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Waste collection dates

Mixed dry recycling (blue lidded bin) and glass (black box) Monday, 8th and 22nd May (Thursday, 4th and 18th May for those in postcode SN15 4AZ)

Household waste - Tuesday, 9th and 23rd May (Friday, 12th and 26th May for those in postcode SN15 4BJ)

Garden waste - Thursday, 11th and 25th May

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

Church Services for May

Sunday, 7th May

Christian Malford 10.30am Holy Communion

Sunday, 14th May

Kington Langley 9.00am Morning Prayer

Sutton Benger 10.30am Holy Communion

Sunday, 21st May

Tytherton Kellaways 9.00am Holy Communion

Sutton Benger 10.30am United Benefice Service with Holy Communion

Sunday, 28th May

Christian Malford 9.00am Holy Communion

Keep up to date with the latest news from the Draycot Churches

Follow us on Facebook: Draycot Churches; Twitter: @DraycotChurches;

or visit our website Draycot.weebly.com

The Village Singers **Summer Concert**

June 10th, 7.30pm Kington St. Michaels Church

June 17th, 7.30pm St. Andrews Church, Chippenham

Tickets £10, under 16's free

www.villagesingers.co.uk

Info@villagesingers.co.uk 01249 720190

Cadenham Manor, Foxham.

GARDENS OPEN FOR CHARITY

Thursday, 8th June, 2pm – 5pm

Walk around a glorious garden and enjoy homemade teas

in aid of The Samaritans and National Garden Scheme Charities

To book tickets visit the NGS website

Find a Garden/Cadenham

Notice to pet owners. On Saturday, 6th May the coronation celebrations will include what is described as a huge firework display commencing at 9.30pm.

Shout Out Christian Malford Facebook page This is a Facebook page for village residents, those whose children attend the school and those who work locally or live in surrounding villages. It is 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. If you wish to join here is the link for those who need it. https://www.facebook.com/groups/2705309699795145/?ref=share_group_link
Remember that membership relies on people following the page rules and remaining respectful to other members of the group and to our community as a whole. This is a

valuable means of communication and a positive outlet for people to share information.

ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING 2023

Wednesday, 17th May, 7.30pm-9pm, Village Hall

Please join us for the Annual Christian Malford Village Meeting

It is a great opportunity for you to find out what has been going on and to raise any issues or concerns that you may have.

- > Presentation by Wiltshire Police Fraud Protection Officer on the different types of fraud and how you can protect yourself and others including, computer fraud, scams, rogue traders and door-door rogues.
- > Community Groups, an opportunity to meet representatives of village groups, and hear about their activities and future plans.
- > B4069 Lyneham Banks update.
- > Light refreshments.

More information – www.christianmalford.org.uk
parishclerk@christianmalford.org.uk

Help required Is there anyone who has a few hours to help me with general gardening, cutting grass and jobs I may need assistance with, please contact Liz Munday, 01249 720185.

Easter Lilies A big thank-you to all who donated towards providing the beautiful lilies for the displays in All Saints' Church this Easter.

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 See page 7

Next Parish Council meeting The next parish council meeting is on Wednesday, 3rd May in the village hall, commencing at 7.15pm. Please do not attend if you have Covid symptoms and masks are now optional. See page below for a report of the last meeting.

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.

Women's Institute We next meet on Thursday, 18th May at 7.30pm. Our speaker will be Kady Chatman, "Changing Lives With Horses: The Saxon Riding for the Disabled" An inspirational and caring presentation showing how Riding for the Disabled has helped people and brought sunshine into their lives once again. We are a warm and friendly group and we welcome new members - you can pop along as a guest before you to decide whether or not to join us. Please contact Shirley Palmer 01249 740627 e-mail christianmfpres@wiltshirewi.org.uk

Coronation Celebrations, Saturday, 6th and Sunday, 7th May. Considerable help will be required to make this event a success, setting up during the week before the event, helping on the day and clearing up on the Monday. See Shout Out Christian Malford Facebook page for further information.

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 ipatterson@btinternet.com or Linda Roslyn, parishclerk@christianmalford.org.uk or 07726 472731(answerphone) All other highway matters should be reported to Wiltshire Council - see back page.

