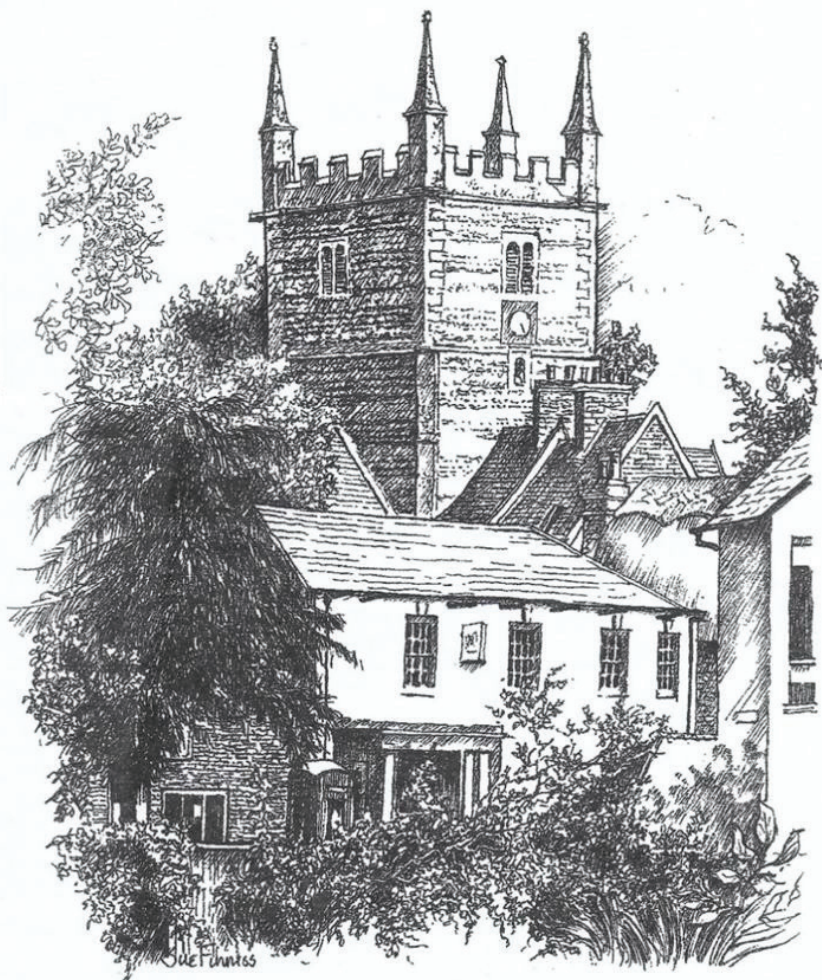


Downton

November 2023

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.

**From Archdeacon Alan Jeans, Associate priest
in the Forest and Avon Team Ministry**



Dear friends,

The seasons come and go in the cycle of nature, and now the nights are drawing in, trees are looking decidedly more autumnal, there is a nip in the air, and grass is once again looking slightly rough around the edges – well mine is!

The church year has its seasons too; as I write we have just given thanks to God during our Harvest Festival celebrations. We thanked God for his overflowing generosity and goodness but we were also left wondering, why, when we have so much, are there so many places in our world where provision and abundance seem lacking. Generosity and good stewardship is very much part of our Christian commitment, and I hope we clergy remember to say a huge thank you to all those who do so much for sustaining our church life, and support in our engagement with the needs of our villages. It really is a team effort – working together to share our gifts and skills to maximise our aim to Make Jesus Known at every opportunity.

As we enter November the church begins a season of remembering; we celebrate All Saints and All Souls when we remember those who have died amongst our own families, friends and in our community. We all have our own memories and remember in different ways; it can be a difficult time for many as they remember those they have loved and lost. This year we will be having an All Souls Service on Sunday 5th November at 3.00 pm at St Birinus', Morgans Vale and on 19th November at 3.00 pm at St Laurence's, Downton. Everyone is very welcome to attend those; they will be quiet services when we focus on remembering and giving thanks for those who have died. November also brings Remembrance Sunday, this year Sunday 12th November, where we remember those who have given their lives in the World Wars and all the subsequent conflicts for our freedom and for peace in the world.

As we approach the coming months with all the changes and challenges we may face, let us remember that we do so together not as a group of churches, but one community, as friends and neighbours. May we also give thanks to God that we do not approach them in our own strength, but in knowing that the ever present and loving God is there beside us and walking with us as we journey together, and as we face the changes and challenges given to us.

