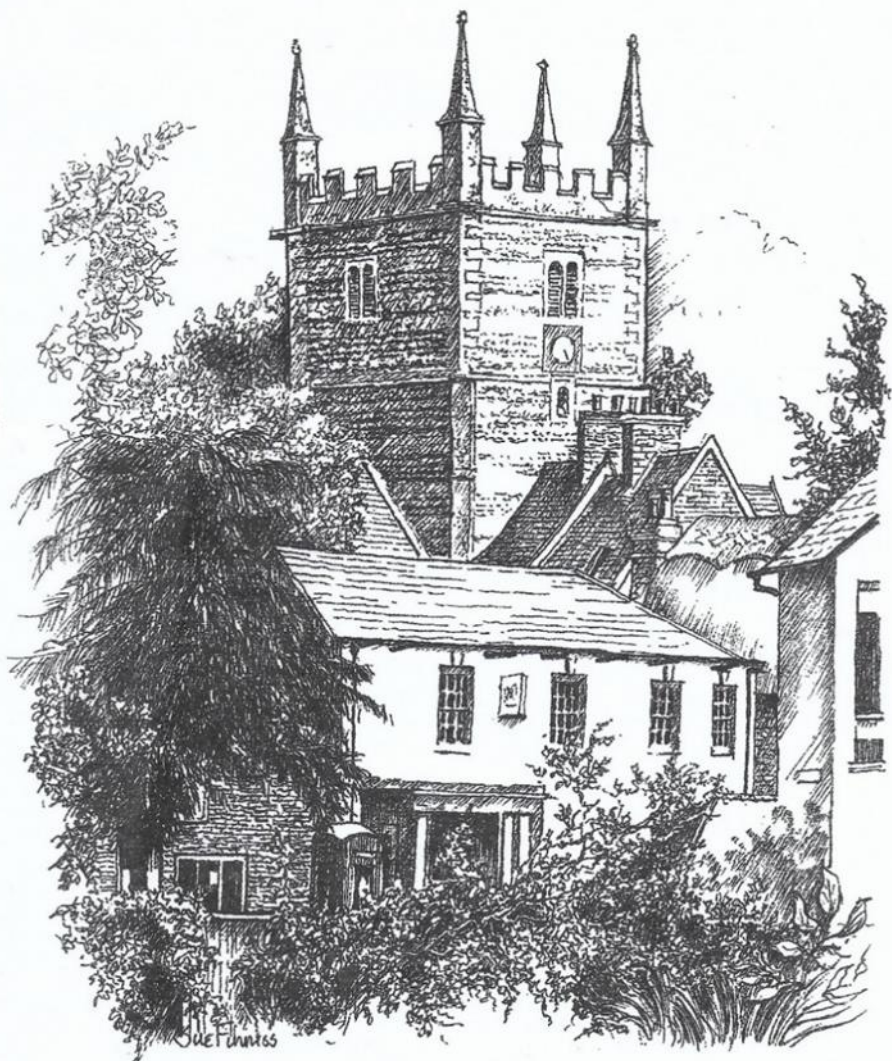


# Downton

September 2022

# Parish News



St. Laurence Church

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## St Laurence Church Downton

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

**Team Rector, Rev David Bacon**

**Tel. 01794 390256 Email: [davidbramrec@aol.com](mailto:davidbramrec@aol.com)**

**Churchwarden:** Mr Ken Parsons 01725 512738

**Parish administrator:** Mrs Jo Parsons 01725 512738

**Director of Music:** Mrs Elaine Hicks-Arnold 01722 710341

**Sunday School:** Dr Janet McGee 01725 513869

**Church Flowers:** Mrs A Gates 01725 514674  
& Mrs G White 01725 476024

**Church website:** [www.stlaurencedownton.co.uk](http://www.stlaurencedownton.co.uk)



[www.facebook.com/stlaurencedownton](http://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"*

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

**From Rev Veronica Batchelor,  
Team Vicar, Forest and Avon Team**



**For the beauty.....**

During the Commonwealth Games, I watched the 10,000m women's race and was transfixed by the sheer persistence of one runner throughout but especially during the last 200m. You could see she was giving everything she had and felt the intensity at which she was having to dig deep to find what she needed. The pain and commitment were tangible as she crossed the line first, less than a second ahead of her competitor.

