

# PARISH NEWS

## The Deverills & Crockerton



Kingston Deverill from Court Hill by Pat Armstrong

# FEBRUARY 2023

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**Community Coffee Mornings 10.30 - 12.00 noon**  
**Wednesdays 1st February & 1st March**



The George Inn, Longbridge - £2  
Everyone welcome so please join us  
Call Judy 844385 if you require transport



**UPPER DEVERILLS VILLAGE HALL**

**Dark Skies Talk and Star-gazing**  
**Thursday 9th February 7.00 for 7.30 pm**



Steve Tonkin, Dark Skies Advisor for the Cranborne Chase Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, a keen astronomer and author, will talk about the importance of dark skies and significance of the AONB's Dark Sky Reserve designation. If the sky is clear the talk will be followed by star and planet gazing outside, so dress warmly and bring your binoculars.

**Pub Night & Chilli Friday 24th February 6.00 - 10.30 pm**



Pop in early with children or come later after work, catch up with neighbours and make new friends, an opportunity to come together as a community. Draught beer, wine, spirits, soft drinks, snacks  
Everyone is welcome, we look forward to seeing you.



**Community Arts & Crafts afternoon**

**2.00 - 4.00 pm Monday 13th February**

**Upper Deverills Village Hall**

All valley residents welcome  
Come and enjoy a cuppa & cake.

Bring your craft, try art media; enjoy a game/jigsaw.  
Suggestions for activities welcome. Please join us.



**Shrove Tuesday 21st February**  
**Pancake Evening 4.00-6.00pm**

Longbridge Deverill Village Hall

Jacket potatoes & pancakes - adults £5 & children £3

You are very welcome to join us

## Dear Friends,

As I write we have been experiencing endless days of grey with unremitting heavy rain, if the sun does make an appearance, it is something to be remarked upon; a glimpse of blue sky is reason for celebration! It is that time of year when it can feel unbearably cold and miserable, and spring can feel a long way off.



Recently I had the privilege of accompanying my friend to have a scan of her baby. When I had my 4 children, I only had a scan for the youngest one born in 1987 so I was very excited to have this opportunity to be with my friend. It was incredibly moving to see the image of this tiny being up on the screen, and even more so when the radiographer highlighted the various organs in the baby's body and explained what they were. It was nothing short of miraculous that hidden in its dark and watery home a new human being was being formed. The psalmist writes: *For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.*

This miracle of new life is echoed in the rhythm of birth and death in the created order; despite the cold and darkness of these February days new life is being created in the dark earth. Initially we cannot see it, but then wondrously, a bulb bravely pushes its green head through the sodden soil and there, we are reminded that new life is coming. Once again I hold my breath in anticipation of seeing that most beautiful icon of hope, the snowdrop; how gloriously clever of nature to give us something so exquisite when we are wondering how we are going to get through these final months of winter. In his poem, *Firelight and Nightfall*, D.H. Lawrence writes: *'Here lamps are white like snowdrops in the grass.'* What beautiful words, the snowdrops are like lamps lighting up these dull days and calling us to pay attention to the beauty of the natural world, to what the priest/poet George Herbert called *'Heaven in Ordinary'*, pointing us toward hope.

Herbert's poems are prayers really, and most people at some point in their lives find prayer difficult, they cannot find the right words or they feel that God has deserted them, that prayer is a waste of time. Weirdly, it is often when we admit to feeling the absence of God that we are actually closest to him, and anyway, words are very inadequate to express this yearning we have to reach beyond ourselves into the divine presence.

