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Refuse collections

Blue lid bin collections - Thursdays, 12th and 26th

Household waste, garden waste and black box collections - Thursdays, 5th and 19th.

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.

Sunday 1st October Trinity 16

10.30am Holy Communion and **Harvest Festival** at Christian Malford

Sunday 8th October Trinity 17

10.30am Coffee, Chat and Craft Christian Malford

Thursday 12th October

9am Morning Prayer at Christian Malford

Sunday 15th October Trinity 18

10.30am United Benefice Holy Communion at Kington Langley

Sunday 22nd October Trinity 19

9am Holy Communion at Christian Malford

Thursday 26th October

9am Morning Prayer at Christian Malford

Sunday 29th October Trinity 20

10.30am United Benefice Service to celebrate Holiday Club in Sutton Benger School

Game Changers Holiday Club

For 5 – 11 year olds, 24th – 27th October 10am – noon, Sutton Benger Primary School, Chestnut Road, SN15 4RP
Game Changers is organised by Trevor Ranger and the team from Churches in the Draycot Benefice.

Calling All Knitters!

Can you help create another flock of knitted sheep?

For the third year running the Draycot Benefice "knitvity" will be setting off around our homes and schools during Advent. Help is needed to create a new woolly flock of sheep to travel with it. At the moment we have a dozen sheep eagerly awaiting new members of their flock!

As in previous years our flock will be accompanied by Mary and Joseph and some shepherds (to keep an eye on the sheep). They will set off on their journey from our Café Church Service at Sutton Benger on Advent Sunday and as they travel from family to family, resting overnight in a different home, one of the sheep will remain behind as a thank you to each host family.

Eventually the Knitvity will arrive at Seagry Church on Sunday, 31st December when we hope you can all come along with your sheep for a celebration service. It will also be visiting our local schools and may be putting in appearances at some of our All Age (family) services during December.

There will be more information in the November magazine about how you can get involved in hosting the Knitvity, but at the moment the important thing is to get knitting!

If you are able to help; if you can knit and would like a pattern or if you have wool that you can donate, please get in touch with me by email alisonjlove1@gmail.com or by phone 01249 720619 or have a chat with me after the Sunday services. I look forward to hearing from you and a big thank you in advance to all those who are willing to help create our new flock of sheep.

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Libraries webpage at <http://services.wiltshire.gov.uk/MobileLibrary/> (a link can also be found on the PCs website) from 4th September. Members of the public and customers can make a comment about routes in their community by downloading and completing the Consultation Feedback form. All review documents and feedback forms are also available from the mobile library. The consultation period is from 4th September to 4th November 2017 and during this period they will also be consulting directly with customers of the North and South Mobile libraries. Following the consultation, they hope to be in a position to introduce revised routes in February 2018.

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.

Private FRANK EDWARDS

18214, 2nd Battalion, Wiltshire Regiment who died aged 28 on 8th July, 1916

Son of Henry and Emily Edwards of Bradenstoke and husband of Sylvia Jane Edwards (later Bath) of 89, Friday Street, Christian Malford

Remembered with honour Thiepval Memorial.

On 1st July 1916, thirteen divisions of Commonwealth forces launched the Battle of the Somme. Despite a preliminary bombardment lasting seven days, the German defences were barely touched and the attack met unexpectedly fierce resistance. Losses were catastrophic and the initial attack was a failure. The German Army resisted tenaciously there was a major battle for every village, copse and farmhouse gained. At the end of September, Thiepval, an objective for 1st July, was finally captured. The Battle of the Somme finally ended on 18th November with the onset of winter. The Memorial bears the names of more than 72,000 officers and men of the Commonwealth forces who died in the sector before 20th March, 1918 and have no known grave. Over 90% died between July and November, 1916.

