

# Autumn InDownton

## New Footbridge Plans



*Model of possible design of proposed new bridge*

Parish Council members have been progressing plans for a bridge over the river, as part of a new path which would link Moot Lane to the market cross, crossing the water meadows and opening up an alternative route for pedestrians and cyclists. The Council is waiting for topographical and ecological studies as well as design drawings before making a decision.

The preferred route for the new path is from Avon Meadow car park by the pumping station along the footpath accessing the river and crossing at that point. On the west side, the bridge would make a few turns and then cross the field, emerging onto the current footpath to the rear of South Lane. This route also links to the existing public footpath along the river bank from Downton Moot gardens to the Millennium Green. Further consultation will be required if planning permission is granted. The Radnor Estate gave their permission for a 'permissive path' in 2017.

Two different designs for the bridge are under consideration. The proposed bridge deck will be one metre above flood river level.

It is proposed that access for construction traffic will be via the east side along the Avon Meadow footpath. The exact period of construction is not known, although it is expected to be days rather than weeks.

The Parish Council's Amenities Committee believe that this new pathway has the potential to make a great deal of difference to school children from the east of the village, reducing traffic along the High St and Borough and reducing the need for parking. Early consultation showed a high level of public support for using the proposed route. A model of the proposed bridge will be available at the Green Fair on the 27 September at the Memorial Hall. *More information including a map of the proposed route and a colour picture of the possible design are on the indownton website.*

### Comment

In the last newsletter we wished you a happy new year. Little did we know! It's good to be back with a printed edition again, and this issue has lots of information about what's starting up as well as a few things which still can't take place.

While we've not been able to deliver the newsletter to your door, we've enhanced the newsletter website with an online edition. It has lots of news and of course we can keep it more up to date as things change. It's still there at [indownton.org.uk](http://indownton.org.uk) and we intend to keep the online edition going at the moment and so email us with any news at any time and we'll update the online edition regularly. We'll also include the information in the next printed edition if it's still relevant.

We're grateful to our advertisers who have kept with us through the period we've not been publishing. We could do with a couple more local adverts, so if you're using a local shop or pub that doesn't advertise, do remind them that you read InDownton, and they could advertise here.

The Editors

## MILLENNIUM GREEN NEWS

This summer many locals and visitors have enjoyed the tranquillity and beauty of the Green. Whether strolling by the river, walking your dog, or for a family picnic and play, the Green is for everyone to enjoy and appreciate.

The team of volunteers who maintain it are appreciative of all the compliments about how good it looks - but are always looking for ways to improve your experience peacefully and safely.

This year the team have bought new tables, planted a willow arch, constructed a willow arbour with seating, and trimmed the plants. Many trees have been planted and these are thriving. New dog bins have been installed and volunteers empty these regularly, an especially important job! More wildflowers are being introduced to attract a greater variety of wildlife.

The Green is a charitable trust run by volunteers. Funds are raised by inviting people who would like to support the Green to become members of the Trust, at a cost of £15.00 per annum. If you would like to support the Trust please contact the treasurer, Irene Maynard at [imaynardo6@aol.com](mailto:imaynardo6@aol.com).



*Willow Arbour*

## CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL PLANS

Although it will not be possible to hold the festival in its normal format this year, the organisers are already coming up with a plan to organise things differently to celebrate the festive season, despite restrictions.

The re-imagined event will take place over the weekend of 12 and 13 December and Downton residents will be invited to submit photographs of their decorated tree, wreath, table centre, nativity scene, garden tree.....or even whole house (wherever their imagination may go!) to form a virtual Village Christmas Trail, which will then be made available online.

The intention is to include some music, activities for children and even virtual cake.

The organisers add, "After what has been a very difficult year for many, we will include larger entries, that can be viewed from the street, in a physical Downton Christmas Trail with the aim of cheering up the whole village. We hope people will still be willing to share Christmas goodwill by making a donation, which this year will be to a mental health charity."

Fuller details will be available in the next issue.



