

## PARISH OF DEVERILLS AND HORNINGSHAM

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# PARISH NEWS

## The Deverills & Crockerton



Monkton Deverill by Pat Armstrong

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

**Website: Benefice of Cley Hill Villages** [www.cleyhillchurches.org](http://www.cleyhillchurches.org)  
Website contents: Parish News, church services, Parish register, events

### PARISH NEWS ANNUAL DONATION

If you have not already handed in your envelope please do so.  
Your donation ensures the continued production of the Magazine.  
For details see page 7.

## Community Coffee Mornings 10.30 - 12.00 noon

**Wednesday 1st March**

**Wednesday 5th April**



**The George Inn, Longbridge - £2**

**Everyone welcome so please join us**

**Call Judy 844385 if you require transport**

## VALLEY CHAT

**Upper Deverills Village Hall**

**2.00 – 4.00 pm Monday 13th March**

**Tea and Cake, bring a friend.**

**Bring your Hobbies, Games & Crafts to share**

**Everyone welcome**



## UPPER DEVERILLS VILLAGE HALL

**Talk: The Selous Scouts**

**Thursday 16th March 7.00 for 7.30 pm**

We are delighted Dave Scales, the Security Manager for Pertwood Farm, will come and tell his fascinating and extraordinary story about his special forces experience in and around Rhodesia in the 70s.



The event is free but donations are welcome on the night.

Bread and cheese provided in the interval. Bring your own drinks.

Please come along and pass the word around!

**Pub Night & Chilli Friday 31st March 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](https://www.facebook.com/groups/upperdeverills)

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## LOCAL COUNCILS, SOCIETIES, GROUPS

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

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**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

*Dear Friends,*

As I sit writing this, I am 'basking' in the sunshine. The ice and frosts of January and early February have gone and today we are in double figures on the thermometer. Spring has sprung, the churchyard in Kingston Deverill is awash with snowdrops. In my garden, I have seen more snowdrops, the first crocuses, primroses and daffodils, a real boost in these gloomy, dark and short days; and as we reflect on world events in Ukraine, Turkey and Syria and those suffering, we also feel their consequences in our lives.

By the time this is published Lent will have started, we will have eaten our pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, the Carnivals will have been celebrated across America and Europe and we will have been Ashed on Ash Wednesday. Then we will be looking forward to Easter in early April. Lent and Easter are two of the most significant events in the Christian calendar, a time when we reflect on Christ's journey, his message and ministry of salvation, the route to his trial, crucifixion, death and glorious resurrection.

The season of Lent lasts for forty days (not including Sundays). It is a time when Christians reflect and prepare for the celebrations of Easter. Some people fast, eat frugally or give up treats following the example of Jesus, who fasted for forty days in the wilderness.

People also give to charity, set aside time to study the Bible and meet with other Christians to reflect on Jesus' life and prepare for the events of Holy Week and Easter. There will be three Lent Lunches in the Deverills on **Tuesdays 21st March, 28th March and 4th April** (see page 4 for details).

As it says in Ecclesiastes – there is a time and season for every purpose under heaven. We have time in Lent to reflect and prepare, then celebrate with joy the central tenet of the Christian faith, the Resurrection of Jesus who died to save the world.

Love and prayers

**Robert Shuler**

Licensed Lay Minister and Church Warden Kingston Deverill



### LENT

**During Lent there will be a time of prayer at the Rectory each week.**

**Contact Rev Pauline Reid for details (see page 16)**



### 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)



## Lent Lunches Donations to Christian Aid

From 12.00 noon

**Tuesday 21st March**

**Judy & Richard Munro's, Whitepits Lodge, Kingston BA12 7HD**

**Tuesday 28th March**

**Mari & Nigel Poole's, 7 Homefields, Longbridge BA12 7DQ**

**Tuesday 4th April**

**Sue & Robert Stone's, 84 Monkton Deverill, BA12 7EX**

*Please come along and support this life giving charity*

*Enjoy a simple lunch in good company!*



## BEETHOVEN'S HOLY SONG OF THANKS

The Late String Quartet, op 132 in A minor

**The Bridge Quartet - with readings by Christopher Kent**

**Boyton Church 7.00 pm on Saturday 1st April**

The performance will run for 75 minutes without an interval.

