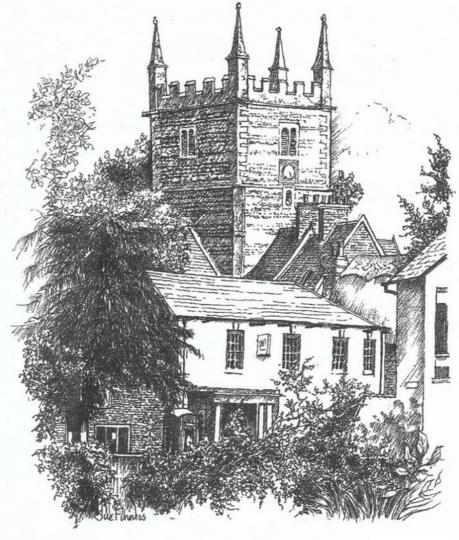
# Downton July/Aug 2022 Parish News



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

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Church website: <a href="https://www.stlaurencedownton.co.uk">www.stlaurencedownton.co.uk</a>
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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.

#### What now?

Sometimes we don't know. Even if we have plans there is nothing about tomorrow that is guaranteed. Often the not knowing can be harder to manage than the worst scenario. This maybe the human instinct to be in control, to survive. If we know what's around the corner we can plan for the worst, that's what insurance is, planning ahead in case what we fear actually happens.

You may be familiar with the 'ABC' where A=Antecedent, B=Behaviour, C=Consequence. The theory being that any behaviour (response) is triggered by what comes before it, and the consequence can reinforce the behaviour either positively or negatively. This can all make sense until we realise that life isn't so ordered or so fair! Sometimes despite our best efforts we can't change what happens and sometimes without trying we can feel the luckiest person alive.

When we're reminded that our life is not controlled our perspective is altered. Life becomes a gift to value, even when things go wrong. This view also fosters hope, a realisation that no one is given what they deserve, our inner goodness or lack of, is not rewarded with a good life. Sometimes, when Christian people suffer they are surprised, it's as if they thought their faith somehow protected them. In contrast, sometimes those who profess to not having a faith question 'Why does God allow this to happen?' or the existence of suffering becomes the reason for not believing in a loving God.

Trusting in a loving God, offers both joy in life and hope in sorrow. He doesn't promise a believer a better life but he does promise to walk with them throughout their life. The poem 'Footprints' is about a man, who walking with his Lord along a beach, looks back at his life and noticing only one pair of footprints at the very lowest and saddest times in his life, asks his Lord, 'Where were you?' The Lord replies 'My precious, precious child, I love you and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you.'

We can wait for tomorrow and then look back, alternatively we can choose to look and see where the Lord is in our life today and therefore look forward to tomorrow in hope.

#### ST LAURENCE CHURCH SERVICES

3 <sup>rd</sup> July 10.30am	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Trinity Holy Communion Gospel	John 20:24-29	
10 <sup>th</sup> July	4th Sunday after Trinity		
10.30am	<b>Holy Communion</b>		
	Gospel	Luke10:25-37	
17 <sup>th</sup> July	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity		
	Forest and Avon Team Service		
10.30am	Holy Communion		
	Gospel	Luke 10:38-end	
24 <sup>th</sup> July	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity		
10.30am	Morning Worship		
	Gospel	Luke 11:1-13	
31 <sup>st</sup> July	7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity		
	<b>Holy Communion</b>		
	Gospel	Luke 12:13-21	

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 now be open Monday to Saturday from 9.30am until 4.30pm. On Sunday the church will be locked at 12.30pm

## SERVICES IN AUGUST

7<sup>th</sup> August 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity 10.30am Holy Communion

Gospel Luke 12:32-40

14<sup>th</sup> August 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity 10.30am Holy Communion

Gospel Luke12:49056

21st August 10th Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Holy Communion

Gospel Luke 13:10-17

28<sup>th</sup> August 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Morning Worship

Gospel Luke 14,1,7-14

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Woodfalls Methodist Church, The Ridge, Woodfalls, SP5 2LH

**Sunday 3rd July 10.00am** Praise and Worship at St Birinus **Wednesday 6th July 10.45am** Cafe style worship led by Rev Len Lunn. Followed by lunch.

