

PARISH OF DEVERILLS AND HORNINGSHAM

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PARISH NEWS

The Deverills & Crockerton



Monkton Deverill by Pat Armstrong

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Look inside for local news & information

Contact the Editor and the Website

Parish News Editor: Judy Munro 844385
 Contributions for the Parish News by post to
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Please remember the deadline is 15th of the month - Thank you

Website: Benefice of Cley Hill Villages www.cleyhillchurches.org

Website contents: Parish News, Church services, Parish Register, Events

Community Coffee Mornings



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



POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Call Bridget 844884 or Judy 844385 if you require transport

QUIZ NIGHT

in aid of Deverills & Horningsham churches

Longbridge Deverill Parish Hall on Friday 3rd April

THIS HAS BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES



UPPER DEVERILLS VILLAGE HALL

End of Winter Feast - POSTPONED

AGM - POSTPONED

Monthly Pub Night - POSTPONED

As everybody will well understand, we have cancelled our pub nights and are postponing other centrally organized Village Hall events and meetings until it is safe to hold them. But rest assured that we will be back with a bang as soon as we can!

CROCKERTON VILLAGE COMMITTEE EVENTS

VE DAY 75 Celebration 8th May

Meet at Shearwater Lake for evening drinks

SCRARCROW TRAIL – 5/6/7 June

Theme: Children's books/films & nursery rhymes, £5 entry,

All proceeds to the Crockerton Defibrillator Fund

If you would like to enter please contact Beccy by the 9th May
on 07730 003767 or email becstermc@icloud.com

STREET PARTY – 7th June – more details next month

Look up 'Crockerton Village Committee' on facebook

DONATIONS WELCOME ON THE DAY FOR CROCKERTON VILLAGE COMMITTEE

Due to COVID 19 the above events may be cancelled



FUTURE EVENTS

- Longbridge Annual Parish Meeting Monday 27th April See p7
- Longbridge Annual Council Meeting Monday 4th May See p7
- Crockerton Village Committee VE Day Celebration Friday 8th May See p2
- DAG Talk - Dr Andrew Murrison MP Friday 15th May see p4
- Upper Deverills Hall Pub Night Friday 29th May
- Scarecrow Trail 5th, 6th & 7th June See p2
- Crockerton Street Party Sunday 7th June See p2
- Upper Deverills Hall Duck Race Saturday 13th June
- Upper Deverills Hall Pub Night Friday 26th June
- Upper Deverills Hall Summer Fete Saturday 18th July
- Upper Deverills Hall Pub Night Friday 31st July
- Upper Deverills Hall Pub Night Friday 28th August
- Jazz Night Saturday 5th September see p4
- Upper Deverills Hall Pub Night Friday 25th September
- Upper Deverills Hall Quiz Night Friday 23rd October
- Upper Deverills Hall Pub Night Friday 30th October
- Upper Deverills Hall Curry Lunch Sunday 8th November
- Upper Deverills Hall Pub Night Friday 27th November
- Upper Deverills Hall Children's Christmas Party Saturday 12th December
- Upper Deverills Village Carol Service Sunday 20th December

LOCAL COUNCILS, SOCIETIES, GROUPS etc.

Longbridge Deverill Parish Council - www.crockertonlongbridgeandhilldeverill.co.uk

Caroline Sawyer 840585 (Chair)	Bob Pitman 212953
Kate Plastow 840975 (Vice Chair)	David Searle 213767
Richard Baxter 212918	Nigel Spreadbury-Clews 216660
Juliet Brathwaite MBE 841338	James Walker
Martin McDermott 216939	
Nikki Spreadbury-Clews (Clerk) 216660 or longbridgedeverillpc@gmail.com	

Upper Deverills Parish Council - www.upperdeverills.co.uk

Bridget Beattie 844884 (Chair)	Gillian Flint 844507
David Croot 840944 (Vice Chair)	Louise Stratton 844105
Richard Munro 844385 (acting Clerk) cllrmunro@upperdeverills.co.uk	

