

Downton

June 2022

Parish News



St. Laurence Church

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St Laurence Church Downton

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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.

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From Rev David Bacon
Priest in Charge, Forest and Avon Team



Dear Friends

“The example of loving and faithful service amongst us”

I grew up surrounded by pictures of the Queen – my mother was an ardent Royalist and she had started collecting pictures and cuttings about Princess Elizabeth at an early age. As mum’s dementia increased, we got used to her being asked all those questions that Doctors ask. No, she had no idea what day of the week it was (that always strikes me as an odd question anyway) but when they asked what year she was born, mum said immediately, “1926 - the same year as the Queen!”

Back in 1977 at the Silver Jubilee, I remember a growing sense that perhaps interest in and support for the Monarchy was starting to wane, but 45 years later HM the Queen remains loved and admired not just in this country and in the Commonwealth but across the world.

When the special prayers for this year were published back before 5th February, I was struck by the phrase, “We give thanks ... and for the example of loving and faithful service which she has shown among us.”

We live in a society where words like “faithful” and “service” seem delightfully old-fashioned. We are increasingly unwilling to commit our time and our resources. Clubs, societies and churches across the country report that “no-one wants to be secretary/treasurer and especially not president/chairman/churchwarden”. We like the idea of our freedom; we don’t want to be tied down by responsibility.

Which is perhaps why we so admire the Queen’s life of faithful service, which has been rooted not just in her own sense of duty (another old-fashioned word) but in her very real faith and trust in God as revealed by Jesus Christ. Her life of service is based strongly on His life of service. Christian Monarchs may no longer follow the example of Jesus and wash the feet of their subjects as once they used to do, but love, faith and service have been at the heart of the Queen’s 70-year reign and these words stand as a challenge to each of us.

Website: www.downtonbaptist.org

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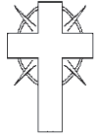
Please use this diary as a part of your own prayers. In this way we can pray together as a parish for our common concerns.

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

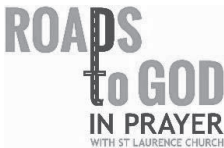
St Laurence's Church Registers April 2022

Wedding:

17th April – Robert Langan & Camilla Halski



Those whom God has joined let no one divide.

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

**Barford Lane, Standlynch, West Wick, Clearbury
View, Moot Close and Eastman Close**

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 info@stlaurencedownton.co.uk

Any such requests will be kept confidential.

You can request prayers at any time – not just when your road is on the monthly list.

For more information, please see our Roads to God page on our website:
www.stlaurencedownton.co.uk

Roads to God Prayer Group

The next Roads to God Prayer Group will meet on Wednesday 15th June 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.

St Laurence's Larder at Cuckoo Fair 2022

After a 'Covid' break it was wonderful to be able to be back at Cuckoo Fair this year!

A big thank you to everyone who played a part in this year's St Laurence's Larder; it was a very happy day of Christian fellowship.

It was, as always, a huge team effort and we are extremely grateful for all the help we received from members of St Laurence's Church (both past and present), the wider village, the wider church team and our friends.

Thank you to everyone who made such delicious cheese scones, sausage rolls, sweet scones, beautiful cakes, and cookies! There were a few left at the end of Saturday that were enjoyed by the congregation at the Cuckoo Fair service with a cup of coffee the following morning!

Those of you who helped with running the Larder on the day – you were wonderful and worked very hard! A few members of the congregation felt that their days of actively helping were behind them and contributed both financially and with prayers.

As expected, the takings were reduced this year, but we still made a wonderful sum that will be put towards the upkeep of our ancient parish church as well as our usual donation of 10% of our profits to the Cuckoo Fair committee to help continue their excellent community work.

**Well done and thank you all, whatever part you played!
If you missed it, there is always next year!!!**

Jo & Ken Parsons, Mark & Philippa Merrill and Janet McGee

*St Laurence's PCC and congregation would like to thank
all our hard-working organisers.*



April rain report



This was yet another very dry month; there was only 0.55 inches of rain, making it the driest April since 2007. It looks as if May is going to be the same - shades of 1976 for those of us who can remember that year!!