John of the Cross spoke of *'dazzling darkness'*. I hope in these dark days of winter, and indeed our hurting world, you too can find beauty and hope that moves your heart to prayer as we wait for spring. Love and prayers,

**Rev Pauline Reid**

**BENEFICE OF THE CLEY HILL VILLAGES**



Please look at the website for information, links, contact details, current and previous editions of the Parish News [www.cleyhillchurches.org](http://www.cleyhillchurches.org)

Crockerton village committee presents a fundraising

# QUIZ NIGHT

WITH CHILLI SUPPER

VEGGIE OPTION AVAILABLE WITH PRE BOOKED TICKET

at Longbridge Deverill village hall

**SUNDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2023**

DOORS OPEN 6.30 FOR A 7PM START

**TICKETS £12 PER PERSON - TEAMS OF 4 - 6**

TO BOOK CALL TRACEY 07718326052 OR HELEN 07713508404

RAFFLE IN AID OF CROCKERTON VILLAGE DEFIBRILLATOR FUND

## DEAN CARR'S MARKET TABLE BA11 2QB

### TUESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY VALENTINES DINNER 'STICKY BEEF'



Our famous sticky beef with braised red cabbage, champ, vegetables & glass of rioja - £15.75 pp. Bar opens 6.00 pm, food served from 6.00 - 9.30 pm. To book contact Dean at [marketableba11@gmail.com](mailto:marketableba11@gmail.com) or call 07834 636468  
Dean has raised money for many local charities who have benefitted so far by approximately £3,750.

**Bag a Bargain.**

Wellington Barn on Manor Farm,  
Calstone, Calne, SN11 8PY

28th February 2023, 4pm - 9pm, £6 entry  
1st March 2023, 9am - 12pm, free entry

Bar will be open for tea, coffee & drinks  
[www.wiltshirebobbyvan.org.uk/events](http://www.wiltshirebobbyvan.org.uk/events)

## Codford & District Gardening Club

The first talk of the new season will take place on **Wednesday 15th February.**

**Simon Goldacre** will speak on **'Creating a new Public Pleasure Garden'**.



He is the curator and driving force of Holme For Gardens in Dorset, which the Club will be visiting in the summer. Originally it was just a farm, then diversified to a Farm Shop and Garden centre, before creating a wonderful landscaped garden with various 'rooms' to create colour and interest all the year round. The bar will be open from 7.00 pm, the talk will start at 7.30 pm prompt. Non members £2.

**Karen** (850258)

## Mere Historical Society - winter programme

(All talks held on Tuesdays in the Grove Building, Mere)

**28th February** 7.30 pm Captain David Parsons 'Trinity House'

**7th March** 10.30 am Tony Davies 'Game-changing Warfare'

**4th April** 7.30 pm (AGM): Dr Amy Frost 'William Beckford'

**11th April** 7.30 pm Susan Winch 'Saxons & swineherds, one family's Mere ties'

**18th April** 7.30 pm Nicola Turner Inman 'The Royal Collection'



## Warminster Museum and History Society

On **Wednesday 1st February** you are very welcome to join the Society at 2.30 pm in Warminster Library for a talk by Ruth Butler, Wiltshire and Swindon History Centre, 'Penruddock's Rebellion: Wiltshire's Royalist Uprising of 1655'.



## Maiden Bradley Memorial Hall

See [www.maidenbradleyhall.co.uk](http://www.maidenbradleyhall.co.uk) or call (845303 answerphone)

**Sunday 5th February** – 10.00 - 11.00 am Catch-up Coffee Morning

**Friday 10th February** – Illustrated talk - Ukraine/Russia conflict by Prof. Geoff Till, licensed bar, funds raised to support All Saints Church; Tickets £12.50 from **Eventbrite** or Pat 845397.

**Friday 17th February** – Film Night 'The New Railway Children'. Doors open at 6.00 for 6.30 pm start suitable for all the family

**Friday 3rd & Saturday 4th March** 'The Temporary Measure' Pub night and games

**Saturday 25th March** – A performance of Gilbert & Sullivan's 'Ruddigore' by The White Horse Opera Group. Doors open 7.00 for 7.30 pm start, tickets £10.00 available from Devizes Books or [www.ticketsource.co.uk/whitehorseopera](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whitehorseopera)

Please see [www.maidenbradleyhall.co.uk](http://www.maidenbradleyhall.co.uk) for further details



