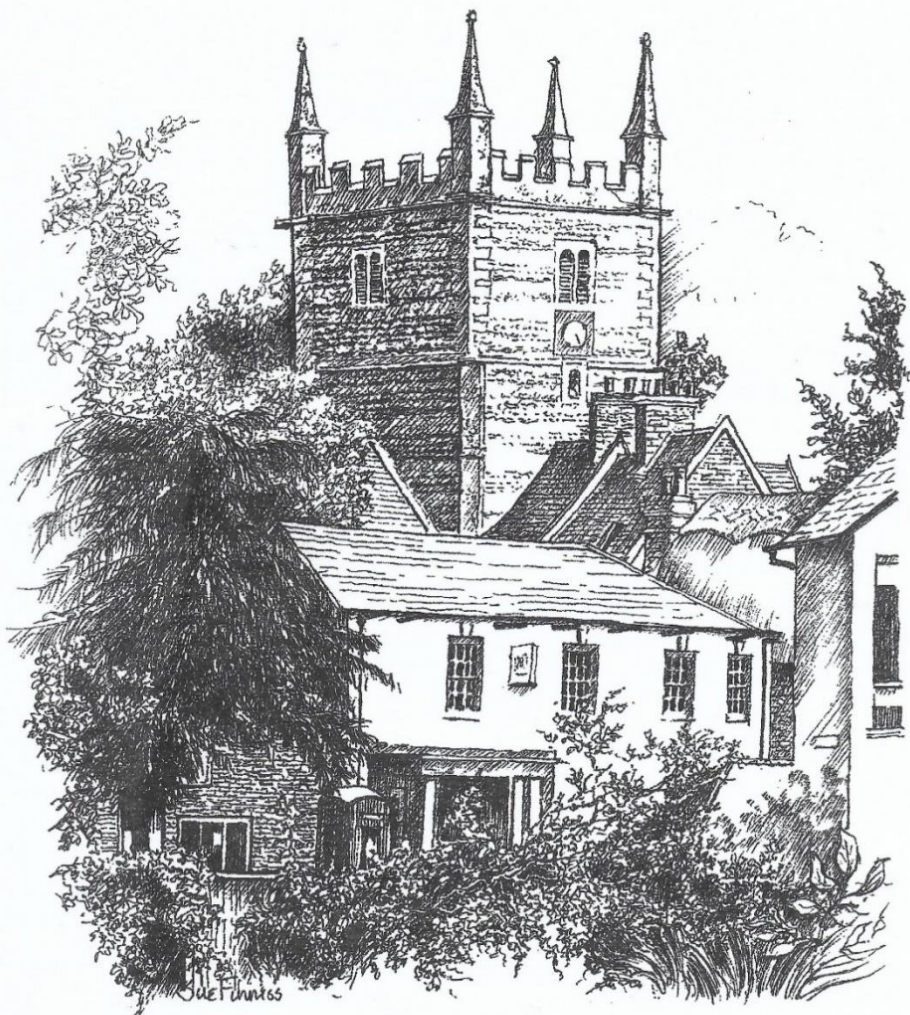


Downton

May 2022

Parish News



St. Laurence Church

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St Laurence Church Downton

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

Priest in Charge, 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

At present St Laurence Church is not open on a daily basis, but we hope to resume this at some time in the future. Currently the church is open on Wednesdays from 11.00 am – 12 noon for those who wish to reflect and pray in peaceful surroundings.



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

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

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

From Rev Veronica Batchelor –
Team Priest, Forest and Avon Team



Heaven is up there!

I asked someone the other day where they thought heaven was and with a gusto of confidence and enthusiastically pointing to the sky I was told 'heaven is up there!' It may come as no surprise that this was the answer given by a child. But I wonder how we would answer. Let's give it a go 'Where would you say heaven is?' The child after having told me where heaven was, pointed downwards and said 'and hell is down there!' I asked him, 'If heaven is up there and hell is down there, where are we?' After a little thought he answered 'we're in between'. The boy's explanation of being 'in between' I think is a pretty good one. As we are neither completely in heaven or in hell.

