

Autumn InDownton

Mini-recycling centre opens

Downton now has its own mini-recycling centre. It is situated around the back of the Baptist Church and available for all to use. The aim is to collect specific items that can be recycled, but are not collected at the kerb-side by the council, or elsewhere in the village. It has been organised by Downton Green Group, with the support of the Baptist Church, who have kindly provided the premises – and the shed!



There is an additional collection point at St Laurence Church, and arrangements are in hand to transport things from there down to the centre on a regular basis. Many of the items collected will be used to raise cash for charity. Volunteers regularly check the collection baskets and move things on as needed. The work is all done by volunteers. Anyone dropping off recycling, can really help by making sure that only those items specified are left and that the shed is left tidy. Any food wrappers should be free of food residue, and everything should be clean and dry.

So far, a large load of plastic milk bottle tops has gone to support Wilton Riding for the Disabled, water filter cartridges have been taken to Tesco's, and a consignment of flower pots has been recycled via Stewart's Garden Centres. Making use of the centre helps to ensure that less of Downton's rubbish ends up in landfill.

More information on downtongreengroup.org or on the Green Group's Facebook page. There's a guide to what can be recycled on page 15.

POST OFFICE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

A working group of the Parish Council is looking at how a post office service can be brought back to the village following the closure of the shop on The Headlands. A temporary option might be for a mobile office to visit at least once a week. If this can be arranged, details will be publicised around the village. Anyone with experience of running a post office or interested in running a post office in the village is particularly welcome to get involved.

A consultation process for residents to make suggestions or comments on possible solutions has been set up with feedback boxes in the Coop, Wooden Spoon and Library. Or feedback can be sent to janebren555@gmail.com, although personal replies may not be possible. Meanwhile collections from most of the post boxes in the village have now been changed to early morning, although a later collection is still available on The Headlands.

Comment

We had a positive response to our last 'Green Special' issue and we've followed it up with news of the launch of the new mini-cycling centre and a guide on page 15 to what you can re-cycle in addition to what the Council collects.

We also have news on the plans to have a new bridge and path around the south of the village, and confirmation that the village will be entering the regional Britain In Bloom competition.

I hope all these stories and the many others help develop the sense of community in our village.

There's lots going on, but always room to make things better. Let's hope a Post Office returns to the village soon, the village is poorer without one.

The Editor



The closed Post Office at The Headlands

TRAFALGAR SCHOOL CELEBRATES GCSE SUCCESS

Trafalgar School is celebrating its best ever GCSE results. Students achieved 85% Grade 9-4 in English and 84% in Mathematics. There was a significant increase in the number of the top grade 9s awarded across a wide range of subjects.

Headteacher, Stewart Roderick, said, "We are exceptionally proud of all our students and very pleased that we have achieved our best ever results with such a fantastic, hard-working and talented year group. They have taken advantage of the excellent teaching and pastoral support at our school to achieve their potential."



ECO-BRICK WORKSHOP

The last issue of InDownton had an article on how eco-bricks are a way of using up plastic that would otherwise end up in landfill. Eco-bricks are made from plastic bottles filled with non-recyclable plastic. The Green Group are organising a workshop in October to encourage more people to

dispose of non-recyclable plastic using this more environmentally friendly way, rather than discarding it and sending it to landfill. At the time of going to press arrangements are still being finalised, but look out for information on the Green Group Facebook page or website for details. Or call 513191.



ACTORS CALL FOR 'ANNE OF GREEN GABLES'

DADA, Downton's amateur dramatic group, will restart its regular meetings again on Thursday 12 September at the Baptist Church. It's 6pm for primary

school children and 7pm for secondary school age and adults. Everyone is welcome and preparations will be started for a production in the spring.

If anyone is interested in appearing in a radio play version of Anne of Green Gables, they can go along to the meeting at 7pm or contact Jane Seden on 510122.

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MOVIES BASED ON TRUE STORIES THIS AUTUMN

Three big movies based on true stories are coming to the Memorial Hall this Autumn.

On Saturday 21 September, *Fisherman's Friends* (12A) tells the story of a group of Cornish fishermen from Port Isaac who were signed by Universal Records and achieved a top 10 hit with their debut album of sea shanties. Its ensemble cast includes Daniel Mays, James Purefoy and Tuppence Middleton.

