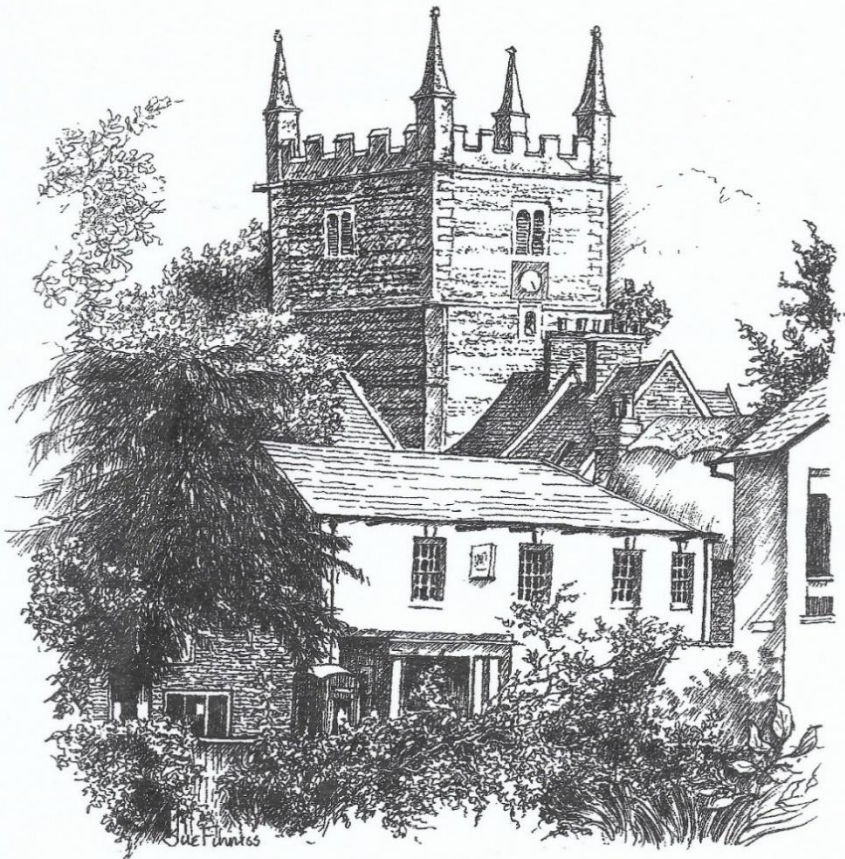


November 2021

Downton Parish News



St. Laurence Church

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

Churchwarden: Mr Ken Parsons 01725 512738

Parish administrator: Mrs Jo Parsons 01725 512738

Director of Music: Mrs Elaine Hicks-Arnold 01722 710341

Sunday School: Dr Janet McGee 01725 513869

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

Church website: www.stlaurencedownton.co.uk



www.facebook.com/stlaurencedownton

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"

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.

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,
Associate Priest in the Forest and Avon Team

Pieced Together

At home we often have a jigsaw on the go, anything from 500-1500 pieces, and to make them harder we attempt to complete them without using the picture for reference. The final image could be anything; a pretty country cottage, a cute puppy or one of those wasgij or impossipuzzles. The feeling when the last piece goes in is satisfying and we enjoy standing back and looking at the picture that's been created.

If God's love was a jigsaw he gave it to us complete. However, it can feel as if we're all over the place, like individual pieces jostling together in a box, each struggling to make a picture of our own. Some seem to be managing as they're full of beautiful colours, others are not so fortunate, feeling perhaps insignificant and undervalued because they are background pieces. Some pieces are reaching out, seemingly wanting to connect with lots of others, while some look inwards with pieces carved out of them and others have straight sides and sit comfortably on the edge.

We can often feel isolated in a box, unsure where we fit even when there are many pieces around us. Yet, there is one jigsaw where there is a place and a space for everyone, it is called God's church. However, it's not an image of a building, it's an image made up of people who value what connects them as they recognise that they are just a small part of God's much bigger creation.

The church is a visible, though imperfect expression of God's perfect love, the pieces are varied, some are complex and irregular in shape. Some are reaching out, whilst others are looking in, some are on the edge whilst others are connected all around. The entirety of God's picture is too vast and too varied to see, but it's exciting and challenging to discover, piece by piece the beauty of all that God has made and the certainty that there's room for everyone.

Veronica x

ST LAURENCE CHURCH SERVICES

7th November	Third Sunday before Advent	
10.30am	Holy Communion	
	Reading 1	Hebrews 9:24-end
	Gospel	Mark 1:14-20
14th November	Second Sunday before Advent	
	(Remembrance Sunday)	
10.45am	Reading 1	TBA
	Gospel	TBA
21st November	Christ the King	
10.30am	Morning Prayer	
	Reading 1	Revelation 1:4b-8
	Reading 2	John 18:33-37
28th November	Advent Sunday	
10.30am	Holy Communion	
	Reading 1	1Thessalonians 3:9-end
	Gospel	Luke 21:25-36

As we move into November, we are still cautiously moving ahead with our services. You no longer have to reserve a seat or 'sign in' but we ask that you continue to sanitise your hands on arrival. Wearing a mask throughout the service will now be personal choice. Communion will still be by wafer only.

We will sing our hymns in church. Coffee will then be served at the end of the service.

We ask people to respect those who 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 & any changes log onto www.stlaurencedownton.co.uk

Remembrance Service Sunday 14th November 2021 St. Laurence Church at 10.45 am

This annual service is much loved by Downton villagers, and we are delighted that this year it can take place in St. Laurence Church again. However, because Covid is still with us, we would like you to be aware of the following:

- There will be singing.
- We ask that you sanitise your hands when entering the church.
- We encourage you to wear face masks.
- The collection for the Royal British Legion will be taken as you exit the church. There will be containers by the door.
- The South, West and Chancel doors will remain open during the service to ensure good ventilation.

We look forward to seeing you.



