

# PARISH NEWS

The Deverills & Crockerton



The river at Kingston Deverill by Pat Armstrong

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## From the Dean of Salisbury

According to ancient tradition the probationer choristers of the Cathedral celebrate Shrove Tuesday by cooking pancakes in the Deanery kitchen. Boys, girls, and staff members crowd around as lemons are squeezed, sugar is scattered and pancakes are flipped. Some are caught and some are not: the presence of two Deanery tortoises in the corner of the room is always a significant distraction. Above the din I try to explain how once upon a time this was the day when all the household's butter and eggs were used up in readiness for the Lenten fast.



Pancakes eaten, we go out into the garden for a more solemn but no less fascinating ritual. Palm crosses collected from the congregation in previous weeks are thrown into a fire, and the probationers are told about the ashing that will take place in the Cathedral the following day. Appetite and curiosity satisfied, the children return to school.

None of that will happen this year. Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday fall within the earliest dates envisaged for the ending of our current lockdown, and it seems inconceivable that we will be able to observe Lent or Holy Week and Easter in anything like the manner to which we were once accustomed. Like the butter and the eggs, like the probationers' pancakes, our routines, our traditions, our habits are being devoured by a pandemic which seems to go on and on.

And, we might ask, when all these have been devoured, what is left? The answer is: the ash. The gritty, resilient, irreducible residue that clings to the bottom of the barbeque when the palm crosses have been burnt and the flames have died down. It's this gritty, resilient, irreducible residue that we daub on our foreheads on Ash Wednesday. Ash is what remains when everything else has been taken away. It makes you think. Ash which cannot be destroyed; ash which endures. This year of all years, could there be any more potent symbol of God's gritty, resilient, irreducible love for us?

***Nick Papadopoulos***

## Salisbury Cathedral - Vaccination centre for Covid 19

About a thousand people over the age of 80 were vaccinated on the first day of opening as a vaccination centre. The 800-year-old cathedral has been closed during lockdown, with services taking place online. Vaccine patients were treated to live organ music while waiting for a jab. The music director said he had chosen pieces by Bach, Handel and Pachelbel to help people relax while they waited for their vaccination.



## ***Dear Friends,***

I write on yet another rather gloomy day! I think we don't function so well in these short days and dark winter months, which seem to be reflecting the general mood of the present time, due to the Covid19 restrictions. The third lockdown did not come as a great surprise, but there is little solace in that and once the Christmas lights and decorations have gone away for another year things can look rather bare for a while. There has been the occasional sunny day, often following a cold and frosty start and how welcome that light and warmth is, all the more noticeable for being infrequent. Our bodies and minds respond positively to that light and our spirits lift, it helps for a while but only while the sunlight lasts.



In the Church's calendar the season of Epiphany extends from 6th January to 2nd February, it is part of the wider season of light which begins in Advent and continues through Christmas. It may seem strange to call this time of year a season of light but have you ever noticed how a light glows brighter in the dark? Jesus, who is Immanuel, God with us, was born into a world needing the light of hope, much as our world does today and at Epiphany (from the Greek word Epiphaneia meaning to reveal, manifest) we remember how God was revealed in a human baby to the whole world, represented by the coming of those from afar to adore him, enter Wise Men from the East! The prologue to the Gospel of John says of Jesus 'What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it.' This light can be present within us, sustaining us in every situation, touching us to the very core as the Wise Men witnessed as they returned to their homes knowing they had met and received the light of God in the Christ child.

The Psalmist in Psalm 121 asks 'From where will my help come?' the answer is in the next verse, 'My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.' We only have to look to the light of God in Jesus Christ and receive it to know Jesus can be the hope which can sustain us, although we may not see him we can through prayer in his name experience his presence through the power of love we call the Holy Spirit.

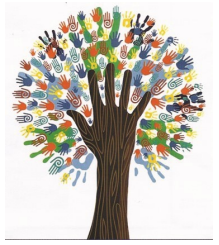
I looked in my garden for signs of things waking up, at present the grape vine and fig tree look like they will never waken again, but I have hope; when you read this in February the days will be getting visibly lighter and longer. Snowdrops will start peeping through, the sign Spring is on its way. The Apostle Paul writes in Romans 5: 'And hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us'.