Wiltshire Councillor Fleur de Rhé Philipe 213193

Member of Parliament Dr Andrew Murrison 01225 358584

Wiltshire Council 0300 456 0100

Sir James Thynne Almshouse Sue Jackson 840322 (Trustee)

Longbridge Deverill Parish Hall Committee

Anna Mead 212759 (Secretary) Sylvia Titt 214825 (Bookings)

Upper Deverills Village Hall

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

Crockerton Village Committee Marion Thomas 213739 (Chair)

Deverill & Crockerton WI Sue Bohana 215546 (Pres) Julie Wallder 213142 (Sec)

Deverills Cricket Club Ed Read 840835 (Captain)

Community Police - Local Officer (Rural)

PCSO Candida Jackson – Candida.jackson@Wiltshire.pnn.police.uk or call 101

Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator Deverills & Crockerton Dympna 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,

This is not the kind of letter I was anticipating writing as Easter approaches. Yesterday I was supposed to be flying to New York to meet my beautiful new baby grandson, needless to say I did not make it and I will have to content myself with WhatsApp photos, videos and chats. By the time you read this my eldest daughter in Spain will have had her baby too; obviously Spain is a no no as well so I will be spending a good deal of time on my phone! However, as the severity of this pandemic escalates part of me is grateful the decision whether or not to travel has been taken out of my hands as this means that I will be here with my husband, our church family and the wider community to weather the storm together.

It's funny how extreme situations bring out the best and the worst of people's behaviour. Hoarding food and loo rolls (what is it about loo rolls!) being the worst, proactively reaching out to others to plan ways in which we can support the most vulnerable people in our communities being the best. There are many uplifting and life affirming new stories emerging about ways in which people are coming together with really imaginative ideas about how we might do this. I read yesterday about young woman who had designed a small postcard to put through people's doors so that they could indicate what kind of help if any, they needed. It was the comment at the end that was so good; she said 'let's make kindness go viral'. What an amazing thought! As the virus deepens its grip on our daily lives let's see how much kindness we can generate. Let's respond to panic and fear with love, care and compassion.

I know there are already amazing things going on in our villages to try support those who are particularly vulnerable and thus self-isolating. I want to reassure you that even though public worship is now suspended for the time being the church hasn't shut up shop! Every Sunday two clergy will have a short communion service in in each church that is listed to have one, or Morning Prayer, in which case we can do that on our own. We are hoping to be able to have this filmed and uploaded to Youtube very soon so that those who want to can access it. I am of course aware that not everybody can do this so I will also be emailing the Sunday readings, a copy of my talk and prayer resources to all our church family. If we do not have your contact details and you would like to be included in that email list do be in touch. All our churches will be open during the day so that people can come in and sit quietly or pray and I am working on the possibility of providing prayer resources in a way that is safe for everyone. I am always on the end of a phone as are our retired clergy.

I started this letter with a reference to Easter and the story of the resurrection from the darkness of death to the glory of new life. Whether you believe in the resurrection or not the story communicates the possibility of hope of new life emerging from the darkness of confusion and fear. In these extraordinary times hope is emerging in the form of neighbours helping one another out and whole communities working together to support one another. When all this is over I hope our individualistic and consumerist society will remember how good it is to reach out to others in love and care.

When I consider my poor daughters and their new-born babies cooped up in New York and Spain I feel very lucky to be able to walk out of my front door into the countryside and the glorious new life of spring. Do take care of yourselves, know that you are loved by a faithful God who will never leave us whatever happens.

With love and prayers,

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





DEVERILLS ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP

Upper Deverills Hall Friday 15th May 7.00 for 7.30 pm

Talk by Dr Andrew Murrison MP

The talk will be loosely based on his life as an MP, but the content is likely to be steered by questions from the floor. Tickets £10 each.

This will be a popular event so early booking is recommended via events.dag@gmail.com or kevin mcbride 07899908605



New Orleans Jazz Horningsham Village Hall Saturday 5th September



New Orleans Heat are returning for their 6th and final concert. After 5 happy evenings at Horningsham, they have made a special request to play for us one more time, before they retire!