With my prayers and best wishes,
Alan.

ST LAURENCE CHURCH SERVICES

November

5th November	4th Sunday before Advent	
9.45am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
	Gospel	Matthew 24:1-14
10.30am	Café Church	
12th November	3rd Sunday before Advent	
	Remembrance Sunday	
10.45am	Remembrance Service	
19th November	2nd Sunday before Advent	
10.30am	Holy Communion	
	Gospel	Matthew 25:14-30
3pm	Service for All Souls	
26th November	Sunday Before Advent	
	Christ the King	
10.30am	Holy Communion	
	Gospel	Matthew 25: 31-end

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.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 16th 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://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 Toddler Church playgroup and their adults: from birth to Pre-School.

The LARDER: Food for the Community.

6.00 pm to 7.00 pm Every Monday

9.00 am to 10.00 am Every Wednesday (with refreshments)

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 – November 2023

Our Church Buildings are:

- **Woodfalls** Methodist Church (SP5 2LH)
- St Peter's, **Bramshaw** (SO43 7JF)
- St Laurence, **Downton** (SP5 3PU)
- **Landford** Methodist Church & Hall (SP5 2AF)
- St Andrew's, **Landford** (SP5 2EW)
- St Birinus, **Morgans Vale** (SP5 2HU)
- St Mary's, **Redlynch** (Lover – SP5 2PL)
- St Peter's, **Plaitford** (SO51 6ER)

Wednesday 1st November

10.45am Service at Woodfalls followed by lunch

Sunday 5th November

9.30am Parish Communion at Bramshaw
 9.45am Holy Communion (BCP) at Downton
 10am Holy Communion at Woodfalls
 10.30am Café Church at Downton
 10.30am The Gathering at Landford (Methodist Hall)
 3pm All Souls Service at Morgans Vale

Sunday 12th November is Remembrance Sunday

9.30am Service of Remembrance at Bramshaw
 10.30am Parade and Service of Remembrance at Downton
 10.30am Service of Remembrance at Landford (St Andrew's)
 11am Service of Remembrance at Morgans Vale
 3pm Service of Remembrance + Communion at Plaitford

Wednesday 15th November

10.45am Service at Woodfalls followed by lunch

Sunday 19th November

10am Holy Communion at Redlynch
 10.30am Parish Communion at Downton
 10.30am Morning Worship at Landford (Methodist Church)
 3pm All Souls Service at Downton
 4pm Wild Sparks at Redlynch

Wednesday 22nd November

9.30am Holy Communion (BCP) at Redlynch

Sunday 26th November

9.30am Parish Communion at Bramshaw

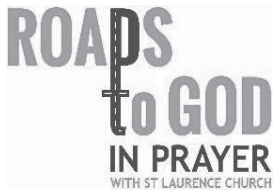
10am Morning Worship at Woodfalls

10.30am Parish Communion at Downton

10.30am The Gathering (Café Style) at Landford (Methodist Hall)

11am Holy Communion at Landford (St Andrew's)

6pm Evensong (BCP) at Redlynch



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

**Joanna close, The Meadows, Breamore Road,
The Headlands, Salisbury Road, Crossways**

Close, New Court and Meadow Grange.

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 by 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 **15th November** at 10.30am 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 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
- 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 Our Team Vicar and Family
- 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.

An Occasion to Remember

On Sunday 19th November St Laurence Church will be holding our annual All Souls service at 3.00 pm.

This is a service of Thanksgiving for all those who have died. It is a quiet service of readings and prayers, with an opportunity to light a candle in memory of those we love.

During the service we read the names of those who have died over the last year, together with any whose names have been added to a list at the back of church.



Afterwards we will have tea and biscuits, and hope you will stay.

All are Welcome - Please do join us



Reverend Canon David Bacon

We send our very sincere congratulation to our Team Rector David, who was made a Canon of Salisbury Cathedral at a service in October.

There are approx. 50 canons in the whole of our Diocese, and this is a much deserved recognition of David's many years of ministry. David says that he will still be "David" and his ministry in the Team will not change.

