

## **Christian Malford Diary for March**

### **March.**

1 Parish Council meeting  
3 Probus / Mobile Library  
8 Luncheon Club  
12 Race Night  
17 Women's Institute  
22 Luncheon Club  
27 Mothering Sunday  
26/27 Scarecrow Trail  
31 Mobile Library

### **Waste Collection dates NOTE NEW ARRANGEMENTS**

Household waste - **Tuesday**, 1st, 15th and 29th March

Garden waste - Thursday, 3rd, 17th and 31st March

Mixed dry recycling (blue lidded bin) and glass (black box) Monday, 14th and 28th March

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

### **Church Services for March**

#### **Sunday, 6th March - First Sunday in Lent**

Christian Malford 10.30am Holy Communion

#### **Sunday, 13th March - Second Sunday in Lent**

Christian Malford 10.30am Cafe Church

#### **Sunday, 20th March - Third Sunday in Lent**

Tytherton Kellaways 9.00am Holy Communion

Kington Langley 10.30am United Benefice Service

#### **Sunday, 27th March - Mothering Sunday**

Christian Malford 10.30am Family Service with Holy Communion

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**or visit our website [Draycot.weebly.com](http://Draycot.weebly.com)**

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**North Wiltshire Mission Area**

## **Lent Course**

# **Unanswered Prayer**

Engaging with the silence of unanswered prayer

Five sessions in Lent, running online on

Wednesday evenings 7.30pm - 9pm commencing on 9th March and

Thursday mornings 10am - 11.30am commencing on 10th March

To register, email [catherine@malmesburyabbey.com](mailto:catherine@malmesburyabbey.com)

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## **FREE Fraud Online Webinars to combat fraud**

Avon and Somerset Police offer free 1-hour sessions to any person, who seeks to enhance their awareness of fraud and financial exploitation regardless of age, job, responsibility. Attendees of the session will have an understanding of the threat caused by fraud, as well as an insight into the most common frauds affecting the South West Region and will be offered fraud protection advice and resources, that will be invaluable in the fight to stay free from fraud in all aspects of daily life. Links to book a place on a webinar:

**Tuesday, March 22nd at 10am - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/215692711707>**

**Tuesday, April 26th at 2pm - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/215697405747>**

## **Goatacre Animal Sanctuary**

Hi, we are Emma and David and together we run a small animal sanctuary in Goatacre. The sanctuary was set up by us in 2015 and was born out of our love of animals and our passion for providing a safe and forever home for animals in need.

Over the past 6 years we have provided a home for countless animals – each and every one is given the love, care and safety it deserves. We currently have approximately 85 animals ranging from rabbits and guinea pigs to goats, sheep and pigs. And we certainly can't forget about our large family of ducks, turkeys and chickens particularly Harold our resident turkey stag who likes to fluff himself up and protect his flock; he's harmless really and everyone learns to love him eventually!!

Christian Malford Cricket Club and the Village Hall Committee.

## **RACE NIGHT**

Saturday 12th March at Christian Malford Village Hall.  
Tickets £5 per person (to include nibbles) available from the village shop  
Tables of 6 – 8 are welcome and will be reserved.  
This will be a cash only event.

### **Change of day for collection of general household waste**

From Monday, 28th February, the household waste collection days for nearly all Wiltshire properties will change. This change will only affect your general household waste collections – there is no change to recycling or garden waste collections, which will still take place on their usual day. You should have received a personalised letter through the post telling you what your new collection day is and when you should put your bin out. A hanger label will also be placed on your general household waste bin on your last collection under the old schedule that will give you more information. Please leave your bin out by 7am on your new collection day  
For March the new collection days for household waste will be **Tuesday**, 1st, 15th and 29th

### **CHRISTIAN MALFORD SCARECROW TRAIL 2022**

26th - 27th March 10am - 5pm

### **The theme this year is “Cartoons”**

We need your help to make this village event a success. The trail raises money for our school, pre-school, village projects and other local charities. Please get in touch with Laura Sidhu (laura.sidhu@sky.com) if you would like to enter a scarecrow – it is great fun and there is money to win!, bake cakes for us to sell over the weekend, help over the weekend – every hour volunteered is helpful

TRAIL SHEETS £3.00 FROM THE RECREATION GROUND

Hot and cold refreshments, raffle, children's games children's trail , £100 in prizes

For more information find us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/cmscarecrowtrail](http://www.facebook.com/cmscarecrowtrail)

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**The Country Mutt and**  
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**Shout Out Christian Malford Facebook page** This is a Facebook page for the village being a forum for sharing news about local village, school and church events and also to provide information on such matters as road closures due to flooding, accidents etc.

Many of you have already joined this page, here is the link for those who need it.

