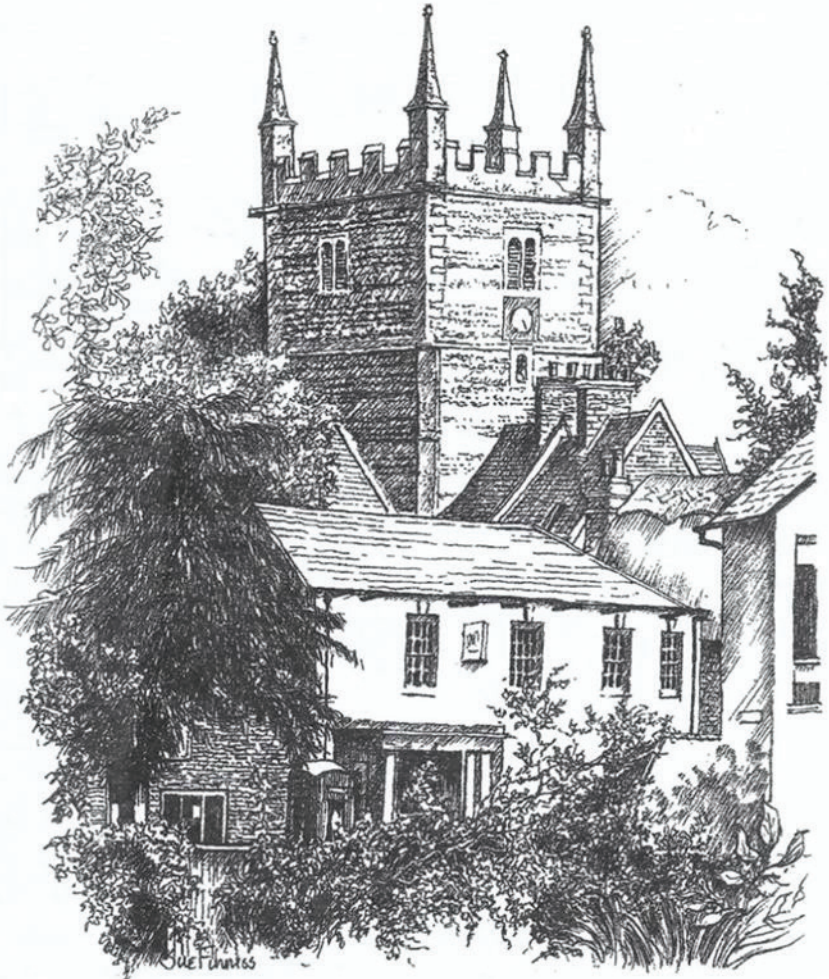


Downton

July/August 2023

Parish News



St. Laurence Church

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St Laurence Church Downton

Enquiries for Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals,
or requests for pastoral visits, should be made to
the team vicar Revd Veronica Batchelor.

Tel. 01725 513878

Email: veronicaforestandavon@gmail.com

Churchwarden: Mr Ken Parsons 01725 512738

Parish administrator: Mrs Jo Parsons 01725 512738

Director of Music: Mrs Elaine Hicks-Arnold 01722 710341

Sunday School: Dr Janet McGee 01725 513869

Church Flowers: Mrs A Gates 01725 514674

& Mrs G White 01725 476024

Church website: www.stlaurencedownton.co.uk



www.facebook.com/stlaurencedownton

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



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

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

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currently online. Information for contributors and advertisers is at
the back of the magazine, together with details of home delivery.

From Rev David Bacon
Team Rector, Forest and Avon Team



Dear Friends

From the old I travel to the new

It was a bit of a shock to realise that this month it will be 50 years since I left primary school! I don't remember much about it, and I certainly don't recall any great celebrations for me and my classmates as we "went up" to secondary school. We may have got a mention in assembly, a "party" in the classroom and then it was home for tea - before heading out to church for choir practice as I did every Friday.

Plenty has changed over those 50 years and one of the positive changes is that we have learned much more about the importance of transitions, of ending and starting things well. Today's school children have a wonderful celebration of their progress, memories are shared, and tears are shed - if only by parents as they realise that their baby has now grown up!