Woodfalls Methodist Church

The Ridge, Woodfalls, SP5 2LH

Services for October

Wednesday 3rd 10.45.am at Woodfalls Methodist led by Rev Bryan

Coates followed by Lunch

Sunday 7th 10.00am Holy Communion at Woodfalls Methodist led by Rev Margaret Jones

Sunday 14th 10.45am Remembrance Service at St Birinus

Wednesday 17th 10.45am Songs of Praise at Woodfalls Methodist followed by lunch

Sunday 21st 10.00am Holy Communion at St Mary's

Sunday 28th 10.00am Woodfalls Methodist led by Rev Dr Philip Luscombe

All enquiries to Graham Tanner, telephone 01725 512648;

email atanner.gtanner@btinternet.com

Online services at www.salisburymethodist.org.uk

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 18th November

If you would like to join the Zoom services
please contact John Elliott on 01722 711665.

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



Downton Baptist Church

South Lane, Downton, SP5 3NA

Sunday Mornings: Service at 10.30am
in Church or Church Field and online.

Thursday Mornings: 10.30am Refreshments
followed by 11.00am Service.

Details of online Services can be found on the Downton Baptist
Church website: www.downtonbaptist.org

Ministers: Rev Philip Rhoades and Rev Katy Ulliyatt

More details of all events from Rev Philip Rhoades:

Telephone: 07468 491143. Email: rhoades470@btinternet.com

Church Office: 01725 512971 or Email: office@downtonbaptist.org

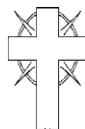
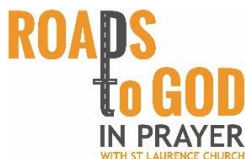


Downton's Mobile Post Office - Every Friday Morning

Moot Lane near to Recreation Ground: 9.00 am - 10.00 am

The Bull car park: 10.05 am till 11.05 am

4th September – Jacqueline Whelan & Ian Tanner

[illegible]

**Joanna Close, The Meadows, Breamore Road,
The Headlands, Salisbury Road, Crossways
Close, New Court, and Meadow Grange.**

Any such requests will be kept confidential.

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

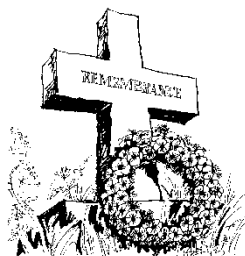
For more information, please see our Roads to God page on our website:
www.stlaurencedownton.co.uk

Roads to God Prayer Group

We will pray for both the particular roads in our prayer cycle together with the whole village.

Prayer Diary for November

- 1 All Saints – reflecting God in our lives
- 2 The bereaved and all who mourn
- 3 Our Rural Dean, Rev David Bacon
- 4 Those made redundant or unable to find work
- 5 Our Church School
- 6 Our Churchwarden and Deputy Churchwardens
- 7 All key workers
- 8 Those at University and College
- 9 Those in Residential & Nursing Homes
- 10 Bellringers
- 11 Remembrance: all who suffer through war
- 12 Medical staff in hospitals, GPs, Care homes, research laboratories
- 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
- 29 Our Lay Pastoral Assistants (LPAs)
- 30 St Andrew – proclaiming the Good News



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.

Remembrance in Downton



Remembrance Sunday, which this year falls on 14th November, is a national opportunity to remember the service and sacrifice of all those who have defended our freedoms and protected our way of life.

Nationally there will be the Poppy Appeal from 30th October to 13th November, the Festival of Remembrance on Saturday 13th November and on Sunday, the Cenotaph Parade. Here in Downton the events are:

Poppy Appeal 2021

We are hoping that this year's Poppy Appeal will see our volunteer collectors out and about in force once again, subject to any future Covid-19 restrictions. We will be offering several ways to donate to the Poppy Appeal including:

- Cash
- Text
- Web (via a QR code quick link)

The appeal runs from 30th October to 13th November – poppies will be on sale at many locations in Downton, there will be some door-to-door collections, and a collection table will be outside the Co-op on Saturday 30th October, 6th November and 13th November.

Remembrance Day

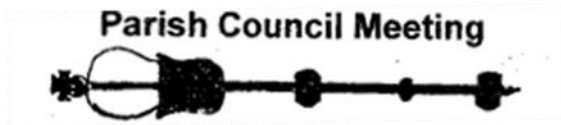
Thursday 11th November – the actual Remembrance Day – crosses will be planted at the graves from 10.00 am, and a small ceremony will be held outside The Goat at 11.00 am.

Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 13th November – the Official Remembrance Day – a wreath laying Parade will take place at The Memorial Hall starting at 10.00 am with a march along The Borough and the High Street to St Laurence's Church for a service of Remembrance led by the Archdeacon Alan Jeans.

The Parade will be led by the Downton Band and will include members of the Royal British Legion, Parish Councillors, and Youth Organisations. It should be noted that seating in the Church will probably be restricted due to Covid.





The Parish Council meeting was held in the Bonvalot Room at the Downton Memorial Centre on Monday 11th October 2021. Four members of the public were present.

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

- Regarding the 2022/23 year budget, officers and he were concerned about what would come out of HM Government's Comprehensive Spending Review and what money Wiltshire Council would receive next year.
- With regard to the Local Plan, he said he was unclear and was checking whether HM Government's previous target of 300,000 houses being built in a year was still valid.
- Wiltshire Council's Chief Executive was about to start a round of meetings with the larger parishes to establish better contact and to understand their needs.
- He was unable to guarantee the current level of funding for Downton Leisure Centre after 2023.

Amenities: Various works to paint the High Street bollards, clear drains at the Maypole Green, replace a bus shelter light in Moot Lane and remove a tree branch in the cemetery were reported by the Clerk.

Downton in Bloom

The Council agreed to make a contribution of £250 to the Downton Society towards the planting of the parish flower planters with long lasting bay trees and variegated ivy.

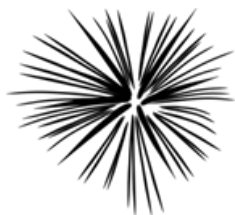
Vacancies: There are currently 5 vacancies for councillors on the Parish Council. If you are interested in finding out more about becoming a councillor, please contact the Clerk.

