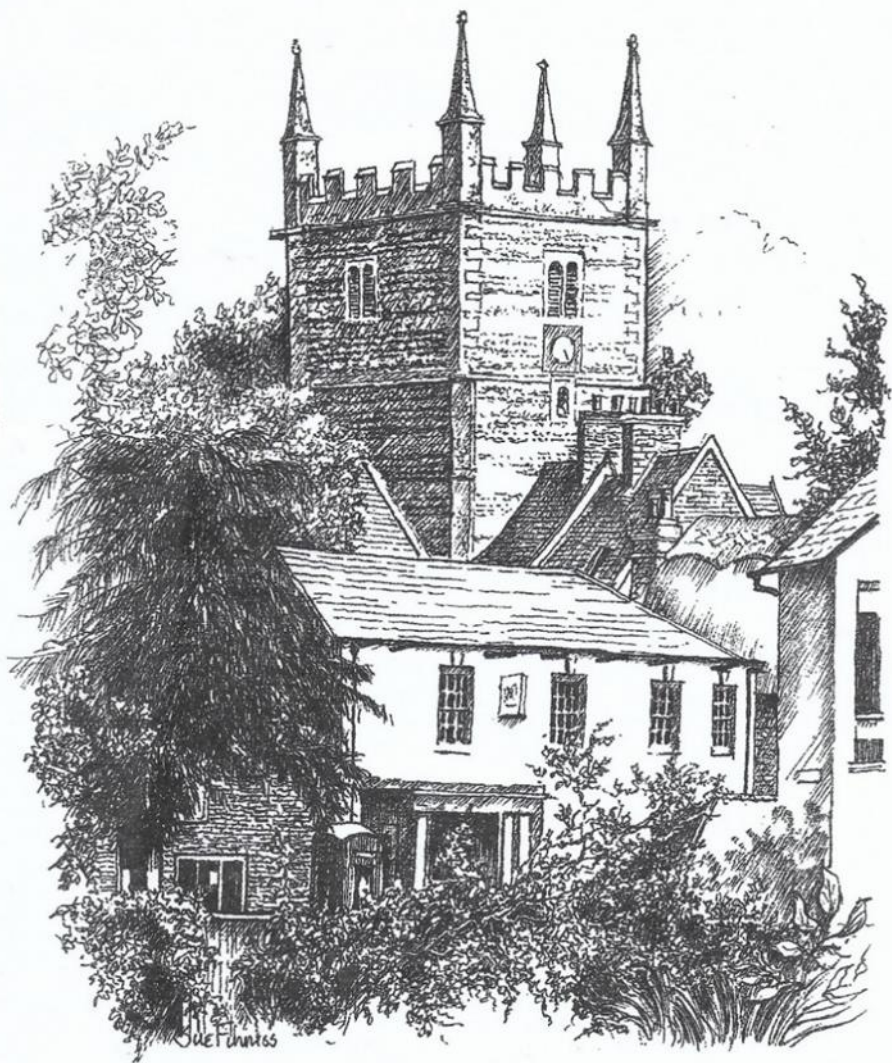


Downton

October 2022

Parish News



St. Laurence Church

50p

St Laurence Church Downton

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

Team Rector, Rev David Bacon

Tel. 01794 390256 Email: davidbramrec@aol.com

Churchwarden: Mr Ken Parsons 01725 512738

Parish administrator: Mrs Jo Parsons 01725 512738

Director of Music: Mrs Elaine Hicks-Arnold 01722 710341

Sunday School: Dr Janet McGee 01725 513869

Church Flowers: Mrs A Gates 01725 514674
& Mrs G White 01725 476024

Church website: www.stlaurencedownton.co.uk



www.facebook.com/stlaurencedownton

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



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

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

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

**From The Venerable Alan Jeans MBE, Archdeacon of Sarum
and Associate Priest, Forest and Avon Team Ministry**



‘Thy Kingdom come – here and now’

The 17th July saw the Licensing of David Bacon as Team Rector, Veronica Batchelor as Team Vicar, and myself as an Associate Priest. It does seem a while ago! It was the most joyful of occasions, and Bishop Andrew inaugurated our new ministries well.

