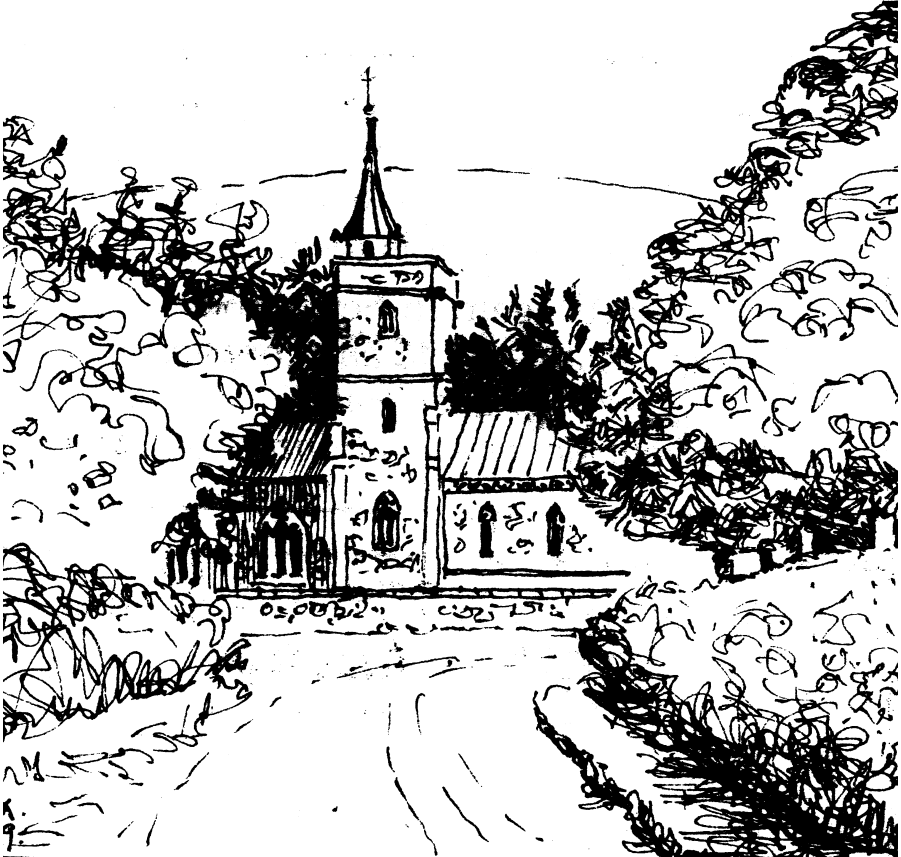


# PARISH NEWS

## The Deverills & Crockerton



St Mary the Virgin Kingston Deverill by Pat Armstrong

# APRIL 2026

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**COMMUNITY COFFEE  
MORNINGS**



**10.30 - 12.00**

**Wednesday 1st April**

**Wednesday 6th May**

**The George Inn,  
Longbridge**

**£2 Everyone welcome**

**If you need transport  
please call Judy 844385**

**VALLEY CHAT**



**Monday 20th April**

**2.00 – 4.00 pm**

**Upper Deverills Hall**

**Tea & Cake,**

**Bring hobbies, crafts, games  
& jigsaws, etc.**

**Everyone welcome**

**For information contact**

**Judy 844385 /**

**Bridget 844884**



**St George's  
Day Lunch**

**Sunday 26 April**

**Longbridge Deverill Parish Hall  
12.30pm**

**Beef Stew & Dumplings  
Vegetables & Mashed Potatoes  
Apple Crumble & Custard**

**£18pp**

**Bring Your Own Drink**

**Tickets from Ian Bell  
07590 265679**

**UPPER DEVERILLS  
HALL**

**Friday 24th April**

**6.00 - 10.00 pm**

**Pub Night & Chilli**

**Come along and enjoy  
your community, meet  
friends, make new ones !**



**Draught beer,  
wine, spirits, soft  
drinks, snacks.**

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

## Bishop Andrew of Ramsbury's letter

### An eternal address

Living in two places at once, which most of us need to do at some point in our lives, can be a confusing business. Where should our post go? Where do we belong? To make dual residency of any kind work requires imagination as well as practical effort.



