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## Editorial

Oh, to be in England now that April's there  
And whoever wakes in England sees, some morning, unaware,  
That the lowest boughs and the brushwood sheaf  
Round the elm-tree bole are in tiny leaf,  
While the chaffinch sings on the orchard bough  
In England – now!

....so speak the opening lines of 'Home Thought's from Abroad' by Robert Browning (1812-89). With only a passing knowledge of poetry, many people will be familiar with these words and the sentiment outlined which reflect for many the gentle beauty and spirit of the month of April, the arrival of spring and new life with the darkness and hardships of winter now passed.

In addition to looking forward to the Easter celebrations in mid-month together with a couple of Bank Holidays, St George's Day is marked on 23<sup>rd</sup> of the month.

It is difficult to separate fact from legend when looking at England's patron saint but he was likely to have been a soldier of the Eastern Roman army, possibly having been born in Turkey around 280 AD. He rose to prominence during the Tudor period following the Crusades and the Hundred Years War and effectively usurped Edward the Confessor as patron saint. He is most famous for killing a dragon and saving a princess. His popularity declined somewhat during the 18<sup>th</sup> century but recent years have seen a revival in his fortunes. However, we share him - he is patron saint of many places including Amersfoort in the Netherlands, Malta, Genoa in Italy and the neighbouring regions of Aragon and Catalonia in Spain.

In Catalonia there is a romantic element to St George's Day ('La Diada de Sant Jordi' in Catalan), similar to our Valentine's Day. There is an exchange of gifts – roses for the ladies and books for the men, though it is not restricted to sweethearts – 'roses for love and a book forever'. In Barcelona hundreds of stalls pop up selling roses and books and by the end of the day across the region it is estimated that some four million roses and 400,000 books will have been sold – half the annual book sales across Catalonia.



***Assistant Editor***

## Gardening Steve

Hi! April is now upon us and you should now begin to notice shrubs and trees beginning to come back to life after a cold winter. It's so nice to hear the birds singing the dawn chorus and to see the Swallows and House Martins returning after their winter migration to Africa. The warmth and spring rains now will bring huge increases in the populations of slug and snails which can cause a great deal of



damage to plants. Use organic spread slug pellets around the base of plants, there is no need to put a lot of pellets as it doesn't take many to kill off slugs. If you garden organically, use a beer trap, a jar sunk in the ground with the lip just above the surface, filled with beer which will attract slugs. Set aside a morning or afternoon to do those small jobs that make a difference. By hoeing your borders weekly you will keep weeds under control, if you don't weeds grow too big and take away goodness from plants. If they seed you will get even more next year! Keep your lawns mown weekly now gradually reduce the height of the cut and by May it will be safe to cut at your desired height. When you mow a large lawn cut it in different directions, it's nice to see a



chequered board effect. This is a good time to plant evergreen hedges also it's a good time to plant container grown trees and shrubs. Remember to water in well after planting. Prune Forsythias and Chaenomeles after they have finished flowering, you can be very severe when pruning as they will flower better next year. Clematis should now be growing well, keep

any new shoots tied in well as if there is any wind they will snap off. Any spring flowering bulbs like Daffodils can now be dead headed; this is to help goodness to go back into the bulb.

I hope you continue to enjoy your time in the garden, more news next month.

**Stephen Starr** Bowood gardener.

## The Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting is on 7th April immediately after the 11am service. During the service we will be thinking about how the last year has been. We will also be showing images of events and services over the past year and looking for ideas and suggestions for the way ahead, as well as electing PCC members and churchwardens, and receiving the Annual Report. There will be refreshments and I would encourage you to join us.

**Linda**

## Voices from the past

I'm intrigued to know more about the persons remembered on the two benches at the junction of Church Road and Lansdowne Crescent East in Derry Hill. One has a plate inscribed "In loving remembrance of my husband Tony Denton February 1968". The other reads 'In memory of my dear wife Beatrice I. Rex. Died 9<sup>th</sup> April 1968 R E Rex'.



