

PARISH NEWS

The Deverills & Crockerton



Pope's House, Kingston Deverill by Pat Armstrong

JULY 2020

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Wednesday 1st July - 10.30 am

Arrangements for Sylvia Titt's funeral at Longbridge Deverill

Unfortunately, due to the Covid 19 restrictions it is not possible for anyone apart from close family to attend Sylvia's funeral. However, in the future there will be a thanksgiving service for her when the wider community can be included. On Wednesday 1st July the hearse will drive up Sand Street and around the Marsh, onto the main road and then to the church so there will be an opportunity for people to stand outside their houses or on the pavement to pay their respects.

Are you self-isolating due to Covid-19? Do you need help with urgent shopping, a prescription or need a friendly chat?

Help is being organised in your local area by



Churches Together in Warminster and District

Call the hotline: **07960 221663 between 9.00 am and 6.00 pm**

We will take careful precautions to ensure we are not spreading the virus.

The Deverills, Crockerton & Horningsham 50/50 Club

May winners: £50 - anonymous and £25 Trish Birts

The valley's 50/50 club raises funds to help run and preserve our four beautiful churches for the benefit of all who live here and appreciate the uniqueness and community spirit of village life, now more important than ever. It is not for raising money for the wider church but is for the indirect benefit of us all who live in the valley. Each club member pays £24 per year and the proceeds are divided 50/50 with half going to support the churches and half given as prizes, currently £50 and £25 every month, with extra prizes at Christmas. Winners' names are published monthly in the Parish News. Last year over £1,000 was raised for the churches and a similar amount given as prizes. To join please complete a membership form, available from Diana Abbott and return it to her, 29 The Marsh, Longbridge Deverill, BA12 7EA. For further details ring 840763 or email: decabbott@gmail.com.



CHURCH CLEANERS FOR JULY

Brixton Claire Watts & Sally Buchan Jones

Longbridge - contact Maggie Ratcliffe 840405 **Kingston** - contact Alice Stratton 844549

CHURCH FLOWER ARRANGERS FOR JULY



	Kingston	Brixton	Longbridge
5th July	Dinah Barnes	Sue Mylne	Margot Judd
12th July	Charlotte Williams	Mary Stewart Cox	Margot Judd
19st July	Charlotte Williams	Mary Stewart Cox	Jo Steptoe
26th July	Bridget Beattie	Ruth Sutton	Jo Steptoe



Dear Friends,

Mid summers day and the Summer Solstice have passed quietly this year and as many more celebrations both personal and public slip by we look forward, in hope, to some sort of 'normality' again. More shops open, we gather in our groups of 6 or in a distanced 'bubble' with friends, and the church is now opening for private prayer, we can appreciate what we have missed. It was such a joy when I sat on a hillside with 5 neighbours having a picnic, reveling in the beauty of the countryside around us, the peace and quiet, the sound of birds singing and sharing time with friends.



In this period of lock down, with the glorious weeks of sun and the following torrents of rain, I have been exploring the wonders of nature, thanks to donations of seedlings and some tomato plants. As a non-gardener I now relish my daily visits to nurture my expanding vegetable patch – the wonder of new life and seeing plants develop and produce their 'fruit'. The miracle of growth as yellow flowers appear on the courgettes and squashes.

Gerard Manley Hopkins wrote in his poem God's Grandeur:

'The world is charged with the grandeur of God.'

and he ended with

'Because the Holy Ghost over the bent

World broods with warm breast and with ah! bright wings.'

As a church and in the whole local community we pause as we remember Sylvia Titt, who died peacefully at home 5th June. Sylvia has been a pillar of our community, apart from being Sexton and caretaker of Longbridge church, she has been a friend and helper to many people. In recent years a stalwart of the Mother's and Toddlers group, a renowned collector for the Royal British Legion poppy appeal for 56 years (amazing), she has been an integral part of the Deverills life and will be sadly missed. Love and prayers for her and all her family.

The easing of restrictions has now allowed us to open some churches for private prayer, St Mary's Kingston Deverill will be open on Wednesdays and Sundays from 9.00 am until 6.00 pm, we continue to have online services for the Benefice on Sunday and Morning Prayer on Monday mornings. For details to access these on-line services please see below.