Change, even if not traumatic, is always significant and needs to be prepared for, marked and celebrated well. Even the Church of England has caught up with the idea - I have been invited to attend a Pre-Retirement course - even if that transition is still some years off. (Maybe it's a subtle hint?!)

And perhaps it's no wonder that when we are going through great changes, either planned or not, many of us turn back to the big questions of life - such as God. Historically, the church has always been there to help mark these great transitions and, as one recent author has called it, to "Keep alive the rumour of God". Often in these times of change, people find a long-forgotten faith challenged and maybe revived.

In times of change, we need to know that we are "OK". We need to know that God is for us - on our side.

I am often reminded of Joshua, who having been Moses' right-hand man, was now called to step into his shoes and lead the people of Israel into the Promised Land. Whatever changes you are facing, God's words to Joshua can be His words to you as well: "Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:9)

With my love and prayers
David

ST LAURENCE CHURCH SERVICES
July and August

2nd July 10.30am	4th Sunday after Trinity Holy Communion Gospel	Matthew 10:40 - end
9th July 10.30am	5th Sunday after Trinity Café Church	
16th July 10.30am	6th Sunday after Trinity Holy Communion Gospel	Matthew 13:1 -9,18-23
23rd July 10.30am	7th Sunday after Trinity Holy Communion Gospel	Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43
30th July 10.00am	8th Sunday after Trinity <u>Team Service at Bramshaw</u> Gospel	Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52
6th August 10.30am	The Transfiguration of our Lord Holy Communion Gospel	Matthew 14:13-21
13th August 10.30am	10th Sunday after Trinity Café Church	
20th August 10.30am	11th Sunday after Trinity Holy Communion Gospel	Matthew 15(10-20) 21-28
27th August 10.30am	12th Sunday after Trinity Holy Communion Gospel	Matthew 16:13-20

We ask that you continue to sanitise your hands on arrival. Wearing a mask throughout the service is **optional**. During Communion the common cup will be offered to those who wish to receive.

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

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

The Church is open every day from 9.30am until 4.30pm for visitors and private prayer.

Woodfalls Methodist Church

The Ridge, Woodfalls, SP5 2LH

Service details overleaf

All enquiries to Graham Tanner (01725 512648);

email atanner.qtanner@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 20th 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>

Downton Baptist Church

South Lane, Downton, SP5 3NA Tel: 01725 512971

www.downtonbaptist.org | office@downtonbaptist.org

Sunday Morning Worship at 10.30 am, with groups for young people.

Services can be found on the Church website.

Thursday Morning Worship at 10.30 am:

Followed by a two-course community lunch 2nd/4th weeks of the month.

Little Club Toddler Church: Wednesday Morning at 9.00 am:

Free groups for Toddlers and their adults.

Pastors: Rev Philip Rhoades and Rev Katy Ullvatt

Tel: 07468 491143 or 07786 248880.

Philip@downtonbaptist.org | Katy@downtonbaptist.org

Services in the Forest and Avon Churches – July 2023

Sunday 2nd July

- 9.30am Parish Communion at Bramshaw
- 10.00am Morning Worship at Woodfalls
(Breakfast from 9.15am)
- 10.30am Parish Communion at Downton
- 10.30am Gathering at Landford (Methodist Hall)
- 6.00pm Evensong (BCP) at Redlynch

Wednesday 5th July

- 10.45am Service at Woodfalls followed by lunch

Sunday 9th July

- 9.30am Local church members leading worship at the
Plaitford Folk Festival – All very welcome.
- 10.00am Holy Communion at Redlynch
- 10.30am Café Church at Downton

Sunday 16th July

- 9.30am Parish Communion at Bramshaw
- 10.30am Parish Communion at Downton
- 10.30am Morning Worship at Landford (Methodist Church)
- 11.00am Summer Hymns & Bar BQ at Morgans Vale

Wednesday 19th July

- 10.45am Service at Woodfalls followed by lunch

Sunday 23rd July

- 9.30am Morning Worship at Bramshaw
- 10.00am Holy Communion at Woodfalls
- 10.30am Parish Communion at Downton
- 10.30am Gathering (Café-style) at Landford (Methodist Hall)
- 11.00am Holy Communion at Landford (St Andrew's)

Wednesday 26th July

- 9.30am Holy Communion (BCP) at Redlynch

On Sunday 30th July, the congregations of the Forest and Avon Churches will be gathering together for a **Team Communion at St Peter's, Bramshaw** at 10.00am.