On Saturday 19 October, *Red Joan* (12A) stars Judie Dench and Sophie Cookson as a Russian spy. It's based on the real life of "granny spy" Melita Norwood, who faced charges of treason after working for the KGB.

On Saturday 16 November, *Balloon* (12A) is a

German film also based on a true story. This time it's the story of two families in East Germany who attempted to defect to the west in September 1979 in a hot-air balloon.

All films are £6. Doors open at 7pm and films start at 7.30pm. Interval refreshments are available. More details are available from Susan Barnhurst-Davies on 512963.



Fisherman's Friends is September's movie

BAPTISM COURSE

Downton Baptist Church will be holding a Baptism course on Sunday evenings from 6.30pm from 8 September to 29 September at the Church. The evenings are open to anyone who would like to explore the meaning of

Baptism and everyone is welcome. If you would like more information, contact Philip or Katy via the church office – contact details on the inside back page.

PARKING DEBATE CONTINUES

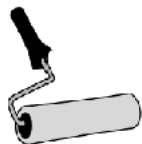
There has been a lot of comment on the Downton 'Now and Then' Facebook page about what people see as bad parking - including a few about what the 'Parish Council should do about it'. Parish Councillor Jane Brentor has a keen interest in the issue and has previously taken a lead for the Council. She's keen to remind people that the highway code says you must not to park a vehicle where it causes obstruction and says do not park within 10m of a junction, on or near the brow of a hill or hump bridge, or on a bend. The paved areas either side of the car

park entrance into the Coop were not intended for parking as they are necessary for visibility and the marked space in front of the Borough cafe is intended only for people holding blue badges.



The paved area and blue badge space

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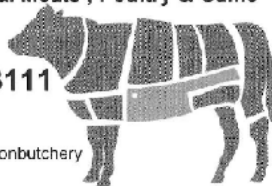
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FENCING ERECTED IN THE MOOT

The trustees of Downton Moot have been considering plans to improve the accessibility and safety for the visitors, which includes looking at ways to reduce the risk of falling from the bridge in the Moot. Meanwhile, temporary fencing has been erected on the bridge to reduce the risk to visitors.

There have been several negative comments made in response on one of the village FaceBook groups about putting up any fencing as well as the impact of the temporary fence.

Some Moot Trustees have responded by pointing out that they have a 'duty of care' to the visitors and therefore need to consider advice relating to health and safety matters.

A final decision on what measures will be put in place will not be made until a sympathetic



Temporary fencing on the bridge

approach has been agreed with Heritage authorities. The plans are part of ongoing work to improve the paths around the gardens over the past 12 months.

SCOUTS NEED LEADERS

The scout sections have all started again after the Summer:

- Beavers (6 – 8 year olds) Thursdays 6 - 7pm
- Cubs (8 – 10½ year olds) Tuesdays 6 - 7:30pm
- Scouts (10½ – 14 year olds) Fridays 6:30 - 8:30pm

Every section has a full program of activities for badge work, adventure, fun and challenges. At the moment, each section is pretty much full and there are waiting lists full of children who are desperate to join. The facilities are there to accommodate additional Colonies, Packs and Troops, however, there are not the adult leaders available

to run them. Please contact the group if you would be able to help in anyway - you do not need to have a child attending to help. Email: 1stdowntonscouts@gmail.com.



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NEW FACILITIES FOR BBQS AT MOOT LANE

The Parish Council has been consulting on works to enhance the Moot Lane Recreation Area. Recently a barbecue disposal bin and adapted picnic benches have been installed. The benches have paving slabs on so that disposable barbecues can be placed on the tables and the bin ensures that they are safely disposed of. This is the first of several proposed changes within the recreation area.



CELEBRATE HARVEST WITH TWO SPECIAL SERVICES



The Harvest All Age Celebration at St Laurence Church is on Sunday 6 October at 10am. The Downton Band will be playing and donations of garden produce, as well as tinned and dried groceries, will be welcome. All proceeds go to The Trussell Trust.

The Baptist Church is also having its

Harvest Festival service on 6 October starting at 10.30am, when there will also be a collection of tinned and dried groceries.

Both churches collect non-perishable goods for the Trussell Trust throughout the year for its food bank.

COMMUNITY PRE-SCHOOL

The Preschool hopes that everyone had a lovely summer holidays and are well rested! They are looking forward to

starting our Autumn term and welcoming the new starters. They still have spaces available and welcome families to come

and have a look around. For any further information please call 511178.