M.C.

Statement of progress to staff the Forest and Avon Team Ministry

Since the Rev'd Frank Gimson retired as Team Rector in the summer of 2021, the Team Council has been exploring with the Bishop of Ramsbury, Andrew Rumsey, and the Archdeacon of Sarum, Alan Jeans, options for staffing the Forest and Avon Team in the future. The key issues are to provide a sustainable level of priestly ministry for the six parishes in the Team, and develop a pattern of mission and ministry that will enable each parish to thrive and grow in worship, pastoral care, and community engagement. This level of ministry needs to be resourced financially by the parishes in the Team.

Following several meetings with the Bishop and Archdeacon, the Team Council have agreed to a new pattern of ministry, which will include the full time paid Team Rector [David Bacon] and a half-time paid Team Vicar [Veronica Batchelor], supported by an additional part-time, unpaid Associate Priest [Alan Jeans], with an additional potential Associate Priest in discussion. A legal process is in hand, to create these appointments. It is anticipated that this new pattern of ministry will begin in the summer, and further details will be shared in due course.



Volunteers needed to help at Downton Library

We are looking for local people to get involved as volunteers at Downton Library, operating the library during opening hours. This is a great role if you have a few hours to spare twice a month, enjoy meeting people of all ages and have a love of books and reading.

Our volunteers provide a friendly welcome to all visitors and assist them with using the library services. This includes dealing with enquiries; assisting with the self-service machines; shelving the stock and helping customers to log onto the public computers.

Current volunteer operated opening hours are Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 2.00 – 5.00 pm. We are also hoping to extend volunteer opening hours to Thursday afternoons.

If you are interested in volunteering at Downton Library and would like further details about the Community Library Volunteer role please contact Jane Hunt on 01225 713792 or by email at jane.hunt@wiltshire.gov.uk



The Annual Meeting of the Council was held at the Downton Memorial Centre on 9th May 2022. Four members of the public were present.

Unitary Cllr Richard Clewer:

Cllr Clewer gave a brief report as follows:

- It was good to see the Cuckoo Fair back again. He had brought the Portfolio Holder for Arts to see it and he was impressed.
- The Consultation for the Public Space Protection for Downton had started and will run until 15th June. He urged everyone to comment:

<https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/news/wiltshire-council-considers-public-spaces-protection-order>

Elections of Chairman and Vice-Chairman

Cllrs Brentor and Mace were re-elected as Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively for the 2022/23 civic year.

Co-option

Mr Andrew North was co-opted to fill the vacancy for a councillor in the Downton Ward.

Lychgate at All Saints Church, Charlton

The Council approved the emergency repair of the roof of the lychgate, a registered war memorial, and for a survey to assess its overall condition.

Platinum Jubilee Flypast

The Council approved a temporary road closure for The Borough up to Church Hatch from 15.15 to 16.40 hours on Saturday 4th June 2022 for the flypast by the Lancaster aircraft at the provisional time of 16.10 hours for the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations.

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 13th June 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**

Downton celebrates the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

THURSDAY 2ND JUNE

Village Concert in the Memorial Gardens 5.30-8.00pm

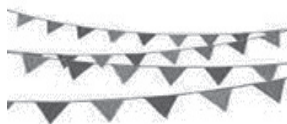
Starting at **5.30 pm** with the Downton Band, followed by the concert covering '**the 7 Decades of Queen Elizabeth's Reign**' at **6.00 pm** featuring:

The Forest School of Dance

Downton Drama Company

Downton Community Choir

Paul Borrelli and other singers



with Kate Edgar as musical director and Jane Seden as director.

Please bring your own chairs and refreshments.

