Downton 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
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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.

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From Bramshaw Rectory:

Dear Friends



On an ordinary street in a Devon town stood a house called "Shekinah". I knew that Leslie and Edith who lived there were retired missionaries. Embarrassed about my ignorance, I went home and looked the word up. And what I discovered was that this word like many Hebrew words does not translate easily into English. It literally means "dwelling" or "one who dwells", and from our Jewish roots, it is a word that describes the presence of God.

The idea of the presence of God is a theme that runs all through the Bible. In the early chapters of Genesis we see how God chose to be with the man and the woman in the garden, and in the final chapters of Revelation, we read how God's presence will once again be fully restored to His creation in the New Heaven and New Earth. (Revelation 21:3)

We cannot overestimate the importance of God's presence, because it is His presence that changes everything. As the Israelites wandered in the wilderness for 40 years, often the only thing that kept them going was the "fiery cloudy pillar", the presence of God.

And for us today. What is it that makes a Sunday service worth turning up to? It isn't the music or the coffee or the lovely people that you meet - it's the presence of God amongst His people.

This autumn, I am offering a 6-week on-line Bible Course seeking to explore the idea and promise of the Presence of God. It's an opportunity to learn, to be encouraged and to be challenged by God's Word in the Bible and you'd be very welcome to join us. Part 1 of the series will appear on Sunday 22nd October.

Send me an email (davidbramrec@aol.com) to request the weekly Discussion Questions and a link to the video input - or find us on YouTube

With my love and prayers

David

ST LAURENCE CHURCH SERVICES

October

1st October 17th Sunday after Trinity and Harvest 10.30am

Holy Communion

Gospel Matthew 21:23 - 32

8th October 18th Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Café Church and Pet Service

15th October 19th Sunday after Trinity

10.30am **Holy Communion**

> Matthew 22:1-14 Gospel

20th Sunday after Trinity 22nd October

10.30am **Holy Communion**

> Matthew 22:15-22 Gospel

29th October **Last Sunday after Trinity**

10.30am **Downton Churches Together**

at The Church of the Good Shepherd,

Barford Lane.

We ask that you continue to sanitise your hands on arrival. 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.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 19th September 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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Sunday Morning Worship at 10.30 am:

including 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 every 2nd/4th Thursday of the month.

The PLAYROOM: Wednesday Morning at 9.00 am:

Free Toddler Church playgroup and their adults: from birth to Pre-School.

The LARDER: Food for the Community:

6.00 pm to 7.00 pm Every Monday

9.00 am to 10.00 am Every Wednesday

Pastors: Rev Philip Rhoades and Rev Katy Ullyatt

Tel: 07468 491143 or 07786 248880.

Philip@downtonbaptist.org | Katy@downtonbaptist.org

<u>Services in the Forest and Avon Churches – October 2023</u>

Sunday 1st October

9.30am Harvest Family Service at Bramshaw10am Harvest Festival at Morgans Vale

10.30am Parish Communion (Harvest) at Downton

10.30am Harvest Gathering at Landford (Methodist Hall)

Wednesday 4th October

10.45am Harvest Thanksgiving at Woodfalls followed by lunch

Sunday 8th October

10am Holy Communion at Redlynch

10.30am Pet Service (Café Church) at Downton10.30am The Gathering at Landford (Methodist Hall)

6pm Harvest Praise & Supper at Redlynch Village Hall

Sunday 15th October

9.30am Parish Communion at Bramshaw10am Holy Communion at Woodfalls

(shared breakfast from 9.15am)

10.30am Parish Communion at Downton

10.30am Morning Worship at Landford (Methodist Church)

6pm Evensong (BCP) at Redlynch

Wednesday 18th October

10.45am Service at Woodfalls followed by lunch

Sunday 22nd October

9.30am Parish Communion at Bramshaw

9.45am for 10 "Toasty Sunday" at Woodfalls /MV V Hall

10.30am Parish Communion at Downton

10.30am The Gathering (Café Style) at Landford (Methodist Hall)

11am Holy Communion at Landford (St Andrew's)

Wednesday 25th October

9.30am Holy Communion (BCP) at Redlynch

Sunday 29th October

9.30am Memorial Service at Bramshaw10am Holy Communion at Redlynch

10.30am United (DCT) Worship at Downton RC church10.30am The Gathering at Landford (Methodist Hall)

St Laurence's Church Registers August 2023

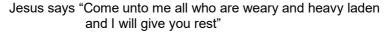
Funerals:

18th August - Marian Helen Rowlands (86)

Burial of Ashes:

9th August - Maie Davies

16th August - Marion Wendy Arbuckle







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

Requests for particular prayers can be made: by telephoning Reverend Ron Hart on 01725 514772 or if unavailable by contacting 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: <u>www.stlaurencedownton.co.uk</u>

Roads to God Prayer Group

The next Roads to God Prayer Group will meet on Wednesday **25th October** at 10.30 am in the Lady Chapel 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. All are welcome to join us.