DOWNTON  
PARISH COUNCIL



28<sup>th</sup> August 2020

**Residents of The Borough from the Memorial Gardens to Gravel Close, Downton**

Dear Resident,

**Temporary Road Closure Application (Town Police Clauses Act 1847)  
Remembrance Day Service on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2020  
For 1.5 hours from 10.30 hrs to 12.00 noon**

Please be advised that Downton Parish Council has applied to Wiltshire Council for a temporary road closure Order under the Town Police Clauses Act 1847 to enable the annual Remembrance Day Service to take place. This will affect the following roads:

**The Borough from the Memorial Gardens to Gravel Close**

It is anticipated that the above road will be closed to all vehicular traffic (save in all cases of emergency) between the hours of 10.30 and 12 noon on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

If anyone has any objection please could they inform Wiltshire Council by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at the following addresses:

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All objections must include the name and address of the objector, otherwise they cannot be considered.

Objectors have the right to request under the Data Protection Act 1998 that their names and address be withheld from public inspection or inclusion in any published report.

Please contact me with any questions or queries at the address set out below.

Yours sincerely

**Bev Cornish  
Clerk to the Council**

DOWNTON Parish Clerk: Mrs Beverly Cornish, West View, 51B Lane, Cornton, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP5 3PS  
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## DOWNTON IN LOCKDOWN

Downton graphic illustrator Charlotte Foley has been producing a series of images which capture the experience of living in the village during lock down. The original idea came from her friend, Elizabeth Lydia - between them they planned the scenes, and Charlotte turned them into illustrations. After posting the images on Facebook, people immediately started to share them and ask if they could buy copies. So, by popular request, Priority Printing on the industrial estate are producing sets of postcards and also some posters of the illustrations, for Charlotte to sell with 20% of the profit going to the Stars Appeal at Salisbury Hospital. Postcard packs will be available from the Borough Cafe, costing £8 - or you can buy direct online; use the



QR code below or the link on the InDownton website where there are more of the pictures in colour. More information from: [charlotte@eatdrinkmanwoman.co.uk](mailto:charlotte@eatdrinkmanwoman.co.uk) or [elizabethlydia@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethlydia@gmail.com).



## PRE-SCHOOL IS BACK

The Pre School are pleased to be back after the summer break and excited to open their doors to both existing and new Downton Pre

school families. There are still spaces available, so if you would like to come and have a look around please call 511178



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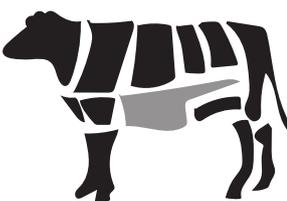


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## REPAIR CAFÉ RAISES £2,000 FOR NHS CHARITIES

With so many people staying at home and finding that domestic items need repair - and with some of the Repair Cafe team bored with nothing to do - a 'remote' facility was opened. The idea of dropping off items for repair has caught on. Since 'Lockdown' the team has logged 300 jobs and sent over £2000 to Salisbury Hospital charities.

The Chair of the group was interviewed on BBC Radio Wiltshire in July about how the service has been able to continue, despite the virus. It's still available on the BBC catch-up service. 'Repair Cafe England' asked the team to take part in a 'Webinar' to explain how they managed to stay open. Out of over 1300 Repair Cafes in England only Lover and one other continued repairs.

The team has now achieved a success rate of 92% from 1000 jobs. However, they cannot provide the usual Recycling Service at present.

The most popular items at the moment are repairs to garden equipment and garden furniture with TVs and table lamps coming a close second. Meanwhile their clock repairer is busy not only with clocks, but with all things mechanical - from house signs to a giant dragonfly. They have also repaired eleven sewing machines, many of which

are being used to make PPE equipment.

The volunteers will consider repairing all sorts of domestic items i.e. Clocks, Ceramics, Woodwork, Furniture, Laptop, Tablet, Electric/ Electronics, Toys etc. Items can be dropped off on Wednesday and Friday mornings at 'Brambles', Vicarage Road, Lover SP5 2PG (nearly opposite the Redlynch Village Hall), between 10am and 12 noon. The garage door will be open to allow you to drop off and you can book the item in at an adjoining window. Hand Sanitisers are available.

All Government Guide Lines regarding social distancing are strictly followed. All being well, you will receive a phone call when the items are ready for you to pick up the following week. So, as the restrictions are slowly eased, you might like to take up the opportunity to get something repaired. The slogan is "Do Not Bin It We May Fix It". Contact Paul on 510753 for further details - or follow them on Facebook.



