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Waste Collection dates

Household waste, black box and garden waste - Thursdays, 3rd, 17th and 31st October
Blue lid bins - Thursdays, 10th and 24th October
The latest information can be found at <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/rubbish-collection-days>

Bonfire & Firework Spectacular

Saturday, 2nd November

Christian Malford Recreation Ground between 5.30pm and 9.30pm.

There will be a guy competition at 6pm, the winner will win a prize of £25 and will light the fire at 6.30pm. Free sparklers for children, food and bar marquee, other food outlets, mulled wine, plus bouncy castles.

Tickets

Tickets will be available from early October and can be obtained from the village shop, other outlets and online.

Advance tickets are priced at, adults £7, under 16's £3, under 5's go free.

The crowd capacity of the event is limited.

Entry can only be guaranteed 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.

Collection of material for bonfire

Collections of material for the bonfire will take place on Sunday, 13th October and Sunday, 20th October from 10am. If you can help with the collections, please meet at the recreation ground wearing suitable clothing and gloves. If you have material to be collected (eg tree and hedge cuttings) please contact Phil Hines on 720003 to arrange collection. A minimum donation of £5.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

This event raises a significant amount of money for the village but it will only succeed with your help. All organisations will be looking for your help on the 2nd 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 2nd November

Setting up will be from 8am. Even if you can only help for half an hour please come along it all helps.

Clearing up on the 3rd November

Clearing up is from 8am. This is where your help is very much needed and very much appreciated.

If you have a towing vehicle and trailer you will be especially welcome.

Bacon butties, tea & coffee will be served for all those helping.

**Go to the village website for more details or search us out on Facebook
Contact christianmalfordfireworks@btinternet.com or telephone 07801 362963**

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, 8th and 22nd October at 12.30pm in the village hall. Contact Angela Hamilton on 721091 or Shirley Palmer on 740627

Brush With Art The group will meet at 7pm in the village hall on Monday, 7th October (personal art session) and Monday, 21st October (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.

Village Bonfire. If you have guests coming to the bonfire please allow them to park on your drive and please ask them to arrive early and delay their departure until most of the crowd have departed (usually within 30 minutes of the end of the firework display)

Mobile Library: The Mobile Library van will visit on Thursday, 17th October 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>.

Working from home? Want to get out? A friendly group meets at the Wellesley Inn, Sutton Benger on the second Wednesday of the month for a light lunch at 12.30pm for an hour. The next lunch is Wednesday, 9th October. Contact Rev Mark on drmarksid@gmail.com or just turn up.

A note of thanks from Kerry Conlin following her open garden day.

This year was an amazing success. Including entry, raffle, plant sales on the day, and a generous donation from my husband's employer, A.R.I Fleet UK, of £250, we have raised a fantastic £904.49. I exhibited a few of my paintings and even managed to sell one donating 40% of the proceeds myself. Every penny donated went towards this total with no deductions for costs.

Plants were sold by asking people to donate what they thought the plants were worth, or what they could afford. This seemed to work very well - people are kind and generous, and it is important to me to make plant buying accessible to all. Entry was £3.50, (less than the cost of a coffee and cake in most cafes) with children free.

I am so pleased that the afternoon was such a success. Many of my neighbours contributed with parking spaces and cakes, the sun shone, and over 50 people came. I think it is safe to say that this is now an annual event and I look forward to seeing even more people next year. I am still selling a few plants, to help fund the cost of raising them to ensure there are plenty to buy next year.

My grateful thanks to everyone who came and who helped - not least my husband Martin who puts up with my gardening obsession and who is so supportive in the organisation of this event.

Church news.

Services for October

Sunday, 6th October 16th Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Holy Communion at Christian Malford

Thursday, 10th October

9am Morning Prayer at Christian Malford

Sunday, 13th October 17th Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Coffee, Chat and Craft Christian Malford

Sunday, 20th October 18th Sunday after Trinity

10.30am United Benefice Service of Holy Communion with Healing at Christian Malford

Thursday, 24th October

9am Morning Prayer at Christian Malford

Sunday, 27th October Last Sunday after Trinity

9am Holy Communion at Christian Malford

United Benefice Service of Holy Communion with Healing 10.30am Sunday, 20th October, All Saints Christian Malford__The Ministry of Wholeness and Healing seeks to reconcile us with each other and with God. This is a chance to bring particular prayers for reconciliation and healing for ourselves, for others and for the state of the world.