Christians are called to do this in a spiritual sense, for we believe Christ makes us at the same time citizens of earth and of heaven. At no season of the year is this most clearly evident than at Easter, when we celebrate God's new creation in the midst of the old. We are people who inhabit the spring, seeing in it signs of this new birth, but whose true hope is in resurrection.



The poet John Donne, musing upon life and death, wrote how Jesus makes 'one parish' of earth and heaven, which is a lovely image. He adds that '*Christ was not out of his diocese when he was upon the earth!*' Nor (we might add), when he ascended to heaven.

The church, then, is a rehearsal space for the kingdom of heaven, and as such must allow for all the trial, error and excitement this involves. For Christ is risen, we have an eternal address and another country beckons.

### Dates for diaries:

**Agape Meal - Maundy Thursday 2nd April Longbridge Deverill**

**Stations of the Cross - Good Friday 3rd April Longbridge Deverill**

**Easter Day - Service Sunday 5th April Kingston Deverill**

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting - Sunday 12th April Longbridge Deverill**

### Retreat to Llangorse Lake in the Brecon Beacons

For two nights **Monday 18th - Wednesday 20th May.**

Located at Llangasty Retreat House (LD3 8PX). This year we will look at four great Christians from our younger days. Each day with sessions, spare time, prayer and a concluding Eucharist. Accommodation is simple and comfortable, each



room has a basin and there are two en-suite rooms available too. We will work out shared transport. The beauty and serenity of the experience will stay for all the year ahead. I need the viability of eight people, with up to twenty; I ask for a deposit of any amount to indicate the intention of joining us to me by 20th April, to 33 Ludlow Close, Warminster BA128BJ, full board is £240. For more details please call Martin Weymont on 01985 300025 or email weymontmartin@gmail.com.



## **Lent lunches for Christian Aid**

Thank you to everyone who attended the Lent Lunches held in the Valley this year to support the work of Christian Aid. The charity has worked tirelessly for over eighty years in twenty nine countries, with people of all faiths and none to eliminate poverty and to restore people's dignity so they can live a full life. With your generous gifts we raised a wonderful **£265**. Thank you for helping to give hope to those who have so little.

### **INVITATION ON TO ALL RESIDENTS OF CROCKERTON, HILL AND LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL**

**To the Annual Parish Meeting of the Electorate**

**Monday 11th May 7.00 pm**

**Longbridge Deverill Parish Hall**



Where you will hear a report from the Parish Council and short presentations from local organisations and groups. This is a celebration of local activities and a chance to debate current issues in the community. You may find a new hobby/interest or perhaps a volunteering opportunity for a local group/organisation, who all provide valuable support to the local community.

If you wish to contribute to the agenda, which will be published one week prior to meeting, please email the Clerk by 27th April [parishclerk@longbridgedeverill-pc.gov.uk](mailto:parishclerk@longbridgedeverill-pc.gov.uk)



## **Longbridge Deverill Parish Council Spring Litter Pick**

**Crockerton, Hill and Longbridge Deverill**

**Sunday 29th March 11:00 am**

The George, Longbridge Deverill or The Bath Arms, Crockerton  
Litter picks, rubbish bags etc. provided.

Volunteers sought to support this important community event.

Love your community.

For information please contact Parish Clerk Rebecca 07802 679457  
or [parishclerk@longbridgedeverill-pc.gov.uk](mailto:parishclerk@longbridgedeverill-pc.gov.uk)

## John Henry Wills Hurd

**23rd February 1933 - 4th February 2026**

John was one of life's more eccentric entrepreneurs, farmers and countrymen. He was determined, industrious and had boundless energy to see things through. John was born at Mill Farm, Hill Deverill, on 23rd February 1933; his parents worked hard to raise three children and run a small, mixed farm in the pre and post war years. John, his brother and sister, Bill and Barbara, were very close and helped their parents with milking and farm duties from a very young age. He enjoyed football, cricket and the freedom a countryside childhood allowed. He remembered with great fondness the farm's last horse Taffy and his dog Fly. He left school at 15 and worked on the farm until National Service in 1951 when at 18 he joined the Royal Armoured Corps training as a tank driver. On his return to Hill Deverill in 1953, he started the watercress business, a 72-year career, that would become his passion and legacy. He worked tirelessly to build something of his own and always enjoyed negotiating a deal.



