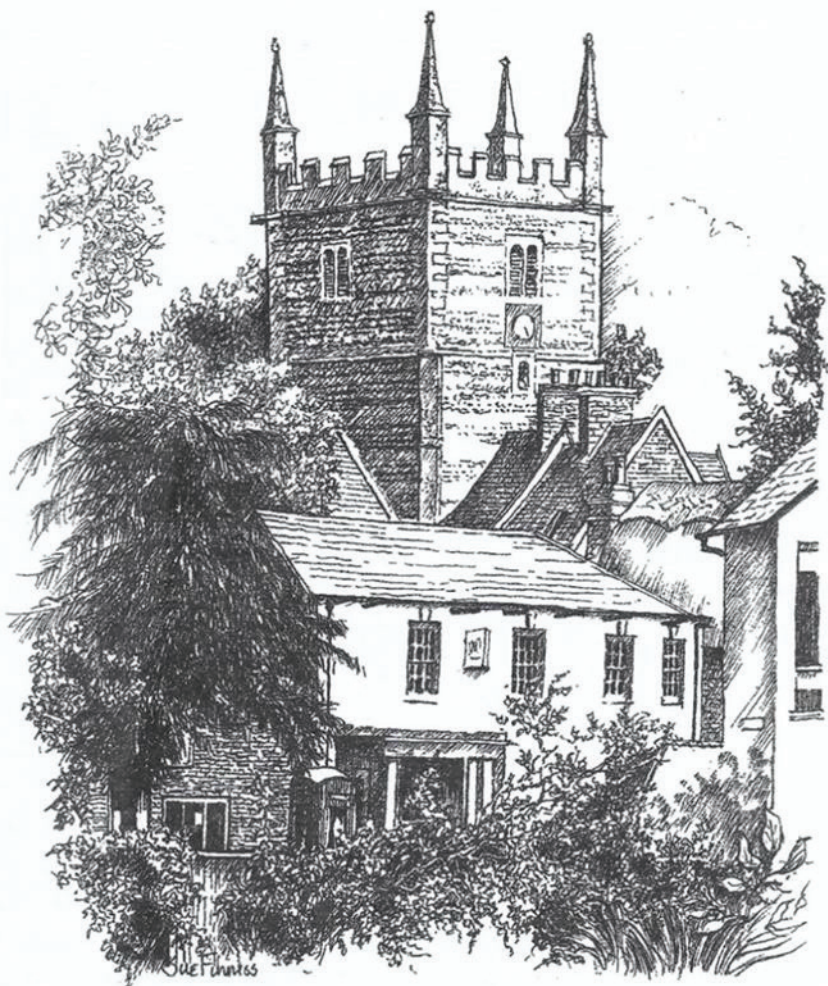


Downton Parish News

June 2023



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
the team vicar Revd Veronica Batchelor.

Tel. 01725 513878

Email: veronicaforestandavon@gmail.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.

Dear Friends,

The Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III last month, was an extraordinary experience. I wonder what your highlights were. For me (apart from the fashion, and the soldiers' drill) it was the anointing of the King behind those screens – held together by the soldiers demurely looking away. For during the anointing King Charles was set-apart for a distinctive calling – his vocation to be our King and supreme governor of the Church of England.

It was the moment when Charles accepted his sovereignty under God's; when he acknowledged the heavy burden placed upon him to represent and speak for the people of this country and commonwealth, and to lead us. The anointing of kings goes back millennia. As we read in the Old Testament of Samuel anointing Saul as Israel's first king and then David as his successor, or of Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet anointing Solomon, oil was seen as a way of sealing-in God's Spirit into his chosen servants. It was a lavish extravagance by which the recipient would 'glow' which was reserved for monarchs and the special role they were called to perform.

Over time, but particularly during the Christian era, anointing came to be a symbol of God's working in and for all his people. The Church has adopted anointing for the many during services of baptism, confirmation, and ordination, when the candidates – to varying degrees – offer themselves to God's service. It is used during prayers for those who are sick or dying as a symbol of the healing, consolation, and renewed hope we have in Christ; that in him we may find peace and comfort and share in the fullness of his risen life. No longer is it the sole preserve of the monarch.

