

# PARISH NEWS

## The Deverills & Crockerton



Kingston Deverill from the north west by Pat Armstrong

# SEPTEMBER 2024

Look inside for local news & information

## Community Coffee Mornings

10.30 - 12.00



Wednesday 4th September  
Wednesday 2nd October

The George Inn, Longbridge  
£2 Everyone welcome  
Call Judy 844385 for transport

## VALLEY CHAT

Monday 16th September

Upper Deverills Hall

2.00 – 4.00 pm

Tea & Cake,  
Bring hobbies,  
games & crafts

Come with a friend

Everyone welcome

For information contact:  
Judy 844385 / Bridget 844884



Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust  
SATURDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER

Take part or be a sponsor,  
open to cyclists, riders & walkers

Support our Deverill churches

To get involved please contact

Judy Munro 844385 or go to

[www.wiltshirehistoricchurchestrust.org.uk/ride-stride](http://www.wiltshirehistoricchurchestrust.org.uk/ride-stride)

## Upper Deverills Hall

Pub Night & BBQ

Friday 27th September

6.00 - 10.30 pm,



Draught beer,  
wine, spirits,



soft drinks, snacks.

Everyone welcome,

We look forward to seeing you!

Facebook [www.facebook.com/groups/upperdeverills](http://www.facebook.com/groups/upperdeverills)

## Woolstore Theatre

Codford BA12 0NE

“Meetings”



An evening of one-act plays  
7.30 pm 12th - 14th September  
Mix of comedy, drama & thriller:

*The Script* by Trevor Suthers

*Half-Life* by Katy Darby

*Night* by Harold Pinter

*Between Mouthfuls*

by Alan Ayckbourn

Tickets £12 go to  
[ticketsource.co.uk/thewoolstore-theatre](http://ticketsource.co.uk/thewoolstore-theatre)



## JASON REBELLO

CONCERT

*The celebrated jazz pianist*

Friday 4th October

George's Barn, Brixton Deverill

Doors open 6.30 concert at 7.00 pm

Tickets £22 for concert; there will be a limited number of tickets @ £30 for concert & supper afterwards.

Profits to Upper Deverills Village Hall.

Wine, soft drinks before concert and during interval – donations

Tickets: Eve McBride 07824 345711  
[eve.mcbride1@gmail.com](mailto:eve.mcbride1@gmail.com)

## Balmy days

Dear friends

Welcome to this most wistful month of the year, when we sense the shift of summer into autumn, notice the mellowing light and take stock before starting again. I do hope there has been plenty of sunshine for you between the showers!



With rhythms fixed in childhood term-times, September is the 'other' new year, and always an opportunity for reflection. Yet we could be forgiven for facing this new season feeling more than a little unsettled, for the times are uncertain. Warfare feels close at hand, not only for those who hear the low thump of guns on Salisbury Plain. We think of the Holy Land Jesus knew and loved and are reminded of the prophet's cry: 'the harvest is past, the summer is over, and we are not saved'. Facing the destruction of his land and the exile of its people, Jeremiah asks: 'is there no balm in Gilead?' A cry which might be echoed by dispossessed people across the globe.

In spiritual songs, the Lord Jesus has been described as the balm so needed by God's people, the soothing relief who bears our sorrows, binds our wounds and heals our soul. Those who follow and serve Christ might, therefore, see their own ministry as extending this anointing to those who need it most. To be a balm for the world: what a timely way to make Jesus known in the months ahead. May God bless you as you, in turn, are his blessing to others.

***+Andrew Ramsbury***



### EYE-WITNESS

#### Stories from Israel-Palestine

7.00 pm Wednesday 11th September

St Thomas's Church, Salisbury SP1 1BA



Come and hear first-hand from Nick Papadopoulos, who has recently returned from three months in East Jerusalem

- What is daily life under occupation really like?
- What are the implications for human rights and international law?
- What can be done to promote a just peace in Israel-Palestine?

