

### **Village Calendar for February**

5 Parish Council Meeting  
6 Coffee Morning  
7 Probus / Mobile Library / Table Tennis Club  
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### **Waste Collection dates**

Household waste, black box and garden waste - Thursdays, 7th and 21st February.  
Blue bin recycling - Thursdays, 14th and 28th February.  
The latest information can be found at <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/rubbish-collection-days>

### **Recycling Centres**

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: People intending to use the recycling centre must have with them some form of identification to prove that they live in the county, ie., 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.

### **Church Services for February.**

#### **Sunday, 3rd February      Candlemas**

10.30am      Holy Communion at Christian Malford

#### **Sunday, 10th February      4th Sunday before Lent**

10.30am      Coffee, Chat and Craft Christian Malford

#### **Thursday, 14th February**

9am      Morning Prayer at Christian Malford

#### **Sunday, 17th February      3rd Sunday before Lent**

10.30am      United Benefice All Age Service at Seagry

#### **Sunday, 24th February      2nd Sunday before Lent**

9am      Holy Communion at Christian Malford

#### **Thursday, 28th February**

9am      Morning Prayer at Christian Malford

**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)

**The Luncheon Club**, This much appreciated club will meet on Tuesdays, 12th and 26th February at 12.30pm in the village hall. Contact Angela Hamilton on 721091 or Shirley Palmer on 740627

**Women's Institute** The next meeting will be on Thursday, 21st February at 7.30pm in the village hall. See page 37 for a full report from the WI.

**Next Parish Council Meeting** The next Parish Council meeting is on Tuesday, 5th February in the Village Hall, commencing at 7.45pm. Linda Roslyn, Parish Clerk contact details – Tel: 07982 030973 Email: [parishclerk@christianmalford.org.uk](mailto:parishclerk@christianmalford.org.uk)  
See page 39 for the report of the most recent council meeting.

### **Cake and Coffee Mornings**

come along to Christian Malford Village Hall between 10.00am and 12noon  
on the first Wednesday of each month, from 6th February.

Coffee, tea, cake and a chance to meet up with friends and neighbours.

You will be most welcome..

**Mobile Library**: The Mobile Library van visits monthly on a Thursday, stopping at the village hall from 2.15pm - 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. Details of the Mobile Library route and visit dates can be seen at <http://services.wiltshire.gov.uk/MobileLibrary>. Next visit - 7th February.

Christian Malford Scarecrow Trail 2019

**Musicals from Stage and Screen**

30th and 31st March 2019

## Scarecrow entries close – 1st March 2019

This year we have set up a new charity (Christian Malford Scarecrow Trail Reg No. 1180818) to enable us to donate funds to other projects. We will continue to donate 75% of funds raised to Christian Malford Primary School and Acorns Pre-school but will also donate 12.5% to a Christian Malford community project and 12.5% to a local charity chosen by one of our sponsors.

The sponsors' charity choice will be drawn randomly on 31st March before the raffle draw.

If you would like more information about taking part in this year's trail, to offer to help by volunteering on the weekend or baking cakes or to enquire about applying for funds for a Christian Malford community project please contact:

Laura Sidhu on 07808 081969 or [laura.sidhu@sky.com](mailto:laura.sidhu@sky.com)

Find us on Facebook: [cmscarecrowtrail](https://www.facebook.com/cmscarecrowtrail)

and Follow us on Twitter: [@CMScarecrows](https://twitter.com/CMScarecrows)

## **The Wurzels Play Christian Malford**

As you should be aware by now, on Saturday, 13th July the WURZELS will be headlining a fantastic late afternoon and evening music event at Christian Malford Recreation Ground.

Gates will open at 1730hrs and the event will finish at 2330hrs. A range of entertainment, attractions, stalls, food outlets and a beer tent will be available. The price of tickets for the event will be; Adults £20 per person, Children aged 5-16 £5 per person, children under 5 free.

### **Parish Magazine Discount**

A discount voucher will be issued in the Parish Magazine which gives a discount of £5 off the adult ticket price for a maximum of two tickets. This is a saving of £10 per couple for the local community. Keep reading the Parish Magazine for more details of this fantastic event over the coming months and look out for your discount voucher.

Follow us on Facebook at, The Wurzels Play Christian Malford 13th July 2019

**Probus Club** The next meeting of the club will take place at THE FOXHAM INN on Thursday, 7th February starting with coffee from 11am. The meeting will start promptly at 11.30am to cover any business. This will be followed by a talk by Andrew Chapman on 100years of Advances from Nearly Nothing to Nearly Nothing. 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

## **Dauntsey Vale Link** **Call for more volunteers.**

DVLS (The Link) is a local good neighbour scheme that covers five villages - Brinkworth, Christian Malford, Dauntsey, Foxham and Grittenham.

Our aim is to help people maintain their quality of life within a rural community.

