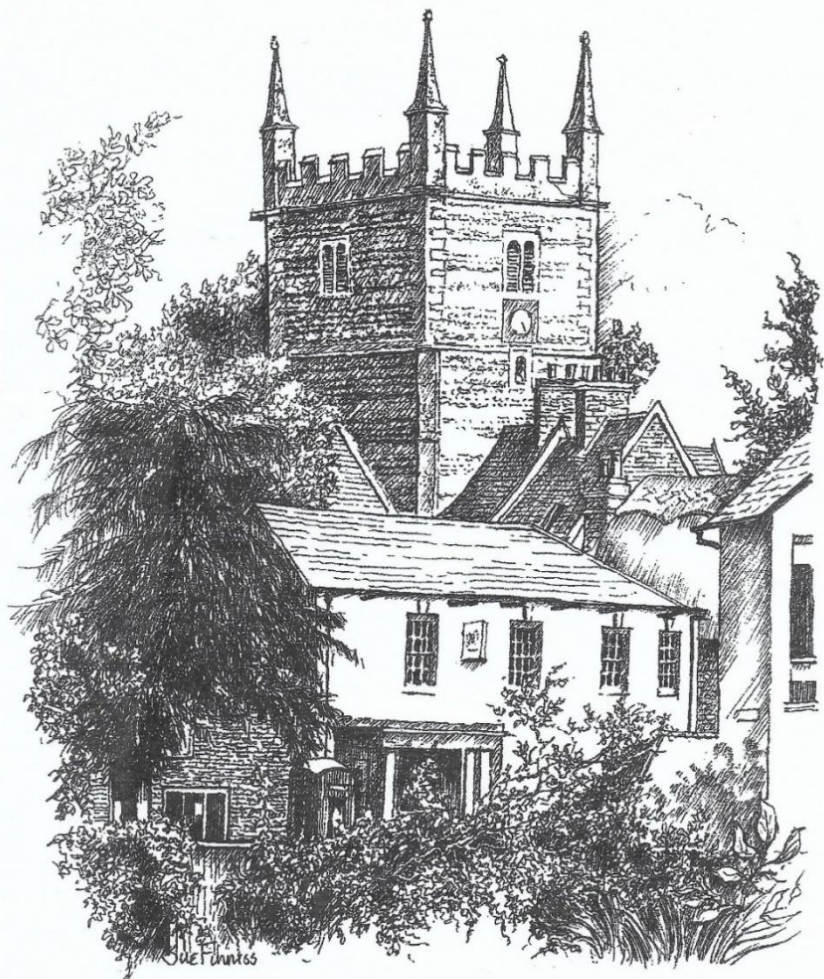


# Downton

February 2022

# Parish News



St. Laurence Church

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## **St Laurence Church Downton**

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

**Priest in Charge, Rev David Bacon**

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

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[www.facebook.com/stlaurencedownton](https://www.facebook.com/stlaurencedownton)

At present St Laurence Church is not open on a daily basis, but we hope to resume this at some time in the future. Currently the church is open on Wednesdays from 11.00 am – 12 noon for those who wish to reflect and pray in peaceful surroundings.



*"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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**From Rev David Bacon, Bramshaw Rectory**

***Team Vicar in the Forest and Avon Team***



Dear Friends

### **Celebrating the “Ordinary”**

“So”, I said, “What are we going to say about Jim?”

The bereaved family looked worried and the son spoke up.

“Well, that’s a bit of a problem. Dad was so – ordinary.”

They told me that Jim had not done anything particularly noteworthy. He’d done an ordinary job bringing in enough money to provide for the family. But then they mentioned that he had also served in the armed forces, he and his wife had enjoyed a long and happy marriage and he had been an amazing dad and granddad.

He had been a keen singer and although known as a man of few words, he had a reputation for his honesty and gentleness.

So, Jim had not been so “ordinary” after all and his funeral became a quiet celebration of a life well lived.

This year, Easter is very late and so Lent does not begin until 2<sup>nd</sup> March. This means that the whole of February is what the Church calls “Ordinary Time”. Does that mean that nothing much is going on?

I grew up being told that “the only good thing about February is that it is short!” But I have grown in recent years to disagree – a month that begins in the depth of winter will end with the promise of spring. Whatever the British weather may throw at us, we may know for sure (because my diary says so) that by the end of the month, the sun will be rising at 6.48am and setting at 5.37pm. It’s ordinary. It happens like this every year, but after another really difficult winter, even ordinary things can lift our spirits and point us to the love of God “new every morning”.