The scenes that followed between the winner and her mother, (who herself had been a 10,000m gold medallist) I found both emotional and beautiful. The mum and daughter were so overwhelmed with emotion, their tears and joy pouring out uninhibited by the media around them.

What was it that I found so moving? Reflecting after, I realised it was the sharing of those emotions that was so moving, the mother was so aware of what that moment meant to her daughter. This visible outpouring of emotions was for me the '*the joy of human love*' revealed in a wonderful moment to all the world. The mother had emotionally shared, not just this race but her daughter's journey; the disappointments, the pain, the commitment, the losing and the winning.

When I'm asked why I became a vicar, the short answer is simply I found '*the joy of God's love*'. The relationship between God and us, can be likened to the relationship between a loving parent and their child. God has even invited us to call him 'Our Father'.

As my heavenly Father, I discovered whether winning or losing his love and embrace would be with me every step of my life. He would celebrate my wins and encourage me up when I fall.

The joy of human love is immense, the joy of God's love is even greater!

*Veronica x*

## ST LAURENCE CHURCH SERVICES

<b>3<sup>rd</sup> September</b> <b>10.30am</b>	<b>13th Sunday after Trinity</b> <b>Holy Communion</b> <b>Gospel</b>	<b>Matthew 16:21-end</b>
<b>10<sup>th</sup> September</b> <b>10.30am</b>	<b>14th Sunday after Trinity</b> <b>Holy Communion</b> <b>Gospel</b>	<b>Matthew 18:15-20</b>
<b>17<sup>th</sup> September</b> <b>10.30am</b>	<b>15th Sunday after Trinity</b> <b>Holy Communion</b> <b>Gospel</b>	<b>Matthew 18:21-35</b>
<b>24<sup>th</sup> September</b> <b>10.30am</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b> <b>Morning Worship</b> <b>Gospel</b>	<b>Matthew 20:1-16</b>

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

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

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

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



## The Forest and Avon Team Ministry

The legal process including formal interviews has now taken place. The new pattern of ministry has been agreed as follows:

### **The Team Rector:**

Rev. David Bacon. This is a paid and full time post.

### **Team Vicar:**

Rev Veronica Batchelor. Half time paid post.

There will be additional support from an **Associate Priest**, Ven Alan Jeans (Alan remains Archdeacon).

All three were inducted into their roles by Bishop Andrew at a licensing service held in St Laurence Church on the 17<sup>th</sup> July, attended by the whole Team. We look forward to working together enabling St Laurence to grow in worship, pastoral care and community engagement.



## Woodfalls Methodist Church

The Ridge, Woodfalls, SP5 2LH

**Sunday 4th September 10.00am** Praise and Prayer at St Mary's

**Wednesday 7th 10.45am** Service at Woodfalls Methodist led by members of the congregation. Followed by lunch.

**Sunday 11th September 10.00am** Holy Communion at St Birinus

**Sunday 18th September 10.00am** Praise & Prayer at Woodfalls Methodist.

**Wednesday 21st September 10.45am** Service at Woodfalls Methodist led by Mr Richard Bolton. Followed by lunch.

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September 10.00am** Holy Communion at St Mary's

**Wednesday 28th 10.45am** Book of Common Prayer Service of Holy Communion in St Birinus

**All enquiries to Graham Tanner** (01725 512648);  
email [atanner.gtanner@btinternet.com](mailto: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 **15<sup>th</sup> 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>



## **Downton Baptist Church**

South Lane, Downton, SP5 3NA

**Current Services: Sunday Mornings at 10.30am** (indoors)

The Service will be live streamed.

Online Services are on the Downton Baptist Church website.