Ken Parsons. Churchwarden



Readers might like to be reminded about the online courses which David has run at various times of the year. He gave information about this autumn's course in the letter he wrote for the front page of last month's magazine:

I am offering a 6-week online Bible Course seeking to explore the idea and promise of the Presence of God. It's an opportunity to learn, to be encouraged and to be challenged by God's Word in the Bible and you'd be very welcome to join us. Part 1 of the series will appear on Sunday 22nd October.

Send me an email (davidbramrec@aol.com) to request the weekly Discussion Questions and a link to the video input – or find us on YouTube.

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FIREWORK

NIGHT

THE GOAT

The Borough, Downton

SP5 3LY

Saturday 4th November

Barbecue available from 6:00pm

Bonfire to be lit at 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



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Goose Fair 2023

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. 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 money for Breast Cancer Now and

The Brain Tumour Charity.

**BRING YOUR
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Where?
The Church in Landford
Landford Methodist Church, Lyndhurst Rd,
Landford, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP5 2AJ

When?
13th to 17th November
2:30 pm to 6:30 pm
18th November
10 am to 2 pm

Scan the QR code or visit
samaritans-purse.org.uk/occ
to learn more

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Christmas Child

Harvest Festival

We held a very enjoyable Harvest Festival Service accompanied by Downton Band. The service was led by Ven Alan Jeans and it was great to see the children involved in his talk.

Our gifts this year have been donated to the Downton Larder – our community based food bank. These were much appreciated.

Many thanks to all who donated food and to those who made our service so special.



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.

Royal British Legion Downton Branch

Remembrance In Downton



Remembrance Sunday this year falls on 12th November. An opportunity for us to 'Remember' the service and sacrifice of all those who have defended, and continue to defend, our freedom and way of life. Nationally there will be a Poppy Appeal from 28th October to 11th November.

Here in Downton the events for Remembrance are:

Poppy Appeal 2023 Door to Door collections will be undertaken, but limited. Poppies will be available at the schools, shops, petrol station and pubs in the village. A Poppy Collection Tent/Table will be set up outside the Coop on 28th October, 4th and 11th November, operating from 9.00 am to 2.00 pm, provided we are not blown away or rained off! Poppies will also be available in Charlton All Saints.

Remembrance Day Saturday 11th November. Crosses will be laid on the War Graves in The Cemetery and St Laurence's prior to a short ceremony outside The Goat, by the Village Cross, at 11.00 am.

Remembrance Sunday 12th November. Wreath Laying and the Act of Remembrance will take place at the Memorial Hall, starting at 10.00 am. This will be followed by the parade marching to St Laurence's Church for the Village Remembrance Service. The parade will be led by the Downton Band and will include members of The Royal British Legion, Parish Council and Youth organisations. The Wreath Laying and Church Service will be led by Archdeacon Alan Jeans.

Road Closure The Borough/High Street from The Memorial Gardens to Church Hatch, will be closed from 10.00 am to 11.00 am on Remembrance Sunday 12th November, to allow a safe Wreath Laying and movement of the parade to the Church. The road will be re-opened as soon as it is safe to do so. Please bear with us.

Bryan Morris



An Evening of WWII Nostalgia



Party on the Home Front

Downton Memorial Hall

Friday 10th November

7.00 for 7.30 pm

To include a 3 course meal and
music by Suite Jazz with Anwen Howells,
and Barber Sharp

1940's Quiz

Tickets £30 available from the Borough Café (cash only)

To pay by BACS contact nesswalsh@gmail.com

Come in 1940's dress or Black Tie

Proceeds to Downton Moot Preservation Trust



Pet Service at St Laurence's

To celebrate St. Francis Day, 50 people – including 9 children – met to give thanks for our pets and all God's creatures.

Eight dogs and two cats thoroughly enjoyed the service and were all very well behaved, especially when they were being individually blessed by Rev Veronica.

Our thanks to Veronica for leading this service, which was very enjoyable.

Make a difference in your community

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Your local Link Scheme needs you:

Demand for our service is growing and we urgently need new volunteers to support the service

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If you could spare some time, or for more information please contact us:

Downton Link

Tel.No. 01725 513807

Email: info@downtonlink.org.uk

Website: www.downtonlink.org.uk

Salisbury Cathedral

You may like to find out about services, exhibitions and other events at Salisbury Cathedral as Christmas approaches:

<https://www.salisburycathedral.org.uk/whats-on/>

For those who cannot easily get to the Cathedral, certain services are livestreamed:

The Eucharist Sundays 10:30; **Evensong** Sundays 16:30



The night before the Village Christmas Tree Festival

The Christmas Tree Festival will be preceded on the evening of Friday 1st December at 7.00 pm by a service of Choral Evensong, sung by a newly formed choir from Salisbury accompanied by a visiting organist.

