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Refuse collections

Blue lid bin collections - Thursdays, 9th and 23rd November.

Household waste, garden waste and black box collections - Thursdays, 2nd, 16th and 30th November

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 November

Sunday, 5th November Trinity 21

10.30am Holy Communion, including dedication of Poppy Wreath at Christian Malford

Thursday, 9th November

9am Morning Prayer at Christian Malford

Sunday, 12th November Remembrance Sunday

10.50am Remembrance Service at War Memorial, Christian Malford

Sunday, 19th November Trinity 23

10.30am United Benefice Service with Benefice Choir at Seagry

Thursday, 23rd November

9am Morning Prayer at Christian Malford

Sunday, 26th November Trinity 24

9am Holy Communion at Christian Malford

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 Arthur John BRIDGEMAN

22889, 1st Battalion, Wiltshire Regiment who died age 26 on 17th June, 1917.

Son of John and Sarah Bridgeman of 73 The Green, Christian Malford, Wiltshire.

Remembered with honour at Bailleul Communal Cemetery Extension (Nord)

Bailleul is a large town in France, near the Belgian border, 14.5 kms south-west of Ieper (Ypres). It was occupied on 14th October, 1914 by the 19th Brigade and the 4th Division. It became an important railhead, air depot and hospital centre. It was also a corps headquarters until July, 1917, when it was severely bombed and shelled, and after the Battle of Bailleul (13-15 April, 1918), it fell into German hands and was not retaken until 30 August, 1918. The earliest Commonwealth burials at Bailleul were made at the east end of the communal cemetery and in April 1915, when the space available had been filled, the extension was opened on the east side of the cemetery. After the Armistice, graves were brought in from the neighbouring battlefields and burial grounds. The extension contains 4,403 Commonwealth burials of the First World War.

Battalion War Diary – 16th June, 1917: During this period the Battn was called upon to provide each evening working parties to the strength of 350 other ranks for digging a CT from the Messines Ridge SE of Messines to the front line. These parties were out from 8p.m. to 4a.m. daily. Considerable hostile shelling was encountered and the following casualties were carried : 15th, 1% wounded, 18th 2% wounded, 19th 1% wounded, 20th 8% wounded and 4% killed. In spite of the shelling the work was carried to the entire satisfaction of the RE. During the day the men rested, inspections and a short parade taking place in the afternoon.

[There is no diary entry for 17th June. Arthur is known to have died from wounds, possibly received in the shelling of 16 June.]

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, 7th November 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, 14th and 28th November at 12.30pm. Contact Angela Hamilton on 721091 or Shirley Palmer on 740627

Women's Institute. The next meeting is on Thursday, 16th November 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.

Village Ball, 2018, date for the diary. The village ball will be held on Saturday, 16th June and will have a James Bond theme.

Remembrance 2017 at Christian Malford

Sunday, 5th November at 10.30am in the church.

To include a special dedication of the beautiful wreath of Tower of London ceramic poppies, generously donated to the village and now on permanent display in the church.

Sunday, 12th November at 10.45am at the War Memorial

Remembrance Sunday Act of Worship

*Please join us to remember those who have given their lives
in the service of their country.*

Bonfire & Firework Spectacular

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. 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.

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.

DOG MESS on the Recreation Ground

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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.

Probus Club The club will meet at The Rising Sun on Thursday, 2nd November starting with coffee from 11 am. The meeting will then start promptly at 11.30am to cover any business. This will be followed by a talk by Jolyon Livingston on The Spine. 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.

Speedwatch. In September the CSW volunteers delivered 23 hours by the road side speed watch sessions over 5 areas around the village. During these sessions we reported 63 speeding vehicles to CSW Central and 20 of these were just on Saturday morning (7th) at Station Road alone! Sadly we still know that, on average, over a third of all cars coming through the village are speeding and the CSW team work hard conducting speed checks to help keep our village safer. If you would like to join CSW, please e-mail join@christianmalfordcsw.co.uk.

Black Duck Folk: Gilmore and Roberts, Saturday, 18th November Sutton Benger Village Hall. Doors 19:30. Tickets £12 in advance, £14 on the door - see Sutton Benger news for further details. 07415 861597 or www.blackduckfolk.uk

The mobile library The next visit will be on Thursday, 16th November stopping at the village hall between 2.15–2.45pm. Visit www.wiltshire.gov.uk/libraries See page 27 for fuller details of the service offered by the mobile library.