There will be no Service at St Laurence's that day.

St Laurence's Church Registers May 2023

Baptism:

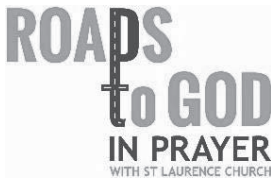
13th May

Jamie-Joe Nelson Wells



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

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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 praying for Gravel Close, Greenacres, Wheelwright Mews, Saxonhurst and Wick Lane.

Requests for particular prayers can be made:

by telephoning Reverend Ron Hart on 01725 514772 or, if unavailable,

by contacting Mrs Jo Parsons on 01725 512738 or 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 **26th July 2023** at 10.30 am and will be led by Rev Ron Hart. There will not be a prayer group meeting in August but we will meet again on Wednesday 27th September at 10.30 am. We will pray for both the particular roads in our prayer cycle together with the whole village. All are welcome to join us.

Prayer Diary for July and August

July

- 1 Churches Together in Downton
- 2 Our Churchwarden
- 3 St Thomas: struggling with doubt
- 4 Our Forest and Avon Team
- 5 Those unable to find work
- 6 All getting married this year
- 7 Our Forest and Avon Team
- 8 The elderly and housebound
- 9 Those being baptised
- 10 Our Church School
- 11 All key workers
- 12 Volunteers helping others
- 13 Peace in the World
- 14 School Governors
- 15 Sidespeople and Lesson Readers
- 16 Our Organist and Choir
- 17 Our Lay Pastoral Assistants (LPAs)
- 18 Trafalgar School at Downton
- 19 Politicians and their advisors
- 20 All ministers in the village
- 21 Our Parochial Church Council (PCC)
- 22 St Mary Magdalene:
learning God's forgiveness
- 23 Flower Arrangers
- 24 Growing through God's Word
- 25 Our Bellringers
- 26 The Bereaved
- 27 All visitors to our Churches
- 28 All who rely on food aid
- 29 Our community life
- 30 All in Residential & Nursing Homes
- 31 Young People in the Village

August

- Sharing our faith
- Our Churchwarden
- All who deny God
- The Emergency Services
- All who assist with our services
- Our local Councillors
- Our Team Vicar and family
- Peace in the World
- Our Bishops
- St Laurence: all persecuted for faith
- All on holiday
- Growing through God's Word
- Local traders
- All who minister to the sick
- Those who lead Intercessions
- Our Organist and Choir
- Our Lay Pastoral Assistants
- Those training for ministry
- Our Parish magazine team
- All ministers in the village
- Archbishop Justin Welby
- Organizations serving
the Community
- Flower Arrangers
- Young People in the Church
- Those alone & depressed
- Our community life
- Those preparing for new schools
- Our witness as a Church
- Our Church Officers
- Our plans for future ministry
- 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.

Courses don't just have to happen in Lent!

A Summer Bible Study Course

After Easter we decided (with mixed feelings) to end the weekly on-line Sunday Slots, which had been going for three years. We promised to look at other ways to offer on-line resources – both to those within the Team area and far beyond.

With the success and positive feedback from the Team Lent Course, we have decided to try offering a six Week Bible Study Course three times a year – Lent, Summer and Autumn.

The first series will be called “Confidence in a complicated world”. We will be reading and exploring extracts from the First Letter of Peter and discovering that, as we try to follow Jesus in our local communities today, we face similar challenges to those Christians in 1st century Asia Minor (now Turkey).

The first of the video talks will be appearing on our YouTube channel – “The Church in Landford” on 24th June.

As with the Lent Course – you can sign up to be part of the course. If you send an email to davidbramrec@aol.com you will receive weekly discussion questions to help you think further about the subject. You can use the videos and questions on your own, or meet in pairs or larger groups.

We all need “Confidence in a complicated world”, so we hope you find this course enjoyable and challenging.

David & Katie Bacon

The Goose Fair Is Coming!