Battalion War Diary – 8th July, 1916: In the early morning we move ... to Bernafay Wood ... and Bricqueterie and assemble for the attack, our part being to follow the Yorks, ... attack Maltz Horn Trench ... and gain connection with the French who are attacking on our right. ... however 'B' & 'C' Coys find the Yorks checked and driven back into the wood. 'A' Coy at once advanced across the open ... for a point S of Maltz Horn Farm, and succeeded in taking trenches between this farm and the left flank of the French. Meanwhile a re-bombardment of Trones Wood followed at 1pm by the assault by 'C' & 'D' Coys succeeded in taking the southern half of the wood. During the evening many counter attacks by small parties of Germans are made from the north. These are all beaten off by our very thin line of men. About midnight the Germans make a strong counter attack from the north, their only success being to capture a Lewis gun and throw two grenades into our line.

Frank's wife, Sylvia, was to suffer another loss in March, 1917 when their daughter, Frances, died.

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

Parish Council. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 3rd October 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, 10th and 24th October at 12.30pm. Contact Angela Hamilton on 721091 or Shirley Palmer on 740627

Bonfire & Firework Spectacular 2017

Saturday, 4th November

Christian Malford Recreation Ground between 5.30pm and 9.30pm.

There will be a guy competition at 6pm, the winner will light the fire at 6.30pm.

Free sparklers for the children, a food and bar marquee, toffee apples, mulled wine, plus bouncy castles.

Advance tickets are priced at, adults £7, under 16's £3 and are available from Christian Malford Village Shop, or the Rising Sun and also surrounding towns (full details on Facebook and Village Website). Under 5's go free.

The crowd capacity of the event is limited. We can only guarantee entry with an advance ticket. Should any tickets remain unsold the gate entrance is, adults £10, under 16's £5. Under 5's go free.

IF THE EVENT IS SIGNED AS SOLD OUT DO NOT ATTEMPT TO ENTER THE CAR PARK OR THE RECREATION GROUND AS ENTRY WILL BE REFUSED.

Go to the Village website for more details or search us out on Facebook
Contact christianmalfordfireworks@btinternet.com tel 720003

HOW YOU CAN HELP

This event raises a significant amount of money for the village but it will only succeed with your help. You're not committing yourself for life, just a couple of hours. All organisations will be looking for your help on the 4th November, so if you can spare some time please volunteer and don't wait to be asked, we would love to see you.

Collection of material for the bonfire

Collections will be on Sundays, October 15th and 22nd. Collections MUST be booked and donations are expected. To book your collections call Phil Hines 720003. If you do not book it might get left on your drive... Help wanted with the collections - please meet 10.00am at the Recreation Ground; many hands make light work, remember your gloves.

Erection of the marquee

The village marquee will be erected Sunday, 29th October at 10.00am at the Recreation Ground. There will be a few other jobs taking place as well so please again come along and help.

Setting up on the 4th November

Setting up will be from 9.00am. Even if you can only help for half an hour please come along it all helps.

Clearing up on the 5th November

Clearing up is from 8.30am. This is where your help is very much needed and very much appreciated - please please come along and help out. In the past two years this has been very well attended and everything has been taken down and packed away by 12.00. Bacon butties, tea & coffee will be served for all those helping.

Christian Malford Church of England Primary School Open Morning

12th October 9.30am – 11.30am

- 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 their 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

The mobile library The next visit will be on Thursday, 19th October stopping at the village hall between 2.15–2.45pm. Visit www.wiltshire.gov.uk/libraries

Women's Institute. The next meeting is on Thursday, 19th October at 7.30pm in the village hall. See below for a full report from the WI.

Household Recycling Centre Refurbishment Programme – The Centre at Stanton St Quintin will be CLOSED FOR REFURBISHMENT from 4th December to 18th December

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.

100 Club Lunch. The lunch will be on Saturday, 2nd December. Please contact your collector for tickets from mid-October. Several numbers are still available for villagers, please contact Marion Coker or visit the shop.

Church news. **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.