All of us, through our baptism and confirmation, have like King Charles been set apart for particular tasks and ministries within the Church and our wider society. Some of these will be complicated and demand a lot from us – perhaps even a lifetime, others are more simple and general – but equally as important. It is heartening that The King asked the Nation to get involved in volunteering on the Coronation Bank Holiday. He is encouraging all of us to respond to the needs we see in our community and concerning our environment. He is asking us to show love for one another. He is asking us to care for our planet. He is asking us to respond to the call God places on our lives and to serve.

Many of us already serve our communities in many and wonderful ways, but the question still remains, what more can I do? What else could I do? What gifts can I use better in serving others? How can I respond to being set apart as one of God's chosen ones? These are questions we all need to answer. For some it may be to spend more time in prayer. For others it might be writing to our politicians and lobbying them on behalf of others. Perhaps it might be appropriate to volunteer for a charity, club, or society that helps the young or vulnerable, or even to take on more responsibility within the life of the Church. May God bless us all in our service, and may God bless our King.

With my prayers and best wishes,

Alan Jeans, Associate Priest, Forest and Avon Team, and Archdeacon of Sarum



ST LAURENCE CHURCH SERVICES

June

4th June	Trinity Sunday	
10.30am	Holy Communion	
	Gospel	Matthew 28:16- end
11th June	Barnabas the Apostle	
10.30am	Café Church	
18th June	Trinity 2	
10.30am	Holy Communion	
	Gospel	Matthew 9:35-10:8
25th June	Trinity 3	
10.30am	Holy Communion	
	Gospel	Matthew 10: 24-39



We ask that you continue to sanitise your hands on arrival. Wearing a mask throughout the service is **optional**. During Communion the common cup will be offered to those who wish to receive.

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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 is open every day from 9.30am until 4.30pm for visitors and private prayer.

Woodfalls Methodist Church

The Ridge, Woodfalls, SP5 2LH

Service details overleaf

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 15th June 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://salisburycatholics.org/church-tv>

Downton Baptist Church

South Lane, Downton, SP5 3NA Tel: 01725 512971

www.downtonbaptist.org | office@downtonbaptist.org

Sunday Morning Worship at 10.30 am, with groups for young people.

Services can be found on the Church website.

Thursday Morning Worship at 10.30 am:

Followed by a two-course community lunch 2nd/4th weeks of the month.

Little Club Toddler Church: Wednesday Morning at 9.00 am:

Free groups for Toddlers and their adults.

Pastors: Rev Philip Rhoades and Rev Katy Ulliyatt

Tel: 07468 491143 or 07786 248880.

Philip@downtonbaptist.org | Katy@downtonbaptist.org

Services in the Forest and Avon Churches – June 2023

Sunday 4th June

- 9.30am Parish Communion at Bramshaw
- 10am Morning Worship at Morgans Vale
- 10.30am Parish Communion at Downton
- 10.30am Gathering at Landford (Methodist)
- 6pm Evensong (BCP) at Redlynch

Wednesday 7th June

- 10.45am Service at Woodfalls followed by lunch

Sunday 11th June

- 10am Holy Communion at Woodfalls
- 10.30am Café Church at Downton
- 10.30am Gathering at Landford (Methodist)

Sunday 18th June

- 9.30am Morning Worship at Bramshaw
- 10am Morning Worship at Redlynch
- 10.30am Parish Communion at Downton
- 10.30am Morning Worship at Landford (Methodist)

Wednesday 21st June

- 10.45am Service at Woodfalls followed by lunch

Sunday 25th June

- 10am Holy Communion at Morgans Vale
- 10.30am Parish Communion at Downton
- 10.30am Gathering (Café-style) at Landford (Methodist)
- 11am Holy Communion at Landford (St Andrew's)
- 4pm "Wild Sparks" at Redlynch churchyard
- 4pm Thanksgiving and Re-dedication of the roof at Bramshaw

Wednesday 28th June

- 9.30am Holy Communion (BCP) at Redlynch

2nd April – Scott Robert Cahill

2nd April – Theodore Richard Meadows

Jesus said "Suffer the little children to come unto me"

17th April – Bridget Anne Tivey (83)

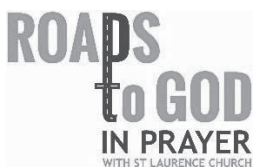
21st April – Edith Amy Margaret Tanner (94)

21st April - Geoffrey Alan Ricketts (75)

Service held at Salisbury Crematorium

27th April - Brian Edwin Steptoe (91)

Jesus said “Come to me and I will give you rest”

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In our cycle of prayer for all living and working in our community, during **June**, we will be offering prayers for: **Barford Lane, Standlynch, West Wick, Clearbury View, Moot Close and Eastman Close.**

Requests for particular prayers can be made:

by telephoning Reverend Ron Hart on 01725 514772 or if unavailable
by contacting Mrs Jo Parsons on 01725 512738 or emailing:

info@stlaurencedownton.co.uk Any such requests will be kept confidential.