Someone whose story teaches us to celebrate the Ordinary is Brother Lawrence, who lived in 17<sup>th</sup> century France. He was a lay brother (not a monk) and spent his days doing menial jobs in the monastery kitchen. But he grew to discover God in the ordinary things of his life and after his death, a book was written about his extraordinary life of faith.

“The Practice of the Presence of God” is still published and read widely today.

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The shops are for ever encouraging us to move on to the next exciting thing. The fact is that “ordinary” is not good for business when so many are relying on a strong economic recovery. But let’s encourage each other this month to follow the example of Bro. Lawrence in recognising, enjoying and even celebrating the ordinary gifts and blessings of each day. February has 28 ordinary days to value and enjoy.

With my love and prayers  
David

“We ought not to be weary of doing little things for the love of God, who regards not the greatness of the work, but the love with which it is performed.” (Bro. Lawrence)



### **Welcoming The Very Reverend Stephen Lake, Dean of Gloucester**

Many readers will have heard by now that The Very Reverend Stephen Lake, Dean of Gloucester, is to be appointed as the next Bishop of Salisbury, succeeding the Right Reverend Nicholas Holtam who retired last July.

Bishop Karen, who has responsibility for Dorset within our diocese says: "I am delighted that Stephen has accepted the invitation to be the 79th Bishop of Salisbury. He brings significant creative gifts of leadership to the diocese at an important time in our life as we continue to encourage the local church to be the best that it can be, bringing hope to our local communities in sharing the love of Jesus Christ. Stephen knows the diocese from the past and understands the challenges and opportunities for both our urban and our rural contexts. Bishop Andrew and I are very much looking forward to working with Stephen and welcoming him and Carol into the diocese later in the year.

We anticipate that Stephen will be consecrated as Bishop sometime after Easter and will be enthroned in Salisbury Cathedral late in the summer"





## ST LAURENCE CHURCH SERVICES

<b>6<sup>th</sup> February</b> <b>10.30am</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Lent</b> <b>Holy Communion</b> <b>Gospel</b>	<b>Luke 5: 1-11</b>
<b>13<sup>th</sup> February</b> <b>10.30am</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Lent</b> <b>Holy Communion</b> <b>Gospel</b>	<b>Luke 6:17-26</b>
<b>20<sup>th</sup> February</b> <b>10.30am</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent</b> <b>Holy Communion</b> <b>Gospel</b>	<b>Luke 8:22-25</b>
<b>27<sup>th</sup> February</b> <b>10.30am</b>	<b>Sunday next before Lent</b> <b>Morning Worship</b> <b>Gospel</b>	<b>Luke 9:28-36</b>

You no longer have to reserve a seat or 'sign in' for services but we ask that you continue to sanitise your hands on arrival. Wearing a mask throughout the service will now be **mandatory**. Communion will still be by wafer only. Hymns will be sung behind masks. We ask people to respect those who still wish to distance, but if you would like to sit with another member of the congregation, and they are willing, this will be fine.

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 continue to open each Wednesday from 11am until 12 noon for private prayer.** A member of the Church will be present at all times as a steward and again we encourage you to sanitise your hands on arrival.

For latest news and any changes log onto

[www.stlaurence.co.uk](http://www.stlaurence.co.uk)



## Woodfalls Methodist Church

The Ridge, Woodfalls, SP5 2LH

### Services for February:

**Wednesday 2nd at 10.45am** Woodfalls Methodist Cafe Style Worship led by Rev Bryan Coates. Followed by lunch.

**Sunday 6th at 10.00am** Woodfalls Methodist. Worship led by Rev Bryan Coates.

**Sunday 13th at 10.00am** St Mary's. Holy Communion.

**Wednesday 16th at 10.00am** Woodfalls Methodist. Cafe Style Worship led by Rev Anthony Hawley

**Sunday 20th at 10.00am** St Birinus. Prayer and Praise

**Sunday 27th at 10.00am** Woodfalls Methodist. Holy Communion led by Rev Bryan Coates.

**All enquiries to:** Graham Tanner, telephone 01725 512648;  
email [atanner.gtanner@btinternet.com](mailto:atanner.gtanner@btinternet.com)

Online Services at: [www.salisburymethodist.org.uk](http://www.salisburymethodist.org.uk)



## Downton Baptist Church

South Lane, Downton, SP5 3NA

**Current Services: Sunday Mornings at 10.30am:**

Services are being held 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)



**World Day of Prayer: a women led global, ecumenical movement**

**March 4th at 2.00 pm in St Mary's Church, Redlynch,**

to join other Christians around the world in praying for our country.

