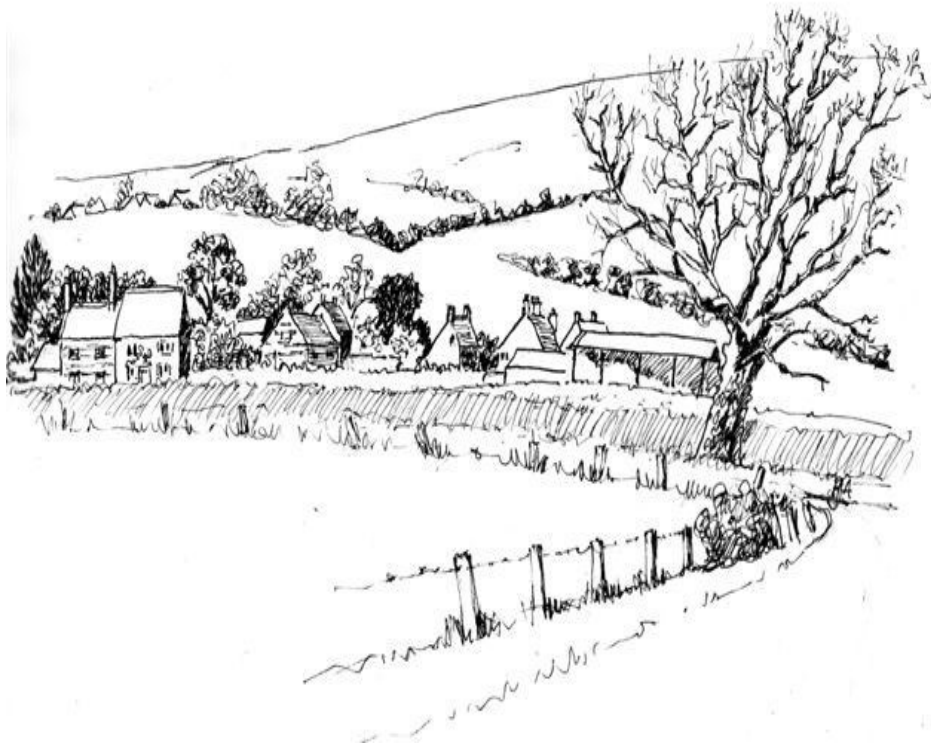


PARISH NEWS

The Deverills & Crockerton



Monkton Deverill by Pat Armstrong

OCTOBER 2025

Look inside for local news & information

Community Coffee 
Mornings 10.30 - 12.00

Wednesday 1st October
Wednesday 5th November

The George Inn, Longbridge

£2 Everyone welcome

Call Judy 844385 for transport

VALLEY CHAT

Monday 13th October
2.00 – 4.00 pm



Upper Deverills Hall
Tea & Cake,

Bring your hobbies, crafts,
games & jigsaws

Everyone is very welcome
To come along

For information contact:
Judy 844385/Bridget 844884



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Come along to a spooky pub night
at the Upper Deverills Village Hall on

Friday 31 October 6.30 – 10.30pm

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THE WEIGHT OF THE
CAKE



A letter from Bishop Andrew



During the wistful first week of September, just before our youngest departed for university, we took a week's holiday in North Cornwall, to revisit a seaside haunt much enjoyed in their childhood. The high-baked summer heat finally giving way to that more familiar British blend of showery spells and sunny intervals, we eschewed the beaches in favour of the ruined splendour of Tintagel Castle, situated on an almost-island along the headland from our cottage.

Since 2019, the legendary birthplace of King Arthur has been connected to the coast by an elegant suspension bridge, the crossing of which offers giddily magnificent views. Perhaps helpfully, pedestrians can't see the rocks beneath them but for a 40mm gap, halfway across. The bridge is constructed in two sections, each drilled into its own side of the yawning chasm. The inch or two between them is, I learned, both structural and symbolic - representing the space between past and present, myth and reality. A lovely touch, I thought.

