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Editorial

Whilst writing this piece at the beginning of February, there is noticeably more evening light and this process will continue during the month until the start of British Summer Time on 31 March gives things a hefty push. In the US clocks change on 10 March in all states apart from Hawaii and Arizona, though a small part of the latter does change.



Apart from greater evening light, the piece is being written during a prolonged snowstorm at the start of February, which reminded me that March last year saw significant winter weather events. Firstly, there was 'The Beast from the East' which began with an exceptionally cold and prolonged easterly airflow towards the latter part of February with widespread snow and daytime temperatures below freezing into the early days of March. This was followed by a combination of a 'Mini Beast from the East' and Storm Emma in mid-month which brought further chaos, mostly in the South and South West. What eventually followed of course was plenty of heat and sunshine in late spring and early summer.

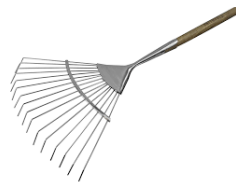
No matter what the weather throws at us, we can look forward to St David's Day and St Patrick's Day on 1st and 17th March respectively. 5th March also sees Shrove Tuesday or Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday, traditionally the last day of feasting before the start Lent.

The 15th of the month witnesses 'The Ides of March', the date in 44 BC on which Julius Caesar was assassinated by as many as 60 conspirators led by Brutus and Cassius and which lead to great upheaval and war within the Roman Empire. The Roman calendar did not really number their days but the 'Ides' effectively signified the middle of each month. The Ides usually corresponded with the 13th day of each month but was two days later for the months of March, May, July and October. Caesar was warned by a soothsayer that he would come to harm on that date, hence the phrase 'Beware the Ides of March'. This year, Comic Relief's fund-raising Red nose Day coincides with the Ides.

Assistant Editor

Gardening Steve

March is here and Spring is just around the corner. You should be seeing signs of new life now in the garden. But be careful, we can still have some cold weather and frosts. The lawns will start to grow so it's now a good time to scarify the lawns to get rid of all the thatch that has built over the winter. After you have done this give the lawn a feed that will last for 6 months. It should also include a weed killer to kill unwanted weeds in the lawn. It's a good time to apply a good layer of mulch on all borders. Before applying the mulch feed borders with blood fish and bone fertiliser. Do not put mulch on your borders if the ground is frozen as this will keep the soil cold. You can now prune fig trees. If you grow a fig against a wall tie in as much new growth as possible and fan out. Take any old figs that are still on but leave any figs that are a size of a pea this is this year's fruit. Spray winter wash to all fruit trees this will get rid of all the insect eggs that harbour over winter. Any spring bulbs will now start to grow and soon be blooming in a month's time. Keep an eye out for any blind tulips, if you see some dig out the bulbs and throw them away. Start now to ventilate the greenhouses on a sunny warm day. Begin to feed all greenhouse plants on a weekly basis; this will ensure that the plants get off to a good start. Start now to sow all your bedding plants in the greenhouses. Start planning your garden now for the summer. Enjoy your time in the garden more news next month.



Happy gardening! **Stephen Starr** Bowood gardener.

George is getting about!

Don't forget the Crazy Whist Drive! (no card experience is required but would be helpful) it will be held on Saturday 2nd March from 7-10pm at the Lansdowne Hall in Derry Hill, and tickets are available from me by email at mcgepaxford@tiscali.co.uk or phone at 01249 817780

George



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

Annual Calne Without Parish Council Meeting

It's been an important year of change for the council., it's tried harder to inform and engage more with residents and has much greater ambitions to improve facilities in the area. Whilst the council has approved its highest ever council tax increase (126%), it's still one of the lowest in the area but it now has plans to invest in schemes to address problem areas and improve our environment.

The parish council has finally proposed changes to the bizarre ward boundaries but unsuccessfully objected to Hills proposals to reroute thousands of additional lorries through our villages. The council is developing a Transport Strategy for the Calne Area; it's consulting on its proposals for waiting restrictions in Church Road and considering a speed limit for Studley. Many people are far from happy at the way Wiltshire Council has let down residents by the way it has managed the Bowood Gate housing development.

Why not come along on March 11th to express your views and ask questions. The annual meeting is from 7 until 8pm followed immediately by the monthly parish council meeting which will consider items including the problems caused by school parking in Church Road.