Tickets (priced at £15 for main aisle seats and £8 for side chapel and choir include a glass of refreshment on arrival) are available to purchase from William Mitchell by email at [boyton7lw@gmail.com](mailto:boyton7lw@gmail.com)

## Codford & District Gardening Club

Ray Broughton - a senior lecturer from Sparsholt College will be coming to speak on House Plants on **Wednesday 15th March** in the large hall of Codford Village Hall at 7.30 pm, bar will open from 7.00 pm. House Plants are the new IN THING but are you really sure how to look after them? Come and find out on the 15th.



The Club are hoping to run two trips in the summer. The first is to Toby Buckland Garden Festival on Saturday 29th April at Powderham Castle near Exeter. This has over 150 exhibitors including award winning nurseries, plus Joe Swift and Jim Buttress giving talks, plus artisan food and drinks, heritage craft and entertainment. The second is on 21st June to Holmes For Gardens at West Holme in Dorset. The coach will leave Codford Village Hall carpark at 9.30am to go directly to the garden, which has over 15 acres of different rooms, pear tunnel, butterfly valley, lavender avenue, garden centre, farm shop and lovely cafe overlooking a lake. Further information contact Karen.

**Karen** (850258)

## Nature Notes



The weather has been absolutely gorgeous recently; warm sunshine and hardly any breeze. Yesterday when I was tidying the pond I heard and saw honey bees on the early mauve crocuses. Bumble bees have been active for a while being more hirsute and able to withstand colder weather. I found a small tortoiseshell butterfly on the window in the garage recently, I caught it and let it out; hopefully it will survive. It had been hibernating over winter and the sudden warm temperature had woken it, possibly too early. I knew there were lots of early flowering plants outside for it to feed on.

I have managed to tidy the reeds and irises in the pond, it looks a bit better. It needed sorting out before the amphibian invasion which will happen very soon, especially now the weather has changed and it's raining. I did spot one toad when working in the water, a big one so a female, and I think I heard one too. There is a lot of rotting vegetation still to be removed, reeds and irises that have been blown down into the water during the autumn and winter. What I have done so far hasn't upset the moorhens as I saw a pair there this morning.

The redwings and fieldfares eventually came for the apples; in fact, we had more feeding this year than we have had for a time. They came to feed in the morning when we were still having very cold nights. First of all, on 21st January it was just redwings, seven or so. The following day there were at least twenty redwings joined by three fieldfares. The next day there were more fieldfares so about equal numbers. The next couple of days the ground was just covered with fieldfares and redwings and the odd blackbird; there must have been over a hundred birds there feeding. They cleared the apples. On 26th January it was warmer, no overnight frost, and the feeding flock had reduced greatly. By the time the Garden Birdwatch started, on Friday 27th, there were no fieldfares or redwings in the garden. In fact, the garden was very quiet for the whole time of the Birdwatch. I was suspicious there was a predator about and on the Sunday I caught sight of the offender, a sparrowhawk. It had been hunting in the garden quite a bit lately, when I was out doing the pond earlier in the week I was alerted to its presence by all the tits making alarm calls. I watched it several times coming over the garden fence, swooping down to the feeders and flying up over the house roof to the right of the chimney, a tried and tested flight path. Luckily it didn't catch anything and finally flew away being harassed by a corvid.



We have checked the bird boxes and cleaned them out ready for this season. Out of nine boxes three were used. One hole box was used by blue tits and another by great tits. An open fronted box on the side of the house was used for the first time and I am pretty sure it was a robin though it kept it a secret!