John and Anne were married in Longbridge church on 20th April 1960 and shared almost 66 years of marriage. They built their marital home from scratch in just 6 months! Simon, Kate and James arrived in the 1960s. John was a human dynamo, he could turn his hand to almost anything but not cooking; he was so lucky to have a loving and hugely supportive wife in Anne who ensured there was always delicious food on the table and cake in the pantry. Anne and John had numerous cats and rescue ponies, which they loved, the animals had found a very kind and loving home as Stonewold.

John worked hard, often undertaking local building projects in the winter months. He bought a redundant watercress farm in Dorchester and, with Anne's support, he added that acreage to the growing business. Their partnership at Hill Deverill went on to create the most modern beds in Europe. John caught the attention of the press from 'Harpers and Queen' to celebrity chefs. His charisma, personality and knowledge of watercress were always a hit. In 1990 he made the very bold move to become fully organic. The world was changing and he was enormously proud when 'John Hurd's Organic Watercress' became a staple on Waitrose shelves. He only slowed down recently when Simon took over the running of the farm along with John's long-standing and loyal team. John was a giant amongst watercress growers and one of the 'last of a generation' of farmers in this valley.

Many will also remember him as a rebel at heart, with a twinkle in his eye and a tendency for mischief. He is quoted as saying "Watercress really is a divine little herb, full of goodness, character and taste", that pretty much summed him up too.

# DOLCE SINGERS

RUTTER – REQUIEM | HAYDN – INSANAE  
MENDELSSOHN – O FOR THE WINGS

CELEBRITY ORGANIST - JEFFREY HOWARD | SOPRANO – MAISIE LEWIS  
MUSICAL DIRECTOR - DANIEL ROBERT CUSHING



SATURDAY 18 APRIL 2026 – 7:30PM  
ST MARGARET’S CHURCH, CORSLEY



Tickets now available at  
[dolcesingers.co.uk](http://dolcesingers.co.uk)



<https://navigatingdementia.eventbrite.co.uk>

# Navigating Dementia Conference

*Small changes can make  
meaningful differences.*

Entrance  
**FREE**  
pre-booking  
required

**07484 157768**

A welcoming afternoon for health and  
community services professionals and  
people with dementia and their carers  
to connect, share and learn.

Tuesday 19 May  
12.30-4.30pm  
Salisbury Methodist Church  
St. Edmund’s Church Street  
SALISBURY  
SP1 1EF

12:30 Registration and  
Buffet Lunch

1:30 Conference starts

Key speaker  
Sir Al Aynsley-Green  
on compassionate care

Alzheimers Disease International on  
research and future developments

People with lived experience of Dementia  
will share their perspectives

Local support organisations will be on hand to offer  
information and advice

A supported quieter space also available for people with  
lived experience of dementia throughout the afternoon

This event is funded by the Wiltshire and Swindon Community Foundation [www.saferandsupportivesalisbury.org.uk](http://www.saferandsupportivesalisbury.org.uk)



## Woolstore Country Theatre, Codford



**Programme this year includes:**

**25th - 27th June - Calendar Girls**

**17th - 19th September  
Two and Two Make Sex**

**Regular monthly Film nights**

**Free Drama Workshops  
for all ages: 8–80!**

**Alternate Saturday mornings  
10.30 – 12.30 starting 18th April  
Just turn up.**

**Information see website:  
[www.thewoolstoretheatre.co.uk](http://www.thewoolstoretheatre.co.uk)**

## Volunteer With Us for a Couple of Hours a Week!

Do you enjoy meeting new people and just having a chat?  
Can you listen to someone's story with empathy and without judgement?  
Can you simply be there for someone - without needing to 'fix' anything?

Then you sound like just the sort of person who makes our Chat Cafes  
at The Athenaeum so popular!

We're looking for warm, compassionate volunteers to join our team  
for around 3 hours a week at one of our chat cafes



🌟 Full support and guidance provided.

If you're someone who values connection, kindness, and real conversation;  
we'd love to hear from you.