Some of you will remember the 80's number one song by Belinda Carlisle 'Heaven is a place on earth' and in some ways I think this is right too. It may not always seem like it but recognising those small glimpses of heaven should be something we aim to do every day. Whilst we need to look for glimpses of heaven it's also important that our words and actions reveal glimpses of heaven to others. Whether through a smile, a listening ear, a kind gesture or simply just being there for someone. Of course, all these loving gestures cost nothing and they don't require us to have a faith.

Whatever our answer might be to 'Where is heaven?' may we all reveal glimpses of heaven to each other. Then the prayer that Jesus taught us to pray 'thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven' maybe nearer to being answered.

Veronica x

ST LAURENCE CHURCH SERVICES

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| 1st May 10.30am | 3rd Sunday of Easter Cuckoo Fair Service in Memorial Hall | |
| 8th May 10.30am | 4th Sunday of Easter Holy Communion Gospel | John 10:22-30 |
| 15th May 10.30am | 5th Sunday of Easter Holy Communion Gospel | John 13:31-35 |
| 22nd May 10.30am | 6th Sunday of Easter Morning Worship Gospel | John 5: 1-9 |
| 26th May 10am | Ascension Day Holy Communion | |
| 29th May 10.30am | Sunday after Ascension Day Downton Churches Together United service at St. Laurence | |

We ask that you continue to sanitise your hands on arrival. Wearing a mask throughout the service is **advised**. Communion will still be by wafer only. Hymns will be sung behind masks.

We ask people to respect those who still wish to distance, but please feel free to sit with others if you wish.

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

The Church will continue to open each Wednesday from 11am until 12 noon for private prayer.

Woodfalls Methodist Church

The Ridge, Woodfalls, SP5 2LH

Services for May:

Sunday 1st May 10.00am Woodfalls Methodist. Holy Communion led by Rev Bryan Coates.

Wednesday 4th May 10.45am Cafe style worship at Woodfalls Methodist led by Rev Bryan Coates. Followed by lunch

Sunday 8th May 10.00am St Mary's Praise and Worship

Sunday 15th May 10.00am St Birinus Holy Communion

Wednesday 18th May 10.45am Cafe Style Worship for Christian Aid week at Woodfalls Methodist. Followed by lunch.

Sunday 22nd May 10.00am Praise and Worship at Woodfalls Methodist led by Mr Dan Bishop.

6pm Evensong and Holy Communion at St Mary's

Sunday 29th May 10.00am St Mary's Holy Communion

All enquiries to: Graham Tanner, telephone 01725 512648;

email gtanner.gtanner@btinternet.com

Online Services at: **www.salisburymethodist.org.uk**



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 19th May at 6.30 pm

If you would like to join the Zoom services 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:

Services are being held 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



Hearing Aid Clinic at Downton Baptist Church

We are now going back to the first Thursday of the month.

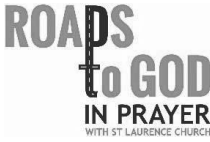
Drop off hearing aids between 10 am and 12 pm for re-tubing.

- Batteries will only be issued with hearing aid repairs, not on their own. Continue to ring for batteries.
- Hearing aids must be placed in an envelope with a name and contact details.
- A member of the RNID team will collect the envelope from the client outside the Church.
- Please wear a mask if possible.
- Clients can either wait in their car or return later to pick up their hearing aids.
- A limited number of clients will be able to wait inside.
- Hearing aids must be collected before 12.30 pm.
- This service is for Salisbury audiology hospital patients.
- Please bring battery issue card – most important.

*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; 07570 670 643. Gillian.Drayson@RNID.org.uk
rnid.org.uk



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

ALL who live and work in Downton

In June we will commence a new cycle of prayer.

In the present situation we are unable to deliver our usual prayer cards.

Requests for particular prayers can be made:

by telephoning Reverend Ron Hart on 01725 514772 or if unavailable

please contact Mrs Jo Parsons 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 18th May 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.