MURDEROUS TIMES AT GOOD COMPANIONS

Good Companions meet every Tuesday from 2 to 4pm at the Memorial Hall. Members pay £1.50 and visitors, who are always welcome, £2.00, which includes refreshments. For

details contact Julia Whitmarsh on 510601. There is a packed programme this autumn with visitors coming to share slides of different parts of the country – and the world. There will also be a

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CLIMATE ACTION EVENT: SATURDAY 21 SEPTEMBER

20 September marks the beginning of a week of world wide action on the climate emergency. Downton Green Group is making a contribution by holding an event in the Borough on Saturday 21st, between 10am and 2pm.

Look out for the stall outside the White Horse. The focus is what we can all do to shrink our carbon footprint, particularly when it comes

to food choices - a major factor affecting global carbon emissions. There will be thought provoking information on how to make a difference, along with the opportunity to sample foods made from easy vegetarian recipes. Free home crafted reusable 'boomerang bags' will also be on offer!



BOWLS CLUB NEWS

The summer is rolling on to the end, as are the members of Downton Bowling Club, who will be making the most of the remaining weeks until the end of September. This summer has seen the Ladies and Men's League teams finishing in the middle of their respective divisions. The Club has also hosted friendly matches, touring sides and County Rep games, as well as the Salisbury and District Herbie Turner Cup Final. A particular feature of the

green this season has been the hanging baskets surrounding the playing area.

As ever, groups are welcome to come along and have a Bowling Experience. If you wish to see what Bowling is really about please contact the club: downtonbowls@gmail.com or contact Alan Waters on 512531.



CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL CALL FOR EXHIBITORS

The Christmas Festival is calling for exhibitors to take part in this year's event. Local artists, crafters, businesses, charity and community groups are invited to display their seasonal creations across a two-day festival at St Laurence Church on 14 and 15 December. Entries will be displayed alongside music and choral performances, children's activities and refreshments. Displays might include:

- Decorated Christmas trees
- Festive floral arrangements

- Festive wreaths of plant or other materials
- Decorated small Christmas cakes
- Christmas crafts

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DOWNTON BAND: AS FEATURED ON SKY TV!

Downton Band has had a full summer programme of concerts and competitions.

A highlight was competing against some of the best bands in the country at the annual Whit Marches in June, where the band was captured playing by the new SkyArts TV series "Battle of the Bands". Long-standing members Pete and Liz Tanner can be seen blowing enthusiastically!

The concert programme took in the wonderful old bandstand at Lymington in July, where musical director and trombonist, respectively Paul and Danie Williams, showed their commitment by flying in from Canada so that they could "make the gig". There was also a concert at the White Horse Inn at Stourpaine – part of the summer "Brassed Off" series.

Later in the month, the band played for 4 hours each day at the three days of the New Forest show - one-hour-on-one-hour-off. The players' sore lips were worth every bit of the

endurance test as the enthusiastic crowds carried them through - even in the pouring rain on day one.

Meanwhile Jubilee Brass played at "Picnic Praise" at Woodgreen Church in early August, and then at the Downton Brewery and the Nomansland Annual Fete.

The Band will be performing at the Lyndhurst Community Centre on Sunday 8 September in co-operation with the Lyndhurst Royal British Legion, before knuckling down to rehearse for a busy late Autumn concert and contest programme in Downton and further afield.



Singing in the rain at the New Forest Show

DOWNTON IN BLOOM FOR JULY 2019

An application has been made for the village to enter the competition next year. The Parish Council are backing the application, and over a hundred residents have offered their support. Both schools are intending to participate.

Britain in Bloom is recognised across the UK as a symbol of excellence in community gardening, strong community spirit and pride of place. As well as the general enhancement of the area, using planting to provide a 'greener' space, groups choose to do activities that benefit their particular local area. This might include: enhancing wildlife habitats and conservation; caring for public community gardens; inspiring

more people to enjoy the benefits of gardening. In Downton, three project areas have been identified: The Borough and Memorial Gardens, The Moot and The Millennium Green. There are plans to feature a giant topiary cuckoo. Hanging baskets and tubs will be ordered in the new year, and work on weeding and tidying will begin in earnest in April 2020. In the meantime, planning will continue for community involvement and ensuring that the environmental aspects of the scheme are always at the forefront. More information from thedowntonsociety.org or downtonvillage.co.uk, email: downtoninbloom@gmail.com.