Do come and join us and stay for a cup of tea and cake afterwards.

*The service is prepared by the women of England, Wales and Northern Ireland. It is entitled 'I know the plans I have for you'.*



## Perhaps a Church you were not aware of?

Did you know that there is a small Roman Catholic church in Downton? It is called 'The Church of the Good Shepherd and Our Lady Queen of Peace'. Sadly there is no longer a priest to say Sunday Mass but a priest comes once a month on the third Thursday to say Mass at 6.30 pm.

In addition, a small group of Catholics meet every week on Tuesdays at 6.30 pm on Zoom or in the church for a Service of the Word. One of our number sings the psalm and plays the organ for these Masses and services.

The Catholics in Downton would love to have more people join them so that the church can keep going and be a visible witness to the faith in the Downton area. Please contact Maria for any more details: [maricarmen@murraybrown.uk](mailto:maricarmen@murraybrown.uk) or on 0786 781 7213. We would love to see you!

### 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 20<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

If you would like to join the Zoom services  
please contact John Elliott on 07980 921558.

St Osmund's Church TV system  
can be accessed at: <https://salisburycatholics.org/church-tv>

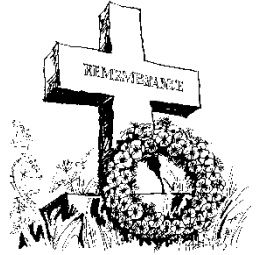


**Downton's Mobile Post Office - Every Friday Morning**  
**Moot Lane near to Recreation Ground: 9.00 am - 10.00 am**  
**The Bull car park: 10.05 am till 11.05 am**



# Prayer Diary for February

- 1 Flower Arrangers
- 2 The bereaved and all who mourn
- 3 Our Team Priest and his family
- 4 Those made redundant or unable to find work
- 5 Our Church School
- 6 Our Churchwarden
- 7 All key workers
- 8 Those at University and College
- 9 Those in Residential & Nursing Homes
- 10 Bellringers
- 11 Growing through God's Word
- 12 Deanery Synod
- 13 Those still concerned about social distancing
- 14 All visitors to our Churches
- 15 Our witness as a Church
- 16 Churches Together in Downton
- 17 All who rely on food aid
- 18 School Governors
- 19 Working together for the Church
- 20 Charities struggling to continue their work and fundraising
- 21 All ministers in our village
- 22 Those who produce our Parish magazine
- 23 Our Bishops
- 24 Politicians and their advisors
- 25 Our 'Forest & Avon' Team
- 26 Trafalgar School at Downton
- 27 Our PCC
- 28 Peace in the World



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.



**1<sup>st</sup> November 2021 - Joyce Pamela Evans (91)**

Service held at Salisbury Crematorium

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

Church Leat, Mesh Pond, Marie Avenue and  
Barnaby Close

In the present situation we are unable to deliver our usual prayer cards.

Requests for particular prayers can be made:  
by telephoning Reverend Ron Hart on 01725 514772 or if unavailable  
please contact Mrs Jo Parsons 01725 512738 or  
emailing [info@stlaurencedownton.co.uk](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 on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 10.30am in St. Laurence Church and will be led by Rev Ron Hart. We will pray for both the particular roads in our prayer cycle together with the whole village.





The Parish Council meetings were held at the Downton Memorial Centre on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021 and Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022. Five members of the public were present at each meeting.

**Unitary Cllr Richard Clewer:**

- Cllr Clewer reported that the recent incidents involving the use of catapults had highlighted the need for a Public Space Protection Order for Downton and Redlynch and this was being worked on.
- The Police & Crime Commissioner was fully aware of the issues in Downton and there were to be a number of consultation events with the police outside the Co-op during January and February.
- The arrival of Omicron had led to staff being moved to support the public health team again and this would continue for a number of weeks.
- The Council had been advised of the money it was to receive from central government which was better than initially hoped but still insufficient to deliver all of the Council's priorities for 2022/23.