**Sunday 10th July 10.00am** Church Anniversary led by Rev Bryan Coates at Woodfalls Methodist.

Sunday 17th July 10.30am at St Laurence, Downton - See page?

**Wednesday 20th July 10.45am** Service around Flowers of the Wayside led by members of the congregation.

Sunday 24th July 10.00am Morning worship at St Mary's Wednesday 27th 10.45am Book of Common Prayer at St Birinus Sunday 31st July 10.00am Holy Communion at St Birinus

6.00pm Evening prayers at St Mary's

**Wednesday 3rd August 10.45am** Cafe Style worship led by Mr Bradley Newman. Followed by lunch.

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 21st July 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

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#### **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 Ullyatt

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

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Mondays (Except Bank Holidays) 10.00am till 12 noon at Woodfalls Methodist Hall

(Car Park access by side Band Hall, disabled access)

Coffee, Cake, Crafts, Crosswords, Construct a jigsaw.

**All welcome -** No set charge - tin for donations

Crafts and toys for toddlers if requested.

Enquiries to Anita or Graham (01725512648)

or Veronica Batchelor (01725513878)

Organised by the Churches of

St.Birinus Morgans Vale, St.Mary, Redlynch and Woodfalls Methodist

#### St Laurence's Church Registers June 2022

#### Wedding:

# 11<sup>th</sup> June – Marcus David Charles Green and Jennifer Marie Dengel



Those whom God has joined let no one divide.





In our cycle of prayer for all living and working in our community, during **July** we will be offering prayers for: **Catherine Crescent, South Lane, Green Lane, Lode Hill, Slab Lane and Downlands Close.** 

In August we will be offering prayers for: **Gravel Close**, **Greenacres and Wheelwright Mews**, **Saxonhurst and Wick Lane**.

At the moment 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 <a href="mailto:info@stlaurencedownton.co.uk">info@stlaurencedownton.co.uk</a>

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 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at 10.30am in St. Laurence Church and will be led by Rev Ron Hart. There will not be a prayer group in August but we will meet again on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September. We will pray for both the particular roads in our prayer cycle together with the whole village.

### Our Prayer Diary

August

July

	July	August
1	Churches Together in Downton	Sharing our faith
2	Our Churchwarden	Our Churchwarden
3	St Thomas: struggling with doubt	All who deny God
4	Our Forest and Avon Team	The Emergency Services
5	Those unable to find work	All who assist with our services
6	All getting married this year	Our local Councillors
7	Our Team Priest and Family	Our Team Priest and family
8	The elderly and housebound	Peace in the World
9	Those being baptised	Our Bishops
10	Our Church School	All those persecuted for their faith
11	All key workers	All on holiday
12	Volunteers helping others	Growing through God's Word
13	Peace in the World	Local traders
14	School Governors	All who minister to the sick
15	Sidespeople and Lesson Readers	those who lead Intercessions
16	Our Organist and Choir	Our Organist and Choir
17	Our Lay Pastoral Assistants (LPAs)	Our Lay Pastoral Assistants
18	Trafalgar School at Downton	Those training for ministry
19	Politicians and their advisors	Our Parish magazine team
20	All ministers in the village	All ministers in the village
21	Our Parochial Church Council (PCC)	Archbishop Justin Welby
22	St Mary Magdalene:	Organisations serving
	learning God's forgiveness	the Community
23	Flower Arrangers	Flower Arrangers
24	Growing through God's Word	Young People in the Church
25	Our Bellringers	Those alone & depressed
26	The Bereaved	Our community life
27	All visitors to our Churches	Those preparing for a new school
28	All who rely on food aid	Our witness as a Church
29	Our community life	Our Church Officers
30	All in Residential & Nursing Homes	Our plans for future ministry
31	Young People in the Village	Those off to University & College

If you have any suggestions for inclusion in this diary, please have a word with Jo. Parsons.

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.