I would have thought they were residents of Tile Court because of its proximity to the benches.

Any information gratefully received using my details at the front of this magazine.

**Editor**

## March Crossword Solution

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## The Stag Beetle

They are big they look scary but are quite harmless! Stag beetles are up to 8cm long: and only one UK beetle is bigger and that is a water beetle. They are one of our most spectacular insects, named because the male's large jaws look just like the antlers of a stag. They have an



unusual life cycle, and this lasts several years (this can be anywhere from three to seven years depending on the weather) - and this means they are vulnerable to predators and habitat destruction. This is because they spend most of their life underground as larvae, only emerging for a few weeks to find a mate and reproduce- and then die.

Although the male beetles appear to have huge antlers, they are actually over-sized mandibles, used in courtship displays and to wrestle other male beetles. Adults tend to be seen flying at dusk in the summer looking for a mate. They are also seen during the day on the ground apparently life-less, but actually resting. Female beetles are smaller at between 30-50mm long, with smaller mandibles. They are often seen on the ground looking for somewhere to lay their eggs.

A fully-grown stag beetle larva (grub) can be up to 110mm long. They're fairly smooth skinned, have orange head and legs and brown jaws. They are nearly always found below ground and can be as deep as half a metre down.

The life of the adult stag beetle is somewhat tragic: having spent many months developing underground they emerge to briefly fly, mate then die. Periods of very cold weather can extend the process. Once fully grown, the larvae leave the rotting wood they've been feeding on to build a large cocoon in the soil where they pupate and finally metamorphose into an adult. Adults spend the winter underground in the soil and usually emerge from mid-May onwards. By the end of August, most of them will have died. They do not survive the winter.

Greatly misunderstood the stag beetle is under great threat from extinction. Mainly because of habitat loss but also through ignorance: people sometimes seem to think it is dangerous or a foreign invader and stamp on them for they are often docile and slumber or are prostrate during the day and mistaken for dead. The larvae also are

not especially handsome, and people often kill them thinking them a danger. There was also a false tradition in Northern cultures associating it with the devil- claiming they started fires by carrying live embers in the mandibles!

Mythology tells us of Cerambus who was a shepherd living on the slopes of Mount Orthrys who had a beautiful voice and was skilled in the pan pipes - so much so that the nymphs would come and listen to him. Sadly, he quarrelled with the gods who in spite turned him into a stag beetle.

If you see one please just move it to a place of safety off the road or pathways for example and let it be. It only has a short time to live and ensure the next generation of these wonderful and exotic looking creatures.

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## **Christian Aid Week 2019 12th - 18th May**

Christian Aid has been working for over 70 years with some of the world's poorest people. It works in 37 countries with people of all faiths and none, to stand up for dignity, equality and justice.

The focus of Christian Aid week this year is maternal and child health in Sierra Leone, the world's most dangerous place to give birth and a country where one child in nine dies before the age of five.

We will be holding a house to house collection during Christian Aid week 12 - 18th May in Derry Hill and Studley. Last year we raised almost £1000 and we hope to do even better this year. We have a brilliant group of volunteer collectors, but could always do with more and would welcome anyone who feels they can help - contact number below.

On Sunday 5th May, during the church service at Christ Church, Derry Hill, we have a speaker from Christian Aid, who will up-date us on their latest projects. Do come along and find out more.

Christian Aid organisers:

**Mary Aylen (Tel. 01249 814632)**

**Colette Som, Belinda Tanner**



## The Night Sky in April

After three consecutive months where we had the ability to view a supermoon, we return to the regular pattern of lunar activity as we will not see another until March and April next year, though we will have eight years to wait until we witness one as bright as that last February. Our darker winter skies which aid sky watching are now receding but the rest of the year will have plenty of celestial activity for us to view.



