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

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# **PARISH NEWS**

## The Deverills & Crockerton



The bridge, Sand Street, Longbridge Deverill by Pat Armstrong

May 2015

Look inside for local news & information

#### FAMILY MORING WORSHIP - SUNDAY 3rd MAY

You are invited to the Family service at 11.15 am St Peter & St Paul Longbridge Deverill There will be lots of activities for children





## 70th ANNIVERSARY VE DAY BEACON LIGHTING FRIDAY 8TH MAY

The Strattons have kindly agreed to allow access to the beacon on Cold Kitchen Hill but with restrictions as it is lambing time. If you would like to take part please meet at the gate leading onto Cold Kitchen Hill at 8.30 pm. We will walk up together, no-one is to make their own way; this will ensure no disruption to the sheep. Absolutely no dogs, even on leads. Afterwards we will all return together. Bring a picnic and refreshments, if you like, and a torch for return.



#### **Art & Crafts at Stourhead**

Saturday and Sunday 9th & 10th May
Meet local artists and crafts people offering delightful gifts
And ... starting Saturday 9th May for a whole week ...
Stourhead Wood Week

Entrance to the fair and wood week is FREE



#### **Salisbury Theatre Club**

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, <u>payment in advance A S P</u>, 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 Mornings - Everyone welcome Wednesday 13th & Monday 25th May 10.00 am - 12.00 the



Orangery, George Inn Longbridge Deverill For further information please call Emma Curtis your Good Neighbour Coordinator 07557 922033 If you require transport call Bridget Beattie 844884



#### FUTURE EVENTS

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## LOCAL COUNCILS, SOCIETIES, GROUPS etc.

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www.westwilts-community web.com/site/Upper-Deverills-Parish-Council

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#### Dear Friends,

Sitting down to write this letter I realised how often I introduce what I have to say with some reference to the natural world, but how can I ignore the explosion of new life that surrounds me! In his poem *Bumbarrels Nest* John Clare describes the hedgerows as 'new plashed', a glorious description of the exuberant beauty of the newly-greened hedges, I think. Biblical writers were acutely aware of the precious beauty of the natural world and they also had the greatest respect for it. The Hebrew poems and songs of praise and lament, collectively known as the Psalms, express an awe and humility acknowledging humanity's place in the created order:

When I consider the works of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have ordained. What are mortals, that you should be mindful of them; mere human beings that you should seek them out. With exquisite language the psalmist joins creation's song of praise with:

> The heavens are telling the glory of God and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. One day pours out its song to another and one night unfolds knowledge to another.

The Hebrew people understood themselves as partners with creation, nurturing life in all its forms. This was not something that was seen in terms of individual responsibility but a collective one; for the ancient nomadic community our obsession with individual self fulfilment would have been an anathema. Without community, without a commitment to the common good, everyone would perish.

By the time this letter is with you the General Election will be a few days away and we will be sick of the political parties' ever more grandiose claims about how they are going to make life better for us all. But perhaps we would do well to ponder on the things that were important to those ancient peoples I referred to above. We are not just a collection of individuals living out our lives in splendid isolation from fellow human beings and from the earth we so carelessly misuse and abuse. We are part of a wider community with responsibility to care for creation and those rendered vulnerable by poverty, sickness or old age.

We are all inherently selfish, we want what is best for ourselves and it is hard to look beyond that need to the common good. Perhaps we should frame the question differently; what kind of world do we want for our children and grandchildren? How we vote will have a bearing upon what the world looks like. The question enables us to lift our eyes from the imprisonment of a world-view wanting only what is good for 'me'. I leave you with another snippet of poetry from Mary Oliver's *Wild Geese*.

Whoever you are, no matter how lonely, the world offers itself to your imagination, calls to you like the wild geese, harsh and exciting – over and over announcing your place in the family of things.

