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Refuse collections

Blue lid bin collections - Thursdays, June 8th and 22nd

Household waste, garden waste and black box collections - Thursdays, June 1st, 15th and 29th

To check your collection days visit: www.wiltshire.gov.uk/rubbish-collection-days

Household recycling centre opening hours

Visit www.wiltshire.gov.uk/household-recycling-centres to check which days your local centre is open.

Church Services for June

Sunday, 4th June Pentecost

10.30am Holy Communion

Thursday, 8th June

9am Morning Prayer

Sunday, 11th June Trinity Sunday

10.30am Coffee, Chat and Craft

Sunday, 18th June Trinity 1

9.30am Morning Prayer

Thursday, 22nd June

9am Morning Prayer

Sunday, 25th June Trinity 2

4pm Holy Communion at Christian Malford

Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust Online Safety Initiative

The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust has been securing the homes of older people for nearly 20 years.

Responding to the changing needs of the county, they are
working in partnership with Wiltshire Police to launch a bespoke
Online Safety Initiative.

If you are aged over 60 or registered disabled aged 18+, and are concerned about your online safety you
will now be able to request a visit from one of our trained Online Safety Volunteers.

Referrals can be made via www.wiltshirebobbyvan.org.uk, call 01380 861191 or email

bv.onlinesafety@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk.

Wiltshire Air Ambulance

Can You Help Us To Build A Better Future For Your Air Ambulance?

Wiltshire Air Ambulance has been saving lives for over 27 years and work has begun on our new airbase at Semington, near Melksham. The new airbase will bring together our helicopter, aircrew and charity team onto one site for the first time. The central location of our new airbase will mean our helicopter will be able to reach all parts of Wiltshire within 11 minutes, as it currently does now from its base in Devizes.

Our fundraising appeal for the new airbase has got off to a flying start, but we still need to raise just under £1 million to complete the building and equipping of it.

Can you help us raise the vital funds for our Airbase Appeal?

There are lots of different ways you can get involved, such as holding a cake sale, organising a challenge event or uploading a photo for our helicopter mosaic. We also have fun ways for schools and businesses to get onboard and support our appeal.

Find out more by visiting our special website www.wiltshireairbaseappeal.co.uk, call the Charity Team office on 01380 739453

or email hello@wiltshireairambulance.co.uk

Calling all golfers - Proposed Golf Society

Neil Cooper of The Foxham Inn would like to hear from golfers who might be interested in starting a local golf society. The intention is to play on the second Monday of each month at different locations and they are looking for all types of members from beginners to experts, ladies, gents, young and old, just for a fun day out with coffee and bacon rolls to start followed by 18 holes of golf.

The first venue will be Tracy Park in Wick, on Monday, 12th June. £30 for coffee and bacon roll and 18 holes of golf, the money is payable a week before.

Meet at Tracy Park at 9.30am and play from 10 am.

It is for the community and being on a Monday we are closed so it doesn't benefit us!

Contact Neil Cooper at The Foxham Inn, 01249 740665.

Christian Malford Village Website. Gives details of village events, clubs and societies There is a notice board and a list of useful telephone numbers and local services.

To include your event within the village diary send your item to email: parishclerk@christianmalford.org.uk

The Luncheon Club. This much appreciated club will meet in the village hall on Tuesday, 13th and 27th June at 12.30pm. Contact Angela Hamilton on 721091 or Shirley Palmer on 740627

Women's Institute. The next meeting is on Thursday, 15th June at 7.30pm in the village hall. See below for a full report from the WI.

Parish Council The Council next meets on Tuesday, 6th June at 7.45pm in the village hall when villagers are invited to attend. See below for a report of the last meeting.

B4069 Re-surfacing The planned resurfacing of the entire length of the B4069, High Street, Sutton Benger, is due to start on 19th June and go on for three weeks, with road closures and diversions (via Lyneham, Calne and Chippenham) in place. The contractors, Atkins Global, have stated that, "during the works period, access to enable residents and businesses to enter and egress from their properties will be maintained, however this could be temporarily restricted due to site operations". Full details will be posted on the website (www.suttonbengerparishcouncil.gov.uk)

The Malford Players will be presenting

As You Like It

by William Shakespeare

in a marquee in the garden of 13, Lime Trees, Christian Malford
on Thursday, 29th June, Friday, 30th June and Saturday, 1st July

Bar: 7.00 pm Performances start: 7.30 pm

Tickets: Adults: £9.00 Children under 16: £5.00

Family ticket (2 adults & 2 children under 16): £25.00

Available at Christian Malford Village Shop
or online via www.malfordplayers.com

Christian Malford Village Hall Committee

The Annual General Meeting for 2017 will take place
at the village hall on Monday, 10th July.

