PARISH NEWS

The Deverills & Crockerton



King's Hill from the north Kingston Deverill by Pat Armstrong

AUGUST 2021

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Community Coffee Morning 10.30 - 12.00 noon



Wednesday 18th August



The George Inn, Longbridge
There will be one coffee morning this month (£2 per cup)
It is for everyone of all ages so please join us
Call Judy 844385 for further information
or if you require transport

New Orleans Jazz

At Horningsham Village Hall Saturday 21st August



Doors open 6.30 for 7.00 pm start

By popular demand, New Orleans Heat, one of the finest jazz bands in UK returns for 7th Year.

Cash Bar. Tickets - £25 (includes a two course supper)

Please contact Richard Abbott 840763 or rjabbott2@gmail.com

All profits will go to Horningsham and the Deverills Churches

UPPER DEVERILLS VILLAGE HALL

MONTHLY PUB NIGHT & BBQ





A relaxed atmosphere with other villagers, children/dogs, everyone welcome! Firkin beer, wine, spirits, soft drinks, crisps

Looking forward to seeing everyone

Facebook www.facebook.com/groups/upperdeverills

Dear Friends,

I am writing this letter sitting in the kitchen surrounded by the detritus of a massive on-going cooking session. Our daughter Emily and baby Flora are coming for ten days and will be joined for a week by our youngest son Leo and his partner; our eldest son and his little family will join us for the day at the weekend. Sadly, our youngest daughter in the US cannot be here. So I think



you can see why I am racing round making beds up, stocking up on food and generally tidying up with one eye on my emails and other work related issues.

Thinking over what I needed to do, I was struck by how different my life is to vicars who have gone before me. The benefice where I was a curate had an elderly churchwarden whose father was head gardener at the original Georgian rectory, now occupied by the other churchwarden. She told me wonderful stories of garden parties and other social events held in the rectory gardens. The ecclesiastical occupant of this vast house and garden with its flowerbeds, kitchen garden and green houses would not have troubled himself with the provision of refreshments, nor with the task of titivating flower beds; he had servants and under gardeners to undertake the menial work which he would have considered beneath him, and a cook and housekeeper to ensure everything was organised. Even relatively recently, when all clergy were men, there was an expectation their long suffering wives would act as hostess to visitors, administrative assistant and general dogsbody.

Well, what can I say? Things have changed somewhat! But reflecting on all of this made me think about our perceptions around the secular and the sacred; how do we make a distinction between those two scenarios? Over the years my understanding around this has shifted; why is it more likely God will be present when we gather in an ancient stone building (which in my experience is usually freezing cold) and not in a warm kitchen where food is prepared with love, people gather around a table are nourished and fed, where babies and children learn what it means to break bread together and precious memories are made? Of course, this is exactly what we do in church when we gather together around the table to share bread and wine; why is one more holy than the other?

When you read this letter the school summer holidays will be upon us, marvellous for children but often hard work for parents. Having four children I remember feeling somewhat daunted by the seemingly endless six weeks when they were at home, of course, I enjoyed it but it was difficult at times.

What I am trying to say is God's presence is not limited in any way shape or form; there are no boundaries or demarcation lines around love. If God is love, and love and care are given and shared by parents and caregivers, grandparents and friends, in feeding, playing and nurturing, there is God.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer.

Love and prayers,

Pauline

Rev Pauline Reid 841290/revpauline@btinternet.com

Will you stand: Church of England General Synod Elections?

Standing for General Synod, the legislative body of the Church of England, is an opportunity to represent the concerns of your community and your diocese at a national level. As an elected member of Synod, you will have a say in national legislation affecting all parts of the Church of England. Together with Westminster Parliament, it is the only body in the land entitled to make national law for England. In addition to legislation, you can raise issues and contribute to debates on a wide range of social and policy matters – of national and international significance. General Synod is made up of three Houses: Bishops, Clergy, and Laity. For more information about how you can stand for the Synod Elections, please visit: www.churchofengland.org/synodelections

Longbridge Deverill Parish Hall

Artisan Market Saturday 9th October 10.00 am - 1.00 pm

Makers and Bakers and Local Produce. There will be a show and sale of artisan goods made by our local talented craftspeople - goods ranging from delicious home-baked



produce to home furnishings. There will also be a cake stall and teas and coffees. Further details of the range of stallholders will be available in the next Parish News - in the meantime please put date in your diary.

Other forthcoming events: **Hungrytown - Friday 15th October**, a folk duo all the way from Vermont USA and the **Harvest Supper - Saturday 23rd October**.





