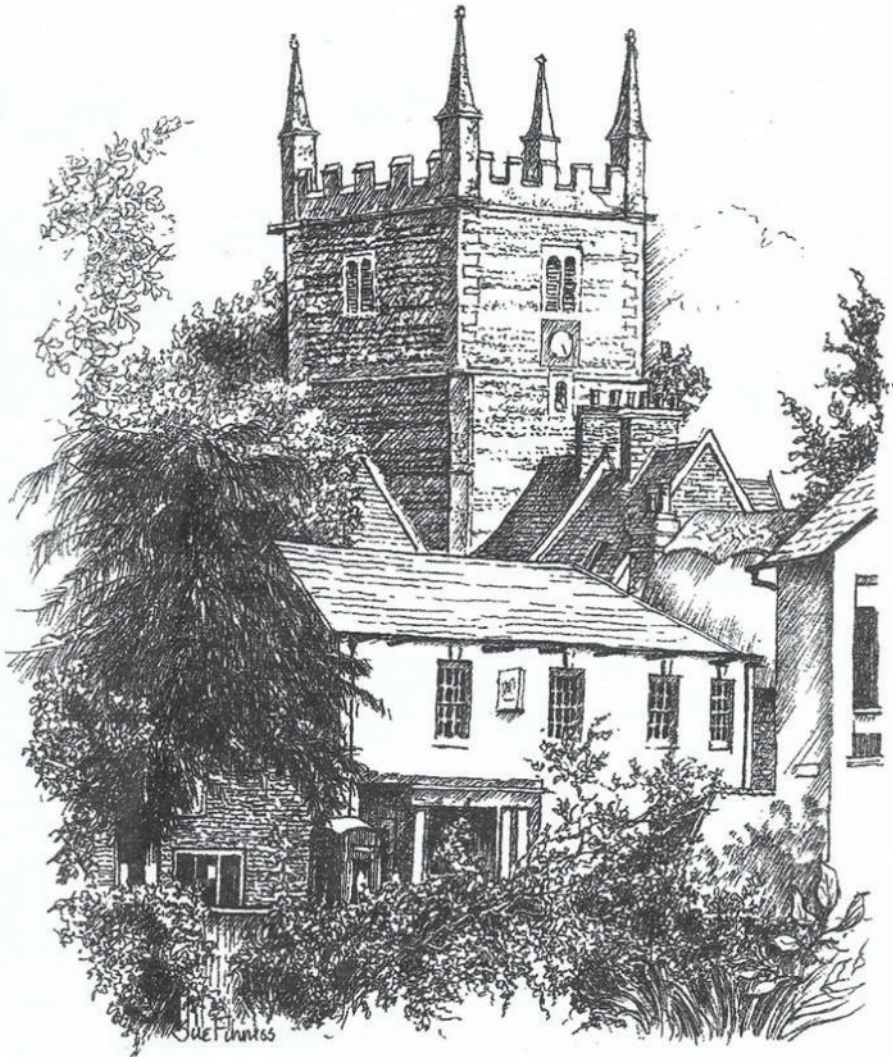


September 2023

Downton 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
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.

From Revd Veronica Batchelor
Vicar in the Forest and Avon Team



Renovation or Transformation?

Recently, my husband and I have been helping to renovate a house. The house hadn't been lived in for some while and needed updating, so there's been lots to do. At times it's felt non-stop with more items being demolished and removed than being put back. It's been time consuming as well as hard work, but exciting as we look forward to what it will be like. I'm pleased that it is now slowly being returned to a lovely, warm and comfortable home.

As we've worked, it's reminded me of how God sees us. He'd love us to be full of light and warmth, however, we can become overshadowed by the sorrows and the unfairness of life. We may even become disillusioned with the beauty of life itself. The question 'Where is God and what is he doing?' becomes a real and fair question to ask.

When we look at God's history, we read that he saw his people's tiredness and felt their rejection of him, yet his love for them was so strong he came up with a rescue plan. A plan made possible because of his power. It was a plan that gives us a way, whoever we are and whatever our circumstance, to know his light and warmth in our hearts. Whether we're tired, outdated, disillusioned or just looking for that sense of light and warmth, Jesus brings that transformation.

