

### **Village Diary for April**

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### **Church Services for April**

#### **Sunday, 1st April Easter Sunday**

10.30am All Age at Christian Malford

#### **Sunday, 8th April Easter 2**

10.30am Coffee, Craft and Chat at Christian Malford

#### **Thursday, 12th April**

9am Morning Prayer at Christian Malford

#### **Sunday 15th April Easter 3**

10.30am United Benefice Holy Communion at Seagry

#### **Sunday, 22nd April Easter 4**

9am Holy Communion at Christian Malford

#### **Thursday, 26th April**

9am Morning Prayer at Christian Malford

#### **Sunday, 29th April Easter 5**

10.30am United Benefice Holy Communion at Christian Malford.

Speaker Rob Davies from Changing Tunes, a Bristol-based charity that works in prisons, using music and mentoring to help people lead meaningful lives, free from crime.

### **Waste Collection dates**

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

Blue lid recycling - Thursdays, 12th and 26th April.

### **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.

Note: From April 8th it will be necessary for people intending to use the recycling centre to have with them some form of identification to prove that they live in the county, i.e., a document that shows the name and address of the person (utility bill, council tax bill). Access to the centre may not be granted if appropriate identification cannot be provided

## **Wiltshire Council Recycling Centres.**

Proof of identity required when visiting a recycling centre  
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The document must show that the visitor lives in Wiltshire (excluding the Swindon Borough Council area). Acceptable documents include driving licence, council tax bill, utility bill (either a printed or an electronic version is acceptable), your van and large trailer permit, if you are visiting the site in this type of vehicle. You may be asked for your proof of address each time you visit any of Wiltshire Council's recycling sites.

This requirement is being introduced to ensure that access to sites is limited to people living in the Wiltshire Council area. Dealing with waste is becoming increasingly expensive and as these sites are funded by Wiltshire Council it is important that only Wiltshire residents use them. People who do not pay their council tax to Wiltshire Council should use the sites provided in their own local authority areas.

### **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. This month we enter the second world war.

#### **Private HUBERT FRANK WALLIS**

5571345, 8th Battalion, Worcestershire Regiment who died aged 21 on 29th May, 1940  
Son of Hubert Frank and Eva Mary Wallis of Dauntsey, Wiltshire  
Remembered with honour at West Cappel Churchyard, France

West Cappel is a village 16 kilometres south-east of Dunkirk and some 6 kilometres north-east of Wormhoudt. There are now nearly 70, 1939-45 war casualties commemorated in this site. Of these, over 30 are unidentified.

On the 10th May 1940 two German Army Groups burst Belgium and the Netherlands. After reaching the Channel the Germans swung north and trapped British and French forces around Dunkirk. The German panzer divisions then halted on 24th May 1940 to consolidate their gains. As the terrain around Dunkirk was considered unsuitable for armour, the destruction of the Allied forces was initially assigned to the Luftwaffe and the German infantry. Evacuation was ordered and from 25 to 28 May, British troops retreated about 30 miles northwest into a pocket around Dunkirk. On 27th May the German Panzer divisions resumed their attack. The Belgian army surrendered on 28th May and the trapped French forces the next day. The remaining Allied force was rapidly compressed into a 5 km wide coastal strip from De Panne through Bray-Dunes to Dunkirk. Near Bamberque, throughout 29th May, the 8th Battalion fought a tenacious rearguard action to allow others to evacuate. German tanks were now coming on in large numbers. By 1700 hours an enemy tank attack had set D Company HQ on fire. By 1800 hours A and D companies were so badly cut up as to make further resistance impossible, and the survivors, three officers and about sixty other ranks, dribbled into Battalion HQ in threes and fours to reorganize. B and C Companies had also suffered grievous loss, B Company fighting on until its ammunition was exhausted and they had no alternative but to surrender. At last darkness fell and at 2105 hours a start was made thinning out the defenders. Of a battalion of 800, 149 men were evacuated.

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**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

## **Annual Parish Meeting**

Monday, 23rd April in the Village Hall from 7.30pm – 9.30pm.

Join us for light refreshments of wine and cheese to find out what various village organisations have achieved in the past year.

All Welcome! (Please note this is not a Parish Council meeting).

