

## PARISH OF DEVERILLS AND HORNINGSHAM

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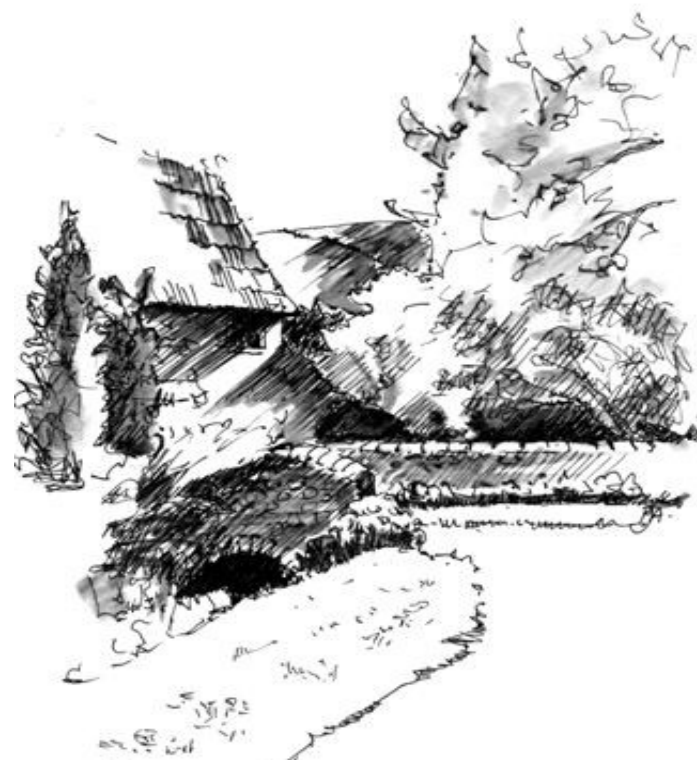
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# PARISH NEWS

## The Deverills & Crockerton



The Marsh, Longbridge Deverill by Pat Armstrong

# FEBRUARY 2020

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**PARISH NEWS ANNUAL DONATION ENVELOPE  
INCLUDED IN THIS ISSUE  
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**Nectarian Concert**  
**7.30 pm Saturday 1st February**  
**Kingston Deverill Church**  
**Doors open at 7.00 pm Free admission**

Nectarian play circle dance music and songs from Crete & Eastern Mediterranean. The group primarily plays traditional tunes, from a rich source of melodic influences including Byzantine, Turkish and Venetian. Dancing in a circle is an ancient tradition common to many cultures as part of community life and was used for rituals, marking special occasions, strengthening community and encouraging togetherness. This is a rare opportunity to hear a unique line up of instruments, Cretan lyra, cello, mandolin, saz, laouto, percussion and tarhu. The band fuses robust dance rhythms with the tarhu's ethereal sound topped by lyrical vocals.



**Community Coffee Morning**

**Everyone is welcome 10.30 - 12.00 noon**

**The Orangery, The George Inn, Longbridge**

**Wednesday 5th & Monday 17th February**

**Call Bridget 844884 or Judy 844385 if you require transport**



**UPPER DEVERILLS VILLAGE HALL**

**Friday 14th February 7.00 for 7.30 pm**

**The Pantanal wetlands of Brazil**

**Talk by Simon & Mandy Martyn**

**Touching on ecology, animal behaviour & conservation**

**Light refreshments but please bring your own drinks**

**Donations would be appreciated**



**DEVERILLS ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP**

**Upper Deverills Hall Thursday 20th February 7.00 for 7.30 pm**

**Talk by David Sabin of Archaeological Surveys Ltd**

David has over 25 years experience as a specialist geophysical surveyor, working for English Heritage on over 60 projects a year including the Deverill Villa. He will talk about his work across Roman sites in Wiltshire and hold a Q&A session, with his magnetometer. Please come along, all welcome. Suggested donation £5 per head.