Brush With Art This friendly group meets in Christian Malford Village Hall mainly on the first and third Mondays of each month from now through to December. There will be a slight change during May due to the Coronation. The dates for May are 15th and 22nd. During the year there will be inclusive evenings led by invited artists to demonstrate the techniques of using different media. If you wish to join in either contact Roger Carter at r.carter302@btinternet.com or just arrive at the village hall between 7pm and 9pm, the cost for the evening is £3 per session.

Dauntsey Vale Link Scheme

*"It gave me a warm feeling helping someone out"
said one of our volunteers recently.*

*We drive people to hospital, GP, shops, hairdressers, social events,
and take them shopping.*

*We cover Brinkworth, Christian Malford, Dauntsey and Foxham.
You are welcome to use us if this might help you.*

Why not join us?

*We are always keen to take on volunteers to help with driving
or visiting the housebound or lonely.*

We also need a coordinator to liaise between clients and volunteers

What the Link Scheme did for us in 2022:

133 medical trips, 79 non medical trips 26 volunteers

5496 miles travelled 1051 hours of volunteer time

Tel: 07563 769549 for details and further 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 visits Thursday, 25th May.

Probus The May meeting of the club will be held on Thursday, 4th. May at the Foxham Inn at 11.30 am. with coffee/tea served from 11.00 am. The speaker at the meeting will be John Craig who will giving a talk entitled "Going to Blazes". New members are very welcome to join our club which generally meets on the first Thursday of each month. The normal format is coffee/tea and then a talk followed by lunch which is optional. For full details contact Doug Keating on 720842 or John Webb on 720216.

Acorns Pre School We had a busy end to term 4, with our much anticipated Scarecrow weekend. After weeks of paper mache, glue and lots and lots of paint, Acorns produced three wonderful colour themed scarecrows, Red Rockets and Rainbow Jelly, Little Red Riding Hood and One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish. The scarecrows were well received by the public and the whole weekend was a huge success!

During our last week of term the children joined with school at the church for our Easter service where our Acorns children showed how their listening skills are developing by sitting beautifully to watch the older children taking part in the service. Throughout the week the children made lovely Easter cards for their families and following the Easter theme everyone got a bit messy with chocolate and made some Easter nest cakes to take home and enjoy.

Everyone enjoyed a lovely two week break, spending some time at home with their families and now we have returned ready for our new term and a new topic, 'Under the Sea.' Our focus texts for this topic will be 'The Singing Mermaid' always an Acorns favourite, and 'Commotion in the Ocean' which will help deepen the children's understanding of rhyming. We have some wonderful sea themed activities planned and hopefully the weather will be kind and we can make use of our outdoor water tray and pumping station.

We have all been busy in the garden this month as thoughts have turned to planting. We have scattered wildflower seeds all along the garden borders and also up in our woodland area, so we hope to see some colour later in the year. We have also planted tomatoes, peas and strawberry plants which we will nurture in the hope that we will be rewarded with food to enjoy at snack time in the summer months.

Finally, we will be getting crafty in the run up to the King's coronation, making crowns, flags and bunting to help us celebrate the special weekend!

Christian Malford Primary School In Murphy Class our topic is based on the book 'Commotion in the Ocean' and we are finding out all about ocean creatures and coastal habitats. We are also thinking about seaside towns too and our big question is 'What is life like at the seaside and how has it changed?'

Queen Elizabeth Class have been enjoying learning how to play Tag-Rugby and we have also enjoyed a Circus session where the children learned how to juggle! Circus Club will be starting in term 5 and we know many of the children are looking forward to learning how to walk on stilts! Some of our KS2 children took part in a Tag-Rugby competition in March – the Year 3/4 team won 1 game, drew 1 game and lost 2 games - they did themselves proud.

The Year 5/6 team took part in a tournament consisting of 15 teams across Swindon and the surrounding villages. We ended up coming 3rd - winning 3 games, drawing 2 and losing 1. They narrowly lost the semi-final 5-4. A fantastic achievement! We also enjoyed creating 'Clyde... our greyhound for the scarecrow trail which joined our other school scarecrow's, 'James and the Giant Peach' and 'Green is for Christmas'.

It was great to see so many people attend and many thanks to all the children, parents and the community who supported the Scarecrow trail. Beethoven Class had a fabulous Easter Holiday and are really looking forward to all the exciting events planned this term. Our Year 6's had the opportunity of booster sessions ahead of SATS and will be continuing to work hard on the build up to the SATS themselves. We also have the excitement of swimming lessons and our residential trip to Braeside this term!

