

# PARISH NEWS

## The Deverills & Crockerton



Whitecliff Farm Brixton Deverill by Pat Armstrong

# JANUARY 2025

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**Community Coffee**  
**Mornings 10.30 - 12.00**



**Wednesday 8th January**

**Wednesday 5th February**

**The George Inn, Longbridge**

**£2 Everyone welcome**

**Call Judy 844385 for transport**

**VALLEY CHAT**

**Monday 20th January**

**2.00 – 4.00 pm**



**Upper Deverills Hall**

**Tea & Cake,**

**Bring hobbies, games & crafts**

**Come with a friend**

**Everyone very welcome**

**For information contact:**

**Judy 844385 / Bridget 844884**

**UPPER DEVERILLS HALL**



Residents of the Upper Deverills are invited to the

**Annual General Meeting 6.00 pm on Wednesday 22nd January**

at the Upper Deverills Village Hall. This is your chance to ask questions or comment on aspects of the Village Hall Charity. Let us have your points in advance contact Tim Watts (secretary) on [watts.tim@hotmail.com](mailto:watts.tim@hotmail.com)/07483 252685 but it is not essential.

**Saturday 25th January 7.30 for 8.00 pm - Burns Night**

Three course Burns Night supper with traditional orations

Tartan optional! Price £15 per head

To book contact Caroline: 07813312352

[carolinedavies096@btinternet.com](mailto:carolinedavies096@btinternet.com)

Last bookings by Tuesday 21st January please



**Friday 31st January - Pub Night & chilli**

6.00 - 10.30 pm Everyone welcome



**Thursday 13th February - Talk by Harry Boorman**

**New Zealand's biggest year (bird watching)**

**Warminster History Society**



Join us at 2.30 pm on **Wednesday 8th January** in Warminster

Library (entrance at rear door) for a talk about **Cecil Beaton**

**in Wiltshire** by Sidney Blackmore. Entry £3 members £1.

## Fresh Starts



At the end of 1992 we all remember the late Queen describing the year as an Annus Horribilis. Well, in a way 2024 has been an Annus Horribilis for the Church of England. The publication of the Makin Report into the horrific abuse of boys by a trusted lay leader which went unchecked for years and the subsequent resignation of the Archbishop of Canterbury has caused a mirror to be held up to the church. The use and abuse of power, the nature of deference, the lack of transparency of processes, the need for truth and the ability or inability of the church to govern itself have all been called into question.

There is an urgent need for us to look honestly at ourselves afresh, to right the wrongs where we can, and when I say 'we' I mean all of us affiliated to the Church of England. To listen and learn from the victims and survivors of abuse and to support them in whatever way possible; to create greater transparency within our structures local, diocesan and national, and to consider where our own behaviour falls short as we follow the way of Christ.

A New Year creates the opportunity to resolve to change things. To be a church that is honest about its failings and determined to bring to the light things which have been hidden. To talk about hard topics honestly and safely where every voice counts, including safeguarding, human sexuality, our financial obligations, racial justice, and how we include or exclude. Too often as we look back, we can see it is fear that entraps us, and causes us to act in certain ways, to remain silent. So in response as we look ahead let's declare 2025 as the year we begin to banish fear, and pay heed to the Psalmist 'The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?' Psalm 27:1.

***Bishop Karen Gorham***



At the start of a new year we at Alabaré would like to say a huge thank you to our local communities for all the support we have received over the past few months. Every gift, hour of volunteer time and prayer helps us to bring more people out of the crisis of homelessness and into independent, fulfilling lives. More and more people are coming to us needing support and predictions indicate that this is likely to continue. Our winter appeal is running until the end of January so if you are able, do please consider donating to support our work with those who are homeless – details are on our **website at [alabare.co.uk](http://alabare.co.uk)**.