The next meeting is on Monday 8th November 2021 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
www.downtonparishcouncil.gov.uk**

1st Downton Scout Group



FIREWORKS NIGHT

At The Goat, The Borough, Downton

Saturday 6th November 2021

Barbecue available from 6.00 pm
Bonfire to be lit 7.00 pm; Fireworks 7.20 pm

Advance Online Tickets: Family Tickets (2 adults + 3 children) at £20.00
Adult tickets will be £10.00 Children (under 16 years) will be £5.00

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/downton-scout-group/t-vrvolv>

No Family Tickets will be available on the evening

No refunds - **Event Updates on Facebook** – 1st Downton Scouts Fireworks Night

Further information available on 07850 427505

or e-mail: chair@downtonscouts.com



Open Art Exhibition

Downton Memorial Hall SP5 3NB

Friday November 12th 1 – 4 pm

Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th 10 am - 4 pm

Paintings, Greeting cards, Raffle, Jams and Gifts

Raising funds for Home-Start Hampshire.

Contact charlotte.dooley@hshants.org.uk for further information.



Charity No 1144661.
Sponsored by Dorset 2020 Art Society



DOWNTON CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

We are delighted to be bringing the Downton Christmas Tree Festival back to St Laurence church this year.

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 IS YOUR CREATIONS:

DECORATED TREES, CHRISTMAS SCENES OR WREATHS.

Let your creativity fly and have fun making something. If you are struggling for inspiration the internet is a great source of ideas from the simple to the extraordinary. Pick up an application form from the library, Borough Café or the church, or go to www.stlaurencedownton.co.uk or www.downtonvillage.co.uk

We hope to give our visitors a feast for the senses and to raise money for our charity which, this year, is the **Wiltshire Family Counselling Trust**. After nearly two years of Covid and its accompanying stress we felt it was particularly important to choose a local charity focussed on the mental health of children, young people and their families.

Festival programme:

Friday 10th December: 7.00 pm Choral evensong, followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

Saturday 11th December: 10.00 am – 4.00 pm Church open with exhibits, activities, cakes and music.

Sunday 12th December: 10.00 am – 4.00 pm Church open with exhibits, activities, cakes and music.

Sunday 12th December: 6.30 pm Village Carol service with Downton Band and Downton Community Choir.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE

Choral Evensong – Friday 10th December at 7.00 pm

The Downton Christmas Tree Festival will start with an Evensong service sung by the Laudamus Choir from Fordingbridge. This will be only their second outing after an enforced “pandemic break” and they come to Downton having sung the services in Salisbury Cathedral over one of the half term weekends. They will be led by their director, Andrew Hanley, with the organ being played by their regular organist, John Radford.

It will also be one of the first opportunities to hear the Downton organ after the major restoration and repair work that has taken place over the last three years.

Come and enjoy a traditional service with good music and stay afterwards for mulled wine and minced pies.



Downton Link

Notice is given that the Annual General Meeting
will take place on

Thursday 11 November 2021 at 7.15 pm

at The Clubhouse (formerly the Sherwood Room)