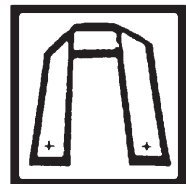
You can request prayers at any time – not just when your road is on the monthly list. For more information, please see the Roads to God page on our website: www.stlaurencedownton.co.uk

Roads to God Prayer Group

The next Roads to God Prayer Group will meet on **Wednesday 21st June 2023** at 10.30am at 18 Church Leat 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. All are welcome to join us.

Prayer Diary for June

- 1 Peace in the World
- 2 Our Churchwarden
- 3 The Bereaved
- 4 Our Church School
- 5 Churches Together in Downton
- 6 All visitors to our Churches
- 7 Our Team Rector and family
- 8 Those who care for loved ones at home
- 9 All who minister to the sick
- 10 Sunday School
- 11 All who assist with our services
- 12 Trafalgar School at Downton
- 13 All ministers in the village
- 14 Growing through God's Word
- 15 Those in Residential & Nursing Homes
- 16 Our Forest & Avon Team
- 17 Sides people and Lesson Readers
- 18 Those who produce our Parish magazine
- 19 Our witness as a Church
- 20 School Governors
- 21 Those who lead intercessions
- 22 Bellringers
- 23 Young People in the Church
- 24 Organist and Choir
- 25 Peace in our World.
- 26 Our Lay Pastoral Assistants (LPAs)
- 27 Our Bishops
- 28 Flower Arrangers
- 29 St Peter - Those being ordained this year
- 30 Our Parochial Church Council (PCC)



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.

St Laurence' Larder at Cuckoo Fair - 2023

What a beautiful day we had for the Fair this year!

A big thank you to everyone who played a part in this year's St Laurence' Larder; it was a very happy day of Christian fellowship.

There were even more compliments this year about the quality of our food, its value for money and the service with a smile!

It was, as always, a huge team effort and we are extremely grateful for all the help we received from members of St Laurence church (both past and present), the wider village, the wider church team and our friends. Thank you to everyone who made such delicious cheese scones, sausage rolls, sweet scones and beautiful cakes! There were a few slices of cake, but not many, left at the end of Saturday that were enjoyed by the congregation at the Cuckoo Fair service with a cup of coffee the following morning. Those of you who helped running the Larder on the day – you were wonderful and worked very hard – thank you all from the bottom of our hearts! A few members of the congregation felt their days of actively helping were behind them and contributed both financially and with prayers - thank you very much too.

The money we raised will be put towards the ongoing expensive upkeep of our ancient parish church, and of course our usual percentage of the profits as a donation to the Cuckoo Fair committee to help continue their excellent community work.

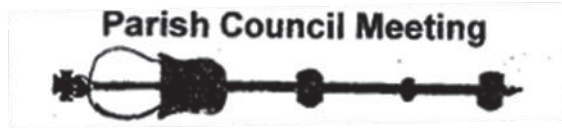
Well done and thank you again, whatever part you played!

If you missed it, there is always next year!!!

Janet McGee, Mark & Philippa Merrill & Jo & Ken Parsons

***St Laurence's PCC and congregation would like to thank
all our hard-working organisers.***





The Parish Council's annual meeting took place on 15th May at which it was confirmed that Jane Brentor will remain as Chair and Dave Mace as Vice Chair. The Parish Council considered some of its policies and governance statements in order to re-adopt these for the coming year and also to decide who will form each of the Council's committees and who will represent the Council at meetings of outside bodies. In general, these remained unchanged and information is on the Council's website.

Confirmation has been received of the loan of £180,000 now available for refurbishing the playgrounds. It is very much hoped that the Council will be able to source providers to carry out the playground refurbishment by means of a tendering exercise and that this work can begin before the coming winter. News was also received of a grant of £5,000 from Wiltshire Council's Town's programme to promote local retail outlets.