Brush with Art The first meeting of the month is on Monday, 6th November when the topic will be monochrome painting on altered image paper. The second meeting is on Monday, 20th November and will be a personal art session. The cost of each session is £4.50 including refreshments. Christian Malford village hall is open from 6.30 pm when we set up, and all workshops start prompt at 7.00 pm. For further information please contact: Sharon (01249) 720611 or Lynne at brushwithart@hotmail.co.uk

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 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.

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 October were £40 Mrs J. Lawrence, £20 Mrs S. Iles, £15 Mr and Mrs Wilkins and £10 Mr and Mrs Johnson

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. Pat Johnson arranged and guided us through all the whist matches this year. Well done to all those ladies who participated and came up trumps, gaining the scores to get to the finals and then win the trophy. What varied great rambles we have had this year with Val Minty as the 'leader' and Yvonne Bailey as her 'accomplice'. Many thanks for organising us. We have all made new friends, seen new places and never stopped chatting whilst we walked! Hopefully, the walks will resume again in the spring. We had a very successful bring and buy sale at our September meeting raising £75 which will be going towards the Denman House Appeal. Marion Coker and Vilma Chapman were the lucky winners of our two £300 bursaries this year. They will both be going on a weekend course to our WI Denman House in Abingdon, Oxfordshire.

Bonfire Night **Saturday, 4th November.**

Your help is needed and so appreciated on this massive fundraising night for homemade toffee apples, gingerbread people and flapjacks. We appreciate those who have already 'promised/signed up' to make these, but we need more! Also soup and mulled wine/cider making, serving on the evening and Sunday morning clearing up at the Rec. Please contact Tina 01249 720956 to volunteer/help. It is fun to be involved.

Silver and Ceramics Thursday, 16th November. 7.30pm

Gordon Brockman from Chippenham Auction rooms will be with us at our November meeting. It will be a very entertaining and informative evening. Bring along a silver or ceramic item for him to hopefully excite you of its' great worth!!

Carol Service Monday, 4th December 7.00 for 7.30pm

Our group carol service will be at Little Somerford Church. Always a happy gathering with mince pies and coffee after much carol singing.

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

Village Hall Hiring Fees.

Children's party £25 for villagers.

Ordinary/Private hire £8 per hour for villagers and £10 per hour for non villagers.

Businesses £12 per hour.

Contact. Tina May 01249 720956 For all enquiries.

Acorns. What an exciting first term we have had at Acorns. Our story for the term has been The Very Hungry Caterpillar, a wonderful story that lends itself to all sorts of learning, from healthy eating to days of the week and of course the amazing transformation of a caterpillar to a butterfly. What made this even more exciting was the purchase of some caterpillars that the children were able to see grow, turn into chrysalis' and then emerge as beautiful Painted Lady butterflies. After watching them for a few days in their netted habitat, we let them go on a sunny day into the Acorns garden.

During this term we have said goodbye to Albie as his family move north and welcomed Harry to our Acorns family. Michelle and Paula have been lucky enough to attend part one of the training for 'Helicopter Stories' which was funded by The Rise Trust. This exciting approach to story telling allows the children to use their own imaginations. Next term will see us using all we have learnt to develop speech, language and story telling.

Acorns next fundraising event will be the Christmas Fair on Saturday, 9th December at All Saints Church in Christian Malford.

Friends of the School At the recent FOS school AGM, certain members stood down after many years at the helm. On behalf of the whole school, we would like to extend our thanks to Claire Kennedy and Racheal Potter for their longstanding contribution and all their hard work and dedication. They have both put in a tremendous amount of time and effort over the years and we are very grateful for all they do for the school and the pupils who benefit. We also wish to extend our thanks to Sarah Gingall who has stepped down as Vice Chair. In their place we are delighted to welcome Adam Pike as Chair and Paula Glass as Treasurer and we look forward to working with them. Finally, the school would like to thank the local community for their on going support of all the school events, without whom we could not raise such significant funds. We feel very lucky to be in such a giving and caring village community. During the course of the year the Friends raised £6277 and items purchased for the school included, 15 laptops

(£4500), extra staging (£343), pantomime visit (£740).

