November 2026

Downton Parish News



Loving St Laurence

50p

St Laurence Church Downton

Enquiries for Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals,
or requests for pastoral visits, should be made to
the team vicar Revd Veronica Batchelor.
Tel. 01725 513878
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Director of Music: Mrs. Elaine Hicks-Arnold 01722 710341

Sunday School: Dr Janet McGee 01725 513869

Church Flowers: Mrs C. Parry 01725 514511

Interim Treasurer: Mrs Sheila Latham companydragon@btinternet.com

Church website: www.stlaurencedownton.co.uk

www.facebook.com/stlaurencedownton

Anyone is welcome to look around this beautiful, ancient church or just take time to reflect and pray in peaceful surroundings. The church will usually be open daily from 9.30 am till 4.30pm



"St Laurence Church explores & builds the Kingdom of God through prayer, learning together & serving the local community."

St Laurence is part of the Forest and Avon Team of Churches, together with St Birinus, Morgans Vale; St Mary, Redlynch; St Andrew, Landford; St Peter, Bramshaw; St Peter, Plaitford.

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At the going down of the sun. and in the morning.

Few words have become so deeply woven into our national life. Every November they are spoken in our churches, at war memorials, village greens and throughout the whole country and beyond..

The words come from Laurence Binyon's poem *For the Fallen,* written in September 1914, in the early weeks of the First World War. More than a century later, they have lost none of their power.

In 2026, Remembrance should not only be about looking backwards. We do remember those wo have died in two World Wars and in Korea, the Falklands, Iraq, Afghanistan, Vietnam, civil wars in Africa and Asiam and many other conflicts. War has not disappeared into the history books. The people of Ukraine, Gaza, Israel, Sudan bear terrible consequences., death, displacement, dear, and immense human crises. Elsewhere too ordinary people live with warfare, persecution and uncertainty. That gives Remembrance a continuing purpose and relevance today.

I found it difficult to find a definitive figure for the number of people who have died worldwide because of war since 1914. A reasonable broad estimate for 1914-2026 is well over 100 million people. Behind every number is a human life, a family, and a community changed for ever.

When we stand in silence in one of our churches, at one of our war memorials in our villages, we are acknowledging the cost of conflicts. May we all remember that every name carved into the stone represents a life once filled with hopes, friendships, families and plans for the future.

This year let us recall Jesus' words from the Sermon on the Mount.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God.

(Matthew Chapter 5, verse 9).

Let us also bear in mind that peace begins not only between nations, but in our communities, in our relationships, and in our own hearts.

"At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them."

In 2026, our heartfelt response remains: **WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.**

With love and best wishes.

Ron Perry
Lay Worship Leader | Forest and Avon Team

Forest and Avon Team Services for November 2026

You are welcome to attend any of these local services.

Sunday 1st November

09:30	Remembering Our Loved Ones	St Peter's Church, Bramshaw
10:00	Communion Service	Woodfalls Methodist Church
10:30	Communion Service (Chancel)	St Laurence Church, Downton
10:30	The Gathering	Landford Methodist Chapel
15:00	Remembering Our Loved Ones	St Birinus, Morgan's Vale

Wednesday 4th November

10:45	Harvest Service followed by lunch	Woodfalls Methodist Church

Sunday 8th November

09:30	Remembrance Sunday	St Peter's Church, Bramshaw
10:00	Parade and Remembrance Sunday	St Laurence Church, Downton
10:50	Remembrance Sunday	St Mary's Church, Redlynch
15:00	Remembrance Sunday Communion	St Peter's Church, Plaitford

Sunday 15th November

09:30	Communion Service	St Peter's Church, Bramshaw
10:00	Café Church (breakfast from 09:45am)	Woodfalls Methodist Church
10:30	Communion Service	St Laurence Church, Downton
10:30	The Gathering	Landford Methodist Chapel
18:00	Evensong	St Mary's Church, Redlynch

Wednesday 18th November

10:45	Informal Service followed by lunch	Woodfalls Methodist Church

Sunday 22nd November

09:30	Silent Prayer	St Peter's Church, Bramshaw
10:00	Communion Service	St Mary's Church, Redlynch
10:00	Communion Service	St Andrew's Church, Landford
10:30	Morning Worship	St Laurence Church, Downton
10:30	Methodist Communion Service	Landford Methodist Church

Sunday 29th November

10:30	Light Up Sunday for the Team	Landford Methodist Hall
18:00	Team Advent Communion	St Birinus, Morgan's Vale



In our cycle of prayer for all living and working in our community during **November** we will be offering prayers for Joanna Close, The Meadows, Breamore Road, The Headlands, Salisbury Road, Crossways Close, New Court and Meadow Grange.