Downton Football Club
Wick Lane, Downton SP5 3NF

Welcome to all comers

~~~~~

**Interested in joining 'The Link' as a volunteer driver,  
coordinator or to serve on the Committee? Please contact:**

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



## St Laurence Church: Salisbury Foodbank Christmas Appeal 2021

As in previous years, we want to help the Foodbank ensure that local people in need will have enough to eat over the Christmas period, and also be able to enjoy some of the special foods that we take for granted. The Salisbury Foodbank will be distributing not only special Christmas boxes, but also regular foodboxes. Demand for the foodboxes has been particularly high over the last few months, and this is expected to continue.

**To help meet this increasing demand Foodbank has asked if this year our Christmas donations could again be 50% general items and 50% Christmas treats.**

**Suggested general items include tinned fish, tinned rice pudding, tinned meat, long life fruit juice, bars of chocolate, sponge puddings and dried milk**

*(but please note that they have plenty of cereal, pasta, tea, pasta sauce, baked beans and feminine hygiene products)*



They would be especially grateful if **sell-by dates could be as long as possible.** Due to the generosity of donors, a large number of items are delivered to the Warehouse during November and December. The general items are much needed and help to meet demand not only over the Christmas period, but also well into the new year. During December sorting Christmas items is prioritised and so some general items may not be able to be sorted until well after Christmas, so the longer the dates on items, the better.

Please bring donations to St Laurence Church on Sunday mornings, or Wednesday mornings from 11am until 12 noon by Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December.



**Thank you!**



*....and **thank you to everyone who** donated food or money at the **Harvest Festival** service on 3rd October.*

*Thanks to your generosity we were able to deliver 42.4kg of food and £35 in cash to the Foodbank.*

**The Downton Society  
MOVIOLA**

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

**'The Sound of Metal' (15)**

**Runtime: 120 minutes**

**7.00 pm for 7.30 pm in the Downton Memorial Hall.**

*Keeping at bay his inner demons by devoting himself to art, metal drummer, Ruben, has been living for the moment for the past four years. Then, while on tour with his lead-singer/girlfriend, Lou, Ruben realises that his hearing is rapidly deteriorating. As this sudden hearing loss turns his world upside down, and numbing fear paired with angry denial take over, Ruben reluctantly agrees to join a small deaf community overseen by Joe, a compassionate Vietnam War veteran.*

*Now Ruben needs to find some solid ground, understand that being deaf is not a handicap and that deafness isn't something to fix. But is Ruben willing to accept his new life and learn how to be deaf?*

Winner of two Oscars and two Baftas, and with another six nominations, this film is groundbreaking in its use of sound.

Tickets (£7.00) will be available from the Borough Cafe two weeks before the screening or can be reserved from Sue or Lawrence Burr; any remaining tickets will be sold at the door on the night.

Refreshments will be available.

Further information from Sue and Lawrence on 07825 745 246.

This is the last Moviola for 2021. Watch this space for the new programme from Moviola which will be published in the next magazine.



**Rainfall report for September**



Like August, September was a month of two parts. Up to the 26th we had no rainfall but in the last four days there was 1.42 inches. This was still below the average for the month. M.C.

## Downton Band - dates for your diaries

### November:

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>** Remembrance concert in St Michaels Church, Lyndhurst in the afternoon.

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>** Downton Band will be leading the Remembrance parade in our village as usual.

### December:

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>** Downton Jubilee Brass, Training Band and Beginners Brass will be performing at various times during the Christmas Tree Festival at St Laurence Church.

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>** Downton Band will play for the Village Carol Service as usual, but this year the Band will play some extra pieces before and after the service

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>** Christmas Concert in Charlton All-Saints Church at 7.30 pm.  
(subject to Covid precautions; it might be outside)

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>** Christmas Concert in St Michaels Church, Lyndhurst

In addition the Band will be out and about carolling around the village throughout December and on Christmas Morning. More details to be published in next month's Downton Parish News

For further details check the Band

website [www.downtonband.org.uk](http://www.downtonband.org.uk) nearer the time.



## Traidcraft

Traidcraft Fairtrade goods are available from Joy Hughes, who can deliver catalogues to addresses in Downton. Contact her by email - [joyhughes2142@gmail.com](mailto:joyhughes2142@gmail.com) - or tel. 01725 512801 to request a catalogue. Your order can then be phoned or emailed to Joy, who will deliver the items to your home.





## Let's Help Wildlife this Autumn



The rain and strong winds we have been having can be a reminder to tidy up the garden before winter. This can be done whilst also helping wildlife survive the coming months if we remember just a few points:

1. When giving the lawn its final cut, leave an area with some longer grass so that invertebrates and small mammals still have a place to hide.
2. Autumn leaves can be raked up to store to make leaf mould, but again leaving a pile in a sheltered corner of the garden, perhaps with a bundle of twigs, creates another safe area for them.
3. Turning the compost heap is another autumn job that is best not left too late as hedgehogs and queen bumble bees may well use it as a place to hibernate over winter.
4. Planting as many early spring bulbs as possible will help the early pollinators survive. In autumn the flowers of ivy are a nectar source for late flying insects and later the berries provide food for birds.
5. Birds will not be nesting but they may still use a bird box on cold nights, so now is a good time to clean them out as well as regularly cleaning and topping up bird baths and feeders.
6. Leaving tall plants that may have seedheads can be a source of food for birds but will also provide anchorage for spiders' webs, which look beautiful in the morning sun.

[www.downtongreengroup.co.uk](http://www.downtongreengroup.co.uk) 'encouraging sustainable living within our local community'.



## Downton Cuckoo Fair

**Are you looking for the ideal present for birthdays or Christmas?**

***We have for sale:***

Cotton shopping bags

£3 each

Jute Shopping bags

£4 each

Tea towels

£2.50 each



Contact Edna Pike (01725 511332)

## Good Companions

On 28<sup>th</sup> September Dave Dawson came with guitar and equipment with recorded songs and music from our teens and beyond which we sang, danced and rocked to with much laughter. We rocked with even greater laughter when Julie and Julia did their “Delilah” laugh during Tom Jones’ song. Dave is a great entertainer and guitarist.

On 5<sup>th</sup> October we had more laughter, due to our incredulity and astonishment as we listened to Alan Jones’ talk ‘Your Body’ part 2. This was both informative and very entertaining. He covered the brain, eyes, ears, nose, mouth, bones, muscles, blood, skin, nerves and many other parts of the body. He spoke about the functions which are going on in our bodies, some at amazing speeds, both while we are up and about, and during sleep. (The writer felt it tied in well with a verse from Psalm 139: ‘You knit me together in my mother’s womb ..... I am fearfully and wonderfully made’.)

### Visits to look forward to:

9<sup>th</sup> November - Sarah Collins: Music and Song

23<sup>rd</sup> November - Steve Herra: ‘Sweeney Todd’ (Not the barber shop tale)

We meet in Downton Memorial Hall on Tuesdays from 2.00 to 4.00 pm. Regulars pay £1.50; visitors, who are always welcome, £2.00; cup of tea and biscuit included. Contact Julia Whitmarsh, 01725 510601, for details.



## Action on Hearing Loss

### Hearing aid maintenance drop in service – batteries and information

Our hearing aid maintenance drop in clinics are suspended for the time being due to the corona virus, but I can still post hearing aid batteries to you if you are a Salisbury hospital audiology patient. This is a free service. At this time I’m not posting out tubing but I can help you with information on how to get the best from your hearing aids, including daily cleaning and information on hearing loss. Please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Gill Drayson. Telephone 01722 580014, mobile 07570 670 643,  