# SUITE JAZZ CONCERT

## Friday 8th July 2022 at 7.00 pm

ST. LAURENCE CHURCHYARD (OR IN CHURCH IF WET)

**Featuring:** 

KATE EDGAR - KEYBOARD

PAUL BORRELLI - SAXOPHONE

DAVE MACE - BASS

ANWEN HOWELLS - VOCALIST

PROCEEDS IN AID OF ST. LAURENCE CHURCH

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

#### PUDDINGS AND HOT DRINKS WILL BE ON SALE

TICKETS - £10; under 18's - £5.

available at the gate
or in advance from The Borough Café,
Jo Parsons - 512738, or Sue Humby - 511402



# Forest and Avon Team Service Sunday July 17<sup>th</sup> at 10.30 am at St Laurence Church, Downton

#### All are welcome

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#### Ride and Stride for Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust

St Laurence Church will again participate in the annual "Ride and Stride" on Saturday 10 September in aid of the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust. St Laurence Church will provide hospitality and toilet facilities for any walkers and riders visiting the church. We will be looking for volunteers to spend an hour or more in church between 1000 and 1700 on Saturday 10 September to provide a welcome to any "ride and striders".

Our Treasurer, Mark Merrill, will again walk between a number of churches around Salisbury and hopes that many will sponsor him to do so. He would be happy for others to join him or to make their own journeys between churches either on foot or by bicycle. Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust has issued some detailed guidance for walkers and riders so please either contact Mark or download the instructions from the website (*wiltshirehistoricchurchestrust.org.uk*) if you intent to participate.

St Laurence has been the beneficiary of two significant grants from WHCT in recent years: firstly to pay for part of the cost of the roof alarm for the lead roof and secondly for part of the cost of the repairs to the west wall and the wall of the south transept.

Sponsorship money (or cheques made out to Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust) can be Gift Aided by completing the declaration below and returning it, with your donation, to Mark at his address on the opposite page.

Sponsor declaration: If I have ticked the box below marked "Please claim Gift Aid": I confirm that I am a UK Income or Capital Gains taxpayer. I have read this statement and want Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust to reclaim tax on the donation detailed below, given on the date shown. I understand that if I pay less Income Tax or Capital Gains tax in the current tax year than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all of my donations it is my responsibility to pay any difference. I understand the charity will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I have given. By giving my name and address I agree to the Ride+Stride Administrator holding this data. It will not be passed to any third party. I understand that a Privacy Notice is available on the WHCT website.

Title: (Mr Mrs etc)	
Initials	
Surname	
House number or name	
Postcode	
Signature	
Amount	
Please claim Gift Aid	

Please return to:

Mark Merrill, 142 The Borough, Downton, SP5 3LT

mark@merrill.eclipse.co.uk





The Meeting of the Council was held at the Downton Memorial Centre on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2022. Five members of the public were present.

**Presentation by Giganet:** Mr Joe Gregory, Regional Community Manager for Giganet gave a detailed presentation on the company's plans to provide 'fibre to the property' in Downton which was about to be rolled out between June and November 2022.

**Unitary Clir Richard Clewer:** Clir Clewer gave a brief report on the Town and Parish Council Conference held at the end of May. He also advised of the change of Chair at the Southern Wiltshire Area Board and the change in criteria for applications for grants to the Area Board.

**Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR):** The Council noted the Internal Auditor's annual report and approved the AGAR for the financial year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.

**Charlton Telephone Box:** In advance of the installation of a defibrillator in the telephone box at Charlton, the Council approved a quote for its repainting/refurbishment.

**Planters in Moot Lane:** A report was received from the Chair regarding the poor state of the flower planters in Moot Lane. She advised that several residents had volunteered to help with their maintenance and the Council agreed to set aside £125 for the purchase of fresh compost and summer bedding plants.

**Vacancies:** There are currently 6 vacancies for councillors, after a recent resignation from Downton Ward. If you are interested in finding out more about becoming a councillor, please contact the Clerk.