Please make a note in your diary, we look forward to seeing you at this fantastic evening of New Orleans jazz played by some of the best jazz musicians in the country!

Any enquiries please contact Richard Abbott on 840763

Book & Dining Club

Our meetings have been postponed until the Coronavirus pandemic allows us to meet again but members have suggested books to read:



Lady in Waiting by Anne Glenconner The remarkable life of Lady in Waiting to Princess Margaret who was also a Maid of Honour at the Queen's Coronation, and is a character in *The Crown* this autumn. She reveals the real events behind The Crown and drama and tragedy in her own life.

Leadership in War by Andrew Roberts Leadership in War, a collection of nine portraits of wartime leaders, from Napoleon Bonaparte to Margaret Thatcher. The author is a prolific historian of WW II and biographer of Napoleon and Churchill.

Nightshift Before Christmas by Adam Kay Festive hospital diaries from the author of million-copy hit 'This is Going to Hurt'.

The Guest List by Lucy Foley Off the windswept Irish coast, guests gather for the wedding of the year. Old friends, past grudges, happy families, hidden jealousies, thirteen guests, one body.

Attention All Shipping by Charlie Connelly A journey around the shipping forecast.

Nature Notes



I have just had a look at the weather for next week and it looks dry! That will be a change. Shame that we will be less inclined to go out and about with this coronavirus. We will have to enjoy what we can close to home. The garden is looking quite cheerful with the yellow of the daffodils, primroses and forsythia. We have got big clumps of blue pulmonaria that seems to be doing especially well this year; it obviously doesn't mind the wet. There are also mauve clumps of wild dog violets that I encourage as I think they are really pretty. I still haven't got around to planting the Christmas tree but I have managed to plant the fig which had also been in a pot far too long. I am hoping it won't die of shock!

The toads are still active in the pond. There seem to be a lot more males than females and they end up in big bundles with a female surrounded by amorous males. I found a dead female floating in the pond the other day and I think it must have just been suffocated in an orgy. Sadly I have found toads dead on the road but so far not as many as last year, though last year I think that there were more toads about.



The moorhens are around quite a lot of the time and I have seen them mating on numerous occasions. So far I have not noticed any nest building activity. They are beginning to be more protective of their territory and chase other birds away. I saw one of them make a pheasant shift earlier this afternoon; poor pheasant was quite bewildered.

We took a look at the nest box on the silver birch tree once the crocuses had gone over and found that it was badly warped with all the wet weather so we have taken it down and so far not replaced it. There is a distinct possibility that the electricity board will want to reduce the height of the birch tree, as it is growing near the wires that pass across the garden, so we don't want to encourage nesting there this year. So far I have only seen interest in one of the nest boxes; a pair of great tits were viewing the box on the beech tree at the front of the house mid-week.

We have got good numbers of blackbirds and robins in the garden. I put down seed and dried fruit, mainly sultanas, which they thoroughly enjoy. Watching their behaviour you can work out where their territories extend to; there is an imaginary line that causes a rumpus if crossed. The seed I put down often attracts bullfinches. Yesterday I had a pair just outside the window and I could see all their beautiful colours, the male especially with his jet black head and contrasting pinky red breast. We have had the female great spotted woodpecker feeding on the peanuts occasionally and parties of long-tailed tits feasting on the fat and peanuts. One day there was a male green woodpecker finding food in the vegetation along the edge of the pond. With the new scope it was easy to identify it as male; red marking inside the black moustache.



A badger has been visiting the garden and sadly doing some damage. When I worked out how it was getting in I tried to create some form of barrier to deter it. Not easy to do. Badgers are so determined, so strong and act just like bulldozers; when they want to get in somewhere they usually do!

Jane Trollope (written 15th March)

Ian Woodcock

The daughters of Ian Woodcock, Sarah, Rachael and Anna, would like it known that their beloved father passed away peacefully at home on 15th March. He and our mother, Daphne have lived in the village for over 60 years and dearly loved being a part of the community. A service of thanksgiving will be announced in due course and Sarah, Rachael and Anna would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their kindness, friendship and support.