or email [Gillian.drayson@hearingloss.org.uk](mailto:Gillian.drayson@hearingloss.org.uk)

## Downton Horticultural Society

We will be holding our AGM in the Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm on 18th November. Mulled wine and nibbles will be served and after the short business part of the evening is over, Jeremy Parsons will once again be hosting a gardening quiz.

Susan Barnhurst-Davies, our membership secretary, will be collecting our 2022 subscriptions at the meeting. We know that some members paid their 2021 subscriptions before we went into the COVID lockdown, and if you did, that also covers 2022.

New members are very welcome to the AGM or any of our events. We also have vacancies on the committee if anyone would like to join us. if you might be interested or would like to know more then please contact me or one of the other committee members.

Gordon Bishop (01725 511475)



## Downton Community Pre-school



Autumn is in full swing at Downton Pre-School. We have been on lots of Autumn walks to explore our surroundings and collect some of nature's treasures. We have also been baking weekly, one our favourites was making hedgehog bread rolls!

The children have also loved playing in our updated playground thanks to our first payment of Co Op community funding.

We can't wait for the Christmas activities to start: we may have even started to learn some new Christmas songs but shhhh! Don't tell the mummies and daddies!

If you would like to add your child to our waiting list we have spaces please email us on [admin@downtonpreschool.co.uk](mailto:admin@downtonpreschool.co.uk) or call us on 01725 511178 for more information.

## **Redlynch & Local District Local History Society**

'On the wrong side of the law in Whiteparish and Landford' proved to be an entertaining and informative talk by Dr Rosalind Johnson for members of Redlynch Local History Society at their AGM. Dr Johnson, as a contributing editor, is actively in the area for the Victoria County History and was able to show members not only how to access sources but also gave local examples. Members learnt how the History project was started in 1899 and that 25 volumes are planned for Wiltshire; Whiteparish and Landford are to be in number 21.

Examples of transgressions of the law spanned the centuries from 1268 through to the early 20<sup>th</sup> century and ranged from cases of fowl theft through poaching and trespass, a major problem in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, to bigamy. The latter example, a rare instance, gave an insight into the Victorian public's interest in the subject. It culminated in the two women victims going together to the police to report the crime. The perpetrator, after 9 months in Winchester Prison, went back to his legitimate wife but had to pay for the upkeep of his baby daughter by his second 'wife'.

Those who were drunk and disorderly suffered the indignity of a fine if things got out of hand. Opportunities, far greater in Whiteparish with a couple of inns than in Landford with none, were reflected in the number of cases. The former also had a constable who no doubt knew the route home likely transgressors might take. Corrupt officialdom though was evident in the 13<sup>th</sup> century when three men were each fined half a mark (roughly equivalent to £500) for harbouring thieves. One of the men, a charcoal maker, was hardly likely to have had this sort of money, but it also indicated the importance of woodland to the economy at the time. All in all, an excellent talk by a member of the Society.

Victoria County History website link below:

<https://www.british-history.ac.uk/vch/wilts/vol11/pp19-77#h3-0003>

**Our next talk is "From Woodfalls to Rangoon" by Sonia Aarons-Green at 730pm 2<sup>nd</sup> November at Morgans Vale & Woodfalls Hall.**

## **Lover Repair Cafe**

Everything has settled back to near normal as the 'repair cafe' is up and running once again. Lovely to see the familiar faces and also the many new friends who have found their way to the repair café.

Special thanks go to our Caterers who serve us so well.

We would welcome anyone else who would like to 'lend a hand'.

### **"DO NOT BIN IT, WE MAY FIX IT"**

#### **News Up-date:**

- a. **Project progress:** With your support & help, our Salisbury Hospital Staff project is still progressing extremely well. We have now presented them with £8500 for which the Staff are extremely grateful.
- b. **Repair Cafe going to School!!!:** We are about to embark on a new venture: a Salisbury Primary School is running an Environmental Week and we have been invited to go in to explain what & why we recycle & repair. Children and parents are being invited to bring in 'Items for Repair' to a **Repair Shop** at the end of the day.



**Couple of the Month:** This month we would like to thank Martin & Taryna England, our amazing 'Online Sales Team' who have somehow managed to raise £2065 in online sales of items that many of you have donated to support our local project work.

Now we are back in the Village Hall we have started our **Recycling Service** again, where, for £1 we will dis-assemble small items and take them to Curry's, who have a special arrangement to dispose of them for us. Curry's would remind you that if you wish to make a purchase from them, they will take in your old item for disposal.

By Christmas we hope to have three renovated Dolls Houses on offer.



**WE ARE OPEN:** Every Wednesday and Friday mornings from 10 am till 12 noon. Drop in for a coffee, a chat, advice or to drop off your broken item. Leave us your name & telephone number. We phone you when your item is ready for collection and simply ask you to pay for material costs and make a donation to our local projects.

**Enquiries: Paul 01725 510753**

**or preferably write to us at [loverrepaircafe@gmail.com](mailto:loverrepaircafe@gmail.com)**

20  
**Redlynch WI**

The speaker at our October meeting was Alison Hulme, who gave us a very entertaining talk entitled 'My Life in Stitching'. She learned lots of different types of embroidery and took a degree in later life, despite being dyslexic. She had made some lovely clothes, which we were able to purchase.

The November meeting will be held on Wednesday 10th at 2.00 pm in Morgans Vale and Woodfalls Village Hall, when the speaker will be David Stocks talking about 'Authors of the Lake District'. Guests from Downton will be very welcome; any queries contact Jill Bowen on 01725 511173.



### **Forest Edge Flower Arranging Society**



There was a wonderful array of beautiful designs at our Competition evening last month; our judge, Debbie Wadge, really enjoyed the evening and commented on the high standard of entries. Having made her awards Debbie also spoke about each Class and the individual designs, giving lots of information and advice for the future. It was a really good evening.

On Monday 1st November we will enjoy a demonstration by Jo Richards who will share her love of flowers with us and no doubt create some colourful designs. Why not come along and join us, visitors are most welcome (entry just £6.).

We meet on the first Monday of each month at Morgan's Vale and Woodfalls Village Hall, at 7.00 pm for refreshments, starting at 7.30pm. If you would like more information then please get in contact. We would love to see you for some fun, friendship and flowers.

Martina Coleman (Chairperson) 01725 51255



Fordingbridge Friends of Cancer Research UK

## **Annual Autumn Fair**

Gifts • Clothing and Accessories •  
Produce • Café

**Friday 12th November 9.00 am - 1.00 pm**

**Damerham Village Hall, SP6 3HD**

Entry by Donation

email: [crukfordingbridgefriends@yahoo.com](mailto:crukfordingbridgefriends@yahoo.com)

Cancer Research UK is a registered charity in England and Wales (1089464)



## **CHRISTMAS FAIR**

**On SATURDAY 4<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**

**In REDLYNCH VILLAGE HALL**

**From 10 am to mid-day**

Event includes: Local Crafts,  
Bric-a-brac, Books etc.



Refreshments available

Everyone very welcome to a time of seasonal fun &  
friendship - all in aid of Hall Funds

*Contact Cherry on 01725 510753 for Stall details*

## Events at Woodfalls Methodist Church – all welcome

### Saturday 13th November

Christmas Market 11 am – 2.00pm. Cakes, Cards, Bric a brac, books, Gifts, surprise boxes, lucky dip, raffle, tombola.

### Saturday 20th November

Social evening, starting with a meal at 5.30pm followed by our version of Wogan's perfect recall.

## Creation Station

**Mondays (Except Bank Holidays) 10.00am till 12 noon  
at Woodfalls Methodist Hall**

(Car Park access by side Band Hall, disabled access)

**Coffee, Cake, Crafts, Crosswords, Construct a jigsaw.**

**All welcome** - No set charge - tin for donations

Crafts and toys for toddlers if requested.

Enquiries to Anita or Graham (01725512648)

or Veronica Batchelor (01725513878)

Organised by the Churches of

St.Birinus Morgans Vale, St.Mary, Redlynch and Woodfalls Methodist

