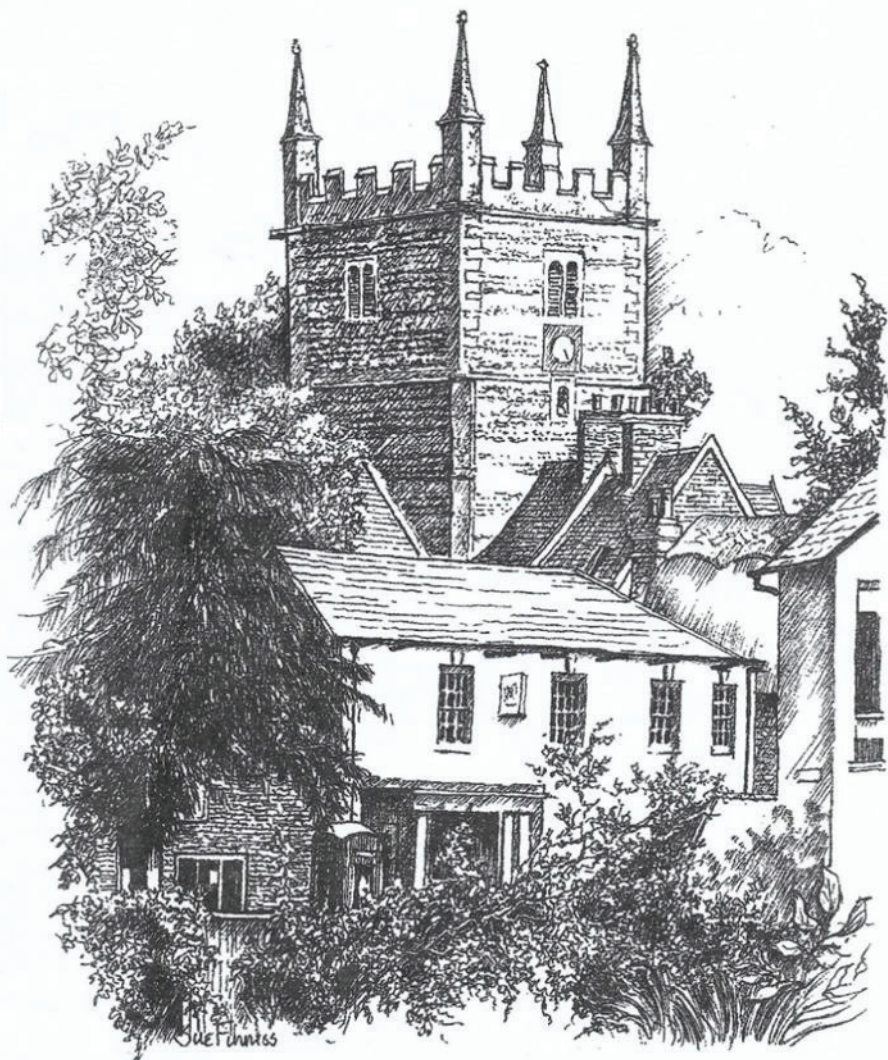


Downton

November 2022

Parish News



St. Laurence Church

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St Laurence Church Downton

Enquiries for Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals, or requests for pastoral visits, should be made to

Team Rector, Rev David Bacon

Tel. 01794 390256 Email: davidbramrec@aol.com

Churchwarden: Mr Ken Parsons 01725 512738

Parish administrator: Mrs Jo Parsons 01725 512738

Director of Music: Mrs Elaine Hicks-Arnold 01722 710341

Sunday School: Dr Janet McGee 01725 513869

Church Flowers: Mrs A Gates 01725 514674

& Mrs G White 01725 476024

Church website: www.stlaurencedownton.co.uk



www.facebook.com/stlaurencedownton

Anyone is welcome to come and look round this beautiful, ancient church or just take time to reflect and pray in peaceful surroundings. The church will usually be open daily from 9.30 am till 4.30pm



"St Laurence Church explores & builds the Kingdom of God through prayer, learning together & serving the local community"

St Laurence is part of the Forest and Avon Team of Churches, together with St Birinus, Morgans Vale; St Mary, Redlynch; St Andrew, Landford; St Peter, Bramshaw; St Peter, Plaitford.

Downton Parish News is published 10 times a year, and is also currently online. Information for contributors and advertisers is at the back of the magazine, together with details of home delivery.