### Regular events:

**Mondays:** 10.00 - 11.00 am Yoga, 5.00 pm - 6.00 pm, Doctor's Surgery

**Tuesdays:** 11.00 - noon Bradley Babies, 1.00 - 3.00 pm Post Office Service

**Wednesdays:** 6.15 - 7.15 pm Yoga Flow

**Fridays:** 10.00 - 12.00 Coffee Morning

Book & jigsaw lending library during hall opening for regular events

## White Horse Decorative & Fine Arts Society

Ten talks a year on 3rd Monday of the month (except August & December) at Standerwick Centre, Frome Market (BA11 2QB). Talks begin at 2.00 pm. The next two talks are on **20th February** 'The Seven Wonders of the Ancient World' by Stephen Carr-Smith and **20th March**

'The Jurassic World of Mary Anning' by Aaron Hunter. Non-members £8 per talk. Annual membership £50, please contact Caroline Dunseath 01373 824224 / [dunroy100@msn.com](mailto:dunroy100@msn.com)







## Mere Surgery

### Additional services available to patients 2023

Our priority is to provide a dedicated team of GPs for our patients in and around Mere. For health problems please continue to call our reception (01747 860 001) who will ensure your needs are directed to the right health professional. In 2019 our Patient Participation Group (PPG) undertook a survey of what health services our patients wanted as Mere continues to grow. The universal response was for more health and wellbeing services to be provided within Mere to reduce travel. The following additional services are now available to the patients at the Surgery

**Paramedic** Andy Wotton, you will recognise him in his green uniform, manages urgent and acute presentations that require being seen on the same day. Andy will also deal with patients' initial discharge from hospital, minor injuries and home visits.

**Hearing Aid clinic** Held on the first Thursday of the month, it offers a service to patients for retubing/cleaning hearing aids and batteries. Patients can book appointments direct by contacting Gill Drayson on 01722 580014 or 07570 670 643.

**Diabetic Eye Screening** A monthly clinic offering a test to check for eye problems, patients are contacted direct and to arrange an appointment at the surgery.

**Specialist Diabetes Nurse clinic** Monthly on the third Wednesday of each month, providing good patient care and promoting self-care management.

**Breast Screening Unit** In late 2022 the unit visited for a period of two weeks and resulted in some of the highest attendance figures ever recorded in Mere.

**Health and Wellbeing Coaches** Julia Cole works 2 days a week offering a Health and Wellbeing coaching service to support patients in making changes to their lifestyle and behaviour. Working with patients with physical and/or low-level mental health conditions to improve their health. An additional coach will join the surgery for a further 2 days a week shortly.

**Elderly Care Facilitator and Age UK** The Facilitator is responsible for patients over 75, and will visit them in their homes, liaise closely with families, co-ordinate services and ensure the patients' needs are met. The surgery has access to Age UK staff able to assist completing applications for benefits or accessing different services.

**Care Co-ordinator** They work closely with GPs in the surgery and our Elderly Care Facilitator, however they mainly focus on the key younger age group.

**First Contact Physiotherapist** They are based in the surgery one day a week offering to discuss musculo-skeletal problems. Following a telephone triage call, the First Contact Physiotherapist may recommend an appointment with them directly.

**Pharmacy Team** As Sarum West Primary Care Network, we have appointed a team of Pharmacy Technicians to assist with monitoring medications. The team work remotely accessing patient records to ensure best practice for patients.

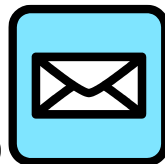
**Online services** Patients can now use Airmid, a new App to access the surgery's online services, it is an alternative to NHS App / System Online. It does not replace usual methods to contact the surgery, book appointments or request prescriptions.

**Women's Health** We continue to hold specific clinics for Women's Health on a weekly basis dealing with matters such as contraception, menopause and HRT.

**Minor surgery and Cryotherapy** These sessions are held on alternate weeks.

**To contact the surgery:** Telephone: 01747 860001 Website: [meresurgery.co.uk](http://meresurgery.co.uk)

## Parish News annual donation



It is now time to make your annual donation towards the printing costs of this magazine. Many people enjoy reading the magazine and find it useful for local information and events. A **£10 - £15 donation from each household in our valley is vital to ensure continued production**. Some financial assistance is received from the PCC, the two Parish Councils and local groups but the printing costs have risen, as many other costs this year. **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. (No Sellotape to seal the envelope please.) **Cheques payable to:** 'PCC of the Deverills and Horningsham'.