These are my personal views. If you need any further information contact me at [i0anrees@icloud .com](mailto:i0anrees@icloud.com)

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Governance of Chippenham Forest

After the Norman Invasion of 1066 the life of our ancestors changed dramatically - for the worst - for over two and half of centuries. The agricultural Saxon economy enabled ordinary folk to access the forests: to forage, graze livestock, hunt small prey, cut turves and wood to support their existence. It was carefully based around the local economy. Suddenly this changed and it became a brutally punishable crime to enter or make use of the forests, which were now the king's personal possession governed under the dreaded "Forest Law".



Each royal forest was kept by a Warden. The Wiltshire forest wardens held office by letters patent under the great seal - and commonly after the 13th century, for life. All except the Warden of Braydon farmed their offices and paid a tithe to Salisbury Cathedral. Perquisites claimed by the wardens included certain rights of taking wood in the forest (housebote and haybote, dead and windfallen wood, and the top and lop of trees felled) and cheminage, herbage and pannage rights, honey and nuts, the profits of minor pleas, escapes of cattle and the lawing of dogs, and the right to hunt such beasts as hares and foxes.

Under the Wardens were Foresters in fee, who held their lands by serjeanty of keeping the wards or subdivisions of the forests. In the 13th and 14th centuries there were 4 foresters in fee in Savernake Forest, one each for the West Bailiwick, Bedwyn Brails, Southgrove, and Hippenscombe. The Warden of Clarendon had 6 foresters in fee under him - 3 for Clarendon Forest and Park, 1 for Melchet Park, and 2 for Grovely Forest.

Subordinate Foresters, some appointed by the Crown, some by the Wardens and some by the Foresters in fee, discharged the duties of gamekeepers, usually on foot. Violent attacks upon the foresters were not infrequent, and the assistance of the Sheriff of Wiltshire and even of the sheriffs of other counties was invoked

from time to time to assist them to keep the king's peace and enforce the forest law. There were also Verderers, Regarders, and Agisters elected in the county court from amongst those who held land in free tenure in the forest. Finally, every owner of a wood within the forest metes was bound to appoint a Woodward to keep vert and venison therein.

The juries of Wiltshire knights summoned in 1279 to make perambulations of the forests complained bitterly of infractions of the Forest Charter. The foresters purchased their appointments, so that the Wardens were said to appoint more than were necessary. The Jurors' estimates on this point, however, were conservative. They declared that the Constable of Marlborough on horseback with two of his Serjeants had formerly sufficed to keep the whole of Savernake Forest, whereas in fact during the first half of the 13th century there were three foresters for the West Bailiwick alone.



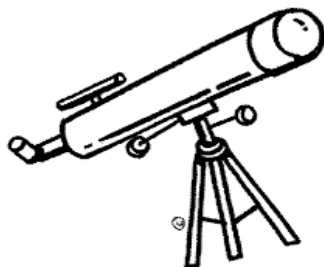
The Foresters obtained benefits by various illegal exactions. For example, collecting lambs and made 'scotales'. The Serjeants of Devizes castle usurped the rights of the sworn Foresters by entering Melksham Forest armed with bows and arrows and taking security from persons accused of forest trespasses; they kept property seized in this way unless it were promptly redeemed. The Foresters of Melksham sold the king's wood '*to the great injury of the lord the king and of the whole countryside*'. The Constable of Marlborough castle was accused of illegally hearing pleas of trespasses in Savernake. Law was arbitrary justice on the whim of those in power. The feudal system could often be a vicious pyramid which kicked downwards, and each power level preyed on those lower down. We would do well to remember and enact my observation that the price of freedom and justice is vigilance and cooperation.

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The Night Sky in March

Spring is here! Meteorological Spring begins on the first day of the month whilst astronomical Spring begins with the Vernal Equinox which occurs on March when the sun passes the celestial equator into the northern hemisphere and when the hours of daylight and darkness are almost identical. These hours of light and dark



change most rapidly around the period of the two equinoxes in March and September so we will have plenty of light evenings in the months ahead as astronomical spring lasts for some 92.74 days. At the time of equinox, the distance between the earth and sun is almost 150m kilometres. To add to the arrival of spring, British Summer Time begins at 1.00am on 31 March so clocks should go forward an hour.