The Council's Administrative Assistant, Naomi Defriend, will take responsibility for calls and correspondence, directing any of these to the Clerk or councillors as necessary. She can be contacted by email on admin@downtonparishcouncil.gov.uk or by phone between 10.00 am and 3.00 pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays on 07907 041915.

Celebrate farming with LEAF Open Farm Sunday 2023

On Sunday 11th June, farmers across the country will once again open their gates for a national celebration of farming and all it delivers, inviting the public to join them and discover where their food comes from.



Many farmers will have a host of activities planned such as guided farm walks and nature trails, bug hunts, tractor and trailer rides, displays of modern, high-tech farm machinery and more.

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Visit www.farmsunday.org for full details.

Click on 'visit a farm' to find out farms nearby and what they have to offer. Click on 'Virtual Farm Visits' to see recorded content of live farm tours, an Out & About in Springtime PDF, a Climate Change Booklet and many resources and activity sheets offering something for all the family.

(selected information from the website – visit www.farmsunday.org)



The LARDER for our community



Everyone is welcome to come and share from **The LARDER**, situated in Downton Baptist Church. You will find a wide variety of food donated by our local community, including the Co-op and Bidfood. Our hope is that **The LARDER** will reduce food waste and make food available to everyone who

would like it. It is absolutely FREE and anyone can come and access one bag of food per week.

We welcome donations from individuals as well, of items of unopened food, cleaning and hygiene products. We also welcome fresh food. Any financial donations received will go to purchasing more food.

There continue to be many locations where food can be taken. The Co-op have a collection point, along with Ashley Grange, the Primary School and The Trafalgar School in Downton. The Cedars at Landford will be participating soon. You can also bring fresh food and any other items to the church during Larder open times or church office hours. (9.00 am to 1.00 pm Monday to Thursday),

Please see Downton Baptist Church website for further information.

www.downtonbaptist.org/Groups/384889/The_Larder.aspx

The LARDER is open each week on Monday and Thursday evenings from 6pm to 7pm, and Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 9 am to 10 am.

Friends of St Laurence 100 Club

The April draw has taken place and those successful were

1st Prize £50 Mrs Marguerite Pitt

2nd Prize £35 Mrs Joan Truscott

3rd Prize £25 Mrs Anne Gates

The 100 Club was set up many years ago as a fund raiser to help contribute to the very large maintenance expenses of our Grade I listed Church building. There are four draws a year with three prizes of £50, £35, and £25. The balance of monies is passed on to the Church.

St Laurence is of course very much a religious centre but it has over recent years become a social centre as well with concerts, Goose Fair, Christmas Tree Festival and other events taking place. so why not help maintain the building by becoming a member of the 100 club. It only costs £12 per year to join and there are currently a number of vacancies available. If you are interested or want more information please contact Ken or Jo Parsons on 01725 512738. We look forward to hearing from you.



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.

SUITE JAZZ CONCERT

Friday 7th July 2022 at 7.00 pm

ST. LAURENCE CHURCHYARD

(OR IN CHURCH IF WET)

Featuring:



KATE EDGAR

KEYBOARD



PAUL

BORRELLI

SAXOPHONE

DAVE MACE BASS

PROCEEDS IN AID OF ST. LAURENCE CHURCH

Bring a SAVOURY picnic, chairs,
your friends and warm clothes.

PUDDINGS AND HOT DRINKS WILL BE ON SALE

TICKETS - £10; under 18's - £5.

available at the gate

or in advance from The Borough Café,

Jo Parsons - 512738, or Sue Humby – 51140

from mid June



Downton Coronation Celebration

A thank you from Jane Seden

Jane would like to thank everyone involved in this production for their commitment and hard work, both in the months running up to 8th May, and especially as they had to be adaptable as they moved at short notice to the Memorial Hall due to the rain.

Whatever your role was, you did your job well, enabling everyone else to be part of a supportive team in the new circumstances.



Thank you, Jane, and all your team, for carrying on in difficult circumstances, so that

‘Charles’s Life in Dance, Song and Words’

could be seen by two separate audiences.

Those audiences are very appreciative,
and full of admiration!