**ALL WELCOME**

For more information about the programme visit

[www.eyewitnessblogs.com](http://www.eyewitnessblogs.com)




# TRIO PARADIS

Jacquelyn Bevan - piano    Lisa Betteridge - violin    Linda Stocks - cello

*Friendship through music*

**FRIDAY 3rd MAY**  
The English Romantics  
*Early 20th masterpieces*

**FRIDAY 7th JUNE**  
The Flower Garden  
*Roses and more...*

**FRIDAY 5th JULY**  
Stage & Screen  
*Iconic film themes & show songs*

**FRIDAY 2nd AUGUST**  
Scenes of Childhood  
*Magical music from Bizet to Ravel*

**FRIDAY 6th SEPTEMBER**  
Shall We Dance?  
*Guaranteed to get your toes tapping*

**FRIDAY 4th OCTOBER**  
Vive la France!  
*Debussy, Poulenc, Piaf & Satie*

## Monthly Café Concerts

First Friday of  
each month  
at 3.00pm

## THE ATHENAEUM Warminster

Concerts last c45 min. Café serving home-made cakes. Entrance by donation  
Reserve seats at [www.ticketsource.co.uk/trio](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/trio)  
[www.trioparadis.com](http://www.trioparadis.com)



## HEYWOOD HOUSE WESTBURY

# Romeo and Juliet

An Outdoor Theatre Production by  
internationally acclaimed theatre group, Illyria



**Sunday 1st September 2024 | 4:00PM**  
Heywood House, Heywood, Westbury, BA13 4NA

Tickets: £16 Adults | £12 Children (9-15)  
Homemade Cream Teas £5 pp  
Gates open at 2pm, pre bookable cream teas served from 2.30pm

Tickets available from:  
[www.heywoodhouse.com/whats-on/](http://www.heywoodhouse.com/whats-on/)



IN AID OF  
**THE WILTSHIRE BOBBY VAN TRUST**  
Registered charity 113370

By kind permission of our hosts, Mr & Mrs John Robins

# BAG A BARGAIN



NEARLY NEW  
DESIGNER  
CLOTHES SALE

## Deverill Storage

c/o Manor Farm, Longbridge  
Deverill, Warminster BA12 7DF

4th September, 2pm to 6pm, £6 entry  
5th September, 1pm to 4pm, free entry

**EXCLUSIVE EARLY ENTRY**

Plus fashion and make-up masterclass with Milly Churchill, Jennifer Morisetti and Karen Lockyer.  
Strictly limited tickets £25 and £20

All tickets available via  
[wiltshirebobbyvan.org.uk/events](http://wiltshirebobbyvan.org.uk/events)

Refreshments available to purchase

## The GREAT Maiden Bradley BAKE OFF!

Blow the dust off your recipe books, shake out your pinnies and get those creative juices flowing! September will be Bake Off time in Maiden Bradley! Bake something glorious and prepare to be judged by fellow residents and others!

Let us know you're entering by Friday 6th September (see below) then bring your masterpiece to the Hall between 10:00 and 12:00 on Sunday 8th Sept, on its own plate or stand, ready for judging!

**\* FREE TO ENTER CAKE \***

Categories  
'A' 16yrs and above  
'B' Under 16yrs

**SUNDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2024**  
10am-4pm

From 2pm-4pm that day, bring family and friends to 'judge' all the delights. Admission £5 per person (£2 for 11-15yrs inc. and under 11yrs go free), allowing you to taste and judge as many cakes as you can manage with tea/coffee/squash included.



Even if you're not entering a cake, bring family and friends for a fabulous cake-tasting fest and judge the entries for yourselves with PRIZES for Best Looking, Best Tasting and Best Overall cakes. Tickets also available on Eventbrite.

Money raised will go towards refurbishing the Hall's main windows - so bring extra cash to 'buy' a window pane (or more) at £2 each with a chance to win a cash prize.

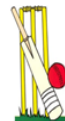
**MORE PANES = MORE GAINS!**

Card payments also accepted \* Free Parking \* Indoor/outdoor seating (weather permitting)

To register your entry (or more information): email [maidenbradleyhall@gmail.com](mailto:maidenbradleyhall@gmail.com) or call Christina on 07720 574 405

## Deverills Cricket Club

The next fixture: **Sunday 1st September** at home Heytesbury 1.00 pm.  
We welcome new players men, women, boys & girls, if you would like to join us please contact Ed Read on 07702 273338. Support is always welcome, particularly at the home games.