This spiritual transformation can be like a renovation, it's not always easy or simple and takes time and belief, often without an obvious end in sight. But God's plan is and always has been for us to live in his love, light and warmth and at the end he welcomes us home into his perfect light and transformation will be complete.

Veronica x

ST LAURENCE CHURCH SERVICES

SEPTEMBER

3rd September 10.30am	13th Sunday after Trinity Holy Communion Gospel	Matthew 16:21 - end
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10th September 10.30am	14th Sunday after Trinity Café Church
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17th September 10.30am	15th Sunday after Trinity Holy Communion Gospel	Matthew 18:21-35
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24th September 10.30am	16th Sunday after Trinity Holy Communion Gospel	Matthew 20:1-16
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We ask that you continue to sanitise your hands on arrival.
During Communion the common cup will be offered to those who wish to receive.

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 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.qtanner@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 21st September 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:

including 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

every 2nd/4th Thursday of the month.

The PLAYROOM: Wednesday Morning at 9.00 am:

Free groups for Toddlers and their adults.

The LARDER: Food for the Community:

6.00 pm to 7.00 pm Every Monday

9.00 am to 10.00 am Every Wednesday

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 – September 2023

Sunday 3rd September

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

Wednesday 6th September

- 10.45am Service at Woodfalls followed by lunch

Sunday 10th September

- 10am Holy Communion at Woodfalls
- 10.30am Café Church at Downton
- 10.30am The Gathering at Landford (Methodist Hall)
- 6pm Evensong (BCP) at Redlynch

Sunday 17th September

- 9.30am Parish Communion at Bramshaw
- 10am Morning Worship at Redlynch
- 10.30am Parish Communion at Downton
- 10.30am Morning Worship at Landford (Methodist Church)
- 4pm “Wild Sparks” at Redlynch

Wednesday 20th September

- 10.45am Service at Woodfalls followed by lunch

Sunday 24th September

- 9.30am Pet Service at Bramshaw
- 10am Holy Communion at Woodfalls
- 10.30am Parish Communion at Downton
- 10.30am The Gathering (Café Style) Landford (Methodist Hall)
- 11am Holy Communion at Landford (St Andrew’s)
- 4pm Harvest Festival at Plaitford

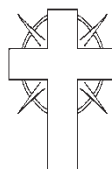
Wednesday 27th September

- 9.30am Holy Communion (BCP) at Redlynch

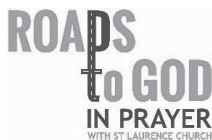
15th July – Kirsty Hunter and Richard Plaskett

19th June – Roger Charles Moody (79)

19th July – Gwendoline Chalke (88)



14th June – Geoffrey Alan Ricketts

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In our cycle of prayer for all living and working in our community during **September**, we will be offering prayers for:

The High Street and The Borough.

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.

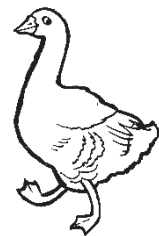
You can request prayers at any time – not just when your road is on the monthly list. For more information, please see our Roads to God page on our website: www.stlaurencedownton.co.uk

Roads to God Prayer Group

The next Roads to God Prayer Group will meet on Wednesday **27th September** at 10.30 am in the Lady Chapel 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 September

- 1 Our Churchwarden
- 2 Those starting at a new School or College
- 3 Our Organist and Choir
- 4 St Birinus – our Church built to the glory of God
- 5 Growing through God's Word
- 6 Those made redundant or unable to find work
- 7 Our Team Rector and family
- 8 Our children and young people
- 9 Those who produce our Parish magazine
- 10 All who minister to the sick
- 11 Our Parochial Church Council (PCC)
- 12 Forest and Avon Team
- 13 Our Church School
- 14 Churches Together in Downton
- 15 Sunday School
- 16 The Bereaved
- 17 Our witness as a Church
- 18 All ministers in the village
- 19 Sidespeople and Lesson Readers
- 20 Peace in the World
- 21 St Matthew - using our gifts in God's service
- 22 All visitors to our Churches
- 23 The Goose Fair
- 24 Flower Arrangers
- 25 School Governors
- 26 Trafalgar School at Downton
- 27 Those in Residential & Nursing Homes
- 28 All who assist with our services
- 29 St Michael - passing on God's message
- 30 Our Lay Pastoral Assistants (LPAs)



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 the Team Vicar.