As we cross the threshold into autumn, with its liturgical mood of gratitude and remembrance, let us rejoice that God bridges the ages in Jesus Christ: connecting us not only to the past events of our salvation but also the future hope of his heavenly kingdom. Whatever changes lie before us, he remains the way, the truth and the life.

Mrs Dilys Noorlander



Dilys Noorlander died on 24th August 2025. Dilys and her husband Willem originally managed the Longbridge Deverill Village Shop and Post office when it was situated on the edge of Church Street (A350) and Sand Street. Then in August 1996, they continued to serve

the community when the village shop moved across the road to merge with Rusdene Services Ltd, to become, as we all know it now, our local Petrol Station and Convenience Store. Dilys and Willem, helped by their three children Jackie, Christian and Rosie, provided a very helpful service to the community in an extremely cheerful and efficient manner until 2015 when Dilys retired. Willem had already retired in 2010 and sadly passed away in October 2024.

Dilys will always be remembered for her cheerful lovely smile and in particular for her great sense of humour. Not to forget the support she gave to many aspects of the Parish community. In latter years since her retirement and moving to live in Warminster she enjoyed spending time with her grandson Aron. Unfortunately, she suffered for a long time with a debilitating illness. We may always remember her for her kindness and cheerful manner, while serving customers and providing such an efficient service at the heart of our community.

John Robins

Upper Deverills Hall

Thursday 16th October 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm

The Wake Table - written by Dr Jules Garvey-Welch

An evening of Monologues and Music with an interval when bread and cheese will be served. Please bring own drinks. Donations to the hall welcome.

'The Wake Table' offers an evening of dark and sometimes sinister monologues reflecting the lives of troubled men and women who have lain upon its polished mahogany surface. Stories of deceit, jealousy, revenge and regret will be performed by residents of the Upper Deverills and accompanied by with music by Tim Watts. **Please note: One monologue contain profanities and subject material making this for adult audience only.**



Thursday 23rd October

Talk by David Morgan - the life of a Sea Harrier pilot.



Doors open at 7.00 for 7.30 pm. Bread and cheese will be served at an interval. Please bring your own drinks, donations to the hall are very welcome.


Pub Night Friday 31st October - see page 2 for details

Mere Literary Festival 13th to 19th October

The Mere Literary Festival is now the hub of an enlarged and improved event that is Mere Festival Week and is presented by the local community for the benefit of the local community and the good causes. The first Mere Literary Festival in 1997 raised funds for the Mere & District Link Scheme and has continued to do so plus other local groups, such as Seeds4Success. The full programme and other information about the Festival week can be found by visiting the website at mereliteraryfestival.com



SATURDAY



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Heywood Literary Festival


18th & 19th October, 2025

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SUNDAY



SAMANTHA HARVEY
BOOKER PRIZE WINNER 2024

Also Featuring
Chris Blackhurst (Mexican Cartels and HSBC Bank)
Gen Gjalster (Life of a Prison Officer)

Crockerton Village Committee

We would like to express our thanks to three members of the Crockerton Village Committee who have stepped down after many years of service. Nikki Spreadbury-Clews, Tracey McDermott and Camilla Howard have all made key contributions to the activities of the committee and life of the village and we are very grateful for all of their hard work and dedication. As a result, we are now in need of new members for the committee to continue that work. Crockerton Village Committee was first set up to celebrate the millennium and typically has organised three events per year: Carol Singing with Crockerton School, Easter Egg hunt at Shearwater, and the summer street party, as well as other activities such as planting spring bulbs and trees. If you would like to get involved in these types of contributions to village life please contact me - Andrew Scott 07585 963837.