All villagers are very welcome to attend.

Open Garden and Plant Sale in aid of Doorway

Sunday 11th June, 2pm - 5pm

2 Avon Cottages, Main Road, Christian Malford (opposite Avonweir Lane)

Everything living thing needs a home. We try to provide a home for plants and wildlife in our modest garden and we are opening it to raise funds for people who do not have a place to call home. Come and enjoy a cup of tea and a slice of cake and take a wander around our cottage garden where we keep hens, grow flowers, fruit and vegetables, and will be selling home grown plants. Parking in Avonweir Lane or Station Road. Sorry, but there is no access for wheelchairs or pushchairs. There is a deep pond, so small children must be supervised very carefully.

We will be pleased to receive donations of plants before or on the day.

Contact Kerry Conlin on 01249721142.

Christian Malford School

Open Afternoon on Wednesday, 28th June, 1.30pm – 3.00pm

• Rated as a 'Good' school by OFSTED in November, 2016 •

See our teaching in action by visiting the classrooms • Take a tour of our school buildings and outdoor learning areas with our pupils • Speak to our Head of School and Executive Principal to find out about her plans for the school • Meet our Local Board members and hear about the vision and strategy for the school. We look forward to welcoming prospective pupils and their families, current parents and the whole community.

Website- www.christianmalford.wilts.sch.uk Telephone- 01249 720496

Email- admin@christianmalford.wilts.sch.uk
Follow us on Twitter - @christianmalfor

Christian Aid. Thank you to everyone who gave so generously to Christian Aid at both Christian Malford Café Church Big Breakfast, and the congregation at Sutton Benger. Together we have raised over £300 to mark the 60th anniversary of Christian Aid.

Brush With Art The group will meet on Monday, 5th June, a personal art session, and on Monday, 19th June which will be a Watercolour Workshop run by Dave Coward.

The cost of each session is £4.50 and includes refreshments throughout the evening. Christian Malford village hall is open from 6.30 pm when we set up, and all workshops start promptly at 7.00 pm. Please contact Sharon Hunt 01249 720611 or email Lynne Patchett at brushwithart@hotmail.co.uk for further details or to join the waiting list.

Probuss Club The next meeting of the club will take place at The Foxhan Inn on Thursday, 1st June starting with coffee from 11am. The meeting will then start promptly at 11.30am to cover any business. This will be followed by a talk by Martin Evans on The Bloodhound Project. Lunch will be served at 1pm. Should anyone wish to join or would like to find out more about our club please contact a committee member. Nigel Fairley 721278; John Webb 720216; Steve Purkiss 720077 or Ray Stockall 720676

Acorns. We began the summer term by welcoming some more new children to our Acorns family, Zach, Mateo, Abel, Jasper and Madeline, happily they are already settling in well and enjoying the many fun and exciting things Acorns has to offer.

With the weather warming up there has been even more outdoor play and learning, raised beds have been prepared for vegetables to be planted and the potatoes are already in. The younger children have enjoyed using tractors and trailers in the sand pit for scooping and pouring and indoors they have continued this play using various dried foods to mix and pour. An interest in building and construction has led to the children using hammers and nails and also practicing fine motor skills whilst using screws and screwdrivers.

In the woods this term we are once again cooking our lunch over the fire. The children and staff are enjoying hot dogs and burgers each week as well as hot chocolate. They have also been making pictures on fabric using the dye from plants and later on they will be making stick frames for their creations.

We are now taking registrations for September for 2,3 and 4 year olds. Acorns will be offering the new extended entitlement of 30 hours a week to those families eligible. If you would like more information about this or would like to arrange to view the preschool please call Paula on 07816280810. Alternatively, why not visit Acorns and Christian Malford Primary School on the afternoon of Wednesday, 28th June when they will be holding an open afternoon.