Suite Jazz and the Graveyard Concert

It was a beautiful evening; not a cloud in the sky, and just enough heat from the setting sun to keep everyone comfortable as they sat in the graveyard of St Laurence's church to hear Suite Jazz perform.



Paul Borelli, Kate Edgar and Dave Mace are all well known locally, but this time they were accompanied by the young soprano Rosie; her rendition of a piece from *Les Misérables* will live in the memory for a very long time.

The concert was organised by the church to raise much needed funds. A medieval structure costs a lot to maintain so there is never enough money to do everything that needs to be done. The graveyard concert raised £1134, most from an admission charge, but also from the sale of some spectacular puddings.

This was Downton at its very best. Sharing a musical evening by local performers in a wonderful setting; and all in aid of a rather special local building. Whatever your religious beliefs, including if you have none at all, I am sure that most people in the village would hate to ever see St Laurence's decline in any way. It is the centre of all the big village events, and architecturally by far the most important building in the village. Over the centuries it has stood as the symbol of Downton while much else has come and gone.

John Elliott

Downton Parish Council

- We are grateful to resident volunteers who have been picking up litter from our streets and play areas.
- Contractors have been busy strimming verges and managing areas of public land. However, most shrubs and trees that spill out over our roads and footpaths at this time of year, are the property of the homeowner/landowner who owns the adjacent field or garden. We therefore urge people whose shrubs are encroaching on pavements or overhanging roads, to kindly trim back overgrowth to ensure safe access for pedestrians and motorists who pass by. Regarding problems with roads or footpaths that are managed by Wiltshire Council, anyone can go on to the “MyWilts” section of the Wiltshire Council website and report issues such as potholes, blocked road gullies or graffiti.
- We have made significant progress in working with contractors to ensure that public bins are emptied each week. This should now be happening.
- We are pleased to announce the installation of a defibrillator at the Charlton All Saints Telephone Box, and the relocation of the Brian Whitehead Sports Centre defibrillator to an external wall. Both are in working order, as are the defibrillators at the Memorial Hall and the Moot Lane GP surgery.
- Plans for the installation of new play equipment in the Memorial Gardens and Moot Recreation Ground are progressing. We hope to share these plans with you in the very near future, with a view to equipment being installed in the coming months.
- Progress in being made with respect to tidying up the Barford Lane Cemetery. Unfortunately, some residents are under the misapprehension that there is a Right of Way leading from the cemetery to the field behind. This is categorically not the case, and the police will be notified whenever anyone tries to break down the fencing that surrounds the cemetery. There are designated footpaths in Barford Lane, but none that lead from the cemetery. The cemetery is a place of quiet reflection for those who have lost a loved one and residents are asked to kindly respect it as such.

Naomi Defriend is the Administrative Officer for the Parish Council. She can be contacted on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays between 10.00 am and 3.00 pm. Tel: 07483 344035 or by email:

admin@downtonparishcouncil.gov.uk Where appropriate, she may redirect queries to Councillors or the Parish Clerk.

The Goose Fair



St Laurence Church, Downton

Saturday 23rd September

10.00 am – 2.00 pm

Craftwork, Jewellery,
Home-made and home-grown produce
Raffles and Exhibitions
Refreshments - including light lunches



Harvest Celebration in St Laurence Church

All-Age Worship

Sunday 1st October at 10.30 am

Your own garden produce is welcome, as well as gifts of tinned and dried groceries for the Salisbury Foodbank. We also have a regular collection of dried and tinned goods for the Foodbank throughout the year. Donations may be brought to St Laurence Church on Sunday mornings.

Sunday 17th September

Fun Dog Show

2.30-5.00 pm in Downton Moot

*Six Show Classes (£1 entry on the day from 2.30pm)
to include:*

- *Prettiest bitch*
- *Most handsome dog*

*The winners of each class will be
entered into 'Best in Show'*



Plus an AGILITY COURSE that will run all afternoon

Also Dog Handling DEMONSTRATION

Refreshments – *Homemade Cakes and Scones*

Entry: *Adults £2, Children £1. No unaccompanied
children please!*

For full details, *see posters or local Facebook pages
from early September*

Proceeds to Downton Moot

Organ Concert by John Challenger
Sunday 17th September at 3.00 pm
St Laurence Church

John has been Assistant Director of Music at Salisbury Cathedral since 2012. As a recitalist he is known for his ability to enthuse his audience with a wide range of musical styles. He is responsible for the organ "Proms" in the cathedral which have proved immensely popular and he has recorded several CDs of organ music which have been highly praised.