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



#### **BARN DANCE**

TIM STEER & BAND WITH DANCE CALLER

SATURDAY 30TH MAY 6.30 - 10.30 PM

TICKETS £7.50 (UNDER 10 FREE) TIM YOUNG 840477
BBQ (NOT INCLUDED IN TICKET) - BRING YOU OWN DRINKS

FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY

AT MANOR FARM BARN, KINGSTON DEVERILL



## 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, pub games, all cheaper than a proper pub! Children/dogs welcome

Where: Upper Deverill; Village Hall
When: Friday 5th June 6.00 - 11.00 pm
Food: BBQ (weather permitting) or Jacket Potatoe; & Chilli
Raffle: Meat Voucher

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# CROCKERTON VILLAGE COMMITTEE Pirates & Princesses BBQ Street Party SATURDAY 11th JULY 2015 3.00-6.00 pm To be held in Broadmead Lane plus Karaoke



We will supply BBQ, burgers, hot dogs, tables, decorations, music, hot drinks and children's drinks and welcome drink for the adults!

Please bring a side dish/salad to share, chair/picnic blanket and any alcohol you require. Family and Friends welcome.

DONATIONS TOWARDS BBQ & COSTS GRATEFULLY RECEIVED

More information: Tracey - 216939 or Marion - 213739

Please Note: We are considering holding a village garage/drive sale on Sunday 20th September to gauge interest, please contact Nikki 216660 nikkisc@btinternet.com, Marion 21373 gandmthomas@btinternet.com, Tracey 216939 mcd.martin@gmail.com by 19th May if interested in being a seller

#### **Nature Notes**

Spring is bursting out all over! Flowers are blooming, the blossom is looking lovely and the trees are beginning to come into leaf with a delicate haze of light green new growth. The birds are now very busy and are totally absorbed



in reproducing. The dawn chorus is well worth waking early for as male birds proclaim their territories and advertise for a mate, if they have yet to secure one. Our resident birds will be paired up by now and well into the process of nest building, and some will have laid eggs and be sitting. Some, like blackbirds and robins, may even have young in the nest that they are feeding. I have noticed a



mistle thrush collecting small food from the lawn, so it may well already have young in the nest. We have a pair of great tits in the box on the beech tree and they have been busily collecting nesting material, and I reckon the female is now laying eggs. A pair of blue tits has been doing the same with the nest box on the silver birch. I saw a female blackbird collecting moss from the paving on the side

of the pond the other day, so she is still nest building.

The summer migrants are returning. At the weekend I heard my first blackcap singing this spring; the males come back before the females and secure a breeding territory. Most blackcaps 'return' to us but some are now opting to remain here over winter; perhaps another sign of global warming. I have been hearing chiff-chaffs for a good month, some of them are also deciding to remain here over winter. I saw my first swallow on Monday 13th April and have had several sightings since, hearing their twittering chattering call. The swallow nest built in the stables was dislodged in the winter so we put an artificial one for them to use.

With this beautiful warm weather, insects are very active. I have removed at least 8 queen wasps from the house and garage, and have lost count of the number of butterflies that we have released. The butterflies seem to be doing very nicely at present and I have seen small tortoiseshell, peacock, brimstone, small and large white, and today orange tip. To date I think I have seen more than I do in the whole of some summers, which is fantastic. There are good numbers of bees around too. Insects are so important in the ecosystem; they pollinate and are food for others. Only the other evening I watched a pipistrelle bat, I think, hoovering up insects over the back garden. The fish feast on the flies that come to the surface of the pond, mostly in the evenings, and quite often you will hear a plop where one has leapt out of the water to catch a fly. During the day the fish seem to come to the surface to sunbathe and I have seen them spawning. We have mallards on the pond every day, I have seen them mating on several occasions but so far no ducklings.

The buzzards have still been attracted to the pond by the amphibian activity. Early one morning I watched one buzzard jump down heavily onto the rockery and realised that it had stamped on a toad! It continued to tread on the poor victim until it could feel no movement and then proceeded to eat it. On Good Friday we had a red kite fly over the garden quite low; brilliant!

