blackbird that starts the orchestra followed by the robin and then others join in. We have got some blackcaps singing and chifchaffs too, but so far I have not heard a willow warbler; it has a lovely cascading call. We have yellowhammers along the far field hedge with their 'little bit of bread and no cheese' call. I find that early in the season they shorten the call so it becomes 'a little' or 'a little bit' and eventually they progress to the whole phrase.

We have a pair of blackbirds busy at the front of the house collecting food, at first very small worms, grubs and insects that you could hardly see in the beak. As the youngsters are growing so the food collected has got bigger and the worms now dangle out of the bill. I expect you have all got a local pair of blackbirds or robins that you are watching. Have fun observing them as they busily provide for their young.

Jane Trollope (written 15th April)

Longbridge Deverill Parish Council

The Parish Plan Questionnaire has now been completed and the results will be distributed to parishioners later this year. The Litter Pick in March was very successful. The next meeting, which is the Annual Meeting, will be held on **Monday 12th May** at 7.30 pm in the village Hall, all are welcome.

Upper Deverills Parish Council

The Annual Parish meeting will be on **Wednesday 14th May** at 6.00 pm. This is a meeting of the electorate and members of Clubs and Societies who are invited to report on the past year and aspirations for the future. Grant cheques will be presented. Annual Parish Council Meeting will follow. All will be welcome.

Deverill Raptor and Owl Group

Last year went on record as the worst ever for barn owls. 2012 had not been good and the extremely cold weather in January and February 2013 continued into March with many owls dying. The females who survived struggled to reach a body weight heavy enough to breed. Of the dozen or so boxes monitored in the Deverill Valley only one had a pair of owls which laid eggs and reared young, which was very late in the year, with a very small brood. It was while ringing the 2 young owlets on 24th October that Major Nigel Lewis MBE, Wiltshire Barn Owl Conservation Network Adviser, said "It's not only barn owls that need help you know," and so the Deverill Raptor & Owl Group was born.



It is a practical working group whose aim is to provide nest boxes for raptors and owls of conservation concern in the Deverill Valley. Nigel is our expert adviser and a 'hands on' field worker together with Sally, Michael, Dick and Alison. We have two carpenters, Alan and Sally, and June who analyses the pellets regurgitated by the birds which gives a good idea of their prey.

There are already a reasonable number of barn owl boxes in the Valley and by the end of December we had added seventeen new boxes: ten kestrel, four little owl, one tawny and a further two for barn owls. Barn owls & kestrels are birds of conservation concern; little owls are in need of help, with tawny owls currently the least vulnerable of the species mentioned.

Our time & travel is given freely but we decided in view of the number of boxes to make an application to a charity for the cost of building materials; we are awaiting a response. Many individuals have offered to sponsor a box and we are grateful as this is testament of support for our project; should the charity refuse funding we shall be accepting the generous offers of sponsorship.

Will the new boxes be taken up by local owls and raptors? Tawnies are the first owls to breed, checking for this species began on 27th March; one tawny was sitting on 3 eggs and to our surprise a pair of barn owls on 6 eggs. Nigel commented that this is a month earlier than usual for this species. All barn owl boxes will be checked in a few weeks but this early breeding pair is brilliant news, showing that the barn owls which survived the rigours of 2 hard years are finding sufficient food and the females are reaching the breeding weight necessary to lay eggs.

Alison Rymell

Book & Dining Club

The next meeting will be 7.00 pm on **Thursday 8th May** at The George Inn, Longbridge Deverill. The book for discussion will be 'The Cuckoo's Calling' by Robert Galbriath. Please contact Trish Shuler on 844291 if you would like to come along.



Deverill Valley & Crockerton WI

Our Meeting this month will be on **Monday 12th May** at 7.30 pm at Longbridge Deverill village hall when Clare MacNaughton will speak and answer questions on **Military Mother - Tales from the domestic frontline**. This will be followed with tea, biscuits and a 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 14th May** from 2.00 - 4.00 pm at Judy Munro's home Whitepits Lodge, Kingston Deverill. Please call 844385 for directions. You are very welcome to join the group, just bring your craft work with you.



The Deverills Cricket Club

The home matches will take place on the Cricket pitch next to the Upper Deverills village hall on **Sundays: 18th and 25th May, 15th June, 6th and 27th July, 17th August**. Everyone is very welcome to come and watch. For further information please contact Jamie Fagan 844123.



Saturday Afternoon Strollers SAS

Walk No. 2 will start from the Red Lion Inn Heytesbury at 2.00 pm on **Saturday 17th May** and cover about 4 miles. If you would like to go on the mailing list for future walks please phone/text 07732 740364.



Save the Children Cream Teas and Open Garden

These will be at Mill Farm House, Hill Deverill, on **Sunday 25th May** from 3.00 - 6.00 pm, and on the following **Sundays 29th June, 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.



Gardens Open in Brixton Deverill – Sunday 1st June

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 R Wylde. Combined Admission is £5 (children free) supporting NGS charities with a share to the Deverill Churches.