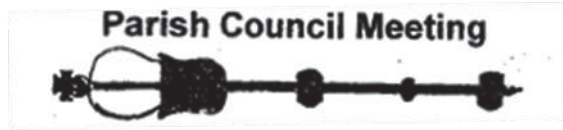
Please save the date

Saturday 23rd September

From 10.00 am until 2.00 pm

More details in the September magazine





What's been happening?

This month the parish meeting takes place after the deadline for the magazine but there are some interesting things to report!

- The Parish Council agreed to fund plants for the planters in Moot Lane and three wonderful volunteers have planted them and agreed to look after them, watering as necessary. A bit of brightness goes a long way!
- The Parish Council also agreed that sowing wildflower seeds on the corner of the Beacon area would be a more sustainable approach than replacing the stinging nettles with more grass which would require regular mowing. A willing young volunteer helped to sow the seeds after some of the nettles were cleared to create a 'compost heap' to rot down and feed the commemorative tree next Spring. The remaining nettles will provide more nectar for the bees.
- With the confirmation of a loan, the Parish Council has arranged to meet different providers to ask for quotes for the playground refurbishment and this is taking place on the 16th June – this project will now be progressed to improve the facilities for children and young people on the Memorial Ground, the Moot Recreation ground and at Charlton-all-Saints.
- Following a high number of complaints from residents and repeated discussions with the grass cutters and the bin emptying service providers, the Parish Council is taking strong action to manage the contract and we expect to see improvement over the next month.
- Plans and quotes are being obtained for improvements to the Cemetery and it is hoped that some early results will be seen over the next month, with more improvements in the near future.
- The Neighbourhood Plan Review team are working on finalising a revised Plan following constructive feedback from Wiltshire Council. The revised Plan is being pursued to enable Parish residents to continue to influence any proposed new housing in the area.

SUITE JAZZ CONCERT

Friday 7th July 2023 at 7.00 pm

ST. LAURENCE CHURCHYARD
(OR IN CHURCH IF WET)

Featuring:



KATE EDGAR

KEYBOARD



**PAUL
BORRELLI**
SAXOPHONE

DAVE MACE **BASS**

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 – 51140**

From mid-June

FRIDAY 21 JULY in the Memorial Gardens

Our Rescheduled Coronation Celebration



of Music and Dance



4.00-5.15pm

Children's Disco (no unaccompanied children please)

5.30-6.15pm

Downton Training Band

Jubilee Brass

6.45-7.30pm

A 6 piece Band put together specially for this occasion
including Downton's own Paul Borrelli, Martin
Easterbrook, Dave Mace and Anwen Howells on vocals

7.30-9pm

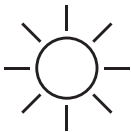
Ceilidh with Black Sheep plus Caller

Bring your own chairs & picnic or buy refreshments from:

Italian Pizza van

Sam's Ice cream Van

Downton Brewery



Pay on the gate - £5 per adults

Hopefully the sun will shine but if not the event will take place
in the Memorial Hall

Any queries – contact Malcom Dean on 07776 13277

News from Downton Band

As mentioned in last month's magazine, the Band are reaching out this year to ex-players, plus present and past associates, to lend historic photographs, memorabilia and artefacts to display at some their forthcoming concerts - or to borrow, copy and return.

There will be a landmark 150th Anniversary Concert in the village on 9th July. To register your interest in being a part of the All Stars Reunion on that date, or to share your old photo's/memorabilia of the Band, please contact paul@downton.org.uk

That special day will also feature an "All Stars Reunion Band", conducted by long-time Downton band Musical Director, Roland Wright. All past Downton Band players are welcome, so please get in touch and share some special memories with brass playing friends of the past.

Later in the summer the Band will be performing for all three days of The New Forest Show on 25th, 26th and 27th July, as well as in a concert at the White Horse pub in Stourpaine on Sunday 13th August.

Andy Ashcroft. Downton Band

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.

9th July 2023 2.00 pm – 4.00pm.
Downton Millennium Green Celebrates!

A 20th birthday celebration delayed from 2020.
An invitation to all to celebrate
this beautiful natural water meadow.

If you are a regular visitor or you have never visited before,
now come and learn what wildlife lives here, how to take care
of it and keep it safe for future generations.

