

# Downton

July-August 2021

# Parish News



St. Laurence Church

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## **St Laurence Church Downton**

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*"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 currently published online every month, except for a combined issue for July and August.

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From the Team Rector: Revd Frank Gimson  
The Vicarage, Barford Lane, Downton (☎ 01725 510326)

The writer of Ecclesiastes famously asserts that there is a time for everything: 'For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.. a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance..' (*Ecclesiastes 3:1,4*).

For me the time has come to retire from full-time ministry. This is not so much about age these days, although I did get my bus pass a couple of years ago, for the marvels of modern medicine are keeping that at bay for longer. It is more a sense of being ready to move on to a new stage in life and ministry. So I have set the date for my retirement as Team Rector and my last service here will be a Team Service at St Laurence on 22<sup>nd</sup> August

It has been both a joy and a privilege to live and minister here in the Forest and Avon Team. It has been a good time for us and we have always been made very welcome in all the churches and the wider community. This has been our home for the past 19 years and is where our daughters have grown up and been nurtured in the faith. We will be very sorry to leave and will take many happy memories with us. However we believe that it is now the right time for us to move on.

So what happens next? The Team Council and the diocese will be looking at how the ministry of the church here should be continued. The Archdeacon will arrange to meet with them to outline the vacancy process and answer questions. Once I have left, our Team Vicar (who is also Rural Dean), Revd David Bacon, will be the priest in charge.

We will continue to think of you all and pray for the churches and communities of the Team as you move into the next phase of ministry - and we would greatly value your prayers for us as a family as we prepare for what will be a big change in our lives.

God bless,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Frank Gimson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line above the first name and a horizontal line below the last name.

## ST LAURENCE CHURCH SERVICES

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2021**                      **Fifth Sunday after Trinity**

**10.30am Holy Communion**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading    2 Corinthians 12:2-10  
Gospel            Mark 6:1-13

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2021**                      **Sixth Sunday after Trinity**

**10.30am Holy Communion**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading    Ephesians 1:3-14  
Gospel            Mark 6:14-29

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2021**                      **Seventh Sunday after Trinity**

**10.30am Morning Prayer**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading    Ephesians 2:11-end  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading    Mark 6:30-34,53-end



**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2021**                      **St James the Apostle**

**10.30am Holy Communion**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading    Acts 11:27 - 12:2  
Gospel            Matthew 20:20-28

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2021**                      **Ninth Sunday after Trinity**

**10.30am Holy Communion**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading    Ephesians 4:1-16  
Gospel            John 6:24-35

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2021**                      **Tenth Sunday after Trinity (St Laurence)**

**10.30am Holy Communion**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading    Ephesians 4:25 – 5:2  
Gospel            John 6:35,41-51

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2021**                      **Eleventh Sunday after Trinity  
(The Blessed Virgin Mary)**

**10.30am Morning Prayer**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading    Ephesians 5:15-20  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading    John 6:51-58

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2021**                      **Twelfth Sunday after Trinity**

**10.30am Holy Communion – Team Service for the retirement of  
Revd Frank Gimson, Team Rector**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading    Ephesians 6:10-20  
Gospel            John 6:56-69

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2021     Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity**  
**10.30am Holy Communion**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading     James 1:17-end  
 Gospel         Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

At the time of writing our services in church are short and simple without hymns, and communion is by wafer only. However, if the weather is fine, we gather outside the church at the beginning of the service to sing a hymn. Please see the [church website](#) for details of any changes.

If you wish to come to a service please let us know by emailing [fateamrector@outlook.com](mailto:fateamrector@outlook.com) or calling the Vicar on 01725 510326 or Jo Parsons on 01725 512738, so that we can have some idea of numbers and make the necessary arrangements. We will maintain proper physical distancing and hygiene procedures will be observed, especially during the administration of communion. Face coverings must be worn.

**Recorded services** will be available to watch through the [services page of the church website](#) for the first, third and fourth Sundays of the month. There are service sheets on the website for all recorded Sunday and some other services which can be viewed or downloaded, enabling you to join in with prayers and responses. Within the Team, there are also online services available each week from [St Mary Redlynch](#) and [St Andrew Landford](#).

**Morning Worship** continues to be said by the Vicar at 10.30am on Wednesdays in church. This is not a public or recorded service, but he will ring the church bell at 10.30am as a call to worship and you are encouraged to join him in a time of prayer from your own homes. On the third Wednesday of the month he will incorporate our Roads to God prayers (see page 7).