April sees two meteor showers, the first being the Lyrids between 16<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of the month, peaking on 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> at about eighteen per hour in the north eastern sky. The meteors are fast and leave persistent trains and are remnants of Comet Thatcher discovered in 1861. The Eta Aquirids are a stronger shower which becomes active around mid-month and peaks during the middle of May towards the eastern sky with a maximum hourly rate of 55.

An interesting sight occurs in the western sky on 8 April at around 10.00pm when Mars can be located a few degrees directly above the low crescent moon. Just to the right of these can be located a small cluster of stars known as the Pleiades, also known as the Seven Sisters, though this is something of a misnomer as only six are visible to the naked eye. This is one of the closest star clusters to Earth at a distance of 442 light years. Having once identified this small misty cluster it will be easy for people to identify it in future night skies. The following evening, 9 April, at the same time, the moon will be directly above the star Aldebaran with its reddish tint, the brightest star in the constellation of Taurus. Mars continues to be visible in the north western sky until it sets around midnight. At around 1.00am Jupiter rises towards the south east and blazes brilliantly in the night sky.

	<b>Sunrise</b>	<b>Sunset</b>
1 April	06.44	19.40
15 April	06.13	20.04
30 April	05.42	20.28

***Richard Carter***

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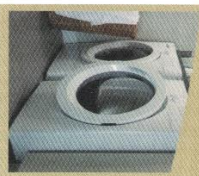
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## Mothers' Union Prayer & Fellowship Group

We met in Christ Church on Wed 6<sup>th</sup> March.

After welcoming everyone to the meeting Mary Hobbs opened with prayers which included some specific to Lent as we met on Ash Wednesday; she also read a very moving



poem. After discussing forthcoming events we handed over to Geoff Hobbs who gave us a very interesting talk about archaeology, taking us on a journey from Windmill Hill to Avebury, then on to Stonehenge and included thoughtful words about Christianity and other faiths associated with these monuments. We all enjoyed Geoff's talk and thank him very much for coming along to our meeting. Refreshments were then served by Barbara P and Barbara Starr.

Our next meeting is on Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> April when we will be joined by Mr Gwyn Rees from Chippenham and District Talking Newspapers. If anyone is interested to hear about this worthwhile local charity please do feel free to come along and join us, you will be most welcome.

**Barbara Parry**

## Rub-A-Dub Pre-School

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Scarecrow Trail – 27<sup>th</sup> April



The pre-school is buzzing with excitement over the forthcoming scarecrow trail taking place on the 27<sup>th</sup> April.

The theme for this years trail is Disney films, with those taking part being invited to guess the relevant films and to cast a vote for their favourite scarecrow along the route. A £50 cash prize will be awarded to the person with the highest number of correct movies, and a voucher for the Lansdowne Arms will be given for the best scarecrow.

The young, and those young at heart, are bound to enjoy the day, which also includes family-friendly activities in the Lansdowne Village Hall. A bouncy castle, face painter, and refreshments provided by Padfield Porkies can all be enjoyed from 10am to 4pm.

Monies raised will be used to initiate the next phase of the garden project to provide the children with a new climbing frame and a sandpit. Entries for scarecrows can still be accepted up until the 14<sup>th</sup> April. Please contact Nicola Heath at

Nicola Heath [rubadubfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:rubadubfundraising@gmail.com) for a submission form.

**Sarah**

## Saturday morning Breakfasts are changing in Lent

During Lent, instead of a cooked breakfast, we will be offering **Croissants and Chat** every Saturday morning at 10am. We will be using the Prayer booklet produced by the Salisbury Diocese for Lent.

All are welcome

**Linda**

p.s **Ordinary Saturday morning cooked breakfast** will continue at 9am after Lent on the first Saturday of May (4<sup>th</sup>)



## Great whist drive for George

I would just like to say thank you to everyone who attended the Crazy Whist Drive the other weekend. I am most grateful to Colin and Margaret Bell for organising such a lovely evening, and the Village Hall



Committee for their support. I very much enjoyed seeing you all there and I hope you had as much fun as I did! Thanks to your generosity, we have raised over £600, which is going towards my dream of a microprocessor prosthetic leg! I appreciate everyone in the community who has been so kind and supportive, it is reassuring to know that people will continue to look after one another. It makes me even more determined to work harder in physiotherapy to be able to make the most of the extra mobility and further independence that I will gain from such a leg. Thank you.