Jane Trollope (written 15th April 2015)

#### Wylye Valley Art Trail Saturday 23rd/Sunday 31st May 10.30am-5.30 pm

This is the **15th anniversary** of the Wylye Valley Art Trail, it is the largest and most diverse visual arts festival in Wiltshire. Over 300 regional, national and local artists and craftspeople exhibit their work. There is lots to see in the Deverill Valley:

Venue 69: Heather Mount, Potters Hill, Crockerton. BA12 8AD

Pamela Johnson (Painting) Scotland and Cornwall in Watercolours and Oil.

Venue 70: Bull Mill, Bull Lane, Crockerton. BA12 8AY

Nick Andrew Painting - vibrant paintings based on nearby river, meadow and forest.

Tanya Hinton Painting - oils of creatures on weathered wood & driftwood.

Sally Alexander Gilding, Painting, Drawing - studio open featuring Deverill Valley.

Olivia Clifton-Bligh Sculpture, Printmaking, Bronzes - linocut, photographic work.

**Trevor Parry** Woodturning - Practical & decorative work exotic & native woods.

**Stephanie Gilbert** Jewellery - handmade, individual, gold & silver, natural stone.

Joanna Sims Painting, Drawing - local downland & coastal landscapes, pastel & oil.

Philip Leevers Painting - Landscapes in oil and acrylic.

Venue 71: Lakeside Garden Centre, Crockerton. BA12 8AP

Maggie Port Wood sculpture - Lifelike Birds and Ducks in wood mimicking nature.

Jules Horn Painting - Vibrant, colourful journey exploring abstraction and intuition.

Jane Gibson Ceramics - Large stoneware vessels and smaller porcelain vessels.

Jennie Gilling Paperworks - mixed media, landscapes, layered cyanotypes, brooches.

Friday 29th May 2.30 pm-3.30 pm, Lakeside Garden Centre: Art Chat! Opportunity to hear all four artists talk about what inspires them. Free, no booking required.

Venue 72: 30 The Marsh, Longbridge Deverill. BA12 7DZ

**Eleanor Free** Painting, drawing, equestrian, portrait, figure, acrylic, pastel, charcoal.

Venue 73: Longbridge Deverill Village Hall, Church Street, Longbridge BA12 7D

**Stitchworks Textiles** Intriguing exhibition by 8 textile artists, a variety of techniques.

The Frome Collective Painting, drawing, textiles, weaving and jewellery, Cubist, Surreal, Abstract, Goth & Nature woven to tantalise your senses. Ongoing painting,

drawing or hand weaving demonstrations.

Venue 74: Upper Deverills Village Hall, Kingston Deverill. BA12 7HG

The Look and See Group Paintings and drawings in various media,

framed and unframed. Cards available.

Venue 75: Manor Farm, Kingston Deverill BA12 7HE

Kath Prins Painting and drawing - acrylic & pastel landscapes, acrylic floral art.

**Roger Dennis** Painting - A selection of watercolour and acrylic paintings.

More information about these events and everything else to be seen can be found in the eye-catching **Wylye Valley Art Trail** brochures, available free from Tourist Information Centres and many other locations. You can view the whole event on **www.wvat.co.uk** and follow the link to the Wylye Valley Art Trail facebook and twitter pages for updates and more images.

#### Wiltshire Wildlife Hospital - fund raising on Wylye Valley Art Trail

<u>Venue 70b</u> The Old Pottery, Bull Mill, Crockerton - join us for morning coffee or afternoon tea with homemade cakes to help promote this much needed charity.

#### **Update - 5 Yearly Inspections of Deverills Churches**

As reported in the January Parish News, the five yearly fabric inspections of the of three Deverill churches were completed last year and the three listed medieval buildings, given their great age, are generally in good shape but typically require maintenance and repair, especially to the towers and roofs. We are pleased to report a repair and maintenance contract has been awarded to R Moulding & Company (Salisbury) Ltd, a family run specialist building company established 100 years ago. Work will commence this month, to be completed by July 2015. We look forward to continued use of these ancient and historic community buildings in the years ahead.