## Warminster History Society

You are welcome to join us at 2.30 pm **Wednesday 4th September** in Warminster Library (entrance rear door) for a very interesting talk 'Warminster's Public Clocks' by David Pollard

## Mere Historical Society

Talks held in the Grove building, Mere

**Tuesday 10th September** 7.30 pm Emily Naish, Cathedral Archivist and Collections Manager 'Archiving Salisbury Cathedral'.



## Mere Gardening Club



Meetings held in the Grove Building, Mere **7.00 for 7.30 pm**

**Wednesday 11th September** Club Horticultural Show with sections for vegetables, flowers and cookery.

## Codford and District Gardening Club

Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday 18th September** in Codford Village Hall at 7.00 pm for 7.30pm. The Bar will be open. All are welcome, visitors £3.00. Nicola Hope will be returning to us to give her talk 'Tales from the Potting Shed', which she was going to give two years ago, second time lucky!



## Maiden Bradley Memorial Hall

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

**Sunday 8th September** Bake Off Competition (see website) Page 4

**Friday 13th September** Coffee morning fundraiser and meet the editor of Maiden Bradley News

**Saturday 14th September** Underwoods Fish & Chips 4.30 - 6.00 pm

**Monday 16th September** Bingo fundraiser doors open at 7.00 for 7.30 pm start

**Friday 27th September** fundraiser for Macmillan Cancer Support

**Saturday 28th September** Underwood Fish & Chips 4.30 - 6.00 pm

### Regular Events

**Mondays:** 9.30 -10.30 Pilates; 10.45-11.30 Chair Pilates; 5.00-6.00 Dr Surgery

**Tuesdays:** 9.30 -10.30 am Bradley Babies; 1.00 - 3.00 pm Post Office Service

**Wednesdays:** 10.00 - 11.15 am Silver Sneakers

**Thursdays:** 9.30 am - 10.30 Pilates

**Fridays:** 10.00 - 12.00 Coffee & Book library



Chat Café Warminster

On  
**Friday 6th of Sept**

We welcome  
**Lorna**  
Cancer Support Worker,  
Salisbury Hospital

Lorna will be available to talk  
about the support services available at the hospital



Join us  
for coffee

CANCER SUPPORT FOR YOU

The cancer support group meets every 1st & 3rd Friday of the month  
between 10 - 12pm At the Athenaeum

[opendoorwarminster.org](https://www.opendoorwarminster.org) [@thechatcafevarminster](https://www.instagram.com/thechatcafevarminster)

Chat Café Warminster

On  
**Friday 20th of Sept**

We welcome  
**David**  
Macmillan Support Worker

David will be available to talk  
about the services available to patients at the RUH.



Join us to raise funds  
for Macmillan,  
which helps to  
make our Café  
available to the  
local community.

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## Mere Literary Festival Wednesday 9th - Saturday 12th October



We are excited about our line-up for 2024. We look forward to seeing you at the Festival and all the different activities we have planned. Tickets will be available from the website [mereliteraryfestival.com](https://www.mereliteraryfestival.com) from 1st September (9.00 am) for 'Friends' of the Festival and from 8th September (9.00 am) for general sales. Programmes with all the events and details are available from Mere Library, the Post Office and Sprout & Flower and also in outlets in surrounding towns and villages. The Festival aims to celebrate the spoken word, authors and their books, bringing people together in the local community. Where possible we try to showcase local talent with other speakers drawn from around the country. We endeavour to have a diverse range of subjects and speakers to appeal to a wide range of ages and interests. The first Mere Literary Festival was held in 1997 to raise funds for the Mere & District Link Scheme. The Festival continues to support our local Link Scheme and this year will be supporting other local charities. For more information about the Festival and events please go to [mereliteraryfestival.com](https://www.mereliteraryfestival.com)

## Tea Party for Dorothy House

A lovely summer afternoon was enjoyed by many in the garden of Monkton House and raised **£390**; thank you so much to everyone who made donations and came along.

**Bridget Beattie**



## Longbridge Nursing Home

The activities team arranged a summer fete in the grounds of the nursing home.



Members of the public, families and friends were invited, as well as 'outside' stall holders. There was a bar-b-que with lots of food and refreshments on the warm summers day. Many generous donations of cakes and prizes were received for a successful bake sale, tombola,

raffle, as well as a plant stall and crafts (some of which were created by our talented residents). We had a friendly goat visiting, balloon modeller and live

performance of nostalgic singalong songs. The weather was good and everyone had a wonderful time. The Home raised £893 that day to donate towards their chosen charity, 'Make A Wish'. The Longbridge Deverill Summer fete was a success and we would like to extend a warm thank you to all



who generously donated and participated.