With love and prayers

Robert Shuler

Online services

If you would like the link to join the online services on Monday mornings at 9.00 am or on Sundays at 10.00 am please make contact with Rev Pauline Reid on 841290 / revpauline@btinternet.com or Robert Shuler 844291 / r.shuler@btinternet.com.

On a Good Day

Among the songs I have listened to frequently during lockdown, one has been especially sustaining. It is called 'On a Good Day', by Tim Keegan - a relatively unknown but gifted and perceptive songwriter. 'On a good day', he sings, 'I can see through the clouds', continuing: 'the search for truth and love that brought me to here, will carry on - I've nothing to fear... on a good day'. It is a deeply consoling tune and, like the best songs, a kind of advocate for how we might be feeling. Each of us needs to know our life is understood in its highs and lows - and that, ultimately, we are known, heard and loved. The deep assurance of our faith in this is indeed the case: the Holy Spirit, scripture assures us, not only brings the word of God alive to us, but also carries our voice to God in groans beyond speech. Our life is hid with Christ, just as his life is hid with us.

These long weeks of confinement have brought you, I am sure, a mixed bag of experiences: some good days along with the bad days when we have known the sun on our face and the wind of God at our back, as the Celtic blessing puts it. As we embark upon the next season of this unforgettable year, may you know God's company and comfort and a renewed hope that 'those who go out weeping, shall return with songs of joy'.

Andrew Rumsey - Bishop of Ramsbury



Thank you from Claire and Kevin Gray

We would like to say a big thank you for all the kind messages we have received for delivering newspapers to the Longbridge residents who have not been able to go out during lockdown. It has been our pleasure and we are glad we could help in a small way.'



Thank you from Elizabeth Stewart

A note of appreciation for Chris, Sue, and the team at our local garage. They are such a kind, friendly and super-efficient team, delivering a vital service, especially the daily papers! I am sure I am not alone in saying thank you for everything you do at this difficult time of trial for all of us.



Thank you Parish News Volunteers & Contributors

To everyone who contributes to the Parish News, especially during the lockdown, with articles, information or delivery, thank you so much. I receive many messages of appreciation throughout the year and especially now, all your efforts to keep our local community connected are appreciated. If you have an interesting hobby or profession or story you would like to share with readers please get in touch with the Editor, it would be lovely to hear from you, just call or email, details on page 16.



Judy Munro - Editor

Pentecost - the gift of the Holy Spirit - Sunday 31st May

Benefice of the Cley Hill Villages saw 30 cars, with around 60 people arrive in a field in Corsley for a 'Drive In' service, the initiative of Churchwarden John Helliard and his wife Judith. To be gathered for worship in this way, when our worship has been restricted to virtual worship for weeks, was sheer delight for all who came from across the Benefice. John worked hard to prepare the site, and Churchwarden and Lay Worship Leader Ian Buick supplied technical know-how, taking charge of the PA system, providing music and hymns. The team was grateful to the nearby Little Cuckoos Pre-school for use of their electricity.



The service was led by Rector Pauline Reid, but it was a truly collaborative event, with Licensed Lay Minister Robert Shuler and Licensed Lay Worship Leader Ian Buick reading the 2 passages of Scripture and Associate Priest Gay Maynard leading the prayers. The congregation remained seated in their cars - which were positioned to maintain social distancing - but it was so good to be able to see one another. The weather was perfect and we were blessed by a beautiful, warm sunny morning accompanied by a gentle breeze. The sounds and sights of the countryside and the moments of sheer silence made for a tangible awareness of the presence of God in the Holy Spirit. We were a visible presence to passers-by and one cyclist even stopped to worship with us. All of it was a time of grace, from the beautiful setting, the warm breeze, the birdsong and most poignantly, the presence of so many of our congregation. It was a Pentecost I shall never forget, and I feel immensely privileged to have been part of it.

Rev Gay Maynard - Associate Priest

Friend of The Deverills Churches

The Annual General Meeting of the Friends took place electronically this year. Six trustees (Richard Abbott, Ranald Blue, Eve McBride, Hilary McFarland, Judy Munro and Roger Wheeler) agreed to continue in post and Annual Accounts and Report were accepted. The Friends of the Deverills Churches exists to raise and target money to maintain and improve the churches of the Deverill Valley but not to contribute to other elements of church expenses. If you would like to make a donation or find out more about the Friends of the Deverill Churches please contact Hilary McFarland at hilarymcfarland@talktalk.net or call 212206.