**Amenities:** Various works to repair bus shelters, replace damaged bins, installation of bollards and the delivery of the speed indicator device were reported by the Clerk.

**Precept & Budget for 2022/23:** A budget and precept of £135,518 was approved by the Council which was an increase of 18% on 2021/22 and a Band D figure of £96.87. The projects for the year ahead are a refurbishment of the play areas and public toilets, a traffic survey and further improvement works to Downton Cemetery.

**Vacancies:** There are currently 5 vacancies for councillors on the Parish Council. If you are interested in finding out more about becoming a councillor, please contact the Clerk.

**The next meeting is on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 7.30 pm at the Downton Memorial Centre, The Borough, Downton.**

With Covid-19 restrictions still in place at the Memorial Centre only 21 people can be present at a meeting; any written questions for the Council can be sent to the Clerk by 12 noon on the day of the meeting.

**Bev Cornish. Clerk to Downton Parish Council, West View, Slab Lane, Downton, SP5 3PS. Tel. 01725 513874**

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

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



## **Thank you from St Laurence's PCC**

After a number of years as a hard-working advertisement manager for our Parish Magazine, Pat Briddon has decided to 'hand on the baton'. We are very grateful to Pat for all his work. He spent many hours revamping the advertisement pages and we receive many favourable comments about the presentation. Many thanks Pat, enjoy your 'retirement.'

We are delighted that Gordon Bishop has agreed to take on this role. Thank you, Gordon.

## **The Cuckoo Fair 2022 and Covid**

Given the current infection levels and the Omicron variant of Covid, we understand that there will be concerns about holding the Cuckoo Fair in 2022.

As a part of our usual course of planning, we will be consulting with representatives of village-based and local organisations by the end of January to consider the options and their plans for operating in a Covid safe way, as well as listening to concerns. Given that the majority of the committee live in Downton and the surrounding villages, as do our family members and friends, we are very mindful of the possible impact of Covid on the residents of Downton and the local area.

The FAQs on the front page of our website highlight this, as one of the issues we would be considering in making any decisions about holding the Fair in 2022. <https://cuckoofair.co.uk/>

We'd like to take this opportunity to reassure you that we also have direct contact with Wiltshire Council's Event Safety Advisory Group, and take account of Industry wide guidance on holding safe events. We have highly qualified and experienced health and safety people on the Cuckoo Fair team as well as people who are on the frontline of managing the impacts of Covid. So we hope you'll agree that we are very well placed to make an informed and measured decision about the Fair, based on the latest information. We'll endeavour to keep everyone informed of our decisions as the situation changes.

We hope you all stay safe and well.

The Downton Cuckoo Fair Team



## Downton Christmas Tree Festival



Thanks to all our wonderful exhibitors, volunteers and visitors, the Downton Christmas Tree Festival raised just over £1,600 this year. The organisers: Susan Tyler, Philipp Merrill and Wiz Gerschwiler were able to hand a cheque for £800 to Alison Sankey, chair of the Wiltshire Family Counselling Trust.

Thanks too to Mark Merrill who organised the entertainment and who took the photograph. The remaining funds go towards the building repair fund at St Laurence where we hope you will join us for the festival next Christmas.



### The Queen's Jubilee

Downton is thinking of putting on a concert for the Queen's Jubilee on June 2nd in the grounds of the Primary School.

If anyone is interested in joining in, either performing or helping out in some other way, please contact Jane Seden on 01725 510122.

Kate Edgar is also involved in creating this special evening.



## THANK YOU from our churchwarden

**Flowers** We are very grateful to Anne, Gail and the ladies who arrange flowers for making our church look beautiful for Christmas services and throughout the year.

**Christmas Tree** Thank you so much to the anonymous donor who gifted us our Christmas Tree this year. Many people commented that it looked beautiful. There is a photograph on the web site.

**Christingle** Our alternative Christingle was enjoyed by over 40 people and donations were left for the Childrens Society.

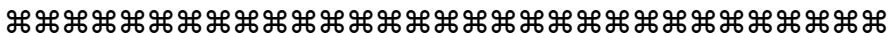
**Salisbury Food Bank** We extend very grateful thanks to all who brought Christmas food and financial donations for the Salisbury Food Bank and to all who left food in Supermarkets after a shopping trip.

**CRISIS – our Christmas Appeal** Over £200 was donated by parishioners during the Christmas Services. This has been sent to Crisis. Thank you all very much.