**The Church is open for private prayer on Wednesdays, from 11:00am to 12:00pm.** A member of the Church will be present at all times as a steward, and everyone will be asked to maintain physical distancing and to leave their contact details.

For latest news & any changes log onto [www.stlaurencedownton.co.uk](http://www.stlaurencedownton.co.uk)

## Woodfalls Methodist Church

The Ridge, Woodfalls, SP5 2LH

### July services

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> 10.00 am** Holy Communion at St Mary's

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> 10.45 am**

Mid Week Cafe Style Worship at Woodfalls Methodist: What did we listen to through lockdown? What have we read through lockdown? - a time to share our experiences.

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> 10.00 am** at St Birinus

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> 10.00 am**

Holy Communion led by Rev Peter Ensor at Woodfalls Methodist

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> 10.45 am**

Cafe Style Worship at Woodfalls Methodist with Rev Cecil King.

Theme of Time. How do we spend our time? Where does time come from?

Time for discussions and activities on Time!

Followed by a meal (as long as more than six can meet indoors by then.)

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

**To attend any of services please ring 07385 673249 to book your seat.**



### 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 Thursdays** the congregation hold a Service of the Word by Zoom unless a Mass is scheduled.

**The next Mass will be on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July in the chapel.**

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://salisbury Catholics.org/church-tv>

## **Downton Baptist Church**

South Lane, Downton, SP5 3NA

**Sunday Mornings: Service at 10.30 am**

in Church or Church Field and online.

**Thursday Mornings at 10.30 am**

Refreshments followed by 11.00 am Service.

Details of online Services can be found  
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 2021**

#### **‘Build on a Strong Foundation’**

Service prepared by the Christian Women of Vanuatu

This year’s service will be held at

**St Birinus Church, Morgan’s Vale**

**On Friday July 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2.00 pm**

*Booking a seat will be necessary for this Service*

*- please ring 07385 673249*

~ ~ Everyone Welcome ~ ~

**Downton’s Mobile Post Office - Every Friday Morning**

**Moot Lane near to Recreation Ground: 9.00 am till 10.00 am**

**The Bull car park: 10.05 am till 11.05 am**

# Our Prayer Diary

## July

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

## August

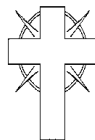
- Sharing our faith
- Our Churchwarden & Deputies
- All who deny God
- The Emergency Services
- All who assist with our services
- Our local Councillors
- Our Team Rector and family
- Peace in the World
- Our Bishops
- St Laurence: all persecuted for faith
- All on holiday
- Growing through God's Word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

If you have any suggestions for inclusion in this diary, please have a word with the Team Rector.

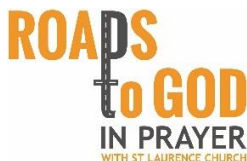
Please use this diary as a part of your own prayers. In this way we can pray together as a parish for our common concerns.



## 8<sup>th</sup> May – Sophie Middleton and Louis Gall



“Those whom God has joined, let no man put asunder”

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

**Catherine Crescent, South Lane, Green Lane,  
Lode Hill, Slab Lane and Downlands Close**

and during August we will be offering prayers for: **Gravel Close, Greenacres, Wheelwright Mews, Saxonhurst and Wick Lane**

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

Requests for particular prayers can be made:

by telephoning Reverend Frank Gimson on 01725 510326 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 Roads to God Prayer Group usually meets on the third Wednesday of the month in St Laurence Church.

Under the present circumstances we are unable to meet in church. However, we will be asking members of the prayer group and wider congregation to set aside a time of prayer for both the particular roads in our prayer cycle and indeed the whole village at:

**Wednesdays 21<sup>st</sup> July and 18<sup>th</sup> August at 10.30 am**

## **The Retirement of Revd Frank Gimson**

It's Official!! The Revd Frank Gimson has announced his retirement and with his wife Judy will move away from Downton in early September.

Frank initially served as Parish Priest in Downton and then became Team Rector for a large rambling Team called The Forest and Avon Team, made up of Morgans Vale, Redlynch, Plaitford, Landford and Bramshaw as well as Downton. He was 'in at the beginning' of our Team and set up Team services and the Team Council. He has ably led our services, conducted baptisms, weddings and funerals. He has introduced new types of service and led many bible study groups. His care of the elderly in Ashley Grange and Woodfalls Care Home has been greatly appreciated and he has been a great support to all who have been ill or bereaved.

In the wider church, Frank has served on Diocesan Synod, the Archdeaconry Pastoral Committee and the Archdeaconry Property Committee.