Requests for particular prayers can be made by telephoning Reverend Ron Hart on 01725 514772 or emailing info@stlaurencedownton.co.uk. Any such requests will be kept confidential. You can request prayers at any time – not just when your road is on the monthly list. For more information, please see the Roads to God page on our website: www.stlaurencedownton.co.uk

Roads to God Prayer Group

The next Roads to God Prayer Group will meet on Wednesday **18th November** at **10.30am** in the Lady Chapel and will be led by Rev Ron Hart.

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The Churches of Downton, Morgan's Vale, Redlynch and Woodfalls invite you to



A service of Commemoration

Remembering our Loved Ones

A Service of Commemoration
for those who have died
at
St Birinus Church, Morgan's Vale
at 3.00pm on Sunday 1st November 2026

For more information, or to request the inclusion of
a particular name in the Act of Remembrance,
please contact Sheila Youings by telephone 01725 512747
or email sayouings@btinternet.com

Other local Church Services

Woodfalls Methodist Church

The Ridge, Woodfalls, SP5 2LH

Service details listed on p.2.

All enquiries to Graham Tanner (01725 512648).

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Roman Catholic Services

Church of the Good Shepherd. Barford Lane, Downton, SP5 3QA

The Catholic chapel is now available for private prayer.

At 6.30 pm on Tuesdays the congregation hold a
Service of the Word by Zoom.

There is a Mass in the chapel on the third Thursday of the month.

The next Mass will be on **19th November at 12.00 pm**.

If you would like to join the Zoom services or use the chapel for private prayer, please contact John Elliott on 07980 921558.

St Osmund's Church TV system
can be accessed at: https://salisburycatholics.org/church-tv

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Downton Baptist Church
South Lane, Downton, SP5 3NA Tel: 01725 512971
www.downtonbaptist.org | office@downtonbaptist.org

Sunday Morning Worship at 10.30 am:
including groups for young people.
Services can be found on the DBC Church website.

Thursday Morning Worship at 10.30 am:
Followed by a two-course community lunch
every 2nd/4th Thursday of the month.

The PLAYROOM: Wednesday Morning at 9.00 am:
Free Toddler Church playgroup and their adults: from birth to Pre-School.

The LARDER: Food for the Community.
6.00 pm to 7.00 pm Every Monday
9.00 am to 10.00 am Every Wednesday (with refreshments)
Pastors: Rev Philip Rhoades and Rev Katy Ullyatt
Tel: 07468 491143 or 07786 248880.


St Laurence
DOWNTON CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL
5 - 6 DECEMBER 2026
PROUDLY SUPPORTING DOWNTON PRIMARY SCHOOL, TRAFALGAR SCHOOL AT DOWNTON AND ST LAURENCE CHURCH

DOWNTON CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

PRESENTS



Friday 4 December 2026

St Laurence Church, Downton
7pm
Doors open at 6:30pm

St Laurence

Cash & Card Bar. Tickets £10
Available from The Borough Cafe, and on the door.



A CHRISTMAS CAROL

AN EVENING WITH

COURTNEY SPENCE

TALES OF LIFE AS A WEST END ACTOR & A READING OF A CHRISTMAS CAROL

FRIDAY 11 DECEMBER

DOORS OPEN 6.30 FOR 7 PM START

St Laurence Church, Downton

Tickets £5

Available to purchase from

The Borough Cafe / on the door

BAR

St Laurence

Cash & Card Bar Available

Downton Christmas Tree Festival

We're thrilled to announce that the new look Downton Christmas Tree Festival will be taking place in the church on 5 – 6 December 2026. This year we will be raising funds for the three organisations – Downton Primary School, Trafalgar School at Downton, and St Laurence Church.

The Festival will open with a concert on Friday 4 December, with local group Shantoosy. Tickets will be available on the door, and from the Borough Café in advance.

We are also delighted to be welcoming back lots of local musicians to play at the event and our thanks go to Mark Merrill for organising this once again.

We will be running our usual Christmas Gifts stall at the Festival, so if you have any unwanted gifts or items that you'd be willing to donate – please do get in touch.

Sign up forms to enter a tree or other Christmas decoration the festival are available on the St Laurence Website, there are also some in the back of church. We would be grateful if these can be returned as soon as possible.