From Rev David Bacon, Team Rector, Forest and Avon Team

Dear Friends



The sound of silence

Some people love silence – and others really don't! For some, silence is comfortable but for others every silence is an awkward silence.

Many years ago there was a move in the Church of England to include more silence in services. We tried it where I was (only 10 or 20 seconds at a time) and it really didn't work. People had said that the children (and their parents) would struggle with it, but they were fine. It was the adults who couldn't cope at all!

Within 5 seconds people were flicking through hymn books, rustling service orders and one man even started jangling his pocket change! People didn't like silence - except for 2 minutes at 11am on the 2nd Sunday of November. For those 2 minutes, no-one made a sound.

Silence is powerful because it reminds us that we do not have all the answers and that words and music do not say all that needs to be heard. At almost every funeral that I take, I include a time of silence and nearly always those few moments "work". At a time of national sadness, we are all encouraged to silence. When "I don't know what to say", it is good to say nothing.

Hidden away in the Old Testament is the Book of Job. It's a deeply mysterious book tackling the ever-present theme of undeserved suffering. Job is good and righteous, but a series of awful tragedies leave him desolate and suicidal. His three great friends go to him, and we are told "They sat on the ground with him for 7 days and 7 nights. No-one said a word to him, because they saw how great his suffering was". (Job 2:13) Their silence was the best thing the friends had to offer. When they opened their mouths to start "helping" Job, things went steadily downhill!

As we begin November, the shops are already into Christmas; but before we rush headlong into the festive season, we are once more called into times of silence. Many churches take the opportunity to remember "those we love but see no longer". And then on 11th and 13th we shall keep silence as a nation to remember with thanksgiving those who have died for their country in war.

Let's not treat these as awkward silences. Psalm 62:1 says, "For God alone my soul in silence waits". I wonder what He might say to you if only we will take time to wait on Him.

With my love and prayers
David

ST LAURENCE CHURCH SERVICES

6th November	3rd Sunday before Advent	
10.30am	Holy Communion	
	Gospel	Luke 20:27-38
13th November	2nd Sunday before Advent	
10.45am	Remembrance Sunday	
	Gospel	TBA
20th November	Christ the King	
10.30am	Holy Communion	
	Gospel	Luke 23:33-43
27th November	1st Sunday of Advent	
10.30am	Morning Worship	
	Gospel	Matthew 24:36-44

We ask that you continue to sanitise your hands on arrival. Wearing a mask throughout the service is **optional**. Communion will still be by wafer only. We ask people to respect those who still wish to distance, but please feel free to sit with others if you wish.

Recorded services within the Forest and Avon Team are available each week from St. Mary Redlynch and St. Andrew Landford. Salisbury Cathedral also offer recorded services.

The Church will now open every day from 9.30am until 4.30pm.



Woodfalls Methodist Church

The Ridge, Woodfalls, SP5 2LH

Service details on pp 4&5

All enquiries to Graham Tanner (01725 512648);

email atanner.gtanner@btinternet.com

Roman Catholic Services

Church of the Good Shepherd. Barford Lane, Downton, SP5 3QA

The Catholic chapel is now available for private prayer.

At 6.30 pm on Tuesdays the congregation hold a
Service of the Word by Zoom.

There is a Mass in the chapel on the third Thursday of the month.

The next Mass will be on **17th November at 6.30 pm**

If you would like to join the Zoom services,
or use the chapel for private prayer
please contact John Elliott on 07980 921558.

St Osmund's Church TV system
can be accessed at: <https://salisbury Catholics.org/church-tv>



Downton Baptist Church

South Lane, Downton, SP5 3NA

Current Services: Sunday Mornings at 10.30am (indoors)

The Service will be live streamed.

Online Services are on the Downton Baptist Church website.

Ministers: Rev Philip Rhoades and Rev Katy Ulliyatt

More details of all events from Rev Philip Rhoades:

Telephone: 07468 491143. Email: rhoades470@btinternet.com

Church Office: 01725 512971 or **Email:** office@downtonbaptist.org

Website: www.downtonbaptist.org



'Keep Warm' Lunch

From Thursday 3rd November the Catholic church in Fordingbridge will be operating a 'Keep Warm Lunch'. It will happen every Thursday. People can turn up from 11.00 am and leave around 3.00 pm. In between they will get lots of tea and coffee, and a soup and bread lunch.

There is no charge and everyone is welcome, including anyone from Downton, of any or no denomination, who wants to keep warm.