**Ministers: Rev Philip Rhoades and Rev Katy Ulliyatt**

More details of all events from Rev Philip Rhoades:

Telephone: 07468 491143. Email: [rhoades470@btinternet.com](mailto:rhoades470@btinternet.com)

**Church Office:** 01725 512971 or **Email:** [office@downtonbaptist.org](mailto:office@downtonbaptist.org)

**Website:** [www.downtonbaptist.org](http://www.downtonbaptist.org)



## **Downton Open Gardens**

A big thank you to all who came to our Open Gardens event in the village on June 26<sup>th</sup> and to the eleven participants.

We were able to give £2,600 to DEC Ukraine and over £600 to Downton4Family. Visitors seemed to have a very enjoyable afternoon, with the varied gardens and attractions.

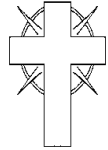
Well done to all!

Rosie and Mylene

# St Laurence's Church Registers July 2022

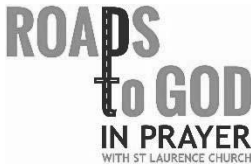
## Funeral:

## 11<sup>th</sup> July – David Brindley



“May he rest in peace and rise in glory”

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

## High Street and The Borough

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](mailto: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](http://www.stlaurencedownton.co.uk)

## Roads to God Prayer Group

The next Roads to God Prayer Group will meet again on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September 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.

# Prayer Diary for September 2022

- 1 All children and teachers returning to school
- 2 Our Organist and Choir
- 3 Sunday School as they begin a new year
- 4 Flower Arrangers
- 5 Our Witness to the Faith
- 6 Our Bellringers
- 7 Those who are ill and their families
- 8 Politicians and their advisors
- 9 Growing through God's Word
- 10 All key workers
- 11 Our Churchwarden
- 12 Our Team Rector and family
- 13 Churches Together in Downton
- 14 Medical staff: in hospitals, GPs, Care homes, research labs
- 15 Young People in the Church
- 16 Those going to University and College
- 17 Those in need in our village: those confined in their homes  
especially those living alone
- 18 Our Team Vicar and Associate Priest
- 19 Financial worries: business owners who have had to close, and  
workers who have been laid off
- 20 Those who produce our Parish magazine
- 21 Those involved in manufacture, distribution, and sales of food
- 22 Volunteers helping people in their community
- 23 Those worried about the rising cost of living
- 24 Our village schools
- 25 School Governors
- 26 Our Church life and mission
- 27 Our Forest & Avon Team
- 28 Our Bishops
- 29 All visitors to our Churches
- 30 Our Lay Pastoral Assistants (LPA's)

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 the diary, please have a word with Jo Parsons.





The Meeting of the Council was held at the Downton Memorial Centre on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2022. Seven members of the public were present.

**Unitary Cllr Richard Clewer:** Cllr Clewer gave a brief report as follows:

- He and the leader of Swindon Borough Council had raised a number of issues on police response and action with the Police and Crime Commissioner who would raise them with the Chief Constable.
- With Wiltshire Police currently being in special measures, there were a number of issues the force was tackling including one of staffing and of low morale.

**Departure of Clerk:** The Chair read out a statement thanking the Clerk for her 17 years of service to the Council and the good work she has done over the years which has been of benefit to the community. The Council agreed to appoint a locum clerk for an interim period of 3 months prior to making a permanent appointment.

**Amenities:** The Council approved quotes for the purchase of replacement goalposts in the Memorial Gardens and a new octagonal picnic bench for the play area in Charlton All Saints.

**BT Pole Objection:** BT and Wiltshire Council have acknowledged the Council's objection.

**Iron Bridge Repair:** Wiltshire Highways advised that work to install the new section of railings will take place in late September under two-way temporary traffic signals.

**Vacancies:** There are currently 6 vacancies for councillors. If you are interested in finding out more about becoming a councillor, please contact the Locum Clerk at the email address below.

**The next meeting, will be held on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 7.30 pm at the Downton Memorial Centre, The Borough, Downton.**

***Bev Cornish. Clerk to Downton Parish Council***

***Email: [clerk@downtonparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@downtonparishcouncil.gov.uk)***

***[www.downtonparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.downtonparishcouncil.gov.uk)***

## **Woodfalls Band Concert**

**Saturday 17th September 7.30 - 9.30 pm.**

Doors open at 6.45 pm

*An evening of light Brass Band entertainment.*

Phone number for tickets: 0333 666 3366

Adults: £10.00;

Concessions (Over 65's, Military, Student) £8.00

Under 16's must be accompanied by an adult.