Crockerton School - Headteacher Nic Ilic

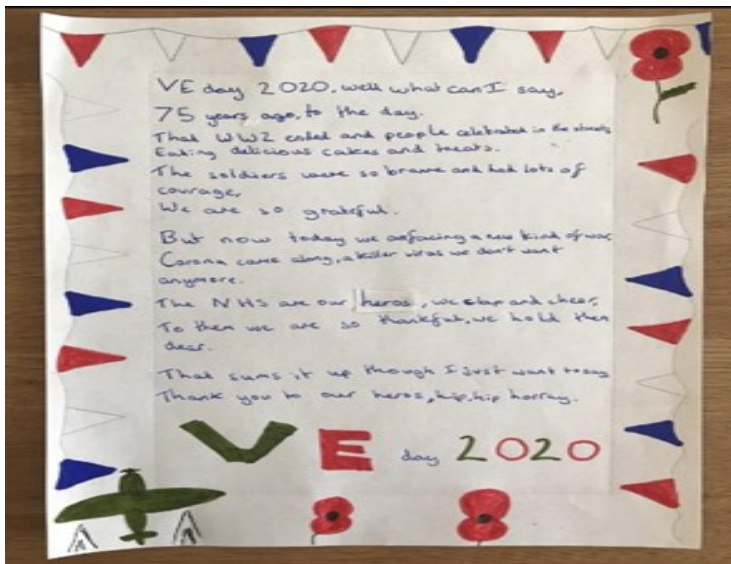
We continue to try to see our way through these challenging times. On Monday 1st June we opened to our Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 children with 80% of the children returning. If you have been following the guidelines for schools reopening, you would have heard about 'bubbles'. Therefore, we decided to welcome the children back with bubbles, bunting and flags; plus a brand new School sign that 2 families helped organise.



Unfortunately, we are not yet able to welcome all children back to school so we have pictures all around the school of those not yet back but doing their work at home. Generally, the children in school are delighted to be back in. They agree that the best thing about school is seeing their friends again. We have been blessed with great weather so we are spending lots of time outside.

Parents have been hugely supportive. It is new for all with parents remaining in their cars, 'Stop and Drop' in the morning and now 'Stop and Collect' at home time. It is a shorter day for everyone and currently we are closed to children on Wednesday – this gives staff time to deep clean, plan home and school learning as well as allowing staff to meet with each other.

A highlight of lockdown learning was our VE day celebrations which included our dance – due to happen in school but ended up as a video from clips sent in from home! www.youtube.com/watch?v=_B0HkXoTUgs&t=3s to watch the video! Mia's poem was also a hit, being shared by a lady who found it on the internet and shared with her friend in Sussex.



Evacuation - Surrey to Cornwall September 1940 - Section 1

I was not amongst the first groups of children who were evacuated from the London area to safer parts of the country. Many evacuees found themselves sent away from home as early as the late summer of 1939, before the war started in September, and the numbers increased greatly in the last months of that year, the government being under the impression that London was under immediate threat. But London was not bombed in the first 10 months of the conflict, a period now described as the 'phoney war', and a great many evacuees returned to their homes, their parents hoping that the threat had passed.

However, by June 1940 the Germans had defeated the British Expeditionary Force and had established airfields along the coast of France from where they could launch their bombers and fighters in large numbers for raids on London, which was less than 100 miles away. These terrible raids started in the early summer and the resulting 'Battle of Britain' lasted until September. Despite the fact at the start of the Battle there were no lights to guide the German aircraft, since the windows of all houses and offices had been blacked out for more than a year, everyone on the bombers' flightpath became aware within days there was no hiding-place, bombs falling indiscriminately throughout the city and the suburbs.