The summer months were busy, with welcoming a new Diocesan Bishop, Bishop Stephen, battling the heat, and the ongoing threat in the cost of living increases – not just with our own homes and families, but the costs of being the parish churches in each of our communities. In Autumn, there is a sense of relief, and sense of apprehension, and a sense of the need to take stock, and make plans.

I’m aware of two kinds of planners. There is the Carpe Diem, ‘Live for Today’ person – the one who values each moment of each day, counts their blessings, and remind us of Jesus’ words – ‘Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own’. And there is the person who is constantly making plans, even though those plans will almost inevitably change or evolve – but there must always be a plan! I aim to be the sort of planner who tries to hold both these strategies for the future in a creative tension. I like to know what my month, my week, my day looks like at the start of the period. And equally, I love to have space and the gift of time to be distracted, or stop and chat to someone, or just sit down amidst the busyness, and to be, rather than to do.

The verse that immediately precedes ‘Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself’, has Jesus saying that worrying doesn’t usually make things better – ‘But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well’. Bishop Stephen has encouraged us to start thinking about the phrase ‘Thy Kingdom come – here and now’. God’s Kingdom, Christ’s presence with us, the gifts of the Holy Spirit, that are extravagantly given to us - all point us towards a renewed confidence in our faith; a growing strength in our communities and Church families; and a motivation to join in with what God promises us as his Kingdom people.

As a new clergy team, with new defined roles, we are committed to exploring what Thy Kingdom come – here and now, means. It will emerge out of our thinking in each of our six communities – what are our priorities for thriving as a Christian community within the villages that we share together? Let’s share our thoughts and ideas, and see what we can learn from one another.

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We are in this together – as a clergy team, a ministerial team, a Team Council and PCCs – together with the Parish Councils, and the myriad of groups and associations that make up our rich and diverse communities. As we come together for Harvestide let's give thanks for all those who work so hard to make our lives sustainable; for everyone who contributes in any way to the flourishing of our communities; for the extravagant gifts and blessings from God in Christ, and for our willingness to allow ourselves to be part of God's plan.

With my prayers and best wishes,
Alan

ST LAURENCE CHURCH SERVICES

2nd October	16th Sunday after Trinity and Harvest	
10.30am	Holy Communion	
	Gospel	Luke 17:5-10
9th October	17th Sunday after Trinity	
10.30am	Holy Communion	
	Gospel	Luke 17:11-19
16th October	18th Sunday after Trinity	
10.30am	Holy Communion	
	Gospel	Luke 18:1-8
23rd October	Last after Trinity	
10.30am	Morning Worship	
	Gospel	Luke 18:9-14
30th October	4th Sunday before Advent	
10.30am	Downton Churches Together	
	at the Baptist Church	

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

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



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 **20th October 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

Current Services: Sunday Mornings at 10.30am (indoors)

The Service will be live streamed.

Online Services are on the Downton Baptist Church website.

Ministers: Rev Philip Rhoades and Rev Katy Ulliyatt

More details of all events from Rev Philip Rhoades:

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

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

Website: www.downtonbaptist.org



Woodfalls Methodist Church

The Ridge, Woodfalls, SP5 2LH

Further details on pp 4,5

All enquiries to Graham Tanner (01725 512648);
email gtanner.gtanner@btinternet.com

Church Services in the Forest and Avon Team for October

Sunday 2nd October

- 9.30am Harvest Family Service at St Peter's, Bramshaw
- 10am Harvest Worship at St Birinus, Morgans Vale
- 10.30am Harvest Communion at St Laurence, Downton
- 10.30am Harvest Gathering at Landford Methodist Hall
(followed by lunch)
- 4pm Harvest Festival at St Peter's, Plaitford

