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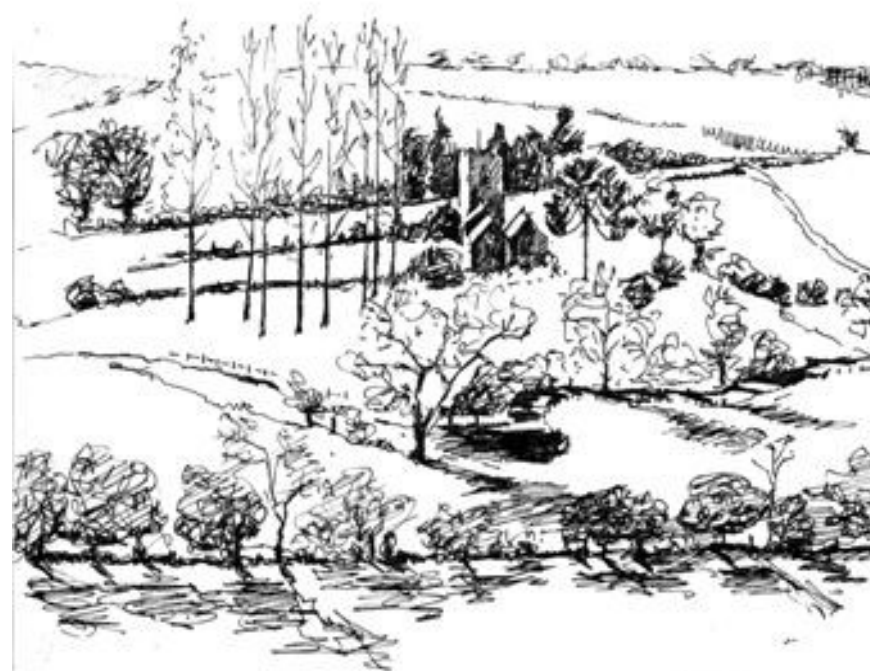
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PARISH NEWS

The Deverills & Crockerton



Longbridge Deverill Church from the east by Pat Armstrong

JANUARY 2020

Look inside for local news & information



Community Coffee Morning

Everyone is welcome 10.30 - 12.00 noon
The Orangery, The George Inn, Longbridge

Wednesday 8th & Monday 20th January

Call Bridget 844884 or Judy 844385 if you require transport



MONTHLY PUB NIGHT

'The Cricketers' Legs'

Friday 31st January

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/upperdeverills



BRITISH RED CROSS



First Aid for adults 4-hour evening course

Longbridge Deverill Parish Council is running a 4-hour first aid course over two consecutive evenings from 6.00 – 8.00 pm

Tuesday 4th & Wednesday 5th February at the George Inn, Longbridge

There are 15 places available, both evenings must be attended

Providing the course is filled the price will be £25 per person which will need to be paid prior to the course. Several people have shown interest, so if you would like to attend please email longbridgedeverillpc@gmail.com

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 will be provided
please bring your own drinks



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- Upper Deverills Hall End of Winter Feast Saturday 14th March
- Upper Deverills Hall Pub Night Friday 27th March
- Pilgrimage to Glastonbury Wednesday 15th April
- Upper Deverills Hall Pub Night Friday 24th April

LOCAL COUNCILS, SOCIETIES, GROUPS etc.

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Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator Deverills & Crockerton Dympna Dell 840514

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

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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 know I probably have said this before but it is really weird to have to write this letter for the New Year when we are still in Advent! I get muddled enough already with the plethora of services and events that are going on now without thinking of next year's 'stuff' as well!

So here we are in January, I wonder what lies ahead? This morning I have been sitting with someone whom I see regularly who has just moved house; a very significant and psychologically impactful move as she has moved from a house to a flat into what is effectively sheltered accommodation in anticipation of future needs. The flat is in the centre of the city so the route to my house is a new one that is unfamiliar; the way was unknown which brings with it its own anxieties and challenges.

I wonder what new journeys we will be called upon to make this coming year and will we know the way? Will those journeys be ones that we have already marked in our diaries and planned for, or will they be ones that come totally out of the blue and which throw us into confusion and panic? Life, of course, holds both possibilities and some years we will experience what we perceive to be a very unfair dollop of the latter, some rather more of the former. But however much we plan ahead and try to have everything organised and under control we cannot know what the future holds.