1 free ticket per full paying adult.

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

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

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

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

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

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

<b>Title: (Mr Mrs etc...)</b>	
<b>Initials</b>	
<b>Surname</b>	
<b>House number or name</b>	
<b>Postcode</b>	
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Please return to:

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

[mark@merrill.eclipse.co.uk](mailto:mark@merrill.eclipse.co.uk)



## **Downton Beavers**

Dear 1st Downton Scout Group Friends,

Since 2018, our hugely successful Beaver group has been run by Jon Edwards with support from many assistant leaders and parents.

Unfortunately Jon is having to hand over the reins in the coming months for personal reasons. At the same time one of our experienced Assistant Leaders Liam, is also having to take a step back. The Beavers group currently meets every Thursday in term time between 18.00 and 19.00 and Jon has developed a master plan of events and local contacts, which can be used as a template to repeat the programme every other year. The Beavers Group is the current introduction for the 1st Downton Scout Group for young people into a world of Scouting, and Beavers is supported by the other group leaders and the Executive Committee which run the whole Group.

We are desperately looking for someone, or preferably a group of people, to take over from Jon for our Beavers Group children and Jon has kindly said he can support the administrative process and training for the first few months. Without anyone coming forward we are in the very real position of having to run the group less often and with fewer activities on the plan. This would be such a shame for our local community.

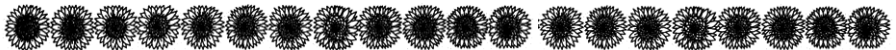
I understand how busy life is for us all: it is easy to think others will always come forward, but at this time WE NEED YOU. Sadly, if we do not manage to recruit any volunteers, we will need to look at how often the Beavers meet, or even close the Beavers section altogether.

Please feel free to contact Ian, our Group Scout Leader, or myself for an informal meet up or chat in order to support our local community.

Ross Arnold - 1st Downton Scout Group, Chairman.

Tel : 07973 359363 [chair@downtonscouts.org.uk](mailto:chair@downtonscouts.org.uk)

Registered Charity Number 1183184



## **Plant Stall in Moot Lane**

Thank you to all who kindly donated towards our Plant Stall  
in aid of Wessex Stoma Support and Alzheimers Support.

We have made gifts of £230 to each society.

A sincere thank you.                      Isabel Stone

# Sunday 18th September

## Fun Dog Show

### 3.00 – 5.00 pm, Downton Moot

**The Show Classes (£1 entry on the day from 2.30pm) are:**

- Prettiest bitch
- Most handsome dog
- Junior handler (under 18 years)
- Loveliest veteran (10 years plus)
- Dog most like its owner
- Dog with the waggiest tail



(The winners of each class will be entered into 'Best in Show')

Plus an AGILITY COURSE that will run all afternoon

Also A DEMONSTRATION on dog handling

### Refreshments – Homemade Cakes and Scones

**Adults £2, Children £1. No unaccompanied children please!**

[www.downtonmoot.co.uk](http://www.downtonmoot.co.uk) or [www.facebook.com/downtonmoot](http://www.facebook.com/downtonmoot)

Proceeds to Downton Moot



### Suite Jazz

On a glorious, dry, sunny evening in July a band of happy souls gathered amongst the gravestones of St Laurence churchyard to be entertained by Kate Edgar, Paul Borelli, Dave Mace who are known as Suite Jazz, and the vocalist Anwen Howells.

Picnics at the ready we ate, drank and sang all evening. What wonderful performers they all were. A thoroughly enjoyable evening. And did I mention the puddings? Once again the ladies of Downton provided a first class sweet feast. Thank you to everybody involved.