This concert will be an opportunity to celebrate the renovation of the St Laurence organ which has been in progress since 2018. We now have all the components of the organ, originally installed in 1874, in full working order.

Tickets are on sale in the Borough Café and will be available on the door on 17th September. Tickets for the concert postponed in May 2022 will still be honoured.

Further information and tickets from:

Mark Merrill on 01725 512175 or mark.merrill@gmx.co.uk



Downton Horticultural Society

Please do not forget that our Autumn Show will be held
in the Memorial Hall at 2.00 pm on Saturday 2nd September.

Admission is free, so please come and view the many exhibits of chrysanthemums, gladioli, dahlias, pot plants, vegetables and fruit, as well as the floral arrangements and a large Bake-Off section. Entries need to be in by the preceding Wednesday, but we do try and include late entries if we have room.

Our Summer Show back in June was once again a great success with lots of very beautiful exhibits, and we were also pleased that so many people came to see them. We were also grateful to our exhibitors for donating spare blooms from their exhibits to our sales table.

Gordon Bishop (01725 511475)

Downton Christmas Tree Festival 2023 in St Laurence Church



We are delighted to be bringing the Downton Christmas Tree Festival to St Laurence church on Saturday 2nd and 3rd December.

We will provide the beautiful setting, the wide variety of music, activities for children and our renowned selection of cakes to enjoy with your tea or coffee while you soak up the festive atmosphere.

**ALL WE NEED NOW ARE YOUR CREATIONS:
DECORATED TREES, CHRISTMAS SCENES
OR WREATHS.**

Let your creativity fly and have fun making something. Pick up an entry form from the library, Borough Café or the church, or go to www.stlaurencedownton.co.uk or www.downtonvillage.co.uk

Final entry deadline: Friday 24th November 2023

The Festival will start on Friday 1st December with a Choral Evensong, followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

Saturday 2nd December and Sunday 3rd December 10.00 am – 4.00 pm: church open with exhibits, activities, cakes and music.

We look forward to seeing you

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

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



Downton Link
Registered Charity: 1075805
Tel. 01725 513807



Email: info@downtonlink.org.uk.
Website www.downtonlink.org.uk

Downton Link continues to provide a valuable service to local, mainly elderly, people in the Downton, Redlynch, Morgan's Vale, Lover, Woodfalls, Woodgreen, Hale, Breamore and Charlton-All-Saints areas. Many of our clients tell us how much they value our service and, without it, they would find it very difficult to get to medical appointments, social activities, hairdressing, shopping etc. During May this year Downton Link drivers performed 96 trips covering over 1400miles.

Recently one of our volunteers has found herself a client of Downton Link. She has contacted me to thank us for the service we provided to enable her to receive treatment at the local surgery after a hip operation. Downton Surgery were also of great help avoiding our client from having to attend A&E.

With some of our drivers deciding to retire we are constantly looking for new volunteers, both as drivers and co-ordinators. If you feel you are able to volunteer for either of these roles please contact us by phone or email as shown above. More information is available on our website hosted by Redlynch Online, see above.

Many of our drivers say what an enjoyable task it is driving for Downton Link. The opportunity to meet some very interesting local people, some of whom live on their own, and welcome the company of someone else as well as providing vital transport. Some of the people I have met while driving for Downton Link include an ex-Pilot of Hurricanes in the 2nd World War, someone who worked on oil rigs all over the world, and a novelist.

John Matthews
 Downton Link Chairman

Good Companions

On 11th July we had a very enjoyable singalong with Chris Walker, with many well remembered songs from our youth in the 50's and 60's. It was very interesting to see slides and hear stories of the song writers and composers of that era and earlier.

On 1st August Ron Taylor's talk "Sweet and Sour" was a sad and informative time of slavery; going back in time to 400 BC through to AD, the time of Christ, and on through the centuries involving many nations The Portuguese, Henry the Navigator, Christopher Columbus, the Spanish and English - including Francis Drake - were all slave traders, feeding the demand for labourers on the sugar plantations, and later cotton and tobacco plantations.