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RIVER FOOTBRIDGE PROPOSAL

A Parish Council working group has been progressing plans for a new footbridge over the river. Earlier this year, engineering company CTS Bridges was commissioned to produce a Feasibility & Design Study. The proposed route, which emerged from market research, would cross the river from the end of path running down from Moot Lane opposite Twynhams Close. The Study was financed by a grant given to the Millennium Green by developers to improve access to the Green.

CTS do consider it possible to build the bridge from the eastern bank of the river where access is easier. Two options for the bridge were offered with the favoured one, also the cheapest, being a 'triangulated truss with a hung deck and a cable supported structure'. The likely total cost for this option, which includes design, access clearance, bridge manufacture & delivery, construction and hire of equipment, was considered potentially achievable. A smaller amount will be required to prepare the path from the western bank to South Lane.



The footbridge would cross river Avon

The Parish Council will apply for planning permission so that the project becomes 'Shovel Ready' meaning that, once finance is obtained, construction can be started straight away. The big challenge will be finding the necessary money. This is not expected to be achieved by increasing the Parish Council precept (the parish element of Council Tax) but from grants and crowd funding. The Working Group will be investigating all available avenues and any ideas of where to source some money would be welcome. Contact Jane Brentor, Amenities Committee Chairman, janebren55@gmail.com.

HOLIDAY CLUB

Holiday Club's theme this year was "The Greatest Show on earth". The week saw a variety of circus performers taking centre stage, with both the ringmasters having to work hard to keep the performers in order. There were things to make and challenges to do. There was lots of water, games, music and activities. Lots of biscuits were eaten and lots of loud singing

filled the building – making it a special way of sharing time and joy together, whilst exploring stories about God. The church would like to thank the community for the support they received over the week to make it a memorable experience for everyone. The organisers are already planning next year, and look forward to seeing you there!

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This year's Moot Fun Dog Show takes place on Sunday 22 September between 3pm and 5pm. This year the six classes will be Junior (under 18) handler, loveliest veteran (10 years plus), prettiest bitch, most handsome dog, dog most like its owner and dog with the waggiest tail. The winners of each class will be entered into the "Best in Show" competition. There's a charge of £1 to enter dogs in each class from 2.30pm.

There will be an agility course running all afternoon and a puppy training demonstration. Entry is £2 for adults and 50p for children.



Last year's show

Children need to be accompanied. Refreshments will be available. Proceeds go to The Moot. For more information and latest news go to downtonmoot.co.uk or on Facebook.

SAVE THE DATE! THIS YEAR'S PARTRIDGE FAIR

The Partridge Fair will this year be on Saturday 7 December 2019 between 6pm and 7.30pm on the Borough Green between the White Horse and Green Lane.

Preparations are underway and as well as the lighting of the Christmas Tree and carols with

the Community Choir and Children's Choir, there will be a new paint a bauble activity. Children can take the results of their endeavours home. Proceeds of the event will be split between Children with Cancer UK and the Downton Pre-school.

A CHANCE TO TRY TAI CHI

Downton experienced local Tai Chi teachers Jane and Patrick Foley don't start new beginners courses very often but they have a free session at the Memorial Hall on Wednesday September 11th from 6.30pm, to find out more and give tai chi a try. People of all ages can benefit and grow into better health by developing their balance, flexibility, posture, strength and co-ordination. It has also been scientifically demonstrated that tai chi can help to improve memory, concentration, multi-tasking, and reduce stress and anxiety. Practised regularly it can help bring

balance and wellness in many aspects of life.

In the course that will run from 18th September, students will learn the Tai Chi '24 Step Foundation Form,' which is ideal for beginners to integrate the essentials of tai chi movement. If a full course is too much, there is also the option for new student to drop in any week for a 45 minute warm up class (£7) which does a tai chi-qigong 'Shibashi' set. This is a great health exercise class in its own right. More details: longwatertaichi.co.uk or call Patrick or Jane on 514546 or just turn up on the 11th.

FREE Session Sept 11

Tai Chi Foundations

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LOCAL INITIATIVES FROM WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

The local cabinet of Wiltshire Council – the Southern Wiltshire Area Board – has awarded over £40k in grants to local projects and initiatives this year, as well as running a series of themed public events and meetings. Downton has benefited from grants that have gone towards: a new speed indicator device; a new gardening club for elderly residents of the local sheltered housing scheme; the 'Go wild at the Moot' event which took place in May; new floodlights and netting at the football club.