This village has been their home for the past 19 years and where their two children Emily and Hannah have grown up.

Emily and Hannah both spent many years in the church choir and were members of the youth group before going to university to study for their chosen professions.

Many families growing up in Downton and Morgans Vale will have enjoyed their early introductions to Christian learning through Frank's keen involvement with the two primary schools in Downton and Morgans Vale. One of his great pleasures has always been to encourage young children in the Christian faith.

Frank has always been keen to involve the Church in village life and he is a keen advocate of closer links between the churches of Downton, serving for many years on the Downton Churches Together committee. We thank him for his dedicated and faithful ministry amongst us over the past 19 years.

During the pandemic, Frank's daily reflections and online services have been appreciated by both church goers and villagers alike and has ensured that the ministry of the church has been maintained. His daily walk around the village has kept him in touch with many villagers.

We must also acknowledge the support given by his wife Judy, not only to her husband's ministry but also to the Church family. Judy has dedicated a lot of time supporting our church in so many ways - organising our Roads to God Mission, looking after the Church website, assisting Elaine with the Choir and playing the organ, organising the Goose Fair and catering for the Cuckoo Fair as well as working on behalf of the church at The Trussell Trust. The list could go on! We can only say "Thank you Judy".

There will be an opportunity to say a personal farewell at Frank's final service on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August at 10.30 am when there will be a Team Service held in St Laurence Church. We hold them both in our thoughts and prayers and wish them a happy and healthy retirement in pastures new.

Frank and Judy - thank you both for your friendship and love.

You will be missed.

Ken Parsons    *Churchwarden*



## **The Goose Fair is back - save the date!**



St Laurence Church, Downton

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> 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 Judy Gimson on 01725 510326  
or email [events@stlaurencedownton.co.uk](mailto:events@stlaurencedownton.co.uk)

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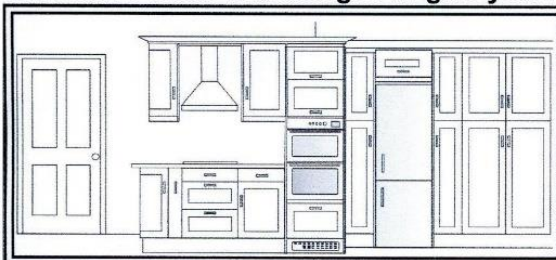
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## **SUMMER FETE - Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July**

### **The DPSA and Downton Community Pre-School**

have teamed up to organise a summer fete on 10<sup>th</sup> July. All funds raised will be split between the Primary School and Pre-School.

Entry is £1 on the gate and we will have a bouncy castle, fun stalls, live music, a cake sale, pimm's and prosecco and much more!

There will be table top pitches on the day for £5. If you would like to have a clear out and sell some unwanted clothes and toys, please secure your place by emailing Laura on

[Laura\\_220215@outlook.com](mailto:Laura_220215@outlook.com)



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

St Laurence Church will again participate in the annual "Ride and Stride" on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September in aid of the [Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust](#). We hope that St Laurence Church will be able to provide hospitality and toilet facilities for walkers and riders visiting the church. We need volunteers to spend an hour or more in church between 10.00 and 17.00 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. We encourage others 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 if you intend to participate.

St Laurence has been a 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 next page: >>>>>>

### Ride and Stride for Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust (*continued*)

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## 'It's Your Neighbourhood' Update

### The Royal Horticultural Society Assessor will visit Downton Borough on July 20<sup>th</sup>



By then, tubs on the Greens and in the Memorial Garden, as well as hanging baskets, should be in full bloom. Gardens will be tidied, public areas weeded and businesses engaged. Thank you to the Co-op for their donation towards plants.

We've had a brief glimpse of the Downton topiary cuckoo and are sure he/she will also be back in time for this special date.

**For further information contact: Robert Willcox on 01725 513717**  
**([robert@oneclickhealth.co.uk](mailto:robert@oneclickhealth.co.uk)) or Nikki Wilson ([nrpfw@aol.com](mailto:nrpfw@aol.com))**



### Downton Horticultural Society

This year our Spring was remarkably chilly, with frosts well into April, which caused the most optimistic of gardeners to despair. However, now that the night temperatures are high enough it might be a good idea to give your houseplants a holiday. Like us, they have been trapped inside a centrally heated box for months and may be feeling jaded, so a few weeks or months in a shady spot in the garden, watered by the rain and strengthened by the breeze could be just the tonic they need. However, it might be best to harden them off first by putting them outside in the day and bringing them back indoors at night.