Below is an article Ian wrote about his life in farming for the Parish News (Nov 2013 issue).

An Old Agriculturist's Ramblings - Part 3

Following on from my last contribution, I was enjoying working for Col. Jack very much, but was anxious to become boss of my own acres. My wife was of the same opinion, as she, being a farmer's daughter was missing the benefits of a large farmhouse complete with Esse cooker. She had to put up with a small brand new cottage, which had been built post-war when the restrictions imposed were that only £1,000 could be spent on building it. So whenever the opportunity arose of a farm coming up for a new tenant my ears pricked up and with the added help of a very kind father-in-law, we were off viewing at the first opportunity. This became fairly often and Col. Jack was not happy about my frequent requests for a day off. Eventually I was called into the office for a discussion about my future. A proposition was put to me, if I guaranteed to stay in my present position for five years my salary would be doubled, I would then be able to visit potential farms to rent. I said that I would consider the proposal, but would need to discuss it with my wife, and would come back to him with my opinion. I returned to him to say I would stay for a minimum of three years, to which he replied I could not expect to have my salary doubled! I agreed and he said he would accept my three years and I would receive a £755 increase, which I accepted. We shook hands as no contracts of employment were needed in those days, a gentleman's word was his bond.



Unfortunately, when two years and six months had passed, I had a visit from my brother-in-law who farmed in Horningsham. He had news that Mr Algar, who was then agent to Lord Bath, who owned Ryehill Farm and tenanted Shute Farm, was relinquishing the tenancy of Shute and disposing of his manager. The proposition was put to me that I could have the tenancy of Shute with the proviso that I had to manage Ryehill Farm as well. He wanted me to take over the two farms as manager on June 21st, following which on September 29th the two would be split and I would farm Shute on my own and continue to manage Ryehill for him. Unfortunately, I could not discuss this with Col. Jack as he was away in Austria on a farming visit. When he returned on a Saturday I contacted him and stated that I wanted to see him rather urgently. We arranged that I would go and walk over the farm on the Sunday after lunch when I could 'spill the beans', which meant I was abandoning him with 1,000 acres of harvesting to be gathered! We set off, me with fear and trepidation as I gave him the news. He stopped dead in his tracks, looked me straight in the face and said "Ian, you'll never get another opportunity like this, I will release you from our agreement". This shows what an understanding gentleman he was. The next hurdle to jump was to find a replacement for me, he advertised for someone to be his foreman. There were a number of potential applicants we duly interviewed. Unfortunately we selected the wrong one, he only lasted for 3 months.

On the 21st June 1956 we departed from Lower Pertwood after taking all the staff to The George at Longbridge Deverill for a farewell drink and took up residence at Shute Farm.

Deverill Valley & Crockerton WI

Our Meeting in March was most enjoyable and the fish and chips were delicious; we had our Annual meeting and elected the officers for the next year. Unfortunately, we will not be meeting in April due to the Corona virus outbreak but we will resume again as soon as we can. Meanwhile if you would like to know more about the WI in the Deverill Valley please contact Julie Wallder on 213142.



Cast on & Craft Group

Unfortunately, because of the current restrictions the group will not be meeting until circumstances change and then we can resume our enjoyable meetings



Wiltshire Wildlife Trust and Wiltshire Ornithological Society



Due of the current situation unfortunately the Bird Fair 2020, due to take place on Saturday 18th April at Langford Lakes Nature Reserve, has been postponed. It is hoped the event can be rearranged later in the year.



Codford Gardening Club

Unfortunately we have had to cancel our meeting on 15th April due to the current circumstances nationally.



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.

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

NB: The shop will try to remain open for basic items during the current situation.



Mere Historical Society

Unfortunately, due to the current circumstances, our AGM meeting and talk on Tuesday 7th April and the talk on Tuesday 14th April have been cancelled.

Mere Gardening Club

It is with regret that the meetings in April, May and June, including the outing in June, have unfortunately had to be cancelled due to the current uncertain circumstances.