We will also enjoy another supermoon this month when the full moon coincides with the moon's closest point to earth in its orbit (at perigee) on 21 March. At 359,000 km it will not be as close to us as it was for the February supermoon however and consequently not quite as bright.

The Orion constellation will still be visible in the western sky during the month but is drifting away and will soon disappear until its return to our night skies in late autumn.

Planetary activity is mostly limited to the pre-dawn skies with Jupiter being a particularly prominent beacon low in the southern sky. At 5.00am on 28 and 29 March, Saturn, the Moon and Jupiter will be strung close together in the south east/southern sky. At the beginning of the month, again low in the south eastern sky. Mars remains visible in the evening sky towards the west, but its reddish light continues to fade as it moves away from earth.

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1 March	06.53	17.47
15 March	06.22	18.12
31 March	06.46	19.39

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Our February meeting saw us gathering in Christ Church on Wed 6th February at 9.45am when we held a short service as part of the wider Mothers' Union Wave of Prayer. The theme for this year was Listen, Observe, Act – In Step With God and lasted for 30 minutes. This was followed by refreshments served by Judi Hawkins and Christine Powell and whilst we had our refreshments we also discussed some forthcoming events. Our next meeting is on Wed 6th March at our usual time of 2.30pm when we will be having a talk by Geoff Hobbs. Anyone wishing to join us will be made very welcome.



Barbara Parry

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The first Croissants and Chat is **Saturday 9th March**

All are welcome

Linda



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 around what we can do personally and locally including food choices and carbon footprint.

The dates for the lectures are as follows:

Monday 11th March

Climate Change – What can Christians do?

Bishop Nick Holtham, Bishop of Salisbury

Monday 18th March

The Plastic Problem

Adrian Griffiths, CEO of Recycling Technologies, Swindon

Monday 25th March

Film (to be confirmed)

Monday 1st April

Climate Change and Agriculture in 'developing' countries

Anna Campbell-Johnston, Head of Programmes for 'Send a Cow'

Monday 8th April

Celtic Worship

Venues are yet to be finalised. Please note the dates and check on the Marden Vale Website www.mardenvale.org.uk nearer the time. Publicity will also be in Christ Church's porch

CHRIST CHURCH SERVICES IN MARCH and APRIL 2019

3rd March 2019 (Sunday next before Lent)

11:00am Holy Communion (CW)

6th March 2019 (Ash Wednesday)

7:00pm Holy Communion

10th March 2019 (Lent 1)

11:00am All age Holy Communion (CW)

17th March 2019 (Lent 2)

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)

11:00am Family Service

24th March 2019 (Lent 3)

11:00am Holy Communion (CW)

31st March 2019 (Mothering Sunday) (Provisional)

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)

11:00am Family Service

7th April 2019 (Lent 5)

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

14th April 2019 (Palm Sunday)

11:00am All Age Holy Communion

15th, 16th, 17th April 2019 (Holy Week)

7:30pm Compline

18th April 2019 (Maundy Thursday)

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

19th April 2019 (Maundy Thursday)

2:00pm Good Friday Service

21st April 2019 (Easter Sunday)

11:00am All Age Holy Communion (CW)

28th April 2019 (Second Sunday of Easter) (Easter 1)

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Electoral Roll - Christ Church Derry Hill

The Electoral Roll has to be revised annually, but every six years a completely new Roll has to be compiled. This means that everyone who wishes to be included on the list needs to complete an application form. These can be obtained from the **Village Stores, Church porch or Mrs M Hogarth**, Electoral Roll Officer.

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The closing date for completion of the Roll is 23rd March 2019.

Margaret Hogarth (Electoral Officer)

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Sarah Hooper (01249 658285)

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John Baumber DH&S Heartbeat Committee

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 25th 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

A wonderful time at the Panto! Snow White and the several Dwarfs

From the off, Fester (Nick Roberts) got the crowd booing and laughing in traditional panto style. The company were very much together in a seamless performance that had the kids so involved they were shouting and screaming out at the appropriate moments.

The Dame (James Greenaway-Metcalf) was excellent in her / his role. Adults had a good time too with many gags to keep them amused. Notable performances were from Snow White (Rhianna Selkridge-Carty) and the Queen (Sharon Selkridge), who gave just the right touch to their characters. The whole show was kept together with a masterly performance by Fester, who found the right touch at the right time to keep everything moving and amusing. Well done all and we look forward to another one next year!