Crockerton Village Coffee Morning

The Bath Arms Pub may be familiar to many, but some of you may not be aware that they also do excellent coffees and delicious cakes. There is always a warm and friendly welcome from the lovely team that work there. Whether you are a regular, just go occasionally, or haven't stepped inside, we would like to invite you to the first Crockerton Village Coffee Morning on **Wednesday 15th October** at 11.00 am. It is just £5 for a coffee and slice of cake. If you live in Crockerton, but are unable to get to The Bath Arms, please get in touch if you would like to attend, and we will try to arrange a lift for you. It would be lovely to have an idea of numbers, as it would be a disaster to run out of cake! Any questions, requests for a lift, or to confirm that you would like to come along, please don't hesitate to get in touch. This first coffee morning is being co-ordinated by Jennifer Coogan 07538 275629 on behalf of the Crockerton Village Committee.



Longbridge Deverill & Crockerton Parish Hall



Saturday 18th October 7.00 pm - Quiz and Chilli Evening tickets £15 BYO drink. Please contact either Dympna 07976 986825 or Ian Bell on 07590 265679 (ijb079@me.com) to book tickets.



Saturday 8th November 7.30pm - The Frukes are a very popular Ukelele ensemble from Frome playing your favourite hits. There will be a selection of substantial canapes and a glass of wine. Tickets £17 from Dympna or Ian, see above.

Saturday 24th January 2026. Please note the Burns Night is back on the calendar in the village hall with traditional food and dancing! Ticket price to be confirmed but put it in your diary!



Chat Cafés Open Door



We were delighted that Warminster Rugby Club agreed to us placing a very thought-provoking advert for the prostate cancer group right on the touchline. With the tagline 'try to talk', the words reflect the sports environment and the need for men to talk more about this devastating cancer. The prostate support group meets on the second and fourth Monday evening of each month. Doors open at 7.00 pm at the Athenaeum Centre. It's free to come along and there is no need to book. Open to friends and family members also.

October support groups:

Chat Café Warminster

on

Friday 3 October

We welcome

Andrea

Macmillan Welfare Adviser

Find out about benefits and grants available to people affected by cancer

Join us for coffee

Supporting you through your cancer journey

The cancer support group meets every 2nd & 4th Friday of the month. Hosted by @OpenHealthWarminster

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In October we will have a full timetable with expert advice being available at the following cafes:

On **Friday 3rd October** Andrea from Macmillan CAB will be at the chat café to talk about available benefits and grants. On **Friday 17th October** we welcome Dave, Macmillan Support Worker, who can advise on the range of services available at Royal United Hospital Bath.

Chat Café Warminster

on

Friday 17 October

We welcome

David

Macmillan Support Worker

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

Join us for coffee

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Regular Chat Cafés The 2nd and 4th Monday of each month 7.00-8.30 pm for those affected by prostate cancer. Every Thursday 10.00 -12.00 for those feeling lonely or socially isolated. 1st and 3rd Friday of each month 10.00-12.00 support group for anyone affected by cancer. The 2nd and 4th Friday of each month 10.00-12.00 support group for the bereaved. Families and friends welcome at all times. All groups are at the accessible Athenaeum Centre 18-20 High Street, Warminster BA12 9AE, free drop-ins. Details: Chat Café Warminster website.

Warminster Lions Club – Free Prostate Testing

The second Free Prostate Testing event arranged by Warminster Lions Club in conjunction with Graham Fulford Charitable Trust is on **Saturday 18th October** at the Thomas Arnold Hall, Church Street, by kind permission of Warminster School. The first such event took place in April 2024 attracting over 200 men to have a simple blood test to detect any early signs of prostate disease, and this year up to 300 free tests may be available for men aged 40 – 80 years. Prostate cancer is the most common cancer in men in the UK, with over 52,000 men diagnosed annually. Early diagnosis and treatment is the key factor in this silent and often unnoticed disease. There is **no charge** for the tests, costs are covered by Warminster Lions Club and generous contributions from local businesses. Bookings for this event in October are essential, visit Graham Fulford Charitable Trust web page gfct.mypsatests.org.uk select the Warminster location, an appointment time can be booked between 10.00 am - 3.00 pm. Alternatively contact the Trust on 01926 419959. There is high demand for appointments so don't delay.