In Choral Evensong a choir will sing composed responses, canticles, one or more psalms, and a choral anthem, sometimes ending with a congregational hymn. The service is relatively passive for the attendee, with little spoken involvement to allow for quiet contemplation at the end of the day.

The flexibility and reflective atmosphere of Evensong means that it has increased in popularity over the last century, with individuals of wide-ranging religious or non religious backgrounds attending services. Reasons range from the desire to experience quality live performances of choral music, to attendees finding solace in the stillness and calm of the prayers and readings at the end of a busy day, an opportunity for reflection or meditation.

Jonathan Arnold, writing for the Spectator says “What some will hear through Christian ears is still beautiful heard through secular ones. Choral music within the liturgy is one of our greatest cultural and religious heritages; it is every bit as sincere and meaningful on a wet Tuesday in March as in a Christmas Nine Lessons and Carols.”

Please do come along and experience the quiet and stillness of St Laurence Church as well as some beautiful music on Friday 1st December at 7.00 pm – and do stay afterwards for mulled wine, mince pies and cheese straws.

Downton Christmas Tree Festival 2023 St Laurence Church

**Music, tea, cake, trees, wreaths,
the famous raffle, gift table
and so much more!**



**Saturday 2nd December
Sunday 3rd December**

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

Final entry deadline: Friday 24 November 2023
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***Any funds raised during the festival will be divided between St
Laurence Church and Wilton RDA, who at the Pembroke Centre
provide equine therapy for children and adults through riding
and ground-based activities. The ponies help people to deal
with disability, anxiety and dementia.***

Friends of St. Laurence 100 Club

The 100 Club was set up many years ago as a fund raiser to help contribute to the large maintenance expenses of our Grade 1 listed building. There are 4 draws a year with 3 prizes of £50, £35 and £25. The balance of monies is passed on to the church.

If you would like to help St. Laurence by becoming a member of the 100 club, please contact Ken or Jo Parsons on 01725 512738. It only costs £12 per year.

Recent winners:

June— Keith Denham, Ken Parsons, Jenny Greville-Heygate.

September – Val Marshall, Valerie Ekins and Jan Buckett

Many thanks. We hope to hear from you.

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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.

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Village website: www.downtonvillage.co.uk

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Friday 1st December, 3-6pm



Christmas Tree Sale

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

Locally grown Nordmann Firs

Sizes 4ft, 5ft and 6ft. (Payment by card or cash)

Also luxury handmade wreaths from £35.

Refreshments including hot chocolate, mince pies & mulled wine

See Facebook and posters for more details

Proceeds to Downton Moot Preservation Trust

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 22nd 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.

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



Downton Horticultural Society

**We will be holding our AGM in the Memorial Hall
at 7.30 pm on Thursday 23rd November.**

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 2024 subscriptions, still only £6, and asking for suggestions for our evening talks. 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)



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



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

Good Companions

The Good Companions Club meets weekly in Downton Memorial Hall on Tuesdays from 2.00 to 4.00 pm. We enjoy a number of activities, such as Games, Exercises, Bingo, Singing, and talks from a variety of different people, usually illustrated with slides.

Our programme for the next few weeks:

October 31st: Games

November 7th Bingo

14th One of Alan Jones' entertaining talks.

21st Games

28th Ken Wells with a talk on Police History and Forensics

December 5th Games and Christmas quiz

12th Christmas Bring and Buy

19th Community Choir and tea party

We re-open on 2nd January

Regular members pay £2 per session; visitors, who are always welcome, pay £2.50; cup of tea and biscuit included!

Contact Julia Whitmarsh on 01725 510601 for further details.



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

Downton Bowling Club

As reported in the previous edition the Bowling Club enjoyed a successful team season. We are glad to report that on top of this our Mixed Triples Team won The Westbrook Mixed Triples League. A great team effort that went down to the last match of the season.

The Club rounded off the playing year with the finals of the Club internal competition. Winners of these were as follows:

Triples - Marie Clarke, Nick Purkis, Ivan Buss.

Men's Pairs - Lewis Ambler & Nick Purkis

Ladies Pairs - Ann Noble & Marie Clarke

Men's Singles - Alan Waters

Ladies Singles - Marie Clarke

Now we have other events through the season starting with the Presentation Evening in November.