The death of my father last year marks 2019 as a very sad one but there were lots of joyful times too. 2020 will be a very special year for our family as both our daughters are expecting babies, one in February and one in March, so that is very exciting indeed. There is great poignancy in that weaving together of life and death, sadness and joy, a poignancy that has prompted much reflection on the preciousness of love and a deepening realisation that life is a sacred gift to be lived with love, compassion, and generosity of spirit.

We will be thinking about three people who had to make a very difficult and unplanned for journey in dangerous circumstances at our service for **Epiphany on Sunday 5th January** 10.30 am at Longbridge Deverill church; the wise men's gift of gold (chocolate coins) will be shared after the service. I don't suppose they had THAT journey in their diaries, and I don't suppose they were ever the same after they made it. Another lovely event involving the story of a journey to the temple, is our annual **Christingle and Candlemas** service at Chapmanslade church on **Sunday 2nd February** It's at 3.15 pm for the making of the Christingles followed by a short service starting at 4.00 pm. I think it's very special to have this lovely service involving lots of candles in what is often a very dark and dreary month.



There is no doubt that this past year has been difficult for all of us in so many different ways and it is easy to fall prey to cynicism and despair. But as we begin a new decade let us hold onto the hope of a better way, and let us think about how we can be part of making the world a better place for everyone.

Happy New Year! Love and prayers,

Pauline

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

Annual donation to the Parish News

This year the donation envelope will be included in the February edition of the magazine. By asking for your donation (suggested £10+ per household) slightly later in the new year, we hope by reminding you now that it will be included next month, you will feel able to make your valuable donation towards the printing costs promptly. We do value your contributions, without them the production costs cannot be met. We continue to hear the magazine is valued and an important means of communication throughout the valley.

Judy Munro - Editor



Longbridge Deverill Hall

A very enjoyable evening took place at Longbridge Deverill Hall on 30th November when local talent entertained us with a range of musical and magical skills. Thank you to all our splendid performers. We raised a total of £471 for the hall funds.



Celebration

We celebrated the 90th birthday of Mary Stewart Cox in church on Sunday 1st December (her actual birthday was Friday 29th November). Mary has lived in Brixton Deverill for a long time, contributing to the village and local community in all sorts of way, including the role of Church Warden for many years. I am sure we all wish her many more happy years in the valley.



Upper Deverills Parish Council

Our Clerk, Jenny Bennett, is standing down so we would like to hear from anyone who is interested in applying for the (paid) post. Please contact the Chair, Cllr Bridget Beattie, if you would like to know more: chair@upperdeverills.co.uk or 844884. The next Parish Council meeting is at 7.00 pm on **Wednesday 15th January** in the Upper Deverills Village Hall.



Community Meeting

Over the last year discussions have taken place regarding the reordering of St Mary the Virgin church, Kingston Deverill, to bring it up to the standard expected of a public building in the 21st century. A sub-committee of the Parochial Church Council has been established to develop and manage a programme of improvements, while continuing to respect the building as a place of worship. Enclosed in this issue of the Parish News, for residents of the Upper Deverills, is a flyer giving the background to the programme and an outline of several options for improvement. A public meeting is to be held on **Saturday 1st February** at 10.30 am in the church to explain the programme and get the views of local people. Please come along to look at the options and ask questions.



Nature Notes

Heavy rain yet again earlier this evening. I keep checking my feet for webbing and wondering whether we should invest in a boat! The river continues to rise and everywhere is thoroughly sodden. There are jobs to do in the garden but only when it dries up. I was hoping to plant a Christmas tree; it is pot bound and deserves releasing, but it's not possible. With it being clay soil here it's going to take some drying out. I long for the greensand that we had at the farm which drained so well. Still my problems are trivial when compared to the farmers some of which have not been able to plant their autumn crops as the ground has been too wet to cultivate. Also stock will be poaching the ground badly especially around feeding areas. Little egrets are attracted to such ground where the dung mixed with dropped food will support a good number of invertebrates. The first farm on the left as you come out of town, on the A350, has a herd of black cattle (possibly Aberdeen Angus) and I often count 4 little egrets in amongst them, probably the same birds each time. I am still at a loss as to how they manage to stay so white!



With the weather being so unsettled there have been some dramatic skies, really dark slate grey and when there is a cloud burst, if the sunbreaks through, some superb rainbows. Sadly the rainbows do not stay long as the sun disappears all too quickly. Early yesterday morning there was a gorgeous big full moon and thankfully no cloud about so it was really clear. The moon was quite big again this morning but clouds were racing across it and finally covering it. I love seeing the moon in a clear sky with the dark silhouette of naked trees; classic winter's night picture.