CROCKERTON VILLAGE COMMITTEE STREET PARTY

At Broadmead Lane, Crockerton

3.00 to 6.00 pm Saturday 4th September

BBQ and a glass of Pimms provided



Please bring your own picnic and a chair or blanket

DONATIONS WELCOME ON THE DAY FOR
THE CROCKERTON VILLAGE COMMITTEE (Defibrillator Fund)
Look up 'Crockerton Village Committee' on Facebook



SATURDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust RIDE & STRIDE



Please support this event by taking part or sponsoring someone. It is open to all cyclists, riders and walkers. Get involved to raise funds to support the historic churches in the Deverill valley. You can also visit other beautiful buildings on your journey around the local area and keep fit too!

Contact Judy Munro on 844385 or visit

www.wiltshirehistoricchurchestrust.org.uk/ride-stride

Farrant Singers Concert - 8.00 pm Thursday 16th September

This Salisbury-based chamber choir was founded in 1958; it is paying a first visit to **Kingston Deverill** for a concert. The choir has sung twice in the valley, at Longbridge, but a visit to the Upper Deverills is much overdue in its long history! Eve McBride and Julian Wiltshire are choir members and have been involved in rehearsals involving 5 singers and a conductor, as pandemically allowed, over the past few weeks after an 18 month silence apart from two online recordings.

Please contact Eve McBride (07824 345711) or Julian Wiltshire (844152) if you would like to attend the concert. There will be no tickets, we will collect £10 at the door on the night, having made a note of your names. Entry will be available at the door on 16th for those unsure of their future commitments. Proceeds from the event will go to the local churches.

Local family wedding

Edward Read and Aisha Crossman were married recently at St Katherines, East Woodlands, Aisha's family church, on a beautiful June day. Both are from local farming families and will be making their home at Sandhill, Longbridge Deverill.





Just a huge 'Thank you' to everyone who helped me look for Tommy, my 19 month old whippet/Italian greyhound. And thank you very much to Val Spinks for putting his disappearance on Facebook. What a massive relief it was, after nearly 5 hours, when I saw him coming home along the road by the bridge in the village. This is not an 'adventure' I would like him to repeat.

Lindsay Bovey

Defibrillators - How can you save a life

A Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) can happen to anyone, anywhere, at anytime, whatever their age.

HOW CAN YOU TELL IF SOMEONE IS EXPERIENCING AN SCA?

The symptoms of an SCA are immediate and include:

- Sudden collapse
- No pulse
- No breathing
- Loss of consciousness And, it occurs with no warning.
 We are very fortunate to have 4 defibrillators in Longbridge Deverill Parish,

these can be found at the following locations:

- The George Inn at Longbridge Deverill, accessible 24/7 located by main entrance in an unlocked cabinet.
- The Crockerton Garden Centre accessible during opening hours.
- Shearwater Tea Rooms.
- Crockerton school.

They can be used by any member of the public following the verbal instructions given by the device. This can be in their own homes, by the side of the road where ever, and it is the patient's location and not the 999 caller's location that determines whether the patient is close enough to the device for it to be used. The device is straight forward to use and can not accidentally cause any more damage or fatality. However, attending a Defibrillator training session when next available will give you more confidence.



Longbridge Deverill Parish Council

Ragwort Under the Weeds Act 1959, landowners/occupiers must control ragwort within risk areas for grazing or forage production. This means there is a legal obligation to remove ragwort where it's growing on land or there is a high risk of spread.



Landowners, both residential and other, are reminded it is their responsibility to ensure hedges, trees, vegetation etc does not encroach or overhang their boundary onto footpaths, byways, roads, watercourses etc. It is appreciated cutting is restricted from March - September for nesting birds, but they should be maintained not to pose a hazard. Plan now for a good Autumn/Winter cut.

Reporting issues to Wiltshire Council

You can use MyWilts to contact the council about issues in your area. If you register for an account, you will receive updates on your report's progress. Online at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywilts-online-reporting or use the MyWilts app on a smart phone. If you prefer not to register you can submit reports anonymously but will not receive progress updates. You can use MyWilts to report issues in Wiltshire, such as damaged signs, dead animals in road or verge, dog mess, flooding, fly-tipping, footpaths and kerbs, grass, weeds, hedges, shrubs, trees, mud or oil and debris on road, potholes, drains/manholes, salt bins. Over time more services will be added to MyWilts, making it simpler, quicker and easier for you to access the services digitally, when you choose to.

The next Council meeting is on **Monday 6th September** at 7.30 pm, at the parish hall, dependent on Covid measures. For full minutes and agenda please visit the Parish Council website or contact the clerk details on page 14.

