

Village Diary for January

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Waste Collection dates

Household waste and black box - FRIDAY, 10th and Thursday, 23rd January.

Garden waste - FRIDAY, 10th and Thursday, 23rd January.

Blue lid bins - SATURDAY, 4th and Thursdays, 16th and 30th January.

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

Church Services for January

Sunday, 5th January Epiphany

10.30am Holy Communion at Christian Malford

Thursday, 9th January

9am Morning Prayer at Christian Malford

Sunday, 12th January Baptism of Christ

10.30am Coffee, Chat and Craft Christian Malford

Sunday, 19th January 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

9am Holy Communion (BCP) at Tytherton Kellaways

10.30am United Benefice Service of Holy Communion at Sutton Benger

Thursday, 23rd January

9am Morning Prayer at Christian Malford

Sunday, 26th January 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

9am Holy Communion at Christian Malford

Look after yourself this winter

The NHS recently launched its annual winter campaign – Help Us Help You– which is here to help make it easier to understand the things you can do. We all know hospitals and surgeries can be especially busy during the winter months and it can often be tricky to know the best place to go for help, so here's some handy tips to see you through until spring:

>It's not too late to get your flu jab The free flu vaccination is offered to those who are at increased risk from the effects of flu, including people aged 65 and over, pregnant women, those with underlying health conditions and children aged 2-10. If you've not had one yet, it's not too late.

Call 111 or visit 111.nhs.uk online

>If you're unsure where to go and think you need urgent medical attention, but it's not life-threatening, contacting NHS 111 can help you make sure you reach the most suitable NHS service for your needs.

>Ask a pharmacist for advice before minor ailments or winter illnesses get worse. Community pharmacists are qualified healthcare professional who can offer clinical advice and over the counter medicines to safely manage things like coughs, colds and sore throats. It's quick and convenient to see a pharmacist– you don't need to book an appointment and can often be seen in a private consultation room.

>See your GP in the evening or weekend if you can't see them during the day If you need to see a GP but find it hard to find the time during routine hours, appointments with a GP, nurse or other healthcare professionals are often available in the evenings and at weekends through many local practices or other local NHS services.

For more information about services visit: www.wiltshireccg.nhs.uk/local-services

Lent 2020

Are you up for the Six Week Challenge?

It usually takes about six weeks for something new to become part of your daily routine

Are you making (unrealistic?!) plans to give up chocolate, alcohol, coffee, meat, or social media for Lent? Take a moment and think 'Why am I doing this?'

Lent doesn't exist so you or I can show how good we are at giving things up. For Christians it's about clearing space in our busy lives so we can focus our attention on Jesus, who died so that we could live life in all its fullness. The season exists to prepare ourselves to celebrate at Easter the overwhelming love of God for us and our world, by showing that love to those who need that love most.

This year The Draycot Group of Churches has decided to do Lent differently. Using a resource from the Iona Community, we are going to explore a particular environmental theme each week and think about how we can

show our love and care for God's Creation. Each day there will be a fact, a challenge relevant to the fact and Bible verse, poem or prayer for reflection. We hope that individuals and families, schools and organisations across our villages will take up the challenge to '*make many little steps in the right direction*' (Ruth Valerio, *L is for Lifestyle*)

The scale of climate change can feel overwhelming, leaving us with a sense of helplessness, not knowing where to start. But there are many things we *can* do – and *are* doing to make a difference. We hope the Six Week Challenge will help us to think through what can be done, breaking down big issues into manageable bite sized chunks, with practical pointers on how we can respond. With a step by step approach each of us can take on relevant action points and make them part of our normal life: today it is the norm to recycle, buy Fair trade and reduce our use of plastic. What will it be tomorrow?

The aim of the Six Week Challenge is not to make us feel uncomfortable or guilty, but to encourage and inspire. Our motivation comes not from duty, anger or despair but out of love for God's Creation and a belief that healing is part of God's design.