~~~~~

COMMUNITY CAFÉ

and

FOOD EXCHANGE

You, your friends and neighbours are invited
to drop in for hot drinks and cake.

(Voluntary donation)

***Thursdays , 9am—11.30am
starting 2nd September!***

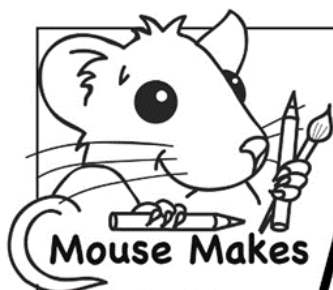
Woodfalls Methodist Church Hall

(Come in via the car park off Vale Road)

Downton Clubs and Societies

Allotments Association	Susan Barnhurst-Davies	01725 512963
Barford Day Centre.....	Jeremy Parsons.....	01725 512963
BWSC Association Chairman	Mr Simon Bromilow	07785 265019
Downton Bowling Club	Mr Mike Hallam.....	01725 513359
Cuckoo Fair Committee	Mr T Pike	01725 511332
DCT Links Youth Group: School years 7/8/9+.....	Mr P Rhoades	01725 514792
Downton Angling Society	Mr B Hayward	01425 476908
Downton Art Group (Mondays)	Mr Roy Powell	01725 511324
Downton Art Group (Wednesdays)	Mrs Heather Borrelli	07826 754615
Downton Band Secretary	Danie Williams	07535 994164
Downton Community Choir	Kate Edgar	01725 512635
Downton Community Pre-School	Becci Lanham	01725 511178
Downton Country Market	Mrs D Rochefort	07733 363041
Downton Football Club	Dan Newman	07900 370600
Downton Green Group	Jane Brentor	01725 510504
Downton History Group	Mr Dave Webber	01725 513759
Downton Horticultural Society	Mr Tony Ashford	01725 510656
Downton Lace Group	Mrs Judi Brown	01725 511649
Downton Leisure Centre	Dave Taylor	01725 513668
Downton Link	Co-ordinator	01725 513807
Downton Millennium Green Trust	Sue Larkin	01725 511209
Downton Parish Council Clerk	Mrs Beverley Cornish	01725 513874
Downton Society	Susan Barnhurst-Davies	01725 512963
Downton Society Footpath Group	Susan Barnhurst-Davies	01725 512963
Downton Tennis Club	Kevin Burns.....	
	Kevinmburns57@gmail.com	
Forest Edge Flower Arranging Society	Mrs Martina Coleman	01725 512556
Gallipoli (D) Company, Wilts, Army Cadet Force.....	SSI J Burton	07788 975846
Good Companions	Mrs Julia Whitmarsh	01725 510601
Guides: Rainbows	Sam Bennie	07866 318497
First Downton Brownies	Kirstie Penton	07824 898611
First Downton Guides	Liz Jennings	
	1stdowntonguides@gmail.com	
Guild of Ringers (Church Bells)	Mr R Plaskett	01725 511258
Longwater Tai Chi	Jane Launchbury	01725 514546
Memorial Hall Bookings	Mrs Hilary Mace	07760 415818
Parochial Church Council	Mrs Jo Parsons	01725 512738
Royal British Legion	Mr Paul Hammond	07710 425983
Scouts: Beavers	Jon Edwards	downtonbeavers@gmail.com
Cubs	Jonathan Borwell.....	downtoncubs@gmail.com
Scouts	Kevin Hill	downtonscouts@gmail.com
St Laurence Sunday School	Dr J McGee	01725 513869
The Moot – Friends of the Moot	Mrs J Greville-Heygate	01725 511755
The Moot – Moot Preservation Trust	Mr Dave Webber.....	01725 513759
Wessex Cancer Trust	Mrs Enid Crook	01725 511196

Please notify the Editor of any changes, additions or deletions
(Amended November 2021)



**I AM
THE**



Read John 10:11 and 14



**I AM
THE**

Read John 15:1 and 35



**I AM
THE**

OF

Read John 6:35,51



AND THE

Read John 11:25



OF THE

Read John 18:12

I AM

Seven times in John's Gospel
Jesus calls Himself "I AM"
- the same name that God
calls Himself when He speaks
to Moses in Exodus 3:14.
Jesus is telling us who He really is.



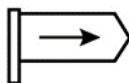
**I AM
THE**

**I AM
THE**

AND THE

AND THE

Read John 14:6



**I AM
THE**

Read John 10:9



**I AM
THE**



B R A N C H E S L I F E T B
S H E P H E R D F A T H E R
L O J G A T E R W O R L D E
I V E D D I A M O A U I N A
F I S E O B L I G H T F O D
E N U G O O D W A Y H E H E
R E S U R R E C T I O N B L

Look up the Bible references, fill in the missing words then look for them in the word search

To advertise goods or services in this magazine:

Block advertisements: Details from Patrick Briddon (01725 512576) Email: patbriddon@gmail.com

Small ads: Details from Marguerite Pitt (01725 510586).

The cost of a 30 word insert on this page is £2.50 per month (£20.00 per annum). Please send a copy of your advertisement plus cash to Mrs M Pitt, 11 Joanna Close, Downton (01725 510586) by 12th of the month.

