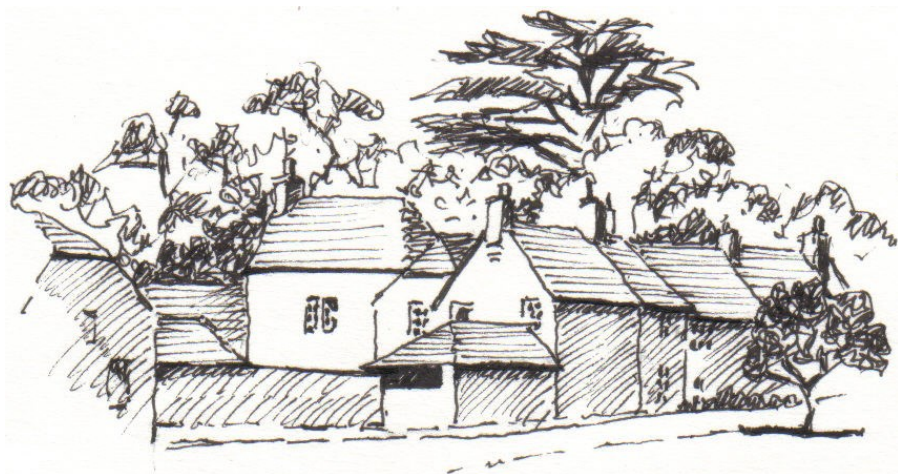


# PARISH NEWS

## The Deverills & Crockerton



The Old House, Longbridge Deverill by Pat Armstrong

# JANUARY 2023

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**Community Coffee Mornings 10.30 - 12.00 noon**  
**Wednesdays 4th January & 1st March**



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



**Community Arts & Crafts afternoon**

2.00 - 4.00 pm Monday 9th January  
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.



**NSPCC Fundraising Burns Night**

Friday 20th January at 7.30 pm  
Sutton Veny Village Hall, High Street,  
Sutton Veny BA12 7AP

Tickets £20 cash for three courses. BYO drinks, tap water provided. More information and tickets available from:  
Margaret 212520, Jane 840044, Sheila 07762 272598

**UPPER DEVERILLS VILLAGE HALL**



**Crime Prevention advice drop-in evening**  
**Wednesday 11th January 6.00 - 7.30 pm**

Leigh, our local Community Police Support Officer, will attend this informal event; DNA forensic marking kits available.

**AGM Friday 20th January 7.00 pm**

Everyone is very welcome to come along

**Pub Night & Chilli Friday 27th January 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.  
Facebook [www.facebook.com/groups/upperdeverills](http://www.facebook.com/groups/upperdeverills)

**Dear Friends,**



As usual I am writing this several weeks before the new year dawns, so I have got to try to stretch my thinking beyond Christmas to January. I will probably be in a bit of a heap by then having housed and fed various family members over the festive period and taken numerous services. Obviously, I adore having my family around me, particularly as some live abroad, but it can be a little challenging at times to keep the festive peace. But it is an enormous joy, of course, and I am always very sad when the house is empty again.

After the machinations of the Covid years I think most of us thought things would settle down; how wrong we were. The cold winds of war, climate change, fuel and food poverty, rocketing food prices and widespread social unrest are forcing us to confront our long-held beliefs and expectations about how our society and the wider world should function so every human being is enabled to live with dignity and hope.

After such a tumultuous and deeply unsettling year, what will 2023 bring? Who knows! Being a parish priest has given me a certain perspective on life I didn't have before and if you ask me what my tips are (for want of a better word) for this new year I would have to answer: Give thanks for your life and for the opportunities you enjoy, for this beautiful, peaceful place we live in, for friendship and laughter. Give thanks for those around you with whom you share love because it is a precious gift. Tell them you love them, show them by your actions you love them, because giving and receiving love is the most important thing we can do in the short time we have on this earth. If you read these words and feel there is no love in your life to be shared, then remember you are passionately loved by God who knows all the secrets of our hearts and loves us still.