And this is where the story of my evacuation begins, as my parents, like so many others, were forced to consider some means of escape for their children. In our case, we had the additional misfortune of living at Caterham high up in the Surrey Hills, about 15 miles from central London, and very close to two of the most important fighter airfields, Kenley and Biggin Hill, which the German bombers were keen to put out of action from the start. As a result the days and nights were full of the horrific noise of battle, droning bombers, screaming fighter planes, heavy anti-aircraft guns, explosions and machine-gun fire, whilst at night there was the additional frightening glare of flares, searchlights and flaming houses. An approaching raid would be heralded by the dreadful wail of a warning siren, a sound which swooped up and down, and sent everyone running to the nearest shelter. This might be followed sometime later by the same siren sounding the 'all clear' on a single penetrating note, but in August and early September the intervals between raids were scarcely noticeable.



Many evacuations, as in my case, were organised by schools; but it was August, the schools were on holiday, and nothing could be finalised before the start of term. It could be said, without exaggeration, that the delay for me, and my mum and dad, was almost fatal. We had no shelter either in the house or the garden, and had to run for it to neighbours when the siren went.

(To be continued in the August Parish News.)

Julian Wiltshire

Sylvia Titt

It is with great sadness the Parish News must report the passing of someone who lived and worked in the Deverill Valley all her life and lived in Longbridge Deverill for over 60 years. Sylvia died at home on Friday 5th June having just



celebrated her 89th birthday in May. Many people have asked to be included in expressing

their memories of Sylvia so I make no apology this is a double spread. I too valued her in so many ways, especially her constancy in delivering the magazine and her enthusiasm for its content. In 2018 Sylvia was awarded a 55 year bar to her Royal British Legion brooch in recognition of her outstanding service and dedication to the Poppy Appeal.



Pat Wood - I first met Sylvia 52 years ago when our children went to Longbridge school and that was the start of our long friendship. Sylvia loved children. We both joined the Children's Club started by Mr and Mrs Percy Cripps, we ran bingo sessions and discos to raise money for the Christmas party and a summer outing. When it closed, we carried on with the bingo to raise money for the Village Hall, formerly Longbridge school. Sylvia enjoyed looking after HER village hall, she had been there from the start. She also belonged to W I, a great member and one of its oldest. Then there was the Toddler Group, which Sylvia helped to run for 23 years until it closed last year. We would talk through problems with the parents. She loved babies, and over the years we saw our babies grow into young adults.



We used to go on Save the Children Walks with Sutton Veny School for many years. One year it was very wet so by the time we arrived at Wells Cathedral, we were very wet and muddy with a group of very tired children; nearby an American tourist said look at that dirty lot surely they are never going in there, well Sylvia was not going to let that pass she let them know what she thought in no uncertain terms. We enjoyed a lovely service before despatching the children back to the waiting parents. Thankfully Les was waiting for us as he had been driving around feeding and watering us all day. When Sylvia was in her 50s, she said she would like to learn to swim so I taught her! That was Sylvia. She was one of the kindest people you could wish to have as a friend, and I will certainly miss her. We had so much fun together.

Julie Read - Losing Sylvia is like the end of an era. In the 20 plus years I have been on the village hall committee Sylvia never missed helping at a function and only once did she not turn up for a committee meeting, it was so unusual we went over to see if she was okay only to find she had nodded off. She dusted herself down and joined us. We all knew her bark was worse than her bite. I got on with her very well and she was so kind to me when I needed support. She probably did not miss a wedding, funeral or baptism. It is so sad she cannot have a full funeral with the church full but I am hoping the family will find comfort in the service they can have at the moment.

Janet Budgen - For Sylvia's 80th Birthday Pat and I organised a surprise Tea Party to be held in David Stratton's Barn. About 100 people attended. It took great planning to get chairs, tables, crockery etc out of the village hall without Sylvia knowing! This was an achievement, the surprise was complete. Everyone was so generous there was money left over. I asked Sylvia what she would like. "I don't know." "An outing?" "Yes." "Where?" "I don't know." "Would you like to go to Buckingham Palace?" "Could I?" "Yes, Sylvia, I will take you". Pat and Julie joined us for a lovely fine day, with trains, London taxis and to finish, a cream tea in the Palace grounds. She loved it all.



