

Winter InDownton

Downton loses its ‘Secret Spitfire’ Heroine

In December, the film “The Secret Spitfires” was shown to a packed Memorial Hall, and featured Downton resident Bette Blackwell. Bett died on 27 December, aged 97. She worked in Salisbury building spitfire fighter planes in a secret factory at Wessex Motors which was hidden to avoid German bombing.

Bette may be Better known to Downton residents as one of the founding members of Downton Bowls club. When she was one of the original members in 1980, the club played on the grass at the primary school. She helped the club move to their new premises with a proper green in Wick Lane in 1983.

Bette was a lively player who played for the club side in the New Forest Bowls League. She was the club’s Ladies Champion in 1983 and 1984 and Ladies Captain in 1989 and 1990, playing with the club for around 30 years.

In other bowling club news, the social events continue although bowling doesn’t take place during the winter months. All are welcome for the fortnightly coffee mornings starting from 23 January at the club house in Wick Lane. There’s also a skittles evening on 1 February with a race night, quiz evening and more to follow. An irrigation system is being installed to improve the green before the new season starts in April. For more information on events or joining the club, contact Alan Waters on 512531 or email downtonbowls@gmail.com.



Bettee Blackwell

Comment

Firstly, I’d like to wish all our readers a belated Happy New Year from contributors and everyone who helps bring the newsletter to you.

Soon after the publication of the last InDownton, The Puffin Crossing in The Headlands was been turned on, for which we can take no credit. But it’s good to see it lit up at last and being used to make crossing the road safer.

We’ve highlighted a couple of local human stories and I hope it helps ensure that this remains a community newsletter. Bette Blackwell may be well known to most people from her appearance in the film “The Secret Spitfires”, but in Downton she was a champion bowler. And Joan Edwards got her Christmas wish when the band visited on Christmas morning. It’s what makes our village special.

The Editor

CLOTHING EXCHANGE AT DBC

February’s Clothing Exchange will take place on Friday 15, with further events on 15 March and 26 April, and thereafter on the third Friday of each month. If possible, quality clothing to be exchanged should be dropped off at the Baptist Church beforehand - the office is

open on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings between 9am and 1pm. Otherwise, clothing can also be brought in on the day. Everyone is welcome to come and see what is on offer and to enjoy refreshments. There is no charge.



Some of the regular Clothing Exchange volunteers

DOWNTON 4 FAMILY FUNDRAISING

Downton4Family continues to develop its work supporting families in local villages, and is grateful for all the local support it is given, which enables it to make a difference to our community.

The charity has been chosen for the next round of the Co-op Local Community Fund, which lasts until October. Co-op Members can choose to give 1% of their spend to D4F when they buy selected own-brand products and services. To nominate D4F as your chosen charity go to coop.co.uk/membership, scroll down to the green box "Choose your local cause today" and complete the short nomination process.

Over the past few months, 'Walking Treasure Hunt' booklets, compiled by Richard Nash, have been selling well, with thanks going to the Borough Café for acting as a selling point. They are back in the café by popular demand for New Year walks. They cost £5 for the clues (and answers) and there are no prizes – it's just for fun.

On 19 January, Hale Food Market will be selling refreshments in aid of D4F. The market is held in Hale Village Hall from 9am to midday, and has lots of locally produced food and craft items.

The team made a 'family' tree for the Christmas Tree Festival in December, and the festival organisers have generously donated half of the proceeds to D4F, a sum of £900.

D4F would also like to thank everyone who came and supported the Christmas Craft Fair in November, as well as those who made and served refreshments and helped. Nearly all the stallholders from last year came back, and they are



Helen Holgate receives the cheque from Christmas Tree Festival organisers, Phillipa Merrill and Jane Jarvis.

looking forward to doing it all again next year. Special thanks to Ray for bringing his 'Charity Car', which helped to swell the funds made at the Craft Fair. You may have seen Ray and the cars in action at local weddings, adding an extra touch of glamour. The chauffeur driven cars, a Rolls Royce and Austin A95, can be hired for special events and all fees are donated to the charity.

