

PARISH NEWS

The Deverills & Crockerton



The bridge, Sand Street, Longbridge Deverill
by Pat Armstrong

MAY 2023

Look inside for local news & information

Community Coffee Mornings 10.30 - 12.00 noon



Wednesday 3rd May

Wednesday 7th June



The George Inn, Longbridge - £2

Everyone welcome so please join us

Call Judy 844385 if you require transport



CROCKERTON VILLAGE COMMITTEE

'CORONATION' STREET PARTY



2.00 - 6.00 pm on Sunday 7th May, Broadmead Lane, Crockerton

Children's entertainer 2.00 - 4.00 pm, Treasure Hunt & Games

Competitions 'Best made crowns'

Royal/patriotic theme, wear red, white, blue fancy dress prizes

BBQ & glass of Pimms provided, bring drinks, cups, chair or blanket to sit on. No bikes or scooters please. Donations to cover costs.

WOOLSTORE THEATRE, CODFORD, BA12 0NE

Friday 12th May: 'Darling Edith & Others' - letters from Rex Whistler

1st, 2nd, 3rd June: Two one act plays The Virtuous Burglar & Jump Off

Tickets Budgens PO 850345 / website - thewoolstoretheatre.org.uk

UPPER DEVERILLS VILLAGE HALL

Chalk Streams Talk Thursday 18th May 7.00 / 7.30 pm

Alex Deacon, a manager at the Wessex Rivers Trust, will talk about the importance of chalk streams, inc. River Deverill.

Bread and cheese will be served, bring your own drinks.

VALLEY CHAT - Monday 22nd May

Upper Deverills Village Hall 2.00 – 4.00 pm

Tea and Cake, bring a friend and your hobbies,

Games & crafts to share. Everyone welcome

Information: Judy 844385 or Bridget 844884



Dear Friends,

I wonder what comes into your mind when you think of May? I am instantly reminded of the Maypole and my unfortunate lack of coordination when attempting to dance around it. One of Shakespeare's sonnets also comes to mind in which he refers to 'The Darling buds of May', what a beautiful phrase.

May in the countryside is so lovely; I feel very privileged to live where I do and to be immersed in the natural world as spring unfolds and trees and verges take on a glorious green hue. Walking Betty yesterday I noticed the Hawthorn blossom unfurling, so delicate and pretty. I was reminded of the cyclical nature of life of which we humans are a part, the unfolding seasons, the cycle of the moon, the migration of the birds each year. The presence of Bird Flu added a new yearly pattern to these things; today I let my chickens out into their proper run, having been contained and covered for the winter months. It was lovely to watch their excitement to roam freely in their large enclosure again.



We so often forget our place in this cycle of life and death and get upset and cross when joy fades or sorrow touches our lives. I think it is really helpful to acknowledge and embrace the rhythms of the year; it can be calming and reassuring to notice and to accept the turning of the seasons of love, joy, sorrow and pain that will come our way, and which are an integral part of what it means to be human. When we are in the throes of sorrow and pain, we can take comfort that, like the seasons, this time will pass and however hard it is to believe when our lives are dark and cold, spring will come again. Julian of Norwich expressed this beautifully when she wrote: 'All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well'.

The French theologian and philosopher Simone Weil talked about God as a great bell who sang creation. What a wonderful image; I imagine this deep bell vibrating throughout the created order, vibrating through our lives, holding our trials and tribulations in its deep, mysterious music.

It is too easy to rush through life not engaging with our surroundings nor with our inner world, we are always thinking of the next thing. The journalist Tobias Jones wrote: 'It's a truism in modern life that we struggle to be settled or be present. Because we can be anywhere, we actually end up being nowhere'. We suffer as the sociologist Zygmunt Bauman once wrote, 'electronic assured out-of-placeness.' We are notoriously fidgety and lacking attention. We just keep clicking and tapping. Why don't we just stop, if only for a while? Why don't we peel ourselves away from the computer or those things that clamour for our attention, sit still and listen. Then just for a moment, we might feel the presence of that great bell, whose voice resonates through all time and for eternity.

Love and prayers,

Rev Pauline Reid



It is happening again from **Saturday 29th April until Monday 8th May**. An exciting and eclectic visual feast featuring the work of over 240 artists and craftspeople in 73 venues spread across south west Wiltshire. Four of these venues will be in the Deverill valley:

Venue No. 48 Upper Deverills Village Hall, Kingston Deverill, BA12 7HG: An exhibition by 11 members of the Deverill Valley Art Group, affordable original paintings, framed and unframed, in a variety of media. Open from 10.30 am - 5.30 pm daily, closed Sunday 7th & Monday 8th May. If you have any enquiries please contact Hilary McFarland at hilarymcfarland@talktalk.net. (Preview evening 6.00 - 8.00 pm on **Friday 28th April** all welcome).