In November I travelled to north London to go to my uncle's funeral, first by train and then by car. During the journey I managed to count 9 red kites and 2 kestrels. I think I saw 4 red kites on the train from Warminster to Walton-on-Thames; it was quite difficult to control my excitement at seeing them and I wanted to point them out to my fellow travellers, but they were deep in their computers, books or papers. We have seen kites going over the house here quite often; they have such a distinctive flight quite slow and lazy but so efficient, a few flaps and they are out of sight.



We have had fieldfares coming to the pond to bathe and drink, 10 or so at a time. There has been one that appears to be guarding the fallen apples as I have seen it chasing away blackbirds. Most days we see a grey wagtail on the pond; one morning when it was frozen I could see it getting quite frustrated and sliding about. I have seen a coal tit on the feeders, from behind the black and white markings on its head are very badger-like. I put 2 peanut feeders out, one with a guard to protect small birds while feeding and one without for bigger birds like great spotted woodpeckers and nuthatches. We have had male and female great spotted woodpeckers but sadly no nuthatches for a while.

We will soon have to clean the nest boxes out ready for the next breeding season. From 25th to 27th January it is the Big Garden Birdwatch. Happy New Year to you all.

Jane Trollope (written 14th December)

Deverill Raptor and Owl Group [DROG]

In May 2019 the Group was getting really good results from early checks of barn owl boxes. We had more pairs in boxes than usual and each had between 4 and 6 eggs and/or young. However, caution was needed, "don't count your owls until they are hatched"! The picture had been similar in 2018 before the summer drought with parched grass limited the number of voles, the primary food source for barn owls and we lost many young owlets.



What happened in 2019? No drought but instead a very wet June! I am going to use one box to illustrate the impact of bad weather on breeding barn owls. On 10th May, Box 61 contained 2 adult owls with 2 young owlets aged between 2 and 4 days old and 4 eggs - so potentially 6 progeny. When we returned on 17th June, there was just one owlet left, fortunately a healthy, well fed and heavy young female; the other youngster and the eggs which had been on the verge of hatching had gone, without doubt as a result of the very wet weather in early June which limited the adults ability to hunt and feed their young. The picture was similar in other boxes and while all but one breeding pair succeeded in raising young, first broods were small with between 1 and 3 youngsters. The exception was one pair who laid later in June and had 5 young.

Wet weather is just one of the challenges barn owls experience, another is water troughs, an adult female drowned at one of our sites. Inclement weather and being the sole provider proved too much for the adult male and the pair's brood failed. Breeding females spend a long time in the box during the laying and incubation of the eggs. During this period the male hunts to feed the female and the newly hatched young owlets. After some two months on the nest the female is very mucky and seeks to bathe, sometimes leading to drowning.

While first broods were mostly small, we had good numbers of pairs in boxes so the overall picture was encouraging when we began to check for second broods in September. About a third of the breeding pairs went on to have a second brood which is a good record. The adult pair in box 61 successfully raised a further two healthy owlets. Two other second broods failed but a fourth raised five having had just one owlet survive from its first family. Overall 2019 was a very good year for DROG with a total of 30 barn owl young; 12 kestrel young; 4 tawny owls with little owls at a natural site. This was our second most successful year, the best being in 2014 when we had 33 barn owlets and 6 tawny owlets.

DROG is a part of Major Nigel Lewis's *Lewis Raptor Project*, he reports a similarly good year for our target species except little owl whose breeding pairs have declined by 81% in our area in 20 years. DROG's nest box project provides and monitors boxes for barn, tawny, little owls and kestrels in the Deverills, Lower Pertwood and west to Maiden Bradley. Major Nigel Lewis covers Salisbury Plain and parts of South Wiltshire.

Alison Rymell

Deverill Raptor and Owl Group 30th November 2019

Deverill Valley & Crockerton WI

Our December meeting was extremely enjoyable, we had our Christmas Dinner at Longbridge Village Hall which was excellent. The menu was varied with turkey, fish and Christmas Pudding or Pavlova.

Our first meeting in the New Year will be at 7.30 pm on **Monday 13th January** when **Toast Master Verity Bartlett** will speak on **Tales of Professionals**. To find out more about the WI in the Deverill Valley please contact Julie Wallder on 213142.

Wiltshire Wildlife Trust - Warminster Supporters

Our January Speaker focuses on both the Environment and Farming under the title '**Regenerative Farming & Boosting Biodiversity**'. Successful Turkey farmer **Chris Lumming** will tell us about his efforts to combine good ecological practice with making a viable living from his land. On **Monday 13th January** everyone is welcome to join us at the Civic Centre at 7.30. Cost £3 (under 18s £1) includes refreshments. For more information contact Ann Jones - 511480.