**Envelopes:** Please take them to **Longbridge Deverill Garage**; or place them in the **church collection**; or give them to **Karen Seymour**, PCC Treasurer (see page 16); or to **Judy Munro** (Editor) Whitepits Lodge, Kingston Deverill, BA12 7HD.

**Thank you for your continued support of the Parish News.**

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

*Judy Munro - Editor*

## Time for God - Bishop Karen

I write this on an early wet dark evening in January. Candlemas marks the end of Epiphany and lights are once again lit reminding us to rekindle our faith as we enter the season of Lent. There are many challenges we face, as individuals, as churches and as a nation at this period in our history and it often feels like the light we are called to be is diminishing as we frantically try to fan the flame and remain forever hopeful. Emmanuel, God with us, that we celebrated at Christmas however continues to walk with us, to bear our burdens and lighten our path. It is that companionship that keeps us going as the days lengthen and springtime appears. Jesus, our friend and companion is a powerful image – sharing life together with a friend involves vulnerability, conversation and time. That is what God longs from us.

The Christian promise is we never face hardships alone and there are plenty of reminders of God's faithfulness around us. Our church buildings reflect centuries of prayer and worship, our beautiful landscape reflects a glorious creator and our Christian witness can reflect good news. This month set aside time for God, spend time in church or taking a walk with an awareness that Christ is alongside you and is interested in you, share your concerns in prayer and listen. As a diocese we are listening and praying for a hope filled vision to take us into the future and we want everyone to be part of that. Share together what you think God is saying about the challenges, and share it with the clergy. Together we prepare to walk a Lenten journey, a journey in which we hope to discover new things and actively rekindle that friendship with Jesus we so often take for granted.



## SERVICES PARISH DEVERILLS & HORNINGSHAM

### Sunday

### 3rd before Lent

5th February

Kingston 8.00 am

Holy Communion

Longbridge 10.00 am

Morning Worship

### Sunday

### 2nd before Lent

12th February

Kingston 10.00 am

Holy Communion

### Sunday

### 1st before Lent

19th February

Brixton 10.00 am

Holy Communion

### Wednesday

### Ash Wednesday

22nd February

Longbridge 6.00 pm

Holy Communion

### Sunday

### Lent 1

26th February

Longbridge 10.00 am

Holy Communion

### Sunday

### Lent 2

5th March

Kingston 8.00 am

Holy Communion

### Pat and Les Wood's 60th Wedding Anniversary

They were married on 24th November 1962 at Longbridge Deverill church.



The ceremony was taken by Rev. Anthony Stott; it was his first official service in the village; he told Les not to be late, but he was! King Charles sent them a card of congratulations.



### CHURCH CLEANERS FOR FEBRUARY

**Kingston** Mandy Martyn & Angie Beloe

**Brixton** Sheelagh Brown & Lorraine Hardy

**Longbridge** by arrangement



### CHURCH FLOWER ARRANGERS FOR FEBRUARY

#### Kingston

5th Feb Judy Munro

12th Feb Carol Noonan

19th Feb Carol Noonan

26th Feb Lent

#### Brixton

Claire Watts

Sheelagh Brown

Sheelagh Brown

No

#### Longbridge

Maureen Hinton

Maureen Hinton

Maureen Hinton

Flowers



## SERVICES PARISH CORSLEY & CHAPMANSLADE

### **Sunday 3rd before Lent**

5th February      Corsley 9.30 am      Holy Communion

### **Sunday 2nd before Lent**

12th February      Chapmanslade 9.30 am      Holy Communion

### **Sunday 1st before Lent**

19th February      Corsley 11.00 am      Matins

### **Wednesday Ash Wednesday**

22nd February      Chapmanslade 10.00 am      Holy Communion

### **Sunday Lent 1**

26th February      Chapmanslade 9.30 am      Holy Communion

### **Sunday Lent 2**

5th March      Corsley 9.30 am      Holy Communion

## LENT

During Lent we usually run a Lent course, but it seems to me in these difficult times that more than anything else we should be praying for our hurting world and its people. So during Lent there will be a time of prayer at the Rectory each week. This does not mean anybody has to come up with eloquent prayers, prayer is far more than words.