Upper Deverills Parish Council

The Parish Council is now quorate after Jamie Fagan and Jamie Williams were elected on 24th June. At the meeting on 14th July Richard Munro was elected Chair with Jamie Fagan as Vice-Chair.



Parish Plan It is proposed to review and update the Parish Plan. The original was written in 2014 (see **upperdeverills.co.uk/parish-plan**) and it included a comprehensive action schedule. This will be used to update the Plan but much has also happened in the intervening seven years which will need to be reflected in a new edition. The Plan itself will be lodged with Wiltshire Council with the purpose of informing them of the current issues in the villages and the wishes of residents when they are formulating policy. The Parish Council is keen to hear from any volunteers who would like to be on a Working Group.

The next Parish Council meeting will be at 7.00 pm **Wednesday 1st September** in the village hall. Please see page 14 or visit the Parish Council website **upperdeverills.co.uk** for more information.

SERVICES PARISH OF DEVERILLS & HORNINGSHAM

Sunday	Trinity 9	
1st August	Kingston 8.00 am Longbridge 10.30 am	Holy Communion Morning Worship
Sunday 8th August	Trinity 10 Kingston 10.30 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 15th August	Trinity 11 Brixton 10.30 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 22nd August	Trinity 12 Longbridge 10.30 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 29th August	Trinity 13 Horningsham 10.30 am Ben	efice Holy Communion
Sunday	Trinity 14	

REGISTER

Holy Communion

Family Worship

BaptismWelcome

Kingston 8.00 am

Longbridge 10.30 am

Amy-Jane Maria Hocking Sunday 11th July at Horningsham Funerals - Our Thoughts are with the Family

Julia Carter Thursday 29th July Longbridge Deverill

CHURCH CLEANERS FOR AUGUST



5th September

Longbridge - contact Maggi Ratcliffe 840405 **Brixton** - Claire Watts & Sally Buchan Jones **Kingston** - Judy McCulloch & Anne Wiltshire

CHURCH FLOWER ARRANGERS FOR AUGUST

	Kingston	Brixton	Longbridge
1st Aug	Anne Wiltshire	Ruth Sutton	Margot Judd
8th Aug	Anne Wiltshire	Eve McBride	Margot Judd
15th Aug	Dinah Barnes	Eve McBride	Pat Wood
22nd Aug	Dinah Barnes	Sheelagh Brown	Pat Wood
29th Aug	Sue Stone	Sheelagh Brown	Jo Steptoe

SERVICES PARISH OF CORSLEY & CHAPMANSLADE

Sunday Trinity 9

1st August Corsley 9.30 am Holy Communion

Sunday Trinity 10

8th August Chapmanslade 9.30 am Holy Communion

Sunday Trinity 11

15th August Corsley 11.00 am Matins

Sunday Trinity 12

22nd August Chapmanslade 9.30 am Holy Communion

Sunday Trinity 13

29th August Horningsham 10.30 am Benefice Holy Communion

Sunday Trinity 14

5th September Corsley 9.30 am Holy Communion



Please visit the

Benefice of the Cley Hill Villages website www.cleyhillchurches.org

where you will find all the information you need about our Benefice, churches, services, numerous links, contact details and much more.

The Deverills, Cockerton & Horningsham 50/50
Club winners for July



£50 John Budgen; £25 David Wiltshire

For information about the Club and how to join please see page 10 Organiser's contact details: Diana Abbott - decabbott@gmail.com 840763, 29 The Marsh, Longbridge Deverill, BA12 7EA

Upper Deverills Village Hall

Summer Fete, Flower Show and Dog Show - 2.00 pm Saturday 21st August In addition to the usual classes, see opposite plus entry form, we are continuing online *Photographic Classes introduced last year. Please bring your entries on the day between 9.00 am and 11.00 am or send your entries to the photographic classes (Section 6) by email to upperdeverillsvillagehall@gmail.com by 6.00 pm Friday 20th August. We will print and display them to be judged in the usual way. We will be holding an Inter-Village Tug-of-War Competition, you may want to get together with potential tug-of-war team members in your village to discuss tactics beforehand! There will be a Produce Stall, if you have any fruit or vegetables or home produce you would like to sell (including show entries), please bring them along. If you would like to run a stall or a game, or would like to help out in a more general way, please contact Kevin McBride at mcbride.routine@gmail.com. In particular, we would be delighted to find somebody to run a children's stall! If you still have a trophy from 2019 please email upperdeverillsvillagehall@gmail.com and we will collect it. The Tombola, Book Stalls and Raffle rely on your generosity so please drop donations off with Eve & Kevin McBride, Ted & Gillian Flint or Caroline Davies.