Other Church Services in the Forest and Avon Team

Wednesday 2nd Worship at Woodfalls Methodist 10.45am
(followed by lunch)

Sunday 6th November

9.30am Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bramshaw
10am Holy Communion at St Birinus, Morgans Vale
10.30am Gathering at Landford Methodist Hall
3pm All Souls Service (Remembering those who have died) at St Birinus, Morgans Vale
6pm Evening Prayer* at St Mary's, Redlynch

Sunday 13th November is Remembrance Sunday

9.30am Service of Remembrance at St Peter's, Bramshaw
10.15am Parade
and 10.55am Service of Remembrance at St Mary's, Redlynch
10.45am Service of Remembrance at St Andrew's, Landford
3pm Service of Remembrance & Holy Communion*
at St Peter's, Plaitford

Wednesday 16th Worship at Woodfalls Methodist 10.45am
(followed by lunch)

Sunday 20th November

10am Communion Service at Woodfalls Methodist
10.30am Sunday Worship at Landford Methodist Church

Wednesday 23rd Holy Communion (BCP*)
at St Birinus, Morgans Vale at 10.45am

Sunday 27th November

9.30am Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bramshaw
10am Morning Worship at St Birinus, Morgans Vale
10.30am The Gathering at Landford Methodist Hall
11am Holy Communion at St Andrew's, Landford

*BCP = Traditional Language (Book of Common Prayer 1662)

You are welcome to attend any of these local services.

Team services (*continued*)

We also offer contemporary on-line worship through the "Sunday Slot" which appears most weeks at 10.30am on YouTube.

Our YouTube Channel is called "The Church in Landford."



Goose Fair 2022

A very big

thank you



to everyone who helped in so many different ways to make the Goose Fair such a success again this year.

The church looked wonderful as always, with crafts galore, jewellery, home-made and home-grown produce. The interesting exhibitions by various local organisations enabled visitors to find out more about our historic village and its active community. We also had delicious refreshments and the chance to win a luxury hamper. All was much appreciated and enjoyed by the many visitors to the Fair, and also raised over £1,100 in much needed funds for the church. We also raised £200 for the charity Breast Cancer NOW.



St Birinus Church Christmas Bazaar

11.00 am to 2.00 pm on Saturday 26th November

Morgans Vale & Woodfalls Village Hall

Gifts, Cakes and Preserves

Tombola and Raffle

Refreshments

And after an absence of several years

Father Christmas!

Prayer Diary for November

- 1 All Saints – reflecting God in our lives
- 2 The bereaved and all who mourn
- 3 Our Team Rector and family
- 4 Those made redundant or unable to find work
- 5 Our Church School
- 6 Our Churchwarden and Deputy Churchwardens
- 7 All key workers
- 8 Those at University and College
- 9 Those in Residential & Nursing Homes
- 10 Bellringers
- 11 Remembrance: all who suffer through war
- 12 Medical staff: in hospitals, GPs, Care homes, research laboratories
- 13 Those at work worried about social distancing
- 14 All visitors to our Churches
- 15 Our witness as a Church
- 16 Churches Together in Downton
- 17 All who rely on food aid
- 18 School Governors
- 19 Working together for the Church
- 20 Charities struggling to continue their work and fundraising
- 21 All ministers in our village
- 22 Those who produce our Parish magazine
- 23 Our Bishops
- 24 Politicians and their advisors
- 25 Our 'Forest & Avon' Team
- 26 Trafalgar School at Downton
- 27 Our PCC
- 28 Peace in the World
- 29 Our Lay Pastoral Assistants (LPAs)
- 30 St Andrew – proclaiming the Good News



Please use this diary as a part of your own prayers. In this way we can pray together as a parish for our common concerns.

If you have any suggestions for inclusion in this diary, please have a word with Jo Parsons.

The next Roads to God Prayer Group will meet on Wednesday 16th November 2022 at 10.30am in St. Laurence Church and will be led by Rev Ron Hart. We will pray for both the particular roads in our prayer cycle together with the whole village.

Parish Council update for Parish Magazine



September and October have been unusual months for the Parish Council. Following the resignation of our previous Clerk and our Administrative Officer, there has been recruitment to establish a locum Clerk to cover until a permanent post is established and a new Administrative Assistant has been appointed. The locum Clerk can be contacted by email only on clerk@downtonparishcouncil.gov.uk and, until the new posts are settled in, the contact telephone numbers for the Council are 01725 510505 to speak to the Chair of the Council (Jane Brentor) or 01725 511055 to speak to the Vice Chair of the Council (Dave Mace).