More about the charity, and its events, at downton4family.org.uk.



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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 2 February
Saturday 2 March
Saturday 6 April

JOAN'S CHRISTMAS MORNING VISIT

As usual, Downton Band toured the village from 4am on Christmas morning. The 100 year old tradition is followed so that village residents can hear the Band playing carols in the small hours almost as if in a dream on Christmas morning. One Downton resident who was determined not to miss the band this year was 97-year-old Joan Edwards. Mrs Edwards was spending Christmas at her home in Moot Lane with her family, after spending it with her daughter Carol and the family for many years previously. One of Joan's main worries for Christmas morning was that she might miss Downton Band playing carols because of the change of family venue. At 4.15am on Christmas morning the Band arrived at the lamp post outside Mrs Edwards home. A chair was in the doorway, and the family helped a well wrapped up Mrs Edwards into the chair, and assembled around her to hear the band play two carols - including "Silent Night", Mrs Edwards's special request. Joan's daughter Carol said: "Mum was thrilled that the Band played outside her home, and spent most of Xmas day waxing lyrical about it!" Paul Williams, the Band's Musical Director, added: "It is experiences like that, where the Band is able to meet such special requests on the part of Downton villagers, that makes all of the effort - including rising at 3am on Xmas morning! - all the more worthwhile".

In the run up to Christmas, the Band also played at concerts at the Brian Whitehead centre, St Lawrence Church and at Lyndhurst. The Jubilee Brass, Training Bank and Beginners Brass played at the Christmas Tree festival. Throughout December the band, with training



4.15am Christmas Day: Joan Edwards gets a hug from daughter Carol as the band plays and grand daughter Charlie and Carol's husband Ceri look on. Photo: Joan's grandson Lewis.

band members, played carols on the streets of the village as well as for 2 hours on Christmas Eve outside the Co-op and on Christmas morning.

The band will now be practising hard for the national championships in Torquay in March to match their fourth place in their section last year. This will be followed by an Easter concert in Lyndhurst and the Cuckoo Fair concert, details of which will be in the Spring issue of InDownton.



Band members play outside the Co-op on Christmas Eve

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PRIMARY SCHOOL

During November, Downton Primary School's new games area was officially named as the Bonvalot Playground. This playground has been dedicated to Second Lieutenant Edward Bonvalot who was fatally wounded in the First World War in 1915. After the war his mother, Emily Bonvalot, purchased the land, now used by the school, in memory of her son. After a short memorial service, the Chairman of the Parish Council, David Mace, unveiled a plaque. During the service, children from across the school shared some of the moving poetry which they had written and one Year 6 pupil played the Last Post.

This year's enjoyable Nativity play involved a lot of work getting the children ready, and the school is very proud of the children who performed. The school is also incredibly grateful to parent Ben Bennett for loaning the fabulous lighting and sound system, and spending several hours setting up, just to provide an extra touch of magic.



New games area being officially opened



Angels in the nativity

OPEN HOUSE WEEKEND RAISES NEARLY £200

Lynn Purcell wishes to thank all those who visited The Corn Mill and those who helped by baking and catering during her Open House Weekend at the beginning of

December. There were over 60 visitors and she is pleased to report that £192.84 was raised for the Breast Care Unit at Salisbury Hospital. This brings the total from Art

Trail/Open House refreshment donations to over £1100 which is "absolutely fantastic".



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Despite grim weather, over 700 people visited the Festival in December, where forty trees, wreaths and scenes constructed by local organisations/individuals were on display. A wide range of musical performances accompanied the display, starting with sung evensong on the Friday evening.

The Festival raised just over £1,800 of which £900 has been donated to Downton 4 Family, with the rest going to other charitable causes chosen by St Laurence Church. Helen Holgate receiving the cheque on behalf of D4F is pictured on page 2.

Thanks are due to Jane Jarvis, Philippa Merrill, Margaret Tribe, Judy Gimson and Susan Barnhurst Davies who masterminded the weekend and to those who provided cakes, manned the refreshment stall and helped in other ways throughout the weekend.