To register your interest please contact [deverillsarchaeology@gmail.com](mailto:deverillsarchaeology@gmail.com)



**FUTURE EVENTS**

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- **Upper Deverills Hall Pub Night** Friday 24th April
- **Upper Deverills Hall VE Day Celebration** Friday 8th May See p5

## LOCAL COUNCILS, SOCIETIES, GROUPS etc.

### Longbridge Deverill Parish Council - [www.crockertonlongbridgeandhilldeverill.co.uk](http://www.crockertonlongbridgeandhilldeverill.co.uk)

Caroline Sawyer 840585 (Chair)	Bob Pitman 212953
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Nikki Spreadbury-Clews (Clerk) 216660 or longbridgedeverillpc@gmail.com	

### Upper Deverills Parish Council - [www.upperdeverills.co.uk](http://www.upperdeverills.co.uk)

Bridget Beattie 844884 (Chair)	Gillian Flint 844507
David Croot 840944 (Vice Chair)	Richard Munro 844385
	Louise Stratton 844105

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

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### Upper Deverills Village Hall

Ted Flint 844507 (Chair) John Lea 844325 (Hall bookings)

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

**Deverill & Crockerton W I** Sue Bohana (215546) (Pres) Julie Wallder 213142 (Sec)

**Deverills Cricket Club** Ed Read 840835 (Captain)

### Community Police - Local Officer (Rural)

**PCSO Debbie Robbins** – Debbie.robbs@Wiltshire.pnn.police.uk or call 101

**Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator Deverills & Crockerton** Dymrna Dell 840514

**Warminster Link Scheme** 211655

(Corsley to Boyton, Crockerton, Horningsham, Longbridge, Hill Deverill)

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

**Post Offices: Lakeside Garden Centre, Crockerton:** Mon 9.00 - 5.00, Fri 9.00 - 3.00

**Maiden Bradley Hall:** Tuesday 1.00 - 3.00

**Bath, Wilts & North Dorset Gliding Club,** Kingston Deverill 844095

### Dear Friends,

I don't know about your garden but mine is a quagmire, particularly the chicken run. We have 7 chickens and they have a really big area of the garden to live in but the grass does not stand a chance against the torrential and persistent rain we are experiencing this winter. Mud rules in the chicken run, it takes a good deal of effort to stay upright when collecting the eggs. But the chickens don't seem to mind and come charging up to the fence when we appear in the garden hopeful that there will be a treat or two on offer.

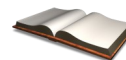
Despite the rain there are signs of better things in the natural world; defying the winter weather bulbs can be seen thrusting through the cold wet soil and those magical white jewels we call snowdrops have miraculously appeared; they are such a sign of hope.



In the life of the church later this month we start our journey towards the hope of Easter day with **Ash Wednesday on 26th February**. There will be a Eucharist with ashing at **10.30 am at Longbridge Deverill**, and Chapmanslade. There is something very profound and moving about receiving the sign of the cross on one's forehead in ash, a reminder of our frail human nature and our mortality. Traditionally Lent is a time of reflection and commitment to prayer in preparation for Easter. Prayer doesn't have to be in church or involve words at all. It can be a walk when we try to immerse ourselves in the created order, it can be a lifting of the heart on listening to a beautiful piece of music, a stirring of gratitude as we consider the privileges we enjoy. As part of our Lenten preparation **Bishop Andrew is coming to lead a pilgrimage around the Benefice on Wednesday 4th March**. You need not worry if you are not fit enough to join in the actual walk; we will be stopping at several of the churches along the way for a few words from Bishop Andrew and some refreshments so you can join in then. More details to follow next month or contact me.



Every Lent the Archbishop of Canterbury picks a special Lent book. This year Bishop Nick, our diocesan bishop, has sent every clergy person in the diocese a copy of this year's book which is by **Ruth Valerio: 'Saying Yes to Life'**. In the forward Archbishop Justin writes: 'It is of the utmost importance that we now stand in solidarity together, repenting of our sins towards our earth and committing to face our responsibilities as God's people. As people of faith (I would add as human beings) we cannot just say what we believe. We are obliged to live out the life that Christ calls us to live, to care for our neighbours, for the creatures and the creation God has so generously given us.' I could not agree more, belief does not just mean verbally agreeing with certain statements or creeds, it means living them day by day, minute by minute, and we will stumble and fail and get in a muddle, but we just have to pick ourselves up, dust ourselves down and keep trying even though it is hard. Which is why we need a bit of help now and again, so I am asking you to join me in reading this book throughout the 40 days of Lent. You can read it on your own or maybe gather a little group together to discuss it. If you want to come and have a coffee and some cake I will be here at **the Rectory on Thursday 5th March at 2.00 pm** and then again on **Thursday 9th April at 2.00 pm** so we can share thoughts etc. Sarum College Bookshop in Salisbury stock the book, you can also order it and have it posted to you. I do hope and pray some of you will feel able to join in.