Guy Ratcliffe - A major light in Longbridge has been extinguished with Sylvia's sudden demise. An indomitable lady who was crucial cog in many aspects of village life, particularly involving the church and the village hall. Seemingly indestructible, her efforts as the vergier in the church were immense, not least in advising successive church wardens the various machinations of church procedure. We listened and learned with a certain trepidation, hopefully earning gold stars or marks out of ten, like mischievous schoolchildren. What was clear was her knowledge of generations of local families when they attended weddings, baptisms and funerals, all of whom she would greet with a ready smile. She was straight talking and uncomplicated, expressing her opinion in her inimitable direct way. Underneath there was a heart of gold. We shall miss you dear friend, may you rest in peace.

Di Britten - I would like to pay tribute to Sylvia who was always on hand to warmly welcome and guide new and visiting clergy to St Peter and St Paul church in Longbridge. Whether you were there to conduct the regular worship, baptisms, weddings or funerals she was by your side and had everything arranged and set up for these services. But she did far more than that, I knew her long before I was ordained as an Lay Pastoral Assistant and as an organiser of the Longbridge Mother and Toddlers group she ran with Pat and others. However, I think one of the most important roles she carried out for church and for the whole community was to bravely cross the A350, in all weathers, to open the church early each day, enabling the many visitors to stop for a few minutes of quiet reflection or to pray. Something we are all missing during the current crisis. She was quite a character! God Bless her.

Guy Maynard - My first memory is when our parishes were drawn together with the Minster's Rector Roger Sharp as priest in charge and later being part of the Cley Hill Team. Sylvia was such a great supporter of whatever was going on. We had activity days in the holidays to which she always brought her grandchildren Gary and Melissa and was on hand with any help needed. She was a great help to the von Bensons, especially when Zara came along. She was a dedicated LPA and has been a great support to me in my returning to the Benefice, especially when I have been taking a service at Longbridge. Thank you so much Sylvia, how we will miss you.

Upper Deverills Parish Council



We wish to appoint a Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer. This is a part time position, approximately 20 hours a month, working primarily from home. The Parish Council will supply a laptop for Council work. The applicant should have good computer, administrative and communication skills and should be competent in bookkeeping. Local authority experience would be an advantage, but training is available if necessary. The salary will be based on NJC pay scales plus agreed expenses. If you would like an informal chat regarding the post before applying then please call the Chair on 844884 or email chair@upperdeverills.co.uk or alternatively call the Acting Clerk on 844385 or email clerk@upperdeverills.co.uk. Full information about the Parish Council is available on the website: www.upperdeverills.co.uk. Please send your application letter and a brief CV by email to the Acting Clerk. The closing date for applications to be received is Friday 31st July 2020.

There will also be a vacancy for a Councillor in the autumn. If you are interested in serving the community by representing the views of all residents within the Parish and to listen to, and understand, the views and needs of different groups please contact the Acting Clerk for more information.

The next meeting will be on **Wednesday 8th July** at 7.00 pm online via Zoom. The agenda and instructions for joining and participating are available on the website www.upperdeverills.co.uk.

Recipe - Swedish Chicken

Ingredients:

1 cold roasted chicken or pieces	6oz cooked rice
2 red eating apples	2 bananas
¼ pint double cream	1/3 pint Mayo
Level tsp curry powder	Seasoning

Watercress to garnish

(To make it a bit healthier I use yogurt and low fat mayo)

Method:

Cut the cooked chicken into pieces. Slice the apple leaving the skins on. Slice the bananas. Dredge both the apples and the banana with lemon juice. Whip the cream to consistency of the mayo and fold in together. Add the curry powder. Fold in the chicken, apple and banana and adjust the seasoning. Pile onto a bed of rice and garnish with the watercress. This recipe serves 6 people.



Sue Stone - Monkton Deverill

Longbridge Deverill Parish Council



Traffic Issues - update from Parish Council (PC) meeting 1st June. Sergeant Harmsworth and Cllr Rhe Philipe joined the meeting, thanks to them for their input and support.

Police - The Warminster Community Policing Team are very aware that in the summer months there are issues around Shearwater and normally respond by monitoring logs, feedback from residents and increasing patrols to match, it is important that if there are issues in the village, they are reported via 101 so the Police can ascertain how big an issue there is and what times it is best to target. They cannot stress how important it is to report the Anti-Social Behaviour issues in the evening as they are going on, so they can be targeted and resources used appropriately to reduce this behaviour. There have been and will continue to be increased patrols.