One memorable way that you can support us is by joining our annual sponsored BIG Sleep at Salisbury Cathedral on Friday 28th March. It is an incredibly moving event which gives participants a glimpse into what it would be like to have no home of their own by spending one night sleeping on the cloisters' cold, hard floor. Anyone from the age of 14 to 94 is welcome! You can find more details and sign up on our website as above. Thank you so much for any help you are able to give and with very best wishes for a Happy and Healthy 2025.

***Helen Inglis*** (Engagement Officer) [h.inglis@alabare.co.uk](mailto:h.inglis@alabare.co.uk)



## QUIZ NIGHT

Riding for Disabled

Thursday 13th February

7.00 for 7.45 pm

Conservative Club

Warminster

Raffle donations welcomed

**Advanced Booking Only**

for teams of 4 max

Longbridge Deverill Hall  
Friday 21st February 7.00 pm

An Evening of

*Entertainment*

You are invited to enjoy music and words from our own talented local performers. Light hearted fun for all ages. Please put this important date in your diaries; contact Ian Bell on 07590265679 for tickets £12 to include substantial canapes and a glass of wine.

## 'Breathe Music' Recital Kingston Deverill Church

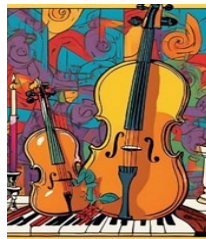
7.30 pm Thursday 27th February

This is a group of musicians, who also play for the 30 year old professional West Country chamber orchestra 'Bristol Ensemble', in which Harriet Wiltshire is the lead cellist.

The first part of the programme comprises pieces associated with the Lark, Vaughan Williams' 'The Lark Ascending' and Haydn's 'Lark Quartet'. The second part is devoted to two pieces by the American composer Samuel Barber 'Adagio for Strings' and a setting of Matthew Arnold's poem 'Dover Beach' for baritone and String Quartet.

The concert ends with the Capriol Suite by Peter Warlock, a lively group of baroque dances to send the audience away with a sense of enthusiastic optimism!

Tickets: adult £15; student £7.50; under 12 free. Go to: Breathe Music website [www.breathe-music.co.uk/concerts](http://www.breathe-music.co.uk/concerts) or available at the door.



## Maiden Bradley Memorial Hall

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

Friday 17th January Quiz Night 6.30 for 7.00 pm

### Regular Events

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

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

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

**Thursdays:** 9.30 am - 10.30 Pilates

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



## Mere Gardening Club

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

**Wednesday 8th January** Lyn Miles, owner of Westcroft Gardens near Salisbury, will give a talk entitled 'For the love of Snowdrops'. Lots of stories of what Galanthophiles get up to during the season, events, garden visiting and of course some snowdrops. There will be items for sales, cash only.

**Wednesday 12th February** Martin Young will give a talk entitled 'Look forward to Spring' which will provide inspiration the future with a wide range of plants which perform during the first 4-5 months of the year. How spring is changing, how some plants are adapting and how to get the best from them.

**Wednesday 12th March** AGM followed by Adam Wallis from Castle Gardens with a talk 'From grower to garden centre'.



## Codford and District Gardening Club

**Wednesday 15th January** AGM 7.30 pm Codford Village Hall. The bar will be open allowing you to fortify yourself before the business starts.

**Saturday 25th January is VegEdible Day** 10.00 am to 1200 noon Codford Village Hall in association with Lakeside Garden Centre. This is your opportunity to get all you need for the growing season ahead from compost to herbs, potatoes to fruit trees. There will be other 'garden' stalls too. The small (£2.00) entrance fee will also entitle you to your first cup of tea and slice of cake at no charge!