News from Downton Band

Downton Band have been playing at the Annual Cuckoo Fair for as long as anyone can remember. This year's performances over the Cuckoo Fair weekend - throughout the day on the Saturday, and for their annual concert at the Memorial Hall on the Sunday - took on an added poignancy and significance as the Band celebrate their 150th Anniversary.

All three Downton Bands - Beginners Brass, the Downton Training Band and the senior Downton Band - played throughout the day on Saturday, offering enthusiastic crowds a rousing mix of traditional and modern brass music. The theme running through the performances this year was "Circuses, Celebrations and Festivities", a theme that saw the Memorial Hall packed to the rafters on Sunday 30th April as the three Bands performed a wide repertoire of celebratory music. This special programme of uplifting brass music was echoed as the Senior Band played again as part of the village's Coronation Celebrations on 8th May.

The Band's summer/autumn schedule is a particularly busy one in their Anniversary year. A joint concert is planned with close neighbours, the Woodfalls Band, at St Thomas' Church in Salisbury on Saturday 17th June, and a landmark 150th Anniversary Concert will be held in the village on 9th July.

In early June the Band will be making a pilgrimage to the Lancashire/Yorkshire Moors to take part in the annual "Whit Marches", often billed as "the greatest free show on earth"! More than 100 bands from all over the UK - and some from Europe - descend on towns and villages around Saddleworth to compete in as many individual moors village contests as possible in one summer's afternoon and evening.

The band are reaching out this year to ex-players, plus present and past associates to lend historic photographs, memorabilia and artefacts to display at some of their forthcoming concerts - or to borrow, copy and return. To register your interest in being a part of the All Stars Reunion on 9th July, or to share your old photos/memorabilia of the Band, please contact paul@downton.org.uk.

Further details will be available in the July magazine.

Andy Ashcroft. Downton Band

9th July 2023 2.00 pm – 4.00pm.
Downton Millennium Green Celebrates!

*A 20th birthday celebration delayed from 2020.
An invitation to all to celebrate this beautiful natural
watermeadow.*

If you are a regular visitor or you have never visited before,
now come and learn what wildlife lives here, how to take care
of it and keep it safe for future generations.

Explore the green, the sights and sounds of birds, trees,
different grasses and flowers on a summer afternoon.

Bring your own picnic, chairs or rugs.
Bring your children, your grandchildren, your friends.
Well behaved dogs are welcome.
There will be a portaloo.

Members of the Millennium Green Committee will be able to
answer your questions and share information on how you can
support this precious space, which is all managed and
maintained by volunteers.

Joined by willow weaver Alison Pritt - sharing her skills and
selling willow structures; lots of willow grows here. There will
be a few more gentle activities (tbc) to help you enjoy this
space but the star of the day is the green itself.

If you haven't discovered it yet, please join us!



Downton Horticultural Society

**Our Summer Show will be held in the Memorial Hall
at 2.00 pm on Saturday 10th June.**

Admission is free, so please come and view the many exhibits of sweet peas, roses, pot plants etc, as well as the floral arrangements. Apart from the floral classes this show has an art section for any paintings, and a photography section in which the two classes are 'Local View' and 'Wildlife'.

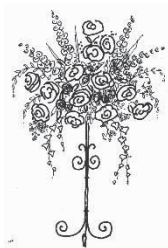
We are also very grateful to Downton Primary School for allowing us to exhibit things made by the children out of recycled materials, as part of their Eco-schools initiative. There will also be refreshments, a sales table and a raffle, and prize giving at 4.15 pm.

If you would like to enter an exhibit in the Show you can find details of all the classes in the Show Schedules, available from any committee member, including Chris Parry, 'Cymbeline', 51 The Borough, Downton (opposite the Co-op) - 01725 5145511. New exhibitors are always welcome.

You may be interested in competing for the Downton Vase, by entering a vase containing between 5 and 10 fresh flowering stems from a minimum of two different kinds of home-grown plants (not shrubs). Only the front view will be judged but no additional accessories or foliage are allowed. It costs 25p per entry and for most classes the first prize is £1 and the second prize 50p; there are also trophies for some classes.

Entry forms (included in the Show Schedule) must be in by 8.00 pm on the Wednesday before the Show, and the exhibit brought along to the hall, either on the Friday evening or Saturday morning.

Gordon Bishop (01725 511475)



Good Companions

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 on 01725 510601.