Free Entry, with bucket collection for the Primary School

If wet, the concert will be held in the Memorial Hall

Lighting of the Beacon

Our Beacon, situated on Moot Lane corner, will be lit at **9.00 pm**, along with 100s of other beacons throughout the country, accompanied by singing of the National Anthem.

SUNDAY 5TH JUNE

Family Fun and Village Concert in the MOOT 2.30-7.30pm

In the Sunken Lawn

3.00 pm - Downton Band plus children's activities

3.30 pm - Children's fun races (eg egg and spoon, 3-legged etc)

In the Amphitheatre

5.00 pm concert covering '**the 7 Decades of Queen Elizabeth's Reign**'

Details as on Thursday 2nd – see above

Please bring your own chairs or rugs

Cream teas and Pimms available or bring your own picnic

Free Entry - bucket collection for Downton Moot Preservation Trust

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 Bowling Club

By the time this is published Downton Bowling Club will have started their recruitment drive with the Big Bowls Weekend on 27th-29th May. Our open days have seen many folk trying their hand at the game and we have been fortunate. Their sessions were so enjoyable that we have been able to welcome some new members. Please contact us if you too would like to have a go at bowling, we are only too pleased to accommodate. Contact Mike Hallam on 01725 513359, or Alan Waters on 01725 512531.
www.Downtonbowlingclub.com

Our season has started with some really fun events as well as our League matches. We had a team lead by the President of Bowls England. The Green was full with 48 players as well as lots of spectators. Another fun game was a challenge match against Downton Robins Football Club - with some unconventional bowling to say the least! The League season started a bit lukewarm, but recently both the Men and the Ladies have had some good victories.

Please pop your head round the corner of our ground near the Social Club in Wick Lane and you will see just how lovely the place is, just right to relax and enjoy bowls.



Downton Open Gardens



Sunday June 26th from noon till 5.00 pm

Several gardens in the village on the Borough/ High St. will be open for you to explore and enjoy, including an exhibition of "glass in the garden". Look for the blue and yellow balloons.

We shall be raising money for the DEC appeal for Ukraine and Downton 4 families. A CASH donation of £5 or £10 will be requested at the first garden you visit.

You can enjoy the surroundings and help raise even more for the charities by treating yourself to tea and cake, strawberries and cream and summer punch, or by entering the raffle to win one of Lynn Purcell's fused glass plates.

Teas will be served at Topps Cottage and Church House, and strawberries and summer punch at 130 The Borough.

**There will be a Plant sale at 142 The Borough;
donated plants are welcome.**

We are sure the sun will shine, so plan to spend time on 26th June visiting some lovely village gardens. For further details please ring 07767418473



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 22nd June 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. We are 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 on the 4th Wednesday of the month.

We ask for a £2 donation to attend.

For further information ring Carole Still on 01725 337880

LOVER
Garage Sale

Saturday 2nd July 8.30am - 12.00 *(or until it has all gone)*

Bargains galore, lots to see, enjoy a walk and browse

Fun for all ages, a free event

Up to 40 locations in and around Lover

Village hall serving bacon butties

Use School Road/Church Hill SP2 2PW for Sat Nav

Please park thoughtfully, and be aware of the many pedestrians



**Celebrating 10 Years of Horatio's Garden
at Longford Castle**

**Longford Castle will be opening its spectacular gardens to the public
on Sunday 19th June from 2.00 pm – 5.00 pm
in support of national charity, Horatio's Garden.**

Come and celebrate the 10 year anniversary of the opening of their first garden for patients with spinal injuries, Horatio's Garden South West at The Duke of Cornwall Spinal Treatment Centre in Salisbury. The event will raise vital funds to support their beautiful, accessible garden project in Salisbury, which offers a calm and comforting haven to support the physical and psychological rehabilitation of patients with spinal injuries, their families and the NHS staff who care for them.

Afternoon Tea (included in the ticket price) will be served throughout the afternoon. The charity's merchandise will be for sale alongside handcrafted goods and plants grown in Horatio's Garden South West.