At the September meeting, County Councillor Richard Clewer provided an update on the following: additional spending has been allocated towards Parish Stewards; Wiltshire Council is handling all elements of government schemes in relation to the cost of living initiatives, with Wellbeing hubs being restarted, Warm Spaces initiative being coordinated, Business getting help from the Government on energy prices cap, Universal Credits and help with pensions, and identifying gaps with foodbanks and the volume of food being received currently not being enough.

Although the focus over this period for the Parish Council has been on recruitment and managing the impact of change following a long period of stability with a Clerk who was with us for 17 years, normal business has continued with the Council commenting on planning applications, managing repairs and liaising with Wiltshire Council.

The Council took the lead in the respectful acknowledgement of the late Queen's death and the proper ceremonies and processes.

An important part of the Council's work over these weeks has been the preparation of the budget for next year and the publishing of the financial audit report for the previous year.

News for the coming month includes the closing of part of the Borough between 10.00 and 12.00 for the Remembrance activities on the 14th November, the closing of part of the Borough on one side of the Greens at the end of October for resurfacing and progressing the implementation of the Speed Indicator Device.



FIREWORKS NIGHT

THE GOAT

The Borough, Downton

Saturday 5th November

Barbecue available from 6:00pm

Bonfire to be lit 7:00pm

Fireworks 7:20pm

Advance Online Tickets

Family Tickets (2 adults + 3 children) at £20.00

Adult tickets £10.00 Children (under 16 years) £5.00



**ONLINE TICKET SALES ONLY - PLEASE BOOK
EARLY USE QR CODE OR LINK - WE SOLD OUT
LAST YEAR**

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/downton-scout-group/t-eajlarm>

Please Note - No Family Tickets will be available on the evening

No refunds – Event Updates on Facebook – 1st Downton Scout Group

Further information available on:

07973 359363 or e-mail: chair@downtonscouts.org.uk

Royal British Legion Downton Branch



Our Branch AGM will be held in the Brian Whitehead Sports and Social Club, Wick Lane, Downton, starting at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 2nd November. If you would like to join the Branch, please come along, we would love to see you. We are now approaching an important time of year for The Royal British Legion, with Remembrance and the Poppy Appeal.

The Poppy Appeal: Over the last couple of years a stall in front of the Co-op has been the best way to sell Poppies, because of COVID. So this year there will be three Poppy Selling events, from 9.00am to 3.00pm on:

Saturday 29th October

Saturday 5th November

Saturday 12th November.

There will also be poppy boxes in shops and pubs as normal, together with some door to door selling, starting on Saturday 29th October. If anyone would like to volunteer to be a door to door Poppy Seller, especially in Catherine Crescent / Greenacres / Batchelor Way, please contact me, details below.

Remembrance Day is on Friday 11th November. As usual, we will hold a short act of Remembrance by The Borough Cross outside The Goat.

Remembrance Sunday is on 13th November. The Wreath Laying Ceremony will take place at The Downton Memorial Centre, starting at 10.10 am. All are welcome.

Those involved in the Wreath Laying will then proceed to St Laurence's Church, following the Downton Band. The Borough and High Street will be closed for this event. The road will be reopened as soon as the procession has safely moved into St Laurence's.

A big **Thank You** to everyone for so generously supporting the Poppy Appeal.

Bryan Morris: Chairman Downton RBL/Poppy Appeal Organiser
Tel: 01725 513164





Redlynch Players: Backstage News

Alan Bennett's Talking Heads Autumn Production 2022

Practically a national treasure himself, the work of Alan Bennett is as familiar as a hot cup of cocoa on a chilly autumn evening. His very successful career as an actor, author and playwright spans over sixty years and his writing is almost always full of charm, wit and pathos accompanied by a healthy sprinkle of British humour.

The three Talking Heads monologues we have chosen to perform are full of precisely that! Originally commissioned as plays for the BBC in the 1990s, these memorable stories adapt easily to the stage. Directed by Ron Perry, in **Her Big Chance**, Gina Hodsman plays aspiring actress, Lesley who is thrilled to be cast in a new role, but perhaps not all is what it seems... Ali Silver plays Susan, the disenchanted, alcoholic wife of the local vicar in **Bed Among the Lentils**, and in **A Lady of Letters**, Sarah Newman plays Miss Ruddock, a compulsive letter writer trying to remedy the social ills surrounding her.

