

Village Calendar for January

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Church Services for January

Sunday, 6th January Epiphany 1

10.30am Holy Communion at Christian Malford

Thursday, 10th January

9am Morning Prayer at Christian Malford

Sunday, 13th January Epiphany 2 or Baptism of Christ

10.30am Coffee, Chat and Craft Christian Malford

Sunday, 20th January Epiphany 3

10.30am United Benefice Holy Communion at Kington Langley

Thursday, 24th January

9am Morning Prayer at Christian Malford

Sunday, 27th January Epiphany 4

9am Holy Communion at Christian Malford

Be Still. The meditation group will be on Tuesdays at 6.30pm in Sutton Benger Church. New and established members are all very welcome. For further details contact Alison 750619 or alisonjlove1@gmail.com

Children's Choir – meets on Tuesdays 5.15pm – 6.00pm at Sutton Benger Church. Contact Alison on 01249 720619

Craft Morning Crochet. 25th January 10am to noon at Sutton Benger Church, beginners especially welcome.

Harvest Appeal - Thank you from the Draycot Group of Churches

In 2018 the Draycot Group of Churches decided to have a joint focus for their Harvest fund raising. Doorway in Chippenham greatly appreciated the many generous gifts that were donated for Harvest. The money gifts that were given has resulted in a total of £2000 for SSAFA, and £500 Doorway. Cheques will be presented to both charities in the New Year. There was a balance of just over £100 and the Benefice Council agreed this would be spent on purchasing Christmas treats for Doorway guests. Thank you for your generous support.

LICENSING ACT 2003

APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE

(Section 17 of the Act)

Christian Malford Bonfire Association is applying for the grant of a Premises Licence for The Recreation Ground, Station Road, Christian Malford, Wiltshire SN15 4BQ.

The Licence, if granted, is to enable the following Activities to take place on the evening of Saturday, 13th July 2019:

Sale of alcohol for consumption on the premises
Provision of regulated entertainment (live and recorded music)

Any person wishing to make representations in relation to this application may do so by writing to The Licensing Authority, Wiltshire Council, Public Health & Protection, Monkton Park, Chippenham, SN15 1ER.

Representation may be made up to 28 days from the date of this notice.
A copy of the application for the grant of the above licence kept by The Licensing Authority, Wiltshire Council, Public Health & Protection, Monkton Park, Chippenham, SN15 1ER.

The application can be viewed by prior appointment.

It is an offence to knowingly or recklessly make a false statement in connection with an application. The maximum fine for which a person is liable on summary conviction for making a false statement is a Level 5 fine on the standard scale.

Date: 27th December, 2018

End of consultation period: 24 January 2019

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Waste Collection dates

Household waste, black box and garden waste - Friday, 11th and Thursday, 24th January.

Blue bin recycling - Saturday, 5th, Thursday, 17th and Thursday, 31st January.

The latest information can be found at <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/rubbish-collection-days>

If you pay for garden waste collections, you can leave your real Christmas tree alongside your garden waste bin on your first garden waste collection day in January and the council will ensure it is composted.

Recycling Centres

Visit 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, 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.

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.

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

The Luncheon Club, This much appreciated club will meet on Tuesdays, 8th and 22nd January 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, 17th January at 7.30pm in the village hall. See below for a full report from the WI.

Next Parish Council Meeting The next Parish Council meeting is on Tuesday, 8th January in the Village Hall, commencing at 7.45pm. Linda Roslyn, Parish Clerk contact details – Tel: 07982 030973 Email: parishclerk@christianmalford.org.uk
See below for the report of the most recent council meeting.

SCARECROW TRAIL 2019 Scarecrow Trail 2019 will take place during the weekend of 30th/31st March. The theme this time will be 'Musicals of stage and screen'. It is free to enter a scarecrow and entries are welcome from any member of the community including groups/organisations. Even if you live outside of the village we can still find you a spot for your scarecrow. To enter a scarecrow or for more information or advice please email Laura Sidhu at Laura.Sidhu@sky.com or pop into Acorns pre School.

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 see page 7 for a full note on pastoral care.