Wednesday 5th Worship at Woodfalls Methodist 10.45am
(followed by lunch)

Sunday 9th October

- 10am Holy Communion at Woodfalls Methodist
- 10.30am Holy Communion at St Laurence, Downton
- 10.30am The Gathering at Landford Methodist Hall
- 6pm Harvest Praise & Supper in Redlynch Village Hall
In support of our Deanery Charity "Morning Star"

Sunday 16th October

- 9.30am Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bramshaw
- 10am Morning Worship at St Mary's, Redlynch
- 10.30am Holy Communion at St Laurence, Downton
- 10.30am Sunday Worship at Landford Methodist Church

Wednesday 19th Worship at Woodfalls Methodist 10.45am
(followed by lunch)

Sunday 23rd October

- 9.30am Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bramshaw
- 10am Holy Communion at St Birinus, Morgans Vale
- 10.30am Morning Worship at St Laurence, Downton
- 10.30am The Gathering (Café style) at Landford Methodist Hall
- 11am Holy Communion at St Andrew's, Landford

Wednesday 26th Holy Communion (BCP*) at St Mary's, Redlynch
At 10.45am

Sunday 30th October

- 9.30am Memorial Service at St Peter's, Bramshaw
 10am Morning Worship at Woodfalls Methodist Church
 10.30am Downton Churches Together United Service
 At Downton Baptist Church
 10.30am The Gathering at Landford Methodist Hall

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

You are welcome to attend any of these local services.

We also offer contemporary on-line worship through the "Sunday Slot" which appears most weeks at 10.30am on YouTube.
 Our YouTube Channel is called "The Church in Landford."



Harvest Celebration

with Holy Communion

All-Age Worship

**Sunday 2nd October at 10.30 am
 at St Laurence Church**

with Downton Band

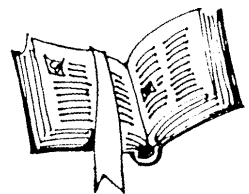
Your own garden produce is welcome
 as well as gifts of tinned and dried groceries

all proceeds go to Salisbury Food Bank

Don't forget: we also have a regular collection of dried
 and tinned goods for the Food Bank throughout the year.
 Donations may be brought to St Laurence Church on Sunday mornings.

Prayer Diary for October

- 1 Churches Together in Downton
- 2 Harvest – giving thanks for all God's goodness
- 3 Our Forest & Avon Team
- 4 Organist and Choir
- 5 Those made redundant or unable to find work
- 6 Those starting university and college
- 7 Our Church School
- 8 Peace in the World
- 9 Bishop Andrew
- 10 Sidespeople, Intercessors and Lesson Readers
- 11 Our Team Rector and family
- 12 Our Churchwarden
- 13 The Bereaved
- 14 Our Bellringers
- 15 Those who produce our Parish magazine
- 16 All ministers in the village
- 17 Sunday School
- 18 St Luke: All who minister to the sick
- 19 Trafalgar School at Downton
- 20 All visitors to our Churches
- 21 Those who live alone.
- 22 School Governors
- 23 Bishop Stephen
- 24 Those in Residential & Nursing Homes
- 25 All who assist with our services
- 26 Our witness as a Church
- 27 Our Lay Pastoral Assistants
- 28 Flower Arrangers
- 29 Young People in the Church
- 30 Bible Sunday
- 31 Those training for ministry



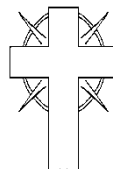
Please use this diary as a part of your own prayers. In this way we can pray together as a parish for our common concerns. If you have any suggestions for inclusion in this diary, please have a word with Jo Parsons

Baptism:

14th August

Amelia Louise Elizabeth Targett

Jesus said “suffer the little children to come unto me”