To ensure everyone's safety, pre-booking for the Garden Party at Longford Castle is essential. Tickets are available online now at www.horatiogarden.org.uk/longford10. Accessible car parking will be free and unlimited. The majority of the garden is accessible to wheelchairs.

SUITE JAZZ CONCERT

FRIDAY 8TH JULY 2022
AT 7.00 PM

**ST. LAURENCE CHURCHYARD
(OR IN CHURCH IF WET)**

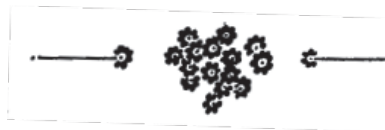
Featuring:

**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**



MOVIOLA Saturday 25th June – ‘Belfast’

Kenneth Branagh looks back at his childhood in late 1960s Belfast. Surrounded by sporadic violence and growing danger, nine-year-old Buddy (Jude Hill) finds himself confronted with the ugly reality of sectarian conflict. Buddy tries his best to understand The Troubles – after all, someone must be responsible for forcing people to flee their homes. Now, his family must come face to face with a nearly impossible, life-altering decision: stay or start packing? With Judi Dench and Ciaran Hinds as Buddy's grandparents.

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. Bring your own cushions. **Refreshments and ice cream will be available !**

Further information from Sue and Lawrence on: 07825 745 246

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Downton Community Pre School



Summer activities are in full swing at Downton Community Pre School! The children have free access to their very own water butt, so water play is a continuous activity. They also have their very own seed station, where they can select and plant their own flowers and see what grows over time. We have walked to the meadows to eat our snack on multiple occasions, and enjoyed playing in the park next door!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who supported us at the Cuckoo Fair: we raised an amazing £1220. It was great to see the Duck race back in action. We have two more fundraisers coming up:

on Friday 24th June an adult bingo night at 7.00 pm to be held at the Sherwood suite (Downton Football Club).

on Saturday 23rd July some of our team are doing a marathon walk from Christchurch back to Downton to raise further funds for the pre school.

If anyone would like to sponsor us please contact Emma on 01725 511178 or admin@downtonpreschool.co.uk.

We still have plenty of September spaces available! If you would like your child to start with us and you would like to visit us or require more information call us on 01725 511178 or email on admin@downtonpreschool.co.uk.

Does Wiltshire's Climate Strategy affect us in Downton?

Having just experienced a very dry April creating ground like rock, inspiration was needed to consider how we can take part in activities to create a more sustainable environment – and that was achieved at the 'Greener, Cleaner Wiltshire' presentation on the 23rd April. After time to consider various displays from local groups about local action (including one from Downton's Green Network), Councillor Richard Clewer spoke about what Wiltshire Council is doing to encourage us all to be part of a more sustainable area.

Wiltshire Council adopted its Climate Strategy in February this year and, although some were initially sceptical about what would really be available to make a difference, those present were impressed and encouraged. The consultation prior to the adoption of the Strategy highlighted particular interest in zero carbon new buildings, better public transport, more active travel and less emphasis on new roads.

Amongst successes already achieved are:

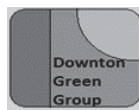
- a new green energy contract available for schools so they can access green energy at a competitive rate with 128 schools signed up;
- the generation of 450,135 kWh of renewable electricity produced on the Council's own estate;
- a new solar panel bulk buying scheme which will enable Wiltshire residents to get high quality solar panels at a lower cost;
- 57 council homes having been retrofitted with measures such as intelligent hot water cylinders, solar panels and high heat retaining storage heaters.

Now local residents can do more by using some of the opportunities available to Wiltshire residents such as accessing the solar panel scheme which will also work with a reliable fitting company at prices discounted by the bulk buying power of Wiltshire. Locally, the Green Network could consider working with the Parish Council using the Community Environmental Toolkit available at:

<https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/3854/Community-Environmental-Toolkit>.