Some other summer activities that residents have enjoyed and benefited from are trips to the lovely Heaven's Gate, the Grange to view a sculptural installation, shopping, garden walks, and the other daily activities like balloon tennis, music and movement, sports quizzes, and keeping abreast with the latest feats of the teams participating in the Olympic games.

## Visitors to Longbridge Church

Marjorie Crofts and her husband, David Carter, visited Longbridge church on 12th August during a visit to UK from their home in Delaware, USA. One of her ancestors had been the Longbridge vicar from 1663 - 1682 and she had hoped to visit his grave, although records do not confirm he was buried locally. However, they were pleased to see his name on the list of vicars and rectors



just inside the church. It was Marjorie's great grandfather who emigrated to the New World in the late 1890's, initially to Canada and subsequently to Delaware. They left suitably informed about the importance of the church within the local community here and about its links to the Thynne family and Longleat.

**Guy Ratcliffe**

## SERVICES DEVERILLS & HORNINGSHAM PARISH

### Sunday

### Trinity 14

1st September	Kingston 8.00 am	BCP Holy Communion
	Longbridge 10.00 am	Morning Worship

### Sunday

### Trinity 15

8th September	Kingston 10.00 am	Holy Communion
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### Sunday

### Trinity 16

15th September	Brixton 10.00 am	Holy Communion
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### Sunday

### Trinity 17

22nd September	Longbridge 10.00 am	Holy Communion
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### Sunday

### Trinity 18

29th September	Corsley 10.00 am	Benefice Holy Communion
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### Sunday

### Trinity 19

6th October	Kingston 8.00 am	BCP Holy Communion
	Longbridge 10.00 am	Morning Worship

### BENEFICE OF THE CLEY HILL VILLAGES

See website for information, links, contact details,  
All editions of the Parish News [ww.cleyhillchurches.org](http://ww.cleyhillchurches.org)



### CHURCH CLEANERS FOR SEPTEMBER



**Kingston** Judy Munro & Sarah Fagan  
**Brixton** Mandy Harding-Newman & Anne Carter  
**Longbridge** by arrangement



### CHURCH FLOWER ARRANGERS FOR SEPTEMBER

	<b>Kingston</b>	<b>Brixton</b>	<b>Longbridge</b>
1st September	Alexandra Blair	Claire Watts	See Rota
8th September	Hilary Dix /	Claire Watts	"
15th September	Louise Hillier	Sheelagh Brown	"
22nd September	Vanessa Colyer	Sheelagh Brown	"
29th September	Vanessa Colyer	Sally Buchan-Jones	"

## SERVICES CORSLEY & CHAPMANSLADE PARISH

### Sunday

### Trinity 14

1st September

Corsley 10.00 am

Holy Communion

### Sunday

### Trinity 15

8th September

Chapmanslade 10.00 am

Praise & Worship

### Sunday

### Trinity 16

15th September

Corsley 11.00 am

Matins

### Sunday

### Trinity 17

22nd September

Chapmanslade 10.00 am

Holy Communion

### Sunday

### Trinity 18

29th September

Corsley 10.00 am

Benefice Holy Communion

### Sunday

### Trinity 19

6th October

Corsley 10.00 am

Holy Communion

## REGISTER

### Baptism - *Welcome to our family*

Maya Elise Lines 11th August Longbridge Deverill

### Wedding - *Congratulations*

Emily Erskine & Kieran McCaul Friday 30th August Longbridge Deverill

## DEVERILLS, CROCKERTON & HORNINGSHAM 50/50 CLUB

**August winners: £50 Jill Ridgers-Steel & £25 Alice Stratton**

**Join the Club!** The valley's 50/50 club raises funds to help preserve our four beautiful historic valley churches to benefit all residents in our parish. Members pay £24 annually, proceeds are divided 50/50, half to support the churches, half as prizes, £50 and £25 monthly. Details to join are in the churches or can be given to you by **Diana Abbott 840763 / decabbott@gmail.com**



## Longbridge Deverill Parish Council



The Parish Council would like to thank Longbridge Deverill Parish Hall committee for the wonderful afternoon tea to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the parish hall and for all their time and work throughout the years to keep the hall open and thriving for the community.