We rely on local volunteers to carry out various tasks, which could be taking someone to the doctors, hospital or other medical appointments; shopping, hairdressers or other social activities. We are looking for volunteers in each part of the area to help cover tasks for our clients. We are also looking for more coordinators, who are responsible for allocating the tasks to our volunteers.

If you have a spare couple of hours or more per month and would like to become a volunteer please phone 07563 769 549

or join us at our next FREE coffee morning on 1st February  
at The Three Crowns, Brinkworth from 10.30am to 12.30pm

### **Church news.**

Lighting Upgrade, two sample lights have been fitted at the front of the nave as an example of the improved lighting which it is proposed to introduce. The electrician's quotation for the lighting upgrade had also included a small amount of necessary work to upgrade the electrical cabling for the organ.

Additional Roof Repairs, this work is expected to be carried out in February.

South-East Buttress, remedial work is to be undertaken to this buttress. There does appear to have been some movement generally in that area of the church as the altar rail no longer fits snugly.

We will be pleased to hear from anyone who would like to join our groups who look after the church, and generally ensure that the church provides a welcoming appearance to visitors and regular users alike. Contact Pam Carter on [pam.carter2@btinternet.com](mailto:pam.carter2@btinternet.com)

### **Church Treasurer Needed for All Saints', Christian Malford!**

Can You Help?

We are urgently seeking a volunteer, with an hour or so to spare each week, who would be willing to take charge of the church finances. These have been efficiently managed by Kevin May for a number of years, but unfortunately he is no longer able to continue.

If you feel you may be able to help, please have an informal chat with Kevin who will be happy to explain what's involved, or alternatively contact Pam Carter (PCC Secretary) on [pam.carter2@btinternet.com](mailto:pam.carter2@btinternet.com).

### **Pastoral Care - Looking after one another in the Draycot Benefice**

The Draycot Benefice has established pastoral visiting teams for each village, for the times when people may need more particular help. It is about being more than a good neighbour to people we know; it's offering a specific ministry by caring for all members of the community. Our pastoral visitors visit on behalf of the local church, working under the guidance of Rev Alison. Each one is DBS checked, attends regular training and is supported by the team. They are available to help anyone who could do with a willing ear, to share their joys and sorrows, listening confidentially, taking seriously their hopes and fears. If you, or someone you know, would like a visit from a pastoral visitor, please contact Clair Fairley [clairfairley@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:clairfairley@hotmail.co.uk)

See page 7 for a full note on pastoral care

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**Christian Malford Community Speed Watch Summary (2018)** Matt Penton writes: As we reflect at the end of 2018, the CSW Team volunteered an incredible 230 hours of by-the-road-side speed watch sessions all over our village in 8 different locations. We reported over 600 vehicles that were speeding and have significantly helped to keep overall speeds down. We are only a small dedicated team keeping the village safer and if you think you could help, no matter how small, please e-mail - [join@christianmalfordcsw.co.uk](mailto:join@christianmalfordcsw.co.uk) for further information.

**Temporary Closure of B4122 (Part)** - 25th February to 6th May to enable Ringway to carry out reconstruction of the bridge. The closure and diversion route will be clearly indicated by traffic signs. Further details can be found on the Sutton Benger Parish Council website and noticeboards.

**100 Club - January winners.** £40 Mr. and Mrs Lambert, £20 Mr. L. Walker, £15 Mr. D. Hudson and £10 Mr. And Mrs Carrington.

## **The cinema comes to Christian Malford**

### **Christian Malford Community Cinema. John Coller writes:-**

In association with the Village Hall we are launching the Christian Malford Community Cinema. We will be showing a different film every month, in the village hall, and all will be welcome. We have a new 200" screen in the hall (which means it literally reaches from the eaves of the hall to 2" above the ground!) so there will be no issue with being able to see the screen, and we also have a new 5k Lumen HD video projector that is permanently installed in the ceiling of the hall. I will be providing a powerful 5.1 surround sound system so you can both hear (and feel!) the audio.

The system will also be available for use by hirers of the hall (at an additional cost) for presentations etc. and enquiries should be made to Paul McPherson. The system will also be available to hire for private film showings if villagers want to watch a special movie for a special event or occasion - again costs can be discussed with Paul. Ideas for films to show in future months would also be welcome

Visit [www.malfordcinema.co.uk](http://www.malfordcinema.co.uk).

fordetails of up and coming films, times, dates, costs etc.

### **Parish Steward for Christian Malford**

The Parish Steward, Adrian Moss, visits our village 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 Ian Patterson [idpatterson@btinternet.com](mailto:idpatterson@btinternet.com) or

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

All other highway matters should be reported to Wiltshire Council.

**School news.** Since coming back to school this term, the children have really made an effort to work hard which has been evidenced by the high quality of work shared in our Celebration Assemblies. We have welcomed three new children to our school into Elm and Willow classes, and also Miss Ali, a teacher based at St Mary Redcliffe School in Bristol, but who is gaining experience in teaching in a small rural school. She is with us during the afternoons.