#### The Church Wardens

#### Christian Aid week 10th-15th May - supporting women

This year's Christian Aid Week (<a href="www.caweek.org">www.caweek.org</a>) is asking the British public to support women living in poverty around the world who are discriminated against from birth. Discrimination against women is one of the greatest injustices of our time and the statistics speak for themselves. Globally, less than 20 per cent of landholders are women and women do twice as much unpaid work as men. In many countries girls are treated like second-class citizens while boys are



provided with opportunities for education, work, food and even decision making at the expense of their sisters. Almost as soon as girls are strong enough to walk many can spend hours fetching water and doing household chores. Often forced into early marriages, they can also face the dangers of giving birth before their young bodies are ready. Deprived of an education, later in life women have to rely on men for their financial security, without any hope of following their own dreams leaving them vulnerable to deprivation and violence. This inequality, often exacerbated by harmful social norms, leaves millions of women at the mercy of violence and abuse, one-in-three women across the world experiencing physical or sexual violence. Millions remain in the shadows, denied a say in the decisions that affect their lives.

In Ethiopia Christian Aid partner HUNDEE works with women and men in poor rural communities to challenge violence against women and harmful traditional practices, such as child marriage and female genital mutilation (FGM), to bring about lasting change ensuring women can live in dignity and are treated with respect. Despite the number of women holding seats in parliament rising and an increasing number of girls attending school, Ethiopia remains a patriarchal society, women rarely get opportunities to influence decisions in their families and communities. HUNDEE encourages men to get involved with household tasks, looking after their children and consult their wives about the decisions that affect them. They also provide the poorest women in pastoralist communities with livestock, raising their status within society giving them a voice in their community decision making, and a means to earn a living. You can help to change the lives of women in places like Ethiopia this Christian Aid Week by donating online at www.caweek.org or calling 08080 006 006, or texting 'GIVE' to 78866 to give £5. C A Envelopes will be in the three Deverill churches and can be put into the collection.

Saturday 2nd May David Stratton talk and walk
11.00 am Manor Farm Barn, Kingston Deverill (£5)

White Horse Marris Dancers - 2.00 pm The George

White Horse Morris Dancers – 2.00 pm The George, Longbridge Deverill (free)

Kepow! 7.30 pm Longbridge Deverill Village Hall (£10/£5)

<u>Sunday 3rd May</u> *The Langport Mummers* 3.00 pm The George, Longbridge (free) *Bath Phil Quintet* 7.30 pm Kingston Deverill church (£15/£7.50)

Information 844385 / info@deverillsfestival.com | www.deverillsfestival.com

#### The Deverills Cricket Club

The home matches will take place on the Cricket pitch next to the Upper Deverills village hall on **Sundays: 3rd May, 14th and 28th June, 5th and 26th July, 2nd and 16th August.** Everyone is very welcome to come and watch. For further information please contact Jamie Fagan 844123.



Deverills mini-fest

of performing arts

2 - 3 May 2015

#### **Book & Dining Club**

The next meeting will be on **Monday 4th May** at the Bath Arms, Crockerton, 7.00 for 7.30 pm. The chosen book is *The Girl on the Train* by Paula Hawkins; it has had great reviews! Please inform Richard Lucas on 841164 or by email rjlucas 56@hotmail.com if you would like to come along.



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

This month our meeting will be on **Monday 11th May** at 7.30pm at Longbridge Village Hall. We will be discussing the National Federation Resolution calling on **'HM Government to remove the distinction between nursing care and personal care'**. Julia Doel will also speak and answer questions on 'Using a Defibrillator'. A supper will follow. To find out more about the WI in the Deverill Valley please contact Julie Wallder 213142. You are welcome to join our meeting.

#### **Saturday Afternoon Strollers**

Walk No 7 will take place on **Saturday 16th May** leaving from the Bath Arms, Crockerton at 2.00 p.m. We will ramble in the Shearwater area covering about 4 miles on an undulating route. Walkers with dogs and children are welcome to join us. We will finish at the Bath Arms at around 4.00 p.m. for some liquid refreshment. If you would like to go on the mailing list for future walks please email rjlucas 56@hotmail.com or phone 841164.