Some of the entries



DVDS FROM DOWNTON LIBRARY

Did you know that you can hire films on DVD from the library? You need to join, which is free, and then you can choose from the selection on offer at a cost of £1.90 for a week. It's a good way to catch up on films that you may have missed at the cinema. Recent titles available include well known films such as: La la Land, Lady Bird, The Greatest Showman, 12

Years a Slave, Gone Girl, Girl on a Train... Details of the library's opening times are on the information panel on page 13.



DADA UPCOMING PRODUCTIONS: ADVANCE NOTICE

There are two upcoming performance from DADA. A Murder Mystery Radio Play

on 4 April and 6 April at 7 pm in the Baptist Church and Winnie the Pooh on 9 May

and 11 May at 7 pm at the Baptist Church. Contact Jane Seden on 510122 for details.

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You may have heard of – or even taken part in - the Local Dining Out Group. The group would like to encourage more people living in Downton to enjoy their dining events. Every month they visit a different venue travelling by coach, allowing diners to have a drink without having to drive home. There are regular pick up points through from Woodgreen, Hale, Woodfalls and Morgan’s Vale to Downton. In Downton the pickup points are: the end of Moot Lane, the Co-op, and Salisbury Road. If you prefer, you can go straight to the restaurant. It’s free to join with no regular obligation.

The ticket price includes a two-course dinner, coach and tips for the driver and the restaurant staff, but does not include drinks. There are also tickets on sale for a charity raffle. When you book and pay, there are 6 different main courses / desserts and you make a choice at that stage. There is always a vegetarian main

course and arrangements can be made for those with food allergies. The dinners are quite informal and new members will be introduced so that they soon get to know everyone. For further information about dining events and details about the money raised for different charities go to localdiningoutgroup.org.uk.



By the time you read this, the January dinner will be fully booked but there will be a meal at The White Hart at Bishopstone on Wednesday 27 February followed by another venue on Wednesday 27 March and from then on every 4th Wednesday until November. To join, book a dinner or find out more contact Donald Summers on 513963 or info@localdiningoutgroup.org.uk

COMMUNITY PRE-SCHOOL

Downton Pre School have settled in perfectly to their new building within the Memorial Centre in The Borough, and are looking forward to their first full term there. During the Spring term, their topic will be transport, which will involve

making cars from junk modelling and baking transport shaped biscuits. The team would like to thank the local community for all the support they have received. There are still some spaces, so if you would like to come and have a look around, call 511178.





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DOWNTON SOCIETY AWARDS



Sam Mellor, winner of the Wrightson Cup, with guest speaker and former pupil, Georgie Budd

The Downton Society makes an annual award to those residents whom they believe have enhanced the village by making quality improvements to their property. They will consider projects ranging from replacement windows to a major rebuild, and state that "all those shortlisted will, in some way, have retained or improved the character of the house and its place in the streetscape." Awards will be announced in the late Spring. If you wish to put forward work you have done on your property, or to nominate someone else, find out more under "Conservation" on the website.

Another of the Society's awards is The Wrightson Cup, which is presented annually to a student from Trafalgar School who has shown resilience or personal courage. The silver trophy (which dates from the Downton train crash of 1884) was this year awarded to Sam Mellor.

The Downton Society welcomes new members - all that you need is an interest in your local community and its environment. For further information, go to thedowntonsociety.org.

GOOD COMPANIONS

Good Companions enjoy playing cards, scrabble and other games. They meet in the Memorial Hall on Tuesdays from 2 - 4 pm. Regulars pay £1.50 and visitors, who are always welcome, £2. This includes refreshments. For details contact Julia Whitmarsh on 510601.

Green Matters

Local Action on Plastics

2018 was a year in which the problem of plastics in our environment drew major public attention. It also saw the launch of the Government's 25 year Environment Plan, with the elimination of avoidable plastic waste one of its main targets. Welcome progress locally came with Wiltshire Council broadening the scope of blue bin collections to include a wider range of plastics.