Our Friends of School have been planning some of the activities which will take place over the next few weeks. They will be holding a Bingo Evening on 9<sup>th</sup> February - eyes down from 4.30 pm – 7.00 pm. This is always a lovely social event. They plan to hold a Popcorn Club event for the children in March and then they will be holding their annual car wash event from 10.00 am – 1.00 pm on Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> April. Get the date in your diary!!

We have also been planning some day trips for the children which will take place in March. Braeside Outdoor Education Centre run some exciting team building events which we have booked. The activities that the children will be experiencing include orienteering, survival skills, climbing wall and canoeing for the older children. We hope the weather will be kind!

The Year 5 children also have a planned trip to Sheldon School to experience school life in a secondary school. They will be taking part in lessons in DT, PE, art and science and, if past experience is anything to go by, will have a wonderful day

**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 most Thursdays 7.30pm - 9.30pm (see village diary on the back page) at Christian Malford Village Hall. The costs is £1.50 per session. We provide two table tennis tables, bats and balls. With regard to ability, all we ask is that you are able 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! For everyone aged 12 to 90 (12 to 16 year olds must be accompanied at all times by a parent. Contact Sally Purkiss 01249 720077

**Women's Institute** We were delighted to donate all our Christmas raffle money, £250 to 'The Rise Trust', a local charity for vulnerable local families who have at least one child under the age of five.

The delighted winner of our £300 Denman Bursary was Christine Bowyer who will be able to choose a superb weekend course at Denman College.

**Coming up:-**

**Discover, Cook and Eat** Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> February, 10.00am.

Bring your favourite recipe! To book a place contact [chbowyer@googlemail.com](mailto:chbowyer@googlemail.com)

**'Alternative Holiday'** Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> February 7.30pm

Trudie Stait from Foxham will be with us in Christian Malford Village Hall telling us about her holiday in a Thailand elephant sanctuary.

**Indian Takeaway Evening.** Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> March

Save the evening with your partners. More info next month!

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

**CHRISTIAN MALFORD PARISH COUNCIL**

Report from last meeting

Linda Roslyn, Parish Clerk

contact details – t: 07982 030973 e: [parishclerk@christianmalford.org.uk](mailto:parishclerk@christianmalford.org.uk)

**Finance**

It was agreed to raise the Precept to £12,232.24 for 2019-20 – this represents an increase of £5.11 to £34.51 per Council Tax Band D house to cover the rising costs in grounds and asset maintenance.

**Planning applications**

9 The Nurseries, SN15 4EQ - Double storey rear extension and single storey side

Extension - no comment.

Mermaid Farm, Main Rd, SN15 4BD - Proposed conversion of existing agricultural building into dwelling – support

**Highways & Parish Steward**

The Parish Steward will be in the village on 27/28 Feb; 27/28 Mar and 25/26 Apr - please see separate advert on how to report tasks for him to complete.

Fly-tipping – we have a list of fly-tipping 'hotspots' for inclusion on the new Wiltshire Council register so that signs can be erected and possible site surveillance used to deter fly-tippers.

It was reported that rubbish was accumulating alongside the railway embankment on Station Road – the situation is to be monitored.

The overgrown hedge on Church Road has now been beautifully 'laid' by Ben – many thanks for a lovely job!

**Road Closure Notice – B4122 (Part), Sutton Benger**

25<sup>th</sup> February until 6<sup>th</sup> May from footpath 13 for a distance of approximately 150 metres in a northerly direction.

To enable Ringway to carry out reconstruction of the bridge. Alternative route: via B4122 (unaffected length) – B4158 – A350 and vice versa. (Further details can be found at [www.suttonbengerparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.suttonbengerparishcouncil.gov.uk)).

**Recreation Ground**

We received a request from the Tug of War team to install a storage unit against the hedge on the right-hand side of the Rec and it was agreed, subject to a site visit. Cllr Depla is to meet with the team and liaise with local residents. It was agreed to allow the Cricket Club to have removable advertising banners during games on the Rec to raise much needed funds from sponsorships.

**Malford Meadow**

It was agreed to allow the Meadow to be used for parking by the Scarecrow Trail on 30/31 March and for the Fete (subject to improvements in parking arrangements and marshalling to ensure safety of pedestrians and motorists).

**Flood/Emergency Plan**

Cllrs Nick Cox and Ian Patterson carried out an inspection of water courses around the village and identified some improvements that could be made. Cllr Cox is to contact the Wilts Council Drainage Engineer to discuss the matter further.

**Community Speedwatch Group**

Report from 19th November–9th December: Volunteers: 13 / Locations Covered: 4 / Hours by the road side: 20 / Total Vehicles Counted: 1,370 / Reported Speeding Vehicles: 29 / Average Reported Speed: 40.48 mph / Capture Rate: 2.12%. We need new volunteers! Contact Matt if you are interested in joining – e: [join@christianmalfordcsw.co.uk](mailto:join@christianmalfordcsw.co.uk).

**Next Parish Council Meeting**

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