The first campaigner for abolition of slavery is the forgotten Thomas Clarkson, from Wisbech, who travelled 35,000 miles throughout the UK. William Wilberforce is the person most remembered fighting for the abolition of slavery. There are still 20 to 30 million slaves throughout the world today, victims of debt bondage, forced labour, human trafficking and forced marriage, which is also considered slavery.

The Good Companions enjoyed their day out on 25th July, with a coach ride through the New Forest and a sumptuous afternoon tea at the Christchurch Garden Centre. Thankfully there were boxes to take home, to enjoy later, with the remainder of the food we were too full to eat!

Phyl has arranged the following for us:

- 5th September - Mike Webber - Talk about New Zealand
- 12th " - Kay Townsend - Fairgrounds during the war
- 19th " - Games
- 26th " - Robbie Spargue (ex Headmaster) - talk and some poetry
- 13th October - Bingo

We meet in 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.

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

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 Collection points are: The Co-op; Ashley Grange, The Cedars at Landford, the Primary School and The Trafalgar School in Downton. 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 Evenings from 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm, and Wednesday Mornings from 9.00 am to 10.00 am.

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.

Downton Bowling Club

Although we still have six weeks of the season left, one of our leagues has already been completed. We finished a creditable third in the New Forest Division 3 Men's League.

Currently, Downton are in third place in the Westbrook Mixed Triples League, with a good chance of finishing second or even top. There is a similar scenario for our two sides in separate divisions of the Bournemouth & District Saturday Morning Mixed Leagues, both are third, with chances of bettering themselves by the end of the season.

Our members are currently busy playing in our internal club competitions, which are good fun and are played in a friendly, but competitive manner. Just social "roll ups" will take place on Monday & Friday afternoons from 2.00 pm, when weather permits.

On the social side of things, a really enjoyable social/quiz evening took place in July, following a very informative presentation by one of our sponsors, Eight Wealth Management.

Looking a bit further ahead to the closed season, the ever popular short mat bowls will be played in the Sherwood Suite each Thursday, commencing 12th October to 14th December and after the Christmas break, from 11th January to 14th March, from 2.15 pm to 4.15 pm..The cost is £2pp, which includes all equipment, tuition and tea & biscuits. New players are most welcome.

If you are interested in having a go at short mat, or joining Downton Bowling Club, please contact Mike Hallam on 01725 513539.



Talkabout

in Woodfalls Methodist Hall

Thursday 7th September

Coffee served from 10.00 am.

Talk by Kevin Patience on 'Treasures of the deep' begins at 10.30 am

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 27th September. 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.drayson@rnid.org.uk



Alabaré Events – Quiz and Firewalk!

Local charity Alabaré provides support and accommodation for people who are vulnerable, homeless or at risk of becoming homeless across Wiltshire and the South West. I'm delighted to announce that we are holding two very different events in the Salisbury area in the autumn which we hope will appeal to a wide audience! – and raise much needed funds.

On the evening of Tuesday 19th September, why not test your general knowledge by joining us at 7.00 pm at Chafyn Grove School for the next of our very popular quizzes. Teams of up to 6, £6 per person. Cash bar and raffle.

But if you are feeling more adventurous, we are holding our second Sponsored Firewalk on the evening of Friday 20th October at Alabaré's Old Sarum Development Centre! Back by popular demand, it's an incredibly empowering and motivational (if hot!) experience, when you will walk across hot coals whilst raising funds to support Alabaré. There will be an introductory session during the evening to prepare you for the walk itself and afterwards you will feel you can take on anything! Previous firewalker Claire says, "I took part in Alabaré's first Firewalk. The atmosphere was incredible! Yes, it was hot but the feeling of achievement was overwhelming."

You can find out more and book tickets for both these events from the website alabare.co.uk/get-involved/events or email Helen at: supportercare@alabare.co.uk
Helen Inglis

Social Evening on Saturday 9th September in Woodfalls Methodist Hall

Starting with a meal at 5.30 pm, followed by different games and activities based on the colour blue.