#### Moonwalk

Through the early hours of **Sunday 17th May** I will be taking part in this marathon distance power walk through the streets of London raising money for Breast Cancer Charities. One in 8 women are currently diagnosed with breast cancer. You may see me pounding the lanes of the parish, if you feel able to support me in even the smallest way I would be hugely grateful! Your support will mean a great deal when I hit the 4.00 am wall! My charitable giving page is moonwalklondon2015.everydayhero.com/uk/kate-14 or alternatively I can accept cheques, please just give me a call on 840975. With many thanks - Kate Plastow.

#### Kingston Deverill School Logbook - part 13 by Julian Wiltshire

1939 - Dec 15: Whist Drive & Dance – funds for school and MD church organ. 1940 - Feb 9: number on roll 25 + 2 evacuees.



As it happens, we know who these evacuees were, since some time ago they contacted the current owner of 69 KD explaining that they had spent almost the entire war in his house, and expressed a wish to see it again, which was duly granted. It turned out that they were brother and sister, Richard and Joyce Harbud, who had been sent down to KD by their mother. Initially they were accommodated in a 'thatched cottage near the school' in which they awoke on their first morning 'covered in

flea bites'. A complaint to Mum resulted in a removal to the blissful comfort of 69, which happened at that time to be owned, as a holiday home, by a friend of the family, a Mrs Stephenson. They were enjoined 'not to spoil any of the beautifully covered chairs and settee in William Morris design fabric in an upstairs room, nor damage the valuable ornaments.' Eventually they were joined by their grandparents, and must have been amongst the best looked after and comfortably housed evacuees anywhere.

The next entries in the logbook effectively expand on this story:

1940 - Jun 19: admitted 7 evacuee children from Beckford School, Dornfell St NW6. 1940 - Jun 20: admitted evacuee child. Mr Mildmay and Mr Pettit (head of the above school) called concerning these children. Admitted 4 other evacuated children and 1 other. Given this latter information and particularly the name of the school with its intriguing local connotations, I telephoned Joyce last spring and asked whether she and her brother had attended Beckford School before they were evacuated. When they said they had, I immediately rang the school and arranged a visit and was given a fascinating guided tour. The building, a huge Victorian red-brick pile in West Hampstead was opened in 1886 and owed its existence to the extremely wealthy descendants of Alderman Beckford (1709-1770) who made his money through his sugar estates in Jamaica, and who was the father of William Beckford of Fonthill. To an ex-evacuee, it was an evocative experience to visit the infants class and to try to imagine what it would be like for those 21st century 4 and 5 year-olds to be suddenly transported to a remote part of the country as Joyce, Richard and I were 75 years ago. Later we met in London and exchanged experiences and memories. They also confirmed the names of a number of other evacuees.

**1940** - Jul 5: school has been closed on Fridays and Saturdays to make up for the long vacation which has been cancelled owing to the situation. The 'situation' refers, of course, to the Battle of Britain and the imminent threat of invasion. Men who were not already in the armed forces or in 'reserved occupations' – of which farming was one – were involved in the Home Guard or in fire-watching duties. It is, however, rather surprising that a primary school's long vacation had been cancelled as a result, unless it was thought that mothers would be put under unnecessary strain if the children were at home in the absence of their fathers. It is also interesting to note that, in normal circumstances, the children would be at school on Saturdays.

#### **Longbridge Deverill Parish Council**

Mr Ralph Brocklebank will present the Coat of Arms for Longbridge Deverill Parish Council on **Wednesday 29th April** at 12.00 noon in the village hall. As the Ceremony closes, the flag of the LDPC will be raised on the church flagpole. Very few Parish Councils have a Coat of Arms and it is thanks to the generosity of Mr Brocklebank we now have one. As this is a celebration for the whole parish the council wishes to invite all parishioners to this event.

There are two Council meetings in May, the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council on **Monday 11th May**, and the Annual Parish Meeting (APM) on **Monday 18th May**. Both start at 7.30 pm in the village Hall. Presentations will be made at the APM by parish organisations and grants awarded. All are welcome to both meetings.