Maiden Bradley Memorial Hall

See www.maidenbradleyhall.co.uk / 845303 answerphone

Regular events:

Mondays 9.30 - 10.30 am Pilates; 10.45 - 11.30 am Chair Pilates

Monday 5.00 - 6.00 pm Dr's Surgery

Tuesday 1.00 - 3.00 pm Post Office

Wednesday 10.00 - 11.15 am Silver Sneakers

Thursday 9.30 - 10.30 Pilates

Friday 10.00 am - 12.00 noon Coffee Morning



Warminster History Society

Wednesday 1st October

Join us at 2.30 pm at Warminster Library, entrance rear door, for a talk by James Archard entitled '*Wiltshire - some of the wonderful things you may never have seen*'. Entry £3 members £1.



Mere Historical Society

Talks held in the Grove building, Mere

Tuesday 7th October 7.00 for 7.30 pm. The talk will be given by

Dr Francis Burroughes and is entitled '*The man who rebuilt Wessex - the story of Benjamin Ferrey.*' He was a nineteenth

century architect now almost entirely forgotten but who was responsible for building nearly four hundred churches, country houses, town halls, hospitals, and other buildings in the West Country, and laying out the town of Bournemouth.



Mere Gardening Club

Wednesday 8th October 7.00 for 7.30 pm Grove Building ,Mere Members Forum. A fun evening for exchanging views on our successes and failures in the garden.



Codford and District Gardening Club

Wednesday 15th October Codford Village Hall 7.00 for 7.30 pm. (Guests £3.00). The talk is titled 'Putting Plants to Bed for Winter'. The guest speaker is Ray Broughton, he is a highly qualified horticulturist, and worked at Sparsholt college as a senior lecturer and head of department. His talks are packed with information and seasoned with a sense of humour.



Mere Surgery Patient Participation Group (PPG)

We are pleased to announce the Coffee Morning and Garden Party fund raising events organised by the PPG raised an amazing

£2,408.25. The defibrillator has been purchased and presented to

the Surgery. The PPG thank everyone who supported these events.



SERVICES DEVERILLS & HORNINGSHAM PARISH

Sunday	Trinity 16	
5th October	Kingston 8.00 am	BCP Holy Communion
	Longbridge 10.00 am	Harvest Festival

Tuesday		
7th October	Brixton 7.00 pm	Compline

Sunday	Trinity 17	
12th October	Brixton 10.00 am	Holy Communion

Sunday	Trinity 18	
19th October	Kingston 10.00 am	Holy Communion
		Bishop Andrew

Sunday	Last after Trinity	
26th October	Longbridge 10.00 am	Holy Communion

Sunday	All Saints	
2nd November	Kingston 8.00 am	BCP Holy Communion
	Longbridge 10.00 am	Morning Worship

BENEFICE OF THE CLEY HILL VILLAGES



See website www.cleyhillchurches.org for information, links, contact details, All editions of the Parish News

CHURCH CLEANERS FOR OCTOBER



Kingston Sue Stone & Bridgett Beattie

Brixton Eve McBride & Sophie Lawson

Longbridge by arrangement



CHURCH FLOWER ARRANGERS FOR OCTOBER

	Kingston	Brixton	Longbridge
5th October	Dinah Barnes	Sheelagh Brown	See Rota
12th October	Vanessa Colyer	Sally Buchan-Jones	“
19th October	Vanessa Colyer	Sally Buchan-Jones	“
26th October	Gomez/Curtis	Lorraine Hardy	“