Church news

Coffee and Company in Christian Malford You are warmly invited to join us in All Saints' Church for a morning coffee/tea and biscuits on the third Tuesday of every month. Just pop in any time between 10am and 12noon for a drink and a chance to have a friendly chat on Tuesdays 20th June, 18th July, 15th August, 19th September etc.

Christian Malford Church Brass Could you spare an hour or so during one month a year to help give the church brass a bit of TLC and sparkle? The brass only requires cleaning once each month but currently there are quite a few spaces on our brass cleaning rota and some additional volunteers would make a tremendous difference. Also you don't have to work alone, as two people would get the job done in half the time! So if you could help, please contact Teresa Bolter (720035) for more information.

Church opening times The church is open each day from 9am until dusk for villagers and visitors from elsewhere to enjoy, reflect, pray or just sit quietly within its medieval walls. The entries in the visitors book indicate how pleased visitors are to have this church open and available to visit. It belongs to the village so please make use of it.

Village Memorial Cross. Most days many villagers will walk past the memorial cross situated on The Green and perhaps cast a glance at the names of the servicemen carved thereon. Details of those servicemen and the circumstances in which they died will appear in these pages. Most died in the first world war and the brief notes that describe the circumstances in which they died bring home the sheer horror and often chaos of their situation.

Rifleman GUY CLARK

2771, 1st/9th Battalion, London Regiment (Queen Victoria's Rifles) who died on 29th April 1915, son of Alfred Allen and Jessie Clark of The Homestead, Christian Malford.

Remembered with honour at YPRES (MENIN GATE) MEMORIAL. The Memorial is situated to the eastern side of the town Ypres (now Ieper) in West Flanders. It is one of four memorials to the missing in Belgian Flanders which cover the Ypres Salient. It saw battles for the town from October, 1914 to March, 1918, including the Germans use of gas, its first use in the war. The Memorial bears the names of more than 54,000 officers and men whose graves are not known.

Queen Victoria's Rifles. Like almost every London Territorial Regiment, Queen Victoria's Rifles were under strength. When the 'call rang out' on the 5th August, 1914, the QVRs filled up within forty-eight hours and in four days a second Battalion was in being.

After arriving at Harvre on 5th November the Battalion spent the bulk of their first month in training, initially in Aroques and later Bailleul.

This period of familiarisation did not last long. On 1st January, 1915 the Battalion experienced its first major loss of life in trenches at Wulverghem, with forty-two casualties including eleven fatalities. This was followed on 5th January by a German attack at Neuve Eglise; in this instance seven men were killed and fifteen wounded. Hill 60. The fight for the strategically important Hill 60 overlooking the Ypres salient in April, 1915 was the QVRs first 'hellish' action, during which they incurred crippling losses, yet succeeded in holding the line. Another rifleman wrote, *"The strain was awful and to see your pals' go one by one adds to the horror. We cried like children and were completely broken up. Our dear old Major gone, our Captain, two Lieutenants and nearly all our fellow comrades; the only consolation was that we held the position and kept up the traditions of our army."*

Village Hall 100 Club Draw winners for May. £40 Mrs Y. Bailey, £20 Mr. M. Cox, £15 Mr and Mrs Mercer and £10 Mr and Mrs Carter.

Village Fete To be held on Saturday, 8th July, 2pm – 5pm. A typical village fete with all the usual stalls and with a particular emphasis on activities and entertainment for children. Entrance will be free. The organising committee next meets at the Rising Sun on Sunday, 11th June at 7.45pm and if you would like to help or would like to run a stall please contact Anthony Hughes on 720966.

Dauntsey Vale Link Scheme This good neighbour scheme covers Dauntsey, Foxham., Brinkworth and Christian Malford. The scheme offers far more than just driving clients to/from medical appointments. Other helpful assistance includes shopping, visit to the hairdressers, walking the dog, small DIY tasks in the home, help with forms and letters, visiting a friend in hospital or at home, taking you to meetings and events, reading a book or newspaper, small jobs in the garden. Please ring our Co-ordinator to discuss your requirement. Even if we are unable to help, he/she may be able to give you details of someone who can. Telephone 07563 769549

Christian Malford Allotments. If you would like to have a plot (or even just half a plot) when one becomes available, put your name on the waiting list now. For full information visit <http://malfordallotmenters.weebly.com/>

Christian Malford School Vacancy for Local Board Member.