We hope you will join us at 8.00 pm on **Sunday 26th January** for our annual **Fun Quiz Night** at the Organ Inn. Come and test your General Knowledge against Chairman John's. All proceeds go towards supporting conservation work in our own Smallbrook Nature Reserve. For further details please contact John Walpole 217358.

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 **Monday 13th January** 2.00-4.00 pm at Edith Dyer's house, 4 Hindon Road, Monkton Deverill, BA12 7EZ . Please call 844498 for directions. Everyone welcome.

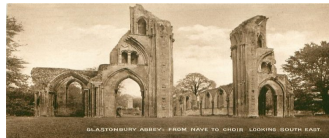
Book & Dining Club

Our next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 22nd January** at The George Inn, Longbridge Deverill gathering at 7.00 pm. If you would like to come and discuss the book please contact Christine Lucas on 841164. The chosen book is '**Lost Girls of Paris**' by Pam Jenoff.

1946 Manhattan. One morning while passing through Grand Central Terminal on her way to work, Grace Healey finds an abandoned suitcase tucked beneath a bench. Unable to resist her own curiosity, Grace opens the suitcase, where she discovers a dozen photographs, each of a different woman. In a moment of impulse, Grace takes the photographs and quickly leaves the station. Grace soon learns that the suitcase belonged to a woman named Eleanor Trigg, leader of a network of female secret agents who were deployed out of London during the war. Twelve of these women were sent to Occupied Europe as couriers and radio operators to aid the resistance, but they never returned home, their fates a mystery. Setting out to learn the truth behind the women in the photographs, Grace finds herself drawn to a young mother turned agent named Marie.



Warminster Churches Together
Pilgrimage to Glastonbury
Wednesday 15th April 2020
Register and book now
Adults £10 5-15 years £7.50
Includes entrance to the Abbey
Contact 214700
www.stdenystheminsterwarminster.org.uk



The 2020 flower festival at Salisbury Cathedral

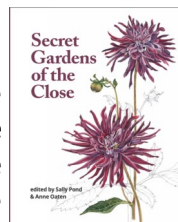
Planning for the flower festival, one of this year's events to mark the **800th anniversary of the laying of Salisbury Cathedral's foundation stone** is well underway. Entitled **Confluence**, it will take place from **15th to 20th September**. The launch of the festival was attended by more than 300 flower arrangers from across the diocese who will be creating the displays. Michael Bowyer, director of flowers at the Cathedral said "The theme is movement and designs will focus specifically on the positioning of the cathedral at the confluence of five rivers, summoning up images of flowing shapes, gorgeous light and colour." Southeast Flowers will supply more than 30,000 stems for the displays and the arrangers will take part in workshops in the run-up to the festival.

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Salisbury Florilegium Society

A group of botanical artists has produced a book inspired by the Friends of Salisbury Cathedral's *Secret Gardens of the Close* event. The book, by members of Salisbury Florilegium Society, was launched at the end of October. Following the first open gardens event in 2016 the society's 20 members began to create a collection of original botanical paintings depicting the flowers, trees and plants from the 'secret gardens' together with vignettes of each garden to put the botanical illustrations into context. More than 100 of these paintings have now been incorporated into this book. All profits from the book will go to the Friends for the benefit of the cathedral. The book, priced at £25, can be purchased from the Friends' office (01722 335161/555190).



Tips for writing a Will in a second marriage

Today second or third marriages are common, not everyone is aware of the impact they have on your Will. When you marry or remarry your Will becomes invalid unless it was made in contemplation of marriage to your existing partner. If you remarry and fail to update your Will your children would not inherit from your Estate when you die.

If you die without a valid Will "The Intestacy Rules" will apply to your Estate. Your new spouse will inherit any jointly held assets (property, bank accounts and personal items) and the first £250,000 of your Estate, and half of any remainder of your Estate.

Entering into a marriage and failing to update your Will could leave your children from a previous relationship with little or no inheritance. It is essential to have a new Will in place to ensure the people you want to benefit inherit from your Estate upon your death. If you die without a valid Will in place, and your entire Estate passed to your new spouse, you have no guarantee of any financial provision for your children.

If after your death your current spouse was to remarry, or fall out with your children, accumulate debts, or be subject to care home fees then your children may be left with no financial provision or entitlement. In addition, your spouse may make a new Will after your death and elect to make no provision for your children. Legal advice is essential in ensuring your children's inheritance is protected, whilst also making suitable provision for your new spouse.