The next meeting, will be held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July 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: <u>clerk@downtonparishcouncil.gov.uk</u> www.downtonparishcouncil.gov.uk

#### **ADVANCE NOTICE!**

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> to Bank Holiday Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2022



Hampshire Open Studios is an annual art trail where the visiting public can meet artists in their homes, studios and galleries free of charge. There is a wide variety of venues to see along with every type of art and craft on offer in the region, including painting, sculpture, ceramics, glass, furniture, jewellery and much more.

This year there are nearly 300 venues, many in our local area including Downton, Redlynch, Breamore and Woodgreen. For more details see: www.hampshireopenstudios.org.uk.

Free paper brochures will be available late July by contacting Lynn Purcell (lynn@thecornmill.plus.com)

#### Please visit and support your local artists!

Lynn will be opening her home, The Corn Mill, Downton, SP5 3PE to display her glass. She will also being serving tea and cake by the river in aid of Salisbury Hospital Breast Care Unit.



The Goose Fair Is Coming!

Please save the date

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September

From 10.00 am until 2.00 pm

More details in the September magazine

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

# 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.

RN I:D 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

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#### **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 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month from 10.00 am, led by Carole Still. The next session is on 23<sup>rd</sup> March. 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.

Goldies holds twice-weekly sessions under the <a href="https://www.goldieslive.com">www.goldieslive.com</a> banner. Why not join in online if you cannot get to the Memorial Hall?

For further information go to the website: <a href="www.golden-oldies.org.uk">www.golden-oldies.org.uk</a> Or ring Carole Still on 01725 337880

#### Swift Walk and Talk

led by local expert Daniel Kronenberg

#### Saturday 16th July 7.30 - 9.00 pm

Meet outside The Goat Pub

Suggested donation of £5 for Salisbury & Wilton Swifts will be collected on the day.

To find out more go to www.salisburyandwiltonswifts.org/talks-and-events

#### Pickleball in Downton



Pickleball is an increasingly popular racquet sport that a new inexperienced player can soon enjoy, without the frustration of some sports, whilst those with experience can readily transfer their skills to pickleball.

It's a great fun way to get some exercise and meet new people, while trying something new.

Pickleball combines elements of tennis, badminton and table tennis, played on a badminton court with a tennis net. It is usually played as doubles – men's, ladies and mixed – in a social environment.

New players quickly start to enjoy the game and get hooked on it.

1<sup>St</sup> New Forest Pickleball Club play at Downton Leisure Centre on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5.00 pm to 7.00pm. You are very welcome to come along to see how the game is played, meet members and give it a try.

Google "pickleball" to see videos etc.- mostly from the USA as it's the fastest growing sport in America.

Interested? Just come along or contact Gary Hawke via e-mail <a href="mailto:aghky@hotmail.co.uk">aghky@hotmail.co.uk</a> or call 01725 238938

#### The Downton Society

#### **Another Great Summer Film with Downton Moviola**

We have had two great Blockbuster films so far this summer and our audiences have been swelling! We are finishing off our summer run this year with another Oscar winning, must-see film on **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July** in the Memorial Centre.

#### DEATH ON THE NILE (2022) 12A (Murder Mystery)

Director: Kenneth Branagh
With Annette Bening, Kenneth Branagh
Runtime: 127 mins

'Belgian sleuth Hercule Poirot's Egyptian vacation aboard a glamorous river steamer turns into a terrifying search for a murderer when a picture-perfect couple's idyllic honeymoon is tragically cut short. Set against an epic landscape of sweeping desert vistas and the majestic Giza pyramids, this tale of unbridled passion and incapacitating jealousy features a cosmopolitan group of impeccably dressed travellers, and enough wicked twists and turns to leave audiences guessing until the final, shocking denouement.

As we have explained in previous editions of the News, tickets are only available on the night at the Memorial Hall, with 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!).

We will not have any showings in August as we are sure you are all planning your summer escapes at this time!