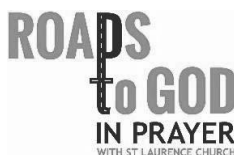
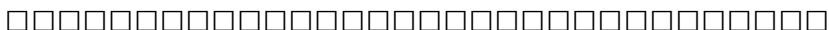


Funerals:

10th August – Dorothy Sheath(95)

16th August – Margaret Daphne Woodhouse(90)

“May they rest in peace and rise in glory”



In our cycle of prayer for all living and working in our community, during **October** we will be offering prayers for: **Squarey Close, The Sidings, Batchelor Way, Bundy Grove, Haydon Close, Keeley Close and Moody Drive.**

Requests for particular prayers can be made:
by telephoning Reverend Ron Hart on 01725 514772 or if unavailable
please contact 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 19th October 2022 at 10.30am in St. Laurence Church and will be led by Rev Ron Hart. We will pray for both the particular roads in our prayer cycle together with the whole village.

The Downton Society**MOVIOLA'S LAST HURRAH!**

There has been much discussion of late about the future of Moviola here in Downton, which has been running since 2014. Unfortunately the changing face of entertainment and the rise of easy film streaming at home during lockdowns have taken their toll on all but the most faithful of our audiences. Not enough people are visiting our live cinema screenings. The Downton Society now feels that it cannot continue to sustain the continuing losses (over £500.00 in the past six showings alone) and has, reluctantly, decided to pull out of Moviola after one final extravaganza in October 2022.

BUT – the good news is that we have managed to find a blockbuster that will appeal to all age groups especially those who remember the rise of the King of Rock and Roll – Elvis Presley! We are obtaining an events licence in order to sell alcohol and we also need to empty our freezer of ice-cream! There will be a prize for the best Elvis Impersonator! Dancing in the aisles is expected...

Saturday 22nd October

ELVIS (2022) 12A

Director: Baz Luhrmann

With Austin Butler, Tom Hanks

Runtime: 159 mins

The film recounts the life and music of Elvis Presley (Austin Butler), seen through the prism of his complicated relationship with his manager, Colonel Tom Parker (Tom Hanks). The story explores the complex dynamic between Presley and Parker over a period of 20 years, from Presley's humble beginnings to his international stardom. Central to that journey is one of the most significant and influential people in Elvis's life, Priscilla Presley (Olivia DeJonge).

Tickets are only available on the night at the Memorial Hall with the doors opening at 7pm and the performance starting at 7.30pm. There is plenty of room and we try to keep the seating as well spaced and ventilated as we can. We can accommodate up to 50+ comfortably (as long as you bring your own cushions ... those chairs still need some padding!).

Further information from Sue and Lawrence on: 07825 745 246

Ride and Stride for Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust (WHCT)

On 10th September our treasurer, Mark Merrill, took part in 'Ride and Stride' by doing a sponsored walk to raise funds for WHCT. He walked between nine Salisbury churches starting from the Park and Ride and St Peter's in Britford, through Salisbury and its various churches to St Francis, ending up at the two churches in Harnham - overall a distance of about eight miles. Thank you to all who sponsored him and, if you think you missed out, there is still time to add your name and money to the cause. Just contact Mark before 7th October.

St Laurence Church was also open all day to welcome other Riders and Striders raising funds for WHCT. The Trust has provided two substantial grants for urgent repairs to St Laurence Church in recent years.



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.



Home-start Hampshire Open Art Exhibition at Downton Memorial Hall 11th – 13th November

Raising funds for Home-start Hampshire. Contact:

Charlotte.dooley@hshants.org.uk or ring 07713890367

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

- and people to visit the exhibition!

Sponsored by Dorset Art Society 2020 and John Lewis / Waitrose



Lynn Purcell would like to say a huge thank you to all those people who visited The Corn Mill during Hampshire Open Studios.

The sum of £746.91 was raised for The Breast Care Unit at Salisbury Hospital from your kind donations for the tea/coffee and cake.