Venue No. 49 Monkton House, Monkton Deverill, BA12 7EX: Bridget and Crispian Beattie will be showing paintings and drawings in all media of local landscape, wildlife, abstract art, still life and seascapes. Delicious homemade soup and crusty bread, tea, coffee and cakes will be served each day. . Open daily 10.30 am - 5.30 pm ; closed Saturday 6th, Sunday 7th & Monday 8th May. Visit bridgetbeattie.com or email art@bridgetbeattie.com (Preview evening 6.00 - 8.00 pm on **Friday 28th April** all welcome).

Venue No. 50. Lakeside Garden Centre, Crockerton, BA12 8AP: A group of four artists: Cath Bloomfield, Jennie Gilling, Jane Gibson and Sarah Truscott with a colourful display of printmaking, painting, ceramics, cyanotypes, handmade books and handwoven textiles. Open 10.30 am - 5.30 pm daily; closes 4.00 pm both Sundays.

Venue No. 51 Bull Mill Arts, Bull Lane, Crockerton, BA12 8AY: Seven artists and makers (Nick Andrew, Tanya Hinton, Sally Alexander, Olivia Clifton-Bligh, Stephanie Gilbert, Joanna Sims and Philip Leever) are opening their studios and workshops where you can enjoy a range of art, including painting, drawing, gilding, mixed media, printmaking, jewellery and sculpture. Open from 10.30 am - 5.30 pm daily. (Preview evening 6.00 - 8.00 pm on **Friday 28th April** all welcome).

Pick up a **Wylve Valley Art Trail guide** or visit wvat.co.uk, where you can also download the new **WVAT App**. Enjoy the trail!

Celebrating Age Wiltshire **Noticing Nature art workshops**

For older people - Warminster Library
Mondays 15th & 22nd May, 5th June 10.30 am - 12.00 noon
Come and enjoy this series of FREE art workshops
designed for all abilities with local artist James Aldridge
Observe and discuss the local environment,
create journals and collections. To book call 216022.



Warminster Museum and History Society

On **Wednesday 3rd May** you are very welcome to join the Society at 2.30 pm in Warminster Library for a talk '*Escape or Die: Charles II's Escape After the Battle of Worcester, 1651*'. Talk by Paul Cordle.



Mere Garden Club

Wednesday 10th May - Grove Buildings, 7.30 pm Questions and Answers session. Refreshments.



Maiden Bradley Memorial Hall

See www.maidenbradleyhall.co.uk /call 845303 answerphone

Saturday 29th April – Monday 8th May Wylve Valley Art Trail
Cream Teas available both weekends and Bank Holidays Mondays.

Tuesday 9th May Annual Parish Council Meeting

Saturday 13th May Underwoods Fish and Chips Van 4.30-5.30 pm

Saturday 13th May Kangaroo Moon & Blue Midnight live music

Saturday 27th May Underwoods Fish and Chip Van 4.30-5.30 pm



Regular events:

Mondays: 10.00-11.00 am Yoga, 5.00-6.00 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 and Fine Arts Society

Ten talks a year, 3rd Monday of the month (not August/December) at Standerwick Centre, Frome Market BA11 2QB starting at 2.00 pm.

15th May 'Botanical Illustration' by Timothy Walker

19th June: Travels in Rajasthan with Rudyard Kipling: Palaces, Temples, Monuments and Forts. Speaker: Elizabeth Merry

Non-members £8 per talk. Annual membership £50, please contact Caroline Dunseath 01373 824224 /dunroy100@msn.com. New Members welcome.



Codford & District Gardening Club

On **Wednesday 17th May** Martyn Cox (freelance garden writer and columnist for The Mail on Sunday), will come to talk about **Clever Ways to Grow Vegetables**. As the cost of living rises more people are 'growing their own', so this talk will be very useful for everyone. The bar is open from 7.00 pm, meeting starts at 7.30 pm prompt.

On **Saturday 20th May** there will be a PLANT SALE and coffee morning held this year at Sundial House in Corton by kind permission of Mrs Carol Thelwell. Corton is a circular village so drive round it until you see the signs showing you where to park. Entrance is £2.00, include a cup of tea/ coffee and slice of cake! Further information from Karen (850258).