#### **Upper Deverills Parish Council**

The Annual Parish Meeting will be at 6.00 pm Wednesday 13th May, all parishioners are welcome to attend. There will be reports from Groups and Clubs within the parish and presentations of grants by the Parish Council from the 2015/2016 budget will be made. The Annual Parish Council meeting will follow afterwards; before this meeting there will be a public session for people of the Upper Deverills to ask questions and make comments, they are asked to restrict their comments and/or questions to three minutes. All welcome to attend.

#### **Superfast Broadband for the Upper Deverills**

A year ago BT indicated Superfast Broadband should be able to be provided to the Upper Deverills through the Wiltshire Council and Government funded scheme. Superfast Broadband means download speeds of at least 24mbps compared to typical 0.5–1.5mbps currently experienced in the villages. The only caveat was that inclusion for all communities is subject to a final survey. As a result of this news we discontinued our then bid to another fund that may have helped our efforts. Details of the roll out in Wiltshire are at www.wiltshireonline.org/index.php/broadband-rollout. Our postcodes have recently progressed from 'future deployment' to 'surveying now' which is good news. Also our two exchanges, Maiden Bradley and Sutton Veny, are both listed as 'surveying underway'. The surveying for Maiden Bradley is taking place over two phases taking six months to cover additional work on new cabinets. At the moment Wiltshire Council are tentatively expecting installation work may commence sometime during the summer. I continue to keep in touch with the project team at Wiltshire Council and will provide further updates when I have more information.

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

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

Now is the time to start thinking about entries for the show, these are some of the classes you might like to prepare for: Vegetables & Fruit, Cookery, Preserves, Wines & Cordials, Handicrafts, Photography. Children's classes: under 6, 7-10, 11-15 years. For more information please see website <a href="https://www.longbridgedeverillflowershow.co.uk">www.longbridgedeverillflowershow.co.uk</a>.



#### **Cast on & Craft Group**

If you like knitting, embroidery, tapestry, bead making or other crafts, this group is for you! We meet at someone's home once a month to share ideas and enjoy each other's company. This month's meeting will be on **Wednesday 20th May** 2.00 - 4.00 pm at Bridget Beattie's home, Monkton House, Monkton Deverill, call her on 844884 if you need directions. Everyone is welcome.

#### Afternoon Tea in the Garden - Sunday 24th May 2.00 - 4.00 pm

In October I will be travelling to Romania with the Trowbridge based charity **People against Poverty** and a team from Kingdown School to build a micro farm helping homeless families to become self sufficient. To help raise funds for the trip we will be serving cream teas and cakes in the garden at Armidale, Brixton Deverill BA12 7EL, I would be very grateful if you could come along and show your support.

#### Alex Huntley

#### Save the Children Cream Teas and Open Garden

These will be at Mill Farm House, Hill Deverill, on **Sunday 31st**May from 3.00 - 6.00 pm, and on the following **Sundays 28th June**,

26th July, 30th August & 27th September. Homemade cakes and

other items will be on 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. In 2014 we raised £1,710.20 from Cream Teas, hopefully with your support we can increase that amount for the charity.

In 2014 9.74 tonnes of newspaper were collected and raised £350.64 for Save the Children. The paper skip is at the entrance to the old Fish Farm shop in Longbridge Deverill. If you don't already contribute to the collection, thank you if you do, please consider doing so and help us increase the total raised. Newspapers, magazines, soft backed books are acceptable but no cardboard, string, plastic or yellow pages please.

#### **Upper Deverills Hall**

The Upper Deverills Hall AGM will take place be on Wednesday 20th May at 7.30 pm - all are welcome to attend.

**Bill's Music Night - Friday 12th June** 7.30 pm for 8.00 pm, the day after the election, so has scope for some themed music! Bread and cheese will be served at the break half way through. Please bring your own liquid refreshments. There will not be a charge for this event, but donations on the night will be gladly appreciated!