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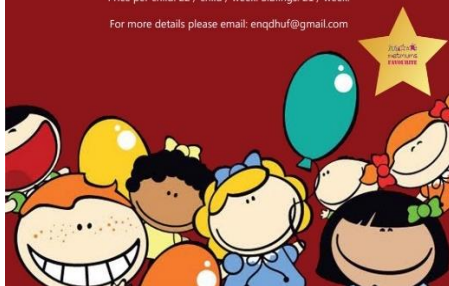
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Derry Hill and District W.I.

Our January speaker brought his own chair – several of them, in fact. Stewart Linford told us “The Story of the English Chair”. A furniture maker all his life and based in High Wycombe, he was well qualified to explain how Windsor chairs have been made. In particular, he showed us chairs made to celebrate great British heroes including a “Nelson chair” made from scrap wood from HMS Victory and the “Churchill chair” with special cigar compartment. We learned what a bodger and a bottomer did and how to care for our own furniture. His hero is Churchill, whom he copies, and he even had a cigar (albeit a sham one!) – his talk was informative and very amusing. Competition Winner was Margaret and the Raffle Winner was Val.



Past events:

The Christmas Fayre stall sold out! The Christmas meal at the Greyhound, Bromham and the Christmas Cocktail Party were enjoyed by all. The Bowood Christmas Party was great fun and the Afternoon Tea at Andrea's was excellent. Many thanks to everyone who organized or contributed in any way to making those events such a success!

Committee Members – as Sheila will be standing down as President this year and both Janet and Angela will be stepping down next year, we need more members on the Committee. Would you like to be more involved? Would you like to help this year with a view to taking over as Secretary or Treasurer in 2020? Have a word with Sheila!

Wiltshire Federation Photo Competition - Angela already has 12 photos but has asked for more if possible. Photos will be on display at the next meeting.

Talks at Marlborough College Summer School - Clare Balding on 23rd July at 8pm or Rev Richard Cole on 6th Aug at 8pm - each talk is £15

Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday 27th March 2019** when we'll be entertained by the Marden Vale Handbell Ringers, that should be fun! The competition will be for a Bell.

Sheila

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Derry Hill C of E (VA) Primary School

After just over a week's break we started Term 4 on Tuesday 26 February following a TD Day and we conclude this term for the Easter break at 2.10pm on Friday 5 April. The day before the end of term will see our Easter Service in Church at 1.15pm.to which all are welcome.



We are looking forward to enjoying Red Nose Day on 15 March and making a fund-raising contribution to the Comic Relief charity. The school is taking part in the crisp packet recycling scheme in aid of the Wiltshire Air Ambulance and having collected some 800 packets so far are about to send off our first parcel.

After undertaking a raft of Parents' Evening during February, activity switches to the first of a series of taster days at local secondary schools for our year six students and more are to follow in the coming weeks. March is a busy month and Fox Class will depart for a three-day residential activity course at PGL Liddington near Swindon on 6 March whilst the rest of school will be marking World Book Day the following day. With class photographs being taken on 20 March, a Music for Schools Presentation to parents and the host of other routine activities ongoing throughout the month, March promises to be very busy!

In the sporting arena, the football team performed admirably at a recent Wiltshire Schools' tournament but just couldn't make any further progress. Meanwhile the Derry Hill Hockey Club competed in a Level 2 tournament on the Sheldon School Astro pitches in late January. The Team played five matches and only conceded one goal, finishing second overall – a great achievement since they were unplaced in last year's competition. Finally, The Friends of Derry Hill School will be holding a Quiz night on Friday 15 March.

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A gentleman in Moscow

By Amor Towles

It is rare for everyone in the Derry Hill book group to thoroughly enjoy and not be able to find fault with a book that we have shared. A couple of people felt that the story 'took its time' but this is a book to savour and not hurry through.

The book is structured in a literary 'accordion pattern' Which means from day one of the story the chapters advance by a doubling principle, that is we are told of what is happening on day one, day two, day four, day eight, three weeks later, three months six months and so on. Halfway through the book the chapters follow a halving principle until we approach denouement.

This Accordion structure is meant to be similar to 'real life'; when we can remember so many events of a single year in our young adulthood but then remember an entire decade as a phase of our career or parenthood etc.