Each female character has a gripping tale to tell and each contains a surprising twist. Interspersed with wonderful readings from Alan Bennett's Diaries, this promises to be an entertaining evening! Do join us!

We would love you to join our audience in this, our 65th year. It will be even better than staying in with a cup of cocoa!

Talking Heads will be performed in **Redlynch Village Hall**, Lover
Wednesday 23rd; Thursday 24th; Friday 25th; Saturday 26th
November at 7:30 pm. Doors open at 7.00 pm.

Tickets are on sale now at £12 each!

To get yours email us: tickets@redlynchplayers.co.uk

or by phoning Ron Perry 01725 510283.

To see all the information and find out more about us,
 see our website: www.redlynchplayers.co.uk
 and the regular updates on our Redlynch Players Facebook page.

Or find us on twitter! @RedlynchPlayers

Ali Silver

Chair of Redlynch Players

Downton Christmas Tree Festival 2022 in St Laurence Church

**Saturday 10th December and
Sunday 11th December 2022**



**Entries welcome
from individuals, schools, families,
businesses, charities and community groups
of Christmas wreaths and trees of your own
design.**

Let your imagination run riot with unusual or
traditional decorations, with a theme, as a tribute
or just decorative - whatever inspires you!

**Entry forms will be available in the Downton Library, the
Borough Cafe and St Laurence Church or can be downloaded
from the church and village websites from 20th September at:
www.stlaurencedownton.co.uk www.downtonvillage.co.uk**

Final entry deadline: Friday 25th November 2022

***Any funds raised during the festival will be divided between
the Samaritans and St Laurence Church***

Farrant Singers sing Choral Evensong Friday 10th December at 7.00 pm

We are delighted that the Downton Christmas Tree Festival will start with an Evensong service in St Laurence Church sung by the Farrant Singers led by Andrew Mackay.

It will also be one of the first opportunities to hear the Downton organ after the major restoration and repair work that has taken place over the last four years.

Come and start your Christmas season and enjoy a traditional, reflective service with excellent music, and stay afterwards for mulled wine and mince pies.



Downton Link

**Notice is given that the
Annual General Meeting**

will take place on

Friday 18th November 2022

at 7.15 pm

Sherwood Suite

Downton Football Club

Wick Lane, Downton SP5 3NF

Welcome to all comers

Interested in joining "The Link" as a volunteer driver, coordinator
or to serve on the Committee? Please contact:

info@downtonlink.org.uk or phone **01725 513807**.



Saturday 26th November

Table Top Sale

Downton Memorial Hall, 10.00 am - 12 noon

Tables are £10 and can be booked either by emailing
bookingsecretary@downtonmemorialcentre.co.uk or
by phoning Hilary on 07760 415818. Set up is from 9.00 am.

This is a good time to have a clear out before Christmas!

Refreshments will be available

Thank you

to all who supported the Downton Wednesday Art Group Exhibition on August 27th & 28th.

£370 was raised from the sale of refreshments and from the charity table. This sum was donated to Naomi's House & Jacks Place.

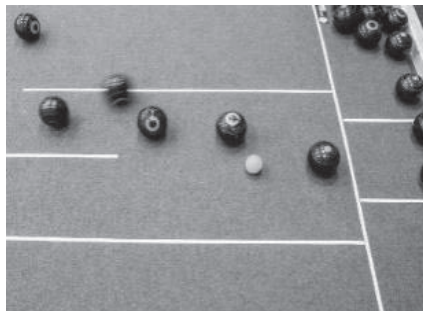


Downton Bowling Club

Venue – The Clubhouse, Sherwood Suite,
Wick Lane, Downton.

Have you tried short-mat bowls?

Why not join us in the Sherwood Suite and have a go.



**We meet on Thursday afternoons
between 2.15 pm and 4.15 pm
from 6th October 2022 to 30th March 2023
(closed over Christmas)**

Only £2 per session, including tea & biscuits.

All equipment & tuition provided.

For more details visit www.downtonbc.co.uk or

Phone - Mike Hallam on 01725 513359

Email - downtonbowls@gmail.com

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/DowntonBC/>

A warm welcome awaits you!