Upper Deverills Show Entry Form Saturday 21st August

One exhibitor per form please; entries & forms to the Upper Deverills Hall on show day between 9.00 and 11.00 am. More information from Ted Flint 844507.

No of Class	Description of Class	Description of Item	Size

Name:	Address:
Phone Number	.Email

Upper Deverill Flower Show Schedule 21st August 2021

The Village Hall Cup for Classes 1 to 4

Class 1 - Vegetables & Fruit

- 1.1 Collection of Vegetables
- 1.2 Salad Selection (Max 10" plate or smaller)
- 1.3 Largest vegetable
- 1.4 Soft Fruit Selection (Max 10" plate or smaller)
- 1.5 Most amusing vegetable
- 1.6 Fruit and/or vegetable sculpture

Class 2 - Cookery (WI Cup)

- 2.1 Victoria sponge
- 2.2 Home made loaf
- 2.3 Six decorated cup cakes
- 2.4 Home made savoury preserve
- 2.5 Home made jam or marmalade
- 2.6 Six eggs from chicken owners (one will be broken by judge)
- 2.7 Home made alcohol
- 2.8 Home made cordial

Class 3 - Flowers 1

- 3.1 Specimen rose
- 3.2 Six Sweet Peas
- 3.3 Annuals: 6 stems one or more varieties
- 3.4 Perennials: 6 stems one or more varieties
- 3.5 Flowering shrubs: three different sprigs
- 3.6 Tallest sunflower

Class 4 - Flowers 2

- 4.1 Foliage plant in a pot
- 4.2 Flowering pot plant (not hanging basket)
- 4.3 Arrangement of wild flowers
- 4.4 Table arrangement
- 4.5 Flower arrangement in unusual container

The Liz Peters Cup for Class 5 & Class 6

Class 5 Arts and Crafts (completed since August 2019)

- 5.1 Needlepoint or Cross Stitch piece
- 5.2 Best Limerick
- 5.3 Any knitted item
- 5.4 Painting or drawing (any medium)

Class 6 - Photography *

- 6.1 Photobomb
- 6.2 Wild or domestic animal
- 6.3 The Seasons
- 6.4 Local Landscape
- 6.5 Village life
- 6.6 Garden border
- 6.7 Container planting
- 6.7 Hanging basket
- 6.9 Re-enactment of film or work of art

The Junior Shield Class 7: 16 years or under (age will be taken into account)

- 7.1 Garden on a tray
- 7.2 Best photograph (any subject)
- 7.3 100 word story
- 7.4 Best Lego construction
- 7.5 Something yummy















The Duck Race Sports Report

Under glorious July sunshine, the 143rd annual Upper Deverills' Duck Race took place on Saturday 17th July. One hundred and sixty competitors, having missed last year's race, due to covid restrictions, were under-



standably enthusiastic to put their extra year's training into full competition. The official starter, Mr. Phil Davis, announced to a hugely expectant crowd how the Duck England Fast Racing Association (DEFRA) rules were to be enforced. He duly launched the ducks from Pope's bridge to the loud cheers of spectators.

A local veteran of the race was heard to say, "The river'll be low and slow this year", and so it proved to be. In the slowest recorded time, the ducks bobbed and meandered their way towards Bell House Bridge. The peloton of ducks remaining tightly packed until a breakaway of 4 made their bid for the title at half way through the course.





River Marshall Spinks had to administer first aid to a frequently submerged N° 168, sponsored by Alan Richardson, whose pre-race training had clearly not gone to plan. As the finish line approached numerous competitors became betwaddled by the appearance of several mallards that unofficially joined the race. The children roared their approval and their encouragement as the ducks sprinted under the bridge to the finish line.

"That's amazing." exclaimed Judy Munro on hearing her duck N° 217 was first to cross the line. First place in the more important children's race, was duck N° 49 sponsored by Finley, grandchild of Martin and Liz Gatt. Master of ceremonies, Ted Flint concluded proceedings with a presentation of certificates and prizes and heralded the commencement of the picnic celebration. Many thanks to the Stratton family for use of the field and all who sponsored ducks.







Nature Notes

We are getting towards the end of the breeding season for birds. I still have several blackbirds collecting sultanas and taking them away to nests or youngsters just fledged. It is fun to watch how they carefully position the fruit in their beak; some take away 4 sultanas while others only manage 2 or 3. My friendly male blackbird, that had been in the wars, is doing very well coming regularly for his fruit. He takes some to feed young but eats a few more himself now. I was surprised at the beginning of July to hear chick noises coming from the bird box on the beech tree at the front of the house. I watched and saw great tits coming and going. Tits usually synchronise egg hatching to coincide with the emergence of caterpillars in April, so this is a very late brood, I had heard they can have second broods but never witnessed it before.