I will sort out dates and times and send these out as soon as I can.

*Rev Pauline Reid*

## Deverills, Crockerton & Horningsham 50/50 Club



### January winners

**£50 Sally Weale and £25 Nigel Poole**

Why not Join the Club! The valley's 50/50 club raises funds to help run and preserve our four beautiful valley churches, for the benefit of everyone fortunate to live here, appreciating the unique community spirit of village life. It does not raise money for the wider church but indirectly benefits local residents. Each club member pays £24 per year, proceeds are divided 50/50, half goes to support the churches and half given as prizes, £50 and £25 monthly, with extra Christmas prizes. Winners' names are published in the Parish News. £1,000 was raised for our churches and a similar amount given as prizes last year. Joining details in churches or contact **Diana Abbott 840763** or [decabbott@gmail.com](mailto:decabbott@gmail.com)

## Longbridge Deverill Parish Council

### Councillor Vacancy



There is currently one vacancy for a Councillor. It is a great way to get involved and to make a positive contribution to our community. The Council have had great success in developing a Parish Plan for all the residents as well as providing a speed Indicator device and supporting various other local projects/groups. They meet every other month on the first Monday, where they might discuss a range of topics from planning applications, rights of way to antisocial behaviour and highway issues. If you are interested, please contact the Clerk.

### Grant applications

Local groups and organisations are asked to submit grant applications to the clerk by the **15th February**. For further information and the most recent application form visit [www.longbridgedeverillparishcouncil.com](http://www.longbridgedeverillparishcouncil.com) 'documents' 'grant process & application'.

### Annual Parish Meeting of the Electorate

This is scheduled for **Monday 24th April** at 7.00 pm. Local organisations are invited to give presentations, please advise the clerk if your organisation wishes to take part.

The next Parish Council meeting will be **Monday 6th March** 7.00pm at the Parish Hall. Full minutes and agendas can be found on the Parish Council website or contact the Clerk **details on page 14**



### DEFIBRILLATOR AWARENESS TRAINING

**The George Inn - Monday 6th March at 7.00 pm**

**Run by South Western Ambulance Service**

**Free of charge and open to all residents in the  
Parish of Longbridge Deverill**

### Defibrillator Locations - Deverill Valley

You can Google: **Defi finder** to locate nearest defibrillator to you.

**The George Inn**, Longbridge Deverill BA12 7DG Location: Outside

**Lakeside Garden Centre** BA12 8AP Available: Opening hours

**Shearwater Tearooms** BA12 8AE Location: Outside

**Crockerton School** BA12 8AB Location: Outside

**Deverill Valley Trading Estate** BA12 7BZ Available: Opening hours

**Upper Deverills Village Hall** BA12 7HG Location: Outside

**Maiden Bradley Memorial Hall** BA12 7JG Location: Outside

**Horningsham Village Hall** BA12 7LL Location: Outside

## Upper Deverills Parish Council

### 20 mph zones feasibility



The Parish Council have been working closely with the Traffic Engineering team at Wiltshire Council to identify whether there are any stretches of the B3095 which might be suitable for 20 mph zones. There are strict guidelines and restrictions which have to be met in order for a stretch of road to be considered suitable. The first stage of the process is to carry out a survey of vehicle speeds within the zones identified. The Parish Council has applied for the surveys to be conducted. It is likely to be some months before the surveys are carried out and the results known.

### The next Parish Council meeting

The next meeting will be at 7.00 pm on **Wednesday 8th March**, in Upper Deverills Village Hall, see page 14 for council details and website.



### Upper Deverills Litter Pick

**10.00 am - 12.00 noon Saturday 18th March**

**Equipment provided, all volunteers very welcome**

**Please assemble at the Upper Deverills Hall**

## Upper Deverills Wildlife & Conservation Group

### Bird Surveys

Last year saw the completion of the first of a series of bird surveys in the Upper Deverills. The surveys targeted several farmland species

(Yellowhammer, Corn Bunting, Skylark) that are in serious decline. Through the period April to June surveys were undertaken along 12 pre-selected routes to record the presence (or absence) of these species, and each route was surveyed 3 times. A brief report and table of results has been uploaded onto the Upper Deverills Website, under 'Our Countryside'. The second series of surveys along the same routes, targeting the same 3 species, will begin in April.