In recognition of the need for a more comprehensive approach to dealing with plastic waste, Salisbury Area Board hosted a public debate in November, which members of Downton Green Group attended. Many ideas emerged as to how individuals, community groups, schools, businesses and the Council could take action to reduce the use of plastics and encourage more effective recycling. Salisbury Transition City has been asked to form a project team to develop these ideas and submit a report to the Council in November. Meanwhile as a reminder, a detailed list of materials now collected at kerbside is available at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/rubbish-and-recycling

Waste Free February

On the same theme, whilst the time for New Year Resolutions may have passed, next month offers an opportunity to cultivate good waste saving habits. Wiltshire Wildlife Trust's Waste Free February campaign sets the challenge to reduce household waste

(excluding recyclables) to a self appointed minimum, ranging from one rubbish bag to - at the extreme - a jam jar! Those wanting to take part can sign up and receive tips and advice along the way. Otherwise simply download the advice contained in the Trust's Waste Free Feb guide (wiltshirewildlife.org/waste-free-february).

There is even a Facebook Group for those keen to share the challenge!

Dates for the Diary

Seedy Sunday - 10th March (see page)
Wildlife in the Moot event - 19th May. Look out for details in the March issue of InDownton.

downtongreengroup.org.uk



SATURDAY MOVIE NIGHTS

January's film, *Mamma Mia!* Here we go again (PG), is showing on 19 January.

On 16 February, the film is *Education Act* (12A). As her marriage to Jack (Stanley Tucci) flounders, eminent High Court judge Fiona Maye (Emma Thompson) has a life-changing decision to make at work – should she force a teenage boy, Adam (Fionn Whitehead), to have the blood transfusion that will save his life? Her unorthodox visit to his hospital bedside has a profound impact on them both, stirring strong new emotions in the boy and long-buried feelings in her.

Then, on 16 March, *First Man* (12A) is the story behind the first manned mission to the moon, focusing on Neil Armstrong and the decade leading to the historic Apollo 11 flight. "A visceral and intimate account told from Armstrong's perspective, the film explores the triumphs and the cost – on Armstrong, his family, his colleagues and the nation itself – of one of the most dangerous missions in



Some of last year's entries

history." Directed by Damien Chazelle and starring Ryan Gosling.

April's film, will be the award winning *Bohemian Rhapsody* – more details in the next issue.

Bring your friends and neighbours for a local night out. Memorial Hall doors open at 7pm for refreshments. Bring change for the ice creams and a cushion for comfort. Films start promptly at 7.30 pm. Tickets cost £6 and are available 2 weeks before the screening at the Borough Café and on the door. Reserve tickets by calling Susan 512963 or susankirsten@btinternet.com.

DOWNTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The society's first event of 2019 will be on Thursday 21 February - an illustrated talk on the history of Kingston Lacy by David Smith, the Head Warden. This estate near Wimborne, now owned by the National Trust, was once the

most wealthy and financially productive in the country, and also one of the largest.

On 28 March, Stephen Oakes from the RSPB will be back, giving an illustrated talk entitled 'Birds in our gardens in Springtime'.

Both events start at 7.30pm. All DHS events are free, although joining the Society costs only £6. For further information please contact Gordon Bishop on 511475.



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Traditionally January is a month for resolve and improvement - trying to curtail bad habits and reinforce good ones with small but effective lifestyle changes.

Many people focus on health and wellbeing as an area for improvement, hence gym membership across the county soars, as do sales on trainers, running shoes and other fitness linked products - only to be abandoned by April. Walking can give you all the benefits of these without the cost - and would provide you with an opportunity to socialise.

There are many opportunities to walk locally, including the Millennium Green and the local walking group (see below).

Another local opportunity is Get Wiltshire Walking, which operates in Downton every Wednesday morning, providing an opportunity

to take some low risk exercise outdoors whilst improving physical and mental wellbeing.

It's a Wiltshire Council run activity which is free and you can attend as and when you are able. Walking can be great for your social life - and knowing you have the support of people around you is a great way to start and keep going. You can make friends, encourage each other and discover new walks in and around your area. You don't have to walk for a long time or at a brisk straight away. You can build up as you go.