In March Steve Hera gave a very sad and vivid account of the sinking of the Titanic on 14th April 1912 when it hit an iceberg on its maiden voyage to America, resulting in a 9ft gash below the waterline. The seawater flooded into all the hold compartments, which only had 10ft high walls; as a consequence only 705 survivors were rescued by the Carpathia. 1,500 people lost their lives, and only 306 bodies were recovered. The Orchestra musicians remained on board playing music, one of which was "Nearer my God to thee".

In April we had a very welcome visit from Carol Watson. She and her husband had gone on holiday to the Bahamas, staying on one island for a few days before moving on to the next island, visiting three or four; each one giving a different experience. Carol's talk included her wonderful photographs of the beautiful flowers and shrubs they saw, and the different types of small dwellings they stayed in, close to small or larger sandy beaches. It was clear from her commentary that she had had a special and happy holiday experience.



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



Alabaré's Boots on the Ground programme

Local charity Alabaré provides support and accommodation for people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless across Wiltshire and the South West.

Alabaré's 'Boots on the Ground' programme is supporting both young people and veterans, providing mental health support by delivering a range of outdoor activities, and by providing volunteering opportunities on community projects. The team have recently taken a group of young people for a residential week in the New Forest where they joined in with activities such as outdoor cooking, animal tracking and team-building. Some of Alabaré's veterans are also involved with developing the Community Garden at Arundells in Salisbury. Those who are taking part in all these activities are finding it of huge benefit to their wellbeing, confidence and self-esteem. As resident Ryan says, "I don't usually go out much due to social anxiety but 'Boots on the Ground' allows me to meet new people in a comfortable environment. It helps me to interact with people and pursue my interests which will hopefully lead to employment soon."

Knowing the positive impact this work has on the mental health and wellbeing of their residents, Alabaré is keen to ensure that as many as possible are given the opportunity to join with a wide range of outdoor activities. If you'd like to find out more about how you can support them, including the many ways you could volunteer, do have a look at the website www.alabare.co.uk.

Helen Inglis h.inglis@alabare.co.uk



National Garden Scheme

Many of us will have visited an 'Open Garden' during the summer, and enjoyed wandering round, taking in the views, buying plants perhaps, and looking forward to home-made cake. All the details can be found on their website: <https://ngs.org.uk/> As well as finding out about garden opening times and locations, there is a huge amount of information on gardening techniques and other related topics. There are over 190 gardens to visit virtually as well. Have a look at the website!

Goldies Sing-Along Social Group at Downton Memorial Hall

Goldies takes place upstairs at Downton Memorial Hall on the 4th Wednesday of the month from 10.00 am, led by Carole Still. The next session is on 24th May. 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.

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



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 any one time. Please respect social distancing measures. This service is for NHS Salisbury hearing aid users. Please bring your battery issue card.



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.draysen@rnid.org.uk



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

Lover Repair Cafe

RADIO WILTS - MAKE A DIFFERENCE AWARDS 2023

There are lots of very kind people in our community, as discovered by Radio Wiltshire. We have just received a missive from them saying that from more than 200 nominations across eight categories, we have been shortlisted as Finalists in the Community Group Category.

Radio Wilts said "There were many beautiful words written about our group's dedication & effort, which is highly praised".

So on behalf of the Team: **THANK YOU VERY MUCH**

We wait now until 23rd Sept for The Final.

#BBCMakeaDifference

"DO NOT BIN IT, WE MAY FIX IT"

Latest News:

- Coronation Celebrations:** What a wonderful opportunity for us all to get together in celebration. The Repair Cafe was open right up to Coronation Day and we were very happy to provide all visitors with lapel badges in commemoration of the big day.
- Garden Tools:** Please remember, we are here to sharpen your tools and also if you have tools you no longer need, we can check them over & take them to the new Community Garden at the rear of Downton Baptist Church to aid the gardening team.
- Chat-a-Techie:** Martin is still seeking help from another I.T. Geek. He has been very busy with the Computer, Tablet, and Mobile-phone service recently and would appreciate anyone prepared to join him & help in offering this service. If you need help with training sessions or repairs **Contact the Techies** or book in (preferably) Email loverrepaircafe@gmail.com or phone 01725 510753.
- Financial Support:** Please remember that other than providing a renovation & recycling service, we are keen to financially support any 01725 local organisation in need at this time.
- Don't forget, we are here to help you with any repairs or serve you a hot cuppa tea every Wednesday or Friday morning 10am to noon. Contact: loverrepaircafe@gmail.com or phone 01725 510753 (If urgent)

Redlynch & District Local History Society

May 2023 Meeting - 'Put your best face forward' by Jane Glennie

Jane is an actress and historian and she performed as Mrs. Cox from the W.V.S (Women's Voluntary Service) in period costume from the 1940's. She had come to share handy hints for the wartime household. In reality these talks were given locally and in work places such as factories.