A standard Will may not be appropriate for the above situations, it may be preferable to create a trust within your Will. There are various types of trusts you can create within your Will. For example, you may elect for your spouse to be permitted to live in your property for the remainder of their lifetime after you have died, or if they remarry then your property, or share in that property, be distributed to your children. These type of Wills are sometimes referred to as "Life Interest Trust Wills", or "Property Trust Wills", or "Asset Protection Wills". These types of Wills may also be sensible to consider in relation to preserving your assets, or your interest in your property from care home fees, and a trust may also be a suitable option for trying to ringfence assets and retain them for your loved ones to inherit upon your death.

Another consideration is, if you are experiencing matrimonial issues and currently divorcing your spouse, they may inherit until the marriage is dissolved and Decree Absolute is issued. Matrimonial finances can take a considerable amount of time to resolve so it is essential you have a new Will prepared. There are also other actions which you need to take in order to preserve your assets during this difficult time.

Some people consider it appropriate to "challenge a Will" on grounds of validity or making a claim upon a deceased person's Estate as no adequate financial provision has been made. Using the Court system can be stressful for all parties and expensive.

To prevent your loved ones going through additional stress during bereavement, make sure you take professional legal advice. If you would like to speak to a Solicitor about preparing a Will, or wish to obtain advice in relation to your position contact Jane Healey at Forrester Sylvester Mackett Solicitors Private Client Department in Warminster on 217464 or visit www.fsmsolicitors.co.uk.

Longbridge Deverill Parish Council - Winter Weather

Wiltshire Council, as the local highway authority, are the lead party in dealing with winter maintenance within the county. The following web page www.wiltshire.gov.uk/highways-gritting-snow-clearance gives information on the winter service and how Wiltshire Council deliver the service alongside partner agencies. You can keep up to date with the winter service in Wiltshire by following twitter feed [@WiltshireWinter](https://twitter.com/WiltshireWinter). Wiltshire Council have launched a new campaign to encourage you to report fly-tippers. If you spot someone fly-tipping in Wiltshire, report the offender, and as a reward you will get a gift voucher of up to £200 following the payment of a Fixed Penalty Notice or a successful prosecution. They want to put a stop to fly-tipping, and need your help to catch the culprits to keep your county cleaner, greener and safer. Report it: www.wiltshire.gov.uk/report.

The next Parish Council meeting is at 7.30 pm **Monday 6th January** at Longbridge Deverill Parish Hall. Residents welcome. Full minutes and agendas are available on Parish website www.crockertonlongbridgeandhilldeverill.co.uk or from the clerk Nikki Spreadbury-Clews email longbridgedeverillpc@gmail.com or village notice boards

Look after yourself this winter

As winter sets in and really starts to bite it is worth thinking about how we can make sure we look after ourselves and stay well over the cold winter months. The NHS recently launched its annual winter campaign **Help Us Help You** which is to help understand the things you can do. We all know hospitals and surgeries can be especially busy during winter and it can often be difficult to know the best place to go for help, so here are some handy tips to see you through until spring:

It is not too late to get your flu jab the free flu vaccination is offered to those who are at increased risk from the effects of flu, including people aged 65 and over, pregnant women, those with underlying health conditions and children aged 2-10. If you have not had one yet, it is not too late.

Call 111 or visit 111.nhs.uk online - if you are unsure where to go and think you need urgent medical attention, but it is not life-threatening, contacting NHS 111 can help you make sure you reach the most suitable NHS service for your needs.

Ask a pharmacist for advice before minor ailments or winter illnesses get worse

Community pharmacists are qualified healthcare professionals who can offer clinical advice and over the counter medicines to safely manage things like coughs, colds and sore throats. It is quick and convenient to see a pharmacist, you do not need to book an appointment and can often be seen in a private consultation room.

See your GP in the evening or weekend if you cannot see them during the day if you need to see a GP but find it hard to find the time during routine hours, appointments with a GP, nurse or other healthcare professionals are often available in the evenings and at weekends through many local practices or other local NHS services. For more information about services in your area visit: www.wiltshireccg.nhs.uk/local-services



Mere Historical Society

Tuesday 7th January: The History of Bells and Bell ringing by Mike Durkee.

The sound of bells ringing is deeply rooted in British culture. Many people in Britain live within hearing range of bells. We look forward to an interesting talk.