With love and hope

***Gay***

## What is Thrive?

Thrive is a learning community aimed at helping rural communities and churches to grow to be the best they can be. It has been organized by the Diocese and funded for a 3 year period by Church Pastoral Aid Society (CPAS) in partnership with 'leadacademy' (better together) and The Arthur Rank



Centre (Supporting Rural Communities and Churches). We have a small team of people from across the Benefice, including Pauline and me, working alongside teams from other parishes from around the Wiltshire Deaneries. There are 3 teams from our Deanery: Upper Wylde Valley, Westbury White Horse and us (Cley Hill Villages). It is good to be working with others from the locality. Originally, we were to gather for 2 days but with the current restrictions it was not possible so the course work was delivered digitally over Zoom.

We had our first meeting last November under the heading of 'Journey'. We began and finished each meeting with prayer and covered such subjects as: Our journey so far, Our history and answering 'Why?' questions, Culture Change, Metaphors, Models and Leaders (how do we see ourselves, what is our model?) and Burning Issues where we identified what required attention to give us a better working model/practice. We undertook a 'Merlin Exercise'. Merlin apparently lived backwards, so we were asked to think ourselves 3 years hence and describe where we had got to.

We set out a working document to help guide us through the learning period and keep a record of how we are progressing (or not!). A number of burning issues were identified which we will be tackling over the next 2 years. The most immediate one is better communication across the Benefice; we are very spread out, with Longleat in the middle of our 2 parishes, The Deverills & Horningsham and Corsley & Chapmanslade which make up the Benefice of Cley Hill Villages. One way we can improve is to have an efficient circulation list with one person to circulate news, hopefully we will be able to give more details about this soon.

Prayer is foundational to our journey, we are working on a Benefice prayer to be circulated digitally and/or printed for those who cannot access a computer, so we can be together in prayer wherever we are. Other initiatives will be worked out in time so 'watch this space!'

If anyone from the Benefice would like to join our Thrive team we have a space for you! The team meet periodically to pray and check our progress, we do this with our allocated Rural Officer. The next community meeting will be in June when the topic will be 'Leadership', how can we best support current leaders and grow new ones?

***Gay Maynard***

## As we enter 2021

The start of a new year might bring a couple of days respite for many of us, but it's still busy for our farmers in the Deverills. In January we see and smell the spreading of the slurry in preparation for the silage or hay that will be taken later in the year. Extra feeding for cattle and sheep adds to the farmers' tasks as frozen fields don't offer much up. Seeds are sown. Hedges cut back neatly. Sheep and cattle are well on the way to producing new life.



General farm maintenance and repairs take place making sure the land is ready to welcome the new arrivals, calves and lambs. We all enjoy those lovely sights of lambs frolicking and young cattle approaching fences innocently inquisitive. Behind the scenes daily, regardless of weather conditions, our farmers get up in the dark to feed the animals and milk the cows. Often out at night dealing with difficult births.

Keeping new borns safe from foxes and the like.

We have all witnessed fallen trees across our roads. In no time out come our farmers to chop up and remove them. Our farmers are the eyes and ears for our local police force.

The canvas changes throughout the year offering up new and beautiful colours to our villages thanks to the artists, our farming family they are the sculptures of the land. Tractor lights can be seen close to midnight harvesting crops in late summer. No precious family time until the harvest is complete. We are so used to seeing farm traffic they almost become invisible.



This year Cilla Stansfeld retired to begin a new life chapter and well deserved. If I am correct, she worked in the region of 47 years on the farm, her speciality was dairy. She is also a very talented artist; I am sure we all wish her well. Big Rod Temp (Templeman), as he is known to us all, also retired after serving as a tractor driver and in the workshop for approximately 40 years; not much he doesn't know about fixing things, enjoy your well-earned retirement.

Our church grounds and graves are tended by Ron who does a splendid job as a groundsman. All these farm workers make living in the Deverills a pleasure and a privilege. Thank you all for all the hard work you do throughout the year. Farmers are more than people working in the fields and caring for their animals. No they are much more: they are the ones who feed you.