More information on Get Wiltshire Walking from rosie.golding@wiltshire.gov.uk or simply turn up on a Wednesday at 10am outside The Borough Café. You will be very welcome.



MILLENNIUM GREEN

If you still feel that Christmas has left you less fit than you want to be, but can't face the gym, what about a gentle walk around the Millennium Green? You can make the walk as long as you want - and there are plenty of benches (each dedicated to people who have been important to the Millennium Green Trust) where you can take a rest

should you want to just enjoy the beautiful surroundings.

Keeping active while watching and listening to our native birds in the hedges around the Green means you won't even notice that you are walking off all that Christmas pudding! Don't forget to wear waterproof shoes.



WALKING GROUP

The organisers would like to thank those who led walks in 2018. The 2019 itinerary will be ready late January, and

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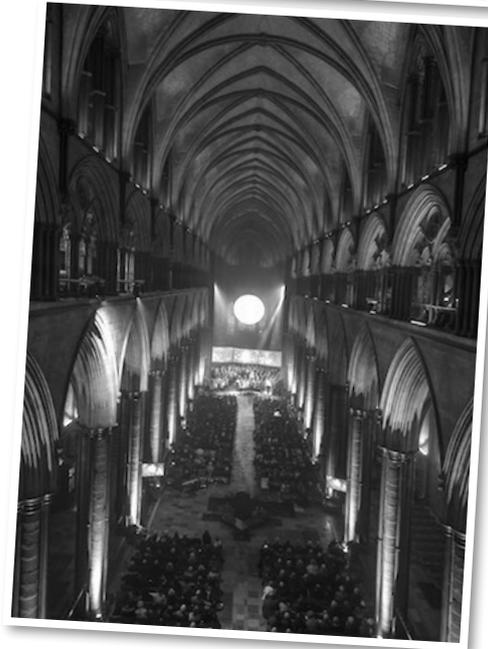
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COMMUNITY CHOIR

Downton Community Choir had another busy Christmas, singing at several village events, including the St Laurence's Christmas Tree festival, where they were joined by the newly formed Downton Children's Choir, run by Becky Arch.

The two choirs also joined with Kate Edgar's three Salisbury-based community choirs for a performance of Songs of the Light in Salisbury Cathedral. It was a special experience, singing under the giant illuminated globe, which is currently in the Cathedral as part of the 'From Darkness to Light' art installation.

Pictured left is the choir at the Christmas Tree festival (top) and at the cathedral.



REDLYNCH & HALE CRICKET CLUB

The cricket season might still be some way distant, but the club's 2019 AGM will be held on Wednesday 30 January at the Redlynch Sports and Social Club at 7.30 pm. Please

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Even if you don't have any plants or seeds to bring to swap, come anyway as you can always 'buy' these items for a small donation and there are other stalls to visit. The event is not just for experienced gardeners: it is particularly useful if you are a novice gardener or have a new garden and are looking for ideas to get started.

More Veg, who sell seeds in small quantities, will be present, as usual, and early vegetable seedlings will be on sale. There will also be many

other stalls selling local produce, garden related items and crafts. A garden tool sharpening service will be provided too.

Information on how to grow sustainably will be available plus a Recycling Corner. Bring along any unwanted garden items that are in reasonable condition, but no small plastic pots.

Refreshments, including homemade cake will be available. All profits go to local good causes.

It's on Sunday 10 March at the Memorial Hall between 2pm and 4pm. More information at downtongreengroup.co.uk or see posters nearer the date.



PARTRIDGE FAIR

Graced by a 30ft high Christmas Tree provided and erected by The Cuckoo Fair Committee, over 250 people joined the fair in December.

Children dressed as elves used glow sticks to make a colourful procession down from the White Horse to watch the Cuckoo Princess and attendants switch on the lights with Father Christmas in attendance. The Downton Community Choir and the

Downton Primary School sang carols. The Downton pre-school parents sold over 60 cups of hot chocolate and a huge variety of gingerbread biscuits. The hot mulled wine stall efficiently parted with 34 litres (in 174 mugs full), whilst 223 mince pies were hungrily consumed.