## The Goose Fair is nearly here!



St Laurence Church, Downton

**Saturday 24th September**

10am - 2pm

A wide variety of craftwork, jewellery,  
home-made cakes, garden produce and a raffle  
Refreshments - including light lunches

*For further information, contact Jo Parsons on 01725 512738  
or email [parsons.jo@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:parsons.jo@hotmail.co.uk)*

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

Are you looking for a fun daytime social group? Why not join the NEW Goldies Sing&Smile session, upstairs at Downton Memorial Hall?

**Goldies takes place on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month from 10.00 am, led by Carole Still. The next session is on 24<sup>th</sup> September. 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. 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.



## Rainfall report for June and July



This should be a 'dry report' as we only had 0.90 of an inch in June and 0.20 in July, which is way below average. In fact the last nine months have all been below average. M.C.

## Harvest Celebration in St Laurence Church

### All-Age Worship

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 10.30 am**

*with Downton Band*

Your own garden produce is welcome, as well as gifts of tinned and dried groceries for the Salisbury Foodbank.

We also have a regular collection of dried and tinned goods for the Foodbank throughout the year. Donations may be brought to St Laurence Church on Sunday mornings.

## Redlynch Table Tennis Club

**Morgans Vale & Woodfalls Village Hall  
The Ridge, Woodfalls. SP5 2LD**

Redlynch is a competitive Table Tennis club and we currently field two teams in the Salisbury Table Tennis League. The season runs from September to April.

Table Tennis is acknowledged as having many health benefits, both physical and mental. Importantly, it is fun and easy to play. Most of our players are local and we would like to keep it that way. New players are keenly sought, whatever your age or experience. If you are new to the area or are thinking of returning to the game then do contact us. We invite you to our free 'Open Evening' at the Village Hall.

**OPEN EVENING Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September, from 7.30 to 9.30 pm**

Redlynch Club Secretary: Gerard Thorp. Tel: 01725 510920  
email: [gerard\\_thorp@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:gerard_thorp@yahoo.co.uk)

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For juniors the **Chalke Valley TT Club at Broadchalke, SP5 5HX** has a coaching session each Sunday evening 6.30 to 10.00 pm. Open to everyone whatever the age or experience; it is friendly and non-competitive.

For more details contact: [tomscardtt@gmail.com](mailto:tomscardtt@gmail.com)

or 07717 249499. League website : [www.tabletennis365.com/salisbury](http://www.tabletennis365.com/salisbury)

## Learn a Musical Instrument for just £1 per week!

Do you want to learn a musical instrument?

Do your children want to learn a musical instrument?

**Downton Band's Beginners Band** offers everyone a chance to learn brass and drums with expert tuition and lots of fun along the way. From September our Beginners Brass meets every Monday at 6.00 pm and everyone is welcome. We will provide the tuition, music and expertise, and we'll even lend you an instrument. Learn in a safe environment with HEPA air filtration installed in the band room, good ventilation and other hygiene measures in place.

And once you feel confident you can come along and join our **Training Band** or just for fun **Downton Jubilee Band** or **the Downton Senior Band**. All you need to bring is yourself and your enthusiasm!

For everyone aged between 5 and 105! Families (parents and children) learning together are very welcome

Tuition from fully qualified and highly experienced musicians and teachers. Tutors fully DBS checked with regular safeguarding training.

Free loan of instrument.

Weekly rehearsal at 6pm in the heart of our village – the Band Hall is in Gravel Close.

Sessions open to beginners, or those wanting to pick up music again after a break.

Costs just £1 per week but the first session is free (free places available for those in need)

Lots of performance opportunities throughout the year! All you need to bring is yourself and your enthusiasm!



**Downton Senior Band** is also seeking musicians, especially cornet/trumpet players but we are interested in hearing from any brass or percussion players who would like to play in a friendly band that performs at a variety of events. We meet on a Tuesday evening from 8.00 pm and do have some instruments available for loan.

Contact our MD Paul on [paul@downtonband.org.uk](mailto:paul@downtonband.org.uk) for more details.