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



## Community Meeting

During the last year discussions have taken place regarding the reordering of St Mary the Virgin church, Kingston Deverill, to update it to standards expected today while continuing to respect the building as a place of worship. There will be a public meeting on **Saturday 1st February** at 10.30 am in the church to explain the proposed programme and get the views of local people. Please come along to look at the options and ask questions.






### BAG A BARGAIN

**The Gathering Barn on Keysley Farm  
Monkton Deverill BA12 7EY**

**7th February 2.00 - 8.00 pm (£5 entry)**  
**8th February 10.00 am - 5.00 pm (£3 entry)**

**Refreshments available**



## Longbridge Deverill Village Hall

### Come along to the delicious PANCAKE NIGHT

**Shrove Tuesday 25th February 4.00 pm to 6.00 pm**

**Jacket potatoes, with delicious fillings, & Pancakes**

**Served with tea / coffee or squash**

**Price: Adults £3.50 Children £1.50**



## MONTHLY PUB NIGHT

### ‘The Cricketers’ Legs’

**Friday 28th February**

**6.00 - 11.00 pm with food available**

**A relaxed evening with villagers; children/dogs welcome!**

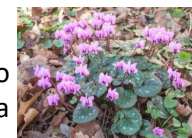
**Firkin beer, wine, spirits, soft drinks, crisps cheaper than a pub!**

**Facebook [www.facebook.com/groups/upperdeverill](https://www.facebook.com/groups/upperdeverill)**

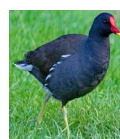


## Nature Notes

Oh what a joy to see the sun and have a dry day and not be so windy! I think today has been the best we have had for ages. I had a walk around Stourhead this afternoon on the way home from my singing group at Mere. There were lots of snowdrops coming out, primroses appearing and white hellebores. Daffodils were shooting up but none out. On the way back through Maiden Bradley, I spotted a clump of daffodils with about 4 flowers at the ‘trumpet’ stage in a front garden. Driving back from Southampton on Saturday we saw a single daffodil fully out in a garden at Nunton. In our garden we have lots of bulbs pushing up and bright pink cyclamen come, there are some early mauve crocuses just beginning to flower behind the rockery and several clumps of snowdrops where the buds are just breaking to show the white flowers. It is lovely to see all these signs of spring. We also have an Algerian iris out which has gorgeous lavender blue flowers and a mahonia japonica which has lily of the valley fragrance.



The birds are beginning to sing more. The song thrushes have been especially vocal with their clear, strong song of repeated phrases. The robins are also singing with more gusto and beginning to be more territorial; great tits and blue tits are singing more too. We have recently had long-tailed tits coming to the feeders and they continually ‘chatter’ to each other in the family group. The other afternoon I am sure I heard a corn bunting singing just beyond our garden. The song is likened to a jangling bunch of keys and I’ve seen and heard them in the nearby farmland which I didn’t expect to hear so early in the year. It has been quite mild so it wouldn’t surprise me to hear of early nesting robins or blackbirds soon, and frog spawn, if the temperatures remain relatively high.



A moorhen has returned to the pond on the 16th December. We are fairly sure it is one of the youngsters born here last summer. It knew exactly where to find food under the bird feeders. When it arrived it was still in juvenile plumage (buff-brown with green frontal plate) but over the past month the frontal plate has changed to the bright red of an adult. It loves the fish food pellets I throw to the fish so now I throw in extra for it. I have seen the grey wagtail eating the pellets too! When I was at the pond the other morning I noticed a reflection in the water of a big bird just above me. Looking up I expected a crow or raven but it was a beautiful low flying red kite; a great start to the morning.

The lovely sun we had today really showed up the different colours of the tree barks at Stourhead and, on the journey home, the white of the silver birches, the red of the dogwoods and the yellow willows. The moss on the tree trunks at Stourhead seemed especially green, probably due to all the rain. The Christmas tree remains unplanted due to the wet weather, but I have managed to plant a fragrant honey suckle. The weather forecast this evening sounds hopeful with dry conditions from the weekend onwards. We might finally be able to check and clean out the bird boxes.