**George Paxford**

# CHRIST CHURCH SERVICES IN APRIL & MAY 2019

## April

### **7<sup>th</sup> April 2019 (Lent 5)**

11:00am Holy Communion (CW) (Then APCM / refreshments)

### **14<sup>th</sup> April 2019 (Palm Sunday)**

11:00am All Age Holy Communion

### **15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> April 2019 (Holy Week)**

7:30pm Compline

### **18<sup>th</sup> April 2019 (Maundy Thursday)**

7:30pm Holy Communion (CW) (Including Washing of feet, Stripping of altar and Vigil)

### **19<sup>th</sup> April 2019 (Good Friday)**

2:00pm Good Friday Service

### **21<sup>st</sup> April 2019 (Easter Sunday)**

11:00am All Age Holy Communion (CW)

### **28<sup>th</sup> April 2019 (Second Sunday of Easter) (Easter 1)**

11:00am Holy Communion (CW)

## May

### **5<sup>th</sup> May 2019 (Third Sunday of Easter)**

11:00am Holy Communion (CW) (Speaker from Christian Aid)

### **12<sup>th</sup> May 2019 (Fourth Sunday of Easter)**

11:00am All Age Holy Communion (CW)

### **19<sup>th</sup> May 2019 (Fifth Sunday of Easter)**

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)

11:00am Family Service

### **26<sup>th</sup> May 2019 (Sixth Sunday of Easter)**

11:00am Holy Communion (CW)

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**Mondays: 15<sup>th</sup> April and 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019**



## **Lent 2019**

The theme for this Lent will be “Christianity, Climate Change and Sustainable Living”. There will be a series of lectures on this theme and bible study groups available as well as a sermon series.

The talks are centred on what we can do personally and locally including food choices and carbon footprint.

The dates for the April lectures are as follows:

### **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April**

Climate Change and Agriculture in ‘developing’ countries

*Anna Campbell-Johnston, Head of Programmes for ‘Send a Cow’*

At Calne Methodist Church 7.30pm

### **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April**

*Celtic Worship*

St. Mary’s Church Calne 7.30pm

## **Collecting Coins for Lent**

At Christ Church, Derry Hill we will be doing a collection of coins during the Lent period, where we are going to be making a cross out of the coins. To donate coins please put them in an envelope and deliver to the Vicarage or hand in to Rev Linda Carter at church by Saturday 20th April. The proceeds will be split between Christ Church Funds and to support Lucy Aylen in her work with YWAM.



***Linda***

# **Calne Without Annual Parish Council Meeting**

## **11<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

The Parish Council was pleased to welcome so many residents to the Annual Parish meeting on the evening of the 11<sup>th</sup> March 2019. Residents heard the Chairman's review of last year and a presentation on the Council's proposed spending for the upcoming year 2019/20 and the rationale behind it. Councillors were able to answer questions and ask for residents to become involved in bringing forward projects for consideration. PCSO Mark Cook reported on the community policing in the area and asked residents to keep a watch on any vulnerable neighbours and emphasised how important the knowledge and watchful eye of the local community is to the police.

Residents brought up a number of topics including concerns about the Chippenham to Calne footpath/cycle path, traffic issues in Stockley, parking in Derry Hill, building in and around Calne and the pressure that it puts on the surrounding areas. Road safety issues connected to the new pedestrian crossing on the A4 at Studley were also brought forward. Parish Councillors, Wiltshire Unitary Councillor Christine Crisp and PCSO Mark Cook were able to provide some answers and a number of issued will now be followed up both by the police and the Parish Council.