Christian Malford Community Speed Watch Summary In November the CSW Team provided 20 hours of by-the-road-side speed watch sessions in 4 different locations around the village. This year we have reported 587 speeding vehicles for speeding. We are a small team keeping the village safer by slowing vehicle speeds and if you would like to join the team, please e-mail join@christianmalfordcsw.co.uk for further information

Flood Plan Working Party. As we re-invigorate the Village Flood and Emergency Plan and our preparedness part of the task will be a measure of self-help as in previous years. Therefore volunteers are sought for a working party that will be held to inspect and clear the ditches, brook etc of debris and obstructions around the village on Saturday, 12th January from 1000 hours. We will assemble at the Recreation Ground and please bring tools

suitable for clearing vegetation, blocked watercourses, etc and appropriate protective clothing. For more information please contact Nick Cox (nick_cox@me.com) or call 720913 / 07884 051624

David Warr. David would like to take this opportunity to thank Tina and Kevin May for taking him out to an evening meal to celebrate his 80th birthday and to Tina and Shirley Palmer for organising the surprise birthday party in the village hall. Thank you to those who baked cakes, made sandwiches, helped with the organisation of the event and to those who attended. David was overwhelmed with the kindness shown towards him.

Church hedge. What a wonderful job Ben Smith and his colleagues have made in laying the hedge that surrounds the churchyard. It has transformed the boundary from a rather scruffy, indifferent hedge into something very impressive. Well done and thank you, Ben.

Village Bonfire and Firework Display. Congratulations to everyone involved in providing another spectacular bonfire and display of fireworks especially John and Nick for that firework display. Year on year the event becomes better and better. Thanks to those organisations and individuals who helped make the event such a success and in clearing up on the Sunday. Each of the participating organisations received the sum of £1500. This was less than the sum distributed last year but with the Wurzels Concert coming up in the summer it was considered prudent to retain a sum of money to meet any costs that might be incurred before that event.

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

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.

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 or

Linda Roslyn, parishclerk@christianmalford.org.uk or 07982 030973 (answerphone)

All other highway matters should be reported to Wiltshire Council.

CHRISTIAN MALFORD CofE PRIMARY SCHOOL
Admissions arrangements for 2020

The school is an academy of the Diocese of Bristol Academy Trust; as such, its Local Board has delegated authority to set the admissions arrangements for the school and is now consulting on the arrangements for 2020.

The admissions criteria comply with the current Schools Admission Code and guidance from Bristol Diocese and Wiltshire Council. A copy of the draft Admissions Policy will be on the school website from 7th December at: <http://christianmalford.wilts.sch.uk/>. Comments are not sought on the Planned Admission Number (PAN) or on the statutory requirements.

If you would like a copy of the proposed admission arrangements to be sent to you, please contact the school office on 01249 720496.

If you have any comments, please send them to the Chair of the Local Board, Mrs Claire Kennedy at clairekennedy.cmalford@dbat.org.uk or to:

Mrs Claire Kennedy, Christian Malford CofE Primary School,
Church Rd, Christian Malford, Chippenham, SN15 4BW.
The consultation closes on 20th January 2019.

School news. This has been a really busy few weeks! The Nativity Play 'A King is Born' went really well, with beautiful singing and acting from the children in Key stage 1 and Pre-school. The donations generously made at the end of the performances, after costs for the licence, were given to the Doorway Project.

Our annual trip to the pantomime at the Wyvern Theatre was great fun; this year's production of Aladdin was very funny. The whole school went filling two coaches and the children were really well behaved both on the journey and more especially in the theatre – we were very proud of them.

Following on from recent years some of our Key stage 2 walked to the Village Hall to sing at the Luncheon Club. Accompanied by Mrs Tugwell on the keyboard, they sang a variety of Christmas songs and carols with enthusiasm and received many lovely compliments.

We held our Church Service just before end of term. Thank you to all those who came to the service and to the Friends of School who provided refreshments back in the school hall and who also ran the raffle.

With so much crammed into the final few weeks of term when the last day of term arrived we were ready to party! As well as having our school Christmas lunch and class parties, we all wore our Christmas jumpers to raise money for the Save The Children 'Christmas Jumper Day' appeal.

THE WURZELS are coming - 13th July

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

Royal British Legion - Poppy Appeal 2018 - Nigel Fairley writes:-

Once again, Christian Malford has demonstrated its great generosity in supporting the British Legion which does a magnificent job in supporting our ex-servicemen and women. Due to your efforts it has been another record breaking year - raising the magnificent sum of £711.58; beating the record set last year by £10. Our contribution is significant in that it represents about 26 % of the total raised in the Chippenham District. So, I would like to thank you all for your wonderful support for this years Poppy Appeal; It was a poignant milestone being 100 years since the guns fell silent in WW1; a time to remember, with gratitude, and reflect on all those who have died, or been severely injured, in war to protect our freedom.