Everyone welcome whether or not you are wearing blue!! If you hope to come please ring 01725 512648
(leave a message if we are not at home)



Please save the date for

Morgan's Vale and Woodfalls' Celebration of The Arts and Crafts

Date: Saturday 14th October 2023 timings TBC

Location: MVW Academy and St Birinus Church, SP5 2HU

Invitation: Calling all ages – people of musical, art or crafty talent – please see websites below for further information and details to enter friendly competition in a wide range of show-style event categories including photography, arts, crafts, music.

Please note that anyone within the parishes of the Forest and Avon team (which includes Downton, Morgans Vale, Redlynch, Landford, Plaitford & Bramshaw) are all very welcome to enter the all age events



Schedule of events:
<https://tinyurl.com/ypw5vfy8>



Word entry form:
<https://tinyurl.com/y2fdvs5h>

Lover Repair Café

“DO NOT BIN IT, WE MAY FIX IT”

Latest News:

Repair Cafe goes to Tesco's: Part of our Team joined in a Community Show outside Tesco's last month where we were interviewed by Radio Odstock & then to our surprise Tesco's Manager came & presented Lover Repair Cafe with The Community Star Award for 2023, for which we are extremely proud & grateful.

Repair Cafe hits its 5000th Job: During the month of August we took in our 5000th item to repair, it's a bit of a secret at the moment but it required an engineer to repair its legs, our researcher to source & fit a new voice-box and our amazing toy specialist to give it sight, eyebrows and a fantastic makeover!

Saturday 23rd September is coming soon: We are getting quite excited as this day draws close as a representative group of our Team have been invited to attend the BBC Radio Wiltshire “Making a Difference” Awards Ceremony, in Swindon, as finalists in the Group Section.

Chat-a-Techie: Martin is still seeking someone to work with him in helping to assist people in computer skills. If you would like to help, please contact Martin on email via loverrepaircafe@gmail.com or phone 01725 510753.

Finance: Our Treasurer reports that we have now committed over £15k to the Stars Appeal (Covid Support) Fund & following discussions we have now agreed to support the supply of Specialist Cardiac Equipment that will increase the chances of patients suffering from heart problems. We continue to support many other charities, including Air Ambulance, Local Schools, Salisbury Hospice, Downton Foodbank etc.. If you are aware of any local organisation in dire need please let us know.



Our 'Lady of the Month' is Cherry, this is mainly because a nameless person overloaded her with nine necklaces to repair in one go!! Many apologies Cherry, but thank you for completing them all.

Always remember that we enjoy helping you with your repairs & are happy to talk about any technical domestic problems you may encounter.

Open every Wednesday and Friday morning at Lover Village Hall from 10.00 am to midday. To contact us please email [loverrepaircafe @ gmail.com](mailto:loverrepaircafe@gmail.com) or if essential phone 01725 510753

Redlynch and District W I

The speaker at our July meeting was Pat Sheppard, a retired Blue Badge Guide. The guides have been in existence for 70 years. They were introduced in London in 1953 for the Coronation of the Queen as lots of tourists would be coming. They quickly spread to other cities, Salisbury being one of the first. The training is at the local College, lasts three terms and is followed by an exam. The guides are paid, some work full time and others part time. Pat was full time and covered an area from Southampton to Windsor across to Bath. A lot of her work involved arranging tours in Salisbury and at Stonehenge for passengers from the cruise ships.

We held a very successful tombola and fudge stall at the Lover Fayre; thanks to everyone who contributed, and to the committee who set up and ran the stall.

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

Redlynch Local History Society

As there is nothing to report on our activities you may like to see something from our files. Following the recent news of the sale of New House and its adjacent land the following from 1997 may be of interest:

Newhouse is a Jacobean country mansion, of unusual Y shaped design built around 1619. In the 1970's the house was extensively renovated and a Victorian kitchen wing, in bad condition, was demolished.

At this time signs of a possibly earlier building on the site were found.

One hundred years ago the estate was 3,300 acres with 52 houses; today it is 1,300 acres and 8½ houses. Two water supplies served all of the farms on the estate. There was a reservoir at Bampton's Hill and a spring with a ram pump at Cooper's Piece in the woods near Loosehanger. Some of the farms were sold off and then later had to be bought back to secure the water supply. At Pensworth there is a chalk pit where fossils have been found.