Church coffee morning. A huge thankyou to all who supported the coffee morning held on behalf of Macmillan Cancer Support which raised the sum of £353 for that very worthy charity.

Brush with Art The group will meet on Monday, 2nd October and will be a personal art session and on Monday, 16th October which will be an acrylic/collage painting workshop run by local artist Annie Monk. 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

Probus Club The next meeting of the club will take place at The Foxham Inn on Thursday, 5th October 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 Theo Stenning on A Taste of Norway and the Lofoten Islands. 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 Community Speed Watch Summary In August the CSW team of volunteers provided 30.5 hours by the road side speed watch sessions at 6 different locations in the village. Over a third of vehicles on the main road are still driving above the speed limit of 40 MPH and the CSW team reported 78 drivers that were over the designated limits. Sadly, the record for dangerous speeds has been broken with multiple vehicles over 90 MPH and the highest at 125 MPH at 8 am in the morning! The CSW team will be out in September carrying out more speed checks to help keep our village safer. If you would like to help us, even with just one session, please e-mail join@christianmalfordcsw.co.uk.

Village Hall 100 Club winners for September were, £40 Mr. G Parker, £20 Joanne Shepherd, £15 Mr P. Hines and £10 Mrs S. Palmer.

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/>

Women's Institute. The 'discover, cook and eat' fish morning' in September was a great success. Thank you Des for giving us all such tasty dishes to try out at home.

Val's Walk Monday, 16th October meet at 10.00am Contact Val 740219

Giffords Circus Monday, 16th October, 7pm for 7.30pm Dauntsey Vale Group meeting at Walter Powell School, Great Somerford.

Nell Gifford will give us a heart-warming and humorous review of her life. From her early years, through to her gap year, involving circus work in America, followed by Oxford University, culminating in a degree in English. A passion developed over the years has resulted in Giffords Circus, which was established in 2000 by her and husband Toti. There will be a competition 'Name the Horse'. Nell has a great love of horses and will choose the best name that one of us has chosen for her next horse.

Relationship between Feet and Shoes Thursday, 19th October, 7.30pm

Ellie Dickins is coming to Christian Malford village hall, from Hungerford, and will give us a wonderful insight into the world of shoes. She opened her shop in March 1999 after training because she found it difficult to get nice fashionable shoes for her size 10 feet. She will bring with her a large selection and explain in great detail the importance of having correct fitting shoes.

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

Christian Malford School At the start of our new term, we welcomed our new Reception Class – Henry, George, Harriet, Chloe, Rupert, Poppy, Zachary, Bill and Lily. We also welcomed to other classes in the school Arthur, Arabella, Eli, Dennis, Kerrie, Ellis, Rosie, Ashden, Jake and Hughie. We hope you will all be very happy with us!

Term 1 started off with a visit from the Life Education Bus, "Meet the Teacher" sessions and a visit from the photographer from the Gazette and Herald to the Reception Class. Our children also had a visit from the Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue and the Year 5 children had the opportunity to take a Bikeability course in early October. Before the end of Term 1, we will host a parents evening, an open morning on 12th October – to which all members of the community are invited, as well as our Harvest Service on 5th October at 2 pm and our annual harvest tea for the senior members of our community.

Mrs Taylor from Willow Class left to go on maternity leave at the end of September and has been replaced temporarily by Mrs Miskell-Dodd who has worked with us before. The children have had a chance to get to know her as she was very involved in their transition from pre-school. We wish Mrs Taylor all the best and look forward to welcoming her back at the end of her maternity leave! We also have Miss Kathryn Powell teaching Orchard Class until Christmas while Miss Young is travelling and teaching abroad.

Our Friends Of School have been active arranging various events. There is a skittles evening and AGM planned for the end of September, a popcorn film night in October and the annual spooky walk will take place on 31st October. They are also hosting a fashion show on 9th November by "Travelling Trends". Tickets £7 to include a drink on arrival. Tickets available from various committee members, the Village Shop, The Rising Sun and the school office.