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!



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.



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.co.uk

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'

An Old Agriculturist's Ramblings by Ian Woodcock - Part 9

Another memory that comes to mind is the notorious winter of 1963-4. When on Boxing Day we had a horrendous fall of snow overnight, roads blocked, the lorry that called daily to collect the churns of milk was unable to get up the steep hill to the farm. In those days no salt was used on the roads at all. A trailer was taken down to the Bath Arms at Crockerton, parked on the side of the road and with the use of my Land Rover, I took the churns down to this trailer each morning and collected the empty churns in the afternoon for the next milking. This continued for the next 5 weeks. We were only filling between 8-10 x 10 gallon churns daily. Each night there was a sharp frost which eventually meant that



Shearwater froze to a depth of 11 inches, crowds of people came from Warminster to enjoy skating. One brave farmer friend came and drove his Land Rover across! The snow was so deep down the back lane, I dug the children an igloo for them to play in!

The snow finally disappeared at the end of March when normality returned, arable work was badly delayed so a rush had to be made to prepare the fields for sowing the crops. One bonus of this was on one day I had a walk down across the farm on a nice sunny day, stepping over a fence into a field something shone and I stooped to pick it up to find a George III half sovereign, 1777, in mint condition which I kept until this Spring, put it in a coin sale in Salisbury, it made £400. A stroke of luck!

Cucumber, Yoghurt & Mint Soup

Recipe sponsored by Maiden Bradley Community Shop

Why not try this delicious chilled soup as a starter.



Ingredients

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| 3 large cucumbers | 1 clove garlic, crushed |
| 50ml Greek yoghurt | 250ml single cream |
| 1 lemon, juice of | 600ml chicken stock |
| 4 spring onions, chopped | Tobasco sauce to taste |
| 2 tbs fresh mint, chopped | 10g fresh dill, chopped |

Method

Take half one of the cucumbers, deseed and dice, then put aside for the garnish. Peel, deseed and roughly chop the remaining cucumbers, then place in a blender with all the other ingredients except the mint, dill and Tabasco. Blend until smooth, then chill for 3 to 4 hours. When ready to serve, check the seasoning, add the Tabasco as required, serve garnished with the reserved cucumber, dill and mint

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

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



History of Kingston Deverill School part 2

At the time of the establishment of the school in the carpenter's cottage on the site of the present School House in 1840 or just before, the Rector of KD was Lord Charles Thynne, who took over the benefice from his elder brother in 1837. Both brothers went on to higher things – John became Subdean of Lincoln Cathedral and Charles took up the same position at Canterbury Cathedral in 1845, but the patronage of the school by Longleat continued, as is proved by an entry in Kelly's Directory of 1848 which reads 'Here is a National School supported by the Marquis of Bath and a Wesleyan Chapel. Miss Elizabeth Earl, Mistress of National School.'



The next mention of the school is from the 1851 Census which lists the occupants of no.13, the Rector's House, as including 'Emma Cozner, 22, Mistress at Parochial School' and 'Sophie Sturgess, 20, assistant teacher'. These young ladies were teaching in a tiny cottage, possibly with an ex-carpenter's workshop attached, and were living in the home of the new Rector Rev.D.M Clarke, who was effectively their manager. Sometime during the year, the Marquess of Bath realised that the school premises were completely inadequate for the purpose and drew up plans for a new building. The new school was completed in 1853 and is essentially the building as we see it today. It is likely that the whole structure was financed by the Marquess, although – as a National School – the establishment was also eligible for a small government grant under an Act of 1833.

The first mention of the school as we know it (later minor alterations apart) appears in 'Rev.Warburton's Census of Wiltshire Schools, 1859'. His report concerning schools in the locality is fascinating and is worth quoting in full 'KD pop. 402. 50-60 scholars, mixed, are taught by a mistress, untrained, in an excellent school-room with brick floor and wall desks. At MD 30-40 scholars, mixed, are taught by a mistress in a lean-to with brick floor and wall desks. Mistress well-informed but inexperienced. At LD 60-70 children taught by a certified master and pupil teacher in a school-room 48x17 and classroom 14x10 with boarded floor and parallel desks. Mr Hughes (Feb 1858) reports that discipline is very good and the instruction sound and judicious, though elementary. The LD school is the only one of this group under a master, and is consequently attended by several of the elder children from the Deverills and Crockerton. Crockerton has 40-50 children, mixed, who are taught by an unqualified mistress in a good schoolroom recently erected, with boarded floor and parallel desks. Mr Hughes (Mar 1857) reports unfavourably of discipline and doubtfully of the instruction.'

It might appear that Rev.Warburton is a shade sexist in his criticism of the women teachers, but it has to be remembered that certified teacher training was not available to them at this date, and it is for this reason that the master at LD school attracts a following amongst the parents of older children.