[https://www.facebook.com/groups/2705309699795145/?ref=share\\_group\\_link](https://www.facebook.com/groups/2705309699795145/?ref=share_group_link)

This facility is primarily for village residents but we do also have members whose children attend the school or who work locally or live in surrounding villages. Please remember that membership relies on people following the page rules and remaining respectful to other members of the group and our community as a whole. This is a valuable means of communication and a positive outlet for villagers to share information.

**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. Next visit Thursday, 3rd and 31st March.

**Village Hall Parking** Unauthorised parking at the village hall has become a problem in recent months. Signage at the hall clearly states that parking is strictly for the use of the hirers of the hall but this is being ignored by some villagers and contractors.

This unauthorised parking causes issues:

1. The blocking of emergency exits
2. Blocking the cabinet at the front of the hall that houses the gas cylinders which makes it difficult for the gas company to conduct their regular monitoring checks and change the gas cylinders over
3. Blocking the entrance to the rear car park

We appreciate those villagers that have had the courtesy to seek permission before parking at the hall – this is usually on a temporary basis while they are having work carried at their properties. The village hall committee would always try to support these requests. Seeking permission prior to parking also enables us to suggest the best place to park and to give details of when the hall will be in use so that their vehicles can be re-positioned if necessary.

The committee have considered installing poles and chain fencing to resolve the problem but we would prefer to use this as a last resort. Should you need to park at the hall for any reason please contact the chair of the village hall committee, Paul MacPherson. His contact details are: Email:paulmac0656@yahoo.com Phone: We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this matter

**Christian Malford Probus Club** The March meeting of the club will be held at the Foxham Inn on Thursday, 3rd March at 11am. The speaker will be Mike Warburton who will be giving a talk via Zoom entitled "Do as I say, not as I do". New members would be very welcome to join our club which meets at The Foxham Inn on the first Thursday of each month. The usual format is coffee and then a talk followed by lunch (which is not obligatory). For full details contact Nigel Fairly on 721278 or John Webb on 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.

**Free food parcel service.** DVLS offers a free food parcel service in the communities of Brinkworth, Christian Malford, Dauntsey, Foxham and Grittenham? If you're struggling at all we will be able to help you with what you need. Telephone in confidence 07563 769549.

**Volunteers wanted.** We wish to increase the team of co-ordinators for our Dauntsey Vale Link driving scheme. The task involves answering a mobile phone and organising one of our 25 volunteers to take clients from the Foxham, Dauntsey, Christian Malford, Brinkworth and Grittenham area to medical appointments, shopping and "good neighbour" tasks. Maybe you can't drive, but this role might suit you as it is home based and can be organised in your own time. Taking phone calls and arranging for volunteers to undertake tasks averaging 7 a week. You would be given training and help to understand how it all works. At the moment there are two co-ordinators plus 2 'stand ins', they work one month on and one month off with the two 'stand ins' being used when they want to go on holiday or suchlike. If this sounds like something you would like to be involved in, then please chat to an existing co-ordinator on 07563 769549 and we are sure that a mutually convenient way of timetabling your contribution can be made

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**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 and Foxham Luncheon Club** This month the club will meet on Tuesdays, 8th and 22nd March at 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 to about once a year. We currently have about 26 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.

New members are always welcome. Please contact Shirley Palmer (01249 740627) or email:shirleypalmer@tiscali.co.uk . Janice Forbes (01249 723864) or email:Janice.jandj65@gmail.com\*

**Christian Malford Cricket Club** The club is always looking to encourage new recruits. We have players of all abilities spanning 7 decades! For more information please contact Gareth Pugh (garethpu@softcat.com), Damian Dixon (dtpdixon@icloud.com) or see Kev May in the shop.

### **Church News**

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

**Easter Lilies in Christian Malford Church** Before the pandemic the church was filled with arrangements of beautiful lilies each Easter. We hope to be able to do so again this year so if you would like to remember a loved one or friend in this way, lilies will be available to purchase at £2.50 per stem. There will be a box in the village shop throughout March for requests and payment, or your order may be given to Pam Carter at 5, The Nurseries. Please include the name/s of those to be remembered, and it is often helpful if you could include your name/contact number just in case of a query. Thank you.

**Can you help?** The church is always in need of extra pairs of hands to help with 'housekeeping' tasks, such as flower arranging, brass cleaning, dusting, vacuuming etc. You do not need to be someone who attends church services, just to have an interest in helping to maintain this historic building for village use. We would love your

support so if you can spare some time, whether regularly or just occasionally, please contact Pam Carter on 01249 720 810 or [pam.carter2@btinternet.com](mailto:pam.carter2@btinternet.com) for more information.