Prayer Diary for October

- 1 Harvest Giving thanks for all God's goodness
- 2 Those starting University and College
- 3 Our Forest & Avon Team
- 4 Organist and Choir
- 5 Those made redundant or unable to find work
- 6 Downton Churches Together
- 7 Our Church School
- 8 Peace in the World
- 9 Our witness as a Church
- 10 Sidespeople and Lesson Readers
- 11 Our Team Rector and family
- 12 Our Churchwarden
- 13 The Bereaved
- 14 Our Bellringers
- 15 Those who produce our Parish magazine
- 16 All ministers in the village
- 17 Sunday School
- 18 St Luke: All who minister to the sick
- 19 Trafalgar School at Downton
- 20 All visitors to our Churches
- 21 Links (Downton Churches Together youth club)
- 22 School Governors
- 23 Our Team Vicar and Family
- 24 Those in Residential & Nursing Homes
- 25 All who assist with our services
- 26 Young people in the Church
- 27 All who rely on food aid.
- 28 Flower Arrangers
- 29 Bible Sunday Growing through God's word
- 30 Our Lay Pastoral Assistants (LPAs)
- 31 Those training for ministry

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





Harvest Celebration with Holy Communion All-Age Worship

Sunday 1st October at 10.30 am at St Laurence Church with Downton Band

Your own garden produce is welcome as well as gifts of tinned and dried groceries for the Downton Larder.

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

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 Collection points are: The Co-op; Ashley Grange, The Cedars at Landford, 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

The LARDER is <u>open</u> each week on Monday Evenings from 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm, and Wednesday Mornings from 9.00 am to 10.00 am.

ರ Downton Parish Council

As leaves turn gold on the trees and apples fall ripe and sweet from their branches, Downton Parish Council is in the middle of making improvements to our community facilities:

- The Downton Memorial Hall is receiving a face-lift with its flat roofs and gutters being replaced to ensure that the inside remains warm and dry throughout the winter.
- The Moot Lane Recreation Ground, Memorial Park and Charlton All Saints Playgrounds are being given a whole new makeover with new play equipment being installed.
- Preparations are being made to ensure that Downton is ready to deal with the challenges of icy winter roads and floods.
- Temporary Speed Indicator Devices are being used in The Borough and Moot Lane to remind motorists to drive carefully through our village.

Naomi Defriend is the Administrative Officer for the Parish Council. She can be contacted on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays between 10.00 am and 3.00 pm. Tel: 07483 344035 or by email: admin@downtonparishcouncil.gov.uk Where appropriate, she may redirect queries to Councillors or the Parish Clerk.



Lynn Purcell wishes to thank all those people who visited
The Corn Mill during Hampshire Open Studios.

A huge THANK YOU to those who have helped us to support The Breast Care Unit at Salisbury Hospital, through the kind donations they made for the refreshments that we served.

A total of £832.27 was raised which is absolutely brilliant.

Sponsored Walk for Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust

On a beautiful, hot day in September six of our churches in the Forest and Avon Team took part in Ride and Stride 2023. Ride and Stride is a national event that encourages people to visit and take in the beauty, tranquillity and history of some of our country's oldest and most attractive buildings, our parish churches.

The aim is to walk, cycle or ride from church to church, whilst receiving sponsorship which raises funds to care for these ancient buildings via the Historic Churches Trust, and for the church of your choice. We had two separate groups raising funds, one walking around the parish churches in Salisbury and another group walking from St.Birinus Church, Morgans Vale to St.Laurence's Church in Downton.

Volunteers from St. Laurence were very pleased to supply cooling drinks and cakes to a number of people who took part in Ride and Stride on that very hot September day. Many had come from a number of miles away either on foot or bicycle.