**Jane Trollope** (written 15th February)



## Tools with a Mission (TWAM)

Having a sort out? Tools you don't need anymore? Please consider contacting TWAM who will be able to recycle them for people who do need them by calling their head office (01473 210220) to find your local collector. See the website to learn about what they do: [twam.uk](http://twam.uk)



**TWAM** is a UK charity based in Ipswich, Suffolk, with centres across the country. We have a mission to empower people in Africa living in extreme poverty to create their own livelihoods. We do this by sending trade kits full of tools that are used in skills training centres, offering the trainees a way to put poverty in the past for good and begin their own sustainable careers. We send around 18 containers to rural African communities every year, full of tools that have been collected from across the UK, and refurbished in our refurbishment centres. We have a strong environmental focus, as our work helps to keep around 225 tonnes of tools out of landfills in the UK every year. We also have a wide range of volunteering opportunities that enrich local UK communities and provide a safe environment for people to make friendships whilst making a difference.

**The impact in the UK** We offer a wide variety of volunteering opportunities to people in the UK. Many of them are lonely or vulnerable, and volunteering with TWAM gives them a sense of purpose as well as a community where they can feel cared for and needed. We have a team of over 400 volunteers who drive our vans, collect tools from the public, refurbish them in our refurbishment centre, and help us out in the office, amongst other roles. In short, we couldn't do anything without them!

**The impact in Africa** The tools we send go to community groups who train the members of their community to use them. Many trainees are given tool kits upon graduation, allowing them to become self-sufficient from the moment they finish the course. Many trainees are very vulnerable, they may be in abusive relationships or forced to stay at home whilst their husband works all day. These groups give them a space to chat and laugh with friends while learning valuable skills.

**The impact on Earth** We play our part in combatting climate change by promoting reuse. We send around 225 tonnes of tools to Africa every year and recycle a further 180 tonnes of tools that are broken or unsuitable to send. Most of these tools are unwanted and are just sitting in someone's shed or garage waiting to go to the tip. Our work keeps all of these tools out of landfills and puts them in the hands of people who need them. Preserving their original use is even more environmentally friendly than recycling them.



## Mere Historical Society - winter programme

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

**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, a family's Mere ties'

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



## Mere Garden Club

Grove Buildings, Mere 7.30 pm **Wednesday 8th March** AGM followed by a talk by Tom Smith. **Wednesday 12th April** talk by Fred Swift, the Wiltshire Beekeeper. Everyone welcome.

## Warminster Museum and History Society

On **Wednesday 1st March** you are very welcome to join the Society at 2.30 pm in Warminster Library for a talk by Tony Painter, formerly research officer at the Ministry of Defence, entitled 'The History and Mystery of Maps'.



## Maiden Bradley Memorial Hall

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

**Friday 3rd & Saturday 4th March** from 5.00 pm return of 'The Temporary Measure' - Pub night and games

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

**Sunday 12th March** Greener Coffee Morning 11.00 -12.00

**Friday 17th March** Film Night 'Mrs Harris Goes to Paris' 7.00 for 7.30 pm

**Tuesday 21st March** 7.00pm Defibrillator Training

**Saturday 25th March** Gilbert & Sullivan's Ruddigore by The White Horse Opera Group. 7.00 for 7.30 pm, tickets £10.00 from Devizes Books

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 talk is on **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. New Members welcome.





It's back! The Wylve Valley Art Trail is taking place again this spring, from **Saturday 29th April until Monday 8th May**. This is a fantastic, eclectic festival of visual art and craft set in 73 venues across south-west Wiltshire. There are galleries, open studios and workplaces, shows of art groups and student groups, virtual exhibitions, hands-on activities, demonstrations, workshops and talks and so much more. This year there are over 250 exhibitors, from award-winning artists with international reputations to those just starting out on their creative journeys. The Trail provides a unique opportunity to view a huge range of artistic skills from oil painting to digital art, from photography to video and installation, from printmaking to furniture making, from sculpture to jewellery and ceramics in a beautiful part of both the county and the country.

The Trail team is hugely proud that in early 2022 Her Majesty the Queen approved the QAVS National Assessment Committee's recommendation that the volunteers of the Wylve Valley Art Trail should receive the prestigious Queen's Award for Voluntary Service (QAVS). This was one of the final awards made by Elizabeth II before her death in September 2022.