The evening started with some audience participation but there was only one reluctant volunteer to try the 'luxury food' made from three mystery ingredients. It was 'Mock Choc Spread' made from mashed potato (readily available), cocoa powder (not rationed) and sugar (rationed).

Mrs. Cox then shared some beauty tips with us as she quoted from the government advice 'Beauty is a duty to boost the morale of men'. Foundation could be made from calamine lotion and beetroot juice (applied sparingly!) with a light dusting of powdered chalk. To replace eye pencil and to draw eyebrows a burnt cork could be used and one of our members volunteered to draw Mrs. Cox's – very successfully!

The gentlemen in the audience were not neglected as there was a handy tip to replace Brylcreem with lard scented with crushed lavender. Again it needed to be applied sparingly as after an evening of dancing there was a danger of it melting down on to shirt collars.

Mrs Cox offered to exchange some of her home made rum truffles (made of mashed potato of course) with a rabbit, if any farmer in the audience had any spare – she was not successful!

It was a very different evening from our usual speakers but an entertaining way to end another successful season.

The Society next meets on Tuesday 5th September in Morgan's Vale & Woodfalls Village Hall at 7.30 pm, when we will be having a members' evening with short talks on a variety of subjects.

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### **Talkabout**

in Woodfalls Methodist Hall

**Thursday 1st June**

Talk by Ron Perry about Redlynch Players.

*Coffee served from 10.00 am and the talk starts at 10.30 am*

## Forest Edge Flower Arranging Society



Our practical evening took place on Bank Holiday Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May in festive mood, after celebrating the Coronation. We enjoyed home-made cake & tea followed by creating either a Petite or Miniature arrangement led by Martina. She guided us with lots of tips and common errors for exhibiting in a Competition. A total of 15 dainty arrangements were created by the participants – they were all beautiful, worthy of entering/winning a competition (as commented by Martina)! All the creations by the participants can be viewed from the link: <https://shorturl.at/fvLSW>

Do join us at our next meeting: 'Cream tea and Talk' on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30 pm (refreshments from 7.00 pm). Pip Bensley will give a talk entitled 'Snippets'.

All meetings/events are held at Morgans Vale & Woodfalls Village Hall, Redlynch (SP5 2HU). A full programme for 2023/24 is displayed on the notice board in the Hall, on our facebook group, and via the following weblink: <https://tinyurl.com/FEFAS2023-24>.

We look forward to welcoming you!

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### Upcoming meetings:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> July Club Competition  
(Staging 7.00 pm / Judging & Refreshments 7.30 pm)
- 4<sup>th</sup> September Demonstration 'A Celebration of Nature's Bounty'  
by Kelly Shaw at 7.30 pm

### **Social Evening on Saturday 10th June in Woodfalls Methodist Hall**

Starting with a meal at 5.30 pm followed by Deal or No Deal.

If you hope to come it would be helpful if you could phone 01725512648  
(leave a message if we're not in, including any dietary requirements.)

***Everyone Welcome.***

## Redlynch and District W I

The May meeting was held a few days after the Coronation so we decided to have a festive lunch before the meeting proceeded. The committee made Coronation chicken with salad and crusty bread, followed by trifles, gateaux and sticky toffee pudding. After a toast to the King we listened to a talk by our speaker Alan Jones about his career as a radio journalist. He spoke about some of the disasters that had happened and had us in fits of laughter. It was a very enjoyable meeting.

The June meeting will take place on Wednesday 14th at 2.15pm at Morgans Vale and Woodfalls Village Hall, when the speaker will be Wendy Cracknell, Her subject will be 'Fordingbridge Workhouse'; guests will be welcome.