Overall the sum raised, including gift aid, was in excess of £500. So well done to everyone taking part, sponsoring and for those at St.Laurence's and St.Birinus who were ready and waiting with a lovely welcome and refreshments for visitors.



The church treasurer Mark Merrill walked between eight of the Salisbury churches as part of Ride and Stride on Saturday 9 September. Because of the heat he started early from the Britford Park and Ride and walked from Britford St Peter, through Harnham and its two churches and then across Town Path to the Cathedral and four more of the town churches. He ended up at St Martins before heading back to the Park and Ride.

It was a walk of just over four hours and, apart from visiting the eight churches, one outstanding aspect of the walk was to find out how many green spaces there are throughout the city. Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust has provided two grants in recent years to support maintenance of the fabric of the church building.





If you could spare some time, or for more information please contact us:

Downton Link

Tel.No. 01725 513807 Email: info@downtonlink.org.uk

Website: www.downtonlink.org.uk



Come along to St.Laurence's Church

Downton for a service with a difference!

Blessing of our Pets and Animals

All Friendly Animals Welcome



13 **Downton Horticultural Society**

We were very pleased with the success of our recent Autumn Show. We had many more entries than last year, although the rain in the days immediately before the show meant there were a few less dahlias exhibited than we had hoped. However, together all the floral exhibits made a beautiful sight which was appreciated, along with the superb vegetable and bake-off exhibits, by the very large number of people who visited the show.

Our next event is a 'virtual' visit to the Isles of Scilly at 7.30 pm on Thursday 26th October when Ben Turner, the Arboricultural Officer for Bournemouth Borough Council, will be presenting "Inspiration from Tresco Abbey Gardens".

The gardens are claimed to be one of the most beautiful and unique places in the world, full of tropical plants and flowers, towering palms, magnificent proteas, agave, and many, many other exotic plants.

As usual there will be refreshments, a sales table and a raffle.

Non-members are welcome, but there will be a basket for donations.

Gordon Bishop (01725 511475)



Goldies Sing-Along Social Group at Downton Memorial Hall

Goldies takes place upstairs at Downton Memorial Hall on the 4th Wednesday of the month from 10.00 am, led by Carole Still. The next session is on 25th October. Walk down the side of the Hall, and enter through the door on the left.

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

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

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

Downton Christmas Tree Festival 2023

in St Laurence Church

We are delighted to be bringing the Downton Christmas Tree Festival to St Laurence Church on Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd December. We will provide the beautiful setting, the wide variety of music, activities for children and our renowned selection of cakes to enjoy with your tea or coffee, while you soak up the festive atmosphere.

ALL WE NEED NOW ARE YOUR CREATIONS:

DECORATED TREES, CHRISTMAS SCENES OR WREATHS.

Let your creativity fly and have fun making something. Pick up an entry form from 22nd September from the library, Borough Café or the church, or go to www.stlaurencedownton.co.uk or www.downtonvillage.co.uk

Final entry deadline: Friday 24th November 2023

The Festival will start on Friday 1st December with a Choral Evensong, followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

Saturday 2nd December and Sunday 3rd December 10.00 am – 4.00 pm: church open with exhibits, activities, cakes and music.

We look forward to seeing you

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

Any funds raised during the festival will be divided between St Laurence Church and Wilton RDA who at the Pembroke Centre provide equine therapy for children and adults through riding and ground based activities. The ponies help people to deal with disability, anxiety and dementia.

Friday 10th November Moot 1940's Evening

With Suite Jazz

There will be a 1940's evening in Downton Memorial Hall on Friday 10th November to raise funds for the Moot.

You will be entertained by Suite Jazz and other artists playing songs and music from this era.

Your ticket will include a three course meal and you are invited to come in dress of the period.

Full details will be available in early October on posters, local Facebook pages or from Moot Committee members.



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.

16 **Downton Bowling Club**

Our wonderful Jenny Tanner

We know that many sectors of the local community will be saddened by the passing of Jenny Tanner, but it is difficult to imagine a greater heartfelt loss than that from the Bowling Club.

Jenny was with the Club, along with husband Bob, for about 30 years. She supported the Club as a very good player (Ladies Champion on three occasions); she was a fantastic hard worker for the Club, she was generous, and she brought a lot of fun as well. Most of all she was such a lovely person for us to be around, with her smile and character spreading such warmth. Thank you Jenny, we will miss you.