The Challenge will be launched at the United Benefice Service at St Mary's, Seagry on Sunday, 16th February. There will be a free booklet available in our churches and on the Benefice website, and a smattering across social media. Rather than specific Lent groups, there will be time to reflect, support and encourage one another during our usual Sunday services and weekday events.

Of course, you don't have to wait for Lent to start! If you have a passion for the environment, or expertise you are willing to share, each of our churches has a volunteer who is heading up our work on Eco Church and would be keen to hear from you:

Christian Malford – *Jennie Bradley*;

CYBER CRIME - How to protect yourself.

Cyber Crime is one of the fastest growing areas of crime, affecting businesses as well as individuals. To avoid becoming a victim of online crime you don't need to be a computer expert. Using good online habits drastically reduces the chances of becoming a victim of cybercrime and will allow you to reduce your vulnerability and surf the web safely:

- **Create A Strong Password** - Use different passwords for all of your online accounts. This will help keep your other accounts safe if one of your passwords is compromised.
 - ★ **Ensure your passwords are random and strong** - try to use at least 10 characters, which include numbers and letters, upper and lower case and also some punctuation marks.
 - ★ A good way to create a strong and memorable password is to use 3 random words and then combine these with punctuation marks while using upper and lower case letters.
 - ★ For more help with passwords visit: www.ncsc.gov.uk.
- **Beware of phishing** - Phishing emails are designed to steal from you by installing malicious software on your computer or directing you to malicious sites that look like the real thing to capture your personal details, login credentials and passwords:
 - ★ Don't click on links from unsolicited emails
 - ★ Only click on links if you are certain they are safe
 - ★ Don't open attachments from unknown sources
 - ★ Don't call numbers listed in emails, instead go via your normal routes to contacting that company/bank.
 - ★ If you were not expecting the email then be suspicious, take your time and think before you act. The met has released a video on phishing which can be viewed at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=AsUNFVhdfao.
- **Protect yourself** - The Internet is a fantastic resource but it also comes with dangers. Remember the information you put out there about yourself stays there, so if you don't want the world to know something, don't put it on the internet:
 - ★ Don't post too much personal information on social media sites - beware of social engineering.
 - ★ Don't enter personal information into a website that doesn't have a padlock in the browser or https:// at the beginning of the address.
 - ★ Further information can be found at: www.getsafeonline.org/protecting-yourself/
 - ★ Information on protecting yourself on social media can be found at: www.getsafeonline.org/social-networking/

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, The club will meet on Tuesday, 14th and 28th January at 12.30pm in the village hall. Contact Angela Hamilton on 721091 or Shirley Palmer on 740627

Homeworkers' Pub Lunch, Enjoy a light lunch with a warm, friendly group of other homeworkers. Wednesday, 8th January, 12.30pm at the Wellesley Arms, Sutton Benger Just come along or contact Rev Mark: drmarksid@gmail.com

Royal British Legion – Poppy Appeal 2019 Brian Hinton writes, “Once again I would like to thank the whole of the village for their support for this year’s Poppy Appeal. Due to your efforts it was another record-breaking year for Christian Malford, raising the magnificent sum of £734.01 thus beating the record set last year by £23, which is truly amazing, given that last year coincided with the 100th anniversary of the end of WW1. Our contribution is significant in that it represents roughly 42% of the district total. Thanks are due to our stalwart band of door-to-door collectors, the Village Shop and the Rising Sun. Those 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. Finally, many thanks must go to Nigel Fairley, who for the past 12+ years has acted as the village Poppy Coordinator. Have a rest now Nigel”

Probus Club The next meeting of the club will take place at THE FOXHAM INN on Thursday, 16th January starting with coffee from 11am. The meeting will start promptly at 11.30 to cover any business and will be followed by show and tell talks by members Steve Purkiss, Peter Bailey and Ray Stockall. These talks were originally scheduled for the December meeting. 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