To help make the event a success we are looking for volunteers to bake and donate cakes and treats for the event. We also need people to serve refreshments, welcome visitors, etc. If you would be willing to help please either email or phone Rose Bloomfield (downtonchristmastreefest@gmail.com or 07521266328). Donated items can also be collected if necessary.

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2026 UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST LAURENCE CHURCH

4th December – Shantoosy Concert
Join us as we open the Christmas Tree Festival with a concert by local group, Shantoosy (featuring Paul Borrelli , David Mace and others).

5th – 6th December - Christmas Tree Festival
See the beautiful individual Christmas trees decorated by local people. Get your Christmas shopping in early with our famous gift stall. Indulge in locally made cakes & goodies and listen to a programme of music over two days

11th December - An Evening with…. Courtney Spence
Listen to the tales of the life of a West End actor and a rendition of A Christmas Carol.

St Laurence Goose Fair 2026

The St Laurence Goose Fair took place on Saturday 13 September 2026 at St Laurence Church from 10am – 2pm. We were thrilled to welcome many visitors to this year's fair, and to welcome several new stallholders, in addition to many of our existing favourites. As always, there was a range of stalls, including jewellery, preserves, and hand-sewn items.

We were also very pleased to bring back an old-favourite item from the St Laurence Church Fete – with Lover Repair Café very kindly refurbishing the buzz wire game, which was a firm favourite of many in years gone by. The event is a key way in which St Laurence can raise funds towards the ongoing running costs, as well as the parish share.

In total, the event raised £1554.20, a record amount for the fair. Our thanks go to all who volunteered on the day, as well as all those who baked cakes, and provided items for the plant stall, books and refreshments.

We are anticipating that the Goose Fair 2027 will take place on Saturday 18 September. We will also soon be starting the process of taking stall bookings for the Downton Swift Fayre, which will take place in March. For additional information, please email Rose Bloomfield (rosannabishop@btinternet.com).

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Friends of St Laurence 100 Club

The 100 Club was set up many years ago as a fund raiser to help contribute to the large maintenance expenses of our Grade 1 listed building. There are 4 draws a year with 3 prizes of £50, £35 and £25. The balance of monies is passed on to the church.

If you would like to help St. Laurence by becoming a member of the 100 club, please contact Ken or Jo Parsons on 01725 512738. It only costs £12 per year. A big thankyou to all those of you who have recently joined. It is much appreciated.

The results of the last draw

1st prize - Brenda Dean
2nd Prize - Zinnia Watson
3rd Prize - Miranda Bentinck

Many thanks. We hope to hear from you.

An Evening with Group Captain Ron Burrows

The evening talk in the church on 2nd October by Group Captain Ron Burrows, a Cold War Test Pilot was thoroughly enjoyed by around 100 people who attended. Ron's father was in the RAF and was taking part in a WW2 raid on Berlin on the night his son was born. It was his father's experiences that led to Ron deciding to join the RAF. He told us of his time in what is now Yemen, and how he met his wife in Aden where she worked for Aden Airways, a subsidiary of British Overseas Airways Corporation (BOAC), and how he got to know one of their pilots flying locally in the region. On some days this subsequently led to him flying as a co-pilot for Aden Airways in the morning and later in the day piloting an RAF mission.

Ron was eventually to become a test pilot and spoke of the two occasions he had to eject from the cockpit due to engine failure as both planes were single engine. The first incident resulted in him losing 2cm in height due to the force of the ejection and he took three months to recover. However, ejection seat technology had improved by the next time he ejected so he was able to fly again the next day.

Ron ended his career as Chief Test Pilot at Boscombe Down. He spoke of the various tests that are undertaken there, such as static tests to investigate the performance of prototype aircraft in very high and very low temperatures, when exposed to high levels of radio waves and when equipped with various weapon systems. Then the aircraft are further test in real conditions often in places like Canada.
During the question and answer session at the end of the talk Ron said he estimates he has piloted at least 70 different aircraft during his career. He has also written a book about his experiences.

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Could you help edit the Downton Parish News?

We are looking for new volunteers to help edit the Downton Parish News to support our existing team. Editing the Parish News involves writing to our regular contributors to advise them of the submission deadline for the month, updating the document, arranging proof reading and liaising with the advertising co-ordinator to confirm page numbers, as well as arranging the printing of the document to the agreed deadline. Full training is provided.

If you are interested, please contact Rose Bloomfield (rosannabishop@btinternet.com) to have an informal discussion about volunteering.