**Learn to Save a Life** Cardiac arrests can happen to anyone, learning how to do lifesaving CPR and use a defibrillator in an emergency can help to save a life, therefore please join us on **Thursday 17th October** at 7.00 pm, venue to be confirmed. Book your free place by contacting Nikki 07986 880164/email [longbridgedeverillpc@gmail.com](mailto:longbridgedeverillpc@gmail.com). We are fortunate to have access to four defibrillators, three accessible 24/7 without a code, located outside at The George Inn, Shearwater café and Crockerton School and one available during opening hours at the Garden Centre. (See page 15). If you need one, just take it, it will give you spoken instructions on how to use.

The next Parish Council meetings are **Monday 2nd September** and **Monday 4th November** at 7.00 pm, all welcome at the Parish Hall. Full minutes and agendas are published on the Parish Council website details on page 14.

### Cardiac arrests can happen to anyone - learn to save a Life CPR and Defibrillator awareness/refresher training



**Thursday 17th October at 7.00 pm (venue to be confirmed)**  
**A South Western Ambulance Service officer will give training  
and information on CPR and using a defibrillator.**

**All welcome. To book your free place please contact Nikki  
07986880164 or email [longbridgedeverillpc@gmail.com](mailto:longbridgedeverillpc@gmail.com)**

### Public Meeting: Free Septic Tank Upgrades

We are replacing private septic tanks with modern systems that stop phosphates in the waste water from causing environmental harm to wildlife habitats, particularly along the Avon and in Christchurch Harbour.



We invite owners of septic tanks in and around Longbridge Deverill, indeed anywhere along the Avon, to register their interest in receiving a fully funded upgrade. To explain the details to local residents we are holding two 90 minute meetings at: **Longbridge Deverill Parish Hall Wednesday 4th September 1.00 pm & 6.30 pm**. Come along to find out how wastewater treatment systems work, ask lots of questions, get to understand about our recent successes in the South West and see how house builders provide the funding to us. Visit our website [burrow-environmental.com](http://burrow-environmental.com)



## Upper Deverills Parish Council

**Vacancy for a Parish Councillor** If you are interested in playing a part in our community please get in touch with the Parish Clerk [clerk@upperdeverills.co.uk](mailto:clerk@upperdeverills.co.uk) or a Parish Councillor (see page 14). There are about five meetings a year; it's a great way to contribute to your local community.

**Digital Voice** This is the replacement for analogue telephone landlines. It is being rolled out nationwide and due to complete in 2025. BT are holding an open session at Mere Library, Barton Lane, Mere BA12 6JA from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm on **Sunday 15th September**. BT will explain what Digital Voice is, why the change is necessary, and what it means for us. You don't have to pre-book, just turn up. Members of the Parish Council will be attending to gather information so that we can offer help and advice to residents as the programme is implemented

**Mobile Police Station** Wiltshire Police will bring their Mobile Police Station to Upper Deverills Village Hall on **Monday 30th September** where you can meet your Police Community Support Officer to discuss local policing issues.

### **Wiltshire Council's Operational Flood Working Group (OpFlow)**

Belinda Stewart-Cox attended a progress meeting on 15th August .



**Village Flood Groups:** to ensure we record and report flooding in this parish each village now has three reps. who will upload photographs, location and dates onto the MyWilts website and send information to flood portfolio holders on the Parish Council (LS & BSC); doing this will help Wiltshire Council (WC) help us more effectively. The village reps are: Piers Lawson, Kevin McBride, Roy Carter (BD); Crispian Beattie, Mark Lowe; Andy Hardwick (MD); Alexandra Blair, Doug Gomez, Brian & Judy McCulloch (KD); but all resident can report floods near them.