Added to this is the ever popular short mat bowls, which runs from 12th October to 14th December, and then from 11th January to 14th March, on Thursdays, starting at 2.15 pm.

If you are interested in the short mat, or in joining Downton Bowling Club, contact Mike Hallam on 01725513359. Or just turn up on a Thursday at the Sherwood Rooms in the Social Club.



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



Lover Repair Cafe



The Wonderful Day came along and a few of us made the journey to The Steam Museum in Swindon and the “Make a Difference Awards” presented by BBC Radio Solent. We were extremely pleased to be among so many caring, talented & well deserving folk and were privileged to receive, on behalf of Lover Repair Cafe, a ‘Highly Commended’ Award in the Community Group Section.

“DO NOT BIN IT, WE MAY FIX IT”

Latest News:

Charity Support: We are very pleased to report that during October we were able to record having raised and given away over £30,000 to local charities since our start four years ago and along the way we have been open over 400 mornings!!

New: This advert is showing items available simply for a small donation or free of charge, come & have a look for yourself.

(All items checked, cleaned, serviced & available at time of writing)
 Qualcast Elect Hedge Trimmer - Sony Mobile Radio System – Tesco Air Bed - Portable Type-writer/case – Chrome 2 Slice Toaster – Sennheiser Wireless Heads - Visia Facial Sauna – 2 No. Radio Alarm Clocks – 2 No. Modern Angle Poise Lamps Bosch - ‘Secure’ Steam Iron – Ladies Bike – 2 No. Men’s Bikes

Urgent Job Vacancies at present are as below. We are always looking for new faces.

1. **Computer Repairer/Trainer:** Do you enjoy repairing laptops/tablets/mobile phone etc & helping others to use the IT? Drop in or give us a call.
2. **Tea Lady / Caterer:** Would you like to join a small rota of caterers who provide the Fixers with teas and cater for all visitors to the Repair Cafe? Have a chat with Jane or Cherry, alternatively give us a call.

We are open every Wednesday & Friday morning from 10.00 am to midday in Redlynch Village Hall.

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 October meeting was Richard Hutley, a retired policeman. His talk was entitled 'Policing past and present' and was very interesting. He told us that Policing runs in his family; one of his ancestors was a parish constable in the 1600's. More recently his father, grandfather and great grandfather were also policemen. He then gave us some history of Policing and showed us some helmets, truncheons (which are quite heavy), and handcuffs, which we didn't try on in case we got stuck in them!

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 8th November 2.15 pm at Morgans Vale and Woodfalls Village Hall. The speaker will be Kate Edgar, who will be talking about singing.

Guests will be welcome for £5 including tea and cake. Enquiries to Liz Tanner on 07720255137.

Talkabout in Woodfalls Methodist Hall
Thursday 2nd November at 10.30 am

Coffee served from 10.00 am.

Speaker Gordon Lewis – 'Listen to the Band'

Social Evening on Saturday 4th November

in Woodfalls Methodist Hall

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 followed by Family Fortunes.**

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Woodfalls Methodist Christmas Market

Saturday 11th November 10-12

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Forest Edge Flower Arranging Society



Our October practical workshop was on Ikebana (the Japanese art of flower arrangement) and was so popular! A total of 18 people (plus two people watching) had a go at creating an Ikebana. Miyuki (one of the FEFAS members and also an Ikebana master of Ohara School) introduced one of the basic Ohara styles (and simply beautiful one), the Rising form. You can view their creations from the following webalbum: www.tiny.cc/ikebana

We look forward to our next meeting on 6th November, a demonstration by Graham King, entitled 'How Bizzare'. Refreshments from 7.00 pm followed by workshop 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!

* * Join Us For Our Golden Anniversary on 4th December * *

Forest Edge Flower Arranging Society is **50 years old** this year – we will be celebrating our Golden Anniversary with an evening of floral demonstrations entitled “A Golden Christmas” on Monday 4th December at the Downton Memorial Hall, at 7.30pm (Doors opens at 6.30 pm for refreshments). The guest demonstrator, Michael Bowyer MBE, is a past President of the National Association of Flower Arranging Societies and a national speaker, judge, demonstrator and teacher who lives in Salisbury. Tickets cost £15 (including refreshments) from:

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View full programme for 2023/24: <https://tinyurl.com/FEFAS2023-24>

Next meeting:

6th November Demonstration 'How Bizzare' by Graham King at 7.30 pm

Redlynch and District Local History Society

Our October meeting was the venue for our AGM at which Nick Brown was elected to the Office of Treasurer replacing Kate Crouch who has ably filled the role for more than 10 years. Kate was presented with a bouquet to thank her for her hard work.

