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Waste Collection dates

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

Blue lid bins - Thursdays, 12th and 26th September.

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 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.

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 Tuesday, 10th and 24th September at 12.30pm in the village hall. Contact Angela Hamilton on 721091 or Shirley Palmer on 740627

Next Parish Council Meeting - The next meeting of the Parish Council is on Tuesday, 10th September in the Village Hall, commencing at 7.45pm. See page 31 for a report of the last meeting.

Brush With Art The group will meet at 7pm in the village hall on Monday, 2nd September (Workshop with Mrs Stella Agnew) and Monday, 16th September (personal art session). If you wish to join us please either come along or contact Roger Carter (720810). Cost is £5 per session which includes refreshments.

Mobile Library: The Mobile Library van will visit on Thursday, 19th September 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>.

The Malford Players

The Players will be presenting a "*Shakespeare Extracts*" performance at Christian Malford Village Hall on Sunday, 15th September before they move on to presenting the show at other venues
Doors Open 7.00 pm. Show starts 7.30 pm
Entry is FREE OF CHARGE and everyone is welcome
BYO drink and snacks

Ride and Stride. Roger Carter writes:

Saturday, 14th September sees this year's Ride and Stride for Churches event. Sadly, there is not a magic money tree that supports our churches, like most areas of life it is down to the dedication and enthusiasm of those who give their time, talents and money to help maintain these ancient buildings.

How would you like to lend your support to maintaining the ancient village churches of Wiltshire? Here is an opportunity to do so.

Ride and Stride is an annual sponsorship event that, this year, will take place on Saturday, 14th September. The object is to cycle or walk around as many churches as you can between 10am and 6pm (by bicycle it is possible to visit as many as 30 churches in this area). You obtain sponsorship from family, friends, colleagues and neighbours and off you go! Half of the money you collect will go the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust and half will go to our local church here in Christian Malford. From the money it receives the trust makes maintenance grants to churches in need within the county.

There is an opportunity for using 'Just Giving' etransfer of sponsorship.

For further information contact Roger Carter, 01249 720810 or email, r.carter302@btinternet.com

Church services for September.

Sunday, 1st September 11th Sunday after Trinity

10.30am All Age Back to School Service at Kington Langley

6pm Holy Communion (BCP) at Seagry

Sunday, 8th September 12th Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Coffee, Chat and Craft Christian Malford

Thursday, 12th September

9am Morning Prayer at Christian Malford

Sunday, 15th September Harvest Sunday

10.30am Harvest Services at Christian Malford

Sunday, 22nd September 14th Sunday after Trinity

9am Holy Communion at Christian Malford

Thursday, 26th September

9am Morning Prayer at Christian Malford

Sunday, 29th September St Michaels and All Angels

10.30 United Service of Holy Communion at Seagry followed by lunch at The New Inn, Seagry. Please ring or email Julia Harle 01249 721706 or juliaharle@aol.com if you would like to attend.

Homeworkers' pub lunch Working from home? How about a break over a pub lunch. Homeworkers are getting together for a friendly pub lunch at the Wellesley Arms in Sutton Benger between 12.30pm -1.30pm on Wednesday, 11th September. Just let Rev Mark know if you are coming: drmarksid@gmail.com

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:-

Clr 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.

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.

Women's Institute. What a lovely special tea afternoon we had to celebrate 60 years since our local WI began. So many past and present WI members and local group members have expressed their appreciation and enjoyment of the afternoon. Two of our longest serving members, Sue Ault and Ann Hines, cut the splendid cake that Janet Harvey had expertly created for us. Mark Siddall told us about his entertaining bike journey with kids in tow. That was the 'icing on the cake'! A memorable day. Thank you to all those who helped to make it such a success.

We have 'Mercy Ships UK' coming to talk to us on Thursday, 19th September at 7.30pm in Christian Malford Village Hall. Mercy Ships is a faith-based international development organisation that deploys hospital ships to some of the poorest countries in the world, staffed by volunteers, delivering vital, free healthcare to people in desperate need.

We are holding an extra WI meeting this year at Foxham Reading Rooms on Wednesday, 9th October, 2.30pm to 4.30pm for past and present members. We are organising either a speaker or entertainment and refreshments so please put this in your diaries.

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 Shirley for any queries on 01249 740627

Village Hall 100 Club - August winners were £40 Mr and Mrs Moss, £20 Mrs J. Lawrence, £15 Mr. M. Herbert and £10 Mr and Mrs Patchett.

Be Still The meditation group will meet on Tuesdays during term time at 6.30pm in All Saints Church, Sutton Benger starting on 10th September. New and established members are all very welcome. For further details contact Dawn Beresford for details (720060)

Floor boards At CM church we have eight part carpet tiled floor boards that we wish to re-home. Six are full size at 2400 x 600 x 22 mm with two being shorter with an angled edge, an approximate area of 10sqm. They have been used by children only, as the floor of a stage used at the church. Offers of £25 or above will succeed in purchasing the panels. For viewing/purchase please contact Roger Carter 01249 720810 or email to: r.carter302@btinternet.com

Church news. If you would like to support one or more of the groups who care for the church, the cleaning group, the flower ladies, the brass cleaners, please contact Pam Carter on 720810. pam.carter2@btinternet.com

Probus Club The next meeting of the club will take place at THE FOXHAM INN on Thursday, 5th September 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 Malcolm Lewis on signature tunes. 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..

Parish Council report from the most recent meeting

Linda Roslyn, Parish Clerk contact details –
t: 07982 030973 e: parishclerk@christianmalford.org.uk

Recreation Ground - Storage Containers – the doors have been painted by the CMCC. Waste Bin – please do not park in front of the bin as it cannot be emptied.

Bookings for the Rec – please contact the Parish Clerk to book the Recreation Ground.

Malford Meadow – Cllr Phil Hines is to carry out a visual inspection of the trees.

Dog Fouling – this continues to be a disgusting problem in the village and we have received many complaints. There are dog poo bag dispensers at the Meadow and the Rec for your convenience – USE THEM. Pick up your dog's mess & put it in the bins provided IMMEDIATELY or risk a FINE.

Highways & Parish Steward - please see separate advert on how to report tasks for the Parish Steward to complete who will next be in the village on 4/5 September.

Overgrown Hedges, Shrubs, Trees etc – just a reminder that YOU are responsible for cutting back any hedges, shrubs, trees, etc on your property, especially where visibility to road users is impacted and any that overgrow and obstruct a pavement or public footpath. Report any issues to Wilts Council Highways / Street Care Service – 0300 456 0105 – E: localhighways@wiltshire.gov.uk

Burial Ground – Cllr Morag Johnson is arranging for a tree survey to be carried out at the burial ground and churchyard to identify any works needed to the trees and shrubs. We will be carrying out a risk assessment on the raised tombstones – if you are a descendant of anyone buried in one we would like to hear from you – please contact the Parish Clerk.

Flood/Emergency Planning – Cllr N Cox has completed an application for the Parish Emergency Assistance Scheme (PEAS) to supply the village with flood gel sacks, safety tabards and flood warning signs. The Parish Clerk was nominated as the emergency contact.

Community Speedwatch Group – The Council have agreed to support the purchase of a new solar powered mobile speed sign and will be working with the CSW Group to source funding to cover the cost - £3,500 + VAT. Report from 17th June – 10th July: volunteers 6 / locations covered 2 / hours by the roadside 9 / total vehicles counted: 332 / reported speeding vehicles 7 / average reported speed 41.57mph / capture rate: 2.11%. We need new volunteers! Contact Matt if you are interested in joining –
e: join@christianmalfordcsw.co.uk.

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