Nick Andrew, founder and coordinator of the Wylve Valley Art Trail, says, *"I hope you enjoy following the 12th Wylve Valley Art Trail. I can't believe that it's 22 years since the first event in 2001, when 34 studios, workshops and makeshift galleries threw open their doors, stretching a vibrant trail across this beautiful corner of Wiltshire. Since then it has taken place every two years, organised by a small team of volunteers, growing in size and bringing a wonderfully colourful and varied patchwork of visual creativity across the landscape to the attention of enthusiastic and art hungry visitors. Achieving the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service is a fabulous honour and reflects profoundly on everyone involved in WVAT over the years, from the organising teams through to the participants."*

Colourful and eye-catching Wylve Valley Art Trail brochures will be available from early April at Tourist Information Centres, Arts Centres, libraries and many other places. For more information please contact [info@wvat.co.uk](mailto:info@wvat.co.uk) or phone 07730 400784. [www.wvat.co.uk](http://www.wvat.co.uk)

### The Deverill Valley Art Group

The group will be exhibiting in the Wylve Valley Art Trail at the Upper Deverills Village Hall from **Saturday 29th April to Saturday 6th May**. Open 10.30 am – 5.30 pm daily. If you have any enquiries please contact Hilary McFarland at [hilarymcfarland@talktalk.net](mailto:hilarymcfarland@talktalk.net)



## Upper Deverills Parish Council

### Dark Skies

It was suggested in the Parish Plan that the Parish Council should identify a Dark Skies Champion. Richard Cousens has kindly offered to carry out this role. He will be promoting the work of the Cranborne Chase International Dark Skies Reserve, which includes the Upper Deverills.



### Litter Pick on Saturday 18th March

See below


### 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.

### Dark Skies in the Deverills

The Deverills and Crockerton are situated in the Cranborne Chase International Dark Sky Reserve, one of around a dozen such international reserves. On 9th February Steve Tonkin, Dark Skies advisor to the Cranborne Chase AONB, gave an informative talk in the Upper Deverills Village Hall in February, in which he emphasised the importance of dark skies and pointed to specific measures that can be taken to maintain the darkness. The Upper Deverills Parish Council is seized by the significance of this topic and measures are in hand to enhance its profile.

*Richard Cousens*



**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**



### We Care and so could you.

We are now hiring Hospice at Home carers, especially seeking night shifts. Join our supported and valued team providing end of life care, and have the time to give back to your community. Full training given, just a caring attitude required; competitive salary and mileage; 35 days holiday allowance (increasing with service); transfer NHS benefits (where applicable). Visit [careers.dorothyhouse.org.uk](http://careers.dorothyhouse.org.uk) to apply.

## Longbridge Deverill Parish Council

### Election of Chairman

At the January meeting Cllr Mark Duddridge was elected Chairman.

### 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.

### Spring Litter Pick on Sunday 12th March

See below

### 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

The next 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.



### Longbridge Deverill Parish Council Spring Litter Picks

Crockerton, Hill and Longbridge Deverill

Sunday 12th March 11:00 am

Meet at The Bath Arms, Crockerton

or The George, Longbridge Deverill

Litter picks, rubbish bags etc. provided.

All welcome, please come and love our community



### 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



## Parish News annual donation

It is time to make your annual donation towards the printing costs of this magazine; thank you very much to those who have already made a donation. Many people enjoy reading the magazine finding 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 like so many things this year the printing costs have risen.

You will have received a blue envelope in your February edition of the Parish News, but if you require another one please contact me. If you are a UK tax payer please complete the relevant section (IN CAPITALS), name, address and signature so Gift Aid can be reclaimed.

**Cheques payable to:** 'PCC of the Deverills and Horningsham'.

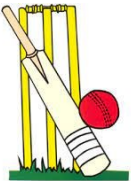
**Envelopes:** Please take them to **Longbridge Deverill Garage**; or place in **church collection**; or give them to **Karen Seymour**, PCC Treasurer (see page 16); or to **Judy Munro** (Editor) Whitepits Lodge, Kingston Deverill, BA12 7HD.