After some 12+ years coordinating the 'Poppy Appeal' in the village I am standing-down. Brian Hinton and Paul Blower have kindly agreed, that between them, they will accept the 'baton'. Over the years, the support that I have had from a 'faithful' band of collectors has been absolutely brilliant - some have even stuck the course supporting me since I started in 2006 - I am extremely grateful to them. Without their efforts the British Legion would not have harvested the impressive generosity of our community.

Please continue to support Brian and Paul in the British Legions annual 'Poppy Appeal' as the funds raised are key in supporting ex-servicemen and women who are finding life difficult through disability, post traumatic stress or having fallen on hard times in their lives

Women's Institute A very enjoyable and busy end to the year. Our Christmas party as always was a great success with scrumptious food. Entertainment was the 'Rock and Roll Group', and many of us took home raffle prizes. We hope to donate all the raffle money to 'The Rise Trust' which is a local charity for vulnerable local families who have at least one child under the age of five.

Before the party we managed to fit in a coach visit to Wells and a trip to Irene Tyack's gallery in Chipping Norton. The 'Discover, Cook and Eat' morning was brilliant with all sorts of superb ideas to cook and make for the Christmas period. If you didn't go to any of these you really missed some exceptional treats. The art group opened the doors

at the December meeting for all to see some of their stunning year's work and a large group of us went to Sutton Benger church for our group carol service.

Discover, Cook and Eat at Christine's Wednesday, 9th January, 10.00am.

To book a place contact chbowyer@googlemail.com

'Can you hear me at the Back' Thursday, 17th January, 7.30pm.

Michael Malaghan will be joining us in the Christian Malford village hall speaking about the funnier side of his adventures and experiences as a speaker, gained at numerous schools and adult organisations.

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

Probus Club The next meeting of the club will take place at THE FOXHAM INN on Thursday, 17th January starting with coffee from 11am. The meeting will start promptly at 11.30 to cover any business. This will be followed by a talk by John Clark on The Engineering of the Pyramids. 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 PARISH COUNCIL

Report from last meeting

Linda Roslyn, Parish Clerk

contact details – t: 07982 030973 e: parishclerk@christianmalford.org.uk

Planning Applications -

Mermaid Inn, Main Rd, - Variation of condition 26 of planning permission N/11/01493/FUL to allow for a re-design to plots 4-7 and the site layout. No Comment.

Pineavon, Station Rd, - Conversion of loggia into rear single storey sun room extension

No Comment.

1 Dodford Lane, - Erection of a two-storey side extension and single storey rear extension. No Comment.

4 The Old Parlour, Main Rd, – Two storey rear infill extension including conversion of land to residential. No Comment.

Highways and Parish Steward – The Parish Steward has a busy list of tasks to complete including: Pothole repairs, clearing drains and gullies, culvert clearing and painting/cleaning of village white gates. The Parish Steward will next be in the village in January - please see separate advert on how to report tasks for him to complete.

Malford Meadow – a plaque for the memorial tree has been approved and will be ordered once the artwork had been checked.

Thank you to Cliff Mercer who has very kindly offered to arrange and pay for new plaques/signs for the original memorial trees by The Green and the Church end, a plaque for the mosaic that was designed and built by the school and also the noticeboards which detail the features of the Meadow.

The wildflower section has been weed killed successfully so we await spring to see if anything re-emerges that requires 'control' and then look to sow early spring.

Defibrillator - the Council would like to extend many thanks to Jo Lawrence for her continued support in maintaining and checking the Defibrillator and for forwarding the monthly reports to the Council.

Rights of Way – the Maintenance Officer has been given approval to replace/make significant repairs to nine stiles across the parish.

Temporary Closure of Footpath 16(part), Station Road – the footpath, for a distance of approximately 20m either side of the level crossing will be closed to all uses from 10th January to 3rd February to enable the testing of the electrification over the railways.

NDP – We have responded to Wiltshire Council's request for progress with the housing sites identified in the NDP including details about the application relating to HS2 (Di Claudio), and that none of the other sites have yet been the subject of a planning application information. This is so that can report back to the Government on progress delivering the required housing supply.

Flood/Emergency Plan – Cllr Nick Cox is currently updating the plan and will be organising a Working Party in January 2019.

Community Speedwatch Group – Report from Session Period: 15th October – 4th November: volunteers: 13 / locations covered: 4 / hours by the road side: 23.75 hours / total vehicles counted: 3,182 / reported speeding vehicles: 71 / average reported speed: 40.9 mph / capture rate: 2.23%. We need new volunteers! Contact Matt if you are interested in joining – e: join@christianmalfordcs.w.co.uk.

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