That brilliant total has made all those evenings spent baking well worth while, so THANK YOU!



Hearing Aid Clinic

Downton Baptist Church, South Lane

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

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

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

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



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'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

Royal British Legion Downton Branch



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

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

Saturday 29th October

Saturday 5th November

Saturday 12th November.

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

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

Remembrance Sunday is on 13th November. The Wreath Laying Ceremony will take place at The Downton Memorial Centre, starting at 11.10 am. All are welcome.

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

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

Bryan Morris: Chairman Downton RBL/Poppy Appeal Organiser

Tel: 01725 513164



Lover Repair Cafe

Latest News:

Ukrainian Crisis: Our support for Ukraine via DEC (Gov adds 20%) continues, with £1,570 raised to date, for which we thank all who have contributed.

Covid Hospital Staff Project / Air Ambulance / Local Schools: We continue to support these organisations on a monthly basis. The Hospital has received to date £13,000.

Radio Odstock: We are continually supported and advertised by Radio Odstock, As a result we have this month supported their work by donating £100 for equipment.

Chat-a Techie: If you have any computer/tablet concerns, please contact the Techies, book in (preferably) Email loverrepaircafe@gmail.com or phone 01725 51073 to book.

Tesco's: We get great support from the Tesco Community Champion Gilbert Stamall including biscuits & other treats that we can use for staff nourishment & Cafe, so we take this opportunity to thank them very much.

Helpers: The final good news this month is, we give a big welcome to two new Helpers Pauline and Sarah, a Seamstress and a Cane-worker



The Helper of the Month is Martin



The weather is on the change and a client brought in a Barometer that had lost its lettering and numbers. It took Martin some time to work out a solution. Eventually he located a replacement dial face and was able to restore it completely.



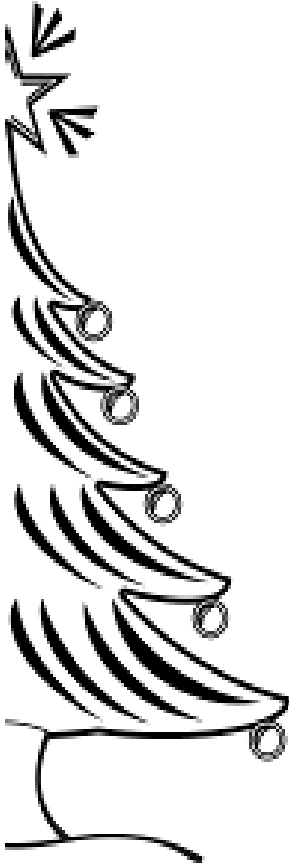
Finally: It's nice to note that both Wednesday and Friday Cafes are being used fully once again. A chance for a Tea and Chat or technical help whilst little jobs are being done.

Remember we are open every Wednesday and Friday morning, 10.00am till 12 noon at Redlynch Village Hall, so do pop in and 'enjoy the chaos'. We phone you when your item is ready for collection and simply ask you to pay for material costs and make a donation to our Local Projects when you pick your item up. **Enquiries: Paul 01725 510753 or preferably write to us at loverrepaircafe@gmail.com**

Downton Christmas Tree Festival 2022

St Laurence Church

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



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

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

**Entry forms will be available in the
Downton Library, the Borough Cafe
and St Laurence Church**

**or can be downloaded from the church and village
websites from 20th September at:**

www.stlaurencedownton.co.uk www.downtonvillage.co.uk

Final entry deadline: Friday 25 November 2022

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

Downton Horticultural Society

We were very pleased with the success of our recent Autumn Show. Although the total number of entries was lower than in previous years due to the long summer drought there were still some excellent exhibits and an amazing number of beautiful dahlias. We were also very pleased to have so many people coming to see the exhibits and enjoying the refreshments.