Any information the Parish Council receives about Wiltshire Council's consultation on the Calne to Chippenham cycle path will be posted on the Parish Council's website. [www.calnewwithout-pc.gov.uk](http://www.calnewwithout-pc.gov.uk).

If you would like any further information on any of the topics raised, please contact either the Clerk or your local Parish Councillor. Contact details are available on our website.

*The next Parish Council Meeting is on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm at the Lansdowne Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend.*

## RUGBY

Two 90-year-old men, Mike and Joe, have been friends all of their lives. When it's clear that Joe is dying, Mike visits him every day.

One day Mike says, "Joe, we both loved rugby all our lives, and we played rugby on Saturdays together for so many years. Please do me one favour, when you get to Heaven, somehow you must let me know if there's rugby there."

Joe looks up at Mike from his death bed, "Mike, you've been my best friend for many years. If it's at all possible, I'll do this favour for you."

Shortly after that, Joe passes on.

At midnight a couple of nights later, Mike is awakened from a sound sleep by

a blinding flash of white light and a voice calling out to him, "Mike — Mike."

"Who is it?" asks Mike sitting up suddenly. "Who is it?"

"Mike--it's me, Joe."

"You're not Joe. Joe just died."

"I'm telling you, it's me, Joe," insists the voice."

"Joe! Where are you?"

"In heaven," replies Joe. "I have some really good news and a little bad news."

"Tell me the good news first," says Mike.

"The good news," Joe says, "is that there IS rugby in heaven. Better yet, all

of our old friends who died before us are here, too. Better even than that, we're all young again. Better still, it's always spring time and it never rains or

snows. And, best of all, we can play rugby all we want, and we never get tired."

"That's fantastic," says Mike. "It's beyond my wildest dreams!

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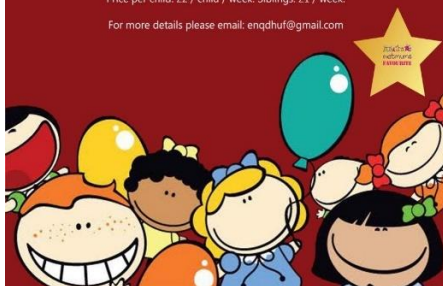
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## **Derry Hill and District W.I.**

There was no speaker this month as it was our Members' Meeting. Instead, we went through the business as quickly as possible and then, with wine and nibbles in hand, we tackled some challenging quizzes and caught up with each other's news. Thank you very much, Tina, for providing us with quizzes on icons, Derry Hill photos, the WI and mysterious food ingredients (on labels) - quite scary when you read them! Angela and Sheila won the quizzes, thanks mainly to Angela's knowledge of Derry Hill from walking her three girls, and Janet B won the game of 'shove-halfpenny', though it was actually a 50p piece and the target was a bottle of wine! Well done, Janet. The Raffle Winner was Maureen.



### ***Dates for your Diary:***

**Bowood Woodland Walk and Lunch on Wed 1<sup>st</sup> May.** Details to follow.

**Coffee Morning at Sally's on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May** at 10.30am.

**Project Homeless Women** – we are going to help fill bags with items for homeless Wiltshire women during the year. We will have a box ready for contributions at our monthly meetings.

**Marlborough Talks** in the summer – Jackie is collecting names and money.

Janet Payne has information about the NFWI's promotion of Women's Bowls with invitations to Open Days at Calne Bowls Club.

**Committee Members** – we need more people to get involved and would like members to come to a Committee Meeting, as a guest, to see what is involved. We promise it's not frightening!

I am standing down as President, due to health problems, and we have appointed Barbara as our PR person, who will be writing our future reports, so this is my last report for Inspire – end of an era! I would like to thank our Committee for their support and patience, and all their hard work, and thanks to our members for their help throughout the year – they are always there when you need them and always willing to lend a hand. I look forward to future meetings when I can take a back seat!

Our next meeting is on April 24<sup>th</sup> when we will be making pretty cards and labels under the guidance of Katy Drew.