Wiltshire Police have increased their patrols of the main roads, A350, A36, M4, due to excess speeds, groups of motorbikes and will be spot checking for modified noisy vehicles.

Longleat - The PC have written to Longleat to request the installation of lockable gates at the car park to be locked overnight, along with the gate to the lake.

Clearway - Contravention of a Clearway Order is a civil offence, the signage at Shearwater is correct and enforceable by the Parking Services Team at Wiltshire Council, rather than the Police. The PC wrote to Parking Services requesting enforcement, they have since visited on several occasions and issued tickets.

Ongoing - The village has Community Speed Watch (CSW) run by volunteers. Due to current Covid restrictions it is unable to operate at present, once it is back in place it will be available at intervals and in the past has proven to be a deterrent.

The PC are in the process of purchasing a Speed Indicator Device (SID) which will be used in six locations around the Parish. This will act as another deterrent and gather information should it be required.

Village Support during Covid restrictions - If you need assistance during these challenging times please let us know, our volunteers are here to help.

Crockerton contact Nikki Spreadbury-Clews 216660, 07986 880164

Email: Longbridgedeverillpc@gmail.com

Hill & Longbridge Deverill contact Caroline Sawyer 840585

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The next meeting will be **Monday 6th July** at 7.30 pm online via Zoom. The agenda, along with instructions for joining and participating, will be published on the website www.crockertonlongbridgeandhilldeverill.co.uk by 30th June or are available from the Clerk, see page 14.

Some Gardening Ideas

When I was asked to write an article about 'Gardens', I thought the subject allowed me a lot of leeway. I expect like me, many people will have spent a good deal of time in the garden in recent months due to the excellent weather but also as a form of escape from the challenging circumstances we are in. As we are in extraordinary times, I thought I would just relate some of the 'less normal' things I have been doing in my garden.



Some strawberry plug plants purchased on line in early March were brought on in pots in the greenhouse. Some of these were then planted in hanging containers in the greenhouse, we ate our first few strawberries in early May. The remainder were planted around the perimeter of an old wheelbarrow where the fruits hang over the edge. Using containers keeps pests away from the fruit and the wheel barrow is netted to keep birds off, although Tilly (the dog) has been caught with her nose under the netting intending to steal a prize strawberry, a new pest to combat!



I have grown carrots and potatoes in containers this year. Forcing carrots in tall flower pots allows quick germination and rapid growth as you can keep the pots in warm places. Succession planting is easy too and I have had no problems with carrot root fly - perhaps another benefit. I have grown potatoes in bags purchased on line, described as 'trial packs'. These comprised 4 different varieties, 6 tubers of each and a woven planter bag for each variety. After chitting, the tubers were planted shallow then earthed up in the bag as foliage came through until the bag was full. I have used a mix of garden soil and homemade compost in the bags. All the bags now have foliage over 2 feet tall but it is too early to judge the quality of the crop. I am expecting no damage from eel worm or other pests and I have the advantage of 4 different varieties yielding at different times.

Finally, a couple of other tips I picked up from Monty Don (Gardeners' World etc). I have tried numerous organic ways of keeping slugs and snails at bay but none is totally effective so I was eager to try a new recommendation, garlic spray. Using crushed garlic boiled in some water then strained, I diluted this concentrate and filled an old kitchen cleaner spray bottle and sprayed it in on my Hostas, no damage so far. The leaves of runner beans do not like it so be cautious what you try this on.

Bean aquaculture! One of MD's viewers, educating her children at home, devised a lesson about seed germination, roots and sprouting shoots. In a jam jar, add a few crumpled kitchen towels and half fill with water. Poke runner beans around the edge between the towel and the glass. A trial in Brixton Deverill under the watchful eye of Alex Wiseman (age 5) can claim a 50% success rate, roots appeared in about a week and green stalks shortly after, all visible through the glass. Some beans went mushy, probably too wet and the French beans did not work. It should be possible to plant the beans in the ground soon, the trial continues. I hope you get some inspiration from these experiments and ideas, it is not too late to get planting!