If anyone would like further information please contact:

Brixton Deverill - Peter Marsh 840828, Kingston Deverill - Ted Flint  
844507

Monkton Deverill - Alison Rymell 844819

## Rainfall report for 2022

What a tremendous contrast from a sweltering hot lovely summer to a soaking wet autumn and end of year. Almost a carbon copy of 1976. As I write this annual rainfall report for 2022, it is worth noting the New Year has started and in this month we have already endured just over 6 inches of rain by today's date Saturday January 14th 2023. However, the water meadows are doing what they were designed to do, and it is a great sight to see them covered in water once again.



The team of 8 rainfall recorders has supplied me with its results and the average rainfall, over 8 sites within the parish, reveals the rainfall for 2022 was almost bang on the average at 35.38 inches.

The hottest days were June 18th, when we recorded 29C, followed by a scorching hot July peaking at 32C on July 20th. Then along came August to continue the heat wave with 5 days from August 11th - 15th, when we sweltered at over 30 degrees.

The coldest days were in December from the 7th to the 18th, recording a frost every night, the lowest temperature dipped to a minus 7C on the 15th and 16th December. I gather in some places minus 10C was measured.

The wettest day being October 20th with 41.6mm of rain. The wettest month was November, with 229mm of rain recorded, which in the King's English is 9 inches of rain.

I conclude this report with rainfall totals in inches for the past 2 decades:

2000 - 42.83	2005 - 27.83	2010 - 27.23	2015 - 33.50	2020 - 48.21
2001 - 30.44	2006 - 34.10	2011 - 26.80	2016 - 30.94	2021 - 37.26
2002 - 41.73	2007 - 39.31	2012 - 40.61	2017 - 26.68	2022 - 35.73
2003 - 29.96	2008 - 42.58	2013 - 30.76	2018 - 34.20	
2004 - 34.10	2009 - 38.42	2014 - 42.87	2019 - 40.81	

Two decades of records show the Parish rainfall annual average 35.63 inches.

**Up date** since writing the above, the weather has deteriorated and it is now concerning some unfortunate Parishioners, who are facing flooding. From 1st September 2022 to 15th January 2023 we have endured 23 inches of rain, including 6 inches of rain since 1st January. It has been an exceptionally wet period since 19th December on top of a very wet autumn and we are still only halfway through January.

**John Robins**, Manor Farm, Longbridge Deverill

## Nature Notes

We don't seem to be able to get through a day without it raining. What a change from when I last wrote, when we were having a very cold snap. Nature has to be so adaptable to survive. The river is very high and flowing so fast. I noticed yesterday the swans had given up trying to navigate it and were sitting high up on the bank. Not so long ago when walking round the village I would usually see at least one little egret fishing, plus or minus a heron and sometimes catch sight of a kingfisher. All these birds have had to go elsewhere to hunt. The heron and little egret can find food in the fields and the kingfisher will go to more tranquil water, such as our pond though I have not spotted one fishing there for a while. The pond is also much deeper at the moment and with the fish tending to keep lower down at this time of the year, the kingfisher might find them a bit difficult to catch. We have had a pair of moorhens visiting regularly; they will find the river difficult to navigate and opt for an easier environment.

There have been strong winds which have certainly reduced the number of birds coming into the garden. Our garden is quite open especially to the westerly winds we have been having, on calmer days they come back, meanwhile they must shelter in the wood and hedgerows where it is warmer. It is not just the weather that has unsettled the birds; we have had a sparrowhawk visiting. Today the weather has been much improved and there have been lots of blue tits, some great tits, goldfinches and just now I caught sight of four long tailed tits on the fat. Most days at least one cock pheasant has been in the garden, quite often three, they spend a lot of time feeding under the apple trees; the moorhens feed there too. It is always warmer under there so there will be more insect life, the rotting apples increase the temperature and harbour grubs as well as being food themselves. We still see the fieldfare defending the apples but not so vigorously. We have yet to have more fieldfares and redwings in the garden, I think this coming week we are due colder weather again so perhaps they will visit then. Actually, I have not seen many fieldfares or redwings, just fairly small flocks of a dozen or so.