May you enjoy a happy and peace-filled new year, with love and prayers,

**Pauline**

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

## **CHRISTINGLE SERVICE**

**3.00 PM SATURDAY 14TH JANUARY**

**ST PHILIP & JAMES AT CHAPMASNSLADE**

*Come and make Christingles and celebrate  
that Jesus Christ is the Light of the World  
In aid of the Children's Society*



## 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



### Upper Deverills Village Hall

We have had a full year of Village Hall events, very welcome after the disruption of coronavirus. You have enthusiastically supported our monthly Pub Nights and consumed large quantities of chilli, potatoes, burgers, sausages, wine and beer! Our St George's Day Feast was very popular and the Jubilee celebrations even more so. A highlight was the amazing spread of cakes and desserts many of you brought along to share. The beacon lighting was particularly memorable, I thank the Strattons for making it possible, Hamish Blair for piping us up the hill and everyone who participated in readings and singing at the beacon, and the Parish Council for their financial support. Summer saw the Duck Race and the Summer Fete and Dog Show, a huge success thanks to the hard work of people who turned out to assist the Committee, we are very grateful to them all. We very sadly we lost Val Spinks, a stalwart Committee member, in September and in consequence cancelled our Autumn Feast. We all sorely miss Val in every possible way. Autumn saw our usual delicious Remembrance Sunday Curry Lunch and an excellent Quiz, compiled by the Buchan Jones and Watts. The Craft Fair held in December featured locally made gifts and crafts and delicious refreshments and was a great success. Thanks are due to Sara Howard and Lisa Stratton for running the Children's' Christmas Party, and to John Lea and Robert Shuler for the Village Carol Service, both events are much-loved elements of our Deverill Christmas!



I would like to tender my warm thanks to my fellow Committee members for their tireless efforts and enthusiasm, they are John Lea, Eve and Kevin McBride, Paul Spinks, Caroline Davies, Helen Bull, Gillian Flint and Judy McCulloch. We are all grateful to everybody who has helped us in other ways and also all of you who support us by turning up for our events!

We meet on **Friday 20th January** at 7.00 pm for our Annual General Meeting and would like everyone to join us (and get a free drink)! The meeting will start with a briefing on the defibrillator, kindly donated to us by the Parish Council. We will appoint the Village Hall Committee for the coming year, confirm the 2023 programme and find volunteers to help deliver specific events. The Committee is moving from 11 to 4 meetings a year and we hope this might enable more of you to become Committee members. I hope to see you there!

**Ted Flint**

## Mere Historical Society - winter programme

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

**10th January** 7.30 pm Corfe Castle in the Time of King John and Richard, Earl of Cornwall by Martin Papworth

**17th January** 10.30 am The History of Arundells by Ivan Smith

**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 18th January** you are welcome to join the Society at 2.30 pm in Warminster Library for a talk 'A Tour Round the Follies of the West Country' by Jonathan Holt, Editor of *Follies* magazine.



## Maiden Bradley Memorial Hall

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

**Saturday 14th January** Quiz Night 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm

**Friday 27th January** Film Night 'The Duke' 7.00 for 7.30 pm

### 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 third Monday of each month (except August & December) at Standerwick Centre, Frome Market (BA11 2QB).

Talks start at 2.00 pm. The next two talks are **16th January** 'Fakes and Forgeries' given by Marc Allum; **20th February** 'The Seven Wonders of the Ancient World' by Stephen Carr-Smith. Non-members £8 per talk. Annual membership £50, please contact Caroline Dunseath 01373 824224 /dunroy100@msn.com



## Codford and District Gardening Club

Our **AGM** is on **Wednesday 18th January** in the large hall of Codford Village Hall, bar opens at 7.00 pm, meeting starts at 7.30 pm; please bring a plate of eats to share. **The Vegetable Day**, in conjunction with Lakeside Garden Centre, will be in the Village Hall on **Saturday 28th January** 10.00 am - 1.00 pm, entrance £2.00 includes a cup of tea/coffee and cake! All you need for the new growing season; vegetables, fruit, herbs, bulbs compost.



**Karen** (850258)



Congratulations to Hilary McFarland for receiving a prize for raising the most money of walkers over 65 years. The total raised for the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust in 2022 was over £48,000. The total raised in the Deverills was £850 of which the PCC receives half back (£425) for the maintenance of our churches. Grants can be applied for from the Trust for church projects.



Would you or someone you know gain a much-improved quality of life if there was something which would improve life if only

it could be afforded? We really can help and want to encourage people apply. There is a one-page application which will need the counter-signature by a doctor, social worker, minister etc. before the application is complete. It is best if first you/they go to the business who can supply what is needed and obtain a quotation made out to them. Then Google 'Fudge Trust for Warminster' and click 'The Ernest and Marjorie Fudge Trust for Warminster'. If you require a paper application form and help please call Fran Pearson on 07717-11572 or email her at [franpearson100@hotmail.com](mailto:franpearson100@hotmail.com). We help groups too but want most to assist individuals with issues first.