## MEMORIAL CENTRE

The Memorial Centre can now be used again for certain activities, as long as government regulations are adhered to. These vary as to the type of activity. Any group activity, such as yoga must keep to 2 metre distancing. Public events such as markets or fairs can have 1 metre plus distancing when other mitigation, such as wearing of masks, is followed. The space used

will be sanitised after each use. The cost of this extra cleaning will, unfortunately, have to be passed on to hirers but the Trustees hope to keep this to a minimum. In the short term, no private parties will be allowed and use of the kitchen will be limited. Contact Susan Barnhurst Davis, Chairman, (07875 036879) or Hilary Mace, Booking Secretary, (07760 415818).



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## CLOTHING EXCHANGE

The organisers have decided to delay the re-start of the Downton Baptist Church Clothing Exchange until January 2021 (probably the third Friday 2pm-3.45pm). However, this decision is dependent on Public Health directives and Government advice at the time. Due to limited

storage space, they will not be able to accept any clothing donations until the start of 2021. The volunteer team has this message: "We would like to thank you very much for your generous donations and your previous support. We miss you and look forward to meeting up again."

## DOWNTON MOVIOLA

The Downton Society have missed showing Moviola films in the Memorial Hall due to the lockdown. Due to the financial implications of not being able to have as many people in the hall, the risk of a spike and not being able to

have ventilation in the colder weather, the film nights will not resume until after the New Year. For further information email Susan Barnhurst-Davies [susankirsten@btinternet.com](mailto:susankirsten@btinternet.com) or call 512963.

## SCOUTING IS RE-STARTING.

The scout leadership team adapted the programme on and introduce new ways of Scouting: they've been on Zoom, on camp in the garden, honing cooking skills and learning to tie knots by watching videos on YouTube.

As some of the government restrictions around the COVID-19 pandemic begin to be relaxed, the team are now starting to plan how they'll be able to return to face-to-face Scout activities in the future. The priority, as always, is to keep young people and adults safe. The plans will follow all government rules and guidance from Scouts' UKHQ, including:

New control measures in place for all activities, additional hygiene measures, social distancing, limited group sizes, and adjustments for those vulnerable or affected by COVID-19.

Returning to Scouts will happen in phases, the first of which will be to resume outdoor activities in small groups. Each of the sections, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, will handle resuming face-to-face outdoor activities differently.

More information from Ian Porter, Interim Group Scout Leader, 1st Downton Scout Group on 07585 180849 or email: [gsl@downtonscouts.org.uk](mailto:gsl@downtonscouts.org.uk).

## HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Regretfully, the society has decided to cancel all remaining events, including

the Autumn Show, for this year. However, paid up

members will get free membership next year.



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## DOWNTON SOCIETY RESPONDS TO PLANS FOR MORE HOMES

Housing developers, Persimmon, have indicated that they are proposing to build on land adjacent to the Bishops Mead development on the A338. The proposal is at an early stage, and the developers have invited the Parish Council to meet with a representative of Persimmon Homes to find out more, which the Council has agreed to do.

The Downton Society hopes that the Parish Council will re-affirm the policies of the Downton Neighbourhood Plan, stating that this was produced after a considerable amount of work by residents and was overwhelmingly supported by the community in a referendum. The plan endorsed Wiltshire Council's Core Strategy policy to limit the number of new houses for Downton to 190 - a number that has already been reached. The society believes that there is no current need for more houses in Downton and feels that the infrastructure cannot cope with more. In a statement they say: "Traffic along The Borough and High Street creates congestion and parking has become a real problem for residents, whilst the extension to the school was only designed to meet the current planned needs. Our Neighbourhood Plan was meant to be valid until 2026 but recent decisions made by planning inspectors raise doubts about this."

In addition, the society points out that government proposals to 'shake up' planning have been criticised by a considerable number of authoritative bodies such as the Royal Institute of British Architects, the Town and Country Planning Association, Local Government Association and Shelter. They are concerned that "there will be no guarantee of 'affordable homes', and local infrastructure & environmental considerations - from roads and sewerage to schools and green space - will be weakened. There will, it seems, no longer be a statutory obligation to consult bodies such as the Environment Agency."

The Downton Society have stressed that it is not opposed to planned and sustainable development as laid down in the Neighbourhood Plan and as supported by the residents of Downton. But it is strongly opposed to large scale development which, in their view, not only fails to bring any benefit to those who live here but can have real and detrimental impacts on the village. The Society will support the Parish Council in its plans to update and strengthen the Neighbourhood Plan. The Society's full statement is on the InDownton website. For more details and updates go to the Downton Society website.