Our next event is an illustrated talk by Pauline Weeks entitled 'You and your Garden in Climate Change' which seems particularly relevant after the very hot and dry conditions we have all experienced. The talk will take place in the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday 29th October and new members and visitors are very welcome to come along.

Gordon Bishop (01725 511475)



Goldies Sing-Along Social Group at Downton Memorial Hall

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

Goldies takes place on the 4th Wednesday of the month from 10.00 am, led by Carole Still. The next session is on 28th October. Walk down the side of the Hall, and enter through the door on the left.

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

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

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

Good Companions

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

On 6th September we spent an interesting and enjoyable afternoon with Bonny Sartin, from Dorset, who shared the history behind some of the folk songs of that county and the outlying regions. He sang us a few songs, some of which were familiar, but those of us from the Midlands and further North knew different versions of them. It was interesting too, hearing about people who travelled round the counties writing the folk songs they heard. There were two brothers who would spend weeks cycling round Dorset and beyond, one brother writing the words and the other writing down the tunes.

Phyl Ford has arranged the following speakers:

8th October - Carol Watson with scenic and floral slides, telling the story of one of her visits to a faraway place.

1st November - Ron Taylor – 'Italy from tip to toe'.
Another 'journey' to look forward to.





Introducing your local Co-op Member Pioneer

Across the country, the Co-op has been recruiting Member 'Pioneers' to bring together Co-op members, colleagues, and local causes to make communities better places to work, play, live and learn. Downton's Member Pioneer is Amy Newson. Amy says: "I have been in post since March and am really enjoying getting to know more about the community and getting to know lots of people. I am local and have lived here for the past 6 years. If you would like to find out more about what I do or have any ideas on how the Co-op can support our local community, please do contact me amy.newson@coop.co.uk".



Downton Link**Registered Charity: 1075805**

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



As hospital appointments increase and social events get back to somewhere near normal the workload of Downton Link has increased over the last few months. With some drivers recently retiring or moving away from the area we are always looking for new recruits. So, if you have some spare time and fancy driving for Downton Link please contact us on the above number or email. As a driver you can choose how much or how little you are willing to do.

If driving does not appeal you may like to become a co-ordinator to arrange the trips for the clients and drivers. This would normally only require some commitment once every 4 to 5 weeks.

John Matthews (Downton Link Chairman)



Downton Bowling Club

Right next door to the football ground in Wick Lane.



Have you tried bowls?

Why not join us for a roll up at 6.00pm every Friday night throughout the season, then relax with a drink afterwards in the Clubhouse.

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

Phone - Mike Hallam on 01725 513359

Email - downtonbowls@gmail.com

Facebook -

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



SCAN ME

A warm welcome awaits you.

Downton Bowling Club Win The Cup!

A team of Downton bowlers, captained by Steve Allen, won the Harold Ford Cup in the Mixed Triples. They were victors over Amesbury Bowls Club in the Final.

Our Bowls Club has reached the end of the League season, so the teams know the outcomes of all their efforts over the summer months. The good news is that our lovely Ladies, in the New Forest League, have finished in a close third place. Third place was also achieved by The Downton Dragons in the Bournemouth and District League

Everyone is talking about the weather, and it is no different at the Bowling Club. As you can imagine, the dry weather affects the condition of the Green, but we are doing our best to keep it a nice surface to play on. The Green Team have just purchased a new mower which will improve the playing surface for years to come. The Club would like to extend gratitude to Downton Parish Council and the Wiltshire County Area Board for their support in this purchase.

During September some really enjoyable matches are played against Touring sides and Friendlies with other Clubs, playing Rosedale, Sherfield English and Fordingbridge. A Downton side also did battle with the Timber Trundlers. This team is unusual because they still use wooden (as opposed to composite) bowls. They are made of Lignum Vitae, which translated from Latin, means Tree/wood of life. The wooden ones were replaced by the modern equivalent in the '50s.