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Cuckoo Fair Service

with all the Downton churches

**Sunday 1st May at 10.30 am
in the Memorial Hall**

All are welcome to join us for an informal Service

Prayer Diary for May

- 1 Those getting married this year
- 2 All who rely on food aid
- 3 Our Church School
- 4 Our Witness to the Faith
- 5 Archbishop Justin Welby
- 6 Our Churchwarden
- 7 Medical staff: in hospitals, GPs, Care homes, research labs
- 8 Our Parochial Church Council (PCC)
- 9 Our Team Priest and family
- 10 All key workers
- 11 Charities struggling to continue their work
- 12 Those made redundant or unable to find work
- 13 Our community
- 14 St Matthias - Growing through God's Word
- 15 Those who are ill and their families
- 16 Politicians and their advisors
- 17 Young people
- 18 School Governors
- 19 Peace in the World
- 20 The Forest and Avon Team
- 21 Our Bishops and all Church Leaders
- 22 The Bereaved
- 23 Those who produce our Parish magazine
- 24 Our Lay Pastoral Assistants (LPAs)
- 25 All who minister to the sick
- 26 Ascension Day – Christ our King
- 27 Those alone and depressed
- 28 Trafalgar School at Downton
- 29 Those at University and College
- 30 Those in Residential and Nursing Homes
- 31 Volunteers helping others in their community

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

Buy tickets On-line: bishop-andrew.evenbrite.co.uk or e-mail: tickets@stmarys-redlynch.org.uk or
phone Peter Bishop: 01725 512779



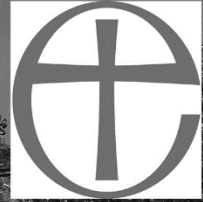
The Forest & Avon Team Minstry Presents:
An Evening of Songs & Stories with
Bishop Andrew, St Laurence Church,
Downton
Thu, 19 May 2022, 19:00 -21:30



The Forest & Avon Team Ministry are pleased to announce an evening of Stories and Songs with Dr Andrew Rumsey, The Bishop of Ramsbury, at St Laurence Church, Downton. The Bishop will bring his rich talents as both a musician and also an author of a new book, *English Grounds: A Pastoral Journal*. The book is rooted in the Wiltshire landscape and explores themes of place, spirituality and belonging in a series of short essays and photographs. Former Literary Editor of The Times, Erica Wagner, describes his latest title as *"a marvellous book, lit by faith, love and imagination"*.



Tickets include a welcome drink and complimentary interval refreshments. There will be a Cash bar. All profit from the evening will be donated to Morning Star (Salisbury), a Christian charity seeking to support people in Salisbury struggling with the storms of life often leading to homelessness, mental health problems, relationship breakdown or addiction.



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Buy tickets On-line: bishop-andrew.evenbrite.co.uk or e-mail: tickets@stmarys-redlynch.org.uk or
phone Peter Bishop: 01725 512779



The Parish Council meeting was held at the Downton Memorial Centre on Monday 11th April 2022. Eight members of the public were present.

Unitary Cllr Richard Clewer:

Cllr Clewer reported that:

- Following the queries raised at the Annual Parish Meeting, it would be worthwhile the Council considering the setting up of a Community Speed Watch group as these had been successful elsewhere in Wiltshire.
- All incidents of anti-social behaviour or crime should continue to be reported to the police either on 111 or online on <https://www.wiltshire.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/>

Co-option

Mr Stuart Carter was co-opted to fill the vacancy for a councillor in the Charlton All Saints Ward.

Grants

The Council awarded grants to Downton Bowls Club towards the purchase of a new mower and to Charlton All Saints village towards its Jubilee Weekend.

Platinum Jubilee Flypast

The Council noted the successful application to the RAF Air Events Team for a Lancaster from the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight to complete a flypast along The Borough on the afternoon of Saturday 4th June 2022 for the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations. The timing of the flypast was not yet known but this would be published on noticeboards and social media nearer the time.

Vacancies: There are currently 6 vacancies for councillors on the Parish Council. If you are interested in finding out more about becoming a councillor, please contact the Clerk.

The next meeting, the Annual Meeting, is on Monday 9th May 2022 at 7.30 pm at the Downton Memorial Centre, The Borough, Downton.