#### Diocesan Pilgrimage - Magna Carta 800 years

Great Family day out on **Sunday 14th June**. Starts at 12.00 noon with live music and picnics at Old Sarum, continuing at 2.00 pm with a 2½ mile stroll to the Cathedral for 3.00 pm Liber-tea on Cathedral lawn. At 4.30 pm there will be a short informal worship service. To RSVP please contact Fiona Torrance 01722 411922 or www.salisburyanglican.org/parishes/magnacarta

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#### **SERVICES PARISH OF DEVERILLS & HORNINGSHAM**

<b>Sunday</b> 3rd May	<b>Easter 5</b> Kingston 8.00 am Longbridge 11.15 am	Holy Communion 1662 Family Morning Worship
<b>Sunday</b> 10th May	<b>Easter 6 - Rogation</b> Kingston 10.30 am Mill Farm Horningsham 6.00 pm	Holy Communion Rogation Service
<b>Thursday</b> 14th May	Benefice - Ascension Longbridge 6.00 pm	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday</b> 17th May	Easter 7 Brixton 10.30 am	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday</b> 24th May	Pentecost Longbridge 10.30 am	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday</b> 31st May	Benefice - Trinity Horningsham 10.30 am	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday</b> 7th June	<b>Trinity 1</b> Brixton 8.00 am Longbridge 11.15 am	Holy Communion 1662 Morning Worship

# REGISTER - we congratulate and welcome: Weddings

William Garett & Karen Crossman at Horningsham on Saturday 4th April Elizabeth Abbott & Joseph Berens at Longbridge on Saturday 11th April

#### **Baptism**

Elsie Edith Few at Longbridge on Sunday 26th April

#### **Church Cleaners for May**

Kingston - Sarah Fagan & Judy Munro
Brixton - Caroline Huntley & Frances MacDonald
Longbridge - Monday 11th May 9.30 - 10.30 am - All helpers please

## **Church Flower Arrangers for May**

	Kingston	Brixton	Longbridge
3rd May	Alexandra Blair	Mrs Sutton	Jo Steptoe
10th May	Alexandra Blair	Mrs Sutton	Margot Judd
17th May	Claire Mounde	Mrs Stewart-Cox	Margot Judd
24th May	Claire Mounde	Mrs Stewart-Cox	Julia Young
31st May	Carol Noonan	Mrs Irwin	Julia Young



#### SERVICES PARISH OF CORSLEY & CHAPMANSLADE

<b>Sunday</b> 3rd May	Easter 5 Corsley 9.30 am	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday</b> 10th May	<b>Easter 6 - Rogation</b> High House Farm Corsley 10.00 am	Rogation Service
<b>Thursday</b> 14th May	<b>Benefice - Ascension</b> Longbridge 6.00 pm	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday</b> 17th May	Easter 7 Temple 9.00 am Corsley 10.30 am	Holy Communion 1662 Morning Worship
<b>Sunday</b> 24th May	Pentecost Chapmanslade 9.30 am	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday</b> 31st May	<b>Benefice - Trinity</b> Horningsham 10.30 am	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday</b> 7th June	<b>Trinity 1</b> Corsley 9.30 am	Holy Communion

#### Recipe - Spring Vegetable Soup

**Sponsored by Maiden Bradley Community Shop** 

4 baby leeks – finely sliced 2 small carrots cut into thin strips

2 small courgettes, diced Can chopped tomatoes

2 teaspoons corn flour 2-3 leaves spring greens, finely chopped

Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Fry the leeks, carrots and courgettes in a little virgin olive oil for a few minutes until softened. Stir in the stock and tinned tomatoes. Slake the corn flour with a little water and add to the soup, then bring gently to the boil and simmer for 10 to 15 minutes. Approximately 5 minutes before serving, add the spring greens and season with salt and pepper. Serve immediately. Serves 4 with 69 Kcal per serving. (Great for slimmers!)

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

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

March's draw prizes winners: Jean Stanley £30 and Tim Young £15. If you would like to join the club please contact Diana Abbott 840763 or email decabbott@gmail.com. Proceeds are divided 50% to support our four churches, 50% in prizes.