#### **We still hope to hold our Autumn Show on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September.**

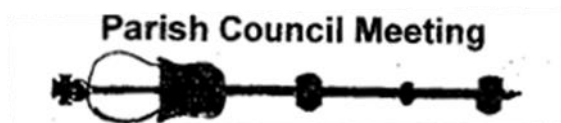
The show includes classes for vegetables and we would like to encourage more people who grow their own to enter some of their produce. Some of our regular exhibitors will be pleased to provide advice on presentation.

If you may be interested in exhibiting then please look out for the Show Schedules which will be available slightly later in the year. They are available from me or any of our committee members including Chris Parry (514511) who lives at 'Cymbeline' opposite the Co-op.

**Please make a point of coming along - admission to the show is free.**

Gordon Bishop (01725 511475)





The Parish Council meeting was held in the Bonvalot Room at the Downton Memorial Centre on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2021. Seven members of the public were present.

**Unitary Councillor Richard Clewer:** Cllr Clewer gave a brief report on the issues of:

- Anti-social behaviour in both Woodfalls and Downton and his efforts to put in place a public space protection order for catapults and ammunition. He said he had raised it with Wiltshire Police and Wiltshire Council and would raise it again.
- The revised Local Plan on which another consultation was to commence soon. He advised the Council to respond to it.

In response to questions from councillors on highway matters and on the quality of the grass cutting, he said he had asked for a list of priorities to be addressed under his leadership and improvements to 'street scene' was one of them. He also said that he had asked for there to be 'no more cuts to the highways budget full stop'.

#### **Privet Topiary Cuckoo on the Borough Green**

Following a discussion, the Downton Society was asked to remove the Cuckoo temporarily for the Clerk to investigate the potential implications and costs of insuring and maintaining it in compliance with the necessary health and safety regulations. The Society was also asked to communicate the reason for its removal to the public.

**Vacancies:** There are currently six 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 12<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 7.30 pm at the Downton Memorial Centre, The Borough, Downton. The meeting is available to view on Zoom if you do not wish to attend the meeting in person. The link can be found on the Agenda when published. Any written questions for the Council should be sent to the Clerk by 12 noon on the day of the meeting.

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

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## Downton Link



My last contribution to this magazine was for the May edition which I prepared as we entered Step 2 of the Roadmap in April. This time as I write there is one week to go before Step 4 on 21<sup>st</sup> June. From speculation in the press and the announcements on 14<sup>th</sup> June it is now clear that 21<sup>st</sup> June will not be the “freedom day” that perhaps we had been hoping for and we will need to be patient a while longer.

We are witnessing an increase in requests for health related journeys whilst the non-health related journeys remain at a low level. Salisbury District Hospital has been very busy with appointments as they catch up with the inevitable backlog caused by Covid. The doctors, nurses and staff have been working very hard and we should all be grateful for their dedication and professionalism.

Another group of people who have been working hard is Redlynch Players who staged their late Spring production “live” on Zoom. An enormous challenge for an amateur production but nevertheless a great success providing two nights of entertainment viewed from the comfort of home. I attended both evenings including the Q&A at the end as the Players are generously donating their profits from the production to Downton Link. So I should like to record a big Thank You to the committee and members of the Players for this most welcome gesture.

A number of drivers have returned to driving since I wrote for the May magazine and this has enabled us to cover all the requests we receive. We can always accept new recruits so if you have a car and think you might be interested to volunteer some time to driving for us please get in touch. The driving can be on days and times that work for you – drivers also receive their expenses.

Even if you don’t drive but would like to help us we urgently need to recruit additional transport coordinators. Answering the phone, chatting to volunteers and clients and ensuring that our service runs smoothly can be a very rewarding contribution.

If you think you might be interested in joining us please call our Link number (01725 513807) and leave your name and a contact number and I, or one of the committee, will get back to you. Or you can drop me a line on [chairman@downtonlink.org.uk](mailto:chairman@downtonlink.org.uk).

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## Downton Band

The easing of the third lockdown saw all four of our bands meet again outside and in groups of six - a massive thanks to Downton Brewery, Downton Tyres and DHAP who allowed us to use their carparks to do this. And this latest easing from May means that we are now allowed to rehearse again as a full band for the first time since March 2020.

**Beginners' Band 6pm – 6.30pm Monday** – open to anyone who wishes to learn a brass instrument – we will loan you an instrument and the music and provide tuition – you just need to bring some enthusiasm and a willingness to practice!