**All box and line advertisements in this magazine
are accepted in good faith**

Sending editorial copy

Articles and notices of events for the **December** issue to be emailed to the Editor **by 10th November.** Please contact the Editor if you wish to submit a paper copy.

Articles will be shortened if space is limited; any received late may not be used. Please use black and white clipart rather than coloured items. Word documents are preferable to pdf's or jpg's.

Editor: Angela Jones (01725 512204)

Email: alovelockjones@waitrose.com

Opinions expressed or implied in this publication are not necessarily those of the Editor or Parochial Church Council, and no responsibility can be accepted for any errors of fact published in the Parish News.

If you would like the Parish News to be delivered to you each month, please contact Mrs Jo Parsons (01725 512738).

Village website: www.downtonvillage.co.uk

Plumbing and Drainage

- * Plumbing
- * Heating
- * Blocked drains/toilets/sinks
- * High Pressure Jetting
- * Bathroom and Shower Installation

*All Work Fully Guaranteed
FREE Quotes*

Please Call David
01725 512645
or **07818 046222**

J C S
TAXIS



Private Hire

Based in Downton

LOCAL.....DISTANCE.....AIRPORTS

01725 238719

MOB 07786 036525

www.jcstaxis.co.uk

J. M. Rowland

*Painting and Decorating
Carpentry Services
Tiling and Fencing*

**Free Estimates
Competitive Rates**

Telephone : 01725 511508

Mobile : 07930 618170

City and Guilds Qualified

Kevin Knight

Clock and Watch Repairs
Over 30 Years Experience

*Collection and Delivery
Available on Large Repairs*

All Work Guaranteed

Tel : 01722 331969

Mob : 07900 928451

Kevindavidknight@gmail.com

INSPIRE

Window Cleaning

Friendly, Reliable Window Cleaning
In Downton and Surrounding Areas

**Window Cleaning
Gutter Clearing & Cleaning
Soffit & Fascia Cleaning
And more....**

Contact Steve Beament to book an
appointment or get a free quote

Inspirewindowcleaning@gmail.com

Tel : 07716 394721

Find us on Facebook

Affordable Garden Services

- * Trees topped and Shaped
- * Hedge trimming and re-shaping
- * Grass cutting service
- * Exterior painting sheds, fences
- * Gutter cleaning
- * Turfing, gravelling etc
- * Pressure washing

Tel : 01725 476144

Mob : 07379895851

E : affordablegardenservices73@outlook.com

Call John for a Free quote

SB PLUMBING SERVICES

- * Oil Boiler Servicing
- * Unvented Cylinders
- * Bathroom Installation
- * Shower Maintenance
- * All aspects of Plumbing

*All work carried out by a reliable
Fully insured and Qualified Plumber*

**Please ring Stefan on
0777 050 2522 or
01722 331697**

DEREK SMALL

Communications
Est 1981

DIGITAL TELEVISION AERIALS
SATELLITE INSTALLATIONS

*New Installations - Repairs
Extra Points*

*TV Radio Audio Sales and Repairs
We install most equipment*

ATTENTION TO DETAIL
RELIABLE and QUICK RESPONSE

07979 456379

LAURA'S HOME HELP

**A professional, Trustworthy
Reliable Service**

All Homecare for the Elderly
or those in need
Helping aid Independent Living

- * General Home Cleaning
- * Foodshops
- * Homemade Meals
- * Doctors trips
- * Prescription collection
- * Petcare incl dog walking
- * Light gardening
- * Company and Therapy Dog available

**Returning to
work in the
summer.**

**Competitive Rates
DBS Checked
First Aid Qualified
References Available**

**Phone Laura on
07551361038**

THE FOOT UNIT

Chiropody Clinic

Susan Vaughan Bsc (Hons)
Mchs (HCPC Registered)

Your Solution to Pain Free Feet

Offering a warm welcome and excellent footcare
From a fully qualified health professional

*From just nail cutting to a full fix Including
Problem nails, hard skin and cracked heels*

The Foot Unit

53, The Borough, Downton, SP5 3LX
(Find us opposite the Co-op)

Tel : 07743 523830

Facebook.com/thefootunit

NEAT SWEEPS CHIMNEY SWEEPING



Chimney need sweeping? Need a specialist survey
or inspection of your chimney? Thinking about
having a solid fuel stove installed or reinstating a
fireplace?

Neat Sweeps are an established local chimney
sweeping & stove installation business and we can
help!

For more information visit www.neatsweeps.co.uk,
phone 01794 341812 or email
neatsweeps@gmail.com

COUNTRYSIDE BIKE REPAIRS



- * Service plans starting from £25.
- * Free bike clean with every service.
- * Free collection & return of bicycle within 3 miles
(Small surcharge for surcharge for over 3 miles)
- * Flexible hours to suit you.
- * New bike build from box.

**For all bike servicing & repairs please
Contact....**

**Luke Gower
countrysidebikerepairs@gmail.com
Downton Wiltshire**

07912324479

Jef Hutchby

Foot care

**Quality foot care
in the comfort of your own
home.**

Treatments include: - nail
trimming, removal of corns and
callus and care of cracked heels.

**Please call to book an
appointment**

07540846669

or email

jef@hutchbyfootcare.co.uk

**Visit my website for more
information**

www.hutchbyfootcare.co.uk.