SERVICES CORSLEY & CHAPMANSLADE PARISH

Sunday 5th October	Trinity 16 Corsley 10.00 am	Harvest Holy Communion
Sunday 12th October	Trinity 17 Chapmanslade 4.00 pm	Harvest Service
Sunday 19th October	Trinity 18 Corsley 11.00 am	Matins
Sunday 26th October	Last after Trinity Chapmanslade 10.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 2nd November	All Saints Corsley 10.00 am	Holy Communion

REGISTER

Funerals - Our prayers are with the family

Michael Long Monday 1st September at Kingston Deverill
Shirley Heywood Tuesday 30th September Kingston Deverill

DEVERILLS, CROCKERTON, HORNINGSHAM 50/50 CLUB

September winners: £50 Sean Dufosee & £25 Angela Hodgkinson

On behalf of the PCC I would like to thank all those people who have joined the 50/50 Club, to help with funding the maintenance of our beautiful churches. Your contributions have raised several thousands of pounds in the last 11 years. Although the preferred joining date for subscriptions is 16th July you will still be able to join by using online payment, annual subscription is £24 (£2 per month).



Please contact Diana Abbott 840763/decabbott@gmail.com

or Karen Seymour 840196/pcctreasurer.dandhchurches@gmail.com

Upper Deverills Parish Council

River signs



In Brixton Deverill there are two Wiltshire Council signs on the bridge indicating “River Wylfe”. The Parish Council has received a request to consider adding similar signs in Kingston Deverill. If you have a view on this please let your Parish Councillor know.

High Speed Broadband

High speed fibre internet is coming to the Upper Deverills courtesy of Wessex Internet. The project is currently in the planning stage and some residents may already have been contacted where Wessex Internet wish to run cabling under their land. Roll out is expected mid 2026. In due course Wessex Internet will host an open meeting at the village hall to provide more detail. In the meantime, address any queries direct to Wessex Internet (www.wessexinternet.com/contact-us/) or via your parish councillor. Further details will be promulgated via the Parish News and the Upper Deverills website as they become available.

Next Parish Council meeting: Wednesday 12th November 6.00 pm in the Upper Deverills Hall. Please see page 14 for details of Councillors, Clerk and website, where full minutes and agendas of all meetings are available.

Longbridge Deverill - River Wylfe



Wessex
Rivers Trust

I know quite a few people have had concerns about the amount of weed that is and has been in the river this year. I thought it would be interesting to know what the professionals thought, so I have been in touch with the Wessex Rivers Trust and was pleased to receive the following comments. ‘As the river flows have been rather low due to the dry spring and hot summer, vegetation encroachment has increased across all rivers, which is quite natural under these circumstances. Instream plants help to maintain water levels, and capture pollutants. Over hanging trees provide direct shelter for wildlife and, also shade the river which prevents overheating. The Trust carried out a fish survey in Longbridge Deverill, immediately upstream of Sand Street bridge last autumn, and recorded an abundance of wild brown trout amongst other species. Trout require a cool, clean flow of water and a diversity of vegetated habitats. Although the abundance of trees and vegetation maybe considered unsightly, it is helping to protect the river during a time when wildlife is most vulnerable to the effects of our ever changing climate.’

Caroline Sawyer

Longbridge Deverill Parish Council

Clerk: Rebecca Hathaway-White, Pembroke Farm, The High Street, Tilshead, Wiltshire, SP3 4RX longbridgedeverillpc@gmail.com or Tel: 07802 679457

Councillor Vacancies

Do you want to make a positive difference in our village? Would you like to influence decisions that affect your community? You need to be willing to give up some of your time, how much depends on you and your commitment to help your community. The Parish Council meets bi-monthly usually on the first Monday of the month. Meetings normally last around 1-2 hours. We are especially in need of someone who has an interest in the roads and would be willing to take on the role of liaison with Highways. You must be 18 or over, an elector and have been a resident or worked within 3 miles of the Parish for the last year. If you would like to be considered, please contact the Parish Clerk.



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Parish Council Website & Emails

The Parish Council has a new website!

www.longbridgedeverill-pc.gov.uk

Please note that the Parish Council's emails have also changed.