***Dizzy Bridge***



## The Wiltshire Digital Drive

Wiltshire Digital Drive is a Community Interest Company (CIC) set up to refurbish and recycle donated laptops to gift back to the community, enabling education and helping to bridge the digital divide. The WDD, featured on BBC Breakfast and BBC Points West, is a non-profit making organisation, every penny raised or laptop donated goes directly to support the community. **Priority IT, Naturally Social and Turner & Partners** all support on a pro bono basis.



From April to September 2020, 150 laptops were refurbished, recycled and gifted back into the local community. Schools, charities, voluntary organisations, local council and individuals across Wiltshire have all benefited from the scheme.

Whilst we give our time for free, we are always looking for funding to help pay for parts. The parts required to upgrade a machine include replacing the hard drive, memory, Wi-Fi modules, and sometimes faulty components e.g. keyboards, screens, and chargers. Just £30 could help us securely wipe, update, and refurbish one device that will go to a young person or family in Wiltshire.

**Help us to keep buzzing by spreading the word** - Twitter @WiltsDigiDrive using the hashtag #DonateYourDigital or join the Facebook group 'Wiltshire Digital Drive'. We have a number of assets you can use on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram accounts. Please email [info@wiltshiredigitaldrive.org](mailto:info@wiltshiredigitaldrive.org) for information. Thank you for your support, and we hope you can help us take a byte out of the digital divide in Wiltshire. **[www.wiltshiredigitaldrive.org](http://www.wiltshiredigitaldrive.org)**

## Stay Alert in Lockdown to pest problems

There has been a significant increase of pest reports in homes since lockdown. This could be due to less food being available in public places, less food waste around bins of pubs and restaurants, no picnics etc or due to people working from home and on furlough.



In these cold winter months, mice and rats generally move indoors for warmth and in search of food. They will climb walls and take advantage of gaps around pipes, broken vents, old pipe holes in brickwork etc. Once into the wall cavities they will venture up into the loft space, possibly coming back down the wall cavity to the kitchen in search of food. Rats will also enter through damaged drainage systems, this can result in the need for a CCTV survey. Check your homes now for any of these vantage points and be proactive.

Wiltshire Pest Services can help you with pests: fleas, moths, moles, rats, mice, bedbugs, ants, woodworm, birds, wasps and many more. We also rehome and save BEES! We have carried out many jobs around Crockerton and Longridge Deverill but we are discrete in unmarked vehicles so you may not have seen us. If you need help with any pests contact us on 01985 301455 / 07711 259749 / email: [info@wiltshirepestservices.co.uk](mailto:info@wiltshirepestservices.co.uk) **[www.wiltshirepestservices.co.uk](http://www.wiltshirepestservices.co.uk)**

**Scott Mays**

## Parish News Annual donation

As mentioned in the January Parish News it is time to make your annual donation to the printing costs of this magazine. People tell me they enjoy reading the magazine and find it a good way to keep in touch with events and a source of useful information. **Donations**



**from every household in the valley of £10 - £15** are vital to ensure the continued production of it. Some financial assistance is received from the PCC, the 2 Parish Councils, the village halls and local groups in normal times but this year with the Covid pandemic local organisations and village halls are financially challenged.

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

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

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

### THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

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

If you would like to write about something for the magazine please send it to me, details are on page 16, it would great to hear from you. **Judy Munro** - Editor

## Christmas Carols at Longbridge House

A bit of normality appeared on Tuesday 22nd December when a choir of volunteers from the parish arrived at the front of Longbridge Deverill House to sing traditional carols. Residents sat and watched from the dining room to hear them, the singing was beautiful considering they had no music and were standing in the rain. This is in complete contrast to the normal Christmas when



the children, aged 6 to 8 from local schools come into the home; different age groups but thoroughly enjoying the occasion. After singing at Longbridge Deverill House, the group went up to the nursing home and sang for them, still in the rain. It was wonderful to hear some tradition for Christmas as this year has been a strange one for all. This all reminded me of when at the age of 21, Christmas 1943, when training at Windemere in WAAF OCTU, we were asked by the local church to sing in a choir at a care home, as all the young men had gone to war. It is funny how my situation has changed, as now at the age of 98, everything has been reversed as I am now in a care home. A huge thank you from me, my fellow residents and staff, to everyone who came and we wish you all a better 2021.