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

### **Further childhood reflections from Brian Coller.**

I have an old newspaper cutting stating The Jolly Butcher is now the post office. I remember when the post office was opposite the junction with the main road at number 39. The inside was more like a small pub with a bar across the far end and bench seats along each side wall.

On the corner with the main road was the old Turnpike Cottage. The wall which faced the road was painted grey with a large white disc painted on to it. The old villagers said that this disc showed that it was a turnpike.

If we move up the road between Lime Grove and the shop, there was a lane to the field. This was shut off at the end when the gravel pit came. Charlie Collins lived there in a horse drawn caravan.

My mother could remember a man on the common whose job was breaking stones for the local roads. The Drunge was originally made of small stones – you can still see some outside No 70 a and they must still be under the present road surface. Perhaps these stones were the stones that this man had broken. She could also remember when a drover lived in the village. He would occasionally drive cattle back to The Malthouse and carry on the next day.

An old lady who had been born in the village could remember the canal when it was open. She said they would roll lengths of wood down the sloping hill to the canal and load them onto barges. She was told they were to be used as pit props.

My grandfather was the signalman in the Christian Malford Halt Signal Box. He used to peg his goats out on the sides of the line nearby. When the signal box closed in the 1920's, my grandfather purchased it and some sleepers and made the shed at the top of the garden of Frogwell House. It could be that some of these sleepers have the old broad gauge holes in them. After the signal box closed my grandfather sold tickets from the small window in Frogwell House that you can still see today from the front gate of that house. My grandfather would look out for fires on the line near the Halt and if he saw one he would put a bucket on each handlebar of his bike and with a garden sprayer would cycle down what was then Frog Lane (now Station Road) and put the fire out.

When you next walk through the village imagine fields and trees where all the post war houses now are and there was so little traffic we could play cricket in the road. That was what it was like when I was young.

***The editor would be very pleased to receive the memories of others who have lived in the village or hereabouts.***

**Village Hall 100 Club draw.** March winners were, £40 Mr and Mrs Heath, £20 Mr. D. Taaffe, £15 Mrs M Snelson £10 Mr. Peter Hines.

**Parish Council.** The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 3rd April in the village hall, commencing at 7.45pm. See below for a report on the last meeting of the council.

**The Luncheon Club.** This much appreciated club will meet on Tuesday, 10th and 24th April at 12.30pm.  
Contact Angela Hamilton on 721091 or Shirley Palmer on 740627

# Village Ball

## With a James Bond theme

**Saturday, 16th June in the Church, 7pm until 1am.**

**Dancing to the Park Lane Big Band**

**Supper from The Baraka Catering Company**

**Black Tie**

**Tickets £45, tables of eight.  
Tickets will be available from mid-April  
at the village shop.**

**Fewer tickets will be available this year  
so order your tickets early.**

**Christian Malford Community Speed Watch** In February, our volunteers provided 21 hours of by-the-road-side speed watch sessions in 5 locations around the village. We submitted 65 speeding vehicles to CSW Central and have reported nearly 500 since August last year. We are keen to expand our team and if you want to know more please e-mail [join@christianmalfordcsw.co.uk](mailto:join@christianmalfordcsw.co.uk)

The figures for the period since August are:-

Total hours by the road side: 240 hours

Total vehicles counted: 23,181

Reported speeding vehicles: 506

Average reported speed: 41.03 mph

Highest reported speed: 70 mph

**Brush With Art.** The group will meet on Monday, 9th April, which will be a session led by Des Palmer on the use of charcoal, and on Monday, 30th April, which will be a personal art session. Meet at the village hall from 6.45pm. £4.50 per session. Refreshments. Contact Roger Carter on 720810 or Anthony Hughes on 720966.

**Mobile Library** will visit on Thursday, 5th April stopping at the village hall between 2.15pm and 2.45pm. The library offers story tapes, CDs and videos as well as books for adults and children. The van has wheelchair access and users can reserve items not on the van.

**BOOK THESE DATES NOW!**

**The Malford Players'**

next production will be

**Lord Arthur Savile's Crime**

that well-known comedy by Constance Cox

based on the short story by Oscar Wilde

Performances at Christian Malford Village Hall

on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>, Friday 18<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 19 May

Watch this space for further details nearer the time

**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.

**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.

### **Women's Institute.**

#### **'Discover, cook and eat 'More fish bones and all'**

Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. 10.00 til 12.00. Booking in advance to Tina at the Village Shop or to Christine. £5 per session.