We have signed an 18 month partnership with the Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL). This will continue to support our children's physical and emotional health and well-being, through a range of exciting activities. This partnership has been established with staff and parents and we are looking forward to seeing how our playground develops over the coming months. We continue to have great links with All Saints Church and held

our school Easter service with the Rector at the church. There were also some amazing entries in the 'Decorate an Easter Egg' competition and many thanks to the children who took part and to FOS who organised and provided easter eggs for all the children.
The Kings Coronation will be a highlight for the children in May and we look forward to celebrating this special event and an exciting summer term ahead

New Academy Council Members (Governors) Needed!

Christian Malford School is looking for new members to join its' Academy Council. We are a Church of England Primary School and part of the Diocese of Bristol Academies Trust (DBAT). Are you:

Keen to use your skills to help develop future generations?

Confident to raise meaningful questions and be a good friend to the school?

Happy to collaborate with the Board and School Staff, to always drive for improvement?

Over 18 years old?

We welcome any skills individuals have to offer; however, having had a background/ experience in management/ chairing meetings, finance, PR, problem solving and/or Healthy and Safety would be helpful. Academy Council members play a key part in the life of the school, and it is an immensely rewarding and fulfilling role. If you are keen to contribute to the educational outcomes of our children and you have the time and skills to offer, please consider joining us at this exciting time in the school's development.

If you would like more detail, please contact the Clerk to the Academy Council: lynne.baylis@dbat.org.uk

Christian Malford and Foxham Luncheon Club This month the club will meet in the village hall on Tuesday, 9th and 23rd May at 12.30pm. 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 or Janice Forbes (01249 723864) or email:Janice.jandj65@gmail.com*

Parish Council - report of the last meeting

Linda Roslyn, Parish Clerk 07726 472731 parishclerk@christianmalford.org.uk

ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING – Wednesday, 17th May - 7.30pm to 9pm in the Christian Malford Village Hall. The event is hosted by the Parish Council (but it's not a Parish Council Meeting) and it is a great opportunity for you to find out what's been going on and to raise any issues or concerns that you may have relating to the local community. There will be a 20-minute presentation from the Wiltshire Police Fraud Protect Officer on how to protect yourself from Cyber Crime and Fraud after which you can walk about and talk to other community groups whilst enjoying a glass of wine and nibbles. More information will be available on the website – www.christianmalford.org.uk. All residents are welcome!

Rights of Way – Cllr I Kirkpatrick is continuing our programme of improving the public footpaths and we will be carrying out a number of stile repairs/rebuilds on paths around Friday Street.

Pink Tulip Triangle – the tulips we planted are sprouting and there should be a great show on the triangle this Spring.

FREE Wheelie Bin Stickers – in an effort to try and reduce some of the speeding in the village we have purchased 100 Wheelie Bin Stickers that are free to residents of Christian Malford. They will be available to collect in the shop – please take no more than 2 per household.

Planning Applications

38 Brooklyn, Main Road, SN15 4BD - Erection of a 2 storey side extension, single storey front extension and conversion of existing out-building into ancillary accommodation. No Comment

5 Dodford Lane, SN15 4DE – Orangery to the rear of the property. No Comment

Barn House, Main Road, SN15 4BS - Change of use of land to garden (retrospective). No Comment

Parish Steward visits will be on: 13+17 April, No visits in May (grass cutting) | 14+15 June and 12+13 July. We are waiting for start and contact details for our new Parish Steward. Please see separate advert on how to report tasks for the Parish Steward.

Community Speed Watch & SID The number of CSW sessions remains very low due to a lack of volunteers. The CSW group are looking for new volunteers - If you know of anyone that might be suitable, please either forward their contact details to Matt or ask them to E: join@christianmalfordcsw.co.uk.

Closure of the B4069 at Lyneham Banks - All correspondence should be sent to this address where a member of the project team will respond - LynehamBanks@wiltshire.gov.uk. Further details can be found at: www.wiltshire.gov.uk/highways-b4069-lyneham-banks.

Next Parish Council Meeting - The annual meeting of the Parish Council is on Wednesday, 3rd May 2023 at 7.15pm. If you have any issues you would like to raise with the Parish Council, please email the Parish Clerk at least 1 week before the date of the next meeting.