*Jane Trollope* (written 15th January 2020)

## The 2019 Rainfall Report for the Deverills and Crockerton Parish



The rainfall recorded during 2019 at various sites within the Parish and catchment area only. The amount taken from the 6 different rain gauges and averaged out is 40.70 inches. I think it fair to say the weather during 2019 may be split in two. January to end of August was reasonably normal, and then the rain really started from 1st September to the end of the year providing just over 21 inches recorded. It was not the wettest of years; 2014 was much wetter. The coldest temperature of the year minus 10 Centigrade was recorded on 3rd February. The hottest day being 25th July recording 30C. The wettest day 23rd September with 36mm or 1.4 inches.

July was generally a sunny month, and we enjoyed quite a heat wave from 20th to 29th July, on 30th July the weather broke as usual with a thunderstorm, and down came an inch of rain.

In August the Harvest month started well with 27C recorded on the 3rd. Then it became a constant nightmare for the farming community with rain recorded every day from the 4th to the 20th August.

The four months from 1st September, my records say one after the other, "another wet month". This has caused many acres of winter crops not to be planted, the ground conditions have been too wet. So, we may see an increase in Spring planting provided the ground dries out enough. October was the wettest month with 6.61 Inches.

I am regularly asked about Global warming and my answer is simply: it is happening. There is no point denying the facts.

My various weather watching friends have supplied me with their rain gauge details for 2019 and for your interest. Codford recorded 36 inches in 2019. Near Marshfield North Wiltshire recorded 44 inches, and my old home near Launceston in Cornwall 50 inches. Today someone told me that a friend of his who lives on the West Coast of Scotland has recorded 140 inches in 2019. Therefore, I am very glad I live here!

Starting from the year 2000 the rainfall recorded here at Manor Farm, Longbridge Deverill is as follows.

2000 42.83 inches	2004 34.10"	2008 42.58"	2012 40.61"	2016 30.946"
2001 30.44 inches	2005 27.83"	2009 38.42"	2013 30.76"	2017 26.685"
2002 41.73 inches	2006 34.10 "	2010 27.23"	2014 42.87"	2018 34.20"
2003 27.96 inches	2007 39.31"	2011 26.80"	2015 33.5"	2019 40.81"

The average of the above figures from the last 20 years shows that in this Parish, the annual average rainfall is 34.68 inches.

**John Robins** Manor Farm, Longbridge Deverill.



## Deverill Valley & Crockerton WI

Our January Meeting was extremely Interesting and very informative. Personally I was not aware of the duties of a Toastmaster but now we all understand what they are. Our **February Meeting** will be most enjoyable and relaxing with a quiz. We will be meeting, as usual at the Village Hall on **Monday 10th February at 7.30 pm**, with a raffle, tea and biscuits. If you would like to know more about the WI in the Deverill Valley please contact Julie Walder on 213142.

## Wiltshire Wildlife Trust - Warminster Supporters

This month takes us to the most remote settlement on our planet. In his talk entitled '**The Splendid Isolation of Tristan da Cunha**', **Richard Grundy** shares some of his experiences as a teacher among the island community; in particular how they have adapted to live in harmony with Nature in their unique environment. Everyone is welcome at the Civic Centre on **Monday 10th February** starting at 7.30 pm. Cost £3 (under 18s £1) includes refreshments. For further information please contact Ann Jones - 511480



## Cast on & Craft Group

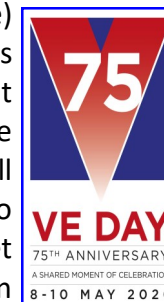
If you like knitting, embroidery, tapestry or other crafts, this group is for you! We meet at someone's home each month to share ideas and enjoy each other's company. This month's meeting will be on **Thursday 20th February** 2.00-4.00 pm at Sue Stone's house, 84 Monkton Deverill, BA12 7EZ. Please call 844920 for directions. Everyone welcome.



## Upper Deverills Parish Council - VE Day 75 celebrations

The Upper Deverills will be celebrating VE (Victory in Europe) Day over the weekend of 8 – 10 May. On Friday 8th May (this year's first May Bank Holiday) there will be feasting and fun at the village hall. We would especially like to hear from anyone who can remember the war years. Everyone has a story to tell and yours will be fascinating for us all to hear. We are planning to hold an exhibition of reminiscences and photographs. Please get in touch with Richard Munro on 844385 if you feel that you can contribute. There will be more information about the weekend in next month's Parish News.

The next Parish Council meeting is at 7.00 pm on **Wednesday 11th March** in the Upper Deverills Village Hall. See page 14 for contact details.