***Sheila Rosekilly***



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By the time you read this we will be well into the last week of Term 4 of the school year with the last day of term being Friday 5 April, the day after our Easter Egg Hunt. School returns after the Easter break at 8.45am on Tuesday 23 April. On the last day of term there will be an Easter service in Christ Church at 1.15pm.

March was a busy month and included our contribution to Comic Relief on 15 March. We had a non-uniform day with



the children wearing their non-school clothes in a different way. 'Music for Schools' were with us during the month, giving the children an opportunity to play a range of musical instruments and to give advice to those interested in taking lessons in their preferred instrument.

We marked World Book Day on 7 March, the theme being 'Bringing Books to Life' with a range of book related activities, workshops and plenty of stories. All the children went home with a £1.00 book voucher on the day.

Hedgehog class had great fun selling donated cakes in mid-month and were delighted to raise enough money to adopt a rhino! Further we have enjoyed a 'Celebration of Work' for parents to see the work and success of Rabbit Class whilst Fox Class enjoyed their residential course at PGL Liddington.

We are looking to appoint two Midday Supervisory Assistants to join our dedicated lunchtime team ensuring the safety, welfare and good conduct of our children during lunch periods. The hours are 11.50-13.20 on three days per week, though there is some flexibility here.

Further details are available on the school website

([www.derryhillschool.co.uk](http://www.derryhillschool.co.uk)) under 'Vacancies' or contact can be made via Tracey Davis, School Business Manager at

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## **“The Keeper of Lost Things” by Ruth Hogan.**

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Although the stories often touch on tragedy and disappointment the overall tenor of the book is upbeat and we found it an ‘easy read’. We felt that the characterisation was uneven with some being beautifully realised while others were mere stereotypes. The introduction of vignettes showing how the items were lost were most interesting and left us wishing to know more about the characters introduced but we were less comfortable with the supernatural elements introduced into Anthony's life.

On the whole we decided that although this book would make a good holiday read it was not sufficiently well realised to stand up to critical analysis.

As usual anyone wishing to borrow a copy of this book may do so by contacting Dani French.

**Andrea**

## **Sunday parking in Wiltshire – In case you didn't know**

‘All Sunday ‘Off Street’ parking charges have been suspended. This means that across the county parking is free in Wiltshire Council public car parks on Sundays until further notice.’

This was the official statement from Wiltshire Council following a climb down on an attempt to charge for parking on Sundays.

**Ed**



## CALNE TOWN HALL MOVIOILA

Our next film will be **'The Wife'** (15) starring Glen Close and Jonathan Price.

After nearly 40 years of marriage, Joe Castleman is about to be awarded The Nobel Prize. His wife gives every appearance of standing faithfully by her man but with myriad subtle looks and glances suggests a lifetime of simmering discontent.

Glen Close just missed the Oscar with this one.

Showing on Weds **24<sup>th</sup> April** at 7.30pm. Doors open at 7.00pm. Refreshments available.

Tickets £6.00 available from the Calne Information Office or on the door.

**Viv**



## The Derry Hill and Studley Village Hall Trust and The Lansdowne Hall Management Committee

Notice is hereby given that the **Annual General Meetings** of the above organisations will be held on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2019** in the New Meeting Room at the Lansdowne Hall. The Meetings will commence at 8.15pm.

Local residents and representatives of user groups are invited to attend and receive a report from the Management Committee on the activities of the Lansdowne Hall over the past year. Light refreshments will be available after the meeting.



Further information about the Trust and the Hall can be obtained from Alan Rosekilly (01249 814538) who will also be interested in hearing from anyone who would like to help as a Trustee or Management Committee member in administering this widely used community asset.