#### **Walk with Val**

Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. Up to a five mile chat and tramp. Contact Val 740219

#### **Fine Cheese Company**

Tuesday April 17<sup>th</sup> 11.00am Helen has organised this next venture around the factory near Bath. £10 for a tour and maybe a taste! Book your place with Tina at the shop or contact Helen.

#### **'A Walk into the World of Italian Style Thursday April 19<sup>th</sup>**

At our next meeting on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> April we welcome back Italian Maura Rossini, who 'stepped in' at the last moment only a few months ago. Maura pointed us in the right direction on fashion and styles to compliment all sizes! She will be 'sorting us' this time with jewellery, jackets, tops and shoes. 7.30 at Christian Malford Village Hall.

All our information and club activities can be found on the notice board outside the Christian Malford Village Shop. New members are always welcome. Phone Tina for any queries on 01249 720956

**School news** Since our last report we have had plenty going on in school. The children enjoyed their after school clubs and the hockey team played in a tournament in Malmesbury coming first and winning a place in the regional finals in Devizes. The original date for this was postponed due to the snow and was rescheduled for later in March. Although our team were not successful, they all showed great sportsmanship and were a real credit to our school. The scarecrow weekend was a great success and a workshop held some weeks previously gave people ideas and help with building their scarecrow. This scarecrow weekend is always a real community event and is enjoyed by all who take part. It is also a major fundraiser for the school and Acorns. We held an Open Morning recently, where we welcomed prospective and current parents into our school and our Easter Service took place on 27<sup>th</sup> March in the Church. The children also took part in Experiencing Easter with help from the church community.

Before we stopped for Easter, Year 5 children enjoyed a Taster Day at Sheldon School experiencing how life would be in secondary school. The children all thoroughly enjoyed this and took part in science, art, DT, drama and PE. Friends of School held a popcorn club for the children and also an Easter competition where the children designed an Easter egg. All these events provide extra funds for our children.

After the Easter break, we will start swimming lessons for some of the children, hold parents evenings and also take part in the Small Schools Tournament at Seagry School where we are hoping for success again!

**Acorns** The past few weeks of this term have been all about scarecrows with the staff and children getting creative and making their own representation of one of our loved Fairy Tales. As the scarecrow trail weekend approaches we are hoping for another successful event.

Our outdoor learning has very much been put on hold recently with the very cold and wet weather and we are all eagerly awaiting some warmer, drier days. However, we have tried to get to the woods each week and the children have been looking out for signs of spring and are able to spot catkins and name many different budding flowers that they see on the walk to the woods.

On 1st March we celebrated World Book Day with a Disney Themed day to raise funds for Crackerjacks Children's Trust. It was the beginning of the snowy weather that day and only a small number of children came into the setting, so we were amazed that we were still able to raise over £70.00 for the charity.

This term we have already begun the process of transition to Christian Malford Primary School for those children who will begin there in September with some story and song times in Willow class with Mrs Miskell-Dodd. The children are really enjoying these sessions and by the time September comes will be very familiar with their new school.

Last week the children learnt about Mothers Day and made some lovely cards for their mummies. Over the next couple of weeks we will be learning about and celebrating Easter including joining the rest of the school for a church service on 27<sup>th</sup> March.

Acorns would like to congratulate two of our staff members, Laura and Hannah, who have now completed their Level 3 Early Years Educator Qualifications. They have worked extremely hard to do this in a reduced timescale as their training provider changed midway, so we are very proud of them both for their achievement and look forward to the benefits their knowledge will bring to the setting.

Acorns Preschool is now taking bookings for September 2018. Please call Paula on 07816280810 for more details or to arrange a visit.

**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/>

**Village Fete.** Saturday, 14th July The arrangements for this year's fete are taking shape. The initial plan is to hold it later in the day with games for children such as slippery pole, foam pit etc., and to have the usual stalls such as tombola, books and plants.

This would lead into an evening event where the WI organise a BBQ supper along the lines of the skittles evening. Fire pit for toasted marshmallows and possibly a small firework display at the end. Village organisations will be expected to play their part and if you would like to volunteer your services contact Phil Hines on 720003.