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

**Judy Munro 844385** - Editor

## Deverills Cricket Club

It still feels wintry, but the Deverills Cricket Club is thinking about sunny days, willow and leather. We are a very friendly, small club with a range of ability (and age) who play a few games against local teams each summer. Our fixtures for this year are:



Sunday 14th May	Home	Chilmark	2.00 pm
Wednesday 31st May	Away	Mere	6.00 pm
Sunday 11th June	Home	Bratton	2.00 pm
Friday 30th June	Away	Chilmark	6.00 pm
Wednesday 12th July	Away	Heytesbury	6.00 pm
Sunday 23rd July	Home	Corsley	2.00 pm
Friday 4th August	Away	Marnhull	6.00 pm
Friday 18th August	Away	Horningsham	6.00 pm
Sunday 27th August	Home	Heytesbury	2.00 pm

We would really like a few more to come along and play: men, women, boys and girls. We will have a few gentle 'nets' practices, probably, before the season. If you are interested in playing, please contact Ed Read on 07702 273338, or anyone you know on the team. And, of course, support is always welcome, particularly at the home games by the Upper Deverills village hall.





## SERVICES PARISH DEVERILLS & HORNINGSHAM

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Lent 2</b>	
5th March	Kingston 8.00 am	Holy Communion
	Longbridge 10.00 am	Morning Worship

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Lent 3</b>	
12th March	Kingston 10.00 am	Holy Communion

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mothering Sunday</b>	
19th March	Brixton 10.00 am	Holy Communion

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Lent 5</b>	
26th March	Longbridge 5.00 pm	Evensong

**CLOCKS GO FORWARD AN HOUR ON SUNDAY 26TH MARCH**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	
2nd April	Kingston 8.00 am	Holy Communion
	Longbridge 10.00 am	Morning Worship

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

**Patrick Sygrove at Longbridge Deverill Saturday 11th February**

### Letter from Bishop Stephen

On Saturday 25th March, there are 274 shopping days left until Christmas! This timely reminder comes not to send you to the shops, but to remember there are nine months until Christmas comes again. For this day is the Feast of the Annunciation to the Blessed Virgin Mary, when Mary was told by the Archangel Gabriel she was to bear a son who she will name Jesus. This day reminds us of God's preparations behind the scenes for our salvation. Each year we celebrate the Incarnation, God being born among us, the Word made flesh, Emmanuel. Having an incarnational understanding, as Christians, means we understand God to be involved in our lives through the Holy Spirit, not just in March or at Christmas, but every day. God is preparing the deepening of his engagement with the human condition everyday as we further the work of his Kingdom. To live the next nine months knowing within ourselves God is preparing us for his mission is a helpful way of life, he is already at work, whether we choose him or not. Mary's response to this amazing news was 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word'. In what ways in this next nine months can we say YES to the Lord? How might we be called? When will we say yes to God?

## SERVICES PARISH CORSLEY & CHAPMANSLADE

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Lent 2</b>	
5th March	Corsley 9.30 am	Holy Communion

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Lent 3</b>	
12th March	Chapmanslade 9.30 am	Holy Communion

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mothering Sunday</b>	
19th March	Corsley 11.00 am	Matins

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Lent 5</b>	
26th March	Chapmanslade 9.30 am	Holy Communion

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	
2nd April	Corsley 9.30 am	Holy Communion



### CHURCH CLEANERS FOR MARCH

**Kingston** Judy McCulloch & Anne Wiltshire

**Brixton** Liz Everall

**Longbridge** by arrangement



### CHURCH FLOWER ARRANGERS FOR MARCH

	<b>Kingston</b>	<b>Brixton</b>	<b>Longbridge</b>
5th March	Lent	No	Flowers
12th March	"	"	"
19th March	"	"	"
26th March	"	"	"

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

#### February winners

**£50 Peter Everall and £25 Guy Ratcliffe**



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**