Longbridge Deverill & Crockerton Parish Hall



Malaysian Supper Saturday 17th June 7.00 pm

Please join us for a fun evening of delicious dishes all cooked and prepared by Michelle and Tim Lee of 5 Foot Way. Tickets £16, payable in advance. Please bring your own drink of choice. To book tickets and further information contact Ian Bell - see below.



Regular events: Mondays: Meditation 12.45-13.15pm, Yoga Flow 1.15-2.15pm;
Tuesdays: Art Class 10.00am-12.30pm, Bridge 1.30-5.30pm, Yoga 6.30-7.30pm;
Wednesdays: Yoga 10.30-11.30am

Contact Ian Bell regarding using this well provisioned hall for activities and social events email ijb079@me.com or call 840514 for information.

Horatio's garden

Chelsea Flower Show Plant Sale in aid of Horatio's Garden featuring plants from the charity's RHS Chelsea Flower Show garden will take place at Longford Castle on **Sunday 4th June** 10.00 am - 2.00 pm. Light refreshments available. Admission £5 per person on entry (parking included). *Please note that*

the formal gardens at Longford Castle will not be open for this event. To find out more about the event visit www.horatiosgarden.org.uk/longfordplantsale



Lent Lunch Donations to Christian Aid



Our Lent Lunches in the Valley raised **£413** pounds, plus gift aid, for Christian Aid. Thank you so much to those who held the lunches in their homes and to those who attended and gave so generously to this life saving charity. The CA co-ordinator for Warminster, Karen Woolard, sends her congratulations and heart felt thanks.

Out and About Again with the Church Messy Tent

As the season for fayres and fetes approaches we will be out and about again in our Tent with themed activities at the following events for the young at heart, all are welcome, whether you wish to make something or just come to sit for a while, rest and chat.



Coronation Celebration Chapmanslade playing field Sunday 7th May 12.00 noon

May Fayre The Old Rectory Garden, Corsley Saturday 20th May 10.30 -12.30 pm

Kingston Deverill Fete Saturday 15th July 2.00 – 4.00 pm

Corsley Fayre Saturday 2nd September 10.00 am – 4.00 pm

There are 2 other events later in the year, we look forward to seeing you at them

A Welly Walk & Picnic at Heaven's Gate, Wednesday 2nd August 11.30 am

'Quest4Faith' social evening exploring life's questions Tuesday 12th September 7.30 – 9.30 pm, more information to follow.

Rev Gay Maynard

Letter from Bishop Andrew

How does one crown a king? After much rehearsal and with a steady hand, I suspect, and bated breath around the globe in that solemn moment. There is a weightiness, not only to the physical act but its deep spiritual and symbolic import, which is hard to explain but nevertheless of immense value. For the coronation remains a profoundly Christian occasion, in which an ancient connection is made between earthly and divine power, and our monarch's complete dependence on God for the grace to govern. The greater the authority, or majesty, the greater the need to emphasise this dependence. The Christian heart of our monarchy, much discussed and disputed, is an historic safeguard against vainglory and the abuse of power: it means that the anointing to rule becomes, inescapably, the anointing to serve in the pattern of Christ.

These are ideas requiring careful translation in an era when we have almost lost what was once instinctive in our culture, humility before the Almighty, whatever our station. Sceptical of God's existence and suspicious of those who aren't, the Christianity of our monarchy and all the mythmaking of a coronation appears to some as no more than an eccentric kind of national window-dressing. Whilst it may be this, and no worse for it, I believe the impending celebrations are also a reminder to our fretful, forgetful age of the higher yet humbler calling to which we may yet respond, while the Lord is near.

Recycled Greetings Cards

Many of us have bought beautiful cards that have been made by recycling cards received, particularly Christmas ones. Over the years the project to raise funds from selling these cards has raised £50,000 for the Episcopal Church of Sudan and South Sudan. Those people in the Salisbury Diocese who have produced the cards over the years are now wanting to scale down what they do and have suggested that each deanery with a link (as we have with Maridi in the SW of South Sudan) take on recycling cards themselves and put the money in their own link funds – in our case for Maridi. We, the Heytesbury/ Maridi Link Support group, would like to bring people together from across the Heytesbury Deanery to form a card making team. We have guiding instructions and those who are experienced are willing to help get us started if needed. If you enjoy crafting and this is something you could give a few hours to with some other people we would love to hear from you. It would not involve you having to buy your own materials but what you produce will boost our Maridi funds significantly. If you would like to join us please contact Gay Maynard revgmaynard@gmail.com / 01373 832490