A new collaborative initiative is the Silver Salisbury programme of activities for older people, which will run from 20 September to 13 October. The idea is to support and encourage members of the older community to venture out and take part in a wide range of (mainly) free

activities, to re-connect with old friends and to meet new people. Full details are available at Downton Library, Surgery and Memorial Hall, or on silversalisbury.co.uk.

Future events run by the board:

Wednesday 25 September, 6.30pm : How to bid for funds for small local transport improvements, and a chance to influence the priority order of next year's highways investment projects (at the Wiltshire Council Offices, Bourne Hill, Salisbury)

Wednesday 7 November, 6.30pm : A re-run of the Rights of Way workshop from earlier this year (Downton Memorial Hall)

Wednesday 28 November, 7pm : Southern Wiltshire Area Board meeting, with a 'local eco initiatives' theme (Alderbury Village Hall).

REDLYNCH & HALE CRICKET CLUB

The club is an ECB "Clubmark" accredited club and welcomes new players, experienced or not, to have a go. The 2019 season has seen a lot of cricket available for all ages and skill sets.

The club's "flagship" 1st XI has been playing at a higher standard than it has been for many years in Hampshire County Division 2, and is more than holding its own. A 6 wicket victory in the penultimate league match saw it finish safely in 7th position in the table! The 2nd XI is also safe in County Div 4 (West), lying mid table as it went into its last game.

This season, the club took the bold step of entering a 4th Saturday XI when many other clubs were struggling to field just one! It took until the 2nd weekend in August, before a "mass unavailability" meant the 4ths had to concede.

However, this step has ensured that cricketers who might not have otherwise had a game, have been able to take part.

The Junior programme finished for the Under 9's, 11's and 13's with several players put forward for consideration for squads at County and District level. The successful Allstars once again attracted over 20 5-8 year olds each week, with many getting their first taste of cricket. Last, but not least, the Ladies Softball Cricket squad has enjoyed its first season, playing in several festivals and emerging as winners in one!



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There will also be edible treats: home-made cakes and preserves, and home-grown fruit and vegetables. Other attractions include a raffle and a plant stall, as well as a bottle and chocolate tombola, and for the children there will be games outside. As always, the 'Golden Egg Café' will be serving light lunches, cakes and puddings.

This year there will be an exhibition bringing together several local village organisations, along with Wiltshire Wildlife Trust, showing what they are each doing to support our community and environment.



The organisers say "It's a great opportunity to get ahead with your Christmas shopping or to treat yourself to something special. There are items to suit all pockets and something for all the family."

LIBRARY BOOKS FOR SALE AS WELL AS TO BORROW

Downton Library has a good selection of second hand books for sale at the moment. Some have been donated, and some are recent withdrawals from library stock, which is constantly being updated. Hardbacks cost £1 and paperbacks are 60p each – or two for £1. Call during library open hours to have a look at the display and pick up a bargain.

This summer's reading challenge for primary age children has again been popular, with nearly seventy children signed up. In July, the library became a space base for a host of red paper rockets, which the 'astronauts in training' have been adorning with gold stars as they have read more books. Staff and volunteers have been busy handing out medals and certificates to those who have persevered and read at least six books over the holidays. The library runs schemes throughout the year to encourage children to read for pleasure. For 4 – 16 year



olds, there is the 100 club – a personal

challenge to read 100 books. Children taking part are given their own special log book to record their reading, and a certificate on completion – however long that takes. For 2 – 4 year olds, there is 'Bear's Reading Adventure' – every time they visit the library, they can pick up a sticker to go into their very own Bookstart Bear's storybook. There are ten different stickers to collect, and the storybook is full of great early reading tips too. There is also a Bookstart Bear club.

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LOCAL FOOD COMPANY TO TOUR EUROPE

Local small business, Pure Punjabi Ltd, has signed a contract for a European Roadshow with a Los Angeles based company. The Downton based mother and daughter food business were approached with an 'exciting opportunity' to head up a culinary experience roadshow across Europe.

The technology focused roadshow will be touring in a camper van, taking Chef Safia of Pure Punjabi to each venue where she will source fresh produce from the local markets, to create a culinary experience at each conference for approximately 100 invited attendees.