Tickets are £7, available at the door on the night. Refreshments and ice cream will be available. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Further information from Sue and Lawrence on: 07825 745 246

#### Rainfall report for May



We had 2.20 inches for this month which again was below average. This seems to be the pattern this year so far. *M.C.* 

#### **Downton Horticultural Society**

## Our Autumn Show will be held in the Memorial Hall at 2.00 pm on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

Admission is free, so please come and view the many exhibits of chrysanthemums, gladioli, dahlias, pot plants, vegetables and fruit, as well as the floral arrangements.

This show also has a large Bake-Off section with prizes for the best fruit pie, cheese scones, flapjacks, soda bread, shortbread, chocolate sponge, lemon drizzle cake, tray bake and fruit scones. The winner of the best Dundee cake will be awarded the President's Cup. You do not have to be a member of the society to enter and you do get your entry back afterwards, so why not give it a go?

The Show Schedules contain all the details you need to know and an entry form; they are available from any committee member including Chris Parry, 'Cymbeline', 51 The Borough, Downton (opposite the Co-op) - 01725 514511. It costs 25p per entry and for most classes the first prize is £1 and the second prize 50p; there are also trophies for some classes.

Entry forms must be submitted by 8pm on the Wednesday before the show and the exhibit brought along to the hall, either on the Friday evening or Saturday morning of the Show.

Gordon Bishop (01725 511475)



#### 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.

#### **Good Companions**

Dr Tean Mitchell gave a very interesting talk about ancient woodland and her work on coppicing and what the wood is used for. Hazel is a good wood for coppicing and needs to be situated among trees so that it can grow tall and straight. It is used for making wattle fence panels, the pegs that are needed for securing new thatch, and many other things. The Hazel in the woodland is divided into several plots so that the first plot will have seven years to regrow before it is cut again. Dr Mitchell spoke about the need to find other ancient woodlands which could be brought back into use if their condition had not deteriorated too much.

Lucy Hooper from the Dogs Trust spoke about the dogs that come into their care, and their needs. Each has a separate kennel, with windows, so that they can see the other dogs. Medical checks and relevant treatments needed are made before rehoming. Potential new owners spend time on site with a dog they like, and pay a purchase fee to cover the Dogs Trust's costs. Older dogs are more popular, because they will have come from settled homes. Other dogs, if they have problems, are retrained, so they are better able to be rehoused.

We had a very interesting, enjoyable and varied afternoon celebrating Queen Elizabeth's Jubilee. Many of us were children in 1953 and had enjoyed celebrating the Coronation, dressing up and being part of the street parties. Mementos had been brought to our meeting and memories were shared of official visits by Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip, and one or two "brief encounters". We sang "God Save the Queen" before enjoying the TEA PARTY organised by Edna, tucking into a selection of tasty cakes, washed down with a refreshing cup of tea.

On the 26<sup>th</sup> July we look forward to Alan Jones recounting 'Tales of a roving Reporter'. His talks are always interesting and entertaining.

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 are included.

For more information contact Julia Whitmarsh on 01725 510601.

#### **News from Downton Band**

After a busy Jubilee weekend Downton Band is now preparing for the summer. The senior band are performing at all three days of the New Forest Show at the end of July – come and find us on the village green near the Countryside Area and close to the Commons Drift Pub. Following on from that the band are delighted to have been asked back to perform at the White Horse Pub in Stourpaine on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August at 6.00 pm.

Come September all four of our bands will be looking to recruit some new players. The senior band is looking for more cornet players – if you play cornet (or trumpet) and are of Grade 4 or 5 standard or above, please get in touch. We rehearse on a Tuesday evening and instruments are available to loan.

Both the Training Band and Beginners Band are looking for more players to join up so if you fancy learning a brass or a percussion instrument – again please get in touch. The Training Band meets on Wednesdays from 6.15 pm and is open to those who can play a few notes and read a bit of music - we would particularly love to hear from any cornet players out there. The Beginners Band meets on Mondays at 6.00 pm and caters for absolute beginners on brass or percussion - we can lend you an instrument and music.

Please message our MD Paul on <a href="mailto:paul@downtonband.org.uk">paul@downtonband.org.uk</a> if you would like to join our ranks.