Parish Clerk - parishclerk@longbridgedeverill-pc.gov.uk

Mark Duddridge (Chair) - mduddridge@longbridgedeverill-pc.gov.uk

Tony Erskine (Vice-Chair) - terskine@longbridgedeverill-pc.gov.uk

Martin McDermott - mmcdermott@longbridgedeverill-pc.gov.uk

David Searle - dsearle@longbridgedeverill-pc.gov.uk

Guy Hagg - ghagg@longbridgedeverill-pc.gov.uk

Parish Plan

The 2017 Parish Plan needs updating so Longbridge Parish Council is currently putting together a survey which will be available online for all residents to complete. Please watch this space. **Why a Parish Plan?** Members of the Parish, whether young or old, all have views on what should be preserved, restored, changed and improved. The reason behind a Parish Plan is to ensure we all have a chance to make our views known; our Parish Plan is lodged as guidance for decision-making by Longbridge Deverill Parish Council and by Wiltshire Council. Our Parish Plan is available to give strength to applications for funding for projects villagers consider important. When serious matters arise we have a policy in place and backing from Wiltshire Council to deal with them. A statement of our views is written up as a Parish Plan and updated from time to time.

The next Parish Council meeting is **Monday 3rd November** at 7.00 pm, all welcome at the Parish Hall. Full minutes and agendas are published on the Parish Council website **www.longbridgedeverill-pc.gov.uk**



From 1 September 2025

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Your flexible bus service in South-West Wiltshire

Book rides in the Warminster and Mere area.
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Wiltshire Council

What is Wiltshire Connect?

It's an on-demand public shared ride service to help you get around South-West Wiltshire including Warminster, Mere and Frome in Somerset and Gillingham and Shaftesbury in Dorset. The service can also be used to get to key leisure attractions in the area including Stourhead National Trust and Longleat Park. The maximum ride duration is 13 miles.

When can I ride?

Monday - Friday: 6am - 8pm
Saturdays: 8am - 7.30pm

Can I book a ride in advance?

Yes! You may book up to 7 days in advance or as little as 30 minutes notice

How much do rides cost?

£2 or £3 for Adult single rides depending on the length of the journey. Young people aged 18 and under receive discounted travel. Concessionary bus passes are also accepted after 9am Mon-Fri and all-day Saturday. Discounted 10 ride passes are available for both adults and young people.



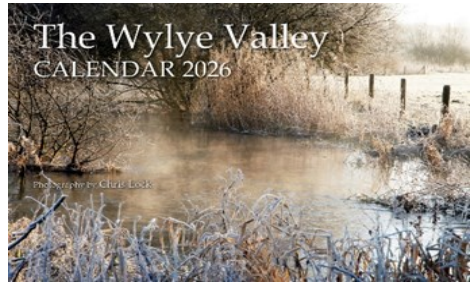
How to book a ride

- 1. Create an account.** Download the Wiltshire Connect app from your preferred app store and follow the simple signup steps
- 2. Book a ride.** Enter your pickup and dropoff address. Choose the ride that works for you, by tapping **Reserve Ride**. You may book up to 7 days in advance or as little as 30 minutes notice.

You can also book by calling Customer Support at **01225 712900**

- 3. Meet your driver.** Check out the app to find out exactly where to meet the vehicle. It may be a short walk from where you are, but it makes the journey faster. Home pick ups are available for passengers with poor mobility or live in an isolated location.