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

Baptism Preparation _Sutton Benger Church Sunday, 6th October at 3pm._Contact Reverend Alison Love for further information

Be Still Our meditation group meets on Tuesdays during term time at 6.30pm in Sutton Benger Church. New and established members are all very welcome. For further details contact Dawn Beresford for details

Let your Light Shine Friday, 25th October at 10am. - Creative morning at Sutton Benger Church with Dawn Beresford. All welcome.

Christian Fellowship Meetings: These are held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at Bramley Croft, Sutton Lane, Sutton Benger (the 2nd bungalow in Sutton Lane) at 3pm. They will include tea and cake, chat time and a 'thought for the day'.

DEANERY ADMINISTRATOR

Wanting to step back into the workplace?

.....or, reduce your work-time?

Our Deanery Administrator role could be the answer.

Working 5 hours per week in our office at Brinkworth House, in Brinkworth, you will be supporting our Area Dean – covering our North Wiltshire churches. Ideally, you will have good organisational and basic IT skills [Word and Outlook] - Excel [maybe Publisher] would be helpful, but not essential. As you will be working with a wide range of groups and people, discretion, diplomacy and confidentiality are essential, as is a good sense of humour! Pay: £9.00 per hour. Leave: 7 weeks pa including pro-rata statutory holidays [taken on the day they fall]. Closing date for applications: 28th October.

For an application form/more information, please contact:

Rev'd Alison Love on 01249 720619, or email alisonlove1@gmail.com

Autumn Book Club led by Rev'd Mark Siddall

Creation Care: A Biblical Theology of the Natural World by Douglas J. Moo & Jonathan A. Moo This will be an accessible exploration of the impacts of man-made climate change on our planet and how both evolution and scriptural authority inform a well-informed Christian response. There will be two ways to access the Book Club. A mini-conference at 10am-12am on Saturday 23rd November and an in-depth group at 8pm on the first Thursday of the months between September and December.

To register email Rev Mark: drmarksid@gmail.com or phone 652752. Once I have an idea of numbers then Waterstones in Chippenham has offered to stock the book.

Seagry Harvest Supper

Saturday, 12th October 6pm for 6.30pm. GossCroft Hall.

Tickets, adults £10 children £5. Please email or ring Julia Harle 01249 721706 juliaharle@aol.com Or Jo Crosland 01249 720429 croslandjj@btinternet.com

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on Facebook Draycot Churches; Twitter @DraycotChurches;
or visit our website Draycot.weebly.com**

Rector: Reverend Alison Love Draycot Rectory, Seagry Road, Sutton Benger

Wiltshire Police Have you signed up to Community Messaging?

Wiltshire Police use an email alert system called Community Messaging, also known as Neighbourhood Alert, across Wiltshire and Swindon to provide real time information to subscribing residents and businesses.

This is a free service and once subscribed you can choose what sort of alert to receive and how to receive them. This way the alerts will be tailored specifically to your interests and delivered by email, text or phone.

Community Messaging allows Wiltshire Police, and carefully selected partners, to help keep communities better informed about police and crime updates affecting their local area.

Although Wiltshire Police is the main source of information, the system is also used by Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue, Wiltshire and Swindon Neighbourhood Watch, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, Gas Emergency Service and Action Fraud (the national centre for fraud and cybercrime). All these partners provide relevant information to help keep you safe and secure. You can respond directly to messages and rate the value/relevance of alerts on a scale of 1-5. Your feedback can be most useful to provide first hand intelligence relating to alerts but also to allow us to assess the effectiveness of the system so we keep messages and alerts relevant.

The relevance of alerts is controlled by users through the selection of specific schemes on the system; Neighbourhood watch is one popular choice but there are also groups for Community Speed Watch, Youth Clubs and Groups, Church Watch, Horse Watch, Farm Watch and many others. All can be selected or deselected as required and all have the ability for you to feed intelligence to crime prevention partners. It should be emphasised that Community Messaging is not a way of reporting crimes - always call 999 in an emergency or 101 in a non-emergency situation. Community Messaging doesn't replace the social media activity that the force uses to reach out to communities but works alongside it to make sure that messages are received in a timely way. With changes to the algorithms that the leading social media platforms use to distribute information you are possibly seeing far fewer of the posts issued than you did five years ago.