**Probus Club** The next meeting of the club will take place at The Foxham Inn on Thursday, 5th April starting with coffee from 11am. This will be the Annual General Meeting and will start promptly at the earlier time of 11.15 to cover any business. This will be followed by a talk by Brian Hinton on '9 Lives' Surviving 36 years in the RAF. 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.

**Black Duck Folk:** Helen Stevens writes...Next up with the black duck folk (Sutton Benger Village Hall) - on April 28th, two of the UK acoustic/folk scene's finest songwriters who have had 30 years plus in the business, a huge body of work as sole artists now joining forces - Steve Tilson & Jez Lowe. It'll be an evening filled with songs and music, chat and banter and intimate insights into their approach to their craft. Tickets £15 in advance, £17 on the door. As always there will be a bar stocked with the Flying Monk's finest ale, wine and soft drinks. Phone Helen and Phil 07415 861597 for tickets or [www.blackduckfolk.uk](http://www.blackduckfolk.uk)

### **Parish Steward for Christian Malford and Sutton Benger**

The Parish Steward, Adrian Moss, visits each of our two villages two days a week at the beginning of each month to address a wide variety of minor highway defects and needs. To ensure that we do not lose this valuable service, provided by Wiltshire Council, we need to ensure that he has plenty of work to do.

**HOW CAN YOU HELP?** - by reporting any of the following tasks for the Parish Steward to undertake:- Hand cleaning of small grips, rodding of small culverts and manholes, filling small potholes, hand cleaning of road gully tops, hedge trimming around road signs to maintain visibility (but not wholesale hedge cutting as this needs to be done by the landowner), washing highway signs, over-run damage, strimming of grass verges for visibility at junctions and of highway signs, siding out overgrown vegetation obstructing footways, clearing debris and leaves (but not litter) and painting railings away from water.

Please report tasks, with as much detail as possible to:-

Cllr Mike Lawrence [mike@hamhouse.co.uk](mailto:mike@hamhouse.co.uk) or

Linda Bragg, Clerk, [parishclerk@christianmalford.org.uk](mailto:parishclerk@christianmalford.org.uk) or 07982 030973 (answerphone)

All other highway matters should be reported to Wiltshire Council.

### **Christian Malford Parish Council - report of March meeting**

Linda Bragg, Parish Clerk contact details – Tel: 07982 030973  
Email: [parishclerk@christianmalford.org.uk](mailto:parishclerk@christianmalford.org.uk)

***New Parish Councillor*** – welcome to our newest Councillor - Ian Patterson. He was appointed as lead councillor for Highways and Parish Steward matters (taking over from Mike Lawrence who was thanked for all his hard work coordinating this).

***Finance*** – approval was given for a tree surgeon to remove the fallen and diseased trees at the Churchyard.

### ***Planning Applications***

\*Christian Farm, Foxham Road SN15 4NE - Demolition of Existing Poultry Buildings and Replacement with 4 New Poultry Buildings and Associated Infrastructure. Object.

\*Field Cottage Main Road SN15 4DA - Construction of two field holiday timber cabins. No objection.

***Neighbourhood Development Plan Referendum – Success!*** - Well done to all the volunteers who have worked so hard over the last four years putting together the Neighbourhood Development Plan for Christian Malford. Cllrs S Depla and M Lawrence attended the Count as observers on 8th March. Statistics for the voting - Total electorate: 624. Total votes cast 235 of which 70 postal. Turnout 37.7%. In favour 208, against 27.

***Recreation Ground*** – The dog poo bag dispensers have now been installed at the Rec.

***Highways*** – Parish Steward – Adrian Moss, our Parish Steward, will be in the village on the 4-5 April. Please see separate advert on how to report tasks for the Parish Steward.

**Allotments** – the Allotmenters have made an enquiry to the Bradenstoke Solar Fund for a grant to install a solar powered water pump to provide a sustainable water source.

**Neighbourhood Watch Volunteer Role** - Wiltshire police have created a new Volunteer Role to help the Wiltshire Neighbourhood Watch Committee to support and build the Neighbourhood Watch Network in Wiltshire. If you are interested in this role please contact Wiltshire Police for further information about the role and how to apply - volunteercoordinator@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk.

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