Surinder Hothi-Bellamy, founding director of Pure Punjabi, says: "The CEO of Groundswell flew into London to meet with us, after initial discussions via conference calls, and we were thrilled to find that their worldwide search for a young enthusiastic chef of Indian origin or descent, narrowed down to our company".

The tour campaign kicks off in London, moving onto Manchester, Dublin, Paris, Madrid, Berlin, Munich, Amsterdam, Mechelen, Stockholm

and Helsinki, over the month of October. Co-director Safia Hothi-Bellamy added, "I'll be cooking from scratch at each venue, but am delighted that essentially I'll be using our own Meal Kit Boxes, except on a much larger scale for this series of events."



Safia and Surinder

The company has also just been awarded 2 Great Taste Awards for 2019 for their Tikka Paste and Ready to serve Punjabi Chicken. They have been selected for The Pitch Boot camp – a competition to attend a business boot camp to receive business workshops and mentoring.

Pure Punjabi is a Cookery School and food events business, maintaining, teaching and promoting traditional home-kitchen cookery from North India, through workshops, meal kit boxes, artisan spice products and private dining.

WEEKLY WALKING GROUP

Get Wiltshire Walking's free weekly led walk invites residents of Downton to join them for some fresh air, chat and company. This small group of local walkers has now been established in Downton for 6 years as part of Wiltshire Council's countywide initiative to encourage people to increase their physical activity, reduce isolation and encourage

people to get to know their local area.

The walks last for between 60-90 minutes generally and everyone can walk at their own pace whilst chatting and enjoying the lovely countryside around Downton.

Anyone registered as a walker with Get Wiltshire Walking can attend any of 33 scheduled weekly walks around



the county. More information: natalie.parker@wiltshire.gov.uk call 07917599964 or just turn up outside The Borough Café on a Wednesday morning ready for a 10am start.




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HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY NEWS

The first DHS evening meeting of the autumn is in the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday 26 September when Ray Broughton will be talking about 'Spring Bulbs'. Ray, a horticultural scientist and former lecturer at Sparsholt College, now teaches staff and students at RHS Wisley. His talks are always informative and entertaining. Tea and coffee will be available along with a sales table and raffle.

On 24 October one of the DHS judges, Bryan Madders, is talking about Dahlias. Bryan is also a judge for the National Dahlia Society and Chairman of the New Forest & District Dahlia & Chrysanthemum Society.

On 21 November the AGM will be combined with a social evening and quiz hosted by Jeremy



Exhibits at the Autumn Show

Parsons. Members bring along a small plate of food to this event to add to the supper table while the Society provides wine and soft drinks.

The society always welcome new members, all that is needed is an interest in gardening. Members are not experts and there is no need to put entries in the shows (unless you want to!).

NEW DENTIST FOR DOWNTON

The Borough Dental Practice has announced that Salisbury dentist, Charlie Killick, will shortly be joining the Practice. Charlie is both a general dentist and a registered specialist in endodontics (root canal treatment) and prosthodontics. A number of the surgery's patients will know him already as Downton, along with many practices in Wiltshire, Dorset and Hampshire, refer patients to him for more complex root canal treatments.

Having worked in Salisbury for nearly 20 years, Charlie said, "I have known Jenny (Practice Owner) and Richard for many years and believe they have created a very special patient-centred practice in Downton.."

Jenny added, "It will also be lovely to welcome some more new patients, and that our own referral patients can see Charlie in the next room, rather than have to travel to Salisbury!"

Charlie will be joining the Practice in the middle of October and will be offering a special introductory rate of £40 for New Patient Examinations (including X-rays) until the end of the calendar year. Call 510303 for more details.



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DOWNTON FOOTBALL CLUB ON THE RISE: CAN YOU HELP?

Downton FC is over 100 years old, and has always fought well above its weight. However, in the last few years, the Club has become much more than just a successful men's team. From having no youth teams two years ago, the club now has eight age-group teams for the 2019-20 season, including some of the best boys' and girls' youth teams in the area. It achieved FA Chartered Status in 2018 in recognition of its new approach and is well on its way to having youth teams at every age-group.

This is just the start. The vision is for Downton Football Club to take its place at the heart of the community. Through engagement with local schools and businesses, and in time with the building of a 3G football pitch, the hope is to use the power of football to help improve the lives and health of the community.