The New Forest Bowls Association League has now finished; Downton men came in a creditable third in the Division 3 Men's League. The Ladies New Forest league still have a few games to play, and will hopefully finish mid table.

In the New Forest league there are League Team knockout Cups. Downton missed out on the glittering prize, but we won the final of The Ivor Fourmy Cup, for division three and below.

The Club members are playing through the internal competitions which are played in a friendly competitive manner. Just social "roll ups" take place during the week, when the weather permits.

The Club was lucky enough to have two of our members, Marie Clarke and Alan Waters, winning the Eight Wealth Cup at Fordingbridge. This is a locally prestigious competition for mixed pairs.

Looking a bit further on to the closed season, the ever popular Short Mat Bowls will run on Thursdays, starting at 2.15pm, from 12th October to 14th December, and then from 11th January to 14th March.

If you are interested in the Short Mat, or in joining Downton Bowling Club, contact Mike Hallam on 01725 513539.

17 **Good Companions**

The Good Companions Club meets weekly in Downton Memorial Hall on Tuesdays from 2.00 to 4.00 pm. We enjoy a number of activities, such as Games, Exercises, Bingo, Singing, and talks from a variety of different people, usually illustrated with slides.

Regular members pay £2 per session; visitors, who are always welcome, pay £2.50; cup of tea and biscuit included!

Contact Julia Whitmarsh on 01725 510601 for further details.

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.

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

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



Silver Salisbury's Autumn Programme 2023

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

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

You can find out what's going on by picking up a paper programme, as these should be available in many places, including libraries and information centres. The programme is also on the website:

<u>www.silversalisbury.co.uk</u> and there will be regular updates on the Silver Salisbury Facebook page. Silver Salisbury have also published a directory of groups which meet regularly throughout the year, who welcome older people.

A number of groups and activities in Downton, many mentioned in this magazine, have special meetings during the period to give a taster of what they have to offer, others will welcome visitors to take part in their regular activities.

Extra Downton groups featured in Silver Salisbury's Directory:

Walking Football (until 30th September) Redlynch Playing Fields. Ring: 01725 476220 or 01725512129 or just turn up.

Re-Root Chair Yoga. Morgans Vale and Woodfalls Village Hall Places must be booked Ring:07788 767752 for information.

Ramblers' Wellbeing walks. Meet at the Borough Café. 10 – 11.30am Free weekly walks, no need to book. Email natalie.prker@wiltshire.gov.uk or ring:07917 599964.

Crafternoons at Downton Library. 1 -1.45pm for a drop-in session on the last Monday of the month.

Ashley Grange Friendship Group (Lode Hill SP5 3PP) 1.45 – 3.30pm on Thursdays. Free event, no need to book. Information: 01725 512811.

Downton Downtime at the Sherwood Suite in Wick Lane, Downton. Tuesdays 10am – 12noon, weekly during term time. Crafts and music. No need to book. Information: 07515 822479.

EARLY BIRD CONCERT

Sunday 8 October 2023 at 3.00 pm The Medieval Hall Salisbury Cathedral Close, SP1 2EY

Baroque sonatas and concertos set amongst folk music that was, or might have been, associated with it Music by by Vivaldi, Byrd, Bach, Marini, Leonarda

Tickets: adults £18 from eventbrite.co.uk
School-age children: free tickets, but only available
on request from earlybird1685@gmail.com

Looking ahead:

Two events in Woodfalls Methodist Hall

Talkabout: Thursday 5th October at 10.00 am.

Coffee served from 10.00 am.

Speaker Gerald Ponting: 'Scenes from a Hampshire Childhood'

Social Evening Saturday 14th October.

Starting with a meal at 5.30 pm, followed by games and activities involving Cheese!

Everyone welcome - if you hope to come please ring 01725 512648 (leave a message if we are not at home)

4th November: Coffee Morning in Redlynch Village Hall from 10.00 am

Raffle, Bring 'n' buy, and sale of home-made preserves and pickles

St Birinus' Christmas Bazaar 25th November 11.00 am – 2.00 pm in Morgans Vale & Woodfalls Village Hall, including Santa's Grotto.

Making Salisbury a Safer Place for All



'Safer and Supportive Salisbury' have recently relaunched the Safe Places scheme in the city. Safe Places are shops, cafés and other venues where anyone who feels frightened, distressed, disorientated or at risk while they are out and about in Salisbury

can go to ask for support and help straight away.