**Church Website** Last year, Rosie Bishop took over our church web site when Judy Gimson left. We are very grateful to her for all she has done.

A final thank you to the whole family of St. Laurence for all your help and support to me since Frank retired. My job is made much easier by the support of everyone.

Ken Parsons



### Green Network - keep on recycling plastic

The Green Network, in conjunction with Plastic Free Downton, would like to remind you that you can now recycle just about all the plastic that you use - bottles, containers etc can go into your blue lidded bin and the 'soft' plastic collection bin is back at the newly refurbished Co-op.

More information on this and other 'eco' matters on  
[downtongreengroup.org.uk](http://downtongreengroup.org.uk)



## Join Your 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 at Downton Memorial Hall?

**Goldies takes place on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month from 10.00 am, led by Carole. Why not come along to our first session on 23<sup>rd</sup> February and shake off those post-Christmas blues!**

At Goldies we chat and laugh with friends, whilst singing along to the hits of the 50's onwards, with artists such as Sir Cliff Richard, Tom Jones, Elvis, Dusty Springfield, Petula Clark and many more. Goldies is not a choir, you don't have to be able to sing to join, just love music and socialising. Goldies Sing&Smile sessions are open to everyone, but particularly aim to reduce isolation with older adults. We ask for a £2 donation to attend.

When forced by Covid to close its many local groups, Goldies looked to the internet, Facebook and YouTube, and still holds twice-weekly sessions under the [www.goldieslive.com](http://www.goldieslive.com) banner. Why not join in online?

For further information go to the website: [www.golden-oldies.org.uk](http://www.golden-oldies.org.uk)



## Green Network events



**The Green Network will be holding its annual 'Seedy Sunday' event at the Memorial Hall this year on 20<sup>th</sup> March, as long as regulations allow.** There will be the usual mix of

seeds and plants to swap or buy, stalls providing help, advice and useful ideas for 'greener' gardening. Invites have been sent out to various organisations / stall-holders - so keep an eye on the Network's website for more detailed information: [www.downtongreengroup.org.uk](http://www.downtongreengroup.org.uk)

An evening event about Oceans and climate change, originally planned for early in the New Year, has had to be postponed until late April. Tess Hudson, a local marine biologist, has been invited to talk about her experiences by Downton Green Network. She will discuss the effect of human actions on the wildlife of Iceland - where she has worked for seven years - and on the Antarctic, where she is heading in early February.



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For details contact Mrs Julia Whitmarsh on 01725 510601.



## Downton Horticultural Society

We are trying to get back to normal and our first event of 2022 will be an illustrated talk by Ron Taylor entitled

### **‘Stourhead to Stanpit, near Christchurch:**

### **A journey down the wonderful Dorset River Stour and its happenings over the last 1000 years’.**

Tobe held in the Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

There will be refreshments, a raffle and possibly a sales table.

Everybody is welcome to our events. We are grateful for donations from non-members who attend our evening talks, although we hope they will become members. Annual membership of the society is only £6 and enables us to book more expert speakers and contributes to the Memorial Hall hire and the RHS insurance for our events.

Gordon Bishop (511475)



### **Snowdrops in the Moot**



If you visit Downton Moot in February you will notice a wonderful display of snowdrops in flower, and the daffodils starting to emerge, which can be seen from the easier paths. On a sunny day there should be plenty of birdsong too. Stout footwear is advised, as the whole area is likely to be muddy at this time of year, and care should be taken on slippery slopes.

The Moot is a beautiful place to spend time in at any season of the year, thanks to the hard-working volunteers who mow the grass, trim vegetation when necessary, and tidy up. At present they need more people to come and help – please contact Jeremy Parsons on 01725 512963 or [parsons@lcb.uk.com](mailto:parsons@lcb.uk.com) for more information.



## **Can The Stockman & Woodlands Trust Help You?**

### **Who are we?**

The William Stockman Charity was founded in 1626 when William Stockman of Downton left his property, Shadwell Farm in Whiteparish, in trust, directing that the rent should be distributed amongst the poor with children. The John Woodlands Charity was founded in 1881 when he left monies in his will for the benefit of 'old men' and 'spinsters and widows'. Together these charities now form the Stockman and Woodlands Trust.

### **What do we do?**

The purpose of the Trust is to help people living in the parishes of Downton and Redlynch who are in need, hardship or distress by paying for items, services or facilities.