## DOWNTON 4 FAMILY

Downton 4 Family have been supported during tough months by the Downton Co-op and the food bank initiative. They would like to extend a big thank you to the

Co-op, their staff and all those people who have supported the food bank collection point at the Co-op, which has worked with The Trussell Trust and the Baptist Church

to provide the service. Over 460kg of food has been delivered to The Trust, to be packed into balanced food parcels which have then been distributed to local families.

**Clare Kaye Bookkeeping**  
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## DOWNTON BAND

Downton Band would like to thank the village for its support and generosity which have helped it to survive through this time. You might hear small groups from the Band rehearsing in outdoor spaces around the village in the coming weeks. If you do, they apologise in advance for all the wrong notes - they're a bit out of practice - but would appreciate being given a wave from a safe distance!

Government advice up until 14th August meant Downton Band was completely shut down - unable to rehearse let alone perform for the longest period ever in their 147 year history.

However this advice has now been changed and they're finally able to restart limited activities with small rehearsals a possibility and even outdoor performances possible soon.

They hope to have a small band out for the Remembrance celebrations (in whatever form that may take this year) and are starting to plan



*Downton Band performing at Torquay in March*

for as much socially distanced Christmas Carolling as can be managed.

The band is looking forward to being out and about and once again making music for the village. The Beginners Band, Training Band and Jubilee Brass have been regularly meeting online and should be playing together within a few weeks. For more details, including the latest on their plans, follow the band on Facebook or visit their website: [downtonband.org.uk](http://downtonband.org.uk)

## LYNN PURCELL ART SUCCESS

Downton artist, Lynn Purcell couldn't open The Corn Mill this June as part of The Salisbury Art Trail but when it was cancelled two years of planning and making were put on hold.

However, Lynn has recently heard that a piece of her glass entitled 'Washed Up' has been selected by The Royal Society of Marine Artists (RSMA) for their Open Exhibition in London. The exhibition at The Mall Galleries will run from 30 September until the 10 October. This follows on from earlier this year, before lockdown, when another piece, 'Five Fine Feathers' was accepted for The Royal Society of British Artists (RBA) Open. Locally she has also

had a piece ('Rainforest Remains') selected by the judges at The St Barbe Open Sesame

Exhibition in Lymington, their first since they reopened in July and another ('Farewell') for The Southampton Biennial Open, held virtually this year, which is part of Southampton City's celebration of the 400th anniversary of the sailing of the Mayflower.



*Five Fine Feathers*

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## TOO MANY APPLES? GREEN GROUP JUICING SERVICE

It has been a good year for apples, and many people will be able to harvest more than they can eat. Downton Green Group is providing an opportunity for those people who have surplus apples to press and juice the extras.

The service will be available on Sunday 13 September from 10am – 4pm. In order to make sure that safety guidelines are followed, slots need to be booked in advance. You will also need to provide your own bottles. To make it possible for a number of people to come during

the day, the group ask that you bring a maximum of 2 carrier bags of washed apples per person. You should come prepared to do the pressing yourself – although advice will be on hand! It is intended for the activity to take place outdoors – in case of bad weather, juicing can continue under a gazebo. The equipment will be cleaned / sanitised thoroughly in between slots and social distancing will be maintained at all times. Other information will be given when booking the slot. Phone 511649 to make a booking.

## VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED

Downton Link needs new volunteer drivers, in order to be able to continue the work that they do.

Meeting the needs of clients during the COVID-19 pandemic has been a challenge due to the current age profile of the volunteer drivers - in accordance with Government guidelines, drivers aged 70+ are not being asked to transport clients at the moment. However, thanks to a handful of drivers under 70, The Link has at least maintained the service of transporting clients safely to essential medical appointments at local hospitals and the surgery. More drivers are needed, as older volunteers retire from driving. Age is no bar to volunteering - but lowering the age profile, particularly at this time, is a priority. If you can spare some time (especially if you are under 70), as much or as little as you are able, they would love to hear from you.

Downton Link is part of a network of over 40 schemes throughout Wiltshire offering transport support for the elderly and vulnerable. They take clients to important medical appointments, social activities, or just to the local hairdresser or to do some shopping. For people living in a rural areas where public transport is limited, The Link provides a lifeline. The service covers not just Downton but also Woodfalls and Redlynch and surrounding villages as far as Woodgreen and Breamore and Charlton-all-Saints.

Demand for the service will inevitably increase as lockdown eases and is eventually likely to return to pre-pandemic levels. Due to the donations from grateful clients, the main issue is having the drivers in order to satisfy demand.