The hot weather has also made it necessary to postpone matches. One thing that does not get cancelled is our regular Friday Club Night, when our members meet up for a social game of bowls, or play an internal Club competition match. These evenings have been very well attended this season, and could be the right time for anyone wishing to try bowls for the first time to come along. Give Mike Hallam a call on 01725 513359 to arrange something, or just come along to see what it is all about.

Mike is also the man to call about our short mat bowling sessions. These take place from Thursday 6th October, in the Sherwood Room, from 2.00pm - 4.00pm. The cost will be £2 per person, per session, which will include a cup of tea/coffee and a biscuit.



supporting Breast Cancer NOW
Salisbury & New Forest North Group
 &

in memory of Erica McLaren

1st October, 2022
10:00am - 4:00pm

Landford Village Hall
Landford, Nr Salisbury
SP5 2AE

Entrance £2.50

Over 30 stalls

- Fabrics
- Textile Craft
- Wool
- Patchwork accessories

Refreshments & Light Lunches

Quilt exhibition

Grand Raffle including
works by:

Grace Meijer,
Linda Seward,
& other prizes



For details contact Wendy Quick, 07734505242 or
wendy@salisburybreastcancernow.co.uk

Forest Edge Flower Arranging Society Report



Our September demonstrator, Andrea Hillyard, enabled us to imagine what is like to run a busy and successful flower shop. All her stories and skilful floral creations, including her 'wacky Brussel sprouts wreaths' and accounts of arranging/delivering flowers for Queen Elizabeth II on her famous Britannia ship, were fascinating – the latter story now becoming a poignant memory of her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II...

Our next meeting on 3rd October will be a workshop with Pip Bensley entitled "Stacking and Packing". Please note - refreshments from 12.30 pm followed by the workshop at 1.00 pm. Visitors are most welcome for a fee of £6. Do contact us for further information & what materials to bring.

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

Contact: Julie Bottone 01725 514875

Email: forestedgeflower@gmail.com

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

Upcoming meetings:

3 rd October	Workshop with Pip Bensley	12.30 pm
7 th November	Winter Competition	7.00 pm
5 th December	Demonstration by Allison Finch	7.00 pm



Talkabout

Thursday October 6th 10.00 for 10.30 am

Bridge over the River Kwai: Speaker Kevin Patience

Woodfalls Methodist Hall, SP5 2LH. Car Park at rear.

Admission £4 to include tea/coffee and biscuits.

No need to book.

Redlynch and District WI

Rosemary, our president, welcomed us to the 106th birthday party meeting and also welcomed Downton Jubilee Brass band, who were entertaining us. She then continued :

We meet today with mixed feelings following the death of our Queen just six days ago. Together with millions of others we are in shock and sorrowful, not just for ourselves but for the Royal family and a wider family throughout the world. At the same time we have so many happy memories we cherish. Many here today can remember her accession to the throne and her Coronation which we viewed on a tiny television screen or Pathe News at a cinema, and we have followed her seventy years of service with admiration. Now we wish to express our great debt of gratitude to our late sovereign for her many years of dedication and service, her leadership, example and humanity, as we sing the hymn 'The Day Thou gavest, Lord, is ended'. This was followed by a minute's silence and the national anthem.

We were then entertained by the band, and Liz Tanner gave a background history of the brass bands and the instruments played by the members. Feet were tapping during the music! This was followed by a delicious birthday tea, provided by the committee. The afternoon was a great success and our thanks go to the band and the committee.

The next meeting is on Wednesday October 12th at 2.15 pm, and the speaker will be Suzanne Kempston: 'A Landscape shaped by the ancient tradition of the Commoner '

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



Woodfalls Methodist Church Social event

Saturday 15th October

Starting with a meal at 5.30 pm

followed by Channel Island Cricket (No running or ball involved)

No set charge - box for donations.

Everyone welcome.