## Dorothy House Hospice

You can get your real Christmas tree collected by Dorothy House Hospice Care and make a donation to help support end of life care in our community. If you would like to sign up to this fantastic community fund-raising scheme to get your discarded Christmas tree collected from your house over the weekend of **13-15 January** here is what you need to do:



Visit the JustHelping website at [www.just-helping.org.uk/register-tree](http://www.just-helping.org.uk/register-tree);  
Check that your postcode is covered by the scheme;  
Register your tree and make a donation;

Follow the online instructions about where to leave your tree.

The deadline for signups is Sunday 8th January at 11.59 pm. Please help us spread the word and let's raise lots of money for patient care!

If you'd like to volunteer in any way to help support the Hospice, either by providing a van to collect trees, driving a van, chipping trees, catering for our volunteers, or any other support, please contact Clare Way on 01225 721480 or email [clare.way@dorothyhouse-hospice.org.uk](mailto:clare.way@dorothyhouse-hospice.org.uk)

## Jean Staniland celebrated 90th birthday

Jean celebrated her 90th Birthday on Saturday 19th November at home with friends and neighbours and then again the next day in Brixton Church with the congregation who enjoyed delicious birthday cake with coffee to celebrate.



## Parish News Annual donation



We will be asking for donations towards the annual printing costs of the Parish News in the February edition. Usually we ask residents to make their contribution in the January magazine but Karen Seymour takes over as PCC Treasurer in January so to allow her time to settle into the role we will be asking for your contributions next month.

## Crockerton Village Committee (CVC)

This year saw the welcome return of Crockerton Village Community Carols held at the Shearwater Café, by the lake. CVC supplied mulled wine, soft drinks and mince pies to local residents and Crockerton school, whilst the children sang carols on a brisk December evening, bracing the zero-degree temperature. Miss Hedley conducted the choir, lit only by a torch and the children followed her every move. Both Miss Hedley and Mrs Ilic, headteacher, said they were proud of children and hoped that this would reignite a regular Christmas tradition in the village. Lee and Helen, of the café, gave out marshmallow topped hot chocolates as a gift from them to all who have supported the café through the pandemic and throughout this year. Villagers and parents of the school children gave generously to the Defibrillator maintenance fund, raising **£193.54**. Just as the final carol was being sung, there was a timely visit from Father Christmas himself! The Warminster Lions, Santa Workshop, visited knowing that there were lots of well-behaved children (...and adults...) who deserved a visit this year! Crockerton Village Committee were delighted by the turn out with many villagers saying this has been the best Carol Concert we have had in years.

CVC, and on behalf of villagers, would like to thank Marion Thomas (and Geoff) for all their hard work, support and time to the committee and residents. Marion joined the original Millennium Committee in 1999 as a member, then in 2006 took the role of Chairperson. She is leaving to pursue their love of travelling. The committee presented Marion with a 'sparrow terrace' at their November meeting and look forward to hearing their travelling adventures. We welcome Stuart Atherton to the group and as our new Chairperson.

**Hold the date ..... Village Quiz Night – Sunday 12th February.**

## Christmas Community Coffee morning

Over thirty people who attended the coffee morning on 7th December at The George were treated to a visit from year six of Crockerton School who sang carols, which they had been practising specially for the occasion. Afterwards the children chatted and shared their expectations for Christmas.



## SERVICES PARISH DEVERILLS & HORNINGSHAM

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Naming of Jesus</b>	
1st January	Brixton 10.00 am	Benefice Holy Communion
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Plough</b>	
8th January	Horningsham 11.15 am	Benefice Service
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Epiphany 2</b>	
15th January	Brixton 10.00 am	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Epiphany 3</b>	
22nd January	Longbridge 10.00 am	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Candlemas</b>	
29th January	Corsley 10.00 am	Benefice Holy Communion
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>3rd before Lent</b>	
5th February	Kingston 8.00 am	Holy Communion
	Longbridge 10.00 am	Morning worship