There are now a total of 25 Safe Places signed up to the local scheme including: Salisbury Cathedral, Salisbury Library, Salisbury Playhouse, Boots the Chemist, Salisbury Information Centre and Five Rivers Health and Wellbeing Centre. Downton Library and The Borough Café are listed as 'Safe Places' in Downton.

The scheme's first 24/7 Safe Place is the White Hart Hotel, where both daytime and night staff are aware of the scheme and will provide support to anyone who needs help.

Managers of Safe Places are asked to display the Safe Places logo prominently in their window or front door so it is clearly visible, indicating this is where you can ask for help.



A free downloadable app is available from app stores which will automatically direct users to the nearest open Safe Place. If no Safe Place is located within a 15 minute walk, it will automatically offer to call the non-emergency number 101 to get help over the phone.

Funding from the Salisbury Reds Community Fund has enabled the group to produce a users' leaflet, available free in public spaces across the city, to raise awareness of the scheme. Other support has come from Salisbury BID and Salisbury Area Board of Wiltshire Council

Safer and Supportive Salisbury is a network of local people and organisations working together towards creating a safe, supportive and inclusive community for everyone who lives or works in the city and for all visitors to Salisbury and surrounding areas.

Visit our website: https://safersalisbury.org.uk/



Redlynch Players Backstage News

'Little top up?'

Autumn Production - Abigail's Party

Well, the party is now in full swing and rehearsals have been gathering pace over the past few weeks. We are thrilled to be bringing you Mike Leigh's classic piece about society in suburbia in all its cringing 1970's glory! For those who are unfamiliar with the story, Beverley and Laurence have invited their new neighbours round for a little soiree and are joined by Sue, whose teenage daughter, Abigail, is having a party. The evening begins well but gradually descends into chaos as the drinks flow and the adults begin to behave rather badly!

The characters are wonderful to play and the cast are thoroughly enjoying portraying them on stage. Directed by Lloyd Perry, who has been supporting the cast to bring this brilliant, well-known play to life, and we are looking forward to performing it in Redlynch Village Hall in November. So gather your 1970s gear, grab a cheesy pineapple on a stick and get your tickets for this great play – a perfect way to cheer up the autumn evenings!

Performances will be from Wednesday 22nd November through to Saturday 25th November at Redlynch Village Hall. Doors will open at 7.00 pm for a 7.30 pm start.

Tickets, priced £12, go on sale Monday 16th October. Please email tickets@redlynchplayers.co.uk or contact Ron Perry: 01725 510283. We are very aware that our recent productions have sold out quickly, so please do not hesitate to get yours!

Find out more about us!

If you would like to be included on our emailing list to hear our latest news, please email: info@redlynchplayers.co.uk

Alternatively, see our website for recent reviews, how to buy tickets and past productions: www.redlynchplayers.co.uk

We post regular updates on our Redlynch Players Facebook page. Why not follow us? Or you can follow us on twitter! @RedlynchPlayers

Ali Silver - Chair of Redlynch Players







Morgan's Vale and Woodfalls' Celebration of The Arts and Crafts

Date: Saturday 14th October 2023 12 noon – 16:30

Location: MVW Academy and St Birinus Church, Morgan's Vale Road SP5 2HU

All Welcome – come along and see what's going on!

Woodfall's Band



Downton Community Choir



Art & Craft workshops 12 – 4pm



Pre-school 'Stay and Play'



Pop-up Café and licensed Bar

Submit your own work for friendly community show exhibitions For more information follow the QR code, phone 07802439743
or email MVWArtsEvent@gmail.com



Forest Edge Flower Arranging Society (FEFAS)



After the summer break in August, it was lovely to see so many members at our September demonstration by Kelly Show, entitled 'A Celebration of Nature's Bounty'. We thoroughly enjoyed Kelly's unique designs inspired by Nature and her love of gardening. We learned a lot of useful gardening tips, too!

Our next meeting on 2nd October will be a practical workshop on 'Ikebana' – the art of Japanese flower arrangement. Our member Miyuki (master of Ohara School of Ikebana) will introduce the most basic Ohara style (and simply beautiful one), the Rising Form. Just bring a few long stem flowers (approx. 60 cm length), some foliage, and your enthusiasm! You may borrow a container and a pin holder (kenzan), if you wish. Please contact us for further information (the worksheet is available). Refreshments from 7.00 pm followed by workshop at 7.30 pm. Non-members are welcome (£6 door fee including refreshments)!