**Senior Band – 7.30pm Tuesday** - open to players who are grade 5 or above standard. There are some places left, particularly tuba. Contact Paul for more details.

**Training Band – 6.20 – 7.20pm Wednesday** – open to players who have learnt an instrument for a year and can play five or more notes.

**Jubilee Brass – 6.15pm – Thursday** – open to anyone!

All rehearsals at Downton Brewery Car Park (or DHAP if wet) in Downton Industrial Estate.

All our bands are busy preparing for our first concert since coming out of lockdown – **an open air 'Picnic in the Park' on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August at the Moot Gardens from 2pm**. Entry is free and everyone is welcome to what promises to be a wonderful afternoon of community music making – bring your rugs, picnics and refreshments.

Do you or your children want to learn a musical instrument? Downton Band are open to new recruits again. We provide an instrument on loan together with weekly tuition in an environment that is safe and strictly risk assessed. We cater for learners of all ages and parents are also more than welcome to come and learn alongside your children.

Please message our Musical Director Paul on [paul@downtonband.org.uk](mailto:paul@downtonband.org.uk) if you wish to attend and he will arrange for pre-sanitised instruments to be available.

If there are any former players out there who wish to return to band, please let Paul know. Similarly, the band desperately need instruments so if you are a former member and still have a band instrument can you return it as soon as possible please (see above for the times you can meet us).

<https://www.downtonband.org.uk/>



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### Rainfall report for May



Although the month was well above average for rainfall, namely 3.35 inches, it certainly wasn't the wettest in recent years. For instance, 5.50 inches fell in May 2007. M.C.

## The Importance of Peat



Peatlands cover 3% of the global land surface and store vast amounts of carbon, more than twice as much as the world's forests. They are also a key habitat for many species of wildlife.

Unfortunately, peatlands have been seriously over-exploited: historically through draining for agriculture or burning and mining for fuel. In recent decades peat has come to be used as a staple of many compost products used by gardeners, or as the growing medium for the potted plants we buy.

Damaging these precious wet boggy areas has allowed vast quantities of carbon dioxide - the major greenhouse gas - to escape into the atmosphere, raising global temperatures by more than industrial and transport emissions do each year. Saving this habitat is therefore vital in combating global warming.

With the recognition of just how important these areas are, around the world efforts are being made to preserve and restore peatlands. Pressure for action has grown in this country, and in May our government announced that sales of peat compost to gardeners will be banned from 2024. In the meantime, through our own purchases we can help speed the shift of producers towards peat free compost. In so doing we will be making a significant contribution to preserving a vital carbon store and wonderfully diverse ecosystem.

Downton Green Group [www.downtongreengroup.org.uk](http://www.downtongreengroup.org.uk)  
Phone 01725 511649 or 511055 for more information.

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## Downton Mini Recycling Centre

The recycling shed is situated round the back of the Baptist Church in South Lane. We are now collecting Pet food pouches (clean and dry); Toothpaste tubes, toothbrushes; Crisp packets; Plastic confectionery wrappers; Low energy light bulbs and Water filter cartridges.

If there's no labelled container, we are not currently collecting that item.

**Please don't leave batteries** - they are easy to recycle at the Co-op or the Pharmacy - or anywhere that sells them eg Robert Dyas in Salisbury.



## Downton Bowling Club

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3. Free coaching to teach and improve your bowling.
4. A Social Calendar including: Skittle Evenings, Race Nights, Quiz Nights, Coffee Mornings, BBQ, Wine and Cheese evening.
5. The Clubhouse with changing rooms as well as function room and refreshments facilities.
6. The Brian Whitehead Social Club which is part of the Downton complex when opened.
7. The chance to make loads of new friends and acquaintances.

Bowls is a sport that can bring out the competitive instinct in you, but it is good for your physical, mental and social well-being, At Downton we have everything you need to try your hand at Bowls, either with thoughts of taking up the sport or just popping down for an hour of fun – so give it go! All equipment is supplied, a short piece of tuition and you are away.

The Club is part of the Downton Leisure Complex in Wick Lane, SP5 3NF. If interested ring Mike on 01725 512531, or just turn up on the day. (Covid rules are in place.)



## **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.

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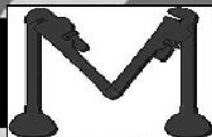
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Things are certainly looking brighter! If this continues and Government regulations allow, we hope to announce that in August we will be able

to return to a full 'Repair Cafe mode' in Redlynch village hall, but only if we no longer need to wear masks indoors. Thank you all for your continued support. Thanks also to our many helpers.