Warminster History Society

We regret that our meeting in April has had to be cancelled due to the precautions necessary to protect people from the Coronavirus.



Kingston Deverill Church Reordering Programme

The programme is advancing steadily, but may be affected by the current situation. Most of the pre-Faculty application surveys and reports have been done. Please see the website www.kdchurchproject.co.uk for all the background to the programme, together with updates. In particular, please use the 'Have your say' form or email info@kdchurchproject.co.uk if you would like to make a comment.



Lakeside Garden Centre

We would like to reassure all of our customers that we are closely monitoring developments concerning the Coronavirus pandemic and are taking all necessary steps to ensure the well being of all our customers and employees. Our garden centres remain open and coffee shops are operating a takeout service, this situation could change and we will follow all government advice and guidelines. To ensure our customers have items they need from our Garden Centres, we would like to remind them we offer a delivery service to help at this difficult time.



The George Inn

In the current situation of the Coronavirus the George Inn are offering a take out service with the following menu:



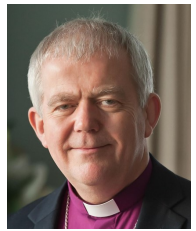
(GF)- gluten free if requested (V)- vegetarian (VG)- Vegan if requested

- Beer battered Cod, chips and peas (GF) **£10**
- 6oz Beef Burger and chips **£6**
- Falafel Burger and chips (V) **£6**
- Sweet Potato Burger and chips (V) **£6**
- Add Cheese **£1**
- **we have vegan style brioche buns for vegans. Please request over the phone when you order**
- Kids Dippers & Chips **£5**
- Kids Fish finger & Chips **£5**
- Kids Scampi & Chips **£5**
- Kids Sausage and chips **£5**
- Chips or Fries **£2.50**

Please phone (840396) and order and we will deliver to your car. Payment by card over phone **12.30-8pm. These times may vary or change**

NB: This offer may change as the situation develops so the menu is available as the magazine goes to print.

Doing the normal abnormally



In developing our responses to Coronavirus we are in uncharted territory. The Church of England's policies change as circumstances change. What we are doing is informed by the best scientific advice and government policy. We need corporate discipline so in working out church policies we need to keep to this guidance.

During the recent flooding it was striking that in every affected community churches were at the heart of the care and recovery programmes. We are local everywhere. With Coronavirus the suspension of public worship and the need for 'social distancing' makes this more difficult. It is heartening to see that lots of good ideas are being developed locally. In this the social media can be a great blessing.

Good pastoral care is vital for the whole community, especially the most vulnerable. Please work with neighbours to care for those most in need. Check on neighbours, shop for those staying in, make sure food banks continue to be well stocked, form groups to act together, pray for one another.

Prayer and worship are at the heart of church life. Private prayer has always been a core practice. Encourage people to make space for it personally and as a household. Use Morning and Evening Prayer if you want to be connected with the prayer of the wider Church community. Read the scriptures and hold people and events before God and say the Lord's Prayer. We might also learn to pray with others on the phone, in chat groups and the like. Remember especially our health care workers, the government and those making decisions about our common life.

Church buildings can stay open for private prayer and in some communities it might be possible to advertise when someone can be there for those who want to talk in what are often large spaces where 'social distancing' is easy. If you do this, take care about washing and cleaning. Our churches continue to be good places to pray in at the heart of every community. Work cooperatively even when it is not possible to do things by being physically together. We need one another, particularly in difficult times when we are learning to do the normal abnormally.