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Redlynch Local History Society

Our September meeting featured five speakers talking about their favourite history topic in ten minute sessions. First off was Kathleen Puttick who invited us to visit Fordingbridge Museum which is situated in a substantial building in Kings Yard, and is open from Easter until October half term. The museum features everyday implements and life prior to the 1950's, including sections on Augustus John, Chubb locks, Victorian domestic implements and local businesses.

Annette Jack spoke about the Old Sarum site, which dates from around 2500 BC as an Iron Age hill site. Recent archaeology has found evidence of Roman stables outside the bailey, and medieval housing has been found near the Pauls Dene area and to the West of the bailey. Eleanor of Aquitaine was imprisoned for 16 years at Old Sarum .

Kate Crouch pointed out links between Redlynch area and the Cathedral. St Birinus, who founded Downton church in 7thC AD, is commemorated by a statue on the West face of the Cathedral, the Morrison Window is a link to George Morrison of Hamptworth, and the Frederick Webb stone is another link to Hamptworth.

Ruth Webber ran through the history of Downton by century. Amongst the interesting points was the initial establishment of a settlement in Castle Meadow with the much later addition of the nearby Roman villa, Saxon church and Norman castle. The development of mills and businesses from the 13thC onwards emphasises the decline of industry in the 20thC. The Inn on the site of the White Horse (now The Goat) was established in the 16thC and the Bull in the 18thC.

Peter Roberts asked for volunteers to digitally collate the 1921 census information recently acquired by the Society. This census differs from earlier versions by having places of work listed and as such has much more information in addition to places of birth, house occupants and occupation

Our next talk is 'A place of last resort: the history of Fordingbridge Workhouse' by Wendy Cracknell, at MorgansVale & Woodfalls Hall at 7.30 pm on 4th October.

Our web site is <https://www.redlynchlocalhistory.org>

Silver Salisbury's Autumn Programme 2022

To celebrate International Older People's Day, Silver Salisbury has put together a programme of free and low-cost events that might interest older people. This year's programme started in September and runs until 9th October.

As well as regular clubs and activities in Downton, Salisbury and other places there are special one-off events to bring like-minded people together. Events include music, creative activities, walks and talks, and ways of keeping active. With more than 100 different activities, there should be something for everyone

You can find out what's going on by picking up a paper programme, as these should be available in many places, including libraries and information centres. The programme is also on the website www.silversalisbury.co.uk and there will be regular updates on the Silver Salisbury Facebook page.

A number of groups and activities in Downton, many mentioned in this magazine, have special meetings during this period to give a taster of what they have to offer, and others will welcome visitors to take part in their regular activities. In some cases a special 'one-off' event has been arranged.

Some of the less well-known groups are:

Redlynch/Downton Walking Football. email: robert.paget@wiltshire.gov.uk
Or ring: 01722 434770

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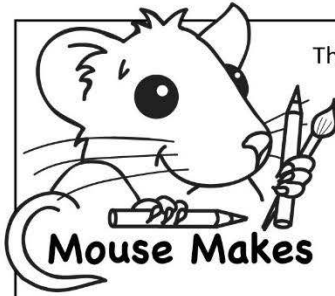
Downton Horticultural Society especially welcomes visitors on Thursday 27th October at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall for a talk entitled: 'You and your garden in Climate Change'. Ring: 01725 511475



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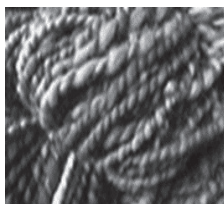
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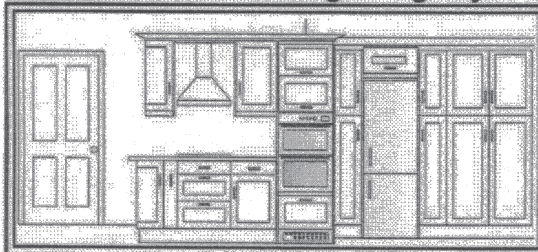
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