Wild New Forest www.wildnewforest.uk will be sharing what
wildlife and plants to look out for.

Explore the green, the sights and sounds of birds, trees,
different grasses and flowers on a summer afternoon.

Bring your own picnic, chairs or rugs.

Bring your children, your grandchildren, your friends.

Amy Ellis has created a fun treasure trail activity for young
ones and their grown ups.

Well behaved dogs are welcome.
There will be a portaloo.

Members of the Millennium Green Committee will be able to
answer your questions and share information on how you can
support this precious space, which is all managed and
maintained by volunteers.

Joined by willow weaver Alison Pritt - sharing her skills and
selling willow structures; lots of willow grows here. There will
be a few more gentle activities (tbc) to help you enjoy this
space but the star of the day is the green itself.

If you haven't discovered it yet, please join us!

Downton Horticultural Society

Our recent Summer Show was a great success, with excellent exhibits, and we were pleased with the large number of people who came to see them and enjoy the refreshments! The Memorial Hall was full of the scent of the hundreds of Sweet Peas, Roses and other flowers.

Our next event is a members' only social evening in the garden of Tony and Edna Pike from 7.00 pm on Thursday 27th July.

Our Autumn Show will be held in the Memorial Hall

at 2.00 pm on Saturday 2nd 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 carrot cake, shortbread, Victoria sponge, lemon drizzle cake, cheese straws, tray bake, cheese scones, flapjacks, chocolate sponge, 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 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 of the Show.

Gordon Bishop (01725 511475)



National Garden Scheme

Many of us will have visited an 'Open Garden' during the summer, and enjoyed wandering round, taking in the views, buying plants perhaps, and looking forward to home-made cake. All the details can be found on their website: <https://ngs.org.uk/> As well as finding out about garden opening times and locations, there is a huge amount of information on gardening techniques and other related topics. There are over 190 gardens to visit virtually as well. Have a look at the website!

Good Companions

On 9th May we had a wonderful hour of laughter with Alan Jones when he told his story of how he became a Roving Reporter with BBC Radio. Alan had hoped to be a BBC t/v reporter, but was told he had the right face for radio. The theme of his talk was about things that went wrong on some of his assignments, which he related with great humour, entertaining us by building up a clear picture of what was going on.

On 5th June we spent an interesting and enjoyable time with Elizabeth Tanner. She shared her journey from the age of 10, when her mother gave her some fine thread and asked her to make a decorative edge round a piece of material; finding when she was 20 there were other thicker and different threads with which to create beautiful, textured pieces. The joy of what she did shone through when demonstrating making sheep's wool thread on a simple spindle. Her use of slides on a large screen gave us the opportunity to see the different types of spinning wheels that made it possible to produce fine threads to very bulky, bobbly threads. There were some lovely samples that we could look at.

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### Phyl has arranged the following for us:

**11<sup>th</sup> July** - Chris Walker: illustrated introductive talk on American music and songs from the 50's & 60's - familiar from when we were young!

**1st August** - A return of Ron Taylor: "Sweet and Sour". History of the slave trade; how money was made.

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25th July - Good Companions "Day Out". Coach ride and Cream Tea at Christchurch Garden Centre. Members go free, inclusive cost to Guests is £25. Contact Edna Pike 01725 511332 for cost and information.

The deadline for Guests to apply is 17th July.

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We meet in Downton Memorial Hall on Tuesdays from 2.00 to 4.00 pm. Regulars pay £2; visitors, who are always welcome, pay £2.50; cup of tea and biscuit included. Contact Julia Whitmarsh on 01725 510601 for details.



## The LARDER for our community



Everyone is welcome to come and share from **The LARDER**, situated in Downton Baptist Church. You will find a wide variety of food donated by our local community, including the Co-op and Bidfood. Our hope is that **The LARDER** will reduce food waste and make food available to everyone who

would like it. It is absolutely FREE and anyone can come and access one bag of food per week.

**We welcome donations from individuals as well, of items of unopened food, cleaning and hygiene products. We also welcome fresh food. Any financial donations received will go to purchasing more food.**

There continue to be many locations where food can be taken. The Co-op have a collection point, along with Ashley Grange, the Primary School and The Trafalgar School in Downton. You can also bring fresh food and any other items to the church during Larder open times or church office hours. (9.00 am to 1.00 pm Monday to Thursday),

Please see Downton Baptist Church website for further information.