## Annual donation to the Parish News

As mentioned in the January Parish News it is time to make your annual donation to the printing costs of this magazine. Many people in the valley tell me they enjoy reading the Parish News and find it a good way to keep in touch with events and a source of useful information. I would be very grateful if every household could be generous in their donation this year and would like to suggest a **minimum of £10** per household. **Your contributions are vital to ensure the continued production of the Parish News.** Some financial assistance is received from the PCC, the two Parish Councils, village halls and other local groups.

**Enclosed is a pale blue envelope for your donation. If you are a UK tax payer please complete the relevant section with your name (IN CAPITALS), address and signature so Gift Aid can be reclaimed. Please, no Sellotape on the envelope.**

Cheques should be made payable to: 'PCC of the Deverills and Horningsham'.

Envelopes: Please take them to **Longbridge Deverill Garage**; place in **church collection**; give to **Robert Steptoe**, PCC Treasurer (see back page); or give to **Judy Munro** (Editor) Whitepits Lodge, Kingston Deverill, BA12 7HD.

**THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT**

**Also a very special thank you to everyone who contributes to the Parish News and helps to deliver it to all the households throughout the valley during the year.**

*Judy Munro - Editor*

## Longbridge Deverill Hall - Bookings

Just a reminder that the hall is available to hire out for personal and social functions. It has a full working kitchen, including a dishwasher, full sets of crockery, glassware etc, tables and chairs and most things needed for the average function. Also good off road parking. For children's parties it has a small enclosed outside area and lots of space for indoor play. Please contact Sylvia Titt on 214825 for more information.



## Can you help?

The Mere and District Day Centre (The Rosemary Goddard Centre) is a registered charity providing a social base for older people in danger of isolation. The Board is looking for a treasurer to manage their accounts as a **volunteer**. You would not be a trustee or expected to come to meetings. If you have accountancy or book-keeping skills and can spare a few hours a month they would be delighted to hear from you. They need someone who is happy working with excel and online banking; they provide a laptop. They have one employee but dealing with PAYE is not a requirement of the treasurer's role. If you think you might be able to help, please ring Chris Dillon 07806 669376 or go to [www.meredaycentre.org.uk](http://www.meredaycentre.org.uk)



## Monkton Deverill Broadband

Openreach's promise that they would connect the new fibre enabled green cabinet in Monkton Deverill early in 2020 was exceeded with the cabinet going live on 27th December! Residents have reported increased speeds. Much depends on distance from the Cabinet with typically around 30 mbps for downloads, although some are even higher up to 70 mbps. In addition service reliability seems to have improved.

**Richard Kitson**, Chairman Upper Deverills Broadband Action Group.



## God in Ordinary

The cathedral had a new Christmas nativity of photographs that looked like a huge painting. The people in it were from the local community. Christmas celebrates God among us. Like the shepherds and the wise men we came to the crib to wonder and worship but when we went away to get on with the rest of our lives, what happens next?



One answer is the Church's year continues to tell the Christian stories of God in Jesus who teaches, challenges, heals and gives life to us. Christmas gives way to Epiphany; on 2nd February we remember the Presentation of Christ in the Temple and his being recognised by the elderly Simeon and Anna; and this year at the end of the month, on 26th February, Ash Wednesday is the start of Lent and our preparation for Easter.

Other answers are also needed in trying to find what it means for God to be among us. How do we respond in our daily lives? What difference does it make to the way I understand myself and how we live together? We have often used Lent for those reflective questions.

This year, instead of Praying Together as we have done for the last three years, I hope that as a diocese we will use the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book by Ruth Valerio, 'Saying Yes to Life'. "As people made in the image of God, we are entrusted to look after what he has created: to share in God's joy and ingenuity in making a difference for good." Using the story of the days of creation in Genesis 1 she, "relates light, water, land, the seasons, other creatures, humankind, Sabbath rest and resurrection hope to matters of environmental, ethical and social concern." There are small, cheaper booklets for kids and adults to go alongside it, 'A 40-Day Challenge to Live Lent and Care for God's Creation'.

Asking what it means in our ordinary lives that God is among us is a good way to keep Lent. There is no single settled answer because we keep deepening our response to God come among us. What do we pray for? Whom do we serve? How will we grow? Living in response to those questions renews our hope.