The book is set in Russia from 1922 till 1954 and tells the fictional story of the life of an aristocrat who is 'luckily' incarcerated in a hotel rather than being shot. However, the book also gives a good overview of the real political situation of that time and we would recommend that you buy a 'proper' paper book to read this novel, as the Kindle version does not contain all the very informative postscripts.

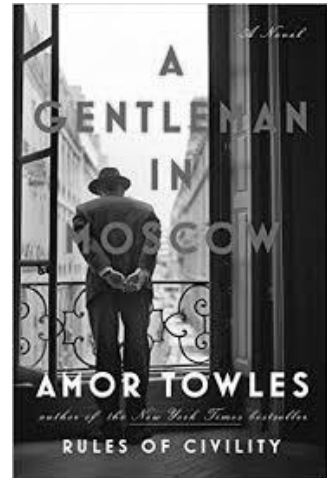
The protagonist, Count Rostov, is a joy to get to know as he overcomes his situation with grace, compassion and humour. Wonderful relationships are developed with others who work, reside, and visit the hotel.

This novel elegantly captures that most opposite of life lessons:

'By the smallest of one's actions, one can restore some sense of order to the world'

We hope others will also enjoy this charming, philosophical masterpiece.

Catherine May



Studley Villagers keep warm!

Once again, the villagers of Studley shared a Saturday morning together, with a warming cuppa and a catch up at the Studley Methodist Hall on February 9th. The renovations at the hall have meant that while preparing the refreshments, we can also join in the conversations



going on amongst over 40 villagers who popped in!

Christina Clifford and friends from the Methodist Chapel held a raffle and nearly new stall, helping to raise money for the Defibrillator Fund. With the donations for drinks and the homemade cakes, over £50 was raised and a £30 contribution for the upkeep of the hall.

The Studley Villager's events are many and varied. We have plans for a coffee morning in April to welcome new families which will include a plant swap; a village walk; a family picnic and we are thinking about a litter pick up day.

Do keep one of our flyers handy, they will have dates for all these village activities, and all are very welcome.

Studley Villagers (Janet)

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Viv



A Message to the Person(s) WHO CAN'T BE BOTHERED TO PICK UP THEIR DOG'S MESS

Over the years we've had articles in this magazine and children's posters on the school fence reminding people to pick up their dog mess. However, it seems to fall on deaf ears!

Dog mess is a serious problem in our villages and lanes and people are fed up with having to deal with dodging the mess or cleaning it off shoes.

Dog mess is a health risk as it can transmit diseases such as Parvo – yes, your dog could be passing on this nasty disease to other dogs.

It can also pass on

Toxocariasis to humans which causes stomach upsets, sore throats, breathing difficulties such as asthma and eye problems which could lead to permanent blindness.

It is for these reasons that not cleaning up after your dog is against the law.

I suspect whoever is not picking up their dog's mess will continue with their irresponsible, antisocial and unlawful behaviour. YOU need to think about how YOU feel when YOU step in dog mess, or perhaps someone close to you steps in it. So, start picking it up!

If you know who it is not picking up their dog's mess, why not have a word with them to start behaving responsibly and stop breaking the law!

(Name and address supplied)

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CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG –
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Dear Friends,

"I invite you... in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy word."

So begins the service on Ash Wednesday (6th March) when we are all invited to share our journey through Lent. One of the things I love about the

Anglican church is the rhythm of the seasons; Ash Wednesday signals a change in mood when we are encouraged to prepare for a period of Lenten discipline, making space for honest reflection, rediscovering a life of simplicity.



During the season of Lent there is a sense of paring things back. You may notice that there are no flowers in church during Lent. The liturgy is also pared back; we do not sing the Gloria or hymns with alleluias; there is more time for silence. The altar frontal and vestments are purple – the colour of penitence; although some churches have Lent array, which is simple linen. The idea is to provide a contrast, before the bursting forth of joyful alleluias at Easter.

So, back to Ash Wednesday. During the service we are invited to receive the sign of the cross in ash on our forehead (the imposition of ashes). There is a tradition of making the ash from the palm crosses used at the previous year's Palm Sunday service. This is quite an art, and I do not recommend stir frying palm crosses as a colleague once tried. Fortunately, we are blessed with a churchwarden (Peter Rigby) who has perfected the art of producing ash of just the right consistency. Unfortunately, he has not shared his secret with me!