## Mere Historical Society

Talks held in the Grove building, Mere

**Monday 27th January** 10.30 am Julia Mottershaw 'Francis Faugoin , the Forgotten Gardener of Stourhead'

**Tuesday 11th February** 7.30 pm Graham Avory 'The Seaton Tramway'

**Monday 24th February** 10.30 am Adrienne Howell BEM 'A Mere Family Story - The Laurences of Old Hollow'

**Tuesday 11th March** 7.30 pm Peter Landymore 'Mere & Monmouth's Rebellion'

**Tuesday 8th April** 7.30 pm ( AGM with wine) plus a talk by James Holden 'Civic Pride, the Public Buildings of Wiltshire'



## Chat Cafés Open Door

Chat Café Warminster  
Friday 17th of January  
We welcome  
**Samantha**  
local solicitor from  
Forrester Sylvester Mackett Solicitors

Samantha will be with us to talk about Wills and Power of Attorney.  
This free information session is open to anyone affected by cancer, including family and friends, in need of guidance and support prior to, or following, the loss of a loved one.

**CANCER SUPPORT FOR YOU**  
The cancer support group meets every 2nd & 4th Friday of the month between 10.00-12.00 in the Athenaeum

**Prostate Cancer Support**  
Join us to talk

[www.opendoorwarminster.org](http://www.opendoorwarminster.org) [@opendoorwarminster](https://www.facebook.com/opendoorwarminster)

On **Friday 17th January** Samantha from local solicitors Forrester Sylvester Mackett Solicitors will give a short overview of considerations about Wills and Powers of Attorney. This free session starts 11.30 am for an hour, is open to anyone affected by cancer, including family and friends in need of guidance and support prior to a death or following a loss.

**Open Door runs four chat cafes:** 2nd and 4th Monday of each month 7.00 to 8.30 pm for those affected by prostate cancer. Family and friends welcome. Every Thursday 10.00-12.00 for anyone feeling lonely or affected by social isolation. 1st and 3rd Friday of each month 10.00-12.00 support group for anyone affected by cancer. Family and friends welcome. 2nd and 4th Friday of each month 10.00-12.00 support group for anyone bereaved or affected by grief. Families and friends welcome. All groups are at the accessible Athenaeum Centre 18-20 High Street Warminster BA12 9AE, free drop-ins. Full details available: The Chat Cafés, Open Door Warminster

## Opalmizak Stained Glass

I have always been intrigued by the medium of glass. Fragile but strong. How colour and light can change a mood/room. As a Flow activity this also helps with mental health and focus. Stained Glass dates back to the Egyptian and Roman times and the earliest evidence in Britain was in the 7th century in monasteries in Northumbria. I am an Architectural Stained Glass artist of over 25 years. Trained in Swansea by Master-craftsmen for each skill to create a stained glass panel from traditional painting, glass cutting, lead and design work, to more modern effects.

Now living in Wiltshire, I want to pass on my passion about this heritage skill. Creating awareness about this amazing craft and its varied processes. Opalmizak Stained Glass is situated in beautiful grounds in Deptford, Wyllye. I not only restore and repair panels, domestic and commercial, I have worked on Grade 1 and 2 buildings; I make bespoke pieces and offer workshops for anyone to learn the basic skills. The workshops I offer teach the heritage skill of leaded glass, along with copper foil technique and extended courses to learn about glass effects creation and traditional glass painting. From traditional to modern designs, windows to hangings. For more information about this craft please contact me Karen Mizak at [opalmizakstainedglass@yahoo.com](mailto:opalmizakstainedglass@yahoo.com)



## Carols & Coffee

The children from Crockerton School delighted everyone gathered in the George for the Community Coffee morning in December to sing Carols and then chat and give out the Christmas cards they had made. A lovely start to the Festive season and much appreciated by everyone present.



## The Hurle Family Bequest

My name is Neil Hurle (pronounced Hurl, not Hurley). I am a very proud Londoner, and, it would seem, also a son of Kingston Deverill, and indeed, Normandy, France. My five times Great Grandfather, Henry Hurle was born and christened in Kingston Deverill in 1739. He became a 'surveyor and builder' and sometime in the 1760s came to London (the streets are paved with gold you know!). He married Ann Cross in 1770 and fortunately for me started a family. Somewhat bizarrely Henry founded a religious faction named the Ancient Order of Druids. To quote from the book I found on the Druids - '28th November 1781, in the King's Arms tavern, near Oxford Street, some gentlemen decided to create an association basing the name and iconography upon what was then believed about the ancient druids .... it is known that the first leader or 'Archdruid' of the group was the aforementioned Mr Henry Hurle'. Whether this was a practice he or others also followed whilst in Kingston Deverill I do not know.