The Malford Players would like your support

The Malford Players first put on a play in the village, called “Table for Two”, in 1987. From that time the group has put on, both in the village hall, in village gardens, and in other outside locations, a large number of wide-ranging productions. These have included pantomimes, comedies and farces, light-hearted and humorous plays, revues, some seriously dramatic plays, and Restoration and Shakespearean comedies. Throughout this period the Malford Players have very much enjoyed putting on such performances for audiences in Christian Malford – and elsewhere. In recent years, however, there has been a decline in the number of people who live in Christian Malford and who are able to support the Malford Players’ productions. In order to ensure that there will always be further performances put on in the village, the Players are seeking to attract new people who might be able to support future productions. Such support could involve performing on stage as, currently, the Players are very short of actors who are willing to perform. But if acting is not your thing then there is a real need for new help and support in various other offstage roles and tasks– such as stage design, set building, lighting, sound, stage management, properties, costumes, make up, front of house management etc.

Might you be interested in getting involved with the Malford Players to support future productions?

If so, why not come along to a short meeting that will take place between 7.00 and 9.00 p.m. on Sunday 19th January in the village hall.

The purpose of this meeting will be to welcome any new people who might want to get involved with the Malford Players and to see whether the group has sufficient resources to put on future productions. So do come along – there’ll be no obligation for you to take things further if you don’t want to. But if you do decide get involved - either on stage or off stage - and even if you are new to amateur dramatics you will be given as much help and support from current members of the Malford Players as you need.

If you’d like further information then please contact:

Helen Whelehan: helen_whelehan@me.com or Rob Patchett: robpatchett1@gmail.com or Bob Fenner: bob.fenner70@gmail.com

Next Parish Council Meeting The next meeting of the Parish Council is on Tuesday, 14th January in the Village Hall, commencing at 7.45pm.

Christian Malford Community Speed Watch Summary (November) In November the CSW Team carried out over 19 hours of by-the-road side speed watch sessions across 3 areas in the village reporting 68 speeding vehicles. Vehicles travelling far too fast through our village remains a real problem often creating a situation of potential danger.

Your village needs you!!

Speeding through our village is of real concern You can help

Become a Speedwatch Volunteer

If you you can help, which can be as little as an hour every 3 weeks, please e-mail join@christianmalfordcsw.co.uk for further information.

There are a number of villagers who are ex CSW volunteers who are registered but do not presently undertake any sessions.

We would be delighted if you would like to return to the team.

Contact details as above.

Colin Hemsley 1931 - 2019 Many villagers will remember Colin, who lived for many years in Christian Malford with his wife Valerie - firstly at Frogwell House and then Cotswold House, on The Green. He was an active member of the community helping at many village events, delivering copies of the Parish News, being a member of the Malford Players both acting and behind the scenes and was also a member of Probus. He and Valerie were often seen walking their dog around the village.

They moved to Yarm, Cleveland in 2017 where Valerie sadly died in November, 2018. Following her death and finding independent living increasingly challenging with his deteriorating eyesight and speech difficulties, Colin moved into a wonderful care home in Yarm in July. It was here that he sadly passed away on 19th November.

If anyone would like to make a donation in memory of Colin, there is an online tribute page - colin-hemsley.muchloved.com where all donations will go to the Macular Society, who are working hard to eradicate this debilitating condition

Church news.

Care of the church 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

Dauntsey Vale Link Scheme. Dauntsey Vale Link Scheme (DVLS) is a good neighbour scheme of volunteers covering Foxham, Christian Malford, Dauntsey and Brinkworth. DVLS help take people to the doctors, hospital, dentist appointments etc. It is funded by donations from the users who perhaps cannot drive or have no-one to transport them. All volunteers are cleared by Wiltshire Council. If you need to use the scheme, contact the co-ordinator on 07563 769549 and a driver will take you, stay and bring you back.