## **Downton Link      Registered Charity: 1075805**

 **01725 513807** or  [info@downtonlink.org.uk](mailto:info@downtonlink.org.uk).

As hospital appointments increase and social events get back to somewhere near normal the workload of Downton Link has increased over the last few months. With some drivers recently retiring or moving away from the area we are always looking for new recruits. So, if you have some spare time and fancy driving for Downton Link please contact us on the above number or email. As a driver you can choose how much or how little you are willing to do.

If driving does not appeal you may like to become a co-ordinator to arrange the trips for the clients and drivers. This would normally only require some commitment once every 4 to 5 weeks.

Back on May 14th we were pleased to be able to celebrate our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, one year late, Downton Link having started in 1996. The celebration consisted of an afternoon tea in Downton Memorial Hall attended by number of invited clients, ex-drivers and current volunteers. Entertainment was provided by a ladies' choir conducted by Kate Edgar, and was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

We were also able to hold a social event on June 17<sup>th</sup> for our volunteers, for the first time for two years. This was held at the Old School in Lover and included a hot meal and a very good talk on the use of a defibrillator. The evening was a great success and we were fortunate to have very good weather so we could eat outside.

I would like to take this opportunity of welcoming Ali Jalie who has recently joined us as a co-ordinator.

Best wishes to all our volunteers and clients.

John Matthews (Downton Link Chairman)

**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**

# **Downton Christmas Tree Festival 2022**

## **St Laurence Church**



**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December and  
Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

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

Let your imagination run riot with unusual  
or traditional decorations, with a theme, as  
a tribute or just decorative - whatever  
inspires you!

**Entry forms will be available in the Downton  
Library, the Borough Cafe and  
St Laurence Church or can be downloaded  
from the church and village websites from  
20th September at:**

**[www.stlaurencedownton.co.uk](http://www.stlaurencedownton.co.uk) [www.downtonvillage.co.uk](http://www.downtonvillage.co.uk)**

**Final entry deadline: Friday 25 November 2022**

**Any funds raised during the festival will be divided  
between the Samaritans and St Laurence Church**



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

Contact Edna Pike on 01725 511332

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



## **Downton Horticultural Society**

**Please do not forget that our Autumn Show will be held in the Memorial Hall at 2.00 pm on Saturday 3rd 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 and a large Bake-Off section.

We were very pleased with the success of our Summer Show back in June. We had people from as far away as Aylesbury, Gosport and Exeter exhibiting and the standards were very high. The flower judge said it was a pleasure to judge such wonderful exhibits although it did make his job difficult trying to decide between them!

Gordon Bishop (01725 511475)



### **'People in the Park'**

**Saturday 17th September**

**10.00 am – 4.00 pm in Queen Elizabeth Gardens**

*Organised by Salisbury Transition City*

People in the Park is a free community event that consists of a mix of community group stallholders, performers, local environmentally friendly businesses, live music, guest speakers and refreshment stalls.

- plenty of information on environmental issues, including energy, transport, food production, wildlife conservation, waste disposal, etc.
- artists selling locally crafted goods as well as businesses who can offer information about sustainable solutions for the home.
- an opportunity for the community of Salisbury to learn from each other, exchange ideas and generate plans for working together – to help us all to create a more ethical, just and sustainable future for Salisbury.
- Look at the website: <https://www.transitionsalisbury.org/>

## Good Companions

On 26<sup>th</sup> July we welcomed Alan Jones, who gave a very interesting, entertaining and informative talk on the many diverse thoughts, down the ages, on dieting. He began with Socrates 'way of life' diet; and went on to tell us about the Victorians' use of tapeworms, Lord Byron's vinegar diet, and many other diet fads up to the present time. Alan is a hypnotherapist, and at times people come to him because of their concerns about being overweight. Underneath the humour he has a deep concern about all the health problems that can afflict many who are overweight.

### ***Phyl has arranged the following speakers for us:***

**September 6<sup>th</sup>** - Bonny Sartin, Music and Talk

**September 27<sup>th</sup>** - Painting with Ann, who will bring flowers, brushes and paints etc, as she did when she came earlier in the year. Maybe we will find some potential artists amongst us!

**October 18<sup>th</sup>** - Carol Watson will show slides on a large screen of the wonderful places she has been around the world. Over the years we have had several lovely visits from Carol.