I can trace a link in Kingston Deverill back to my 12 x Great Grandfather, William who was born in Kingston Deverill in about 1500 and married Jane in 1520, again in your church. I cannot find any Hurles predating this but as this ties in with the first influx of French Huguenots fleeing Catholic persecution in France (Hurle is a French name, it literally translates to Howl, like a wolf.) it would seem that Kingston Deverill (and The Deverills in general) had 'Norman friendly' traits, my research comes up with various links to the D'evreux family and the Canons of Lisieux in the area, so it may have been a 'safe' area for Huguenots to escape to from Normandy.

It was wonderful to visit your beautiful church at the end of November, and we were fortunate to meet Judy Munro, and to be given a mini tour of the church. When I came across the plaque dedicated to Charles Hurle (which still resides in the church!) and the extract of the will of Eleanor Hurle I was amazed. To know that my forbears had philanthropic ideals that amazingly still have consequences today is a wonderful thought.

The photograph was kindly taken of us by Judy and shows my sister Linda and I sitting down. My niece Marianne and wife Judith.

# SERVICES DEVERILLS & HORNINGSHAM PARISH

|               |                               |                 |
|---------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>Christmas 2</b>            |                 |
| 5th January   | (Kingston 8.00 am             | Cancelled)      |
|               | Longbridge 10.00 am           | Morning Worship |
| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>Baptism of Christ</b>      |                 |
| 12th January  | Horningsham 11.15 am          | Plough Sunday   |
| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>Epiphany 2</b>             |                 |
| 19th January  | Brixton 10.00 am              | Holy Communion  |
| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>Epiphany 3</b>             |                 |
| 26th January  | Longbridge 10.00am            | Holy Communion  |
| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>Presentation of Christ</b> |                 |
| 2nd February  | Kingston 8.00 am BCP          | Holy Communion  |
|               | Longbridge 10.00 am           | Morning Worship |



## Crockerton School Carol service

This lovely annual event was took place in Longbridge church on Tuesday 17th December and was very well attended by the families of the children and the local parishioners.



### CHURCH CLEANERS FOR JANUARY

**Kingston** Sarah Fagan & Judy Munro  
**Brixton** Eve McBride & Sophie Lawson  
**Longbridge** by arrangement



### CHURCH FLOWER ARRANGERS FOR JANUARY

|              | <b>Kingston</b> | <b>Brixton</b> | <b>Longbridge</b> |
|--------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|
| 5th January  | Alice Stratton  | Sheelagh Brown | See Rota          |
| 12th January | Judy Munro      | Liz Everall    | "                 |
| 19th January | Judy Munro      | Liz Everall    | "                 |
| 26th January | Carole Noonan   | Clare Watts    | "                 |

## SERVICES CORSLEY & CHAPMANSLADE PARISH

### **Sunday Christmas 2**

5th January Corsley 10.00 am Holy Communion

### **Sunday Baptism of Christ**

12th January Horningsham 11.15 am Plough Sunday

### **Sunday Epiphany 2**

19th January Corsley 11.00 am Matins

### **Sunday Epiphany 3**

26th January Chapmanslade 10.00 am Holy Communion

### **Sunday Presentation of Christ**

2nd February Corsley 10.00 am Holy Communion

### **BENEFICE OF THE CLEY HILL VILLAGES**

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

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### **DEVERILLS, CROCKERTON & HORNINGSHAM 50/50 CLUB**

**December winners: £50 Peter Everall & £25 Gill Hurd**

**It's not too late to join the club!** The valley's 50/50 club raises funds to help preserve our four beautiful churches, for everyone's benefit and those who appreciate to community spirit of village life. Members pay £24 annually, proceeds are divided 50/50, half to support the churches, half as prizes, £50 & £25 monthly, plus Christmas prizes. Winners' names are published in the Paris News. Details to join are in the churches but you are encouraged to pay electronically using **16th July** as annual payment date, '50/50 Club' as reference, bank details from **Diana Abbott 840763 [decabbott@gmail.com](mailto:decabbott@gmail.com)**.