Christian Malford, Seagry and Somerfords' Walter Powell CoE Primary Schools are academies in the Diocese of Bristol Academies Trust (DBAT).

The Local Board of the schools has delegated governance responsibilities as set out in the Scheme of Delegation from the Directors and Trustees of DBAT.

We will shortly have a vacancy on the Local Board and would like to invite any member of the Christian Malford community who is interested in this opportunity to contact Claire Kennedy, Chair of the Local Board, for more information. No particular skills or experience are necessary as all training will be provided. However, any experience of, or an interest in, Health & Safety and Buildings Maintenance would increase the mix of skills of the members on the Local Board.

To contact Claire for more information on the role and commitment required please email localboard@christianmalford.wilts.sch.uk or leave a message in the school office (01249 720496)

Mobile Library. Have you visited a mobile library recently? For adults, there are a large range of information books and novels, ranging from the latest thriller to best-selling autobiographies, cookery and gardening. There is also a wide selection of large print and talking books. If you are a parent with young children, you will find a great range of picture books and story CDs for them to enjoy; there are information books and plenty of exciting reading for older children as well. If you are looking for a particular title and can't find it the Mobile Library Manager will be happy to reserve it for you and bring it on a future visit, there is a charge of 85p for reservations. I

it is free to join the library and there are no fines for overdue books. It's easy to join, just bring along proof of your name and address and the Mobile Manager will sign you up straight away – they are always happy to help. The mobile library visits every 4 weeks stopping at Christian Malford by the Village Hall between 2.15 – 2.45pm. Forthcoming visits are on Thursdays, June 1st, June 29th, July 27th. For more information please visit www.wiltshire.gov.uk/libraries

Scarecrow Trail. This years Scarecrow Trail was a great success. The sun shone on the village throughout the weekend and a record number of visitors enjoyed the trail around the village followed by refreshments, raffle and more back at the recreation ground. We had some great feedback about the event and our wonderful village, school and pre-school, and we look forward to another successful event next year.

Many thanks to everyone who was involved this year. Firstly to LFL woodworking and Cole Brind property services our main sponsors, plus the 46 other sponsors. Thanks also to our volunteers who helped during the weekend, our bakers who kept us supplied with scrumptious cakes, Friends of Church, WI, Christian Malford Village Stores, The Rising Sun and Kevin Assinder for continued support as well as those who donated our wonderful raffle prizes.

Finally, thanks to our scarecrow builders who made some fantastic scarecrows once again this year, and our scarecrow committee who worked tirelessly to make the event a success.
Winners of best scarecrow were - 1st) Scalextric - The Collings family. 2nd) Monopoly - The White family. 3rd) Pooh sticks - The Carter family.

Winner of the £100 for most correct answers were Ollie and Archie Pike and family.

Winner of the book token for the children's trail was Nell Stenner.

We raised over £5000 to be split between Christian Malford School and Acorns Pre-School

Women's Institute.

At our June 15th WI meeting, Rachel Demuth will be 'Spicing up Seasonal Vegetables'. This will be 7.30pm in Christian Malford Village Hall. A fun and interesting evening. She says, *'These days, vegetarian cooking has moved on but for some people, the perception of meat-free meals as brown and bland still persists. We challenge this at Demuths Cookery School by focusing on light, colourful, vegetable-based dishes, using delicious additions such as local cheeses, homemade bread, foraged herbs and a range of spices and ingredients from international cuisine to enhance our local, seasonal produce. We create fresh, modern food that everyone, not just vegetarians, can enjoy.'*

Val's Walk Monday, June 19th

Contact Val on 740219 if you are interested in joining us

Christian Malford Fete Day Saturday, July 8th

We will be very grateful for any help on the day or with making cakes. We will be having our WI tea and cake stall.

Val's Walk Monday July 17th

Contact Val on 740219 if you are interested in joining us

New members are always welcome. All our information and club activities can be found on the notice board outside the Christian Malford village shop and also on the village website. Contact Tina: 01249 720956

News from the School

Since Easter we have come back to building works having been carried out and our new mobile classroom being installed. The old mobile will be dismantled and removed over the May holiday and the ground returned to green space.