SERVICES PARISH DEVERILLS & HORNINGSHAM

Sunday

Easter 5

7th May	Kingston 8.00 am	Holy Communion
	Longbridge 10.00 am	Coronation Celebration

Sunday

Easter 6

14th May	Kingston 10.00 am	Holy Communion
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Thursday

Ascension Day

18th May	Kingston 4.00 pm	Ascension Service
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Sunday

Rogation

21st May	Horningsham 4.00 pm	Mill Farm BA12 7LL
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Sunday

Pentecost

28th May	Longbridge 10.00 am	Holy Communion
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Sunday

Trinity

4th June	Kingston 8.00 am	Holy Communion
	Longbridge 10.00 am	Morning Worship



Coronation Service Sunday 7th May 10.00 am Longbridge

Come and celebrate this national event,
then enjoy 'bubbles' & cake

Rogation Service Sunday 21st May 4.00 pm

Mill Farm, Horningsham BA12 7LL

Beautiful setting, see the animals and enjoy a delicious tea



CHURCH CLEANERS FOR MAY

Kingston Sarah Fagan & Judy Munro

Brixton Pony Burridge & Belinda Stewart-Cox

Longbridge by arrangement



CHURCH FLOWER ARRANGERS FOR MAY

	Kingston	Brixton	Longbridge
7th May	All Helpers please	Sally Buchan-Jones	Jo, Margot, Lizzie
14th May	Gomez & Curtis	Sally Buchan-Jones	Jo Steptoe
21st May	Alice Stratton	Sheelagh Brown	Jo Steptoe
28th May	Alice Stratton	Sheelagh Brown	Pat Wood

SERVICES PARISH CORSLEY & CHAPMANSLADE

Sunday

Easter 5

7th May

Chapmanslade 9.30 am

Coronation Celebration

Sunday

Easter 6

14th May

Corsley 9.30 am

Family Holy Communion

Thursday

Ascension Day

18th May

Kingston 4.00 pm

Ascension Service

Sunday

Rogation

21st May

Chapmanslade 10.00 am

Barters Farm Nursery BA13 4AL

Sunday

Pentecost

28th May

Chapmanslade 9.30 am

Holy Communion

Sunday

Trinity

4th June

Corsley 9.30 am

Holy Communion

Register

Weddings - Congratulations

Billy Emm and Jody Windess Saturday 15th April at Horningsham

Funeral - *Our thoughts are with the family*

Georgia Wordsworth Tuesday 25th April at Brixton



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



Deverills, Crockerton & Horningsham 50/50 Club

April winners: £50 Julia Young & £25 Margaret Chantler

Join the Club! The valley's 50/50 club raises funds to help run and preserve our four beautiful valley churches, for everyone's benefit and those who appreciate the unique community spirit of village life. It does not raise money for the wider church. Members pay £24 annually, proceeds are divided 50/50, half to support the churches, half as prizes, £50 and £25 monthly, plus Christmas prizes. Winners' names are published in the Parish News. Last year £1,000 was raised for our churches and the same given as prizes. Details are in churches or contact **Diana Abbott 840763 or decabbott@gmail.com**

Longbridge Deverill Parish Council



Fly Tipping If you report an incident of fly-tipping to Wiltshire Council, you could get a gift voucher of up to £200 following receipt of a fixed penalty notice or successful prosecution. The council will pay contractors to clear the area. To find out more about Wiltshire Council's fly-tipping policy and report an incident www.wiltshire.gov.uk/fly-tipping

King's Coronation weekend 6th – 8th May Have you registered your event with Wessex Community Action? They have set a target with voluntary community and social enterprise (VCSE) groups to list 200+ local activities, events, volunteering opportunities to raise awareness of volunteering in Wiltshire, and as a lasting legacy of the Coronation groups are encouraged to add their own Coronation activities, events and volunteering opportunities to the Wiltshire Together platform at www.wiltshiretogether.org.uk helping to reach the target. The Parish Council would like to wish the residents of the Parish a wonderful weekend celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla and we all wish the King and Queen a long and happy future.

The Annual Parish Council meeting - Tuesday 2nd May at 7.00pm, all welcome at the Parish Hall.

For information on the above please contact the clerk. Full minutes and agendas are published on the Parish Council website see page 14.

Can you help the Longbridge Deverill community speed watch?