## Longbridge Deverill Parish Council

### Winter Weather



Wiltshire Council as the local highway authority are the lead party in dealing with winter maintenance within the county. The following 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. Wiltshire's weather 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 X feed [@WiltshireWinter](https://twitter.com/WiltshireWinter) or Facebook [Our Wiltshire](https://www.facebook.com/OurWiltshire).

### Maintenance

We would like to remind residents to check their hedges, trees and shrubs ensuring they are well maintained and they do not interfere with overhead utility cables, strong winds and heavy snow can easily move branches onto cables or bring the cables down.

### Precept

The Council have set its precept for 2025/26 at £9,000, an increase of £420. This is an increase to properties in Council tax band D of 4.83%, from £20.49 to £21.48 per annum.

### Grant applications

Local groups and organisations are asked to submit their grant applications to the clerk by 14th February, please see the website [www.longbridgedeverillparishcouncil.com](http://www.longbridgedeverillparishcouncil.com) for information and recent application form 'documents' 'grant process & application'.

### New Parish Clerk

The Parish Council would like to welcome Rebecca Hathaway-White who will be replacing Nikki Spreadbury-Clews, clerk and financial officer from 1st January.

### Council meetings

The next meetings are **Mondays 6th January** and **3rd March** 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.

## Upper Deverills Parish Council



The **Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust**, a registered charity who work alongside Wiltshire Police, offers a completely free service to anyone over 60 (or over 18 and registered disabled). They offer a free Home Security service which includes checks for door and window locks, lighting, dummy CCTV cameras and more. They also offer a Stay Safe Online service which will help prevent any fraud related offences occurring. Their contact number is 01225 256867 and their website is **BobbyVanOnlineSafety@wbvt.org**

Wiltshire Council have announced that the **Wiltshire Transport Plan 4** is out to public consultation, which will end on 24th January 2025. If anyone wishes to comment details can be found in the following link **[www.wiltshire.gov.uk/localtransportplan3](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/localtransportplan3)**. This plan is particularly relevant to strategic transport matters such as freight traffic on our roads or weight limits.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on **Wednesday 8th January** 6.00 pm at Upper Deverills Village Hall. For full minutes and agendas of meetings please see [www.upperdeverills.co.uk](http://www.upperdeverills.co.uk).

## Warminster Community Radio

WCR Community Radio has existed in Warminster since 1996 and after several trial broadcasts were granted a full public broadcast licence to serve Warminster and surrounding areas, which we hoped would include the villages. We have been broadcasting successfully for over 7 years on **105.5 fm** stereo on line via our website at **[www.wcrfm.org.uk](http://www.wcrfm.org.uk)**, WCR phone app and on Alexa devices, just say "Alexa, play Warminster Community Radio". Since the beginning we have reported on events in the surrounding villages to keep people in touch with community events. However, we are aware that although we do this for the villages some are unable to receive us on 105.5 fm due the terrain and our low power signal of 25 Watts, which is set and controlled by Ofcom. We want the villages to be able to receive the signal and be kept informed of local events and to that end we are asking Ofcom to review our power allocation and raise it significantly so we can be heard in more difficult to receive areas. We hope parish residents will send letters of support to us so we can persuade Ofcom to oblige. Our service includes local community information, a wide range of Music to suit all tastes presented by and for local people, some who might live alone and may be unable to get around easily, to keep them in touch with locally. WCR is Volunteer run and has received many national awards for our productions, recently a silver award for our soap opera chosen out of over 300 stations nationally. We hope, if we get the power uplift, we might serve your community too. If you wish to lend your support to this please email: **[b.mole@talk21.com](mailto:b.mole@talk21.com)** so we can forward your support letter to Ofcom. Thank you.