👉 Get in touch today and help make a real difference.



[warmsteropendoor@gmail.com](mailto:warmsteropendoor@gmail.com)

#VolunteerOpportunity #GiveBack #EmpathyMatters #CommunitySupport

**FRIENDSHIP - CANCER SUPPORT - GRIEF SUPPORT - VOLUNTEERING**



[Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/thechatcafe) [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/thechatcafe) @thechatcafe/warminster

[www.opendoorwarminster.org](http://www.opendoorwarminster.org)

A charity  
run by volunteers  
to support the community

## Maiden Bradley Memorial Hall

See [www.maidenbradleyhall.co.uk](http://www.maidenbradleyhall.co.uk) / 845303 answerphone  
**Saturday 25th April** Ali Cockrean's Art Workshop. Details on her website : [al Cockrean.co.uk](http://al Cockrean.co.uk) under Adult Classes 2026.



### Regular events:

**Monday** 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; 6.45 - 7.30 pm Men on Mats

**Thursday** 9.30 - 10.30 Pilates **Friday** 10.00 am - 12.00 noon Coffee Morning

## Mere Historical Society

Talks held in the Grove building, Mere

**Tuesday 7th April 7.30pm**

AGM with free glass of wine followed by Kate Symonds on 'Mere in the time of Queen Elizabeth I'. Kate has recently researched the Parish records.

## Mere Gardening Club



**Wednesday 8th April** 7.00 for 7.30 pm Grove Building, Mere.

Geoff Hobson will give a talk and demonstration on Orchids. You are welcome to bring yours along for advice.

## The Codford and District Garden Club

The next meeting is on **Wednesday 15th April** at Codford Village Hall 7.00 for 7.30 pm (members free guests £3.00) and features a talk by Kathrine Crouch on 'Grow the food you can't buy'. She was BBC gardener of the year 1999 and BBC gardener of the decade 2008 and a Chelsea gold medal winner! "Not just any old A-Z of crops, but those which are the easiest, tastiest and most reliable. Some I always grow and some I may never grow again!"



## Chat Cafés Open Door

Our cafes are free, no booking required just come along, family and friends (and dogs) are welcome. **Regular Chat Cafés:** The 2nd and 4th Monday of the month 7.00 - 8.30 pm for those affected by prostate cancer. Every Thursday 10.00 - 12.00 for those feeling lonely or isolated. 1st & 3rd Friday of each month 10.00 - 12.00 support group for anyone affected by cancer. The 2nd & 4th Friday of each month 10.00 - 12.00 support group for the bereaved. Families, friends welcome. All groups are held in accessible Athenaeum Centre High Street, Warminster, BA12 9AE. For more information please see Chat Café Warminster website [www.opendoorwarminster.org](http://www.opendoorwarminster.org) We always welcome new volunteers chatters, refreshments servers or behind the scenes admin! Contact us via the website.



## SERVICES DEVERILLS & HORNINGSHAM PARISH

### Thursday

2nd April

### Friday

3rd April

### Sunday

5th April

### Tuesday

7th April

### Sunday

12th April

### Sunday

19th April

### Sunday

26th April

### Sunday

3rd May

### Maundy

Longbridge 6.00 pm

### Good Friday

Longbridge 2.00 pm

### Easter Day

Kingston 10.00 am

Brixton 7.00 pm

### Easter 2

Longbridge 10.00 am

Longbridge 5.30 pm

Longbridge 6.00 pm

### Easter 3

Brixton 10.00 am

### Easter 4

Longbridge 10.00 am

### Easter 5

Kingston 8.00 am

Longbridge 10.00 am

Agape meal

Stations of the Cross

Holy Communion

Compline

Holy Communion

Evensong

Annual Parochial  
Church Meeting

Holy Communion

Holy Communion

Holy Communion BCP  
Morning Worship



### CHURCH CLEANERS FOR APRIL

**Kingston** Mandy Harding-Newman & Angie Beloe

**Brixton** Mandy Harding-Newman & Anne Carter

**Longbridge** by arrangement



### CHURCH FLOWER ARRANGERS FOR APRIL

#### Kingston

#### Brixton

#### Longbridge

5th April

All

Helpers

Please

12th April

Alice Stratton

Sophie Lawson

See rota

19th April

Alice Stratton

Sophie Lawson

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26th April

Charlotte Williams Pony Burrige

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## SERVICES CORSLEY & CHAPMANSLADE PARISH