Friday 3rd December, 3.00 - 7.00 pm

Christmas Tree Sale



At Long Close Park (the old cricket ground), The Borough (west end), Downton

Locally grown Nordmann Firs. Sizes from 5ft, prices from £40 (Payment by card or cash)

Also luxury hand made wreaths from £30

Refreshments including hot chocolate, mince pies & mulled wine plus live music

See www.downtonmoot.co.uk for more details

Proceeds to Downton Moot Preservation Trust



Good Companions

We had another interesting water colour painting session with Ann on 27th September; she arranged a different still life theme on each of the tables, and a diverse range of imaginative paintings emerged.

We also enjoy our usual games afternoons, including recently a Beetle Drive. The most challenging time was throwing the dice for that elusive 'starter for six' for the beetle body.

We can now look forward to:

November 8th - Bring and Buy

November 22nd - Mr Ken Wells, who be talking about the History of the Police, and bringing items for us to look at.

December 6th - Alan Jones - Whatever his talk we know it will be presented with a lot of humour!

December 20th - Christmas Celebration Singalong with the Community Choir; a joyful rendition of the Twelve Days of Christmas by the Good Companions; followed by a lovely tea party spread.

We meet in the Downton Memorial Hall on Tuesdays from 2.00 to 4.00 pm. Regulars pay £2; visitors, who are always welcome, pay £2.50; cup of tea and biscuit included. Contact Julia Whitmarsh, 01725 510601 for details.

Downton Horticultural Society

**We will be holding our AGM in the Memorial Hall
at 7.30 pm on 24th November.**

Mulled wine, soft drinks and nibbles will be served, and after the short business part of the evening is over Jeremy Parsons will be once again hosting a gardening quiz.

We will also be collecting our 2023 subscriptions, still only £6. New members are very welcome to the AGM or any of our events. We also have vacancies on the committee if anyone would like to join us. For more information please contact me or one of the other committee members.

Gordon Bishop (01725 511475)



Hearing Aid Clinic

Downton Baptist Church, South Lane

First Thursday of the month from 10.00 am to 12.00 pm.

Drop in and get your hearing aids retubed and cleaned
and obtain new batteries.

We will only be able to let a maximum number of clients into the room
at one time. Please respect social distancing measures.

This service is for NHS Salisbury hearing aid users.
Please bring your battery issue card.

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*We are RNID and together, we'll make life fully inclusive for
deaf people and those with hearing loss or tinnitus.*

Contact: Gill Drayson 01722 580014 or 07570 670 643
gillian.drayson@rnid.org.uk

Village website: www.downtonvillage.co.uk

Goldies Sing-Along Social Group at Downton Memorial Hall

Are you looking for a fun daytime social group? Why not join the NEW Goldies Sing&Smile session, upstairs at Downton Memorial Hall?

Goldies takes place on the 4th Wednesday of the month from 10.00 am, led by Carole Still. The next session is on 23rd November. Walk down the side of the Hall, and enter through the door on the left.

At Goldies we chat and laugh with friends, whilst singing along to the hits of the 50's onwards, with artists such as Sir Cliff Richard, Tom Jones, Elvis, Dusty Springfield, Petula Clark and many more. Goldies is not a choir, you don't have to be able to sing to join, just love music and socialising. Goldies Sing&Smile sessions are open to everyone, but particularly aim to reduce isolation with older adults. We ask for a £3 donation to attend.

Goldies holds twice-weekly sessions under the www.goldieslive.com banner. Why not join in online if you cannot get to the Memorial Hall?

For further information go to the website: www.golden-oldies.org.uk
Or ring Carole Still on 01722 337880



Downton Community Pre-school



We are super excited to announce that at our recent Ofsted inspection we were rated GOOD! We are incredibly proud of our pre-school team and all the hard work they have put in to make our setting the special place it is.

We accept children aged 2-4 years old, (nappies are no problem) and are open Monday-Friday 8.00 am - 5.30pm (term time only). We are committed to developing each child we look after, based on their individual needs. If you would like more information or to add your child to our waiting list please contact Emma on 01725 511178.



Downton's Mobile Post Office - Every Friday Morning

Moot Lane near to Recreation Ground: 9.00 am - 10.00 am

The Bull car park: 10.05 am till 11.05 am

Home-start Hampshire Open Art Exhibition

at Downton Memorial Hall 11th – 13th November

Raising funds for Home-start Hampshire. Contact:
Charlotte.dooley@hshants.org.uk or ring 07713890367

We are looking for artists to submit work (£5 per painting)

- and people to visit the exhibition!

Sponsored by Dorset Art Society 2020 and John Lewis / Waitrose



Community Café in the Memorial Hall

This regular event takes place at Downton Memorial Hall on the last Friday of each month, from 10.00 am - 12 noon.