Help us care for our churchyard

Our churchyard is a place for everyone to enjoy, reflect and remember.

If you are visiting with a dog, we kindly ask that you:

- Keep your dog on a lead at all times
- Clean up after your dog
- Be considerate of other visitors and the churchyard's graves and memorials

Thank you for helping us keep the churchyard a peaceful and welcoming place for everybody.

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Remembrance in Downton

Remembrance Sunday this year falls on the 8th November. An opportunity for us to "Remember" the service and sacrifice of those who have defended out freedom, way of life and continue to do so. Nationally there will be a Poppy Appeal from the 24th of October to the 7th of November. Here in Downton, the events for Remembrance are:

Poppy Appeal 2026
Our Poppy Collection Organiser (PAO) has retired after 28 years as PAO. PAO Salisbury has taken over and there will be a limited distribution of poppies this year, with a return to normal next year. Door to Door collections will be undertaken, but limited. Poppies will be available at the schools, shops, petrol station and pubs in the village.

Remembrance Day
Wednesday 11th November. Crosses will be laid on the War Graves in The Cemetery and St Laurence's prior to a short ceremony outside The Goat, by the Village Cross at 11am.

Remembrance Sunday
Sunday 8th November. Wreath Laying and the Act of Remembrance will take place at the Memorial Hall, starting at 10am. This will be followed by the parade marching to St Laurence's Church for the Village Remembrance Service. The parade will be led by the Downton Band and will include members of The Royal British Legion, Parish Council and Youth Organisations. The Wreath Laying and Church Service will be led by the Rev Veronica Batchelor, our Vicar.

Road Closure
The Borough/High Street from The Memorial Gardens to Church Hatch, will be closed from 10am to 11am on Remembrance Sunday 8th November, to allow a safe Wreath Laying and movement of the parade to the church. The road will be re-opened as soon as it is safe to do so. Please bear with us.

Downton Parish Council News

As October rolls into November, the days get shorter, the nights get longer and we remember our brave men and women who fought or continue to serve around the world. DPC along with the Cadets will be planting an Oaks at 80 commemorative tree and laying a wreath in the Barford Lane Cemetery on Saturday 7th November at 10am, before the ceremony and parade on the 8th.

Why not make 2026 the year of volunteering – footpath maintenance and lots of other jobs like sanding down and repairing our benches – the Parish always needs handy people to help keep it looking its best….OR why not join the Parish Council as a Councillor? Help influence projects, get things done and make decisions for YOUR Parish: local democracy at its best! Please do contact me, many hands make a considerable difference.

- The orange safety fencing on Beacon Corner screens a deep hole – this has been reported to Wiltshire Council
- The Discretionary Gully Service will be clearing blocked gullies at 118 The Borough, Wick Estate, and Moot Lane
- The recent vandalism and subsequent closure of the men's public toilets is being robustly dealt with by the police
- DPC's annual Christmas Tree event on the Maypole Green will be happening on Friday 4 December, look out for timings and details nearer the date. Mince pies, turning on the tree lights, singing with the choir, mulled wine and chocolates guaranteed!

- If Parish residents are experiencing anti-social behaviour or any crime or disturbance, it is **VITAL** to report this to our local Police. **The Police do NOT respond to crimes reported on Facebook.**
  In an emergency always dial 999 if: there is an immediate danger to life, someone is using violence or is threatening to be violent, a crime is happening right now, like a house burglary or a theft, the suspect is still at the scene
- If the problem is a non-emergency, then dial 101: if you are experiencing anti-social behaviour, door knocking etc.
  Our local PC Marc Evans has now transferred to another department and DPC do not know who the replacement is yet. Local police can still be reached by dialling 101.

The Parish Council meetings are held on the **second Monday of the month in the Bonvalot Room in the Downton Memorial Centre. Meetings usually start at 7pm.**

There is always a public question time at the beginning of the meeting, so do come along and have your say**. It is YOUR Parish after all! Come and hear what your Parish Council is doing for you and your community**

Susan Parsons is the Administrative Officer and Tree Warden for the Parish Council.

She can be contacted on **Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 07483 344035 admin@downtonparishcouncil.gov.uk** Where appropriate, she may redirect queries to Councillors or to the Parish Clerk.

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Downton Horticultural Society

We will be holding our AGM in the Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm on Thursday 19th November. Free mulled wine, soft drinks, nibbles and mince pies will be served. Once the short business part of the evening is over will have a light-hearted general knowledge quiz. It will be just for fun and there are not going to be prizes, just the self esteem for getting the most answers correct.