A call or an e-mail places you under no obligation. To find out more: call 513807 or email: [info@downtonlink.org.uk](mailto:info@downtonlink.org.uk)

## ZERO WASTE SHOPPING AT GREEN GROUP AUTUMN FAIR

Downton Green Group is offering an opportunity to do some 'zero waste' shopping. They are planning an Autumn Fair at the Memorial Hall on Sunday 27 September between 2pm and 4pm, where Blueberryden ([blueberryden.co.uk](http://blueberryden.co.uk)) will be selling cleaning products and dry foods. Bring your own clean bottles and jars for liquid purchases. These should be clearly marked with the volume that they hold. Paper bags can be provided if necessary for the dried products, but you can bring your own containers too. Payment will be by card only.

The fair will also host a number of other 'green' initiatives. There will be a garden tool sharpening

service (more information from [thesharpening.co.uk](http://thesharpening.co.uk)) and a further chance to acquire a re-usable face mask provided by the Downton and Woodfalls Mask Tree volunteers. The Lover Repair Café will be there to provide advice. There will also be updates from the Avon Bridge Project, Plastic Free Downton and information about how to 're-wild' your garden.

The event will follow strict safety guidelines, with many of the attractions being outdoors. A mask needs to be worn indoors. There will be hot drinks available – for which you are asked to bring your own reusable cup – and home-made cakes. More at [downtongreengroup.org.uk](http://downtongreengroup.org.uk).

## BOWLING CLUB

Downton Bowling Club has had a highly successful season, despite all the hurdles that virus legislation has put in the way. The club has organised for bowls to take place in a safe environment. Currently, on Wednesday and Friday afternoons, there are 24 members playing in Triples Sessions. The Men's team had a very good run in New Forest Knockout Competition, reaching the semi-finals where they were defeated by an excellent Ringwood team. At all other times the Green is open for play to all members. The surrounds to the Green have

been given a splash of colour with planters and a new garden area is being developed.



The club is always looking for new members, which is difficult at these times. If you want to try something new, active, sociable and rewarding, get in touch with Alan Waters 512531 or email [downtonbowls@gmail.com](mailto:downtonbowls@gmail.com).

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## HELP DOWNTON MOOT

For many people in the village the outside space of the Moot has been a perfect place to visit for exercise and recreation during lockdown. It is easy to underestimate the merits of this historical public garden, open 365 days of the year, and free to everyone.

You can see the outcome of the hard work of the volunteers – especially looking at the borders and the pond area. However in spite of the volunteers’ work, the Moot desperately needs funds to cover the unavoidable fixed costs.

The maintenance and safety of the Moot requires a minimum of £10,000 per annum to keep the gardens open to all. In normal years, this has been just about achievable through fundraising events and donations. This year, events have been impossible and this could be the case for the coming months. Donations have been on the decline over recent years as donors

have moved on or passed away, and generally regular donations have not been forthcoming.

The trustees want the future generations of Downton to be able to enjoy this historic outdoor village asset, which has benefited us all, whatever age, whether for a picnic, a walk or a bit of sledging in the snow! If you can, they ask you to sign up to make a regular donation, whether £10 a year, or £5 per month.

To help, go to [totalgiving.co.uk](http://totalgiving.co.uk) and search for Downton Moot or scan the QR code with your smart phone camera to go to the site and see the options for one off donations or regular giving.



*Volunteers maintain Moot borders*



## WALKING GROUP

Depending on how things are virus wise, there may be a Christmas whisky and mince pie walk. It is intended to put 2 new kissing gates on

Barford Down as Wiltshire Council lifts its restrictions on volunteering. Look out for updates or contact [susankirsten@btinternet.com](mailto:susankirsten@btinternet.com)

## SOUND HEALING IN DOWNTON

Long time Downton resident, Sandra Hopkins, has recently trained with the Sound Healing Academy, and is now offering her expertise to those who would like to give this therapy a try. Sandra explains more: "Sound Healing is an ancient form of vibrational medicine, which helps to balance all aspects of your being - physical, emotional, mental and spiritual. Sandra works one-one at her home or in group Sound baths. She follows the

government guide lines for keeping clients safe.