Our Tuesday 5th September meeting will have the theme, "family", and five speakers will each be giving a 10 minute talk.

7:30 pm at Morgans Vale and Woodfalls Village Hall.

Our October meeting is also our AGM at 7.30 pm Tuesday 3rd October

Forest Edge Flower Arranging Society



We hope everyone had a lovely summer. We look forward to meeting you on 4th September for a demonstration by Kelly Shaw, entitled 'A Celebration of Nature's Bounty'.

Refreshments from 7.00 pm followed by demonstrations at 7.30 pm. Non-members are welcome (£6 door fee including refreshments)!

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 (link below), and via the following weblink: <https://tinyurl.com/FEFAS2023-24>.

We look forward to welcoming you!

Contact: Julie Bottone 01725 514875. Email: forestedgeflower@gmail.com

Facebook group: www.facebook.com/groups/forestedgeflower

Upcoming meetings:

2 nd October	Practical Evening 'Ikebana' 7.30 pm
6 th November	Demonstration 'How Bizzare' by Graham King 7.30 pm
4 th December	50 th Anniversary Demonstration by Michael Bowyer at Downton Memorial Hall



Redlynch Table Tennis Club

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Redlynch has been a competitive Table Tennis club since 1975 and fields two teams in the Salisbury Table Tennis League. Just crowned Division 2 Champions, we have previously won 8 Championships. The season runs from September to April and Thursday is our home night.

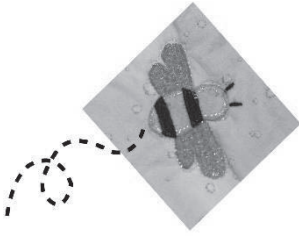
Table Tennis is acknowledged as having many health benefits, both physical and mental. Importantly, it is fun and easy to play. Anyone with a playing ability is welcome so if you play at school or wish to return to the game then do come along to our free 'Open Evening' at the Village Hall. Bats provided.

OPEN EVENING: Thursday 14th September, 7.30 to 9.30 pm

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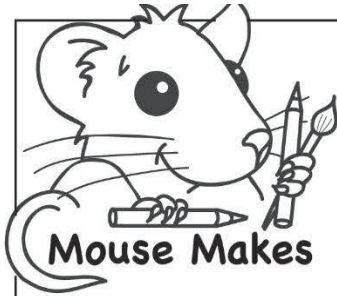
A special day at the Guildhall on Tuesday, September 26, includes coffee morning, a concert and a talk by local historian Frogg Moody.

Details: www.silversalisbury.co.uk or email silver.salisbury@outlook.com

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Matthew 13:25



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Matthew 13 v24-30,
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At harvest time the weeds
are gathered, bundled then

but the wheat is stored
in the

Matthew 13:30

Who sows the good seed?

Matthew 13:37

What does the field represent?

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Who sows the weeds?

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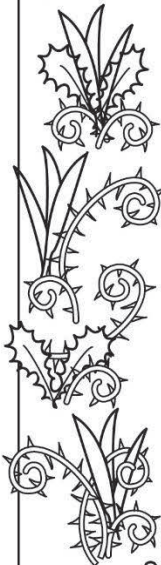
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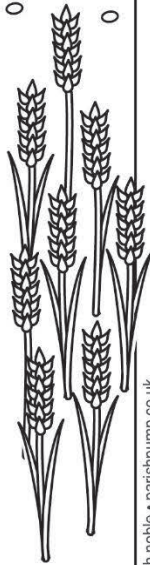
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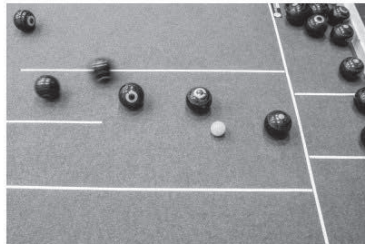
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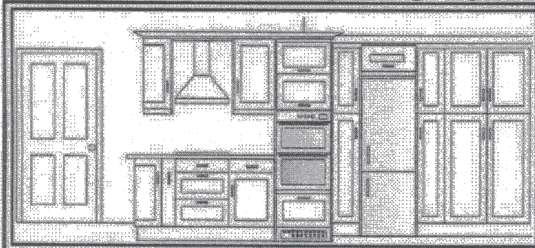
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