Go to www.wiltshireconnect.co.uk for more information and download our app



The 2026 edition of the Wylve Valley Calendar is now available! As before, all the proceeds will be donated to the international children's charity Hope and Homes for Children (reg. charity no. 1089490), based in Wilton. The price of the calendar remains the same as last year, £11.50, and it comes with a sturdy mailing envelope and can be sent at the large letter rate. Copies available from Coates & Parker, Wylve Valley Vineyard, Budgens in Codford; Heytesbury Stores or on line www.chrislockphotography.co.uk, or www.hopeandhomes.org. This year's images include views from Cold Kitchen Hill, Scratchbury Hill, the bluebells in Grovely Wood, Wilton House and Brixton church. Last year, combined sales of the 2025 Wylve and Nadder Valley Calendars raised £6,340; all this money supports the charity's overseas programmes in Eastern Europe, Southern & East Africa and South Asia. Hope and Homes for Children remains committed to the belief that every child deserves love and to belong to a safe family home, never the abuse or neglect suffered in orphanages. Working with families, communities, local authorities and governments, the charity has helped move thousands of children out of orphanages to families.

Chris Lock

Nature Notes

The countryside has undergone a transformation from prairie to new lush green pasture since the weather has changed. Hopefully it will grow enough for late silage to be gathered before the winter. It is amazing how things have recovered; our lawn was looking very sad but now it has greened up a treat. The long hot summer days are a distant memory and it seems to be raining most days now; I know we need rain but perhaps it could come overnight!



The moorhens are still with us. Each morning I do a roll call; one adult and four youngsters, they are almost as big as the adult now, it is only the red on the beak of the adult that tells them apart. The youngsters are building up strength in their wings by zooming across the pond, chasing one another and climbing up on the irises all the while flapping furiously. They venture out of the pond on their own and go further away and I am sure, once their wings are strong enough, they will leave. There is no sign of the other adult, we reckon the one we have is the female. She built a nest in the open on the pond for the youngsters to sit in, and they look quite content there, but they still disappear into the irises to roost in the original nest overnight and when it's bad weather.

It turned out there were four swallow chicks in the nest in the stables. I counted the beaks before they fledged and saw four youngsters sitting on the canes several times before that dropped to three. Hopefully I just missed seeing the other one but we had some strong winds at the time of them trying their wings. The three youngsters stayed a week before I finally found the stable empty. There has been no swallow activity in the stables now for over a week so they will be gone south to overwinter in Africa. The house martins we had here didn't do so well this year. The nests all face south so I wonder if the heat caused fatalities like we had with the swallows in the stable. The house martin nest is enclosed so would heat up more, if the chicks died we wouldn't know.



A week ago I saw two painted lady butterflies on the buddleia, the first I had seen for a while. The painted lady is a migratory species flying to UK from North Africa, Middle East and Southern Europe sometimes arriving in great numbers; I remember that happening at the farm one year. They fly at high speeds covering vast distances and are the most widely distributed butterfly. I have also seen peacock, brimstone, red admiral, large and small white butterflies.

The rain has washed everything clean showing the berries in the garden and hedgerows very well. The pyracantha bush is laden with orange berries and the cotoneasters are equally covered with lovely red berries. There are loads of hawthorn berries too. It is only a month before we can expect the redwings and fieldfares to return for the winter, there should be plenty of food for them.

Jane Trollope (written 14th September)

LOCAL COUNCILS, SOCIETIES, GROUPS

NB: All phone numbers have a dialling code of 01985 unless shown otherwise

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David Searle 213767

Guy Hagg

Rebecca Hathaway-White Clerk 07802 679457/parishclerk@longbridgedeverill-pc.gov.uk

Upper Deverills Parish Council www.upperdeverills.co.uk

Jamie Fagan 844123 (Chair)

Angie Beloe 844326

Andrew Hardwick 844852

Louise Stratton 844893

Belinda Stewart-Cox 840150

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 (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 / 07471 029004 or call 101

Neighbourhood Watch Deverills & Crockerton co-ordinator

Crispian Beattie email: nw@upperdeverills.co.uk or call 844884

Warminster Link Scheme (Longbridge, Hill Deverill, Crockerton) 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 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 Hall BA12 7HG; Maiden Bradley Hall BA12 7JG; Horningsham Hall BA12 7LL

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

FUTURE EVENTS

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