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Waste Collection dates

Household waste and garden waste - Thursday, 2nd, 16th and 30th September
Mixed dry recycling (blue lidded bin) and glass (black box) 13th and 27th 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 the centre is open. Presently the site near the M4 is open between 9am - 4pm on Thursday during the summer and on Thursday and Friday during the winter but check the website for any changes. You can now visit the recycling centre without having to make a booking. If you have heavy items, please take a friend or family member to help you lift and dispose of your waste as staff cannot help you remove waste from your vehicle or help you move your waste while on site. If you are disabled and require assistance, please bring and display your blue badge and make your presence known to the site staff as they will be able to assist in these limited circumstances.

Church Services for September

Sunday, 5th September

Christian Malford, 10.30am Holy Communion

Sunday, 12th September

Christian Malford, 10.30am Cafe Church

Sunday, 19th September

Tytherton Kellaways, 9am Holy Communion

Sutton Bengier, 10.30am United Benefice Service with Holy Communion

Sunday, 26th September

Christian Malford, 9am Holy Communion

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Next Parish Council Meeting The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday, 7th September in the Village Hall, commencing at 7.45pm. Report of last meeting on page 21.

Women's Institute. We have held Zoom meetings since January of this year but we are excited about holding face to face meetings again. Our meetings are usually at 7:30pm on the third Thursday of each month at Christian Malford Village Hall. Members arrive from 7:15pm to allow time for wine or a soft drink and the opportunity to purchase a raffle ticket. The general meeting format is the business, the speaker followed by refreshments and the raffle draw.

The meeting in September is on the 16th. The speaker will be Clare Walsh talking about Indian Block Printing. She is a designer and textile enthusiast with botanical printing using Indian woodblocks. She uses local plants, leaves, flowers and herbs to print with using dye sublimation and screen printing. These techniques enable her to produce vibrant and unique designs.

We occasionally arrange some additional meetings during the year that take place in the afternoon. These are slightly less formal and are a chance for members to catch up with one another as well as enjoy a speaker or take part in an activity. We have a large number of additional groups and activities that take place outside the main meeting. These include Art Club; Book Club; Discover, Cook and Eat; Gardening Club; Ladies that Lunch; Knit and Natter and Yvonne's Walking group.

We are a warm, friendly group and we welcome new members – you can pop along as a guest before you decide to join. If you would like to know more please contact Shirley Palmer (president) on 01249 740627 or email: christanmfpres@wiltshirewi.org.uk

Christian Malford and Foxham Luncheon Club For the last 18 months we have provided takeaway lunches for some of our members and monthly "Goodie Bags" for all of our members. We recently had an Afternoon Tea for members and our helpers at the Rising Sun - our thanks to Sarah and Mike for letting us use the marquee. The weather was perfect and everyone had a lovely time. We are now looking forward to getting back to our usual sessions in the village hall and we will ensure that the necessary measures are taken to maintain Covid safety. We meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month and members arrive by 12.30 pm. Meals cost £5 for two courses and start with a glass of sherry on arrival and end with coffee or tea. All our food is homemade. Members provide wine (voluntarily) on a rota basis and this works out about once a year. We currently have about

25 members and a wonderful team of helpers. Members have to be over 60 years young! We also provide "takeaways" if our members are unable to attend a session but would still like a meal.

The dates for the rest of the year are: September 14th and 28th, October 12th and 26th, November 9th and 23rd and December 14th which will be our Christmas Lunch. New members are always welcome. Please contact Shirley Palmer (01249 740627) or email: shirleypalmer@tiscali.co.uk for further details.

Become a Speedwatch Volunteer Speeding through our village is of real concern. You can help by becoming a speedwatch volunteer. Your commitment 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.

Christian Malford Probus Club The generic title word, 'PROBUS', was derived from the words PROfessional and BUSiness. So, the Christian Malford PROBUS club is for men, in the local area, who have retired from their profession or business and want to maintain a social network with others who have similar interests. PROBUS Clubs are found worldwide and are non-sectarian, non-racial, and non-political, although members are, or have been, active volunteers in many community organizations. PROBUS Clubs pride themselves on their independence and freedom from the responsibilities and regulations of any umbrella organisation.

PROBUS Meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at the Foxham Inn. Unless informed otherwise the programme will follow this outline format:

1100am Meet (Coffee & Biscuits); 1130am Meeting Starts with Business; 1140am Talk; 1230pm Questions; 1240pm Bar; 1pm: Lunch (Cost £15 for Main & Pudding, pre-ordered, set choice, alternatives available); 2pm Disperse. It is not a requirement that members stay for lunch but most do. Next meeting, Thursday, 2nd September.

Annual Membership costs £15 to cover the cost of Speakers. For further information please contact Nigel Fairley 01249 721278, or John Webb 01249 720216.

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'

Christian Malford Church - Can you help.

During the pandemic our beautiful church has had to remain closed for the majority of the time. However, we are aware that many village residents, and visitors, enjoy spending some quiet time in this peaceful building and we would once again like to make it available every day.