By signing up to Community Messaging you will be sure to receive the information directly. www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk

Malford Allotments Association. The Associations inaugural growing competition for the best onion has been won by Lynne Patchett, the runner up was Steve Hudson.

GOOD NEWS: There are now allotment plots available for 2020, apply at www.malfordallotmenters.weebly.com or contact Mike Wilkins on 07967676601, first come first served basis.

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.

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.

Christian Malford Community Speed Watch Summary (July / August) In July/August the CSW Team carried out 29 sessions by-the-road side speed watch sessions across 3 areas in the village and reported 58 speeding vehicles. If you think you could help, that can be as little as 1 hour per 3 weeks, please e-mail join@christianmalfordcsw.co.uk for further information

Village Hall 100 Club - September winners were, £40 Mary Holker, £20 Mr and Mrs Purkiss, £15 Mrs V Parker and £10 Mr and Mrs Mercer.

Table Tennis. The new season starts on 3rd October. We meet in the village hall between 7.30pm - 9.30pm every Thursday (except third Thursday in the month) with a cost of £1.50 per session. The season lasts until 26th March. We would love some more players to join us. We have two excellent table tennis tables so we can have eight playing while others are ready to 'mix in' on the next games. If you are new to the village or want to try something different come along and join our friendly group and have some fun. No bat needed as we can provide them for you to 'have a go'. For further information please contact Sally Purkiss on 01249 720077.

Women's Institute. How generous you all were with the many tins of food you gave to 'Doorway' in Chippenham. 'Doorway' provides two meals a week to homeless people and use the Salvation Army kitchen. They were desperately short of tinned food and have been able to send people away with some to use during the week. Thank you so much.

Friends of the Church were absolutely delighted with our £500 donation which was given to us from the Wurzel's profits. We also gave the Village Hall Maintenance Fund £200 and the four WI's in our Dauntsey Vale Group, a contribution to help them.

Afternoon Tea and Quiz Wednesday 9th October at Foxham Reading Rooms. 2.30pm til 4.30pm for past and present members. Do come, it will be fun!

Giffords Circus Monday, 14th October in the village hall 7.00pm for 7.30pm. Our group meeting with Nell Gifford. She will be giving us a heart-warming and humorous review of her life. From her early years, through her gap year, involving circus work in America, followed by Oxford University, culminating in a degree in English. A passion developed over the years has resulted in Giffords Circus which was established in 2000 by her and husband Toti. There will be a competition to design an A4 sized poster, using any medium to advertise the circus coming to town

Neals Yard Thursday, 17th October in the village hall at 7.30pm. Neal's Yard Remedies are suppliers of alternative medicines and therapies in organic beauty products. It was born when former teacher Romy Fraser opened a shop in the little square in London's Covent Garden back in 1981. In 2005, Fraser returned to teaching and sold Neals Yard to Peter Kindersley, formerly of publishers Dorling Kindersley. The company emphasises a strong interest in sustainability and environmental issues, and now has 35 stores dotted around the UK. It's also big in Japan.

Bonfire Night: Saturday, 2nd 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 Shirley 740627 to volunteer/help. It is fun to be involved.

All our information and club activities can be found on the notice board outside the village shop. New members are always welcome. Phone Shirley for further information on 01249 740627

Probus Club The next meeting of the club will take place at THE FOXHAM INN on Thursday, 3rd October 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 Barney Williams on Great Fossil Frauds. 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 Friends of School

Halloween Spooky walk Christian Malford FOS will be holding a spooky walk around the village with the children early in the evening on Halloween night, Thursday, 31st October. We will be selling cakes to raise money for the school. If there is anybody who does not wish to be disturbed, please do leave a note on the door.

Bag2School Collection Christian Malford FOS have organised a clothes and shoe collection with Bag2School in order to raise funds for the school. The collection will take place on Monday, 25th November. Please save any unwanted clothes, shoes, handbags, hats, bags, belts, scarves, jewellery, soft toys, towels, curtains, sheets and duvet covers. Many thanks for helping us and more details to follow in the next Parish News.