[www.downtonbaptist.org/Groups/384889/The\\_Larder.aspx](http://www.downtonbaptist.org/Groups/384889/The_Larder.aspx)

**The LARDER** is open each week on Monday and Thursday evenings from 6pm to 7pm, and Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 9 am to 10 am.



### Thank you, knitters!

A big thank you to all of you who responded to the request to knit Bobble Hats for my daughter, Rachel. The response has been amazing. She will be selling them in the autumn to raise funds for the Brain Tumour Charity, in memory of her daughter, Zoe. We will continue to the end of August, then hopefully sell them in various places in September, including the Goose Fair in St Laurence Church on 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Thank you again, Julia Whitmarsh.

## **Concert on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September – Save the date**

The organ recital by John Challenger which had to be postponed in 2022 has been rearranged for

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 3.00 pm in St Laurence Church.**

John is the Assistant Director of Music at Salisbury Cathedral and as a recitalist is known for his ability to enthuse his audience with a wide range of musical styles. He is responsible for the organ “Proms” in the cathedral which have proved immensely popular and has recorded several CD’s of organ music which have been highly praised.

The recital will be an opportunity to celebrate the complete renovation of the St Laurence organ which has been in progress since 2018!

Tickets will be on sale from the Borough Café from mid August.

Further information and tickets from Mark Merrill on 01725 512175 or [mark.merrill@gmx.co.uk](mailto:mark.merrill@gmx.co.uk)



## **The New Forest Tour**

The New Forest Tour will return for the summer season, from 1st July to 17th September 2023, with three interconnecting bus routes. Get on and off wherever you like and catch the next Tour bus, or switch between routes, all on the same ticket. Hear the stories of the people, places and animals of the New Forest on the audio commentary – with characters, sounds and music, bringing the view to life.

Information about the routes, ticket prices and timetables can be found on the website: <https://www.morebus.co.uk/tickets-NFT>.

Leaflets should be available nearer the time from the Tourist Information Centre.

**ADVANCE NOTICE!****Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August to****Bank Holiday Monday 28<sup>th</sup>****August**

Hampshire Open Studios is an annual art trail where the visiting public can meet artists in their homes, studios and galleries free of charge to see every type of art and craft on offer in the county, including painting, sculpture, ceramics, textiles, glass, wood, metal and jewellery. This year there will be nearly 300 venues open, many in the New Forest including, in our local area, Downton, Redlynch, Breamore and Woodgreen.

For more details (including the on-line brochure) see: [www.hampshireopenstudios.org.uk](http://www.hampshireopenstudios.org.uk). Free paper brochures listing all the venues in The New Forest area and beyond can be obtained from the end of July at Downton Library or by contacting Lynn Purcell ( [lynn@thecornmill.plus.com](mailto:lynn@thecornmill.plus.com) ).

Please visit and support your local artists!

**Why not buy a Downton Cuckoo Fair bag or tea towel?****Good value, and unique to our village**

Contact Edna Pike on 01725 511332

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

**Date for your Diary!****Fun Dog show in the Moot****Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Sept, 3 – 5 pm.****Details in September magazine**

## Goldies Sing-Along Social Group at Downton Memorial Hall

Goldies takes place upstairs at Downton Memorial Hall on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month from 10.00 am, led by Carole Still. The next session is on 26<sup>th</sup> July. Walk down the side of the Hall, and enter through the door on the left.

At Goldies we chat and laugh with friends, whilst singing along to the hits of the 50's onwards, with artists such as Sir Cliff Richard, Tom Jones, Elvis, Dusty Springfield, Petula Clark and many more. Goldies is not a choir, you don't have to be able to sing to join, just love music and socialising.

Goldies Sing&Smile sessions are open to everyone, but particularly aim to reduce isolation with older adults. We ask for a £3 donation to attend.

For further information go to the website: [www.golden-oldies.org.uk](http://www.golden-oldies.org.uk)  
Or ring Carole Still on 01722 337880



## Hearing Aid Clinic

**Downton Baptist Church, South Lane**

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

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

We will only be able to let a maximum number of clients into the room at any one time. Please respect social distancing measures. This service is for NHS Salisbury hearing aid users. Please bring your battery issue card.