**+Nicholas Sarum** - Bishop of Salisbury

## Churchyards - Dog fouling

Many people contribute to ensure the good order of the churchyards so with the approach of spring the flowering snowdrops, aconites and primroses can be enjoyed by everyone who visits them. If you walk your dog through these spaces please ensure you clean up after them. Thank you.





## Longbridge Deverill Parish Council

At its meeting on Monday 6th January, members co-opted and welcomed James Walker as a new Councillor to the Parish Council.

**Grant applications** local groups and organisations are asked to submit applications for grants to the clerk by the 14th February, for funding required in the financial year 2020/21, for more information please contact Nikki 07986 880164

### Cranborne Chase AONB becomes an International Dark Sky Reserve

Cranborne Chase became the first Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty in the country to be designated in its entirety as an International Dark-Sky Reserve. Cranborne Chase AONB becomes the 14th Reserve across the globe, and joins an exclusive club of International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Protected Areas to gain international recognition for its dark skies, for more information please visit [www.ccwwdaonb.org.uk/our-work/dark-night-skies](http://www.ccwwdaonb.org.uk/our-work/dark-night-skies).

The next Parish Council meeting is at 7.30 pm **Monday 2nd March** at Longbridge Deverill Parish Hall. Residents welcome. Full minutes and agendas are available on Parish website [www.crockertonlongbridgeandhilldeverill.co.uk](http://www.crockertonlongbridgeandhilldeverill.co.uk) or from the clerk Nikki Spreadbury-Clews email [longbridgedeverillpc@gmail.com](mailto:longbridgedeverillpc@gmail.com) or village notice boards.

## Bogus Callers

We have had reports of people going to addresses in Warminster and Westbury purporting to be working for the Waterboard. The caller has called on elderly residents and talked their way into homes where items have been stolen. The caller has been very plausible, but no identification has been shown. If you are not expecting a visit, refuse entry to your home, ask the caller to provide identity, shut and lock your door leaving the caller outside. Call the number for the company from the ones found on the internet or in your Telephone Directory to confirm the caller has been authorised to call on you; do not use the number provided by the person at your door.

Recently local residents have been called by people claiming to be from Police or Police Squad who had some basic details about the resident. Please do not divulge you personal PIN, security question answers or other personal details over the phone. These residents had money taken from their accounts. If you receive any of these calls hang up, WAIT 15 to 20 minutes and call your own bank, again using the telephone numbers listed for your bank on the internet, telephone book, your bank card, or other documents you already have at home. Do not immediately call your bank from your phone, as the caller may not have hung up and you will still be talking to someone trying to steal your money.

**PC2342 Helen Daveridge** - Neighbourhood PC Warminster and Westbury



## Local Honey

If you would like to purchase some local honey from hives in Kingston Deverill, please call Sarah on 844123.



## Maiden Bradley Memorial Hall

**The Old Kitchen Store** Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 9.00-11.30 am  
Tuesdays 1.00-3.00 pm. **Cash** - basic groceries.

**Post Office** Tuesdays 1.00 - 3.00 pm open in the Hall weekly.

**Coffee mornings** Fridays 10.00 - noon. Come for a chat.

**Community library** has a wide range of books and jigsaws available for 50p donation open in shop hours.

**Pub night: Saturday 1st February** 5.30 - 10.00 pm. Fish & Chip van. Local beer, cider, wine, soft drinks etc. All welcome, including children, for a chat or table tennis.

**Film night: Friday 14th February - Downton Abbey** (PG) doors open 7.00 for 7.30 pm.

**Quiz night: Friday 21st February** - Bring a team or join one. 7.00 for 7.30 pm.

**Sheila Foley** - Secretary - 844218



## Codford and District Gardening Club

Meetings are held in Codford Village Hall at 7.15 for 7.30 pm on 3rd Wednesday of each month. Subscriptions are £5 for the year or £2 as a visitor. The next meeting will be the 11th Annual Potato Day with Pennard Plants on **Saturday 1st February**. Entrance £1.50 includes a cup of tea/coffee and slice of cake. Pennards are an RHS Nursery and will bring an assortment of vegetables and soft fruits, we also have a craft stall, chocolatier, card stall, Wiltshire Wildlife and The Yellow Book stalls.



## Warminster History Society

The second meeting is on **Wednesday 5th February** 'An Organ Builder Looks Back' by John Budgen. Lectures take place in Warminster Library at 7.30 pm. For further information contact Sidney Blackmore on 213195.