### 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)

### REGISTER

**Funerals - *Our thoughts are with the family***

Keith Burton on Thursday 1st December at Longbridge

**Baptism - *Welcome to our family***

Wilfred Miller Friday 16th December at Kingston

### CHURCH CLEANERS FOR JANUARY

**Kingston** Sarah Fagan & Judy Munro

**Brixton** Christine Lucas & Emma House

**Longbridge** by arrangement



### CHURCH FLOWER ARRANGERS FOR JANUARY

	<b>Kingston</b>	<b>Brixton</b>	<b>Longbridge</b>
1st Jan	Alice Stratton	Sue Mylne	Jo Steptoe
8th Jan	Alice Stratton	Sue Mylne	Jo Steptoe
15th Jan	Judy McCulloch	Liz Everall	Jo Steptoe
22nd Jan	Judy McCulloch	Liz Everall	Jo Steptoe
29th Jan	Judy Munro	Clare Watts	Jo Steptoe



## SERVICES PARISH CORSLEY & CHAPMANSLADE

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Matins

### Sunday

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22nd January

Chapmanslade 9.30 am

Holy Communion

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Corsley 10.00 am

Benefice Holy Communion

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5th February

Corsley 9.30 am

Holy Communion

### PLOUGH SUNDAY



**11.15 am Sunday 8th January at Horningsham**

Plough Sunday celebrates the beginning of the agricultural year with prayers to bless the land.

**Morris dancers will again be at this traditional service.**

**Please do come and join in this unique event.**

## Deverills, Crockerton & Horningsham 50/50 Club



### The Christmas Prizes

**£50 Simon Martyn; £25 Richard Joy; £25 Bill Knowles**

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 going to support the churches and half given as prizes, currently £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**

## Longbridge Deverill Parish Council

### Winter Weather



Wiltshire Council, the local highway authority, are the lead party in dealing with winter maintenance within the county. This web page [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/highways-gritting-snow-clearance](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/highways-gritting-snow-clearance) gives information on the winter service and how Wiltshire Council deliver the service alongside partner agencies. The weather in Wiltshire can be unpredictable and the occurrence and severity of winter conditions varies considerably through the season and from year to year. Severe winter weather is most likely to be experienced in December, January and February but ice and snow can occur earlier or later. To take account of all possible winter weather the winter service period runs from mid-October to mid-April. You can keep up to date with the winter service in Wiltshire by following twitter feed **@WiltshireWinter**

### Grant applications.

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

The next Parish Council meeting is at 7.00 pm on **Monday 9th January** at the Parish Hall. For full minutes and agenda please visit the Parish Council website or contact the clerk **details on page 14**.

### Defibrillator Training

With around 30,000 people each year suffering a sudden cardiac arrest it is imperative that bystanders know how to respond. A cardiac arrest can affect anyone at any time – from young children at school, to adults when they are at home, work or out in public places. Without the correct treatment, cardiac arrests are often fatal with The British Heart Foundation's figures revealing that only one in ten victims survive. However, the chance of surviving a cardiac arrest jumps from 6% to 74% if the casualty is in a shockable rhythm and a defibrillator is deployed within 3 minutes, so it is important you know how to use one. Quickly shocking the heart with an automated external defibrillator (AED) **can save a person's life after cardiac arrest**. We are hoping to organize a Defibrillator course to be run by South West Ambulance service sometime in late February or early March, date to be confirmed in early February.



**Caroline Sawyer** on behalf of The George

## Upper Deverills Parish Council Community Speed Watch



Speeding traffic has long been an issue in the Upper Deverills, much of the B3095 has a 30mph limit through Kingston, Monkton and Brixton Deverill. There is no pavement and only intermittent refuges for pedestrians and the road is in frequent use by heavy large farm vehicles. Such is the local concern of residents the issue of road safety was considered to be the highest priority in each of the 3 villages when the residents completed the questionnaire prior to the preparation of the Parish Plan in 2022.

The Upper Deverills Community Speedwatch group was started in 2021. The group currently consists of about 16 volunteers, all of whom have received training by Wiltshire Police under whom the scheme operates. Seven different locations along the valley have been identified by the police as suitable for the team to use, with full risk assessment carried out. Any vehicles identified as travelling above the prescribed limit have their registration, colour, vehicle type and time of passing passed to the police who will follow up accordingly.