Every year the Trustees, from the parishes of Downton and Redlynch, distribute the dividends of the charities to deserving causes with the emphasis on the young and old.

### **Examples of aid given recently**

- Contribution towards the cost of a school residential trip.
- Help for a single parent towards the cost of buying school uniform.
- Music lessons for a child.
- Help with funding speech therapy for a child.
- Contribution towards travel costs for patients/relatives making frequent hospital visits.
- Plants distributed at Christmas to parishioners who are grieving the loss of someone during the year.

### **How to get help or support**

If you are someone in need or you are aware of anyone in Downton or Redlynch who needs assistance, we may be able to help. Please ring in the first instance (in confidence):

Secretary - Gillian Ely 01725 510893/ 07899 952479



## Downton Band

Last December, Downton Band enjoyed playing at numerous Christmas events, in Downton and further afield. The Senior, Jubilee, Training and Beginners' bands performed at outdoor festivities including Downton Primary School Christmas Fete, and had well received appearances at the Christmas Tree Festivals in St. Thomas's Church in Salisbury, and St. Laurence's Church in Downton, including the Carol Service and concert. There was also a carol concert in Lyndhurst.

All four Downton Bands took part in traditional carolling in Downton throughout December, and we'd like to thank the village for your continued support, hospitality and donations. Special thanks to Moot House and The Bull for their hospitality on Christmas morning.

Watch out for us this year at the Downton Cuckoo Fair, and the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, which marks the 10 year anniversary of our Jubilee Band!

Downton Band are always looking to welcome new players at every level. The Seniors are looking for cornet players and an E flat bass player to complete their line-up. The Training Band, for those with some experience, are also seeking players, and meet at the Band Hall on Wednesdays at 6.15 pm. The Beginners' Band is open to all and meet at the Band Hall on Mondays at 6.00 pm. All Covid precautions are observed, and instruments are provided.

For more information, contact our MD Paul  
on [paul@downtonband.org.uk](mailto:paul@downtonband.org.uk) or 07951 834834



## Downton Cuckoo Fair bags and tea towels

Attractively produced items, unique to Downton,  
these make useful small gifts.

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



Contact Edna Pike (01725 511332)



## **The Downton Society**

### **Moviola Returns for Spring 2022**

Christmas is past and now a New Year beckons. Despite the presence of Covid and its associated variants, we all seem to be managing life here in Downton. Sensible precautions and appropriate vaccinations may well see 2022 being a turning point. So, with that in mind, Sue and I decided that we should still go ahead this Spring although being particularly mindful of the Government guidelines prevailing at the time of each performance. We are now looking at three Moviola performances for the Spring, starting in February.

Please note that there is one small change that has been placed upon us by Moviola in that they are no longer providing paper tickets so entry to the films will be on a first come, first served basis at the door of the Memorial Hall on the night. We will merely keep a tally of the number of people attending on the night for audit purposes. As we normally cater for about 50 people and to date we have only had around 30 attending, this should not be a problem. Tickets will not be available at the Borough Cafe in advance.

So what are the films?

**Saturday 19 February “Pig”.** If you are looking for something a bit different, Pig is a lyrical and intimate look at love and loss, and very different from what its trailer might suggest. A truffle hunter who lives alone in the Oregonian wilderness must return to his past in Portland when his beloved foraging pig is kidnapped. Heading to Portland, he re-enters the world of haute cuisine and fancy restaurants of which he was once a part.

**Saturday 19 March “Stillwater”**

**Saturday 23 April “The Courier”** (*this is still subject to confirmation at present*).

**The Memorial Hall doors will open as usual at 7.00 pm  
for a performance start time of 7.30 pm.**

We hope that you will be able to support this community benefit and see some films that are not necessarily available on the small screen at present.

We are looking forward to seeing you once again.



## What an amazing start to The Repair Cafe year!

January turned out to be rather surprising and special for all of us at the Café - see below.

- a. **NHS Covid Staff Project:** Well! Between you, the wonderful users of the Repair Cafe and the amazing little army of repairers, we were able to up the total sent to the Hospital Staff Support last month to £10,000!
- b. **Bargain Basement:** Another slight improvement, due to the generosity of donors, we now have quite a number of items like TV's, vacuum cleaners, lamps, monitors, sound systems, hair dryers etc. So we have started a BARGAIN BASEMENT in the Work-shop. So when visiting us, you are welcome to 'Shop Around' for a bargain.
- c. **Lack of News?:** We did suggest to you that if you know of any local group or organisation (preferably Redlynch/Downton area) that you thought needed financial help, to get in touch with us as we could consider helping – we are still waiting!