***Elizabeth Diacon***

## **BENEFICE OF CLEY HILL VILLAGES INFORMATION**

### **Services during the current lockdown**

At the time of writing the government has said public worship can continue in our churches with strict guidelines about how this might proceed. However, after careful assessment of the risks the majority of churches, including the churches in this Benefice, have decided in the present very serious situation it would be irresponsible to open. We will therefore be continuing to offer Zoom services on a Sunday; one in the morning at 10.00 am on the first, second, and fourth Sunday with 11.00 am Matins on the third Sunday and one late afternoon at 5.00 pm. The links will be sent out each week, if you do not already receive the links please get in touch with the Rector, details on Page 16 of the Parish News. I will also send out my Reflections weekly.

I realise Zoomed services leave a lot to be desired but we are doing our best to lead them in an appropriately prayerful manner. Sometimes technology has other ideas which makes things difficult and we would all rather be in church, but for the foreseeable future this is how we will worship together so we must make the best of it and be grateful we have this facility.

### **Lent**

Ash Wednesday is on 17th February so Lent will soon be upon us. We usually have a Lent course, this year we will be running a course called **'The Mystery of Everything'** based on the film 'The Theory of Everything'. We will be offering short reflections and questions to consider with links to follow for further engagement with the course. Given the circumstances we are in, it seems important to keep things simple. If there is a desire for it we can also arrange Zoom sessions to share ideas etc. I will send the Lent course material out to all my contacts in the Benefice each week and suggest if anyone wants Zoom sessions to contact me to set them up.

### **Easter**

In answer to the question, Will we be able to celebrate Easter in our churches? I have no idea at this point but we will be ready to go should the situation allow it.

### **After Alpha**

The group continues and would welcome new members on Wednesday evenings 8.00 - 9.00 pm. Weekly talks on Zoom by Canon J. John will focus on the Ten Commandments. If you would like to join the group, even if you can only come to some of the sessions, please contact Trudi Hopkinson 01373 832393 / [truidhopkinson@btinternet.com](mailto:truidhopkinson@btinternet.com).



## Communications

The lockdowns have highlighted a need to improve our communications. To this end several of us are meeting together to discuss and find a way forward so relevant information goes to the right people at the right time, not as easy as you might think, I admit to having got it all muddled at some time or other.

### Staying in touch

We may not be able to physically see one another but our clergy team are committed to working hard to stay in touch, we are always available for a phone conversation any time, please see contact details on page 16 of the Parish News.

### Pauline

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

## REGISTER

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

Colin Joseph Charles Devereux service at Longbridge 21st January



### CHURCH CLEANERS FOR FEBRUARY

**Brixton** - Penny Marsh & Mel Wiseman

**Longbridge** - contact Maggi Ratcliffe 840405

**Kingston** - Mandy Martyn & Angie Beloe

### CHURCH FLOWER ARRANGERS FOR FEBRUARY

#### Kingston

7th Feb	Judy Munro
14th Feb	Judy Munro
21st Feb	Lent
28th Feb	"

#### Brixton

Claire Watts
Claire Watts
No
"

#### Longbridge

Jo Steptoe
Jo Steptoe
Flowers
"



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

**It's not too late to join the Club!**

**January winners: Elizabeth Diacon £50 & Sean Dufosee £25**

The valley's 50/50 club raises funds to help preserve our four beautiful churches. It does not raise money for the wider church but for the benefit of all who live in the valley. Each member pays £24 per year and proceeds are divided 50/50, half to support the churches and half as prizes, £50 and £25 each month, with extra prizes at Christmas. Winners' names are published monthly in the Parish News. For more details please contact Diana Abbott: 840763 / decabbott@gmail.com / 29 The Marsh, Longbridge Deverill, BA12 7EA

## Longbridge Deverill Parish Council

### Wiltshire Local Plan Review Consultation and Gypsy & Traveller Local Plan Consultation

Do you want to have your say in the Local Plan review and what it may mean for developments, such as housing and land for employment, in your area? The consultation runs from **13th January to 9th March**. For more information and to complete consultations please visit [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planning-policy-local-plan-review](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planning-policy-local-plan-review) and [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planning-gypsy-travellers](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planning-gypsy-travellers)