*We are RNID and together, we'll make life fully inclusive for deaf people and those with hearing loss or tinnitus.*

Contact: Gill Drayson 01722 580014 or 07570 670 643  
[gillian.drayson@rnid.org.uk](mailto:gillian.drayson@rnid.org.uk)



## 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](mailto:stephaniejalland1@gmail.com).



## Downton Bowling Club

At last the sun has come out and we have been able to play some bowls! As at the end of May, all of our teams have now played some matches. The Men have teams in New Forest Division 3 and the Salisbury & District league.

Our Ladies' team also plays in the New Forest league. We have two teams in the Bournemouth & District Saturday morning Mixed league, and one in the Westbrook Mixed league. The results have been mixed so far, but there are plenty of matches left in which to improve our league positions.

Due to popular demand, we are now running roll up sessions on Monday & Friday afternoons from 2pm. If you've ever fancied giving bowls a go, just turn up, or for more details please email [downtonbowls@gmail.com](mailto:downtonbowls@gmail.com)

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**Latest News:**

- a. **Repair Cafe goes to Uni:** In June two of our members, Paul & Martin, attended a Repair Cafe Conference at Farnham University, where Martin as one of the speakers talked on the history of Lover RC and was a leader in the Question Time. A wonderful day with great unification & collaboration between approx. 90 Repair Cafes.
- b. **Garden Tools:** Don't forget we are happy to receive your old garden tools to sharpen, repair or renew handles. Also if you have any tools to spare we can tidy them up and supply them to Downton Baptist Church to aid their Community Garden Project.
- c. **Chat-a-Techie:** We are still seeking help for Martin in our I.T Dept. as he has been very busy with the Computer, Tablet, and Mobile phone service recently, and would appreciate any help from an experienced I.T person. If you need help with training sessions or repairs **Contact the Techies** or book in (preferably) Email [loverrepaircafe@gmail.com](mailto:loverrepaircafe@gmail.com) or phone 01725 510753.
- d. **Stars Appeal:** As a result of raising over £14k for the Stars Appeal (Covid Work) the Team have been invited to visit the Hospital to see the benefits of the funding.
- e. **Finance:** During June, with your help, we were able to give financial help to the Hale Brownies & the Downton Food bank (called the Larder) run by the Baptist Church. Our total donation to date, including six regular monthly commitments, is £24,465.
- f. **Lover Fayre:** Look out for us, we will be at the Fayre Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July.



Don't forget, we are at Lover Village Hall to help you with any repairs or serve you a hot cuppa tea every Wednesday or Friday morning 10.00 am to noon.

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## Redlynch and District Local History Society

On 6<sup>th</sup> June we had an early evening walk through Langley Wood, courtesy of Natural England's Manager, Stuart Hales, and the Local Warden Dave Bennett. We started at the top of Coles Lane and continued down the public footpath to see the site of old cottages, accompanied with maps from the mid 1800's. There was much interest in this and you can see the map for yourselves at Know Your Place (<https://www.kypwest.org.uk>). Select Wiltshire, scroll to the area you wish to view, then using the tab at the top of the right hand box select the map you wish to see.

We also saw areas of coppice which are maintained by Langley Wood Volunteers, deer fenced enclosures and the Open Wood which attempts to replicate the ancient practice of using cattle grazing to create a more open woodland with large trees. The enclosures are used to protect the natural regeneration of trees and some relocation of saplings with individual protection is also undertaken on a limited scale to fill gaps; only Langley Wood sourced trees are used in this way.

The walk concluded at the pond on the circular walk where the tale of Old Howards Cottage was related; this story was published in a fairly recent Redlynch Review. To summarise: the cottage which was brick and thatch burnt down in 1952 causing the demise of bed ridden Laura Howard who lived there with her retired gamekeeper brother and their housekeeper Olive Pickford. The difficulty of reaching the cottage in the middle of the wood was secondary to the inability to raise help quickly, the cottage having been burning for at least 2.5 hours before the first help arrived. When one considers this in conjunction with lack of mains water and power, it is not surprising that so many isolated cottages have disappeared.