**Project to create a new toilet and kitchen in Christian Malford Church** This project is much needed to bring the building into the 20<sup>th</sup> century, never mind the 21<sup>st</sup>. The PCC have had provisional approval for the creation of a wheelchair friendly toilet, with an attached small kitchen area. To complete this project, we would like to create a small self-help working group with the aim of driving the project forward whilst spreading the workload across the group. We are, therefore, seeking enthusiastic volunteers with a variety of skill sets to progress the project from architect plans through to completion. Would you be interested and willing to join this group?

We need people who can provide experience in, for example, project management, professional current building practices knowledge, confident DIY skills, and, desk based, those willing to investigate sources of grant funding; and others generally prepared to offer time and energy towards creating a facility that will enhance the use of the building for all of our small community. If you feel able to commit some of your time to this project then please contact Roger Carter by email at [r.carter302@btinternet.com](mailto:r.carter302@btinternet.com) or tel: 01249 720810

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**Women's Institute** On Thursday, 17th March at 7.30pm in Christian Malford Village Hall we have Lorna Almonds-Windmill speaking about 'The Founding of the SAS'. Lorna is an author and historian and has written the best-selling wartime story of her father, SAS hero Jim Almonds, entitled 'Gentleman Jim'. The book was sourced from his personal diary. Lorna recalls the camaraderie, determination and the courage of those men, who, with her father, created the SAS. From amusing anecdotes, to tales of loss, she is uniquely placed to reveal the beginnings of our Special Forces, known today, as then, for their extreme professionalism, physical fitness, and willingness to take on the toughest of mandates. Herself a former regular Army Captain, Lorna is now editor of the Special Forces' own magazine. A new TV series about the founding of the SAS has very recently been produced and should screen in early summer. It will be the first dramatized account with an actor playing her father! It is called 'Rogue Heroes of the SAS'. Lorna's books will be on sale on the night.

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: [christianmfpres@wiltshirewi.org.uk](mailto:christianmfpres@wiltshirewi.org.uk) or

Sally Purkiss (vice president and secretary) on 01249 720077 or email [christianmfsec@wiltshirewi.org.uk](mailto:christianmfsec@wiltshirewi.org.uk)

**Friends of Christian Malford School** We have had a busy few weeks at the FOS.

FOS organised a valentines disco for all the children. This was the 1st school disco since before covid and it was fantastic to see all the children have such a fantastic time and enjoy some pre-covid normality. We were pleasantly surprised to have about 75% of the school attend. We were kindly supported by John and Mike from Backstage Technologies, with the DJ music, smoke machine, lights, and bubble machine. The whole of FOS, parents and children thanks John and Mike for their time, efforts, and enthusiasm. We can highly recommend Backstage Technologies!

We have also had the Bag2school collection where we are pleased to have raised £173.60. Thank you to the village community for leaving their bags for collection. Our Friday Hot chocolates are being alternated with milkshake madness and the children seem to be enjoying these Friday treats. The adult helpers are certainly looking forward to spring and some warmer weather for the Friday afterschool treats. We are planning an afternoon event with the school to celebrate mothering Sunday and give thanks to all our Mums, Grans, Aunts and Sisters.

**Acorns** Another busy term has whizzed by at Acorns and the children were definitely ready for their half term break with their families. We continued throughout February with our Amazing Animals theme and focused on 'What the Ladybird Heard' and 'Monkey Puzzle'. The children counted out spots on our number pebble ladybird's and worked on recognising numerals 1 to 5. During our singing time everyone practised their best animal impressions singing their favourite 'Down in the Jungle'. The role play area was transformed into an amazing jungle for the children to explore.

Outside, the children have been busy with all sorts of construction, using the polydron pieces to build houses and dens and the wooden blocks for obstacle courses.

At the beginning of March we celebrate World Book Day and everyone will be dressing up across the week as one of their favourite book characters. This term we also welcome Harriet, Luke and Rue to our Acorns family. We will be busy throughout March making our cartoon themed scarecrow for the big Scarecrow Trail weekend on 26th/27th March. Hope to see many of you there!

Acorns preschool is open Mon - Fri, 8.30 - 3, we currently have spaces, please contact Christian Malford Primary School on 01249 720496 for further details.

Follow us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/AcornsPreSchoolChristianMalford/>

**Parish Steward for Christian Malford** The Parish Steward, Adrian Wyatt, 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](mailto:idpatterson@btinternet.com) or

Linda Roslyn, [parishclerk@christianmalford.org.uk](mailto:parishclerk@christianmalford.org.uk) or 07726 472731 (answerphone)

All other highway matters should be reported to Wiltshire Council - see below.

#### **Recycling Centres**

Visit [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/household-recycling-centres](http://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 (except Thursday during the summer and 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 but you may be required to provide proof of address (driving licence, utility or council tax bill)

#### **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 and 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](mailto:localhighways@wiltshire.gov.uk) [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywiltshire-download](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywiltshire-download)