Bev Cornish

Clerk to Downton Parish Council, West View, Slab Lane, Downton, SP5 3PS Tel 01725 513874

**Email: clerk@downtonparishcouncil.gov.uk
www.downtonparishcouncil.gov.uk**

Celebration Organ Recital - Friday 6th May at 7.00 pm

In 2017 St Laurence Church started the restoration of its pipe organ, which is a fine example of the work of the Victorian organ builder William Sweetland. Progress has been much delayed by the deaths of both of the original contractors and by Covid. It is now almost complete.

To celebrate this completion and to allow us to hear the organ at its best after many years the Assistant Director of Music from Salisbury Cathedral, John Challenger, has agreed to come and give a concert of organ music on Friday 6th May at 7.00 pm. The concert will include pieces by Bach, Elgar, Lefebure-Wely and Wesley.

**Tickets £12 - available on the door.
Also in advance from the Borough Café**



The Queen's Jubilee

Kate Edgar and Jane Seden are putting on a concert
to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee
in the Memorial Gardens
on Thursday June 2nd at 6pm.

Everyone welcome.

There will be a collection in aid of the Primary school.

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**The Moot has decided to hold a Jubilee celebration and picnic
on Sunday June 5th in the Moot from 2.00 pm to 7.00 pm.**

This will include the concert mentioned above, at 5.00 pm.

There will also be children's games, music and refreshments etc.

Again, details to be confirmed.



St Laurence Church Flower Rota

Gail and Anne are looking for volunteers to join the Flower rota for St Laurence Church, Downton.

Usually people on the rota work in pairs for two consecutive weeks in the year, meeting on a Friday to arrange their flowers in church. Alternatively you can bring an arrangement you have made at home to be placed in the church.

Also, if you are free, we would enjoy your company and help over the holiday periods ie Easter, Harvest and Christmas.

Please contact either Gail White on 01725 476024 or Anne Gates on 01725 514674 and we would be happy to chat to you and give you a little more information.

We look forward to hearing from you.



Downton Open Gardens

This will take place on Sunday June 26th from noon to 5 pm. We shall be raising money for the DEC appeal for Ukraine, and Downton 4 family.

Eight gardens in the village will be open for you to explore and enjoy, including an exhibition of “glass in the garden”. A CASH donation of £5 or £10 will be requested at the first garden you visit. You can enjoy the surroundings and help to raise even more for the charities by treating yourself to tea and cake, strawberries with cream and summer punch, or by entering the raffle to win one of Lyn Purcell’s fused glass plates.

We are sure the sun will shine, so plan to spend time on 26th June visiting some lovely gardens in our village

Rainfall for March



The total for March was slightly below average with 2.33 inches for the month. This means that all of the last 5 months have been below average, particularly November and January, making it a very dry winter.

M.C.



For more information please email Carina
c.saywer@magnalearningpartnership.org

Interested in becoming a school Governor?

SEND or Secondary School experience
valuable

**THE TRAFALGAR
SCHOOL AT DOWNTON**



We're looking for you.

Lover Repair Cafe

Spring has sprung and the repairs move on at great pace. We have now achieved the 3000th job – not “Fork Handles” but a “Handle for a Fork”. The delighted winner Sarah Tate also went away with a bottle of Prosecco.

“Do not bin it, we may fix it”

News Up-date:

Ukrainian Crisis: We are now encouraging any of our donors who wish to, to donate to this appeal. The money raised to date is over £1,200. These monies are given via DEC which means that the government increase it by 20%.

NHS Covid Staff Project: We are still supporting the Hospital Staff, figure now is £11,500. Due to our support to Ukraine we have agreed with the hospital to slightly lower our monthly commitment to this project.

Hale Brownies: Members of our team had a lovely evening with Hale Brownies where we provided funding to supply new Books & support to Camping Endeavours.

Queen’s Platinum Jubilee: The Repair Cafe is supporting the various events taking place & hoping to provide some Lasting Mementos for local Children. We look forward to seeing many of you at the Jubilee Picnic on Lover Green.

Volunteer of the Month:

If a job is virtually impossible we call on Phil, a ‘Master of the Unusual’. So this month we thought we would celebrate his work – here you will see an example of his restoration of a MJmark Rocking Horse. As you can see we have no problem in finding people to test the products before we commission them.