The road was closed for a few weeks recently, the team leaders continued to carry out a few sessions and since the road reopened, the group has been operating fully again. To illustrate how serious the problem is, during 6 sessions since the road re-opened, 144 speeding vehicles from 586 passing have been recorded, which equates to 24.5% of passing traffic. 47 of these were 40mph+ and 4 at 50mph+. Recently, the team have been joined by Wiltshire Police Speed Enforcement Officers who are placing a greater importance on this issue. They have accompanied the team twice in the last fortnight and are planning further visits in the near future. On their first visit they issued 15 tickets, 14 of whom will be offered Speed Awareness courses and the last given £100 fine and 3 penalty points. The team appreciate the additional support of the Police to help to reduce the problem of speeding in the villages.

### **Sundays**

In the October edition of the Parish News the Parish Council canvassed views on introducing a voluntary code of conduct to diminish noise pollution on Sundays. The Parish Council had several lively comments, some very supportive, some not so. As with so many issues these days, views were equally divided and equally passionate. Consequently, the Parish Council does not think it can continue with this initiative. However, considerate neighbours will always be appreciated by everyone - especially on a Sunday!

### **The next Parish Council meeting**

The next meeting will be at 7.00 pm on **Wednesday 11th January** in January, in Kingston Deverill church. See page 14 for the council details and website.

**A date for the calendar - the Spring litter pick will be on Saturday 18 March.**



## Harold James Fitz

At our annual Remembrance Day service the names are read out of local inhabitants who gave their lives in the two world wars. Additionally, the Longbridge list includes Sqn Ldr Harold Fitz shot down over Berlin in March 1953.



Two of his daughters have written an article to commemorate the 70th anniversary of this event on **12th March 2023**.

**Harold James Fitz**, was a respected Squadron Leader and Second World War bomber pilot who was killed aged 38. On his death he left his widow Heather Fitz and their three daughters aged 11, 8 and 15 months. Harold was born in Warminster, the son of Alex James Fitz, a farrier. During the First World War Harold's grandfather Sergeant Major Fitz was sent to America to buy horses for the army and traded with Sitting Bull. Alec and Harold's mother Bessie lived in East Street where Harold was born in 1914. The family moved to Longbridge Deverill in 1924 and Harold went to Warminster Junior School and then to the old Technical School in The Close. He was a keen sportsman and sang in the school choir, where his voice was described in the school magazine "Like the dying moan of a spent trombone"! He joined the RAF Apprenticeship Scheme just before he was 16 and subsequently became a pilot and was commissioned during the Second World War. Throughout the War he flew countless missions in Wellington and Lincoln bombers accompanied in the cockpit by his 'lucky mascot', a small 'Minnie Mouse' with bendable limbs which the ground crew would bend into ever increasingly lewd positions before each flight! He survived the War unscathed apart from a broken little finger sustained whilst playing cricket.

After the war he remained in the RAF, moving with his family several times, including postings to Kenya and Egypt before returning to England in 1953. On his last mission he co-piloted one of the two RAF Lincolns which took off from Leconfield in Yorkshire on routine NATO sorties. As his plane entered the 20-mile wide air corridor from Hamburg to Berlin it was attacked by two Russian MiG 15's which opened fire without warning, the plane went into a steep dive followed by the MiGs which continued to fire. Some of the crew members, including Harold Fitz, managed to parachute out but one MiG attacked the parachutists and shot them. Winston Churchill described the incident in the House of Commons as "a wanton attack" and a strong note of protest was delivered to the Russians. They originally claimed that the Lincoln had fired first until it was pointed out that on these training sorties the firing mechanisms were disabled and the aircraft carried no ammunition. Eventually the Russians expressed regret for the death of the seven crew members and returned their bodies and the plane wreckage. Harold Fitz and five of the other crew members were all buried at Leconfield with full military honours. Harold was 6'4" tall with dark red hair. He used to say he was easy to find in a crowd.

## Nature Notes

This very cold weather has made me think about how the animals and birds survive. They need to keep warm and find food. Some avoid the situation by migrating south for the winter (swallows, house martins, and warblers), by doing so they are assured of a continual supply of insect food. Other birds do the opposite and arrive here from colder climes as there should be more food available for them here (redwings and fieldfares). Some birds migrate short distances to find somewhere warmer. Pied wagtails, for instance, flock together in large numbers in towns where it is warmer and more food is available; the roof tops will be warmer with insect activity. Other birds come into gardens for food when they wouldn't normally, such as yellowhammers and linnets.