News from Christian Malford Primary School:

It has been a very busy start to the new academic year here. We are pleased to say that our new Reception pupils have settled in extremely well as have the children we welcomed into years further up the school. It has been lovely getting to know them all.

At the end of September, our Year 6 pupils joined their Year 6 friends from Seagry and Somerfords' Walter Powell schools and enjoyed a week away at Hill House Christian Centre in Somerset. During their week they took part in various activities including archery, kayaking, team building and survival skills; they also enjoyed an evening barbeque, campfire and mid-week disco. The children returned with many tales to tell, having made some wonderful memories.

At the time of writing we are starting our Harvest preparations ready for the church service in the last week of term. This year we are joining with All Saints Church to support The Rise Trust with food donations. Our Year 6 pupils have also been creating handwritten invites to the older members of our community for this year's Harvest Tea. The children always really enjoy this experience, both the baking beforehand and chatting during the tea.

Pre-School news.

We have welcomed several new families to Acorns at the start of this year and are pleased to say all the children have settled well and are enjoying discovering everything that the pre-school has to offer.

During the summer Acorns underwent a fantastic refurbishment inside with new fixtures and fittings throughout. The story corner has been a particular hit with the children. We would like to say a huge thank you to Friends of Acorns who worked so hard to bring about this transformation.

At the end of September, Friends of Acorns organised a table top sale at the village hall marking the start of this year's fundraising efforts. Once again we are grateful for the support these fundraising events receive.

Looking ahead to the beginning of Term 2: The school and pre-school will be hosting an open morning on Wednesday, 6th November from 9.30am – 11.30am. This is an opportunity for prospective and current parents to visit the school and pre-school and see first-hand how the children learn through a range of different activities. If you are unable to attend the open morning but would like to arrange a visit please contact the school office on 01249 720496.

Once again, we will be marking Armistice Day when our year 6 pupils prepare an assembly that is held at the monument. This includes placing a wreath, reading their own poems and saying prayers.

Report from the last Parish Council meeting

Linda Roslyn, Parish Clerk

t: 07982 030973 e: parishclerk@christianmalford.org.uk

Planning – it was agreed to Support the following planning application:
Withycombe & Nuholme, Station Road, SN15 4BG – Replacement of 2 detached properties to accommodate 2 detached houses and 4 semi-detached houses.

Recreation Ground – Play area safety inspections – the annual safety inspections have been carried out by Wicksteed and we are happy to report that no high-risk issues were found. Waste Bin – please do not park in front of the bin as it cannot be emptied if you do!

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

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. The Parish Steward did not carry out his scheduled visit in September – he will next be in the village on 2/3 October.

Anti-Social Behaviour from Motorbikes – a number of residents have reported problems with noise from motorbikes. Please send details of where/when these incidents occur to the Parish Clerk so that we can try and identify the culprit(s) and resolve this matter.

Gigaclear Broadband Installation in Christian Malford – We have invited Chris Morris, the new Gigaclear Community Engagement Manager for Wiltshire, to attend the next Parish Council meeting on Tuesday, 1 October to give a brief presentation to inform us of their processes.

Chris's contact details are – E chris.morris@gigaclear.com | M 07967 443214 | W gigaclear.com | Gigaclear Ltd, Building One, Wyndyke Furlong, Abingdon, Oxon, OX14 1UQ.

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

Online: www.wiltshire.gov.uk/parkingtransportandstreets/roadshighwaysstreetcare/mywiltshireregister.htm

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. Report from 22 Jul – 10 Aug 2019: Volunteers: 11 / Locations Covered: 3 / Hours by the road side: 20.25 / Total Vehicles Counted: 2848 / Reported Speeding Vehicles: 58 / Average Reported Speed: 40.5mph / Capture Rate: 2.04%. We need new volunteers! Contact Matt if you are interested in joining – e: join@christianmalfordcsw.co.uk.

Next Parish Council Meeting - The next meeting of the Parish Council is on Tuesday, 1st October in the Village Hall, commencing at 7.45pm.