At the same time I discovered the late great tits, on 3rd July, I caught young swallows leaving the nest in the stables. We had laid canes across one back corner of the stable, at the level of the half door, giving them somewhere to perch and view their surroundings. When I looked in there were 4 youngsters sitting in a row on the cane. Thankfully I didn't spook them. I have kept an eye on the nest to see if the adults are going to start a second brood; no sign yet.

The house martins at the front of the house are very busy. I heard chick noises from more than one nest on the 26th June. I think one nest may now have flown, another has two well grown chicks looking out almost ready to fly. The chicks are well trained now and turn themselves around to put their rear out of the nest to poop; keeps the nest cleaner and saves the adults having to remove it. We have had a lot of trouble with jackdaws and magpies stealing food from the feeders. There seemed to be lots of corvids about, they must have had a good breeding season. Some evenings the sky was black with them; like Daphne Du Maurier's book, 'The Birds'.

We have had woodpeckers in the garden more regularly, both great spotted and green. The young great spotted woodpecker likes the fat block. You can tell a youngster by the red cap it sports. One evening we had two young green woodpeckers feeding on the lawn; the young have streaked plumage. They froze

and remained stationary for quite a while in response to a predator being around, probably a sparrowhawk. We thought the heron and little egret had eaten all the goldfish earlier in the year, but recently we have seen fish spawning, a good number. We can't understand what happened to all the tadpoles. Usually, we see little toadlets and froglets leaving the pond by the ramps, but nothing this year, very strange. Newts eat tadpoles and we have seen a newt but it would have to have a big appetite.

LOCAL COUNCILS, SOCIETIES, GROUPS etc.

Longbridge Deverill Parish Council

www.crockertonlongbridgeandhilldeverill.co.uk

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Upper Deverills Parish Council

www.upperdeverills.co.uk

Richard Munro 844385 (Chair) Jamie Fagan 844123 (Vice Chair)

Louise Stratton 844105 Jamie Williams 844900

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Wiltshire Council 0300 456 0100

Sir James Thynne Almshouse Sue Jackson 840322 (Trustee)

Longbridge Deverill Parish Hall Ian Bell 840514 (Bookings)

Upper Deverills Village Hall Ted Flint 844507 (Chair) John Lea 844325 (bookings)

Crockerton Village Committee Marion Thomas 213739 (Chair)

Deverills Cricket Club Ed Read 840835 (Captain)

Community Police - Local Officer (Rural)

PCSO Leigh Holcombe 9548 – leigh.holcombe@wiltshire.police.uk or call 101

Neighbourhood Watch Deverills & Crockerton Dympna Bell 840514

Warminster Link Scheme (Longbridge, Hill Deverill etc) 211655

Mere Link Scheme (Upper Deverills etc) 01747 860096

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

Post Office: Lakeside Garden Centre, Crockerton: Mon 9.00 - 12.00, Fri 9.00 - 12.00

FUTURE EVENTS

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- Community Coffee Morning Wednesday 18th August See p2
- Upper Deverills Summer Fete Saturday 21st August See p10-11
- New Orleans Jazz Night Saturday 21st August See p2
- Upper Deverills Pub Night & BBQ Friday 27th August See p2
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- Longbridge Parish Council meeting Monday 6th September See p7
- Wiltshire Historic Churches Ride & Stride Saturday 11th September See p5
- Upper Deverills Autumn Feast Saturday 11th September
- Farrant Singers Concert Thursday 16th September See p5
- Upper Deverills Pub Night & Chilli Con Carne Friday 24th September
- Artisan Market Saturday 9th October See p4
- Hungrytown duo Friday 15th October See p4
- Longbridge Hall Harvest Supper Saturday 23rd October See p4
- Upper Deverills Pub Night & Chilli Con Carne Friday 29th October
- Upper Deverills Quiz Night & Bread and Cheese Friday 12th November
- Remembrance Sunday Curry Lunch Sunday 14th November
- Upper Deverills Pub Night & Chilli Con Carne Friday 26th November
- Upper Deverills Children's Christmas party Saturday 18th December
- Village Carol Service Sunday 19th December

PARISH OF DEVERILLS AND HORNINGSHAM

Churches Clergy	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 Rev Pauline Reid, Rectory, 6 Homefields, Longbridge			
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Please remember the deadline is 15th of the month - Thank you

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