**Barry Mole**, WCR Community Radio

## Upper Deverills Wildlife & Conservation Group - Bird Surveys

2024 saw the completion of the third year of bird surveys in the Upper Deverills. The surveys targeted farmland species (Yellowhammer, Corn Bunting, Skylark) that are in serious decline. Through the period April to June surveys were undertaken along 12 pre-selected routes to record the presence (or absence) of these species, and each route was surveyed 3 times. A table of results has been uploaded onto the Upper Deverills Website, under 'Our Countryside'. The 4th series of surveys along the same routes, targeting the same 3 species, will begin in April. If anyone would like further information please contact: Brixton Deverill Peter Marsh 840828, Monkton Deverill Alison Rymell 844819, Kingston Deverill Ted Flint 844507.



## Extract from Pertwood Organic Farm Autumn Newsletter 2024

(See Pertwood Organic Farm website for all newsletters)

Lower Pertwood's rich wildlife and beautiful landscapes are much appreciated by those of us fortunate to live in the Deverill valley. The farm provides us with an important space to engage with nature and observe and study the wide variety of species that thrive here.



The Upper Deverills Wildlife and Conservation Group, formed in early 2022, has been exploring the valley's extensive farmland through walks hosted by the local farmers. Particularly popular with the Group are the walks led over Lower Pertwood by Dave Scales, Pertwood's Chief Security Officer and a keen nature enthusiast himself. These walks give the Group's members the opportunity to see and learn about the wildlife of our chalk downland, including species like Yellowhammers, Corn Buntings, and Skylarks, which are regularly and carefully recorded as part of the group's annual Farmland Bird Survey. The data collected during these surveys contributes to broader national efforts to monitor and support declining bird populations.

In addition to bird watching, our walks also highlight some of the other conservation efforts at Lower Pertwood. We have learned about projects such as the successful provision and maintenance of Barn Owl nest boxes by Alison Rymell and Peter Marsh, and the creation of bee boxes in the woodlands to support local bee species. The chance to observe bird ringing by experts like Tim Ridgers-Steer, who we saw ringing a range of species (including Tree Pipits!) during one of our walks, brought home to us Lower Pertwood's leading role in local conservation work and its importance as a space for both wildlife and the community.

If you would like to be added to the Wildlife Group's mailing list to be alerted to our walks, talks and projects, please email [tedflint@gmail.com](mailto:tedflint@gmail.com)

## Nature Notes

It wasn't long before all the fallen apples were eaten so we don't see the flocks of fieldfares like earlier in the autumn, although we might get the odd one or two searching through the leftovers. The pheasants still manage to find something of interest and I do shake the seed feeders out under the trees. One morning, when there were a few decent apples available, a muntjac was under the apple trees boldly in clear view picking up several whole large apples which it seemed to thoroughly enjoy.



We recently returned from a short break to the West Country and driving along the A303 we could see lots of trees full of mistletoe, very seasonal. We also spotted a fair number of buzzards sitting in the hedgerows along the side of the road watching for any prey, and kestrels perched or hovering looking for food. The roadside banks are a wonderful source of food for them but of course the traffic is a hazard. To break our journey we stayed just outside Exeter, it reminded me of the first time my Dad drove our family in a Ford Popular in the early 60's and we stopped around about Exeter for the night. I think Mum and Dad were in the car and my brother and I were outside in a tent. I was probably about 5 or 6; a tawny owl hooted right outside the tent and it frightened the life out of me! It's now one of my favourite bird calls. On our return trip we stopped at Montacute House, National Trust property, and to our amazement in the car park we were greeted by a 'host of golden daffodils' to quote Wordsworth. They are obviously a very early type. Clive did some googling and found out 30,00 had been planted recently. It was lovely to see them out and there were many more blooms to come.

At the beginning of this month, it felt very springlike and I heard a song thrush singing on several occasions. I've heard wrens, with their distinctive trill at the end of their call, and robins and blackbirds singing quietly in the hedges practising for the forthcoming breeding season. This time of the year with less foliage to impede your view, it is easier to spot birds and to learn their calls.