### Census Day Sunday 21st March 2021

By taking part you can help to inform decisions on services to shape your community eg: schools, doctors' surgeries and bike lanes. It is important you fill in your census questionnaire because the information you share affects the life of every single person living in England and Wales. Do not worry, your information is protected by law, that means government officials dealing with payments or services you receive cannot see it. You can fill yours in online when you get your access code in the post. If your household circumstances change on Census Day, you can let The Office for National Statistics (ONS) know. If you need help, you can visit [www.census.gov.uk](http://www.census.gov.uk) to find a wide range of support services available to you.

### Parish Council Grant applications

Local groups and organisations are asked to submit their grant applications for the financial year 2021/2022 to the clerk by the **15th February 2021**. For more information please contact the Clerk.



### Date of next Parish Council meeting

The next meeting will be via Zoom at 7.30 pm on **Monday 1st March**, login details, agenda and previous minutes are on the website or contact the Clerk. [www.crockertonlongbridgeandhilldeverill.co.uk](http://www.crockertonlongbridgeandhilldeverill.co.uk) / [longbridgedeverillpc@gmail.com](mailto:longbridgedeverillpc@gmail.com)

## Longbridge Deverill Hall

Thank you to everyone who made donations towards the cost of a plaque to commemorate Sylvia Titt and her life of dedication to Longbridge Deverill and the local area. For many years she was very much part of the village serving St Peter & St Paul's Church, Parish Hall, Mothers & Toddlers group, the Women's Institute, and the Royal British Legion. If you needed to know something about Longbridge, Sylvia was the person to ask! The Hall committee are delighted the plaque will be hung in the hall where Sylvia spent so much of her time. Once the current restrictions are lifted and the hall is open again for activities you will be able to see it for yourselves.



**Julie Read** - Chair Hall Committee

## Upper Deverills Parish Council

### Councillor vacancy

An immediate vacancy has arisen on the Parish Council for a Councillor, for more information please contact the Clerk.



### May elections



Elections will be held on **Thursday 6th May** for all seats on the Parish Council. If there are five or fewer candidates then the election will be uncontested. However, that should not bar people with conviction and a strong sense of community duty from standing. The more the merrier! The Council plays an important and statutory role and being a Councillor is a great way to get involved and to make a positive contribution to the development of the villages. We need people who are interested in serving the community by representing all residents within the parish, listening to the views and needs of different groups and, above all, making things happen by giving strong leadership.

### Parish Council Grant applications

The Parish Council welcomes applications from Upper Deverills residents and groups for grants in aid of community projects and activities. Details are at [upperdeverills.co.uk/apply-for-a-grant](http://upperdeverills.co.uk/apply-for-a-grant).



### Verges

There has been some concern about the amount of vehicle damage being done to the verges around our villages. We would like to establish the extent of this so would ask that you inform the Parish Council about the location of any damage you have noticed that is more than seasonal wear and tear. Please send to [cllrflint@upperdeverills.co.uk](mailto:cllrflint@upperdeverills.co.uk). If you have already been in touch there is no need to do so again as we have your concerns logged.

### Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be via Zoom on **Wednesday 10th March** at 7.00 pm. To join the meeting please see the details on the website and on notice boards. For all other information please see the Parish Council website [www.upperdeverills.co.uk](http://www.upperdeverills.co.uk)

## PARISH CLERK VACANCY



The post of Parish Clerk will become vacant **1st April**  
For further information about this important,  
paid 25-hour a month job please contact the current  
Clerk: [clerk@upperdeverills.co.uk](mailto:clerk@upperdeverills.co.uk) or phone 844385

## 2020 Rainfall Report for Deverills and Crockerton Parish

Once again a year of contrasts. During January and February right through to March 19th a total of 14 inches of rain was recorded to complete a very wet winter. As the first Lockdown was imposed in March the heavens stopped raining and we enjoyed a relatively dry sunny Spring and early Summer. In April there were many days around 20C to help the ennui of Lockdown, while barbecues flourished. Then June, July and August can only be described as wet months, a total of 11 inches of rain did its best to ruin the Harvest. However, we did enjoy a 10 day heat wave in mid July. Along came September, and as a surprise it was a warm and dry month. The good weather was not to last and October started with an inch of rain on the first day, and a total of 8 inches for the month. Another 3½ inches for November followed by a soaking wet December yielding 6 inches.