The group has been active since 2020 and in that time a small group of fantastic volunteers have been working on Sand Street to reduce speeding incidents. We have now been given the go-ahead to run CSW in Hill Deverill and it would be wonderful if more volunteers would consider joining us - particularly if you live in Hill Deverill. Wiltshire Police run the online training and volunteers usually do just 1.5 hours volunteering each month. If you are interested in helping to keep our village roads safe, please contact Kate on 840975.

Upper Deverills Defibrillator Basic CPR Training

The Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) mounted on the outside of the Upper Deverills Village Hall is there for first aiders to use in an emergency. But it can be used safely by anyone, alongside Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), to help save the life of someone suffering Cardiac Arrest. On **Thursday 15th June**, we will have a training session at the Upper Deverills Village Hall starting at 7.30 pm. No previous experience or knowledge is needed. Please feel free to arrive from 7.00 pm. The event is free, with bread and cheese provided. Cash donations to St John Ambulance will be very welcome on the evening. If you plan to come along it would be helpful to let Tim Watts know at upperdeverillsvillagehall@gmail.com.





Upper Deverills Parish Council

Spring Litter Pick

The litter pick took place on 18th March. The Parish Council wish to thank all the volunteers who took part. A warm day helped to make the task in hand more enjoyable. Particular thanks go to Alan Richardson for driving volunteers all over the parish and returning with sacks full of litter. Together, we collected a huge quantity of litter as well as assorted vehicle parts. Thank you also to Richard Stratton for removing the litter.

Update on Mobile Phone Coverage

It has been a frustrating time for us trying to move things forward here, to support the wishes of Valley dwellers in either getting or improving their mobile phone signals. Despite a concentrated effort we have so far been unable to find a satisfactory solution to the placing of a new mast in the valley. We have resolved to push for upgrades on the existing collection of in situ devices:

The EE emergency services mast on the Gliding Club because of a delayed infrastructure upgrade this signal is still not at full strength, and BT/EE haven't been able to give us a timetable for when full strength will be achieved. As and when it is however, most of Kingston and Monkton should be fine, but they suggest Brixton would only work if the user is outside. But we won't know until full strength is applied. EE is happy for other providers - Vodafone, Three and O2 - Virgin to use their mast, on the usual commercial terms.

The BT cabinet and 'whip type aerial' on the telegraph pole in Monkton this has been quite a saga thus far but we now have now confirmation from BT and Vodafone saying it will be enabled on 21/4/2023. However, we understand it may only have a radius of 1 km. The Parish Council would like to receive feedback from residents on their reception - same / better/ worse than before.

We plan to investigate if a similar cabinet / telegraph pole combo in Brixton might be feasible, they have to be adjacent and have a electricity supply.

The Annual Meeting of the Parish of Upper Deverills

will be at 6.00 pm on Wednesday 17th May at Upper Deverills Village Hall

Come along and air your views or raise your concerns

The Chair will give a brief report on the year's activities

Then there will be an open forum

Next Upper Deverills Parish Council meeting

will be at 7.00 pm on Wednesday 17th May

at the Upper Deverills Village Hall

It will be after the Parish Council AGM at 6.30pm



Upper Deverills Village Hall

Big Coronation Sunday Lunch - Sunday 7th May

12:30 to 3:30 pm



A Big Coronation Sunday Lunch will be held at Upper Deverills Village Hall. It is open to everybody in the community, and their visiting families and friends. We will be selling beer and wine, but you are also encouraged to bring along your own drinks. You do not need to book, and the lunch will be free, but it would help us with our planning if you could drop a quick email to upperdeverillsvillagehall@gmail.com with an idea of numbers, particularly if you are planning to bring a big group.

Chalk Streams Talk - Thursday 18th May 7.00 for 7.30pm

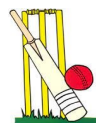
Alex Deacon, who is a catchment partnership manager at the Wessex Rivers Trust, will talk about the importance and significance of chalk streams such as our own River Deverill. Bread and cheese will be served at the interval but you are encouraged to bring your own drinks.

Pub night with BBQ Friday 26th May 6.00 pm

Looking ahead, the **Upper Deverills Summer Fete, Flower & Dog Show** will be on **Saturday 19th August**, if you want to win any prizes then don't forget to plant flowers and vegetables, paint pictures, take photographs and so on! The classes will remain unchanged from last year. Looking even further ahead: on **Saturday 2nd December** we will be running a **Christmas Craft Fair**, at which you can sell anything that you have made throughout the year.