### Man of the month:

This is an entry from Chairman Mo!

I can't let this achievement go by without acknowledging the magnificent news that one of our founder members has been awarded the BRITISH EMPIRE MEDAL.

I am of course referring to our Mr Paul Bromage BEM.

Paul has been given this honour in recognition of his services to the community and I can tell you that the Lover Repair Café would not be the success it is today without the effort put in by Paul.

I am sure I speak for all the Repair Café members when I offer our sincere congratulations; long may you continue repairing!

Maurice.

**Finally:** Remember, that you are very welcome to join us with a repair or a query or simply for a chat at any Wednesday or Friday Cafe morning. We meet at Redlynch Village Hall from 10.00 am – 12 noon.

We phone you when your item is ready for collection and simply ask you to pay for material costs and a donation to our Local Projects when you pick your item up.

**Enquiries:** Paul 01725 510753 or preferably write to us at:  
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## Redlynch and District WI

In January we held our 'members meeting', and two of our new members volunteered to run it for us. Liz Tanner gave a presentation on the history of flowers which was very interesting, and then we had a quiz about plants. Next Alison Hulme taught us how to screen print on bags, which we then took home. Everyone had a very enjoyable time, thank you to both of them.

Our next meeting will be on 9th February 2.15 pm at Morgans Vale and Woodfalls Village Hall. The speaker will be Dr Tean Michael talking about coppicing and associated crafts, Guests will be welcome, including gentlemen.



## Forest Edge Flower Arranging Society

Our first meeting for 2022 will be our AGM on Monday 7th February when we will look back at all we achieved in 2021, despite Covid, and then look forward to another flower filled year of fun and friendship. This meeting will begin earlier than normal with refreshments from 6.30pm so we can hold our AGM at 7.00 pm and complete this by 7.30 pm. We will then enjoy some "Fun and chatter" with Marion Catt, a Club favourite, who joins us as a NAFAS speaker for the evening.

In March we will have a floral demonstration by Sue Swabey; this meeting will go back to the usual format of refreshments from 7.00 pm with a start time of 7.30 pm. Why not become a member for just £35 for the year and enjoy all we have planned, we would love to see you. Visitors are also welcome at a charge of £6 on the door so please check out our programme on display in the hall or on our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/groups/forestedgeflower](http://www.facebook.com/groups/forestedgeflower)).

We usually meet on the first Monday of the month (except on Bank Holidays) in Morgans Vale and Woodfalls Village Hall, Redlynch, with refreshments available from 7.00 pm ready to start at 7.30 pm. We look forward to seeing you very soon.

Martina Coleman, Chairperson. 01725 512556



## Redlynch Local History Society

Allowing for the uncertainties of the current situation Redlynch and District Historical Society had a talk in a different format. Georgina Babey and Peter Roberts based their talk – Secret Marriage - on research following their delving into the private archives held by the Andersons of the Hamptworth Estate. The life of George Morrison and his wife was shown in a video presentation.

Inheriting a fortune at age 21 he bought the 2,000 acre estate and proceeded to add more than another 1,000 acres before his early death in 1884 at the age of just 44.

Eight years earlier he had secretly married the divorced Jane Barbara Bastable in Dublin. Her early life was a tale of poverty, beatings by her first husband and a mystery child. A legal battle for the estate with George's family followed Morrison's death. She won and ran the estate successfully for the rest of her life ably supported by her daughter 'Miss Charlton'. They were a notable philanthropic couple and many of their bequests are still manifest e.g. Nomansland School.

Questions were then answered by the speakers.

**Our next talk, which comes highly recommended, is on 1<sup>st</sup> February at 7.30pm in Woodfalls and Morgans Vale Hall. Our speaker will be Lesley Self, on 'The History of Salisbury District Hospitals'.**

For the following month (1<sup>st</sup> March) we have Dr Gale Pettifer on 'The New Forest and its commoning, past, present, and future'.