If you have ideas, please let the Green Network know on our website:

<http://www.downtongreengroup.org.uk/>



Downton Horticultural Society

**Our Summer Show will be held in the Memorial Hall
at 2.00 pm on Saturday 11th June.**

Admission is free, so please come and view the many exhibits of sweet peas, roses, pot plants etc, as well as the floral arrangements. Apart from the floral classes this show has an art section for any painting, and a photography section in which the two classes are 'Sunrise/Sunset' and 'Animal Magic'.

We are also very grateful to Downton Primary School for allowing us to exhibit things made by the children out of recycled materials, as part of their Eco-schools' initiative.

**There will also be refreshments, a sales table and a raffle,
and prize giving at 4.15 pm.**

If you would like to enter an exhibit in the Show, details of all the classes are in the Show Schedules. These are available from any committee member, including Chris Parry, 'Cymbeline', 51 The Borough, Downton (opposite the Co-op) - 01725 5145511. New exhibitors are always welcome.

You may be interested in competing for the Downton Vase, by entering a vase containing between 5 and 10 fresh flowering stems from a minimum of two different kinds of home-grown plants (not shrubs). Only the front view will be judged but no additional accessories or foliage are allowed.

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 (included in the Show Schedule) must be in by 8.00 pm on the Wednesday before the show and the exhibit brought along to the hall, either on the Friday evening or Saturday morning.

Gordon Bishop (01725 511475)



Woodfalls Methodist Church - Saturday 11th June

Social starting with a meal at 5.30pm, followed by Catchphrase

Everyone welcome.

To help with catering please book on 07816542204.

Good Companions

We had a very interesting and 'tasty' time with Alison Ayling, volunteer New Forest Ranger, at our meeting on April 26th, sampling leaves she had foraged, and having a small tot of one of the various drinks she had made using berries. Alison did warn of the dangers of not knowing the plants we might be picking.

An uplifting 'listening and singing' afternoon was enjoyed with the Fordingbridge Bell Ringers, on May 10th. At the end we were given musical chimes, each with a scale letter, and played them when a card was held up as we sang Molly Malone's sad song.

We now have the following to look forward to:

21st June - Coach ride into the New Forest and afternoon tea at the Old Station Tea Rooms, Holmsley.

28th June - 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.

26th July - Alan Jones, Tales of a roving Reporter. Always an interesting and entertaining speaker.

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.

Community Café in the Memorial Hall

This regular event takes place at Downton Memorial Hall on the last Friday of each month, from 10.00 am - 12 noon. Tea, coffee and homemade cake plus the opportunity to chat to old friends and make new ones. There is a book share and it is hoped that people will bring and share excess garden produce and flowers. Everyone is welcome – pop in for a few minutes or stay all morning. There is no charge, but leave a donation if you wish.

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

Downton'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

Lover Repair Cafe “Do not bin it, we may fix it”

Latest News:

Ukrainian Crisis: As previously reported, we now offer our users the chance to donate to support Ukraine via DEC (Government adds 20%) and to date £1150 has been sent.

NHS Covid Staff Project: We still support the Hospital Staff & the sum sent to date is £11,850.

Queen’s Platinum Jubilee: The Repair Cafe is supporting the events taking place & hoping to provide some Lasting Mementos for local children to retain.

A New Service: We are trying a new idea ‘**Chat-a-Techie**’. If you suffer from computer, tablet or smart phone ‘blindness’, simply book a session with our tame techies. (preferably) Email loverrepaircafe@gmail.com or phone 01725 51075

Statistics: Our techie department are happy (that’s a change!!) to report that we have now achieved 3163 Jobs (approx 81/mth) with an 88% success rate & committed £16,350 to various charities.



Finally: It is good to see that people are now using our Cafe whilst small jobs are being repaired. Don’t forget, you can pop in for free technical advice on any repair subject. Once again we thank Jane & Nicky, Freda & Frank, members of our catering staff, for all their efforts and scrumptious cakes. Remember we are open every Wednesday & Friday morning from 10.00 am 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 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

Looking ahead ...