Looking around the garden the bulbs are coming up, I know there are snowdrops already out in the churchyard at Longbridge. Several shrubs are now blooming which have a gorgeous scent; *Lonicer a fragrantissima* and *mahonia japonica*. A *pulmonaria* is in bloom and there are flowers on the *cyclamen corm*; a deep crimson red which stands out brightly in any weather conditions. I wanted to clear the rockery today to see the bulbs as they come through but it is too slippery so I decided to let it dry for a day or two. The reeds and irises in the pond should also be cut back before the toads become active again and the bird boxes need to be cleared out ready for the forthcoming breeding season. It doesn't seem that long ago that we did all it last year!

***Jane Trollope*** (written 15th January 2023)

## **LOCAL COUNCILS, SOCIETIES, GROUPS**

**Longbridge Deverill Parish Council** [www.longbridgedeverillparishcouncil.com](http://www.longbridgedeverillparishcouncil.com)

Kate Plastow 840975 (Vice Chair)

Nigel Spreadbury-Clews 216660

Mark Duddridge 213476

David Searle 213767

James Kettler 841129 Vicky Swan 215752 Martin McDermott 216939

Nikki Spreadbury-Clews (Clerk) 07986 880164 or [longbridgedeverillpc@gmail.com](mailto:longbridgedeverillpc@gmail.com)

**Upper Deverills Parish Council** [www.upperdeverills.co.uk](http://www.upperdeverills.co.uk)

Jamie Fagan 844123 (Chair)

Belinda Stewart-Cox 840150

Louise Stratton 844105 Jamie Williams 844900 Johnnie Burridge 841098

Laura Napper (Clerk) 07971 368742 or [clerk@upperdeverills.co.uk](mailto:clerk@upperdeverills.co.uk)

**Wiltshire Councillor** Christopher Newbury 01373 822508

**Wiltshire Council** 0300 456 0100

**Member of Parliament** Dr Andrew Murrison 01225 358584

**Longbridge Deverill Parish Hall** Ian Bell 840514 (Bookings)

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

**Sir James Thynne Almshouse** Sue Jackson 840322 (Trustee)

**Crockerton Village Committee** Stuart Atherton (Chair) 07968 198521

**Deverills Cricket Club** Ed Read 07702 273338 (Captain)

**Community Police - Local Officer (Rural)**

PCSO Leigh Holcombe 9548 – [leigh.holcombe@wiltshire.police.uk](mailto:leigh.holcombe@wiltshire.police.uk) or call 101

**Neighbourhood Watch Deverills & Crockerton co-ordinator**

Crispian Beattie email: [ceib@btinternet.com](mailto:ceib@btinternet.com) or call 844884

**Warminster Link Scheme** (Longbridge, Hill Deverill etc) 07447 572789

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

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

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

**Defibrillators:** Google [defifinder.uk](http://defifinder.uk) to locate nearest defibrillator to you  
The George Inn, Longbridge BA12 7DG; Lakeside BA12 8AP - opening hours

Shearwater Tearooms BA12 8AE; Crockerton School BA12 8AB

Deverill Valley Trading Estate BA12 7BZ - opening hours

Upper Deverills Village Hall BA12 7HG; Maiden Bradley Memorial Hall BA12 7JG

Horningsham Village Hall BA12 7LL



## FUTURE EVENTS

- **Community Coffee Morning** Wednesday 1st February See p2
- **Warminster Museum & History Society** Wednesday 1st February See p5
- **Maiden Bradley Hall Catch Up Coffee Morning** Sunday 5th February See p5
- **Upper Deverills Hall Talk - Dark Skies** Thursday 9th February - See p2
- **Maiden Bradley Hall Ukraine/Russia Talk** Friday 10th February See p5
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