Taster sessions are available until the end of 2020 for £10, with a half-price reduction for those on low income. She is also hosting an evening event: "A relaxing Sound Bath Meditation Evening" at the Memorial Centre, on Thursday 15 October and a Sound Bath morning on 4 October with Polly from Yoga with Polly. For more details ring 510464 or email : [soundsamazing11@yahoo.com](mailto:soundsamazing11@yahoo.com).

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Downton and Woodfalls Community Mask Tree, with the support of the village, has raised just over £3000 to donate to Naomi House and Jacksplace. Volunteers have been sewing masks for some months, making a range of sizes and styles. All masks are washable with a normal washing load. Pop-up trees have taken place in a variety of locations and people have been able to choose a mask for a suggested donation of £2.

Production is now slowing down, but over the next few weeks a selection will be available at the Lover Repair Café (see page 4), donations from which will go to the Stars Appeal. There will also be masks available at the Green Group's

Autumn Fair (see page 9).

Downton surgery is planning to have face coverings available soon, and is looking for volunteer makers. Contact Carol Baker 510296 if you can help with this.



*Mask Tree in The Borough*

## CRICKET END OF SEASON REPORT

After a somewhat most bizarre and short season, Redlynch & Hale Cricket Club is just completing its final fixtures for the year. The green light to resume activities (under strict rules and guidelines) was given at the end of July, allowing for just 6 weeks of cricket to take place.

In the Village Knock Out the club had a comfortable win over Aldbourne at Woodfalls Cross, where youngster Jon Castleton excelled with an unbeaten 63 and a "six" to win the game. Unfortunately, the club did not perform as well at the following fixtures and was knocked out of the competition.

In friendly fixtures throughout August many juniors have been getting the chance to take part in the adult game. Katie Sell, Emily Otton and Poppy Sladon have featured regularly in Saturday matches as the club embraced inclusive team selections.

Next season, the club hopes to be back to a "normal" season. juniors/ladies pre-season will hopefully start again in March/April, so watch for notices. The adult sides will also be looking forward to indoor "nets" around that time too.

They are keen to recruit players and volunteers to help with the coaching and organising the juniors. Ideally, parents with young children can get involved and can take coaching qualifications; the club will assist with fees. Budding umpires or scorers are welcome. Email: [andy.church16@btopenworld.com](mailto:andy.church16@btopenworld.com).



*Harvey Boardman from Downton making a catch  
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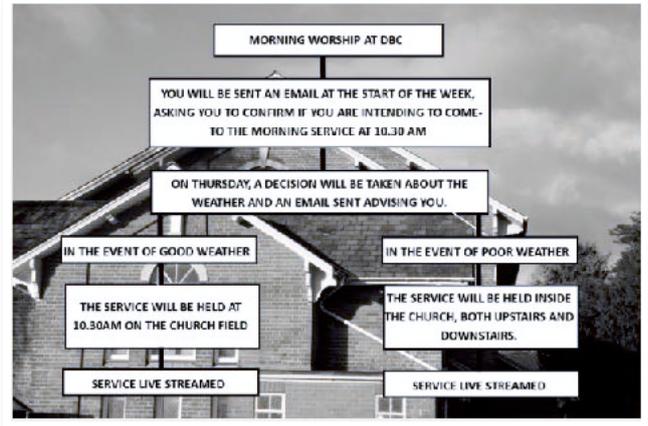
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## BAPTIST CHURCH SERVICES

The Church is now open for private prayer by arrangement. Sunday worship has restarted and takes place - weather permitting - outside on the church field. Those wishing to take part should let the church know - members will be emailed on a weekly basis. To go to the service, or to find out more about the detailed arrangements, go to [downtonbaptist.org](http://downtonbaptist.org) or call the church office on 512971.. The service will continue to be live streamed via the website, and will remain available to be watched later.

More information about the church and its activities - including how to access the online services - can be found on the church's website.



## ST LAURENCE CHURCH NEWS

The church is very pleased to be able to hold Sunday services again. There is one service of Holy Communion on Sundays at 10.30am. It is a short, simple service without hymns. If you wish to go to a service you are asked to let the church know so that they can have some idea of numbers. Email [fateamrector@outlook.com](mailto:fateamrector@outlook.com) or call the Vicar on 510326 or Jo Parsons on 512738. All are welcome.

Physical distancing and hygiene procedures are observed, especially during the communion which is wafers only. Full guidance on what to expect is on the church's website. There's also more information about the Church of England's guidance about wearing face coverings.