Friends of the School - dates for the diary.

Car Wash at the school on Sunday, 15th October between 10-12.30pm. £5 per car.

Refreshments will be available to buy separately. Please do support

Spooky Walk on Tuesday, October 31st. Yes it's back and the children will be in their spooky outfits knocking on doors from 5pm, selling delicious homemade cakes in return for spare pennies and/or sweets! We do hope the village will support this fun event but if any residents do not wish to be disturbed please put a sign in a front window or on the front door so we know to stay away.

Travelling Trends Fashion Show on 9th November at 7pm in the school hall.

Acorns Acorns have returned after the summer break with a good number of children on the register. We have welcomed Amelia, Arabella, Bella and Tobias and I am happy to report they are settling in very well and enjoying all the exciting learning experiences on offer including some of the new toys and equipment such as bricks, large and small, easels and water station purchased by the committee with funds raised earlier in the year.

Learning this term is focusing very much on boundaries, helping the children to understand expectations within Acorns, being kind to friends and looking after our toys. This is also being extended in the woods as the children learn rules for keeping safe on our Forest School days.

At the end of last term we said goodbye to a valued staff member, Amanda, as she left for a new challenge and change of career, we wish her luck in her new venture. Amanda had been our Forest School Leader since we started Forest School sessions at Acorns so it was very fortunate that during the summer break Michelle spent a week doing a Level 3 Forest School Leaders course and has carried on where Amanda left off.

Another big change for Acorns has been the change of governance. On 1st September Acorns Preschool transferred from being a charity run by a parent committee to being governed by the Diocese of Bristol Academies Trust's Local Board meaning that Acorns is now part of Christian Malford Primary School. We are all looking forward to a future working together.

Notes from the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 5th September - seven Councillors, the Parish Clerk and one member of the public attended the meeting.

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

Wayside Bungalow, Main Road, SN15 4BT – Demolition of bungalow and replace with storey and a half dwelling with orangery

Finance – the council agreed funding for an Annual Waste Agreement with Wiltshire Council for an 1100ltr wheeled waste bin for the collection of waste from the recreation ground/pavilion.

Recreation Ground – it was agreed to install safety signs for the various play areas at the rec with contact details for the public and the emergency services.

Website – the new village website was launched in August 2017 and includes a latest news section and an events calendar. For comments/content on the website please contact Linda Bragg, Parish Clerk at parishclerk@christianmalford.org.uk.

Maintenance Officer Contract – Nick Wardall attended the meeting and following a question and answer session with the councillors, the council agreed to enter into a contract with him to carry out maintenance work on behalf of the council. The clerk was asked to draw up a new contract.

Mobile Speed Board – The council appreciates the hard work of the volunteers on the Community Speedwatch Group and was pleased to provide the funds for new batteries and an adapter for the mobile speed board.

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Wiltshire Waste Management Strategy Consultation and Household Recycling Centre Refurbishment Programme

The council needs to develop a new waste management strategy in order to shape how they collect and manage household waste and recycling in Wiltshire. They are undertaking a public consultation in order to ensure that their strategy is representative of Wiltshire residents' and stakeholders opinions on the future delivery of household waste management services. The consultation questions have been developed as a result of workshops with council members which took place July, 2017. We would like to encourage as many residents, members and local organisations as possible to

complete the consultation. The consultation runs from 4th September and will be available to complete until 14th November. Residents can complete the consultation survey on the council's website - <https://surveys.wiltshire.gov.uk/snapwebhost/s.asp?k=150452367706> (a link can also be found on the PCs website)

Following the consultation, the draft version of the future waste management strategy will be circulated to all respondents, including Area Boards, in January, 2018 in order to ensure that it is reflective of consultees' comments. It will then be reported to Environment Select Committee, Cabinet, and full Council to be adopted.

Next Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 3rd October in the Village Hall, commencing at 7.45pm.