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## A National First for Local Club

Hamptworth Croquet Club have linked up with The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme group at The Trafalgar School at Downton to offer the students the chance to learn to play croquet. For those students who opt into this project, there will be the chance to utilise the Croquet Club's lawns and equipment and to learn a new sport. This would meet the D of E criteria for the physical section of the Bronze award.

The project, which is fully supported by both School and Club, has attracted some funding, but more will be needed in order to make this a year on year project. Members of the Croquet Club have volunteered their time and their expertise to make this project happen and, as ever, the students will be relying on their parents for some aspects of transport. The project, however, is being delivered at no cost to the school or the students.

Club Chair, Steve Bennett, has stated that the Club will need to buy new junior mallets for some of the students, but otherwise, all of the full croquet kit will be used. The Club is going to give the students a first class introduction to the sport with a huge emphasis on enjoyment. The Club is really looking forward to this exciting new project.

The Croquet Association, the sport's governing body, believes that this is the first such link between a croquet club and a D of E group in the country. It added that it would be watching the project with interest, as would other croquet clubs in the UK.

As this project goes on, it might well lead to the formation of a Junior Section at the Croquet Club. Who knows, perhaps this section might be organised by a local young person involved with their Silver or Gold Award?

Steve Bennett



## Rainfall for 2021



Overall the year was fairly dry, with 34.08 inches of rain.

November was the driest month in my 40 years of recording - only 0.70 inches, whilst December had 3.28 inches. M.C.

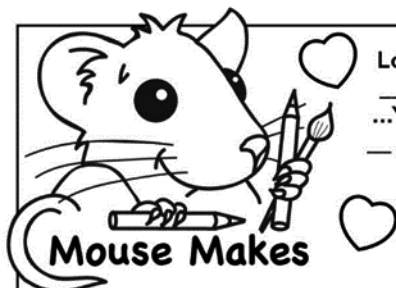


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See what great love the Father  
has for us that He would call us His

1 John 1:3

Lord, you are a God who shows  
\_\_\_\_\_ and is \_\_\_\_\_  
...You have great \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

Psalms 86:1

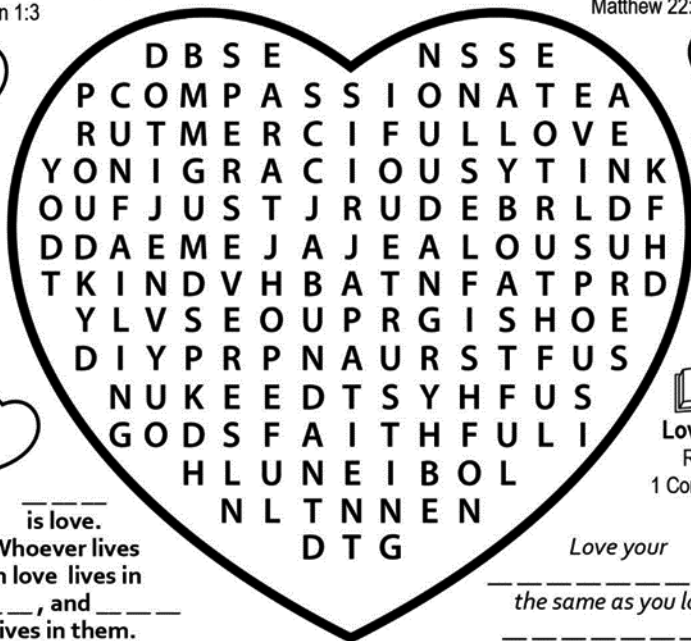


How did  
God show  
He **loved** us?  
Read 1 John 4:9

Love the Lord your  
God with all your

\_\_\_\_\_ with all your  
\_\_\_\_\_ and with all your  
\_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 22:37



\_\_\_\_\_ is love.  
Whoever lives  
in love lives in  
\_\_\_\_\_, and  
lives in them.

1 John 4:16



Love is ..  
Read  
1 Cor 13:4-7

Love your

\_\_\_\_\_ the same as you love

Matthew 22:39

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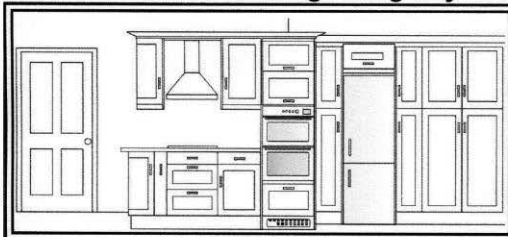
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