Finally: It is good to see that people are using our Cafe whilst small jobs are repaired; we thank Jane & Cherry our catering staff for their efforts. Remember we are here every Wednesday & Friday morning, so 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 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 Link

More than a Transport Service

Downton Link was founded in 1996 and has been transporting local people to Hospitals, GP Surgeries, Dentists, Hairdressers, shops etc. for 25+ years.



However, we are more than a transport service.

For anyone in need of someone to talk to we provide a friendly befriending service. A number of our volunteers are willing to arrange to meet up for an hour or two for a friendly chat over a coffee. If this appeals to you please ring the number below.

We are also always looking for new volunteers to become drivers, befrienders or co-ordinators. In particular we are looking for co-ordinators at the moment. As a coordinator you would be based at home and will be responsible for taking calls from clients and allocating the job to a driver. If you are interested in giving a few hours to a worthwhile and rewarding service please ring:-

01725 513807 or email INFO@DOWNTONLINK.ORG.UK

You can choose when to make yourself available.



Community Café in the Memorial Hall

To fill the hole left by the Country Market, this new regular event has been launched at Downton Memorial Hall on the last Friday of each month, from 10.00 am - 12 noon. There is tea, coffee and homemade cake plus the opportunity to chat to old friends and make new ones. There is a book share and, as the year goes on, it is hoped that people will bring and share excess garden or allotment produce and flowers. Everyone is welcome – pop in for a few minutes or stay all morning.

There has been a great success with both the hall and kitchen area being packed with happy visitors. There is no charge, but if you wish you may leave a donation towards costs.

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

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. 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 £2 donation to attend.

For further information go to the website: www.golden-oldies.org.uk
Or ring Carole Still on 01725 337880



News from Downton Band

The Band is very much looking forward to once again performing at the Cuckoo Fair. You can catch all four bands performing outside the Memorial Hall during Saturday's Fair.

A small group will accompany the Churches Together service in the Memorial Hall on Sunday morning at 10.30am. Many of our bands will give a Sunday afternoon Cuckoo Fair concert (1st May 3.00 pm) – this year it's entitled 'Planes, Trains and Automobiles' exploring a variety of transport themed music from Those Magnificent Men, to Ticket to Ride to the beautifully peaceful Mid All the Traffic. Hopefully this will be held in the Memorial Gardens, but in the Hall if wet.



Downton Cuckoo Fair bags and tea towels

Attractively produced items, unique to Downton.

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



Contact Edna Pike (01725 511332)

The Downton Society
SUMMER WITH MOVIOLA!

Moviola have excelled themselves with the choice of films this summer. We have been offered so many Oscar winning movies that it has been a hard choice to select just three. But, after a quick ballot amongst our regulars, we have come up with the following:

Saturday 21st May – ‘West Side Story’

Saturday 25th June – ‘Belfast’

Saturday 23rd July – ‘Death on the Nile’

Tickets are only available on the night at the Memorial Hall with the doors opening at 7.00 pm and the performance starting at 7.30 pm.

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 need some padding!)

Refreshments and ice cream will be available !

Saturday 21st May

WEST SIDE STORY (2021) 15

(MUSICAL/DRAMA)

Director: Steven Spielberg; with Ansel Elgort, Rachel Zegler

Runtime: 156 mins

This is the big new film of the season. Packed with classic songs and stunning visuals, this is sure to be hugely popular and is a great way to kick off your film nights in May.

The story hasn't changed. Manhattan, Upper West Side, 1957. Two warring gangs - tough Riff's Jets and swaggering Bernardo's Puerto Rican Sharks - fight for supremacy. Now, with a once-and-for-all, winner-takes-all rumble on the cards, an unexpected romance between former Jet Tony and Bernardo's little sister María sets the stage for an all-out turf war.

“It’s a dazzling display of filmmaking craft that also feels raw, unsettled and alive. Rather than embalming a classic with homage or aggressively reinventing it, Spielberg, Kushner, Peck and their collaborators have rediscovered its breathing, thrilling essence.” **The New York Times**

Further information from Sue and Lawrence on: 07825 745 246

Good Companions

On 1st March we enjoyed a very interesting afternoon with Steve Oakes from the RSPB, talking about the birds that come into our gardens. He described the foods we can give them during the winter months, and told us the importance of helping to keep them disease free by giving them fresh water daily in a clean bowl.