We are always wanting new volunteers. Please phone if you can spare a couple of hours a month'

Friends of Christian Malford School is a member of EasyFundraising. This means if you shop online please do so via EasyFundraising, if the retailer is a donator. The retailer will then pay a percentage to FoS at no extra cost to you! We have raised £62 with very little effort over the last six months which is great! Here is the link for Friends of Christian Malford School, so you can register as a supporter and you are good to go!

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/focms> Any problems/questions please contact Friends of the School.

Table Tennis Thursdays in Christian Malford Village Hall. 7.30pm 'til 9.30pm (except third Thursdays in the month) £1.50 per session. Two table tennis tables, bats and balls provided. Any age but 12 to 16 year olds must be accompanied at all times by a parent. Average standard play, but we are good fun teachers if you are a beginner. Dates: January 9th 23rd 30th February 6th 13th 27th March 5th 12th 26th For further information contact Sally Purkiss 720077

Mobile Library: The Mobile Library van will visit on Thursday, 9th January 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>.

Women's Institute. A very enjoyable and busy end to the year.

Our Christmas party, as always, was a great success with scrumptious food, a fun Christmas quiz and Avril's superb story. Thank you to Mike Mumford for providing the dance music. We hope to donate all the raffle money to 'Free Wheelers', an emergency delivery service that delivers essential blood, breast milk and medical supplies in our area. The art group opened their doors at the December meeting for all to see some of their stunning years work and Christian Malford Church was where we held our very successful group carol service.

January meeting. We have Jhangir Iqbal coming to talk to us from 'Diabetes UK' on Thursday, 16th January at 7.30pm in the Christian Malford Village Hall. Diabetes has been present in humans since ancient times and Jhangir will have expert knowledge about it and will be able to share this information with us and answer our questions on the subject.

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

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.

Parish Council - Report from last meeting

Linda Roslyn, Parish Clerk

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

New Parish Councillor – we welcome Martyn Cox as our newly co-opted Councillor. His role within the Council is to be decided at the next Parish Council Meeting.

Planning – it was agreed to respond to the following planning applications:

Yew Tree House, Church Road, SN15 4BW – fell 1 Yew Tree – No objections.

Land Adjacent to Fordlands, Main Road, SN15 4BB – Proposed new 4 bedroom dwelling – Object.

Highways & Parish Steward - please see separate advert on how to report tasks for the Parish Steward to complete. The Parish Steward will next be in the village on 8/9 January.

Dog Waste/Litter Bins – we are trying to sort out the problem with the bins not being emptied by Wiltshire Council – there is some confusion as to the responsibility for this. In the meantime – if the bin is full – please TAKE YOUR LITTER/DOG WASTE HOME with you. You can dispose of dog waste either:

- In your household waste bin, preferably in a Biodegradable bag
- On a compost heap
- By flushing it down the toilet (if it's a small amount)

Dog Waste Bags – If you walk a dog, even one belonging to someone else, you are responsible for clearing up after it. The bags supplied by Christian Malford Parish Council are for emergency use – not as your own personal supply. If the dispensers are empty – this is not an excuse for you to leave dog waste on the ground.

Also, leaving your dog waste bags on the ground, or hanging on a fence or trees is not only unpleasant for other people, it is littering, and you could incur a fine.

Fly-tipping – If you see any rubbish that has been dumped around the village – please report it to Wiltshire Council using the MyWiltshire App.

Community Speedwatch Group – Report from 4 Nov – 23 Nov. Volunteers: 11 / Locations covered: 3 / Hours by the road-side: 19.5 / Total vehicles counted: 1820 / Reported speeding vehicles: 68 / Average reported speed: 39.37mph / Capture rate: 3.74%. We need new volunteers! Contact Matt if you are interested in joining – e: join@christianmalfordcsw.co.uk.

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**Wishing you all Good Health and Happiness in the coming year,
from the Councillors and Clerk.**