# Wednesday Group of Artists Art Exhibition

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August 10.00 am – 4.30 pm

> <u>In Downton Memorial Hall</u> *Free entry*

Refreshments: Tea, Coffee, Cakes
Proceeds to Naomi house and Jacksplace

Greetings cards for sale

# Lover Repair Cafe "Do not bin it, we may fix it"

#### Latest News:

**Ukrainian Crisis:** We are still supporting Ukraine via DEC (Government adds 20%) and there was an additional £200 sent this month.

**NHS Covid Staff Project:** We have revised our agreement in support of the Hospital Staff & the sum we now send is £250/month.

**Local Pre/Primary School Support:** We have now set in place regular payments to our three local schools at Hale, Lover & Morgan's Vale, to aid in support of families suffering financial difficulties.

**Chat-a Techie:** Slowly people are becoming aware of this service where people who have problems with I.T. skills or laptops/tablets can book in with our tame techies. (preferably) Email <a href="mailto:loverrepaircafe@gmail.com">loverrepaircafe@gmail.com</a> or phone 01725 51075 to book.

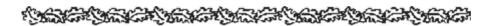


**Finally:** Great to see both Wednesday & Friday Cafes in good use again. A chance for a Tea & Chat or technical help whilst little jobs being actioned.

Remember we are open every Wednesday & Friday morning 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 <a href="mailto:loverrepaircafe@gmail.com">loverrepaircafe@gmail.com</a>



# Are you looking for ideas for birthday presents or a gift for friends and family?

Why not buy a Downton Cuckoo Fair bag or tea towel?

Contact Edna Pike on 01725 511332

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



#### **Forest Edge Flower Arranging Society**



The members and guests thoroughly enjoyed our Jubilee celebration evening on 30<sup>th</sup> May. Many of us created a floral hat/crown – they were all original and elegant, fit for the occasion! Please see the 1-minute video and web album for our fabulous designs (link below). Our celebration didn't complete without fizz and nibbles, plus royal-themed quiz.

https://tinyurl.com/FEFASJubilee (1-minute video) https://tinyurl.com/FEFASJubileePics (web album)

Our next event on 4<sup>th</sup> July will be 'Cream Tea and Talk' with Gill Pelton entitled "Homes and Gardens". Refreshments from 7.00 pm followed by the talk at 7.30 pm. Visitors are most welcome for a fee of £6 (including cream tea!).

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.

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

We look forward to welcoming you!

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

#### **Upcoming meetings:**

4<sup>th</sup> July FEFAS Cream Tea and Talk by Gill Pelton 7.00 pm 5<sup>th</sup> September FEFAS Demonstration by Andrea Hillyard 7.00 pm 3<sup>rd</sup> October FEFAS Workshop with PipBensley Afternoon (tbc)

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#### **Hamptworth Croquet Player Stars Again**

Readers might remember an article from September 2021, which proudly announced that Hamptworth Croquet Club player, Aston Wade, had, at the age of 19, just won The British Open Golf Croquet Championship. I am now very proud to inform you that at the end of last month Aston went one stage better. He is now the European Open Golf Croquet Champion.

The tournament was held at Budleigh Salterton, Devon over the weekend of 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> May. It attracted international standard players from across 14 European countries. One by one, seasoned international players were defeated and at the end of the final day, it was Aston who lifted the trophy.

On the back of this, and his other successes, Aston, still only 19, has now been selected to represent England in a Golf Croquet international match against Spain. He has also been selected to represent England in the Home International Tournaments in both Golf Croquet and Association Croquet. Also very much on his radar are the World Golf Croquet Championships, which take place at the end of July and beginning of August this year. Hamptworth members will be there to cheer him on.

I look forward to reporting his future successes in the very near future.

Steve Bennett Hamptworth Croquet Club

#### Redlynch and District WI

The June meeting was an informative and amusing talk by Alan Jones on body language - apparently women are better at it than men!! Who knew that crossing our arms in front of ourselves is a form of self-protection. Alan is a retired journalist and a very good speaker.