We will also be collecting our 2027 subscriptions, still only £6, and asking for suggestions for our evening talks. New members are very welcome to this AGM or any of our events.

Gordon Bishop (511475)

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Hearing Aid Clinic | Downton Baptist Church, South Lane

First Thursday of the month from 10.00 am to 12.00 pm. Drop in and get your hearing aids retubed and cleaned and obtain new batteries.

We will only be able to let a maximum number of clients into the room at any one time. Please respect social distancing measures. This service is for NHS Salisbury hearing aid users. Please bring your battery issue card.

We are RNID and together, we'll make life fully inclusive for deaf people and those with hearing loss or tinnitus.

Contact: Gill Drayson 01722 580014 or 07570 670 643

Downton Bowling Club – Final 2026 update

The green closed on Sat 26th Sept & that's it now bowls wise until April 2027. During autumn/winter the club will run coffee mornings, skittle nights, race nights & other social events, which will be open to anyone to attend. When available, more details will appear on our website (see below) & on social media.

We've had another very good season. In the Westbrook Mixed Triples league our team came 7/8. Our New Forest div 4 team came 3/8, missing promotion by just ½ point & we lost in the Ivor Fourmy Trophy final to Verwood. In the B&D Sat morning div 4, the Dragons came 3rd & the Bustards finished 4/10.

Five of the internal club comp finals were played on on Sun 13th Sept & the other five on Sat 19th Sept. The winners were as follows:-

LADIES PAIRS. Champs	Alison & Marg	R/U Jane & Peggy
MENS PAIRS Champs	Steve A. & Rod	R/U Colin & Steve T.
NOVICES Champ	Alison	R/U Dave
AUSSIE PAIRS Champs	Paul T. & Colin	R/U Lewis & Rod
SETS Champ	Ivan	R/U Paul B.
TRIPLES Champs	John H, Dave C & Marg	R/U Nick, Richard & Janet
2 WOODS Champ	Rod	R/U Paul B.
LADIES SINGLES Champ	Alison	R/U Jane
MENS SINGLES Champ	Paul T.	R/U John J.
Champion of Champions	Paul T.	R/U Alison

The winner of this years annual Ralph Bentley Trophy, played for in memory of our founder was Tony Musselwhite.

For more information on playing bowls, please contact Ivan on 07910 290735 or email buib7@icloud.com, or visit our website www.downtonbc.co.uk

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Why not buy a Downton Cuckoo Fair bag or tea towel?

Good value, and unique to our village

Contact Edna Pike on 01725 511332

Jute Shopping bags	£4 each
Tea towels	£2.50 each

GOOD COMPANIONS

We meet in the Downton Memorial Hall on Tuesdays from 2.00 to 4.00 pm. Regulars pay £2, visitors, who are always welcome, pay £2.50, cup of tea and biscuits included. Contact Edna Pike on 01725 511332 for details.

Joanne has arranged the following:

3rd November - Rescue
10th November - Games and Quiz
17th November - Alan Jones - Humble beginnings to household brands
24th November - Christmas card making with Viv

Baby Competition: At the end of 0ctober we had a great afternoon looking at photos of our members when they were babies or young children. Some were harder to guess than others; music was chosen for when their photo was shown.

The Good Companions need Volunteer helpers to put out tables and chairs on Tuesday at 1.30 pm; and put them away at 4.00 pm. Helpers are welcome to stay, free of charge, and have a cup of tea and biscuits.

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Downton's Mobile Post Office
Every Friday Morning

Moot Lane (near to Recreation Ground): 9.00 am - 10.00 am.
The Bull car park: 10.05 am till 11.05 am.

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Goldies Sing-Along Social Group at Downton Memorial Hall

Goldies takes place upstairs at **Downton Memorial Hall** on the **4th Wednesday of the month from 10.00 am**, led by Carole Still. Walk down the side of the Hall and enter through the door on the left.

At Goldies we chat and laugh with friends, whilst singing along to the hits of the 50's onwards, with artists such as Sir Cliff Richard, Tom Jones, Elvis, Dusty Springfield, Petula Clark and many more. Goldies is not a choir, you don't have to be able to sing to join, just love music and socialising.

Goldies Sing & Smile sessions are open to everyone but particularly aim to reduce isolation with older adults. We ask for a £3 donation to attend.