Looking out at the bare beech tree one day I saw a treecreeper, it has a very distinctive profile and looks like a mouse as it moves always upwards along boughs searching for food in crevices. Its long stiff pointed tail helps to support it but stops any downward movement. There have been green woodpeckers on the lawn feeding, male and female. Coal tits have been coming to the feeders taking sunflowers hearts away to cache.



The hedgehogs are hibernating; they stopped taking food about a fortnight ago. They can wake over the winter, if it becomes mild, so I will watch for poo.

Happy New Year to you all; the Big Garden Birdwatch is 24th-26th January.

**Jane Trollope** (written 17th December 2024)

## 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    |
| James Kettler 841129             | Vicky Swan 215752                |

Rebecca Hathaway-White (Clerk) 07802 679457 or [longbridgedeverillpc@gmail.com](mailto:longbridgedeverillpc@gmail.com)

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

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|---|----------------------------|
| Jamie Fagan 844123 (Chair)  | Belinda Stewart-Cox 840150 |
| Louise Stratton 844105  | Andrew Hardwick 844852     |
| Laura Napper (Clerk) 07971 368742 or <a href="mailto:clerk@upperdeverills.co.uk">clerk@upperdeverills.co.uk</a> |                            |

**Wiltshire Councillor** Christopher Newbury 01373 822508

**Wiltshire Council** 0300 456 0100

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

**Longbridge Deverill Parish Hall** (Booking) Ian 07590265679 Dympna 07976986825

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

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

**Crockerton Village Committee** Andrew Scott (Chair) 07585 963837

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

**Community Police - Local Officer (Rural)** PCSO 70901 Lukasz Kolasinski

[Lukasz.kolasinski@wiltshire.police.uk](mailto:Lukasz.kolasinski@wiltshire.police.uk) / 07471 029004 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:** Go to [defibfinder.uk](http://defibfinder.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

- **Longbridge Deverill Parish Council meeting** Monday 6th January See p10
- **Community Coffee Morning** Wednesday 8th January See p2
- **Warminster History Society** Wednesday 8th January See p2
- **Upper Deverills Parish Council Meeting** Wednesday 8th January See p11
- **Mere Gardening Club** Wednesday 8th January See p5
- **Codford Gardening Club** Wednesday 15th January See p5
- **Café Chat** Friday 17th January See p6
- **Maiden Bradley Hall Quiz Night** Friday 17th January See p5
- **Valley Chat** Monday 20th January See p2
- **Upper Deverills Village Hall AGM** Wednesday 22nd January See p2
- **Upper Deverills Village Hall Burns Night** Saturday 25th January See p2
- **Codford Gardening Club** Saturday 25th January See p5
- **Mere Historical Society** Monday 27th January See p5
- **Upper Deverills Village Hall Pub Night** Friday 31st January See p2
- **Community Coffee Morning** Wednesday 5th February See p2
- **Mere Historical Society** Tuesday 11th February See p5
- **Mere Gardening Club** Wednesday 12th January See p5
- **Upper Deverills Village Hall Talk by Harry Boorman** Thursday 13th February See p2
- **Riding for the Disabled Quiz Night** Thursday 13th February See p4
- **Longbridge Parish Hall Evening of Entertainment** Friday 21st February See p4
- **Mere Historical Society** Monday 24th February See p5
- **Breathe Music Recital** Thursday 27th February See p4
- **Upper Deverills Village Hall Pub Night** Friday 28th February
- **Longbridge Deverill Parish Council meeting** Monday 3rd March See p10
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- **Mere Gardening Club** Wednesday 12th March See p5
- **Upper Deverills Village Hall Stargazing** Thursday 20th March
- **Upper Deverills Village Hall Pub Night** Friday 28th March
- **Alabare Big Sleep** Friday 28th March See p3
- **Mere Historical Society** Tuesday 8th April See p5

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