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

For more information contact Julia Whitmarsh on 01725 510601.



## Moviola for the Autumn

The continuing low numbers at the Moviola film nights this year have meant a substantial loss of profits for the Downton Society, who sponsor these events. A decision on whether or not to continue the films into the Autumn will be made by the Downton Society Committee and discussed at their AGM later this month. Therefore, at present, no dates have been booked for September.

Please watch this space, when we will bring you further news of what will become of Moviola in Downton. Thank you to everyone who has supported our films so loyally over this period.

Lawrence and Sue Burr

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## 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  
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## Home-start Hampshire Open Art Exhibition at Downton Memorial Hall 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> November

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## **Lover Repair Cafe**

The Lover Repair Cafe continues to grow at a great pace. Having started on 5th March 2019 we have now actioned 3582 jobs, giving us the opportunity to support local charities up to the value of £18,815.

As a result of this we would like to thank all our users for their generous support and enthusiasm in bringing goods to repair.

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### **Latest News:**

**Ukrainian Crisis:** Our support for Ukraine via DEC (Gov adds 20%) to date is £1,250, thank you very much.

**Covid Hospital Staff Project:** We continue to support the Hospital Staff and the sum given to date is £12,250.

**Local Pre/Primary School Support:** Our regular monthly support to local schools continues. This is given to support families suffering from any financial difficulties.

**Chat-a Techie:** If you have any computer/tablet concerns, please contact the Techies, book in (preferably) Email [loverrepaircafe@gmail.com](mailto:loverrepaircafe@gmail.com) or phone 01725 51075 to book.

**Air Ambulance:** Following on from recent need we have now set up a monthly payment to this amazing but costly air service and wish the every success.



We can check out a great variety of electric & electronic items plus woodwork, ceramics, clocks, mechanical and computer bases equipment.



**Finally:** Good to see both Wednesday & Friday Cafes in good use again. A chance for a tea & chat or technical help whilst little jobs are being done. Remember we are open every Wednesday & Friday morning at Redlynch Village Hall, so do pop in and ‘enjoy the chaos’.

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## Redlynch and District WI

After our enjoyable outing to Swanage by boat from Poole in July we returned to the village hall, which is our usual venue.

Arrangements were made for the September visit to Laverstock Community Farm. Orders were taken for the 2023 calendars and diaries, and members were reminded that at our September Meeting we will be celebrating our 106th birthday with 5 musicians from Downton Jubilee Brass followed by a birthday tea.

Our speakers Jacky and Brian Sutton from Ringwood were then warmly welcomed. Their talk was 'It started with a kiss' - the life and times of Dylan Thomas. We learnt that family members had connections with the Ringwood area, in particular Snails Lane and the Blashford lakes, and that Dylan moved in the same circles as the artist Augustus John, another famous Welshman who lived near Fordingbridge. With excerpts from some of his poems we were introduced to Dylan as the Welsh poet whose life was a turbulent affair, both with his family and in his social and professional life. In the future we shall read his poetry with a little more insight into this 'driven' man!

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



### Talkabout

**Thursday September 1<sup>st</sup> 10.00 for 10.30 am**

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## Forest Edge Flower Arranging Society



Our 'Cream tea and talk' meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> July was so popular - all the tables were occupied by the members and guests. The talk by Gill Pelton was full of fascinating stories about gardens and homes of the past, which brought back memories for many of them. What a perfect way to enjoy a summer evening with like-minded friendly people over home-baked scones!

Our next event on 5<sup>th</sup> September will be a demonstration by Andrea Hillyard entitled "Shop Talk". Refreshments from 7.00 pm followed by the talk at 7.30 pm. Visitors are most welcome for a fee of £6.

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). A full programme for 2022/23 is displayed on the notice board in the hall, or simply visit our facebook group. We look forward to welcoming you!