Deverills Cricket Club

We are a friendly, small club playing a few local teams see below:



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 like more people to come and play: men, women, boys and girls, if you are interested please contact Ed Read on 07702 273338 or a member of the team. Support is welcome particularly at the Upper Deverills village hall.

Nature Notes

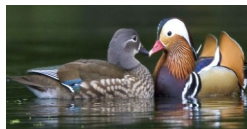
Today I feel spring has finally sprung! March 2023 was one of the wettest on record, March 1981 was as wet. I usually associate March with nice weather but not this year. Days of rain and strong winds. However, we are due to be treated to some warm days this coming week.

Looking around the garden the yellow of the daffodils is being replaced by the blue of the grape hyacinths, although there is still yellow from the primroses and cowslips. Tulips are coming out, yellow, orange and red. The two big cherry trees in the rear garden are beginning to blossom, they will look an absolute picture when they do and will be a magnet for bees. The beech tree is coming into leaf at the front, I always love the delicate green of the new leaves.



The birds are now very busy, I know there are several robins and blackbirds feeding young. A pair of robins come for mealworms and suet pellets, the female takes three or four mealworms away at a time, but the male takes just one or two. The parents disappear into the neighbouring garden, I think the youngsters may have fledged. If I don't take the mealworms outside quickly enough the female robin will come into the garage for them! I have heard warblers; chiffchaff, blackcap, willow warbler and Cetti's warbler. We had a blackcap singing in the garden near the feeders and I was lucky enough to actually catch sight of it. The Cetti's warbler I heard twice in the undergrowth near the petrol station at the start of the path along by the main road, unmistakeable loud and explosive song. I first heard the willow warbler with its cascading song at Stourhead when visiting to see the daffodils on the 22nd March.

The frog spawn in the pond developed well into shoals of tadpoles which were wriggling in the shallow end but slowly they disappeared, I fear they have been eaten by moorhens who come often. A pair of mandarin ducks



visited us three times, they were stunning and even the drabber female was beautifully marked. All the toad and frog activity finished by the weekend the clocks went forward. When the toads and frogs were at their most active a red kite became interested, I saw it catch an amphibian from the pond surface just like an osprey would hunt for fish. Clive saw a kite, possibly the same one, catch a goldfish a few days later in the same fashion. Last month I gave the impression the toads were only active at night, that is not the case; they move at night but once they are in the pond, they are active day and night in the mating period.

We had a pair of green woodpeckers feeding on the lawn and also mistle thrushes around the garden making their football rattle calls; also a pair of collared doves and a pair of siskins too. One of the swallows returned to the stables on 7th April hopefully it will be joined by another very soon.

Jane Trollope (written 15th April)

LOCAL COUNCILS, SOCIETIES, GROUPS

Longbridge Deverill Parish Council www.longbridgedeverillparishcouncil.com

Mark Duddridge (Chairman) 213476 Kate Plastow 840975 (Vice Chair)

Martin McDermott 216939 Nigel Spreadbury-Clews 216660

James Kettler 841129 Vicky Swan 215752 David Searle 213767

Nikki Spreadbury-Clews (Clerk) 07986 880164 or longbridgedeverillpc@gmail.com

Upper Deverills Parish Council 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

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 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

Defibrillators: Google 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

Weighbridge Office, Keysley Farm, BA12 7EY - opening hours

Horningsham Village Hall BA12 7LL

FUTURE EVENTS

- **Wylve Valley Art Trail** Saturday 29th April to Monday 8th May See p4/5
- **Longbridge Annual Parish Council Meeting** Tuesday 2nd May See p 10
- **Community Coffee Morning** Wednesday 3rd May See p2
- **Warminster Museum & History Society** Wednesday 3rd May See p5
- **Coronation King Charles III celebration service** Sunday 7th May See p8
- **Upper Deverills Big Coronation Lunch** Sunday 7th May See p12
- **Crockerton Coronation Street Party** Sunday 7th May See p2
- **Mere Garden Club** Wednesday 10th May See p5
- **Woolstore Theatre Codford Play** Friday 12th May See p2
- **Maiden Bradley Hall Fish & Chip Van plus Live Music** Saturday 13th May See p5
- **Deverills Cricket Club home game** Sunday 14th May See p12
- **White Horse Decorative & Fine Arts Society** Monday 15th May See p5
- **Noticing Nature Art Workshops** Mondays 15th, 22nd May, 5th June See p 4
- **Annual Meeting Parish of the Upper Deverills** Wednesday 17th May See p10
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