**Alan**

## Daffodil Day

On Monday 4th March we were privileged to be invited to attend Daffodil Day at Westminster Central Hall. As we approached Central Hall there were Pearly Queens selling Marie Curie daffodils, which many people wore. On entering the main Hall we sat in the balcony and there were displays of daffodils all around the stage. The afternoon began at



1.40pm when Deacon Kina Saunders led us in community hymn singing before the actual meeting began. At 2pm Revd. Tony Miles, Deputy Superintendent Minister, welcomed everyone to the meeting and the introduction was accompanied by Pam Rhodes (Broadcaster and Author) During the afternoon Pam interviewed the Lord Mayor of Westminster (Cllr Lindsey Hall) who had just come from a tree planting ceremony with Prince Charles!!

Simeon Wood Musician/Composer/Entertainer played his take on several tunes (using a variety of instruments) including The Typewriter tune, Annie's Song and I would walk 500 miles. Pam also interviewed Sandra Goodwin, President of Methodist Women in Britain, who enlightened the audience on her work as a Street Pastor. There were also solos from Anando Mukerjee and Camara Fearon.

After a very enjoyable afternoon the Blessing was given by Revd. Martyn Atkins and the meeting concluded with an organ voluntary. To round off our time at Central Hall we were invited to take home with us a bunch of daffodils to friends or family who were unable to attend. A donation from this wonderful event will be given to Marie Curie.

We have been asked to book the 2nd March 2020 in our diaries for next year's Daffodil Day.

***From friends at Studley Methodist Church***

# Calne Community Area Fairtrade Group

As of Thursday 28th February 2019 CALNE  
has been declared a FAIRTRADE TOWN



Calne Community Area Fairtrade Group has been promoting Fairtrade in Calne and the surrounding area for many years.

*The Fairtrade Group in Calne Library with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor*



The Campaign to achieve Fairtrade Town Status intensified in January 2017, with a structured plan to attempt to meet the Fairtrade Foundation's criteria for an initial award within two years. A Fairtrade Town application supported by a large portfolio of evidence was submitted to the Fairtrade Foundation at the beginning of January this year.

This announcement was timely, as the group was about to mount its keynote Fairtrade Fortnight Event at Calne Library on the forthcoming Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. The Mayor and Deputy Mayor were present throughout the Event.

Stan Woods, chairman of the group said: "Having achieved Fairtrade Town Status we now have to work to build on, expand and keep it by continuing to raise Fairtrade's profile to more and more organisations throughout the town and the surrounding parishes, including schools, retailers, caterers, businesses, the parish councils and societies and clubs."

2019 heralds the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Traidcraft (a pioneer Fairtrade goods importer, wholesaler and retailer) in the UK, and the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Fairtrade Foundation's FAIRTRADE Mark.

**Contact: Stan Woods (Chairman)**

**chairman@calnefairtrade.org.uk**

Dear Friends,

A favourite hymn of mine is “Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain”\*. According to teacher and writer Alan E. Lewis this is “the only truly authentic



Easter hymn...It speaks of hope...present in all our Holy Saturdays of death and despair, ready to push through and grow once more in the shape of God’s love.”

The hymn was written by John Macleod Campbell Crum (1872-1958) and set to the hauntingly beautiful 15<sup>th</sup> century French tune Noël Nouvelet. Crum’s words take us on the journey with Jesus through the aftermath of Good Friday as Jesus (“Love”) is “laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen”, and then through the emptiness and silence of grief of Holy Saturday. However, the constant refrain of hope at the end of each verse reminds us that death does not have the last word “Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.”

The Easter message is clear in the opening line “Now the green blade riseth...” telling us that Jesus is risen, as on that first Easter morning. “Love lives again...” reminds us that in Jesus, God came to live in the world he loves so much and speaks of death and resurrection. For me, the words of the final verse resonate particularly powerfully at the moment:

“When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,  
Thy touch can call us back to life again;  
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:  
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.”

Alan E. Lewis noted that “God’s aloneness and despair on Holy Saturday is precisely that part of the Easter story that most closely mirrors so much of our own human experience.” When we are wrestling with the hard and difficult things which life sometimes throws at us, I take comfort and strength from the promise that: “[Jesus’] touch can call us back to life again.”