**Temperatures:** The coldest recorded temperature was minus 4 Centigrade on 19th January, when we had a cold snap from 18th to 23rd January. A very small amount of snow fell on 27th and 28th February, otherwise a snow free year.

A period of late frosts from 11th to 15th May, which did a lot of damage to tender plants. The hottest day being 26th June at 30C, and a hot spell 8th to 19th August with the temperature over 20C each day.

**The Rain gauge measurements** from 7 dedicated recorders within the parish reveals the average rainfall for this parish in 2020 was 45.52 inches or 1156 MM. The highest rainfall figure in the Parish being 50.16 inches measured in The Marsh, Longbridge Deverill and the lowest Kingston Deverill 42.28 inches. Which is quite a change as Kingston usually records more rain than anywhere else in the Deverills and Crockerton Parish.

I always conclude this report with the average rainfall in the 21 years past at Manor Farm Longbridge Deverill.

2000 42.83 inches	2004 34.10"	2008 42.58"	2012 40.61"	2016 30.946"
2001 30.44 inches	2005 27.83"	2009 38.42"	2013 30.76"	2017 26.685"
2002 41.73 inches	2006 34.10 "	2010 27.23"	2014 42.87"	2018 34.20"
2003 27.96 inches	2007 39.31"	2011 26.80"	2015 33.5"	2019 40.81"
2020 48.21 inches				

The average rainfall for Manor Farm, Longbridge Deverill is 35.52 inches, an increase from 2017 when it was 34.49 inches. It is creeping up.

I must say thank you to all those who join in with me to provide the measurements for this report.

**John Robins** Manor Farm, Longbridge Deverill

## Nature Notes

Even though it is only about 4 weeks after the shortest day there is definitely a lengthening in the daylight hours especially when it has been a brighter day. I spent a lot of today in the garden tidying up one of the borders. I had 'help'; a very trusting robin who also provided music singing from various perching positions as I moved about. It could very well be the same robin that comes for the sultanas I put out; the border is nearby to where I feed the birds and robins are very territorial. We have lots of robins in the garden and I am sure as we approach the breeding season there will be some disputes over territories. Robins can be very aggressive and will fight to the death. I remember watching a documentary years ago about some robins that lived in a walled garden. The study showed just how aggressive they could be by placing a stuffed toy robin on a garden fork within one of the robin's territories. It didn't take long before the resident robin launched its attack and within minutes the dummy was in pieces!



The birds have responded to the lengthening daylight by singing more. I have heard mistle thrush, blue and great tit, dunnoek, wren and house sparrow. This increased activity indicates the breeding season is beginning and the bird boxes must be checked and cleaned. We try and do it on a dry still day when it is not too cold. There are 9 boxes, one being a 'terrace of 3' house sparrow box. I know 4 of the boxes were used but am hoping we will be surprised and find more.

Looking around the garden I can see lots of bulbs coming through, some of the daffodils are 3 or 4 inches high, and we have already got some mauve early crocuses in bloom. They usually make quite a carpet over the rockery area near the pond. There are snowdrops in bud in several areas and the Algerian iris by the greenhouse is in flower; beautiful lilac colour. The mahonia at the front is now in full bloom and has a lovely lily of the valley scent. There are primroses out too. All these early flowering plants are a life line for emerging bees and other insects.

The bird feeders are not as busy as I would expect at this time of the year due to the presence of a sparrowhawk. It was coming regularly in the morning when I went out with the food, so I am going out a bit later when it's brighter. Hawks have big eyes and can see in dim light whereas small garden birds function better in good daylight. I think it might be working as I have not seen it for a while now, though I know it must be about as I can hear the alarm calls of all the other birds.



I recently saw an enormous flock of starlings just before dusk flying towards Sutton Veny, the most I have seen for a long time. The tawny owls are still very vocal in the evenings, just after dark. I had been hearing the laughing call of a green woodpecker and then I disturbed one at the edge of the pond; the great spotted ones are still coming to the feeders. Recently I have been hearing foxes calling.