Tea, coffee and homemade cake plus the opportunity to chat to old friends and make new ones.

There is a book share and it is hoped that people will bring and share excess garden produce and flowers.

Everyone is welcome – pop in for a few minutes or stay all morning.

There is no charge, but leave a donation if you wish.

If you know anyone who would like to come but needs a lift please contact stephaniejalland1@gmail.com.



Why not buy a Downton Cuckoo Fair bag or tea towel?

Good value, and unique to our village

Contact Edna Pike on 01725 511332

Cotton shopping bags	£3 each
Jute Shopping bags	£4 each
Tea towels	£2.50 each



Redlynch and District W I

The October meeting was very successful; we had a talk entitled 'A landscape shaped by the ancient tradition of the Commoner' by Suzanne Kempe. She has only lived in the New Forest for twenty years, so is a relative new comer, but as a commoner she can let her ponies roam free in the forest for most of the year. She explained that you should never feed the animals as they need to steadily graze, anything more can cause colic or choking. Their natural grazing is also what maintains the New Forest.

The Verderers and Agisters regularly check the animals to make sure they are in good condition. In addition to ponies there are also cattle, donkeys and pigs; they are all owned by residents who care for their animals 365 days a year, usually alongside a normal lifestyle. The pigs are let out in the Autumn to eat the acorns, as they are harmful to the ponies. When driving in the forest always give the animals a wide berth especially at night; lowering your speed is an easy way to stay safe and make sure you stop in time.

Our next meeting is on 9th November at 2.15 pm at Morgans Vale and Woodfalls Village Hall and will be a talk about Yoga. No doubt we shall be joining in from our chairs! - we hope to see you then.

For more information about the WI group contact Liz Tanner - telephone number 07720255137.



DOWNTON LINK SCHEME

Good neighbour volunteers available if you need help with transport to hospital, the surgery etc.

There is no charge but Link depends on donations from those who use the service.

For further information ring 01725 513807 Monday to Friday 9am- 5pm
We are also in need of volunteer drivers.



#SaveSafely this winter

With living costs rising all the time, everyone is looking for ways to save some money, so Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service is highlighting some areas where a saving could be a false economy – and a fire risk.

The Service is asking people to #SaveSafely, and there is a wealth of information about staying safe at home and on the roads at www.dwfire.org.uk/save-safely. This includes energy saving tips, cooking safely advice, how to stay warm safely, staying safe when cutting costs, cutting the costs of driving, and signposting to financial help.

Some top tips include:

- Pulling something like electric heaters or electric blankets out of the loft, that haven't been used for years, can be risky. Watch for signs of dangerous or loose wiring, such as scorch marks, hot plugs and sockets, fuses that often blow, or circuit breakers that trip for no obvious reasons.
- If you're drying clothes indoors rather than use a tumble dryer, keep them well away from the heat source so they can't catch fire.
- Air fryers and microwave ovens are great at saving energy when cooking, but please read the manufacturer's instructions and keep them clean between uses.
- Getting chimneys swept when you have a woodburner or open fire is essential to reduce the risk of chimney fires. Also be careful of what you burn; green (unseasoned) wood may seem cheap, but it doesn't create much heat and it creates a residue that can easily catch alight within the chimney.
- Get your boiler serviced – a well maintained boiler is more efficient and reduces the dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Only use the correct charger for mobile devices. Although it can be cheaper to buy imported and unofficial chargers, fake ones are often made with poor quality components that fail to meet UK safety regulations. This means they can cause injury, electric shocks and even fires.
- Make sure you follow the manufacturer's instructions when using wheat bags – don't heat them for too long, or at too high a temperature.

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#SaveSafely this winter *Continued*

The Fire and Rescue Service offers free Safe & Well advice, which can include a home visit and the provision of smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. To request this for yourself, a family member or a vulnerable person, please call 0800 038 2323 or visit www.dwfire.org.uk/safe-and-well-visits



Forest Edge Flower Arranging Society



At our meeting in October we had a fun floral workshop with Pip Bensley, who introduced us to a contemporary style using 'Stacking and packing' as a technique. It was lovely to see all the participants come up with creative designs! You can see our designs from a short video (link below):

www.tinyurl.com/FEFASstacking

Our next meeting on 7th November is a members' competition with a theme of 'Treasures of Autumn'. We look forward to lots of entries and creative designs. Staging is from 7.00 pm, and judging commences promptly at 7.30 pm. For those who are not competing, do come and join us from 7.30 pm for cake & cuppa and enjoy viewing all the arrangements! Visitors are most welcome for a fee of £6 (including refreshments).