Bishop Nicholas

Hello, are you self-isolating due to Covid-19?
Do you need help with urgent shopping, a prescription, friendly chat?
Help is being organised in your local area by



Churches Together in Warminster and District

Anyone can phone for help on the local hotline:

07960 221663 between 9.00 am to 6.00 pm

Cornavirus is contagious, so we will take precautions to ensure we are spreading only kindness by avoiding physical contact and washing hands regularly

Beware of Fraudsters

Wiltshire Police would like to remind residents to be aware of fraudsters trying to take advantage of others during the current global situation. We have heard from other police forces of new scams which are targeting the elderly and most vulnerable who are self-isolating at home. Examples of fraud include people visiting homes posing as police officers and/or health officials trying to gain entry with a view to burgle them. The criminals will often offer fake coronavirus testing as well as bogus food and medicine delivery services. Top tips to thwart the fraudsters:



- Be a good neighbour - keep an eye on an elderly or vulnerable person living near you.
- Check ID - volunteers working with the health and emergency services will have the necessary documentation to prove they are genuine.
- If in doubt call us - if you are not sure about someone, do not engage and report any serious suspicious behaviour.
- Online fraud - do not click on links or attachments in suspicious emails and never respond to unsolicited messages and calls that ask for your personal or financial details.
- Shopping online - if buying from a company or person you do not know and trust, carry out some research first, and ask a friend or family member for advice before completing the purchase. If you decide to go ahead with the purchase, use a credit card if you have one as most major credit card providers insure online purchases.

The majority of groups are well intentioned and will be working with charities or a local authority and should have proof that they are doing so. Remember, currently in Wiltshire, police officers and medical professionals are not doing door-to-door checks or administering tests. Report any suspicious person or activity to us straight away so we can gather evidence and take action against the individuals.

Call 101, if non-urgent, or 999 in an emergency. You can also report crime online now via our website www.wiltshire.police.uk

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Warminster Neighbourhood Team (Warminster, Westbury, Tisbury & Mere).
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Longbridge Deverill Parish Council



At the meeting on 2nd March four grant applications were approved. The British Red Cross first aid course in February was fully subscribed. Attendees said it was fun and they learnt some useful life saving skills.

Coronavirus update: The Spring Litter Picks have been cancelled. The VE Day Anniversary Celebrations are postponed until September.

Meetings: these are due to take place but please check our website for up to date information: Annual Parish meeting **Monday 27th April** and Annual Council Meeting on **Monday 4th May**.

If you need assistance during these challenging times please let us know, contact details below, our volunteers are here to help. Some of the ways we can help, but not limited; collecting shopping, newspapers, prescriptions, posting letters, pet services, a friendly phone call. If you would like to sign up to receiving village information or would like to volunteer then please contact the Parish Council Clerk **Nikki Spreadbury-Clews**, **Email: Longbridgedeverillpc@gmail.com Landline: 216660 or Mobile: 07986 880164**. To see the full minutes and agendas of meetings please visit the Parish Council web site www.crockertonlongbridgeandhilldeverill.co.uk or contact the clerk details above.

Upper Deverills Parish Council



Coronavirus: The Parish Councillors have initiated an Upper Deverills community help structure to take us through the current Coronavirus crisis. We may need to provide this support for the foreseeable future. The main purpose of the community emergency structure is to provide help to whoever in our community needs it. This might include shopping, collection of prescriptions etc. for those who are unable to leave their homes. The lead people are Ted Flint (Kingston), Bridget Beattie (Monkton) and David Croot (Brixton). These individuals will be supported by a small group of other volunteers from each community. Residents in each community should use these leads as the first point of contact. You can use our e-mail addresses or in case of an urgent request for help, our landline number. These are:

Ted Flint (Kingston): tedflint@gmail.com tel: 844507 mob: 07538 405135

Bridget Beattie (Monkton): chair@upperdeverills.co.uk tel: 844884

Tass Richardson (Monkton): aerkjr@yahoo.co.uk tel: 844031 mob: 07715 664746

David Croot (Brixton): cllrcroot@upperdeverills.co.uk tel: 840944

If no one has made contact with you yet please do get in touch. We will try to keep everyone in the valley up-to-date with the latest information both through direct e-mails and through the Upper Deverills Facebook page.

The VE day celebrations in May have been postponed. The provisional date is now 15th and 16th August to combine VE and VJ day.

Upper Deverills Parish Council meetings have been postponed. The Annual Parish Meeting on the 13th May has also been postponed. Both meetings will be rescheduled.