On 22nd March the Salisbury Pluckers entertained us wonderfully with the amazing blended sound created by the varied sizes of the ukuleles, and the opportunity we had to sing along with them.

Phyl Ford has arranged the following events:

- May 3rd - GAMES. Julia will bring the bagatelle if you would like to try
- “ 10th - Fordingbridge Bellringers. Very entertaining
- “ 17th - One of Phyl's Quizzes – Get your brains in gear!
- “ 24th - Dr Tean Mitchell – A talk about her work on coppicing, and what the wood is used for. She gave a talk at Redlynch WI recently which they said was very interesting.
- “ 31st - TEA PARTY
- June 28th - Illustrated talk by Ron Taylor entitled 'Stourhead to Stanpit, near Christchurch: A journey down the wonderful Dorset River Stour and its happenings over the last 1000 years'. A talk enjoyed by the Downton Horticultural Society in February.

We meet in the Downton Memorial Hall on Tuesdays from 2.00 to 4.00 pm. Regulars pay £1.50; visitors, who are always welcome, £2.00; cup of tea and biscuit included. Contact Julia Whitmarsh, 01725 510601, for details.

Wiltshire Buildings Record

Wiltshire Buildings Record, a charity that has a growing and very detailed database of the county's vernacular buildings, is seeking new members. It is based at Chippenham's History Centre. For further details please go to: <https://www.wiltshirebuildingsrecord.org.uk/membership/>

Organisations such as local history groups are charged £25 per annum, whilst individuals pay £14. **Please help us identify and study historic buildings throughout the county.**

Jack Ozanne (07973 770942)

Downton Horticultural Society

**Our Plant and Table-Top Sale is being held in the Memorial Hall
at 2.00 pm on Saturday 7th May.**

There is still time to book a table which is free for charities, or £5 for non-charities. Please contact Chris Parry (514511) to reserve one.

We will be pleased to receive plants to sell on the day, so if you have any spare plants or are dividing established plants etc please bear us in mind. They can be dropped off at the hall from late morning. All that we ask is that they are both rooted and labelled so that we know what they are. We will also be grateful for help on the day, both setting up and manning the refreshments and the plant stall. New members and visitors are welcome at all of our events.

Our Wildlife Photography talk on 24th March was enjoyed by all who attended. The photographs were amazing and even the non-photographers were fascinated to hear about the techniques used to obtain them. Importantly, the welfare of the subjects was always paramount.

Gordon Bishop (01725 511475)

Downton Bowling Club

From the start of the season in mid-April we have been welcoming new bowlers, or folk who are interested in finding out about the sport. We have our own Open Day on May 1st and another on May 28th as we join in with the 'Big Bowls Weekend'.

Details can be found on our website, or contact Mike Hallam on 01725 513359, email 107mh@live.co.uk about any of the events. There is no need to wait for these dates though - contact us anytime for a summer bowls experience at your convenience.



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

Forest Edge Flower Arranging Society



A successful exhibition event took place on 26th March which displayed a total of 20 arrangements on the theme of 'The Joy of Spring'. Cake and refreshments added to the occasion, as did the Mother's Day posies which could be made or purchased.

Monday 4th April was the night to remember as our President, Martina Coleman, demonstrated five glamorous designs inspired by famous musicals including 'Grease', 'Phantom of the Opera' and 'The Greatest Showman'. There was huge applause from the audience for the visual and audio entertainment!

Our next event on 30th May will be themed a "Jubilee celebration".

Various activities and delicious treats are planned for the evening. Further details to follow - please contact us or check our Facebook group. Visitors are most welcome for a fee of £6 or you can become a member for just £35 for the year.