Peter Marsh - Brixton Deverill



I think this pandemic has allowed us all time to watch the nature around us. We have certainly been kept entertained by the moorhens. We still have both adults and their 7 youngsters who are nearly as big as their parents; quite often we have to take a second look to decide 'parent or youngster?' They are coming up for 7 weeks old now and getting more adventurous. We have seen them practising their diving technique, racing across the pond to improve their speed and using their wings more. They chase away other birds from the pond area just like their parents. We often have a pair of mallards visit early evening and they now get chased by all 9 of the moorhens. I have seen the adult moorhens mating on numerous occasions over the last couple of weeks so I am wondering if they might have a second brood. If they do, will the first brood move away? There won't be enough food or pond room for many more. Time will tell.

The swallows have been very busy up in the stables. I first saw young chicks in the nest on the 25th May and by 12th June there were 5 well grown youngsters sitting on a ledge in the stable on the verge of leaving. The following morning the stable was empty. I am now watching to see whether they will start a second brood; they have plenty of time to do so. The house martins are very active at the front of the house and we certainly have young in one of the compartments of the dual nest box. I have spotted a new house martin nest that has been built on one of the cottages opposite us; really good to see. I am amazed they found enough mud with it being so dry. I am very pleased to say I have seen swifts in the village recently. They seem to like unsettled conditions, low cloud and thundery, it probably increases the number of insects and brings them down lower. It makes for some super views; I stood on the bridge in Sand Street watching the swifts swooping down low over the river, they almost seemed within touching distance. It reminded me they are a larger bird than a swallow or a martin.



The birds do appear to be having a good breeding season. I have seen young robins, blackbirds, goldfinches, tits, house sparrows and great spotted woodpeckers. We have seen 2 young woodpeckers, easily identified by the red cap on their head. Birds that would normally dig for food, like blackbirds, have had trouble with it being so dry and the ground like concrete. I have put out sultanias with seed to help which they have been taking readily. One male blackbird has become very friendly following me about, he is beginning to moult and looking a little worse for wear; I am sure this will be his last brood. Blackbirds and robins have several broods a year about 4 chicks each time, tits have just one brood a year but a much bigger clutch of about 8 eggs. Both methods of egg laying produce an average of 8 chicks, but the tits do literally put all their eggs in one basket and if conditions are not good losses can be great.



The recent rain has been most welcome. It was getting so dry and the crops were suffering. Hopefully they will be able to recover. I expect the grass will grow fast again now and all those weeds!

Jane Trollope (written 15th June)

LOCAL COUNCILS, SOCIETIES, GROUPS etc.

Longbridge Deverill Parish Council

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Anna Mead 212759 (Secretary)

Upper Deverills Village Hall

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Crockerton Village Committee Marion Thomas 213739 (Chair)

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

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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

FUTURE EVENTS

- **Longbridge Parish Council Meeting** Monday 6th July See p11/14
- **Upper Deverills Parish Council meeting** Wednesday 8th July See p10/14
- **VE & VJ Day Celebrations** 15th & 16th August (depending on Gov guidelines)
- **Upper Deverills Hall Pub Night** Friday 28th August (depending on Gov guidelines)
- **Jazz Night** Saturday 5th September see p15 (depending on Gov guidelines)
- **Upper Deverills Parish Council meeting** Wednesday 9th September See p14
- **Upper Deverills Pub Night** Friday 25th September (depending on Gov guidelines)
- **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 Parish Council meeting** Wednesday 11th November See p14
- **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

Upper Deverills Village Hall



The hall remains closed for the moment, but we look forward to when we will all be able to get together again. One thing we might be able to do later in the year - when the lockdown rules permit - is a **Community Plant Swap**. This would be a seed, plant and cutting exchange between the valley's gardeners. No money would change hands - the idea is for everybody to bring something and everybody to leave with something. Because everything brought to the swap has been grown in the valley, you know it should be well suited to thrive in your own garden. We could do this outdoors before we are able to get together inside the hall for our Pub Nights. I have read about plant swaps but never been involved in one. If anybody has or if you think it is a good idea and would like to become involved please contact me at tedflint@gmail.com. I look forward to hearing from you.

New Orleans Jazz - Saturday 5th September **Horningsham Village Hall**

New Orleans Heat 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



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

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