Parish Clerk we do not have a Clerk at present so if you need to contact the Parish Council please contact Richard Munro initially by email : cllrmunro@upperdeverills.co.uk, or phone 844385. The telephone numbers of all parish councillors are listed on Page 14.

Electoral Roll



Under Church of England rules, we are required to update the Electoral Roll. **If your name is already on the roll it is not necessary to reapply.** Should you wish to add your name to the Roll please complete a new application form in order that the Roll can be prepared for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

The Electoral Roll is the formal list of members of the Church who are entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting. Most baptised worshippers over the age of 16 will be eligible. It is important that everyone who is eligible joins the Roll in order that the membership is representative of the Parish. It is also helpful to the clergy to keep in touch with church members and to offer appropriate pastoral care.

Application forms: available in the churches / from the Electoral Roll Officer, Diana Abbott by email: decabbott@gmail.com or 840763.

Please return the form before Saturday 18th April, to Diana at 29 The Marsh, Longbridge Deverell BA12 7EA or hand it to a Church Warden.

The Deverills, Crockerton & Horningsham 50/50 Club

March winners: £50 Harry Stone and £25 Tony Jackson

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



CHURCH CLEANERS FOR APRIL

Kingston Mandy Martyn & Angie Beloe

Brixton Belinda Stewart Cox & Pony Burrige

Longbridge see rota



CHURCH FLOWER ARRANGERS FOR APRIL

Kingston **Brixton** **Longbridge**

5th April	Lent	no	flowers
12th April	Alice Stratton	Sheelagh Brown	Jo Steptoe
19th April	Alice Stratton	Sophie Lawson	Jo Steptoe
26th April	Alice Stratton	Sophie Lawson	Kate Plastow



SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE OF CLEY HILL VILLAGES

Dear Friends,

I never thought I would see the day that I told people not to come to church! As you all know public worship is suspended for the foreseeable future. But prayer in our churches will go on. I intend to follow the rota as set which means Gay, Marian, Robert, our LLM, and myself will follow the usual rota as set and be in the churches for Sunday prayers. So in practice it looks like this:

1st Sunday: 9.30 am Corsley (Eucharist), 10.30 am Longbridge (Morning Prayer)

2nd Sunday: 9.30 am Chapmanslade (Eucharist), 10.30 am Kingston (Eucharist)

3rd Sunday: 10.30 am Brixton (Eucharist)

4th Sunday: 9.30 am Chapmanslade (Eucharist), 10.30 am Longbridge (Eucharist)

5th Sunday: 10.30 am Horningsham will have prayers or Eucharist.

Whether or not the Eucharist happens depends on whether or not two people are available to celebrate it, we are not allowed to do this on our own. For instance I had planned to be at Longbridge on Mothering Sunday to share the Eucharist with Di but I had a sore throat and Di is over 70 so cannot be any part of the rota for the time being. Gay was self isolating as she has just returned from a holiday. If only one minister is available they will pray Morning prayer by themselves. I cannot use our Lay Worship leaders nor our retired clergy because they are all over 70.

I am not telling you all this because I want you to come to church: **PLEASE DO NOT COME** but it would be wonderful if you joined in by offering your prayers at the same time as prayer is going on in church. The Church of England website has all the services on its website plus some wonderful prayers with regard to the situation we are in. If you cannot access the internet please let me know.

The financial impact will obviously be huge with the cessation of services in church, it would be wonderful if we could put aside the money we were to put in the collection plate every week. Or maybe set up a direct debit every month if you haven't already done so. Please contact me if this is what you would like to do and I will direct you to the relevant treasurer.

This missive focuses necessarily on the practical aspects of making sure even though we cannot meet together to worship now we can still be a community of faith, praying together, loving our neighbours and serving our communities. Future communications will be shorter and focused more on keeping our prayer and spiritual lives alight in these difficult times. I end with a prayer from C of E website.

***Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy.
Sustain and support the anxious, be with those who care for the sick,
and lift up all who are brought low; that we may find comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord.***

Amen

Rev Pauline Reid