All meetings/events are held at Morgans Vale & Woodfalls Village Hall, Redlynch (SP5 2HU). We normally meet on the first Monday of the month (except bank holidays). A full programme for 2022/23 is displayed on the notice board in the hall, or simply visit our facebook group. We look forward to welcoming you!

Contact: Julie Bottone 01725 514875

Email: forestedgeflower@gmail.com Facebook group:

www.facebook.com/groups/forestedgeflower

Upcoming meetings:

5 December	Demonstration by Allison Finch	7.00 pm
6 Feb 2023	AGM & Talk by Bronda Dossett	7.00 pm

Redlynch and District Local History Society

Following the AGM our October talk, based on Fordingbridge Workhouse, was given by Wendy Cracknell, a member of Fordingbridge Historical Society. During the past few years a group of members have been researching the history of the workhouse and its people and have produced a book 'A Place of Last Resort: the History of Fordingbridge Workhouse' which is due to be published this month.

Under the 1601 Poor Relief Act each parish became responsible for administering and organising relief of the poor living within the parish. Workhouses became a centre of care for the poor and in the latter part of the 17th century a group of cottages in Shaftesbury Street comprised the workhouse for the people of Fordingbridge. Under the 1834 Poor Law Amendment Act this became accessible not only to the residents of Fordingbridge, but also to those living in nine neighbouring parishes.

By 1881 the buildings were considered unsuitable for human habitation and a site for a new Workhouse was purchased in the Bartons. State of the art plans for the new building included rooms for couples, a separate children's block, a laundry, a kitchen and flushing drains - a sophisticated system for the 1880s. The new building opened in 1887 and Census records over the ensuing years show interesting demographic changes in the backgrounds and ages of the occupants.

In 1948 the buildings were taken over by the NHS and adapted for use as Fordingbridge Infirmary. In an area which now also includes the Doctor's Surgery, the Arch Clinic and Fordingbridge Dental Practice the site remains a place for the health and well being of the people of Fordingbridge and the surrounding district.

Our Society next meets at 7.30pm on Tuesday, November 1st in Morgan's Vale and Woodfalls Village Hall, when Dr. Cindy Wood will be giving a talk on Clarendon Park. For further information about the Society visit our website: www.redlynchlocalhistory.org



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Redlynch Rhinos. Division 2. After 2 matches they are lying 3rd with 46 points, some 6 points behind leaders Breamore Otters. Although playing the Chalke Valley Juniors B for the first time, Rhinos did achieve a maximum by winning all their games (21-11).

Redlynch Rooks. Division 2. With 2 matches played they are joint 6th out of 8 with 31 points. A draw (20-20) for the first match against Chalke Valley Juniors was a good result as the Juniors had Wilts under 17 County Champion, Lauren Maxwell, playing for them

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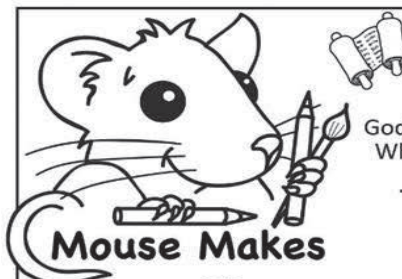
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Luke 1:26-28

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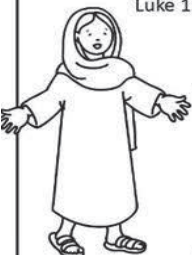


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1:26-55



**What does the angel
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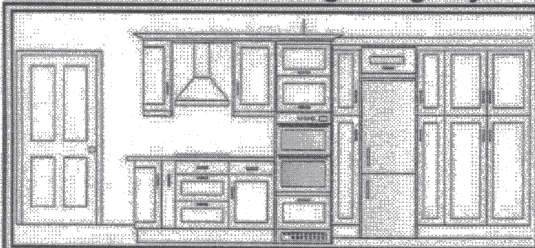
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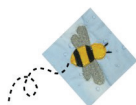
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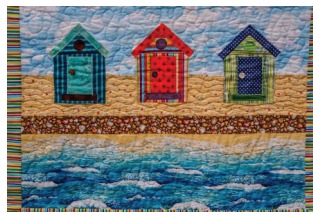
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