**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

Exciting Times Ahead at the Croquet Club

The Hamptworth Croquet Club is based in the grounds of Hamptworth Golf Club. Since last Autumn, the whole golf club complex has had a new owner. After a huge amount of investment the re-modelled clubhouse has recently re-opened and the facilities are now superb. Our membership is currently at an all-time high. Some are completely new to croquet, some play at a social level and others are more competitive.

We are also enjoying our new project with the D of E students from The Trafalgar School at Downton. As a part of their Bronze Award, they are learning how to play croquet, and it is very encouraging to see the progress that the students have made. Thanks go to the staff at the school and to the members of the Club for enabling this project to happen.

Steve Bennett. Chair - Hamptworth Croquet Club



Redlynch Local History Society

Our May talk on 'Wiltshire Highwaymen' by Ruby Vitorino turned out to be a fascinating story which ranged from the macabre to the amusing. She began her talk on why we have all heard such romantic stories about Highwaymen. During the late Victorian era the popular magazines known as the "penny dreadfuls" ran many stories about the highwaymen of the previous century. They were shown as well dressed handsome men, who wooed the ladies at the same time as robbing them of their jewels and money.

In fact they were violent thieves, who could rob coaches or just mug people in the streets. Most were young men who could make massive amounts of money but their life expectancy was short, and many met their deaths by execution before they were thirty. Ruby then went on to tell us the history of some Wiltshire highwaymen, which illustrated the points she had made.

Our website: www.redlynchlocalhistory.org has a full account of this talk.

Our next talk will be on 6th September, but our **next event is on 7th June - a Woodfalls Walk** starting at 7.00 pm at the Methodist Hall on The Ridge. The walk will take approximately 50 minutes and will proceed to Woodfalls Cross and back with information along the way. For those who prefer, a virtual walk will take place in the Hall; non-alcoholic refreshments will be provided free of charge.

Forest Edge Flower Arranging Society



What a fabulous meeting it was for a Jubilee celebration! On 30th May, many of us created and wore a floral hat/crown – they were all original and elegant, fit for the occasion! We also enjoyed the refreshments and royal-themed quiz.

Our next event on 4th 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 most welcome for a fee of £6 (includes 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.

We look forward to welcoming you!

For further information contact: Julie Bottone 01725 514875

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

Upcoming meetings:

5 September	FEFAS Demonstration by Andrea Hillyard	7.00 pm
3 October	FEFAS Workshop with Pip Bensley	Afternoon (tbc)



Redlynch and District WI

The May meeting was a talk by Sandra Simmonds about her life as a housewife in Iran from 1977 to 1983. We were amazed at the hardships she had to endure. Women were treated very badly, and beaten if they did anything wrong. After the Shah was overthrown things just got worse, but eventually she was able to escape with her husband and came back to England. The marriage finally came to an end when he brought his second wife over here and suggested they live together as a threesome!

We shall be having a tombola stall at the Lover Fayre on Saturday 4th June in the afternoon so we hope to see lots of people there.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 8th June at 2.15 pm at Morgans Vale and Woodfalls Village Hall, when the speaker will be Alan Jones, with a talk entitled "Its Not What You Say" - Body Language. Guests will be very welcome. For more information contact Rosemary Pugh (01725 510335).

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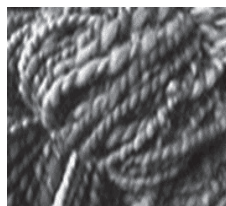
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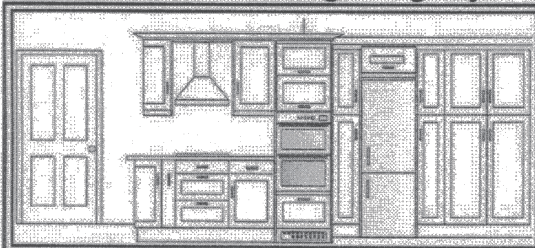
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