NB There is no evening talk in January

Talks will be in the Grove Building. £3 entry for non-members who are very welcome.

See www.merehistoricalsociety.org.uk



Mere Gardening Club

No meeting January. Happy New Year to all.

Information: www.meregardenclub.org.uk/RogerLaidler (863447).



Maiden Bradley Memorial Hall

The Old Kitchen Store (closed 1st January) 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, open in shop hours.

Pub night: Saturday 1st February 5.30 - 10.00 pm. Fish and Chip van available. Local beer, cider, wine, soft drinks etc. All welcome.

Film night: Friday 10th January - Red Joan (12) doors open at 7.00 pm.

Film night: Saturday 25th January - Dumbo (PG) doors open 5.45 pm.

Fish and Chip van available.



Codford and District Gardening Club

We meet in the large hall in Codford Village Hall at 7.15 pm for 7.30 pm meetings on the third Wednesday of each month. Subscriptions are £5.00 for the year or £2 as a visitor. The next meeting will be the AGM and social evening on **Wednesday 15th January**; this is followed by the 11th Annual Potato Day with Pennard Plants on **Saturday 1st February**. Entrance is £1.50 which includes your first cup of tea/coffee and a slice of cake. Pennards are an RHS Nursery and bring all sorts of vegetables and soft fruits with them, nearly everything you will need for the years vegetable beds; we also have a craft stall, chocolatier, card stall, Wiltshire Wildlife and The Yellow Book stalls.

Karen Johnstone- Secretary - 850258 or email: karen@thewoolstore.co.uk



Warminster History Society

Our first meeting for the new year is on **Wednesday 8th January** 'Chedworth Roman Villa: Recent Discoveries' by Dr Martin Papworth, National Trust

The second meeting is on **Wednesday 5th February** 'An Organ Builder Looks Back' by John Budgen.

Lectures take place in Warminster Library starting at 7.30 pm. For further information contact Sidney Blackmore on 213195.

SERVICES PARISH OF DEVERILLS & HORNINGSHAM

Sunday 5th January	Epiphany Kingston 8.00 am Longbridge 10.30 am	Holy Communion Morning Worship
Sunday 12th January	Plough Sunday Horningsham 11.15	Plough Sunday Service
Sunday 19th January	Epiphany 3 Brixton 10.30 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 26th January	Epiphany 4 Longbridge 10.30 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 2nd February	Candlemas Brixton 8.00 am Longbridge 10.30 am	Holy Communion Morning Worship

Personal Morning Prayer

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

REGISTER

Funeral - *Our thoughts & prayers are with the family*

Roy Gingell at Brixton Wednesday 4th December

Dan Honley at Longbridge on Thursday 19th December

CHURCH CLEANERS FOR JANUARY



Kingston Sarah Fagan & Judy Munro
Brixton Eve McBride & Sophie Lawson
Longbridge see rota

CHURCH FLOWER ARRANGERS FOR JANUARY



	Kingston	Brixton	Longbridge
5th Jan	Alice Stratton	Sue Mylne	Maureen Hinton
12th Jan	Alice Stratton	Sue Mylne	Maureen Hinton
19th Jan	Judy McCulloch	Alice Irwin	Diana Abbott
26th Jan	Judy McCulloch	Alice Irwin	Diana Abbott

SERVICES PARISH OF CORSLEY & CHAPMANSLADE

Sunday 5th January	Epiphany Corsley 9.30 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 12th January	Plough Sunday Horningsham 11.15 am Corsley 11.00 am	Holy Communion Morning Prayer
Sunday 19th January	Epiphany 3 Corsley 10.30 am	Morning Worship
Sunday 26th January	Epiphany 4 Chapmanslade 9.30 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 2nd February	Candlemas Corsley 9.30 am Chapmanslade 3.15 / 4.00 pm	Holy Communion Making Christingles / Service

Epiphany - Sunday 5th January

10.30 am St Peter and St Paul, Longbridge Deverill
Families are very welcome to join in the celebration
of the Three Wise men who followed the star
to Bethlehem to bring gifts to Jesus



Christingle & Candlemas - a candlelit service Sunday 2nd February at (3.15 pm) 4.00 pm



Chapmanslade Church
The blessing of church candles for the coming year
Families are particularly welcome
Please bring your own candles to be blessed

The Deverills, Crockerton & Horningsham 50/50 Club

December winners are Martha Stone £50 and Richard Baxter £25
Special Christmas prize Ruth Sutton £75



There is always room for new members so please get in touch with Diana Abbott if you'd 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