To achieve this vision, the club needs help! It is appealing to local businesses to consider becoming corporate partners. Through engaging with hundreds of local players, parents and spectators every week, and with a following of



nearly 3,000 on social media, the club can now bring substantial positive publicity to its corporate partners. With regular paper, digital and social media communications, the hope is that businesses would equally benefit from any sponsorship relationship. For more information from the Sponsorship Secretary, Luke Wordley, at sponsorship@downtonfc.com.

The club is also looking for individuals interested in becoming "Friends" or "Members" of Downton Football Club, or even just coming down and supporting the men's and youth teams on matchday. For information about fixtures and the club please visit downtonfc.com.

CLOTHING EXCHANGE

The next Clothing Exchanges will be on 20 September, 18 October and 22 November at the Baptist Church from 2 – 3:45pm. Donations of clothes are always needed (clothes suitable for the colder months to come will be particularly sought

after!) but you don't have to bring something to swap – everyone is welcome to call in for a drink and a chat – and to see what items can be picked up for free! The Exchange supports the Trussell trust, which collects clothing that is surplus to requirements. More



information can be found on the church website.

Parish Council Surgeries

Downton Parish Council holds monthly surgeries for residents to raise and discuss local issues with councillors in a less formal setting than the monthly Parish Council meeting. Two parish councillors are on hand to meet with residents and the surgeries are normally held on the first Saturday of each month. The next surgeries will be held at the **Memorial Hall**, from 9 am to 10 am on these dates:

Saturday 7 September
Saturday 5 October
Saturday 2 November

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Felt tips, biro's	
Toothpaste tubes, toothbrushes	
Biscuit / cake wrappers (cleaned / flattened)	
Pet food pouches	Co-op
Crisp packets (flattened)	
Tassimo pods	
Batteries	
Books	
Clothes	Clothes swap, DBC. / Bull car park container

VILLAGE CHURCHES' REGULAR SERVICES

DOWNTON BAPTIST CHURCH (DBC)

South Lane, Downton SP5 3NA

Sunday Services 10.30am & 6.30pm, Thursdays 11.30am

Ministers: Rev Philip Rhoades & Rev Katy Ulyatt

07468 491143 (out of hours contact number)

Email: rhoades470@btinternet.com

Church Office 01725 512971 office@downtonbaptist.org
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9am - 10am Memorial Hall
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Friday 10am - 5pm
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What, Where, When

September

Saturday	7	9am - 10am	Parish Council Surgery, Memorial Hall	See page 14
Sunday	8	6.30pm	Baptism Course starts, Baptist Church	See page 3
Wednesday	11	6.30pm	Tai Chi Free Trial Evening, Memorial Hall	See page 9
Thursday	12	7pm	DADA Starts, Preparation for Anne of Green Gables, Baptist Church	See page 2
Friday	20	2 - 3.45pm	Clothing Exchange, Baptist Church	See page 14
Saturday	21	10am - 12pm	Climate Action Event, outside The White Horse	See page 6
Saturday	21	2pm	Love Jumble Sale	See page 11
Saturday	21	7 for 7:30pm	Downton Movies: Fisherman's Friends Memorial Hall	See page 3
Sunday	22	3 - 5pm	Fun Dog Show, Downton Moot	See page 9
Saturday	28	10am - 2pm	Goose Fair, St Laurence Church	See page 11

October

Saturday	5	9am - 10am	Parish Council Surgery, Memorial Hall	See page 14
Sunday	6	10am	Harvest All Age Celebration, St Laurence Church	See page 5
Sunday	6	10.30am	Harvest Festival Service, Baptist Church	See page 5
Friday	18	2 - 3.45pm	Clothing Exchange, Baptist Church	See page 14
Saturday	19	7 for 7:30pm	Downton Movies: Red Joan, Memorial Hall	See page 3

November

Saturday	2	9am - 10am	Parish Council Surgery, Memorial Hall	See page 14
Saturday	2	6pm	Scout Firework Night	See page 4
Sunday	10		Last date to submit items for Christmas InDownton	
Sunday	10	10am	Act of Remembrance, Downton Memorial Hall	
Sunday	10	10.45	Remembrance Service, St Laurence Church	
Saturday	16	7 for 7:30pm	Downton Movies: Balloon, Memorial Hall	See page 3
Friday	22	2 - 3.45pm	Clothing Exchange, Baptist Church	See page 14
Saturday	23	10am - 2pm	Christmas InDownton publication date	

Redlynch village hall social committee presents

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