Forest Edge Flower Arranging Society is 50 years old this year - and will be celebrating its Golden Anniversary with an evening of floral demonstrations entitled "A Golden Christmas" on Monday 4th December at the Downton Memorial Hall, at 7:30pm. (Doors open at 6.30 pm). The guest demonstrator, Michael Bowyer MBE, is a past President of the National Association of Flower Arranging Societies and a national speaker, judge, demonstrator and teacher who lives in Salisbury. Tickets: £15 from https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/fefas or by contacting Julie (contact details shown below)

All meetings/events are held at Morgans Vale & Woodfalls Village Hall, Redlynch (SP5 2HU). A full programme for 2023/24 is displayed on the notice board in the hall, on our facebook group (link below), and via the following weblink: https://tinyurl.com/FEFAS2023-24.

We look forward to welcoming you!

Contact: Julie Bottone 01725 514875

Email: forestedgeflower@gmail.com

Facebook group: <u>www.facebook.com/groups/forestedgeflower</u> View full programme for 2023/24: <u>https://tinyurl.com/FEFAS2023-24</u>

Meeting on 6th November:

Demonstration 'How Bizzare' by Graham King 7.30 pm



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Redlynch & District Local History Society

The Society's September meeting was devoted to the theme of 'Family'. Five members explored aspects, ranging from a descendant of famous archaeologist, William Hawley, who was heavily involved with Stonehenge in the early 20thC, through unorthodox 19th century 'marital' arrangements, to an astonishing story of how one family member escaped the Nazis and became British. The evening concluded with fresh information on the occupations and ownership of local properties in 1910 (Lloyd George Register and the 1911 census), followed by a taster of black & white photographs of the area courtesy of the Salisbury Journal and the Salisbury Museum.

All offered food for thought, with the promise of further talks. The first of these is a talk by a former test pilot, Ron Burrows, at our meeting on 3rd October, entitled "Flight Testing at Boscombe Down during the Cold War" Ron was posted to Boscombe Down four times and has experience of a variety of aircraft types, including the Tornado and the Harrier.

The AGM will also be held at that meeting, before the talk. Our annual membership is only £10, and runs from October onwards. Visitors' charge on the night is £3. Our meetings are held at the Morgans Vale & Woodfalls Village Hall, starting at 7.30 pm.



Redlynch and District W I

The September meeting was a celebration of our one hundred and seventh birthday, and after the business we had an interesting talk and slide show by Mike Reid about the wildlife at Blashford Lakes near Ringwood. The pictures of birds and wildlife were amazing. This was followed by a cream tea and a chat.

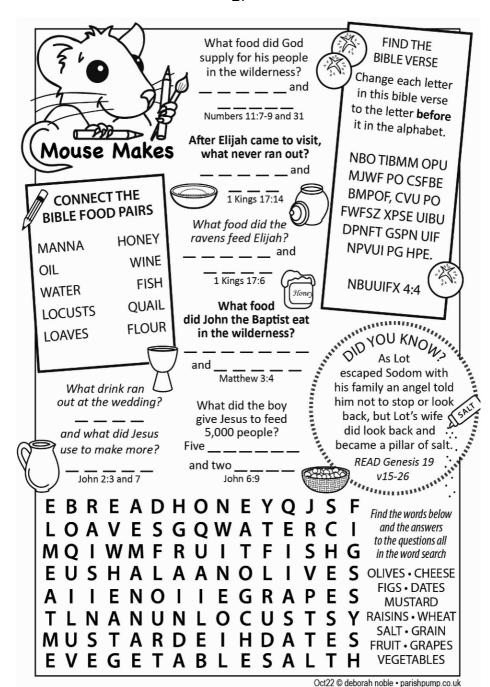
The next meeting will be on 11th October at 2.15 pm in Morgans Vale and Woodfalls Village Hall. The speaker will be Richard Hutley, talking about 'Policing Past and Present'. Guests will be very welcome.

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

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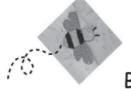
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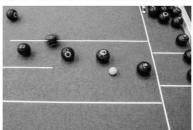
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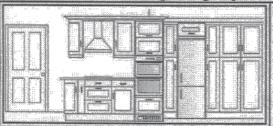
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