**Establishing a system of 2-way reporting:** in response to BSC's request for better coordination, Daniel Everett, head of the drainage team, will ask Atkins, the contractors to check and clear vulnerable reported drains and let us know when/what/where they have done so. **More resources for Wiltshire Council:** thanks to a £1m flood prevention grant, the Council is recruiting more staff (including Richard Williams who oversaw drainage work in BD in 2022) and getting two more CCTV crews to check drains. They can claim more funds back from careless utility companies damaging drains when digging up roads. As a result they are currently 6-weeks ahead of their drainage maintenance programme. **Natural Flood**

**Management by Planting Trees:** Naomi Styles, WC's GAPS officer (Grant Application & Support) for our area, spoke about grants available for landowners to plant trees and hedgerows. Chalk areas like ours are susceptible to ground water flooding, trees and hedges can be planted strategically to reduce this. The web-page is [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/trees-and-woodland-in-wiltshire](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/trees-and-woodland-in-wiltshire)

**The next Parish Council meeting** is on **Monday 9th September** 6.00 pm at Upper Deverills Village Hall. For full minutes and agendas see [www.upperdeverills.co.uk](http://www.upperdeverills.co.uk)

## Help our Deverills Hedgehogs



Have you seen a live hedgehog recently? If so, you are really lucky. Sixty years ago their UK population was an estimated 36 million. Now that number is 1 million. Strangely, their numbers in the countryside are declining more than in urban areas. Please let's help them!

- Put out shallow bowls of fresh water to prevent dehydration in hot weather.
- Provide small amounts dry cat food in a feeding station so cats can't snaffle it.
- Let part of your garden grow wild to create the right environment for their natural foods - beetles, caterpillars, worms, earwigs and millipedes. Contrary to popular belief, they eat slugs and snails only if they can't find enough good stuff!
- Make them a home; see the easy plans online or buy a good-sized hedgehog house and place it in a quiet corner.
- Cut a hedgehog-sized hole in the bottom of fences between gardens. They can roam 2km a night. Walls and solid fencing makes their world much smaller.
- If you have a pond, add a ramp. Hedgehogs can swim but cannot climb out of a steep-sided water feature.
- If using garden netting place a solid barrier where it reaches the ground so that the hedgehogs don't get caught up. Get rid of litter.
- Stop using chemicals. There are other options. Chemicals kill hedgehog food and hedgehogs too. Rat poison and slug pellets both kill our prickly friends.
- Check before strimming (rescue centres see hedgehogs with missing noses and legs) and lighting bonfires (big pile of cosy leaves and twigs = hedgehog bed)
- Do not leave out bread and milk! Bread is empty stodge and milk is toxic to hedgehogs. They are lactose intolerant so milk causes diarrhoea which leads to dehydration. And don't feed them mealworms, which they will Hoover up like a child with a bag of sweets. These cause metabolic bone disease which leads to death. Peanuts get stuck in the roof of the mouth and prevent them from eating and drinking. Try to keep areas where you are feeding peanuts to birds clean at night.
- If you see a hedgehog in the day, is it moving with purpose? Snuffling and trundling around? It may have babies to feed or it could be nest building. If it is not moving, moving slowly, looks thin towards the back end (dehydration), sunbathing (never a good sign) or covered in ticks, please take it to a vet (they have to treat them or will suggest a wildlife rescue who will help)
- On the road, slow down when driving at night.



Please record sightings of hedgehogs on [bighedgehogmap.org](http://bighedgehogmap.org), if you see a dead hedgehog go to [www.gardenwildlifehealth.org](http://www.gardenwildlifehealth.org), they are monitoring numbers so your report will really help. This website [hedgehogcabin.info/making-a-feeder](http://hedgehogcabin.info/making-a-feeder) has a very simple feeding station design and works well to stop cats getting in. Find a

DIY hedgehog house (or buy similar) at [www.wildlifetrusts.org/actions/how-build-hedgehog-home](http://www.wildlifetrusts.org/actions/how-build-hedgehog-home). If you need advice on ways to make our beautiful part of the country a safe haven for our prickly friends please contact [sarah.lennon@me.com](mailto:sarah.lennon@me.com).

## Nature Notes

As I suspected the moorhens have had another brood, their third and so far it's third time lucky. There are four chicks and the parents are looking after them well. They have timed it right as there are less predators around at the moment; of the four cats that came into the garden regularly one is in cattery and the other three have recently moved. Now they have just got to watch out for magpies, other corvids and raptors. I expect they will take the chicks away soon; they have already been out on the bank this morning.