## Mere Historical Society

**Captain Charles Fryatt & the SS Brussels by Ben Carver** on **Tuesday 4th February** 10.15 for 10.30 am in the Grove Building. Visitors welcome, donation including coffee £3.

At about 7.00 pm on 27th July 1916, the Germans committed one of the most controversial incidents of WWI causing international outrage. Captain Charles Algernon Fryatt was executed by the Germans after a show trial. Ben wrote a book on the subject, and will explain what was behind this incident and the outcome.

**NB** There is no evening talk in February. See [www.merehistoricalsociety.org.uk](http://www.merehistoricalsociety.org.uk)

## Mere Gardening Club

**New tricks for Old Gardeners by Katherine Crouch, Wednesday 12th February** 7.30 pm Grove Buildings. Katherine is a Chelsea Gold medallist, BBC Gardener of the year and BBC Gardener of the decade. This will be an opportunity to pick up some hot tips from an old hand. For this very special speaker £4 entry for visitors who are very welcome. See: [www.meregardenclub.org.uk](http://www.meregardenclub.org.uk)



## SERVICES PARISH OF DEVERILLS & HORNINGSHAM

<b>Sunday</b> 2nd February	<b>Candlemas</b> Brixton 8.00 am Longbridge 10.30 am Chapmanslade 4.00 pm	Holy Communion Morning Worship Candlemas
<b>Sunday</b> 9th February	<b>3rd before Lent</b> Kingston 10.30 am	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday</b> 16th February	<b>2nd before Lent</b> Brixton 10.30 am	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday</b> 23rd February	<b>1st before Lent</b> Longbridge 10.30 am	Holy Communion
<b>Wednesday</b> 26th February	<b>Ash Wednesday</b> Longbridge 10.30 am	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday</b> 1st March	<b>First Sunday of Lent</b> Kingston 8.00 am Longbridge 10.30 am	Holy Communion Holy Communion

### Personal Morning Prayer

9.00 am Monday & Tuesday, at The Rectory, Wednesday at Kingston Church



### Christingle & Candlemas

a candlelit service

Sunday 2nd February at 4.00 pm

Chapmanslade Church

The blessing of church candles for the coming year  
Families are particularly welcome



### CHURCH CLEANERS FOR FEBRUARY

Kingston Mandy Martyn & Angie Beloe  
Brixton Caroline Huntley & Jenny Bennett  
Longbridge see rota



### CHURCH FLOWER ARRANGERS FOR FEBRUARY

	<b>Kingston</b>	<b>Brixton</b>	<b>Longbridge</b>
2nd Feb	Judy Munro	Sheila Brown	Pat Wood/Sylvia Titt
9th Feb	Judy Munro	Sheila Brown	Pat Wood/Sylvia Titt
16th Feb	Carol Noonan	Claire Watts	Janet Budgen
23rd Feb	Carol Noonan	Claire Watts	Janet Budgen

## SERVICES PARISH OF CORSLEY & CHAPMANSLADE

<b>Sunday</b> 2nd February	<b>Candlemas</b> Corsley 9.30 am Chapmanslade 3.15 / 4.00 pm	Holy Communion Making Christingles / Service
<b>Sunday</b> 9th February	<b>3rd before Lent</b> Chapmanslade 9.30 am Corsley 11.00 am	Holy Communion Morning Prayer
<b>Sunday</b> 16th February	<b>2nd before Lent</b> Corsley 10.30 am	Morning Worship
<b>Sunday</b> 23rd February	<b>1st before Lent</b> Chapmanslade 9.30 am	Holy Communion
<b>Wednesday</b> 26th February	<b>Ash Wednesday</b> Chapmanslade 10.30 am	Holy Communion
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### Lent Lunches

From 12.00 noon - donations to Christian Aid



**Monday 9th March**

Judy & Richard Munro's, Whitepits Lodge, Kingston BA12 7HD

**Monday 23rd March**

Sue & Robert Stone's, 84 Monkton Deverill, BA12 7EX

**Monday 6th April**

Mari & Nigel Poole's, 7 Homefields, Longbridge BA12 7DQ

*Please come along and support this life giving charity,  
And enjoy a simple lunch in good company!*

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

*January winners: Hyacinth Frances £50 & Angela Hodgkinson £25*

There is always room for new members so please get in touch  
with Diana Abbott if you would like to join. The money is divided  
50% for the churches and 50% prize money.

Please call Diana on 840763 or decabbott@gmail.com for details