Julian Wiltshire

Christian Aid week 11th – 17th May

War tears lives apart – love can help piece them back together

For a growing number of people across the world, the horror of war is a part of daily life. Right now, fuelled by the devastating violence in both Syria and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the numbers of people driven from their homes by war is on the rise. It stands at 42 million people – an appalling statistic and a stain on the conscience of humanity. We must act now. The good news is that we can make a real difference. Last year, a magnificent 20,000 churches across the country helped raise over £12m for Christian Aid Week. This year we need to send people living in fear this message: you are not alone. We are with you, helping you to rebuild your lives, and working for peace. Imagine what this would mean to people searching for the strength to cope with the devastation of war. Together we can reach people caught up in conflict and help them live a life free from fear.

Could you provide the gift of hope?

£15 provides blankets for refugee children against bitter night-time temperatures

£40 provides enough good quality nutritious food for 2 refugee children for 1 month

£150 helps us provide specialist emotional support for a child deeply traumatised by the horror of war that they have witnessed or experienced.

Give, act and pray this Christian Aid Week. Envelopes will be available in each of our churches, they can be put into the collection, given to a Church Warden, or to Judy Munro CA Coordinator (844385).

The three **Lent lunches** recently held in the Parish raised £210 for Christian Aid. Thank you to those who provided lunch and those who made generous donations.

The Children's Society - Speakers Needed

Every year in the UK 100,000 children will run away from home and many end up living rough on our streets. At a point in their lives when these children are at their most desperate and vulnerable, The Children's Society reaches out to them. Would you prayerfully consider devoting a little of your time to give talks at local churches? We have a particular need for speakers in the Salisbury Diocese. Please contact Gill Ford for information Email: gill.ford@childrenssociety.org.uk or 01380 726410 Mob: 07539 445415.



The First Community Big Breakfast Event

This event, held at the Upper Deverills village hall on 16th March, was an overwhelming success. The number of attendees far exceeded all our expectations; it was nice to see people choosing to share breakfast with others. A huge thank-you to Lou Hillier, Sally Alexander, Annie and John Shiner, and Terry Withers for their hard work. We raised enough to cover all costs and donate £400 to the Wiltshire Air Ambulance Charitable Trust. We shall try to host another big breakfast early in the autumn, look out for details in the Parish News.

Sue Withers

**Christian
aid
week**

SERVICES PARISH OF DEVERILLS & HORNINGSHAM

Sunday 4th May	Easter 3 Kingston 8.00 am Longbridge 10.30 am	Holy Communion 1662 Morning Worship
Sunday 11th May	Easter 4 Kingston 10.30 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 18th May	Easter 5 Longbridge 8.00 am Brixton 10.30 am	Holy Communion 1662 Holy Communion
Sunday 25th May	Rogation Kingston 10.30 pm Horningsham 6.00 pm	Holy Communion Rogation Service - Parsonage Farm Courtesy of John Whatley
Thursday 29th May	Ascension Day Longbridge 6.00 pm	Ascension Service
Sunday 1st June	After Ascension Brixton 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 not hesitate to contact her on 01373 832515.

Deverills Website

Thank you very much to Kate Wilkinson for managing the website in recent years, her dedication has been much appreciated. We are grateful to Stewart Fergusson who has taken on the role of Website manager.



Church Cleaners for May

Kingston - Judy Munro & Sarah Fagan

Brixton - Maggie Blue & Marilyn Garrett

Longbridge - Monday 12th May 9.30 - 10.30 am - all helpers please

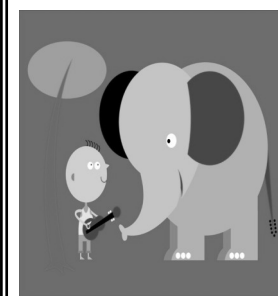
Church Flower Arrangers for May

	Kingston	Brixton	Longbridge
4th May	Mrs Blair	Mrs Sutton	Mrs Wood/Titt
11th May	Mrs Blair	Mrs Stewart Cox	Mrs Wood/Titt
18th May	Mrs Heywood	Mrs Stewart Cox	Mrs Judd
25th May	Mrs Heywood	Mrs Irwin	Mrs Judd



SERVICES PARISH OF CORSLEY & CHAPMANSLADE

Sunday 4th May	Easter 3 Corsley 9.30 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 11th May	Easter 4 Chapmanslade 9.30 am Temple 11.00 am	Patronal Festival Family Communion Morning Prayer
Sunday 18th May	Easter 5 Chapmanslade 9.30 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 25th May	Rogation Corsley churchyard 10.30 am	Holy Communion
Thursday 29th May	Ascension Day Corsley 8.30 am	Breakfast
Sunday 1st June	After Ascension Corsley 9.30 am	Holy Communion



'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

Tickets for all events from: Guy Ratcliffe 840405, Tim Young 840477
Bill Knowles 844476, Robert Shuler 844291



Sunday 22nd June 12.30 for 1.00 pm

Summer lunch - Manor Farm Barn, Kingston

Tickets £13.50 (incl glass wine/soft drink) Cold Buffet & Puddings.

There will be a Raffle and a Bar

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.

Further details in the June Parish News