There is something quite profound that happens in that moment when the cross of ash is marked on your forehead and you hear the words: "Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return. Turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ." I will receive the mark of the ash from another person before I mark others – a reminder that this ministry is from one sinner to another. At the end of the imposition of ashes, there is a prayer of forgiveness. In this moment we are reminded of who we are in every aspect of our human nature; we are reminded of whose we are as dearly beloved children of a loving God. We are reminded of what it means to keep a holy Lent; to be signed with the cross, yes, but

also to take up the cross as we journey to Calvary, and beyond to Easter.

I wonder what that means for you? It would be good to have a conversation during Lent. With love and prayers for a holy Lent,

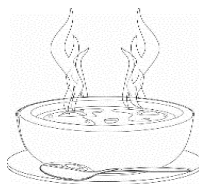
Linda

ps. check out the Lent Lectures and Breakfasts on offer elsewhere in the magazine.

Church Supper - Advanced warning

The next supper will be an Easter supper on 13th April. Details will be in next month's magazine.

Stephen



Evensong Service at Bowood

The next Evensong at the Bowood Chapel will be on Sunday 10th March at 6:00pm. All Welcome

The Celebrant will be The Rt. Rev. and the Rt. Hon. Lord Chartres KCVO, recently retired Bishop of London.



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James and Brig



News from Bremhill Village Hall

This will be something new for the village hall! Rural Arts Touring are presenting Will Finn and Rosie Calvert **Beneath This Place Thursday 4th April 2019 7.30pm**

This duo come from the north east of England and are venturing down south to perform for us. 'Beneath This Place' is the album they produced in 2018. Will plays the keyboard and Rosie plays the kettle drums. And other musical instruments are also used. They sing in close harmony (totally delightful) and individually, covering a range of genre.

Those of you who enjoy singing may be interested to know that they have produced a songbook especially for community choirs. It contains 12 new arrangements of folk songs.

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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.

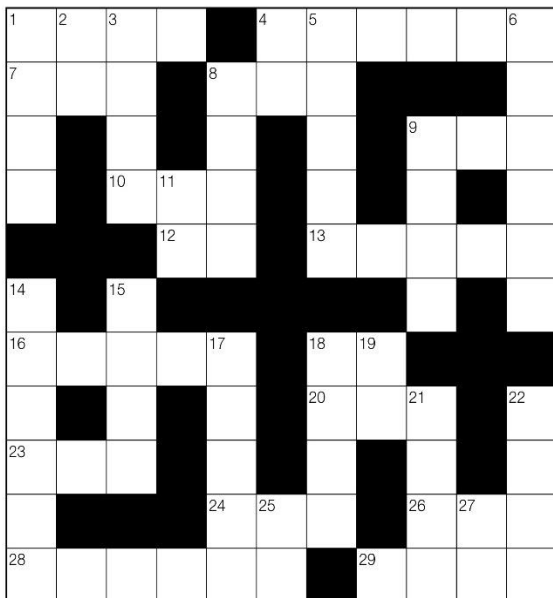
We look forward to welcoming you, whether you come occasionally or regularly, we will be there.

If you would like more information, please contact me.

Janet Robbins (01249 814845)



CROSSWORD



- 22 Fit for duty (4)
25 One, or any (2)
27 Short for East Kilbride (2)

March 2019

Across

- 1 Highway entrance (4)
4 Prophet of I and II Kings (6)
7 Seventh Greek letter (3)
8 Hi-tech special effects (3)
9 Decimal point (3)
10 KGB counterpart (3)
12 Guardian of historic houses (2)
13 Bike (5)
16 "Comment ____ -vous?" (5)
18 Exist (2)
20 "Which came first?" (3)
23 Away for the day (3)
24 Prohibit (3)
26 Solidify (3)
28 Bird; Road crossing (6)

Down

- 1 Coral ridge (4)
2 Preposition (2)
3 Antony or Anthony (4)
4 For example (2)
5 Light purple shade (5)
6 Patriotic song (6)
8 Outer garment (4)
9 Bones of Las Vegas (4)
11 Preposition (2)
14 Exit (6)
15 Coagulate (4)
17 "____ the Greek" (5)
18 Lima or lentil (4)
19 For example (2)
21 Best Picture of 1958 (4)



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