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

#### **Latest News:**

- Look out for us at the Lover Village 50+ Garage Sale from **8.30 am on 3<sup>rd</sup> July**. We will have a stall selling items donated by our customers. We will also be taking in any repairs or advising on repair actions.
- **Project progress:** We are pleased to announce that we have now provided Salisbury Hospital with £6500 to support all hospital staff.
- **Lover Laptops for Learning:** This project is still active if you have any unwanted laptops that we can check/remove data/upgrade & offer to pupils of Trafalgar School. To date we have received 18 and supplied the School with 14.



#### **Trainee of the month:**

We have a number of helpers keen to learn new skills. One of these is Cheryl Reynard, who has been learning very fast and become very skilled in clock & watch repairs. So we welcome her into the Team and Cheryl becomes our 'Trainee of the Month'.

We have also just discovered someone who has a passion & knowledge of weaving, so this should help us if a problem chair arrives.

**Remember:** At present we are open every Wednesday and Friday morning at Brambles, Vicarage Road, Lover, between 10.00 am and mid-day for you to 'Drop Off' your broken Items, leaving your name and telephone number. 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.

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



On a warm Monday evening in June we enjoyed a zoom demonstration with Jennifer Thompson, who created a number of colourful designs inspired by a warm sunny garden, reminding us that summer is truly on its way. In July we hope to leave our Zoom meetings behind us and return to the hall.

On Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July we shall partake of a scrumptious cream tea with a talk by Janelle Quitman entitled 'Making a bee line for the garden gate'. It will be fabulous to all meet up again and get our Club programme back on track with 'Live' meetings once more.

With some members involved with the Flower Festival in Winchester Cathedral in September and a busy end of year programme there is much to look forward to. Nature, our gardens and the love of flowers has sustained many of us through these uncertain times and will continue to do so, I'm sure.

If you would like to join us please give me a call for further details of our programme and membership. Visitors are most welcome; we meet on the first Monday of the month in Morgan's Vale and Woodfalls Hall at 7.00 pm for refreshments with a 7.30 pm start. Why not come along and join us for some fun, flowers and friendship.

Martina Coleman - Chairperson (01725 512556)

## Croquet Club's Cracking Summer Start

Hamptworth Croquet Club has had a great start to the summer. Through publicity, such as this magazine article, we have introduced more than 40 people to the sport. Such has been the level of enjoyment that more than a third of them have taken out a membership subscription to the Club, and continue to play and enjoy the experience on a very regular basis.

On the lawns the Club has also enjoyed success in the first round of National Knock Out competitions. In one, Hamptworth enjoyed a 7 - 0 demolition of Ealing Croquet Club and in the other, a not quite so convincing, but equally pleasing, 6 -1 victory over Surbiton. Tough fixtures await in the next round against East Dorset and Roehampton.

The Club is also celebrating the fact that its youngest member, 18 year old Aston Wade, has recently been selected for the full England team to play in the European Championships at Budleigh Salterton in August. We are very proud of him and we all wish him every success.

If the idea of playing croquet at Hamptworth appeals to you, then please make contact:

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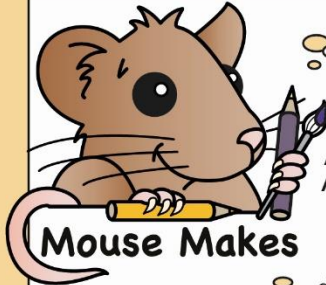
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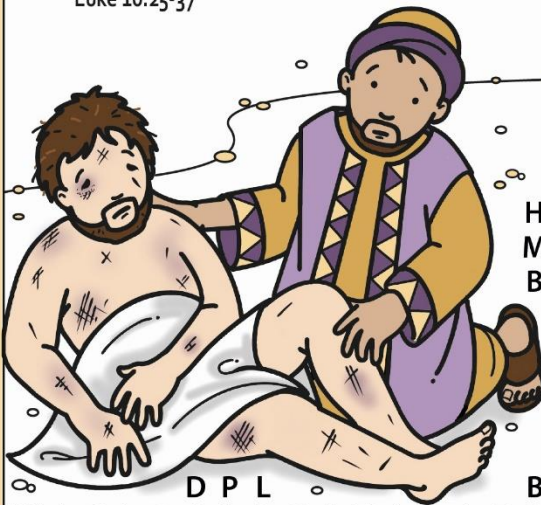
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*Which of the three travellers do you think was the neighbour to the man who was attacked?*



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