The weather was kind and the organisers were grateful to the many helpers who made it an enjoyable and successful

event, allowing a substantial donation to be made towards equipment for the pre-school in their new premises. Proceeds from the sale of Glow sticks etc. went to Children with Cancer.



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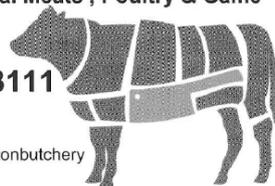
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KEEPING THE MOOT IN TIP TOP CONDITION

Those who have recently visited the Moot Gardens will have noticed progress with improving the path network down to the pond. The latest task was to put in a land drain down the outer ditch route, and now this is complete the path will be re-gravelled shortly.

The site manager would like to thank all those volunteers who have given up their time this year. There are two teams: the "Thursday Volunteers" and the "Border Group" and these are the people who keep the Moot looking at its best. The Thursday Team will be working on clearing the autumn leaves, which are still lying on the grass. There are plans to invest in a new leaf collector, which will improve tidiness and be more efficient. As well as putting in the manual labour and using hand tools, the volunteers use a range of motorised garden tools including two ride-on mowers, one of which doubles as a tractor with a trailer, and a set of strimmers, hedge cutters and brush cutters. To keep the current level of maintenance across the



Moot Gardens both weekly teams need about 8 regular volunteers. However, current numbers are nearer to 4 each week and more are urgently needed. There is also an opportunity for some Saturday work.

It is the volunteering that achieves the sustainability of the Moot, so the Trustees ask that local residents consider sparing some time to keep it in good shape. Contact Jeremy Parsons (Moot Site Manager) 512963 or email parsons@lcb.uk.com

BARFORD DAY CENTRE

The centre gets its name from Barford Lane, where it was first established in 1980, with the aim of providing care and company for elderly residents who are on their own. It also provides a little respite time for carers. The centre is now located at the Garden Room in Ashley Grange Nursing Home and

there are currently 9 regular guests who have been enjoying lunch with friends, games and interesting talks. The programme of activities is arranged by Julie Beckett, who has been in post for over a year and continues to work hard, with the team of volunteers, to make the day out an enjoyable experience.

The centre runs on a Wednesday from 10am to 3pm and visitors are welcome.

If you are interested, contact and book your day with one of the following:

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e: mail@sampsoncoward.co.uk w: sampsoncoward.co.uk

CYCLE PATH CONCERNS



Parish Councillor, Jane Brentor wants to hear from anyone who has seen, or been involved in, either an accident or near accident involving a bicycle on the cycle path or road along the A338 going towards Salisbury in the past 5 years. The Parish Council and some concerned residents believe that the poor condition of the cycle path next to the A338 discourages cyclists from using it. They intend to approach Wiltshire Council to carry out a risk assessment, and Jane wants to gather evidence to strengthen the case. If you have information that can help, contact Jane on 510504 or janebren555@gmail.com.

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
downtonbaptist.org

ST LAURENCE PARISH CHURCH

Sunday Services 8am & 10am

Vicar: Rev Frank Gimson,

The Vicarage, Barford Lane, Downton, Salisbury SP5 3QA

01725 510326; vicar@stlaurencedownton.co.uk

stlaurencedownton.co.uk

DOWNTON METHODIST CHURCH

High Street, Downton SP5 3PJ

Sunday Service 10.45 am

Minister: Rev Cecil King

44 India Avenue, Salisbury SP2 7HF

01722 415498

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD (ROMAN CATHOLIC)

Barford Lane, Downton SP5 3QA

No regular Sunday Service

Enquiries: St Osmund's, 95 Exeter Street, Salisbury SP1 2SF

Telephone: 01722 333581; office@salisburycatholics.org
salisburycatholicdeanery.org