<b>Thursday</b> 2nd April	<b>Maundy</b> Chapmanslade 7.00 pm	Agape Supper
<b>Friday</b> 3rd April	<b>Good Friday</b>	
<b>Sunday</b> 5th April	<b>Easter Day</b> Corsley 10.00 am	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday</b> 12th April	<b>Easter 2</b> Chapmanslade 10.00 am	Praise & Worship
<b>Sunday</b> 19th April	<b>Easter 3</b> Corsley 11.00 am	Matins
<b>Sunday</b> 26th April	<b>Easter 4</b> Chapmanslade 10.00 am	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday</b> 3rd May	<b>Easter 5</b> Corsley 10.00 am	Holy Communion

### CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLLS

Church of England rules require an update of the Electoral Roll. If you have not already registered and wish to add your name to the Roll please complete an application form so the Roll can be prepared for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on **Sunday 12th April**, taking place after Evensong in Longbridge Church, see page 8. The Electoral Roll is the formal list of Church members entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting. Most baptised worshippers over 16 will be eligible. It is important everyone who is eligible joins the Roll so membership is representative of the Parish. This is helpful to clergy to keep in touch with church members. Application forms are in the churches or can be obtained from the Temporary Electoral Roll Officer Hilary McFarland 212206. Please return forms by **Sunday 29th March** to the Electoral Roll Officer or to a Church Warden.



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

**March winners: £50 Gillian Wood & £25 Peter Everall**

On behalf of the PCC many thanks to all those who have joined the 50/50 Club to help with the maintenance funding of our beautiful churches. You can join the club at any time, pay either by standing order or bank transfer, the annual subscription of £24. Please contact Angela Hodgkinson, email [5050club.dandhchurches@gmail.com](mailto:5050club.dandhchurches@gmail.com) or the PCC Treasurer [pcctreasurer.dandhchurches@gmail.com](mailto:pcctreasurer.dandhchurches@gmail.com).



## LONGBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL



**Spring Litter Pick** This years Spring Litter Pick will be held on **Sunday 29th March** at 11.00 am meeting at The Bath Arms, Crockerton or The George, Longbridge Deverill all equipment will be supplied. Please come along and join us!

**The Parish Plan** We are currently finalising a questionnaire for residents so we can update our Parish Plan. The Parish Plan is a community-led document which outlines how a community sees itself developing over the next few years. We ask that you take the time to fill in this questionnaire as it allows the Parish Council to ensure that we are reflecting the community's views.

**Annual Meeting of the Electorate** The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on **Monday 11th May** this year and is an opportunity for the Parish Council and other local organisations to inform residents about their activities over the past year. It also enables electors to have a say in matters that are valuable to the community. If you would like to contribute to the agenda please let the clerk know by the 27th April. We hope to see you there!!

**We Need You** The Parish Council has currently has three vacancies available for co-option. Please get in touch if you would like to get involved and help make a positive difference to our village. 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. Please contact the Parish Clerk [parishclerk@longbridgedeverill-pc.gov.uk](mailto:parishclerk@longbridgedeverill-pc.gov.uk) if you want to be considered.

**ENTHUSIASM & COMMITMENT ARE MORE IMPORTANT THAN EXPERIENCE**

### CONTRIBUTIONS FROM YOU!



Have you attended events in the Valley which were enjoyable and you would like to thank the organisers who put them on? Or you have information about our area which would be of interest to the residents who live in the Deverills and Crockerton. The Parish News endeavours to serve the whole community and I am always very happy to receive articles about events, the natural world, history, interesting stories and photos related to our area.

Please do get in touch, see the back page for my contact details, I look forward to hearing from you.

***Judy Munro*** - Editor

## UPPER DEVERILLS PARISH COUNCIL



**The Annual Meeting of the Parish** will be on **Wednesday 13th May** at 6.00 pm in the Upper Deverills Village Hall, followed by the Parish Council meeting at 7.00 pm. See page 14 for details of Councillors, Clerk and website, where full minutes and agendas of all meetings are available.