***Jane Trollope*** (written 17th January)

## Youth Action Wiltshire Update

Despite the difficulties and challenges presented by COVID-19, which have meant we needed to focus our work on those young people who were most



vulnerable, in 2020 we are proud to have: provided face to face respite sessions for 237 young carers; engaged 141 young carers in remote webinars; carried out 680 individual welfare checks for young carers during England's two lockdown periods; delivered one to one coaching or mentoring programmes to 131 young carers; co-produced a support plan with 115 newly referred young carers; carried out advocacy with education for 105 young carers, along with providing intensive support for 41 young carers to help them overcome the individual challenges they were facing with their face to face schooling; provided information, advice and guidance for 181 young carers and their families.



Splash delivered face to face positive activities for 311 young people; engaged 160 young people in remote webinars; provided one to one coaching, mentoring or counselling programmes for 254 young people; carried out over 300 welfare checks for young people and their families during England's two lockdown periods.

40 young people Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET) and 10 young people in danger of becoming NEET, engaged in Project Inspire group work activities, non-formal learning programmes which benefit from individualised support. Following their engagement 83% of young people reported increased skills. 90% of young people leaving Project Inspire stated our provision had increased their ability to gain and keep a job.



The impact of COVID-19 on our work in 2020 put severe restrictions on our face to face delivery, with increased costs, loss of funding from cancelled fundraising events and income from our wonderful Outdoor Education Centre at Oxenwood, at a time of increasing need. COVID-19 and the associated lockdowns, have compounded the issues of young people accessing our targeted services. Young people have also had worries about the safety of their family members, who are clinically vulnerable to COVID-19, and some young people and their families have needed our help to access food and medicine. Young people are facing anxiety and uncertainty over their future plans.

Please consider becoming a long-term Friend of Youth Action Wiltshire and Wiltshire's young people see [www.communityfirst.org.uk/yaw/fundraising](http://www.communityfirst.org.uk/yaw/fundraising) or make a one off donation to support our future work with Wiltshire's young people [www.justgiving.com/yaw](http://www.justgiving.com/yaw) or holding your own fundraising activity to raise funds for our charity - for a Youth Action Wiltshire fundraising pack, please email; [fiona@youthactionwiltshire.org](mailto:fiona@youthactionwiltshire.org) or join us at one of our 2021 fundraising events; [www.communityfirst.org.uk/yaw/fundraising](http://www.communityfirst.org.uk/yaw/fundraising)



## **LOCAL COUNCILS, SOCIETIES, GROUPS etc.**

### **Longbridge Deverill Parish Council**

***www.crockertonlongbridgeandhilldeverill.co.uk***

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Martin McDermott 216939 Nigel Spreadbury-Clews 216660  
Nikki Spreadbury-Clews (Clerk) 216660 or longbridgedeverillpc@gmail.com

### **Upper Deverills Parish Council**

***www.upperdeverills.co.uk***

Louise Stratton 844105 (Chair) Gillian Flint 844507  
Kathryn Clarke 844216 Chris Rose 840011  
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**Wiltshire Council 0300 456 0100**

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**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 Deverills & Crockerton Dymrna Dell 840514**

**Warminster Link Scheme (Longbridge, Hill Deverill etc) 211655**

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

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

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

## **F U T U R E E V E N T S**

- **Longbridge Parish Council meeting Monday 1st March See p10/14**
- **Upper Deverills Parish Council meeting Wednesday 10th March See p11/14**
- **Census Day Sunday 21st March see p10**

## PARISH OF DEVERILLS AND HORNINGSHAM

<b>Churches</b>	SS Peter & Paul the Apostles, Longbridge Deverill BA12 7DL	
	St Michael the Archangel, Brixton Deverill BA12 7EJ	
	St Mary the Virgin, Kingston Deverill BA12 7HE	
	St John the Baptist, Horningsham BA12 7LW	
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	Robert Shuler (Kingston Deverill)	844291
	Tim Moore (Horningsham)	844336
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**Please remember the deadline is 15th of the month - Thank you**

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