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). Our programme 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 meeting/event dates:

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| 30 th May | FEFAS Jubilee Celebration | 7.00 pm |
| 4 th July | FEFAS Cream Tea and Talk by Gill Pelton | 7.00 pm |
| 5 th September | FEFAS Demonstration by Andrea Hillyard | 7.00 pm |
| 3 rd October | FEFAS Workshop with Pip Bensley | Afternoon (tbc) |



Redlynch and District WI

The April meeting was our AGM, and there were lots of apologies due to illness and holidays. The business was completed successfully, and we then had tea and cake before a very interesting talk by Maurice Caustick. He talked about the Lover repair cafe which repairs all sorts of items for the cost of materials and a donation to charity; thousands of pounds have been raised for local causes.

The next meeting will be on 11th May at 2.15 pm at Morgans Vale and Woodfalls Village Hall. The speaker will be Sandra Simmons; her topic will be 'A Day in Iran as a Housewife'. She has spoken to us before and was very interesting. Guests, including gentlemen, will be very welcome.

For more information please contact Rosemary Pugh (01725 510335)



Woodfalls Methodist Church

Saturday 14th May

Social starting with a meal at 5.30pm

Followed by. 'Outburst' - The explosive game of top ten lists

Everyone welcome.

To help with catering please book on 07816542204.

Saturday 21st May Christian Aid Big Brekkie. 8-11am.

Come and join us for breakfast.

From Toast to full English breakfast.

For a donation to Christian Aid.

(Gluten free and vegetarians catered for)

Redlynch and District Local History Society

General Elections in the 1920s: Who Nominated the Candidates?

A Talk by Jane Howells

This was a thought provoking talk about the series of general elections that occurred in the decade after the First World War, with a particular emphasis on the campaigns in the constituency including those neighbouring Salisbury. It was a period of dramatic political and social change for British society, with many women over thirty gaining the right to vote in 1918. By 1929 both men and women could vote on equal terms if over the age of twenty one.

There was a total of six elections between 1918 and 1931. The turn out in Salisbury in the rushed 1918 elections which happened within months of the war's end, was less than half. The figures were nearer 80% by the end of the twenties as people embraced their new voting rights, with the 1929 elections nationally having the first female candidate and the start of the Labour Party.

Jane Howells has been researching the people who nominated and recorded their support for the local candidates. She asked the audience if anybody recognised the names on the lists from the parish of Redlynch, so that she could learn more about them. This was very successful and the hypothesis was raised that while the Conservative list included the farming Anglican and land owning community, the Liberal supporters were nearly all members of the Methodist congregation.

The Conservative candidate, Mr Morrison managed to hold the seat for the whole decade apart from one year from 1923 when the Liberal Mr Moulton had brief tenure.

Our next talk is 'Wiltshire Highwaymen' by Ruby Vitorino at Morgans Vale & Woodfalls Hall , 7.30pm 3rd May 2022.

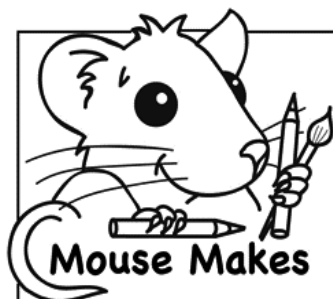


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"Give thanks to the
Lord for He is good,
His love endures
forever"
Psalm 136:1

Jesus said,
"This, then, is how
you should pray:

Our

_____ in _____
hallowed be your

_____ your

_____ come,
your _____ be
done, on

_____ as it
is in _____.

Give us this day our
daily _____.
And

_____ us our _____,
as we also have
forgiven our debtors.

And _____
us not into
temptation, but

_____ us from the
_____ one."

Read Matthew 6:9-13
to fill in the words.



"Never stop praying."
1 Thessalonians 5:17



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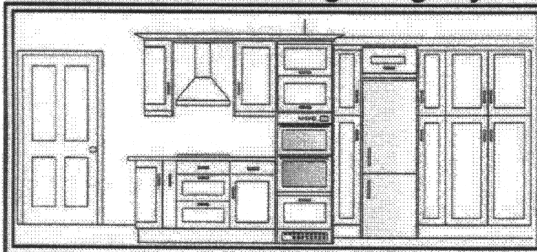
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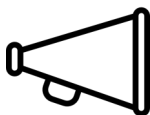
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