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### **Refuse collections**

Blue lid bin collections - Thursdays, 14th and 28th September

Household waste, garden waste and black box collections - Thursdays, 7th and 21st September.

**To check your collection days visit: [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/rubbish-collection-days](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/rubbish-collection-days)**

### **Household recycling centre opening hours**

Visit [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/household-recycling-centres](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/household-recycling-centres) to check which days your local centre is open.

### **Church Services for September**

#### **Sunday, 3rd September Trinity 12**

10.30am Holy Communion at Christian Malford

#### **Sunday, 10th September Trinity 13**

10.30am Coffee, Chat and Craft Christian Malford

#### **Thursday, 14th September**

9am Morning Prayer at Christian Malford

#### **Sunday, 17th September Trinity 14**

10.30am United Benefice Holy Communion with Baptism at Christian Malford

#### **Sunday, 24th September Trinity 15**

9am Holy Communion at Christian Malford

#### **Thursday, 28th September**

9am Morning Prayer at Christian Malford

## **Defibrillator Seminar**

The Village Hall 7<sup>th</sup> September, 7pm - 8.30pm

The Community Heartbeat Trust will be demonstrating the use of our defibrillator, explaining how the equipment works and its benefits to the community in saving precious minutes in the treatment of sudden cardiac arrest.

Parents with small children are invited to a special session on the same evening at 6pm.

Contact Jo Lawrence 01249 720106 for further information

**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](mailto:parishclerk@christianmalford.org.uk)

**Parish Council.** The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 5th September in the Village Hall, commencing at 7.45pm. See below for a report of the last meeting.

**The Luncheon Club,** This much appreciated club will meet on Tuesday, 12th and 26th September at 12.30pm. Contact Angela Hamilton on 721091 or Shirley Palmer on 740627

**Women's Institute,** The next meeting is on Thursday, 21st September at 7.30pm in the village hall. See below for a full report form the WI.

**The mobile library** The next visit will be on Thursday, 21st September stopping at the village hall between 2.15-2.45pm. Visit [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/libraries) See page 27 for fuller details of the service offered by the mobile library.

Church Annual Harvest Appeal  
Combat river blindness in Africa

This year's appeal is for a project being run by the Christian Blind Mission to eliminate river blindness. In river blindness, the larvae are transmitted through the bite of the blackfly. The larvae can take up to one year to develop inside the human body but once a female worm has reached adulthood it can produce millions of larval offspring. The larvae migrate through the body and into the eyes and their presence can cause sight loss or total blindness.

The pharmaceutical manufacturer, Merck, produces the drug Mectizan which can kill the larvae and prevent the spread of river blindness. The company provide the drug free of charge and it costs the CBM just 16p to administer the drug to each person. The combination of low cost and wide availability of the drug means that river blindness can be eliminated. £1 = 6 people receiving the drug, £5 = 31 people receiving the drug, £10 = 62 people receiving the drug and so on.

#### **How you can support this appeal**

The appeal will run until October so plenty of time for you to use your imagination and come up with a fundraising idea; organise a lunch for friends and charge them £5, hold a coffee morning or afternoon tea, hold a barbecue, there are many ways, both large and small to raise money for this very worthy cause.

A donation box will be placed in the village shop.

For further information please contact Anthony Hughes on 720966..

**Church news.** **Coffee and Company** 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, 19th September

**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 it's 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.

**Bonfires** Please consider your neighbours when lighting bonfires - avoid lighting fires on hot sunny days and evenings when people need to have their windows open. Some of your neighbours may have medical issues such as asthma or heart issues that can be aggravated by the smoke.

**Brush with Art** The first meeting of the month is on Monday' 4th September and will be a personal art session. The second session is on Monday, 18th September and will be a brush powder evening. The cost of each session is £4.50 and includes refreshments. 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 Lynne Patchett at brushwithart@hotmail.co.uk for further details

**Bobby Van Trust.** Online Safety Initiative for those aged 60 and above and those aged 18 and above who are registered disabled. See page 15 for details.

**Village Hall 100 Club** winners for August. £40 Mrs Harvey, £20 Mr. Dixon, £15 Emma Matano and £10 Mr. D. Coker.

**The village fete.** The village fete was an enjoyable occasion, reflected in the comments that the organising committee have received.

Everybody came up trumps on the day, fulfilling the commitments and promises they had made. The organising committee extends it's warmest thanks to everyone who helped, supported and attended the event. It was decided not to arrange an evening event and the organising committee expressed their gratitude to the Rising Sun for organising a barbeque which made for a pleasant and relaxing end to the day.

The fete made a profit of £1569.45. It was agreed that the following groups would receive £200 each: Acorns, Allotmenters, Church, Cricket Club, Friends of the School, Luncheon Club, TOW, Village Hall and the WI. The Pavilion received a payment of £200 for hire of the pavilion.

Anthony Hughes and Shirley Palmer felt the time was right to retire as chairman and secretary of the committee so these positions will need to be filled when the committee meets in January to organise the 2018 fete. Kevin May will continue as treasurer. The event is well-established, successful and straightforward to organise so hopefully people will put their names forward to join the committee and fill the two vacant positions.