Table Tennis. Not looking forward to those long winter evenings? Want to be more actively enjoying life and meet new friendly village folk? We have the answer. We are a small fun group that play mainly socially, with no seriousness involved! Just turn up and join us. We will give you a very warm welcome. The group meets on Thursdays 7.30pm 'til 9.30pm (except third Thursday in the month at Christian Malford Village Hall Cost:£1.50 per session. There are two table tennis tables, bats and balls provided. The only skill required is the ability to hit a ball! Average standard play, but we are good teachers if you are a beginner. No match play or leagues....only pub drinks afterwards, if you've worked up a thirst! From age 12 to 90 (12 to 16 year olds must be accompanied at all times by a parent). Phone Sally Purkiss 01249 720077for further information.

Dates: October 26th, November 2nd, 9th, 23rd, 30th, December 7th, 21st, January 4th, 11th, 25th, February 1st, 8th, 22nd and March 1st, 8th, 22nd, 29th

REPORT FROM CHRISTIAN MALFORD PARISH COUNCIL
Linda Bragg, Parish Clerk contact details – Tel: 07982 030973
Email: parishclerk@christianmalford.org.uk

Parish Councillor Vacancy – we have 1 Vacancy on the Parish Council. If you are aged 18+ and have lived in the Parish for more than 12 months OR are on the Electoral Register for the Parish and would be interested in joining the team please contact the Clerk or visit our website – www.christianmalford.org.uk/councillors.

Finance – approval was given for a grant of £500 for the Canal Restoration Group to carry out works at the spillweir on Park Farm land to help mitigate flooding, especially of Pug Brook. The purchase of 25 no waiting traffic cones.

Recreation Ground – the Maintenance Officer has been busy pressure washing the safety matting in the junior play area and will be working on replacing the non-slip boards on the climbing frame. He will also be removing the Noticeboard to refurbish it and put on a new door.

DOG MESS on the Recreation Ground - The Council have received several complaints about the DISGUSTING amount of dog mess being left by dog owners on the Rec –please remember young children play on the Rec so - PICK UP YOUR DOG'S MESS & PUT IT IN THE BINS PROVIDED

Adult Gym Equipment at Rec – the PC are considering a proposal to REMOVE and sell the adult gym equipment from the Rec as it was felt that it wasn't really being used and has caused some minor injuries for people using it. We would like to hear from you if you have any strong opinions on this, please – contact the Parish Clerk.

Highways & Parish Steward – a Gulley Tanker has been ordered by Wilts Council to clear out the gulley running across the road at the end of Lye Common in an effort to mitigate flooding at the railway bridge. Adrian Moss, the Parish Steward has again been busy in the village filling small pot holes on The Green, weed killing and hedge cutting. His next visits will be on 1st & 2nd and 29th & 30th November – please report any issues to Cllr Mike Lawrence – mike@hamhouse.co.uk.

Road Closures -

Remembrance Day Service – Sunday, 12 November, the road at The Green will be CLOSED from 10.40 to 11.15am to allow the Service at the War Memorial to safely take place.

B4122 from J17, M4 to Draycot Cerne – will be closed from 20th November – 8th December between the hours of 20.00 and 06.00 for Wilts Council to undertake works for A350/M4 improvements.

Neighbourhood Development Plan – an Independent Examiner, Andrew Ashcroft, has now been appointed to carry out the examination of the completed NDP.

Commemorative Poppy Wreath Dedication – on behalf of the Parish Council, the Reverend Evelyn Bone will be carrying out a dedication of the Poppy Wreath at the 10.30am Communion Service at All Saints Church, Christian Malford on Sunday 5th November.

War Memorial – the Council have been advised by Heritage England of their intention to apply for the war memorial at The Green to be included on the List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest – it was agreed that this was a good idea.

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

Wiltshire Waste Management Strategy Consultation and Household Recycling Centre Refurbishment Programme - We would like to encourage as many residents, members and local organisations as possible to complete the consultation. The consultation runs from 4 September 2017 and will be available to complete until 14 November 2017 via Wilts Council's website -

<https://surveys.wiltshire.gov.uk/snapwebhost/s.asp?k=150452367706> (a link can also be found on the PC's website)

Next Parish Council Meeting Tuesday, 7th November in the Village Hall, commencing at 7.45pm.