Some birds become more sociable in cold weather as it brings benefits. Quite often there are mixed flocks of tits and other small birds; great, blue, long-tailed and coal with some finches. A flock has more chance of finding food, lots of pairs of eyes, and there is safety in numbers from predators such as sparrowhawk; as well as safety there is warmth in keeping together. Wrens will roost together at night to keep warm in large numbers, I read 50 or so had been counted huddled together in one nest box; long-tailed tits will do a similar thing. Starlings roost in very large numbers after performing their acrobatic murmuration display.



Water is very important not just to drink but to bathe in and keep feathers in tiptop condition to provide the best insulation against the cold. I have tried to keep the water bowls fluid; at least in the village here we have lots of streams and the river so water should not be a problem. Our pond is frozen over at the moment. Yesterday I saw a male blackbird eating snow for moisture. The blackbirds and robins are often just outside the door waiting for their sultanas and suet pellets. They don't become more sociable in this weather, arguing over food with the more dominant bird chasing others away. I try to feed fairly but disturbances often break out between the blackbirds. Defending a food source is a means to survive, other thrushes exhibit this trait. There is a fieldfare in the garden defending the apples against other similar sized birds, it has given up trying to chase the pheasants away; later in the winter it will have to accept sharing when more fieldfares and redwings arrive. Sometimes there will be a berry-laden bush in a hedgerow being defended by a mistle thrush.



Mammals also adapt to withstand the cold weather. Some hibernate, hedgehog and dormouse, building up bodyweight to survive; others sleep more and have a food store next to them, squirrel and badger. The goldfish go to the bottom of the pond. I am amazed how anything copes outside in such extreme temperatures; we wouldn't. Keep warm. Happy New Year.

*Jane Trollope* (written 15th December 2022)

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

### **Longbridge Deverill Parish Council**

***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

### **Upper Deverills Parish Council**

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

Jamie Fagan 844123 (Chair)

Johnnie Burridge 841098

Louise Stratton 844105

Belinda Stewart-Cox 840150

Jamie Williams 844900

Laura Napper (Clerk) 07971 368742 or clerk@upperdeverills.co.uk

**Wiltshire Councillor** Christopher Newbury 01373 822508

**Wiltshire Council** 0300 456 0100

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

**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** 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 or call 101

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

Crispian Beattie email: 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**

## FUTURE EVENTS

- **Community Coffee Morning** Wednesday 4th January See p2
- **Community Arts & Crafts afternoon** Monday 9th January See p2
- **Longbridge Deverill Parish Council meeting** Monday 9th January See p10/14
- **Mere Historical Society Talk** Tuesday 10th January See p5
- **Upper Deverills Parish Council meeting** Wednesday 11th January See p11/14
- **Upper Deverills Hall Talk: Crime Prevention** Wednesday 11th January See p2
- **Christingle Service** Saturday 14th January See p3
- **Maiden Bradley Hall Quiz night** Saturday 14th January See p5
- **White Horse & Decorative Fine Arts Society** Monday 16th January See p5
- **Mere Historical Society Talk** Tuesday 17th January See p5
- **Warminster Museum & History Society** Wednesday 18th January See p5
- **Codford Gardening Club** Wednesday 18th January See p5
- **Upper Deverills Hall AGM** Friday 20th January (open to the Public) See p2/4
- **NSPCC Burns Night** Friday 20th January See p2
- **Upper Deverills Pub Night** Friday 27th January See p2
- **Maiden Bradley Hall Film Night** Friday 27th January See p5
- **Codford Gardening Club** Saturday 28th January See p5
- **Upper Deverills Hall** Thursday 9th February Talk - Dark Skies (star gazing if clear)
- **Crockerton Village Quiz Night** Sunday 12th February See p7
- **White Horse & Decorative Fine Arts Society** Monday 20th February See p5
- **Longbridge Deverills Parish Hall Pancake Supper** Tuesday 21st February See p4
- **Upper Deverills Hall Pub Night** Friday 24th February
- **Mere Historical Society Talk** Tuesday 28th February See p5
- **Community Coffee Morning** Wednesday 1st March See p2
- **Mere Historical Society Talk** Tuesday 7th March See p5
- **Upper Deverills Hall Talk** Thursday 16th March
- **Upper Deverills Litter Pick** Saturday 18th March see p11
- **Upper Deverills Hall Pub Night** Friday 31st March
- **Mere Historical Society Talk** Tuesday 4th April See p5
- **Upper Deverills Easter Egg Hunt** Saturday 8th April

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