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Waste Collection dates

Household waste, black box and garden waste - Thursdays, 14th and 28th November
Blue lid bins - Thursdays, 7th and 21st November
The latest information can be found at <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/rubbish-collection-days>

Church Services for November

Sunday 3rd November All Saints Day

4pm Holy Communion at Christian Malford

Sunday 10th November Remembrance Sunday

9.30am Holy Communion (short) at Christian Malford

10.50am Service of Remembrance, War Memorial, Christian Malford

Thursday 14th November

9am Morning Prayer at Christian Malford

Sunday 17th November 2nd before Advent

10.30am United Benefice Baptism Service at Sutton Benger

Sunday 24th November Feast of Christ the King

9am Holy Communion at Christian Malford

Thursday 28th November

9am Morning Prayer at Christian Malford

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.

Village Bonfire. Saturday, 2nd November 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). Full details are to be found on the village website and in the flyer circulated in last month's magazine. **HOW YOU CAN HELP - setting up from 8am on the Saturday and clearing up from 8am on the Sunday. Even if you can only help for an hour or so please come along. If you have a towing vehicle and trailer you will be especially welcome.**

Friends of School Car Wash

Sunday 24th November 10am - 1pm at the school £5 per car
Refreshments available. Bring a bag of clothes for the
Bag2School collection and receive a free hot drink!

Village Hall Assistant maintenance person wanted. Do you have a spare hour in a month to help in the village hall as a maintenance assistant. Needs to be a 'jack of all trades' to fix anything that becomes broken or needs replacing. You would be an invaluable volunteer, helping our village community, and we would warmly welcome you!. Please telephone Steve Purkiss on 01249 720077.

Coffee morning.

Friday 8th November, 10.30am - 1pm in the village hall
In aid of The Rise Trust.

The RISE Trust manages two children's centres and provides children's centre services in North Wiltshire. The children's centres provide courses for parents and families, run four preschool settings, facilitate a family visiting service, run a contact centre in Chippenham, operate wraparound services for schools (after school club and holiday club), provide two youth groups, a mentoring service to the Chippenham primary schools, and have a parent support advisor that goes into local primary schools. They operate in partnership with other agencies such as Health, Social Services and local schools. It is one of the charities adopted by the church as part of their annual harvest appeal. Please come along and support this very worthy local charity.

Christmas turkeys Free range local turkeys available to order from Christian Malford Shop and Post Office Call 01249 720647/ or email Kevin.may64@btinternet.com

The Luncheon Club. This much appreciated club will meet on Tuesday, 12th and 26th November at 12.30pm in the village hall. Contact Angela Hamilton on 721091 or Shirley Palmer on 740627

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. The next lunch is Wednesday, 13th November Contact Rev Mark on drmarksid@gmail.com or just turn up.

Bag2School Collection – Monday 25th November

Christian Malford Friends of School have organised a clothes and shoe collection with Bag2School in order to raise funds for the school. Bag2School is the UK's leading textile recycler and fundraiser working with schools and as well as raising funds for the school, it also helps the environment by helping to divert unwanted textiles away from landfill. We would be grateful for any unwanted textiles to be given in the donation bag provided to help us with our collection.

Bag2School will collect from the school on Monday 25th November. Donation Bags can be brought into school by 9am or alternatively FOS will collect bags from around Christian Malford Village on Sunday 24th November - please leave bags outside of your property by 10am on the Sunday for us to collect.

Bag2School ACCEPT the following 'good quality' items for RE-USE:

Men's, ladies' and children's clothing, paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around), handbags, hats, bags, scarves and ties, jewellery, lingerie, socks, belts, soft toys, household linen, household curtains, household towels, household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

Bag2School DO NOT accept:

Duvets and blankets, pillows and cushions, carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats), soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing, school uniforms with and without logo, corporate clothing and workwear, textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material.

Many thanks for helping us with this fundraising opportunity.

Macmillan coffee morning. Pam Carter writes, "A huge thank-you to everyone who supported the recent coffee morning in aid of Macmillan. A magnificent £512.10 was raised."

Brush With Art The group will meet at 7pm in the village hall on Monday, 4th November (personal art session) and Monday, 18th November (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.

100 Club lunch. Saturday, 7th December. Members wishing to attend the lunch should contact their collector or Kevin May in the Christian Malford Shop and Post Office.

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

Church locking rota. We would be pleased to hear from anyone who would like to join the church locking rota. The church is open every day from 9am until dusk and we have a rota of people who unlock and lock the church for a week (Monday to Friday) every six weeks or so. We would welcome people to join the rota. Contact Pam Carter on 720810

Eco Church. We have signed up for the Eco Church scheme being run by A Rocha UK, a Christian charity working for the protection and restoration of the natural world.

Along with the other four churches in the Benefice we have registered with this scheme and we hope that in our own small way we can begin to make a difference.

Provision of toilets and kitchen Plans are being drawn up to provide better toilet and kitchen facilities within the church. Plans are at a very early stage but in the new year we will be looking for sources of funding and anyone with knowledge or experience of applying for grants, etc, is invited to contact Roger Carter 720810.

Village Hall 100 Club Draw. £40 Miss R. Pace, £20 Mrs N. Begg, £15 Mr. K. Watson and £10 Mr and Mrs Aulman.