Contact: Julie Bottone 01725 514875

Email: [forestedgeflower@gmail.com](mailto:forestedgeflower@gmail.com)

Facebook group: [www.facebook.com/groups/forestedgeflower](https://www.facebook.com/groups/forestedgeflower)

### Upcoming meetings:

5 <sup>th</sup> September	Demonstration by Andrea Hillyard	7.00 pm
3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Workshop with Pip Bensley	Afternoon (tbc)
7 <sup>th</sup> November	Winter Competition	7.00 pm



## Woodfalls Methodist Church Social event Saturday 10th September 5.30 pm

Meal followed by team challenges.

No set charge - box for donations.

Everyone welcome.

Ring 01725 512648 if you hope to come.



## Redlynch & District Local History Society

September 6<sup>th</sup> sees our first meeting of the 22/23 season of talks, which start at 7.30 pm at Morgans Vale & Woodfalls Hall. This is the first full year of access to speakers after the Covid restrictions, giving our planning committee the opportunity to put together an interesting set of talks.

The first one is a resurrection of what was a popular event, the members' evening, where you can listen to several short talks given by Society and committee members. Subjects will include the 1921 census (Peter Roberts), Downton (Ruth Webber), Fordingbridge Museum, and Introductions to Old Sarum and Salisbury given by Official Guides (Annette Jack and Kate Crouch).

We were sad to hear of the passing of local postman Jim Blake on 5<sup>th</sup> August. Jim and his father lived in the School House at Barford Lane in Downton for many years and were a font of local knowledge. Jim is best remembered for his decades of unstinting work with Downton FC and Downton Club and latterly lived in Redlynch; he will be sadly missed.



### Creation Station

**Mondays (Except Bank Holidays) 10.00am till 12 noon  
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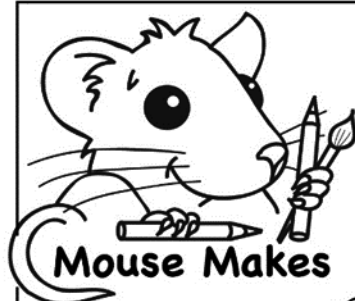
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**Don't forget our Community Café on Thursdays from 9.00 – 11.30 am  
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All are welcome



Everyone who  
hears Jesus'  
words and **does**  
them will  
be like a



Everyone who  
hears Jesus'  
words and does  
**not** do them will  
be like a

The \_\_\_\_\_ fell,  
The floods came and the  
\_\_\_\_\_ blew.

Matthew 7:25



\_\_\_\_\_ man.  
On what did he build  
his house?

Matthew 7:24

\_\_\_\_\_ man.  
On what did he build  
his house?

Matthew 7:26



Matthew 7:24-27  
and  
Luke 6:46-49

What  
happened  
to the  
houses?

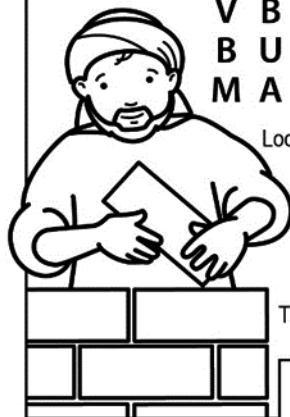
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Matthew  
7:25 and 27

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What was  
the reaction  
of the crowd  
to Jesus'  
teaching?

Read  
Matthew  
7:28-29



Look up the Bible references to find the missing  
words then look for them and the words  
below in the word search

JESUS • HEAR • LISTEN • WORDS  
DOES • BUILT • FOUNDATION • MAN  
DUG • DEEP • SOLID • GROUND  
STREAM • RIVER • BURST • FLOODS  
TORRENT • HOUSE • FELL • COLLAPSED  
RUIN • DESTROYED

How many other words can you make from the word  
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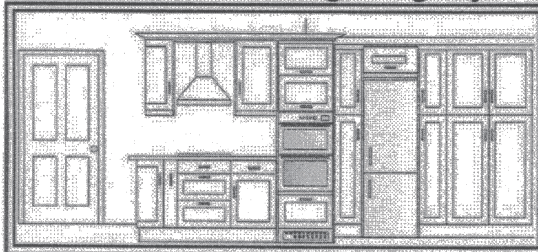
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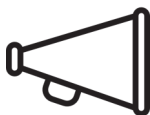
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