There will not be a meeting in July as it is the annual outing on the 13<sup>th</sup>, travelling to Poole by coach and then boarding a boat for a cruise to Swanage. Here there will be time for lunch and a walk before the return journey. There are still seats available at £35. If you are interested in going please contact Ann Kelly on 01725 514550.

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#### **Redlynch Local History Society**

In June, Committee members led a walking tour of the Ridge from the Band Hall in Vale Road. The Band Hall was originally called the Methodist School Hall, in 1960's Harold Green purchased it from the Chapel and bequeathed it to the band on his death. The Band was founded by John Green, Chas Mitchell and Mark Warner in 1874, as the Woodfalls Temperance Band to play hymns for chapel; it was later called the South of England Temperance Band.

Woodfalls Care Home in Vale Road was originally Hickmans feed store supplying farmers. Walter Hickman purchased the farm for £290 in 1880, his sons Garnet and Ernest came later. In 1900 there was a fire which destroyed an earlier tall chimney and the steam driven mill.

The Methodist Chapel was established by the Primitive Methodists, their first services in 1832 were in a cottage and then a chapel in Slab Lane. That site is now occupied by two semi-detached houses, one of which is painted blue. The current Chapel on the Ridge was built by the Mitchells in 1874 using local bricks from their own brickyards. The large hall attached to the rear was added 1926.

The shop was such from the early 1900's but not a Post Office until 1936. In 1915 post was collected from box set in wall. Behind the shop is the old telegraph house and the cutting that provided access to Warminster Green, common ground in pre-enclosure times. This is now covered by Tinneys Firs which were planted in 1822 to celebrate the marriage of John Pern Tinney and Charlotte May; they also planted May's Firs on Forest Road. Tinney was a solicitor in Salisbury and the youngest Mayor at 27 in 1805 and acted as solicitor to John Fisher, friend and patron of John Constable. A house built 1970/80's when Mr Munday needed to be on site to care for rare Orchids (planning permission was granted on appeal). Tinneys Firs is now bequeathed to the Woodland Trust.

The house now called Meaders was Courtneys shop – a general grocery, which closed in the early 1980's. Nearby was the Skylark garage a local coach company, with the site now being redeveloped for housing.

The Bat and Ball is early 20<sup>th</sup> Century and is listed in the 1911 census. It was purchased and renovated by Michael Elvis in the 1990's with accommodation and a function room. It is currently undergoing refurbishment under new owners.

The Playing Field was first discussed by the Parish Council in the early 1950's. In 1968 it was finally agreed to proceed by 1971. It was purchased from Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Eyre Matcham. The wooden changing rooms were originally War Office huts previously used by the WI and the Scouts and located at Toad Flat, near Princes Hill. The Tennis Court dates from 1976 and in 1993 a new building was opened for the Social Club.

Woodfalls Cross on the Hampshire Wiltshire border housed a tall bus garage, now a private dwelling, and a nearby shop opened by Frank Long in the 1920's.

Lodge Drove was originally a road onto Moot Lane, offering a gentle incline onto the ridge compared to the Lode Hill route. It was closed as a road around 1800 but is still a footpath. Slab Lane and Vale Road date back before 1777 and joined at the New Inn, latterly the Old Inn and now a private house. The Inn had a new frontage added early in the 20thC but it is believed much of the original building remains behind that. The Inn also had a large pond which was filled in around 40 years ago.

Also sited along the Ridge are Little Woodfalls Farm and Ridge Farm which was originally accessed via a lane starting where the electricity sub station is now sited; the rear of the gardens follows this lane line. Pre 1900 there were very few properties along the Ridge apart from the farms and a cluster near the Inn. From the 1960's new housing has replaced and infilled: Greensmeade 1973 is on the site of a sawmill, 1974 Tinneys Close, Elmfield Close 1990's, Vicarage Park on a Brickyard, Bennets Close on an Orchard, Herbert Road etc part brickyard.

Our web site is <a href="https://www.redlynchlocalhistory.org">https://www.redlynchlocalhistory.org</a>



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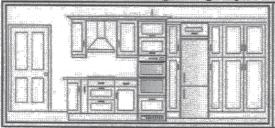
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