Hair by Kirsty

**Hair by Kirsty offers Cuts,
Colouring and styling in the
comfort of your own home.**

**Contact Kirsty for any enquiries
or to book an appointment.**

Mobile 07990 891709

Email -kj3hair@hotmail.com



**Fireplaces, Chimneys,
Woodburners & Stoves
Professionally Swept**

**ROTARY POWER & TRADITIONAL BRUSHES
APICS MEMBER • FULLY INSURED
CLEAN, FRIENDLY SERVICE
CERTIFICATES ISSUED**



**Call 01794 885709
Steve 07954 604048**

steeplesweeps@gmail.com

DOWNTON MEMORIAL CENTRE

**To book the Hall or one
of the New Meeting Rooms
*Bonvalot or Centenary***

Please contact the Booking Secretary

Hilary Mace

Tel : 07760 4165818

Email

bookingsecretary@downtonmemorialcentre.co.uk

www.downtonmemorialcentre.co.uk

I. N. NEWMAN LTD

FUNERAL DIRECTORS



Monumental Masons



OFFICES IN SALISBURY AND FORDINGBRIDGE

- + 24 hour day/night service
- + Home visits if required
- + Pre-Pay Funeral Plans
- + Help with all funeral aspects

- + Flowers arranged
- + Service sheets
- + Funeral catering
- + A complete service

Private Chapels of Rest

Griffin House
55 Winchester Street
Salisbury
Wilts
SP1 1HL
TEL: 01722 413136

Griffin Mews
22 High Street
Fordingbridge
Hants
SP6 1AX
TEL: 01425 656286

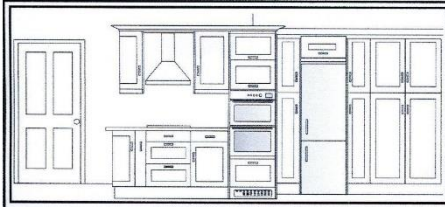
INDEPENDENT FAMILY OWNED AND CONTROLLED BUSINESS

Brian's Kitchens

Bedrooms - Bathrooms - Studies

"from design to instillation a service you can rely on"

The kitchen is the hub of most people's homes whether large or small and together we will make the best use of the space with innovative ideas and designs to give you the kitchen of your dreams.



Bedrooms, Bathrooms & Studies designed built and fitted with the same level of care. **Mobility** needs catered for using experience, everything is designed to suite your needs.

Let us design the room of your dreams.

Please call Brian Pugh on:

M: 0782 5004258 or Tel: 01425 654741

DOWNTON BREWERY CO LTD

Local Brewery shop open Monday to Friday 9am - 4pm

- * *Bottled beer - single/cases*
- * *Presentation packs of 3 bottles - ideal for presents*
- * *4 Pint carry-outs - ask about our Loyalty Card*
- * *Minipins (18pt) & Polypins (36 pt) - (Please give 48 hr' notice)*

**Free local delivery service within 10 mile radius !
Please see our website or call the brewery to order**

Unit 11, Batten Road, Downton Industrial Estate, SP5 3HU

T : 01725 513313

www.downtonbrewery.com

BREAD
FLOWERS
AT HOME

FRESHLY COOKED TAKEAWAY DISHES

DESIGNED TO BE A WEEKEND TREAT

Bread & Flowers brings you delicious flavours to relish & inspire.

Dishes are cooked & prepared to order by our team at our HQ, ready to be collected by you and reheated at home.

Our Friday menu features

- mezze / starters
- main courses
- side dishes
- puddings
- food for entertaining

enquiries@breadandflowers.co.uk

01722 326581

Bread and Flowers

Longford Farmhouse

Bodenham, Salisbury, SP5 4EL

Order online for collection
on Fridays 2pm-6pm

breadandflowersathome.co.uk

Dixon & Templeton

Solicitors

Incorporating Truman-Moore (Ringwood)

Established since 1911

**YOUR FRIENDLY FIRM FOR PERSONAL AND
COMMERCIAL LEGAL SERVICES INCLUDING**

Buying or Selling a House or Flat
Buying or Selling a Business
Commercial Leases
Making a Will
Lasting Powers of Attorney
Administering an Estate
Buying or Selling a Limited Company
Forming a new Limited Company
Filling a Tax Return
Accidents and Compensation
Matrimonial Problems
Employment Problems

Contact us at:

43, HIGH STREET, FORDINGBRIDGE

Telephone : (01425) 652194

and at

28, High Street, Ringwood, Hampshire BH24 1AF

Telephone : (01425) 476231

www.dixon-templeton.com

Seek help in the Strictest Confidence

FAVONIUS

ARCHITECTS

Award winning Architects

Simon Lock RIBA

Stuart Pike EIBA

01722 412391

www.favonius.co.uk

Leave It with Me!

Martin England

All Aspects of House and Garden
Maintenance Undertaken

*Lawn Mowing – Hedge Cutting –
Gardening*

*Tree Pruning – Fencing
Washing Fascias and Guttering*

Telephone : 01725 510273

Mobile : 07770 372745

Fully Insured

Cutting Edge Landscapes

Michael Easterbook

- * Garden maintenance
- * Fencing
- * Rockeries
- * Block paving
- * Hedge/Tree cutting
- * Patios laid and cleaned
- * Grass cutting and turfing
- * Ponds installed and cleaned

CheckATrade Registered

T: 01725 511109

M : 07801 474816

Your advert could
appear here.



Please see page 24
for details.

LYN GREEN

PAINTER and DECORATOR

Professional, Reliable
Friendly Service

All aspects undertaken

Fully Insured and

Free Estimates

Please Call

01725 512704

Mob 07824 381 744

‘Extending or Altering Your Property ?’

Design, Planning, Building Regulations

Drawings Prepared and Submitted for

Local Authority Approval

No Charge for Initial Consultation

STEVE EGFORD

T. 01725 514718

M. 07739 090070

Steveegford@aol.com



touching hearts, changing lives

SLIM FROM HOME SERVICE

Mondays

New and returning members welcome
Booking required-contact Clare
01425 653144, 07779 029015

Mouland Drainage

Your Local Drain Specialist

24/7
EMERGENCY
SERVICE

**Blocked Drain?
Septic Tank &
Soakaway Problems?
Burst Pipe?**

- Drain & Sewer Clearance
- CCTV Drainage Surveys & Inspections
- Resin Drain Lining (Non-dig technology)
- Pitch Fibre Pipe Refurbishment
- Septic Tank & Treatment Plants
- Sewage Pumps & Macerators
- Soakaway Replacement
- Drain Repairs

Head members of
Cheekatrade.com
Where reputation matters



Call 07368295202