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



## Downton Bowling Club – Big Bowls Weekend

This is the chance for everyone of all ages to try their hand at bowls at Downton Bowling Club. We introduce the Big Bowls Weekend, which is being run on Friday evening 26<sup>th</sup> May from 6. 00 – 8.00 pm and Sunday afternoon 28<sup>th</sup> May from 2.00 – 4.0



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## Redlynch Players: Backstage News

### The Titfield Thunderbolt has now left the station!



After months of rehearsals during cold winter nights through to wet, windy spring ones (why does it always rain on rehearsal nights?) we were delighted to perform the Titfield Thunderbolt in front of our audiences. I hope that the fun we had rehearsing this joyous comedy shone through during the performances. It is a great story of a village pulling together to benefit everyone, very much like Redlynch itself! We were delighted and grateful that all our tickets sold so very quickly, but also apologise if you missed out on getting yours.

We now have a break from rehearsals for the summer and will spend the time regathering our strength for our autumn production which will be performed during the week beginning November 20<sup>th</sup>. More details of this will be released over the coming weeks.

**Find out more!** To be included on our emailing list to hear our latest news, please email [info@redlynchplayers.co.uk](mailto:info@redlynchplayers.co.uk) Or see our website for recent reviews, buying tickets and past productions: [www.redlynchplayers.co.uk](http://www.redlynchplayers.co.uk) We post regular updates on our Redlynch Players Facebook page. Why not follow us? Or you can follow us on twitter! @RedlynchPlayers

*Ali Silver* Chair of Redlynch Players



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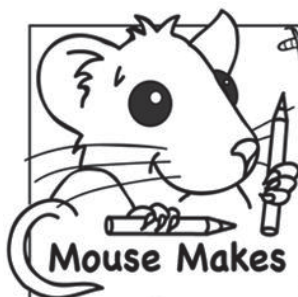
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The Lord said to Moses,  
 "Your brother Aaron shall tell Pharaoh  
 to let the people of Israel go out of his land...  
 The Egyptians shall know that I AM the Lord  
 when I stretch out my hand against Egypt..."



As Pharaoh's heart was hardened against the  
 Israelites, God sent ten plagues upon him...

1

**Water turns to Blood**  
 Which water turned  
 to blood?  
 Read - Exodus 7:19

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 A W D P E O P L E  
 N A N I M A L S A  
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 R E G H W O U I E  
 E R S A K O S S A  
 H W I N D T H T  
 I L F L I E S E H

6

**A Break out of Boils**

What did Moses throw into  
 the air before boils appeared  
 on people and animals?  
 Read - Exodus 9:10

2

**A Swarm of Frogs**

In which  
 places were the  
 frogs found?

Read - Exodus 8:3-4



7

**A Rain of Hail**

What also rained  
 down with the hail?  
 Where did it not hail?  
 Read - Exodus 9:24-26



3

**A Plague of Gnats**

When Aaron struck his  
 staff on the ground  
 what became Gnats?

Read - Exodus 8:16-17



8

**A Swarm of Locusts**

Where did the wind  
 come from that brought  
 the locusts to the land?

Read - Exodus 10:13



4

**Swarms of Flies**

In which land were the  
 flies not be found?

Read - Exodus 8:22



9

**Darkness over the Land**

How many days did  
 it remain dark?

Read - Exodus 10:21-22

5

**Death of Animals**

Which animals that belonged  
 to the Egyptians died?

Read - Exodus 9:2



GOD • PLAGUES • MOSES • AARON  
 WATER • BLOOD • STAFF • RIVER • NILE • FISH  
 FROGS • SWARM • GNATS • DUST • FLIES  
 GROUND • DEATH • ANIMALS • SOOT  
 BOILS • PEOPLE • HAIL • THUNDER • FIRE  
 MAN • BEAST • LOCUSTS • WIND • LAND  
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10

**Death of the Firstborn**

At what time would the  
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Read - Exodus 11:4-6



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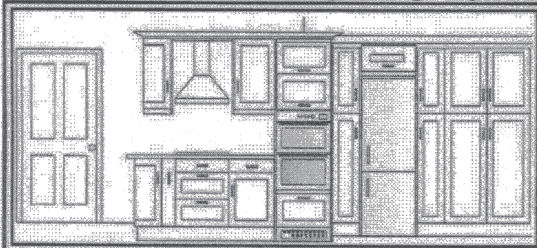
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