**Mere Fire Station** is one of a number of stations in Wiltshire planned for closure by Dorset & Wiltshire Fire Service. A consultation process is ongoing with a virtual meeting planned for **Thursday 23rd April** between 6.00 -7.00 pm. More information with links can be found on the Upper Deverills website under latest news and on parish noticeboards and at [www.dwfire.org.uk](http://www.dwfire.org.uk). Mere Town Council oppose the closure and there is a petition you can sign at Mere Post Office.

**Mobile communications** There is an update on mobile communications in the Upper Deverills on the Upper Deverills website, but there is no good news for Brixton Deverill in spite of efforts by the Parish Council and others. It can be found at Community Information > Mobile Communications.

**Litter Pick** Thank you to everyone from Kingston Deverill, Monkton Deverill and Brixton Deverill who took part in the annual litter pick on Saturday 14th March. The sun shone and in a little under two hours dozens of sacks of litter were collected from the roads around the parish. Thank you also to Richard Stratton for collecting all the rubbish.

### Defibrillator Awareness Training



About 30,000 people each year suffer a sudden cardiac arrest so it is imperative bystanders know how to respond. A cardiac arrest can affect anyone at any time, young children at school, adults at home, work or in public places. Cardiac arrests are often fatal. The British Heart Foundation's figures show only one in ten victims survive. But the chance of surviving a cardiac arrest jumps from 6% to 74% if the casualty is in a shockable rhythm and a defibrillator is deployed within 3 minutes.

Although anyone can use a Defibrillator without training, as the instructions are verbally given when the box is opened, it can be a pretty scary experience and receiving some basic training can give confidence to go ahead. I am hoping to organize a Defibrillator Awareness session, run by South West Ambulance service, during this year. However, the last time this was organized only two people came so I am reluctant to do this without prior knowledge that there will have a reasonable turn out. If you are resident in the Deverills & Crockerton and would like to attend, please email [caroline.sawyer585@btinternet.com](mailto:caroline.sawyer585@btinternet.com)

There are Defibrillators located at The George Inn, Longbridge Deverill; Shearwater Tearooms, Crockerton; Deverill Valley Trading Estate; Crockerton School; Upper Deverills Village Hall; Lakeside Garden Centre (see page 14).

## News & appeal from Heytesbury/Maridi Link support group

Most of us, if not all, are aware of the challenges the people of Sudan and South Sudan are living with on a daily basis. Heytesbury Deanery (Warminster & Westbury Church of England churches) is linked with Maridi Diocese in south west South Sudan which has been amongst the quieter areas since the cessation of the war in 2011 - when the Sudan became two nations.



Sadly, though, a few weeks ago we received a distressed message from Bishop Moses of Maridi Diocese (whom some of you have met when he has visited us) reporting that Chaima Christian Institute, where we support adult education, had suffered a break-in. Cash being held in the administration centre was taken and much damage was done to the building. It has left the students and staff feeling very vulnerable to attack and the possibility of further theft; the IT equipment and solar panels also are attractive to thieves. In a climate of increasing inflation, making it harder to afford market prices just for everyday living, some turn to criminal activity to ease the burden.



Sadly, the need for better security for the college has become necessary and so we are appealing for help in the raising of funds to aid our friends in Maridi in erecting a security fence and gate, provide solar lighting, employ a guard to patrol the area and make the building itself harder to break into.

The amount of funds we normally raise in a year to support the education programme is insufficient to meet the £15,000 (approx.) required to complete this project. If you are able and feel you would like to contribute to this appeal, please send to South Sudan Maridi Link /30-99-50/ 8049 2568 Ref: Security Fence or cheques may be made payable to South Sudan Maridi Link and sent to the Parish Office, Minster Church of St. Denys, Church Street, Warminster BA12 8PQ for the attention of Mr D Prior. 'Security Fence'. We would also ask for your prayers for our friends in Maridi. With much appreciation

***Revd Gay Maynard***

on behalf of the Heytesbury/Maridi Link Support Group.