Table Tennis Not looking forward to those long winter evenings? Want to be more actively enjoying life and meet new friendly village folk? We have the answer. We are a small fun group that play table tennis, with no seriousness

involved! Just turn up and join us. We will give you a very warm welcome. 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: November 7th 14th 28th December 5th 12th 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, 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 14th November

School news Everyone has been working well and we have had lots of exciting things going on. We had a visit from the Life Education Bus. All the children enjoyed learning about their bodies and how to take care of them and how relationships, food, drink and other substances can affect them. This is all done in an age appropriate way which the children always enjoy.

We have a wide range of after school clubs, including sports, dance, gardening and drama and next term this will also include lego club and Christmas craft club. Meet the teacher sessions were held so that parents could find out what to expect from their children and to ask any questions – these were well attended. We also held a coffee morning for parents which gave new parents the chance to meet each other in an informal setting, whilst chatting also to the Headteacher and members of the local board.

Since September, we have been using the new Cornerstones Curriculum: Elm, Hazel and Chestnut Classes held exhibitions to showcase the work that they had been undertaking during the term. This again was well supported by parents.

Our annual harvest tea took place for the senior members of our community. Year 6 made cakes, and with a little help with preparation of sandwiches from some mums, and a little assistance with serving, hosted a lovely tea which was really appreciated by the guests. This is a lovely tradition!

This term ended with Harvest Service in the Church with donations going to The Rise Trust, a charity which supports local families in North Wiltshire.

As soon as we come back from our half term holiday we will be thinking firstly about Remembrance and then about all the exciting events leading up to Christmas. We look forward to telling you about all of these events in the next edition.

We are holding an Open Morning on 6th November between 9.30 – 11.30 am. You are very welcome to visit us to see our learning in action!

Women's Institute

Art Club Our WI art club have done very well entering in several local competitions. Des Palmer was thanked for all his encouragement and support that he has shown to the group.

Bonfire Night: Saturday, 2nd November.

Your help is needed and so appreciated on this massive fundraising night. We appreciate those who have already 'promised/signed up' but we could have some more volunteers 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.

Reiki and Tai Chi: Thursday, 21st November.

Ann Tottingham will be explaining and demonstrating these two resources of well being. This promises to be a very interesting evening.

Carol Service: Monday, 2nd December 7.00 for 7.30pm

Our group carol service will be at Christian Malford church. Always a happy gathering with mince pies, mulled wine and coffee after much carol singing.

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 740627

Dauntsey Vale Link Scheme. For the attention of Foxham readers. 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 live in Foxham and at some time need to use the scheme, contact the co-ordinator on 07563 769549 and a driver will take you, stay and bring you back.

Probus Club The next meeting of the club will take place at THE FOXHAM INN on Thursday, 7th November 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 Nick Baxter on, "Whatever Happened in Calne". 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

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 e: parishclerk@christianmalford.org.uk

Resignation of Nick Cox – thanks was given to Nick for all his hard work on the Flood/Emergency Plan and as liaison with the village hall during his time as a councillor and we wish him well for the future. We have a vacancy for a parish councillor – please contact the Clerk or speak to any of the current councillors if you are interested in applying (details also on the website).

Planning – it was agreed to make no comment on the following planning applications:

Christian Malford Farm House, SN15 4DS – Conversion of barn to dwelling adjacent to listed farmhouse

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Land Opposite Christian Farm, West End - Proposed agricultural track.

Recreation Ground – ILLEGAL FLY TIPPING IN THE TRADE WASTE BIN – if you see anyone putting their domestic waste in the large bin please report it to the Clerk – we will be locking the gate nightly in an effort to stop this happening.

Bookings for the Rec – please contact the Parish Clerk to book the recreation ground.

Tree Assessment – we will be carrying out an assessment of all the trees at the recreation ground and burial ground to identify a maintenance timetable.

Burial Ground - Tombstones – we have identified 9 tombstones that require maintenance in the closed churchyard and would love to hear from you if you are a descendant of anyone buried there.

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 30/31 October and 27/28 November, with no visit scheduled for December due to the holidays.

Remembrance Sunday 10 November – Road Closure – part of The Green, around the war memorial, will be closed from 10.40am to 11.15am for the Remembrance Service.

Speeding Tractors causing a nuisance – we have received a number of complaints about tractors travelling too fast along Station Road and several near misses with other cars and pedestrians. If you see this happen can you please send details to the Parish Clerk, including colour, make, trailer, registration number, photos, etc. so that we can try and identify them.

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.

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 ec for your convenience – USE THEM. Pick up your dog's mess & put it in the bins provided IMMEDIATELY or risk a FINE.

Gigaclear Broadband Installation in Christian Malford – We had a presentation from Chris Morris, the new Gigaclear Community Engagement Manager for Wiltshire, on their broadband installation in the village. For help and support – E: networkbuildcare@gigaclear.com | T: 01865 591137 | W: www.gigaclear.com.

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 26th August – 15th September: volunteers: 5 / locations covered: 4 / hours by the road side: 6.25 / total vehicles counted: 788 / reported speeding vehicles: 11 / average reported speed: 42.64mph / capture rate: 1.40%. 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, 5th November in the Village Hall, commencing at 7.45pm.