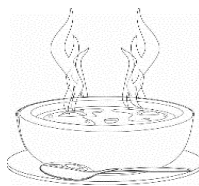
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green. May I wish you all a joyful and blessed Easter.

**Linda**

\* 475 - Hymns Old and New      501 – Hymns Ancient and Modern

## **Church Supper – April**

The next supper evening is on 27<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm at Christ Church Derry Hill. Tickets £10 per person includes a 2-course meal. The theme is an Easter Supper. Please bring your own drink. Tickets from Stephen Starr 01249821325. Proceeds in aid of church funds.



***Stephen***

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Although members may choose to follow their own inspiration we have all found the more in-depth tuition in techniques very helpful.

We are already planning our programme for next term and hope to spend some time painting “en plain Aire” after the success of our trip last year.

We are all at varying levels of competence and new members are always welcome.

***Andrea***





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***Marilyn***



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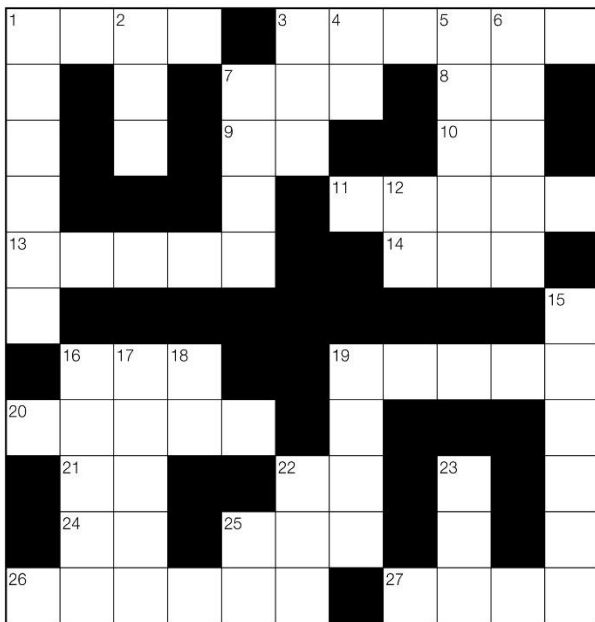
We arrive quietly and there is a short reading before the 20-minute meditation, which ends with a piece of music. We hold the silence as we leave at just after 7.00 p.m. This helps us to feel the peace and stillness as we return home or go to work.

All new members will be given a little introduction, but it is important to know that there are no experts! We all begin again each time we turn up.

We look forward to welcoming you, whether you come occasionally or regularly, we will be there.

If you would like more information, please contact me.

***Janet Robbins*** (01249 814845)



- 18 Preposition (2)
- 19 Lion's sound (4)
- 22 In favour of (3)
- 23 Sporty VW (3)
- 25 Pronoun (2)

## April's Crossword

### Across

- 1 Period after Shrove Tuesday (4)
- 3 On fire (6)
- 7 "Much \_\_\_ About Nothing" (3)
- 8 Highways Agency Abbr. (2)
- 9 Goal difference Abbr. (2)
- 10 Editor (abbr.) (2)
- 11 Pandemonium (5)
- 13 Milker's handful (5)
- 14 Videotape maker (3)
- 16 Mrs. Sprat's fare (3)
- 19 Speedy (5)
- 20 Part of a BLT (5)
- 21 'You are' (2)
- 22 Fourth tone of musical scale (2)

- 24 National Insurance Abr. (2)

- 25 Mount where Aaron was buried (3)
- 26 Black and white omnivore (6)
- 27 Metric mass (4)

### Down

- 1 British party (6)
- 2 Forget-me-\_\_\_ (3)
- 3 Sum up (3)
- 4 Derek and Diddley (2)
- 5 In front (5)
- 6 Handel's "\_\_\_ the Priest" (5)
- 7 Gelling agent (4)
- 12 High tension (2) (abbr.)
- 15 Slowly, in music (6)
- 16 Flora's counterpart (5)
- 17 Nose-burning (5)



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