### **The Lucas's (ex Brixton Deverill residents now living in Bath)**

We have an open garden on **Monday 4th May**, during Larkhall Village Festival, with tea & cake provided from 11.00 am - 5.00 pm, Wild Areas, Tulip Tree and Giant Redwood. Lambridge House, London Road West, BA1 7HY. All invited.

## NATURE NOTES



Looking at my calendar this morning (20th March), it said spring begins. It certainly felt like spring as I walked to the shop, with the birds singing and a clear blue sky above. These last few days have been a delight with warm sunshine and light winds, a complete contrast to what has gone before. I fancy the recent cold allowed the daffodils to last much longer although the strong winds, which always occur at this time of the year, have knocked them about. (March winds and April showers bring forth the May flowers.)

Looking around in the garden today I was amazed at how things had shot up in just a few days with the warmth. The last time I looked at the cowslips they were just rosettes of small leaves, but now they are showing flower stems of several inches. The beech tree in front of the house is close to breaking leaf and it won't be long before the cherry trees in the rear garden are in blossom. The little plum tree is already in blossom so hopefully it will escape frost damage.

Since the outbreak of trichomoniasis in birds last year, I have not been using any feeders but just putting down small dishes of seed mix with suet pellets. But at the beginning of March, with the breeding season imminent, I decided to put out one feeder of sunflower hearts and one with a suet block. We have a few young cats around us who like to hunt, so I thought carefully about where to site the feeding stands to give the birds an advantage. Previously I had two stands together and close to bushes, now I have put them in two different places in the open, giving us good views from inside, and so the cats will be seen by the feeding birds. I am hoping with fewer birds in one place the risk of disease will be reduced and they will be less attractive to sparrowhawk. So far, we have had tits (long-tailed, great, blue), greenfinches, a pair of siskins and lots (charm) of goldfinches.



The pair of moorhens are resident on the pond now, not yet collecting rushes to build a nest but I expect they will do so soon. They seem to appreciate the clear water I have achieved by removal of pondweed, as do the fish. Recently a heron has been fishing from the raft; I am amazed such a large bird can make itself invisible until it moves. We had lots of frogs in the pond about a month ago who left loads of spawn; the majority at the top end in the shallows, but a small amount amongst the weed the other end in deeper water. It has survived well so far and today it was all wriggling! There weren't so many toads this year, but more males than females and I had to remove at least four dead females from the pond that had been smothered by amorous males.

The warmer weather has woken up the insects. We released four queen wasps from the garage, a peacock butterfly and I have seen lots of brimstones.

**Jane Trollope** (written 20th March)

## LOCAL COUNCILS, SOCIETIES, GROUPS

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

**Longbridge Deverill Parish Council** [www.longbridgedeverill-pc.gov.uk](http://www.longbridgedeverill-pc.gov.uk)

Mark Duddridge (Chairman) 213476

Martin McDermott 216939

Tony Erskine 07903 3308438 (Vice Chair)

David Searle 213767

Guy Hagg 07706 506695

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

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

Jamie Fagan 844123 (Chair)

Angie Beloe 844326

Andrew Hardwick 844852

Louise Stratton 844893

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](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; Horningsham Hall BA12 7LL

Upper Deverills Hall BA12 7HG; Maiden Bradley Hall BA12 7JG;

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

## FUTURE EVENTS

- **Longbridge Deverill Litter Pick** Sunday 29th March See p4/10
- **Community Coffee Morning** Wednesday 1st April See p2
- **Agape Meal** Thursday 2nd April See p3
- **Mere Historical Society** Tuesday 7th April See p7
- **Mere Gardening Club** Wednesday 8th April See p7
- **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** Sunday 12th April See p3
- **Codford Garden Club** Wednesday 15th April See p7
- **Woolstore Theatre Drama Workshops** starting Saturday 18th April See p6
- **Dolce Singers Concert** Saturday 18th April see p6
- **Valley Chat** Monday 20th April See p2
- **Mere Fire Station Virtual Meeting** Thursday 23rd April See p11
- **Upper Deverills Village Hall Pub Night** Friday 24th April See p2
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- **Dementia Conference** Tuesday 19th May See p6
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- **Woolstore Theatre Calendar Girls** Thursday 25th - Saturday 27th June See p6
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