VILLAGE WEBSITE

downtonvillage.co.uk

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

Cllr Richard Clewer

53 Highlands Avenue, Whiteparish,
Salisbury SP5 2SZ

01794 884550

richard.clewer@wiltshire.gov.uk

PARISH COUNCIL

Bev Cornish, Clerk to the Parish
Council 01725 513874

10am - 3pm Monday - Friday

Surgeries 1st Saturday each month

9am - 10am Memorial Hall

clerk@downtonparishcouncil.gov.uk

downtonparishcouncil.gov.uk

HIGH STREET PHARMACY

Monday to Friday 8.30am - 6pm

(closed for lunch 1-2pm)

Saturday 9am - 12noon

Tel: 01725 510388

CHILD HEALTH CLINIC

2nd and 4th Mondays

11:30 - 12:30

Downton Baptist Church

For families with children up to age 5
(including antenatal care)

To contact the team call 07976857803

or 033 33 214 257

LIBRARY

Monday 2pm - 7pm

Tuesday 2pm - 5pm*

Wednesday 10am - 2pm, 2pm - 5pm*

Thursday 10am - 1pm, 1pm - 5pm*

Friday 10am - 5pm

Saturday 10am - 1pm

* volunteer operated sessions

LEISURE CENTRE

Wick Lane

Monday to Thursday 8am - 10pm

Friday 8am - 9pm

Saturday 9am - 4pm

Sunday 10am - 5pm

01725 513668

downtonleisurecentre.co.uk

MEMORIAL CENTRE

To book hall or meeting rooms
contact Hilary Mace 07760 415818
email bookingsecretary@downtonmemorialcentre.co.uk

downtonmemorialcentre.co.uk

Full details see
downtonmemorialcentre.co.uk

What, Where, When

January

Saturday	19	9am - 12noon	Hale Food Market selling refreshments in aid of Downton 4 Family	See page 2
Saturday	19	7pm	Movie: Mamma Mia! Here we go again, Memorial Hall	See page 8
Wednesday	30	7:30pm	Cricket club AGM, Redlynch Sports & Social club	See page 10

February

Friday	1		Bowls Club Skittle evening, Downton Bowls Club	See front page
Saturday	2	9am - 10am	Parish Council Surgery, Memorial Hall	See page 2
Friday	15	2pm - 4pm	Clothing Exchange, Baptist Church	See front page
Saturday	16	7pm	Movie: Education Act, Memorial Hall	See page 8
Thursday	21	7:30pm	Horticultural Society talk: History of Kingston Lacy, Memorial Hall	See page 8
Wednesday	27		Local Dining Out Group, White Hart, Bishopstone	See page 6

March

Saturday	2	9am - 10am	Parish Council Surgery, Memorial Hall	See page 2
Sunday	10	2pm - 4pm	Seedy Sunday, Memorial Hall	See page 11
Friday	15	2pm - 4pm	Clothing Exchange, Baptist Church	See front page
Saturday	16	7pm	Movie: First Man, Memorial Hall	See page 8
Sunday	17		Deadline for contributions to 'Spring InDownton'	
Wednesday	27		Local Dining Out Group meal out, venue to be arranged	See page 6
Thursday	28	7:30pm	Horticultural Society talk: Birds in our gardens in spring, Memorial Hall	See page 8
Saturday	30		Spring InDownton publication date	

April

Friday	4	7pm	DADA Murder Mystery Radio Play, Baptist Church	See page 5
Saturday	6	9am - 10am	Parish Council Surgery, Memorial Hall	See page 2
Saturday	6	7pm	DADA Murder Mystery Radio Play, Baptist Church	See page 5



DOWNTON LINK SCHEME

GOOD NEIGHBOUR VOLUNTEERS
AVAILABLE.

IF YOU NEED HELP WITH TRANSPORT
TO HOSPITAL, THE SURGERY, DENTIST ETC.

There is no charge but Link depends on
donations from those who use the service.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE RING

01725 513807

Mondays to Fridays 9am to 5pm.

Downton Methodist Church

Coffee Morning with Bring & Buy

Tuesdays at 10am

Afternoon Fellowship with visiting
speakers

Wednesdays at 2.15pm

Everyone Welcome

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