A date for the next meeting will be arranged for early in January 2018

**Christian Malford Community Speed Watch** In July the CSW team carried out 17 hours of speed watch mainly during the busiest times in the village. We appreciate everyone who minds their speed in both the 30 and 40 MPH limits but 32% of vehicles on the main road are driving above this and terrifyingly the highest speed of a vehicle was 95 mph! Our group will be working hard in September to provide more speed checks and we would encourage more volunteers to join us.

Please e-mail [join@christianmalfordcsw.co.uk](mailto:join@christianmalfordcsw.co.uk) for further information

**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://malfordallotmenteeers.weebly.com/>

**Probus Club** The next meeting of the club will take place at The Rising Sun on Thursday, 7th. September starting with coffee from 11am. The meeting will then start promptly at 11.30 to cover any business. This will be followed by a talk by A. Gibb on Cadet to Commodore. Lunch will be served at 1pm. There are still some vacancies and should anyone wish to join our friendly band or would like to find out more about our Probus Club please contact a committee member. Nigel Fairley 721278; John Webb 720216; Steve Purkiss 720077 or Ray Stockall 720676

**Christian Malford & Foxham WI** In July, Kathryn Nicholas gave us a wonderful morning demonstrating cooking and telling us about Italian food. We sampled several dishes and are now ready to give it a try ourselves! Below is our next date for 'Discover, Cook and Eat'. All our WI members are invited to come and enjoy.

The WI auction at Market Lavington was a great success with some of our WI group buying! All the proceeds are going towards the 'Saving Denman Appeal' which is for our very own WI Denman College.

**Discover, Cook and Eat** Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> September

'Don't be afraid of fish - 4 easy to cook dishes' Des Palmer is running this in the Christian Malford Village Hall from 9.30 until 12.00. Contact Tina 720956 (£4 booking)

**Val's Walk** Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> September meeting at 10.00am. Contact Val 740219

**Sex Lives of English Kings** Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> September

Tony Strafford, a retired Beefeater, will give us a light hearted talk about the English kings. He has captivated audiences with his witty style and reveals many little known facts from the Tower of London's history, together with some secrets about the kings! At this September meeting, instead of our usual raffle, we are having a small 'Bring and Buy'. Please bring something and buy something if you want to! No pressure to do either...we are just trying something different!

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

**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.

### **Parish Council**

Notes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 1st August - six Councillors, the Parish Clerk and four members of the public attended the meeting.

**New Parish Councillors** - we are pleased to have 2 new Councillors joining us - Mrs Morag Johnson and Mr Nick Cox. Nick will be taking on the responsibility of liaising with the Village Hall Committee and Morag, with her many years' experience of working in child support, may take on a new role of Youth Liaison.

**Planning** - the following planning applications were considered and agreed as follows:

24 Lime Trees, SN15 4BN - First floor extension - no comment.

St Modwen Storage and Distribution Centre at J17 - Savills have submitted revised plans for the outline planning application. Changes made in response to negotiations with consultees and input from end users include:

Maximum building floorspace reduced from 760,000 sq ft to 400,000 sq ft, maximum building height reduced from 23m to 18.5m, further strategic landscaping to south and east and surface water strategy which delivers greater control of off-site flows.

**Finance** - the Council agreed funding for: £240 to the CMCC for weedkilling on the Rec, £90 to the CSW for batteries and an adapter for the Mobile Speed Board and £1,500 of S106 funds for the installation of storage containers at the Rec.

**Highways** - the Parish Steward will be on holiday in August and will next be in the village on 6/7 September. The request, supported by the Parish Council, to the Chippenham Area Transport Group (CATG) to reduce the speed limit from 40mph to 30mph on the B4069 Main Road was refused at their meeting on 3rd July.

**Road Closure Notice** 6th September, Friday Street for a distance of approximately 50m either side of the rail bridge.

**Recreation Ground** - A tree trunk next to the junior play area to be chain sawed to create a bench for users of the Rec.

**Training Seminar for the Defibrillator** - to take place on 7th September in the Village Hall - 6pm for parents with children and 7pm for everyone else.

**Website** - the new village website will be launched before the end of August. Please forward any comments to Linda Bragg, Parish Clerk at [parishclerk@christianmalford.org.uk](mailto:parishclerk@christianmalford.org.uk).

**Commemorative Poppies** - the new oak display cabinet for the poppies has been installed in the Church and looks great. It was agreed that a story board explaining the poppies 'journey' should go on the plaque in the middle of the wreath - anyone who would like to help with this project please contact Linda Bragg, Parish Clerk.

**Maintenance Officer Contract** - the Council will be appointing a new MO following Kevin Vines stepping down from the role.

**Overgrown Hedges, Shrubs, Trees etc** A reminder to keep any hedges, shrubs, trees, etc on your property cut back, especially where visibility to road users is impacted and any that may overgrow and obstruct a pavement or public footpath. Report any issues to Wiltshire Council Highways / Street Care Service – 0300 456 0105 - Email: localhighways@wiltshire.gov.uk

**Wiltshire Council – Interactive Public Meeting** – on Thursday, 14th September at 5.30pm Monkton Park, Chippenham to discuss the challenges that Wiltshire Council is facing and the impact that these could have on us all – All Welcome.

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