The swallows in the stables have had one more brood of four, I have caught them sitting on the cane or along the A-frame of the stable roof when I have looked in, and I'm fairly sure there has been another. They have certainly done very well this year, with a lot of activity around the stables and over the pond as they swoop down to drink. Quite often the swallows are joined by house martins who have done quite well too this year. The single nest box has another brood in it now, possibly the third, it's difficult keeping track of all their goings on.

I didn't count many butterflies for the Big Butterfly Count this year, it seems to have been a very poor year for them. Thinking back to the spring I only released a couple from the garage that had over-wintered; it would usually be a lot more. I saw some whites, mainly small, a few red admirals and a similar number of peacocks. I did see a speckled wood and several commas and I spotted more gatekeepers than other years. I did the count in the garden and the numbers weren't helped because most of the flowers on the buddleias were going over. Insect numbers in general seem to be down this year. We haven't had many into the house in the evening when the windows are open with the lights on. Other



years when I out in the garage in the evenings lots of moths would join me, not so this year so far. Insects are at the bottom of the food chain and very important, so it's concerning the noticeable lack of them. I've not seen many wasps yet either, and once again in the spring, I only released a few queens from the garage when in other years it's been at least a dozen.

There has been a mixed flock of tits coming to the feeders; their arrival is announced by all the vocalisation of the long-tailed tits. Sometimes the tits are joined by other birds like house sparrows, green finches and goldfinches. With an increase in bird activity it doesn't go unnoticed by the sparrowhawk, even if you don't see the hawk you know it's around by the alarm calls and then the silence. Green woodpeckers have been visiting the garden, both adults and juvenile; the kingfishers too with two flashes of electric blue. The numerous berries on the rowan trees will certainly attract the blackbirds soon.

There are not so many hedgehogs now, most evenings just one or two. The best mammal sighting I had recently was of a brown hare in the field behind us.

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

## LOCAL COUNCILS, SOCIETIES, GROUPS

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

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

Martin McDermott 216939      David Searle 213767

Tony Erskine 07903 3308438      Nigel Spreadbury-Clews 216660

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

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

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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

- **Deverills Cricket Club** Sunday 1st September See p5
- **Romeo & Juliet** Sunday 1st September see p4
- **Longbridge Deverill Parish Council Meeting** Monday 2nd September see p10
- **Community Coffee Morning** Wednesday 4th September See p2
- **Warminster History Society** Wednesday 4th September See p5
- **Public meeting: Free septic tank upgrade** Wednesday 4th September See p10
- **Bag a Bargain** Wednesday 4th & Thursday 5th September See p4
- **Chat Café Warminster** Friday 6th September See p6
- **Trio Paradis - Monthly Café Concerts** Friday 6th September See p4
- **Maiden Bradley Hall Bake Off** Sunday 8th September See p4/5
- **Upper Deverills Parish Council Meeting** Monday 9th September See p11
- **Mere History Society** Tuesday 10th September See p5
- **Mere Gardening Club** Wednesday 11th September See p5
- **Eye witness stories from Israel and Palestine** Wednesday 11th September See p3
- **Woolstore Theatre** Thursday 12th, Friday 13th & Saturday 14th September See p2
- **Maiden Bradley Hall Coffee Morning** Friday 13th September See p5
- **Maiden Bradley Hall Underwoods Fish & Chips** Saturday 14th September See p5
- **Ride & Stride** Saturday 14th September See p2
- **Digital Voice** Sunday 15th September See p11
- **Valley Chat** Monday 16th September See p2
- **Maiden Bradley Hall** Monday 16th September Bingo fundraiser See p5
- **Codford & District Gardening Club** Wednesday 18th September See p5
- **Chat Café Warminster** Friday 20th September See p6
- **Maiden Bradley Hall Macmillan Coffee Morning** Friday 27th September See p5
- **Upper Deverills Village Hall Pub Night** Friday 27th September See p2
- **Maiden Bradley Hall Underwoods Fish & Chips** Saturday 28th September See p5
- **Mobile Police Station** Monday 30th September See p11
- **Community Coffee Morning** Wednesday 2nd October See p2
- **Jason Rebello Concert** Friday 4th October See p2
- **Mere Literary Festival** Wednesday 9th to Saturday 12th October see p 6

## PARISH OF DEVERILLS AND HORNINGSHAM

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St Mary the Virgin, Kingston Deverill BA12 7HE  
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