The church continues to record services for each Sunday, which are available to watch through their website. There are service sheets

available for all recorded Sunday services (and some others) which can be viewed or downloaded, enabling those at home to join in with prayers and responses. Morning Worship is being said by the Vicar at 10.30am on Wednesdays in church. This is not a public or recorded service, but he will ring the church bell at 10.30am as a call to worship and you are encouraged to join him in a time of prayer from your own homes. Immediately following Morning Worship on Wednesdays, the Church is open from 11am to 12:30pm for private prayer.

Downton Parish News is still being produced every month. It is available free to view or download on the website. For those unable to access it through the website, there are a few printed copies available (also free) in the Co-op, Chemist and Woodfalls Post Office.

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## DOWNTON SURGERY: GUIDELINES FOR VISITING

The Surgery want to thank patients for kind words and ongoing support and patience. They have been greatly appreciated and have boosted morale over the last few months.

The virus is still present in our local population and patients are still testing positive on a weekly basis. Downton Surgery are continuing to support the most vulnerable and at risk patients for the foreseeable future. It is important that all stay safe and continue to control the virus. To help this, the team ask that you only attend the surgery if invited to do so by a doctor or nurse, or to collect a prescription. Use telephone and online services whenever possible. If you are attending in person please adhere to the following guidelines:

- Please wear a mask or face covering for all appointments. A mask tree will shortly be outside the surgery. If anyone can make reusable masks for the surgery we will offer them to our patients for a voluntary donation. Any donations we receive for these masks will be put towards the Friends of Downton Fund to support new community schemes to be launched once it is safe to do so including another Carers Café, a gardening project, and fitness initiatives.
- Please respect the social distancing guidelines.
- Please do not block doorways, stand back and allow people plenty of space to pass through at a safe distance.

- Please sanitise your hands on the way in and out of the premises – dispensers are available throughout the building
- The surgery is double disinfecting and cleansing all surfaces between patients. Since personal items such as handbags and coats can carry all sorts of virus particles, please leave your belongings safely at home or in your car if at all possible rather than bringing them in.
- Please attend on your own if able, leaving other family members at home or in the car to wait. Children should be left with an alternative carer if at all possible.

The dispensary delivery service has been reduced, but for patients who still find the service valuable, the team including volunteers remain happy to help. Call or email our social prescriber Carol Baker and she will give you a ring and discuss your support needs.

The surgery will issue further information about this year's flu clinics shortly. In the meantime, they are not yet taking bookings. Please keep the lines free for patients who require more immediate assistance.

The surgery is already preparing for a possible second wave of the virus this winter. If you have any feedback on what has gone well, or you have any ideas on how they could improve our service should there be a further outbreak send an email or leave a note in the mail box. [Downton.surgery@nhs.net](mailto:Downton.surgery@nhs.net) (add subject: for example: FAO Social Prescriber / COVID Feedback / Etc). Telephone: 510296.

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## FRIENDS OF ST LAURENCE

Would you like to enjoy some peace and tranquility? Although it is not possible to open up St Laurence church for the time being, the church yard can still be visited, and there are some new trees which seem to be growing well.

The Friends of St Laurence group is not able to plan any events currently, but would like to encourage visitors. In their words: "Sadly we cannot open the church as a place of serenity

and spiritual sustenance, however the church yard is still accessible and as beautiful as ever."

The weeds and brambles enjoy the hot weather and rain and are growing well. There are no working parties in the churchyard at the moment but if you would like to experience the peace and quiet as a lone gardener - or in a household group - then contact Mark Merrill on 512175 for suggestions as to what needs doing.

## DADA: COMING AGAIN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

DADA and Anne of Green Gables is still on hold but it is hoped to be able to kickstart it as soon as circumstances allow.

The brilliant cast, costumes and props were all ready to go and so hopefully the opportunity to perform again,

even in restricted circumstances, will present itself sooner rather than later.

## VILLAGE CHURCHES

### DOWNTON BAPTIST CHURCH (DBC)

South Lane, Downton SP5 3NA

Ministers: Rev Philip Rhoades & Rev Katy Ulyatt

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Church Office 01725 512971 office@downtonbaptist.org  
downtonbaptist.org

### ST LAURENCE PARISH CHURCH

Vicar: Rev Frank Gimson,

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

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stlaurencedownton.co.uk

### DOWNTON METHODIST CHURCH

Woodfalls Methodist Church

The Ridge, Woodfalls, Salisbury SP5 2LH

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