We have been busy, but also have lots planned for the last few weeks of this academic year. Our School entered the Small Schools Tournament in May, where Christian Malford School won the netball trophy and the football trophy was won by Seagry and Somerford Schools United – so huge congratulations to all of our schools!!!

Year 5 children enjoyed a taster day at Hardenhuish School, and at the same time, the rest of the children took part in the national Empty Classroom Day, where lessons were held outside.

After half term we will be busy with bikeability lessons, and visits for our children. Year 5 and 6 children will be attending Hill House Residential Centre, Years 3 and 4 will take part in a full day of activities at Oxenwood Educational Centre, and Years Reception, 1 and 2 will go to Westonbirt Arboretum to learn all about nature, being "Woodland Detectives". The Year 6 children will also take part in the annual Junior Good Citizen event at Potterne, which is run by Wiltshire Police.

Dates for the diary include an open afternoon on Wednesday, 28th June from 1.30 – 3.00 pm – all members of the community are welcome. Sports Day is on Thursday, 6th July and our school production is scheduled for 10th and 11th July. Rehearsals are already under way so it should be a good show!

FOS has been busy, organising the Bags2School appeal, which raised nearly £200. We are very grateful to everyone who donated items. They also have a Popcorn Club planned for near the end of the summer term and a Camp Out in the Rec on 15th July.

Our Term 6 ends on Friday, 21st July, when we are also holding our Leavers and Joiners Service in the church. We will wish our Year 6 children bon voyage and will welcome our new reception children and look forward to a new school year in September.

Parish Council Report

Notes from the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday, 8th May - six Councillors, the Parish Clerk, five members of the public, two representatives from the Environment Agency and Cllr H Greenman attended the meeting.

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council deals the election of the Chair and various housekeeping duties, including approval of the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.

Election Results – following an uncontested election, 6 Parish Councillors were elected – Stephen Depla (Chair), Phil Hines, Colin Read, Belinda Kimber, Jo Lawrence, Mike Lawrence and R Dennis.

Councillor Vacancies – there are now 2 vacancies on the Parish Council. If you are aged 18+ and would be interested in joining the team please contact the Clerk.

Planning The following were considered and agreed as follows:

The Limes, Church Road, SN15 4BW - reduce lime trees T1 – T5 to previous points - no comment.

St Modwen Storage and Distribution Centre at J17 – The Council agreed to submit an objection to this application on highways issues and the fact that there is no identified employment or financial benefit, contrary to the Wiltshire Core Strategy.

Finance – the Council agreed to pay the £44 for the Green Waste Bin for the PCC for 2017-18.

Avon Weir Radial Gate A very interesting and informative presentation was given by Mr Melvin Wood of the Environment Agency concerning the disrepair of the Avon Weir Radial Gate and the options available for its future. The Parish Council have been asked to submit their preferred option with regard to this matter. It is hoped to set up a liaison group with Seagry and Langley Burrell Parish Councils as they also have gates up and downstream on the Avon.

Neighbourhood Development Plan The Neighbourhood Development Plan submission documents have been validated. All the necessary documents have been submitted and the council is able to commence the Regulation 16 Submission Plan consultation. The consultation dates and details will be advised in due course but all things being equal, the plan is expected to go out to referendum in August or September.

Malford Meadow It was agreed to designate an area of the Meadow, near the Allotments, to be used as a Memorial Copse for the planting of Memorial Trees.

Allotments In order to clarify responsibilities, rules for use, etc., Cllr Rebecca Dennis and Mike Wilkins worked together on the new CM Allotmenters Rules and Tenancy Agreement which were approved at the meeting.

The Rising Sun The Decision to list The Rising Sun, Station Road, Christian Malford, SN15 4BL as an Asset of Community Value was received from Wiltshire Council on 11th May – this means that there are restrictions placed on the owner should they wish to dispose of it – such as informing the Parish Council of their intention to sell it. Full details are available from the Clerk.

B4069 – Re-surfacing – The High Street in Sutton Benger will be closed for re-surfacing from 19th June 2017 for three weeks.

B4069 – 18t Weight Restriction – We have been advised that this Order will come into force on the 5 July 2017 – following the resurfacing work.

Next Parish Council Meeting Tuesday, 6th June 2017 in the Village Hall, commencing at 7.45pm.