In order to achieve daily opening we need a rota of volunteers willing to unlock the church by, approximately, 10.00am and lock it again before dusk. In the past volunteers have undertaken to do this for a week at a time; with enough volunteers this might only come around two or three times a year.

Perhaps this could tie in with walking your dog, or taking your daily exercise? If you feel you could help, please contact Roger Carter for further information -telephone 720810 or email r.carter302@btinternet.com. Thank you.

Pastoral Care If you, or someone you know, would like a visit from a pastoral visitor, please contact, in the first instance, Clair Fairley 01249 721728 or clairfairley@hotmail.co.uk

Alison Love, our rector, moved to another parish at the end of last year. Mark, our Curate in Charge, has done a marvellous job leading the ministry team as we search for a new incumbent. This is well in hand, and we look forward to welcoming a new minister, once we have been through the appointment process. A Transition Team from across the benefice has been working hard behind the scenes.

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.

Reporting Issues to Wiltshire Council It is really easy to report issues in the village to Wiltshire Council using their app on your smartphone - you can report things like flooding, potholes, fly-tipping, dog mess, fly-posting, graffiti, litter, hedges & weeds, street lighting, anti-social behaviour, abandoned vehicles, and more.....

The MyWiltshire app is available to download at both the App Store (for iPhones and iPads) and from Google Play™ (for Android phones) You can attach information such as photos or videos and pinpoint the location of your report using the mapping software on your phone. You can also report matters via Wiltshire Council Highways / Street Care Service: 0300 456 0105 localhighways@wiltshire.gov.uk
www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywiltshire-download

Christian Malford Cricket Club The village cricket club is always looking to encourage new recruits. We play on Saturdays in the Wiltshire Cricket League (Division 6), Sunday friendlies and mid-week T20 games for those with less time! We have players of all abilities spanning 7 decades! There are a number of fathers and sons who play which adds to the friendly feel of the club. We know there are a lot of teenagers and older "lads/Dads" in the village who would enjoy the banter and opportunity to play in a team again.

Best way of taking a look is to attend our outdoor net training at the recreation ground that run on a Tuesday evening throughout the cricket season from 6pm.

For more information or any questions about the club/ membership please contact

Gareth Pugh (garethpu@softcat.com), Damian Dixon (dtpdixon@icloud.com) or see Kev May in the shop.

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 Thursday, 16th September.

Report from the Parish Council

Linda Roslyn, Parish Clerk

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Parish Council Meetings After 12 months of holding remote meetings on Zoom we are now back to holding face-to-face meetings in the village hall. Details of our meeting are available on the village website – www.christianmalford.org.uk or via email from the Parish Clerk.

New Gala Tents We have used some of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funds to purchase two new 4m x 8m gala tents to replace the old worn-out ones. These tents will be available free of charge for village events and for private hire to residents holding events in the village.

Planning The Council had no objections to the following planning applications:

PL/2021/05430 – 12 Woodlands Close, SN15 4AU - Alterations to front porch, single storey rear extension and study above garage, (amendment to 19/03425/FUL).

PL/2021/05864 - Mermaid Farm, Main Road, SN15 4BD – Proposed menage.

Neighbourhood Development Plan Review 2022 We are undertaking a 5-year review of our NDP – due to be submitted in July, 2022 – and are looking for volunteers to join the team working on this. Contact the Clerk for more details and to sign up to help.

Burial Ground Expansion Project We are working together with the Parochial Church Council on a proposal for a new memorial garden to include areas for the scattering and interment of ashes and a memorial wall.

SPEEDERS Beware! A new enhanced support being offered by the Community Speed Watch Team will see a PSCO Officer who can issue fixed penalty notices to speeding drivers caught by them on our roads.

Speed Indicator Device We have installed a new solar powered SID on the Main Road and it shows that, even with increased volumes of traffic, the speeding rate (>47 mph) is less than 1% so the sign is having a positive effect on reducing speed. We will be using the data collected to help the CSW Team identify times and days to target speeders.

Bonfire & Fireworks 2021 It has been agreed that this event will take place on the Malford Meadow to prevent damaging the playing field at the Rec. There will be a reduction in the number of tickets being sold and security fencing will be installed to prevent access to the allotments and gardens bordering the Meadow. Contact the Bonfire Committee for more information - christianmalfordfireworks@btinternet.com.

Parish Steward Please see separate advert on how to report tasks for the Parish Steward. Adrian, the Parish Steward, will next be with us on 24/25 August.

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Table Tennis Anyone interested in 'taking over' the village table tennis club? It has been running for the last 25 years on Thursday evenings in the Village Hall. It was primarily for adults, but perhaps it could be incorporated into a youth club idea as well. There are two excellent tables, easy access with specially made ramps to get from store room into the hall in minutes. Nets, balls, bats and money is in the kitty. We are willing, good players ready to help start you off and give advice, if you need it. A real shame if this social and sporting amenity in the village ceases. Please contact me if you are interested. 720077 (Sally)