This was followed by a talk on the role of Boscombe Down in the Cold War. Our local speaker Ron Burrows is a former test pilot and had four postings to Boscombe Down and has flown many fast jet types, from Hunters and Tornados to his favourite, the Harrier.

Ron flew the Hunter in the Middle East where he had his first experience of ejecting which caused him to lose 2mm in height and back injury due to the sudden acceleration caused by the explosive charge. Ron had a second ejection from a USN Skyhawk and revealed that the rocket ejection gave a much better physical experience due to the less violent acceleration.

Boscombe Down flying involved calibrating instruments, examining the behaviour of aircraft in icing (-40 degrees) and very hot conditions (+50 degrees) as well as electromagnetic compatibility testing. Other important aspects were the development of ejector seats which involved ejecting test dummies from aircraft at various speed and heights, inflight refuelling, ultra-low delivery of loads, and weapons testing of missiles and bombs.

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Many of the former Boscombe Down aircraft are now displayed in two hangars at the Museum at Old Sarum which is open Tuesday to Sunday inclusive. Exhibits include various engines and equipment as well as a Sea Harrier, Jaguar, Canberra and other well known post war types, and is well worth a visit.

Our next talk at Morgans Vale & Woodfalls Hall at 7:30pm is "Redlynch House Part 1" by Malcolm Birch on 7th November. This is the talk which was held over from last year; Part 2 is on 5th March 2024.



Redlynch Players Backstage News

‘A little cheesy-pineapple one?’

Autumn Production - Abigail's Party

Beverley is entertaining the new neighbours, and she'd love you to join in! After an intense few weeks rehearsing Mike Leigh's classic play, highlighting 1970s suburbia, we are thrilled to bring 'Abigail's Party' to the stage in all its vibrant and garish glory. For those who are unfamiliar with the story, Beverley and Laurence have invited their new neighbours, Angela and Tony, round for a little soiree and are joined by Sue, whose teenage daughter, Abigail is having a party and doesn't want her mother around. The evening gradually descends into chaos as the drinks flow and the adults begin to behave rather badly! Directed by Lloyd Perry, we will be performing in Redlynch Village Hall later this month. So... gather your 1970's gear, grab a cheesy pineapple on a stick and get your tickets for this great play – a perfect way to cheer up the autumn evenings!

Wednesday 22nd, Thursday 23rd, Friday 24th, Saturday 25th November at Redlynch Village Hall. Doors open at 7pm for a 7:30 start.

Tickets, priced £12, are now on sale and going quickly - please email tickets@redlynchplayers.co.uk or ring Ron Perry: 01725 510283.

Christmas Concert

We are delighted to announce the return of our Christmas Concert in collaboration with Fordingbridge Choral Society on **Sunday 10th December at St Mary's Church, Redlynch, at 6.00 pm.**

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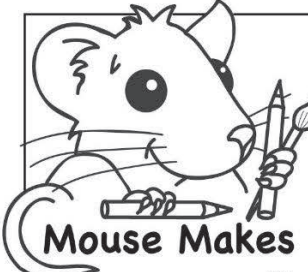
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Philippians 4:6-7 NIV

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Matthew 18:20

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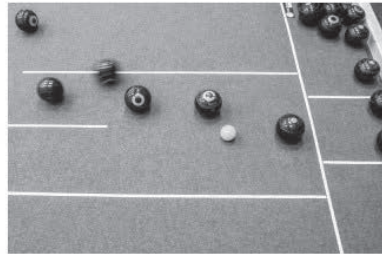
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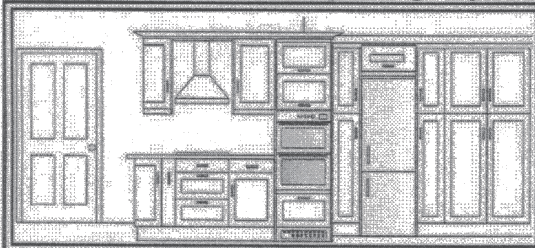
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