The circular walk is open to the public for walks and is well sign posted, the rest of the wood is a National Nature Reserve and is NOT open to the public.

### **Our season of talks resumes on 5th September with a set of short talks with the theme of Family.**

Treasurer: We have been successful in our quest for a new treasurer to replace Kate Crouch, who has undertaken that office for around the past 10 years! Nick Brown has been co-opted on to the committee and will be standing for election at the October AGM.



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**Outing to Chichester and Bognor Regis on 9th August,  
leaving Morgans Vale and Woodfalls Village Hall at 9.00.am, returning  
at approx. 5.00 pm. Cost £18.**

There are spare seats on the coach; for further details contact Sandra Pearce on 01725 512129.

**The July meeting will take place on Wednesday 12th at 2.15 pm at  
Morgans Vale and Woodfalls Village Hall.** The speaker will be Pat Sheppard: 'What is a Blue Badge Guide?'

Guests and new members will be welcome.

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

### **Social Evening on Saturday 8th July in Woodfalls Methodist Hall**

Starting with a meal at 5.30 pm

followed by a game "In order to win".

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***Everyone Welcome.***

## **Talkabout**

in Woodfalls Methodist Hall

### **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July**

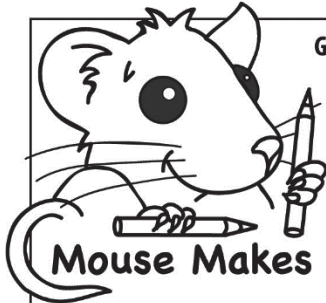
Steve Herra talks on Titanic, a night of ice.

*Coffee served from 10.00 am and the talk starts at 10.30 am*

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## Mouse Makes

Where did Goliath come from?

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1 Samuel 17:4

How tall was Goliath?

\_\_\_\_\_ cubits.

1 Samuel 17:4

What was Goliath's armour made of?

\_\_\_\_\_

1 Samuel 17:5,6

What weapons did Goliath carry?

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a \_\_\_\_\_

and a \_\_\_\_\_

1 Samuel 17:45

How many stones did David take from the stream?

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1 Samuel 17:40

Where did David's stone hit Goliath? On his \_\_\_\_\_

1 Samuel 17:49

**Goliath**, the champion of the Philistine army, taunted the Israelites.

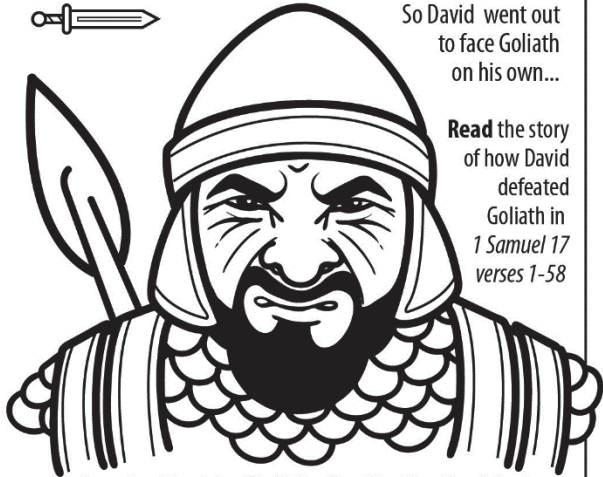
"Choose a man to fight with me and if he kills me then we will be your servants!"

The Israelites were afraid, but **David**, a shepherd boy who had come to bring food to his brothers on the battlefield said:

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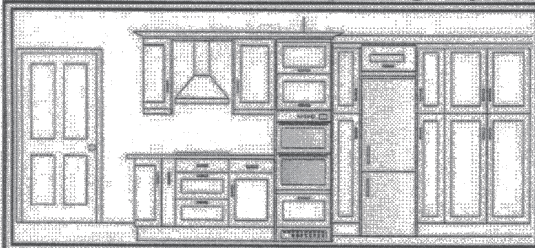
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effective 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2022

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Wednesdays – Alderholt Sports & Social Club 5pm

Thursdays – Royal Oak, Fritham, 5pm

Fridays – Surgery Car Park, Whiteparish, 5pm

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