For further information go to the website: www.golden-oldies.org.uk
Or ring Carole Still on 01722 337880

THE DOWNTON MOOT PRESERVATION TRUST Ltd

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the thirty-seventh AGM of the Downton Moot Preservation Trust Ltd will be held in The Snug at The Goat PH, 62 The Borough, Downton at 7.30pm on Monday 9th November 2026, when the following business will be transacted:-

1. Welcome by the Chairman.
2. Apologies for absence.
3. To approve the minutes of the 2025 AGM.
4. Chairman's report.
5. To approve the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ending 5th April 2026. The 2025/2026 accounts were not audited this year. Since audited accounts are not a statutory requirement, the Trustees deemed them to be unnecessary.
6. The following Trustees are due to retire by rotation: Robert Greville-Heygate, George Syrett, Mike Brockbank and Jacqui Slater. They have been invited to stand for re-election.

   Other candidates for election as trustees must be proposed by a member of the Company who has, not more than 28 and not less than 4 clear days before the meeting, given notice to the Company Secretary of their intention to propose the candidate at the meeting together with a signed notice by the candidate of their willingness to be elected.
7. Setting date for next AGM (8.11.27) and Trustees Meetings: 18.1.27, 22.3.27, 17.5.27, 19.7.27 and 20.9.27.
8. Any Other Business

BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNING BODY

H DUNLOP
Company Secretary
Reg. Office: The Warren, High Street, Downton SP5 3PG
email: hamish.dunlop@3pb.co.uk

Downton Clubs and Societies

Allotments Wick Lane	Chris Hall	01725 511877
Barford Day Centre (not active at the moment, please contact).	Jeremy Parsons	07762 218409
BWSC Association Chairman	Mr Simon Bromilow	07785 265019
Downton Bowling Club	Mr Ivan Buss	07910 290735
Cuckoo Fair Committee		
DCT Links Youth Group: School years 7/8/9+	Mr P Rhoades	01725 514792
Downton Band Secretary	Danie Williams	07535 994164
Downton Community Choir	Kate Edgar	01725 512635
Downton Community Pre-School	Naomi Hawker	01725 511178
Downton Football Club	Dan Newman	07900 370600
Downton Green Group	Jane Brentor	01725 510504
Downton History Group	Mr Dave Webber	01725 513759
Downton Horticultural Society	Mr Gordon Bishop	01725 511475
Downton Lace Group	Mrs Judi Brown	01725 511649
Downton Leisure Centre	Dave Taylor	01725 557268
Downton Link	Co-ordinator	01725 513807
Downton Millennium Green Trust	Sue Larkin	01725 511209
Downton Parish Council Clerk (Mel Camilleri)	clerk@downtonparishcouncil.gov.uk	07798 698199
Admin Officer Downton Parish Council (Susan Parsons)	admin@downtonparishcouncil.gov.uk	07483 344035
Downton Society	Susan Parsons	07875 036879
Downton Society Footpath Group	Susan Parsons	07875 036879
Downton Tennis Centre	Dave Taylor	01725 557268
Forest Edge Flower Arranging Society	Miyuki Griffin	07990 868351
Gallipoli (D) Company, Wilts, Army Cadet Force	SSI J Burton	07788 975846
Goldies Sing &Smile	Carole Still	01722 337880
Good Companions	Mrs Julia Whitmarsh	01725 510601
Guides: Rainbows	Sam Bennie	07866 318497
First Downton Brownies	Kirstie Penton	07824 898611
First Downton Guides	Liz Jennings lstdowntonguides@gmail.com	
Guild of Ringers (Church Bells)	Mr R Plaskett	01725 511258
Longwater Tai Chi	Jane Launchbury	07522 602379
Memorial Hall Bookings	Mrs Hilary Mace	07760 415818
Parochial Church Council	Mrs Jo Parsons	01725 512738
Royal British Legion	Mr Paul Hammond	07710 425983
Scouts: Beavers	Jon Edwards ...downtonbeavers@gmail.com	
Cubs	Jonathan Borwell..downtoncubs@gmail.com	
Scouts	Kevin Hill .....downtonscouts@gmail.com	
St Laurence Sunday School	Dr J McGee	01725 513869
The Moot – Friends of the Moot	Mrs J Greville-Heygate	01725 511755
The Moot Preservation Trust: Secretary	Mr Hamish Dunlop	01725 512514

Please notify the Editor of any changes, additions or deletions

(Amended June 2025)

Community Café in the Memorial Hall



This regular event takes place at Downton Memorial Hall on the last Friday of each month, from 10.00 am - 12 noon.

Tea, coffee and homemade cake - plus the opportunity to chat to old friends and make new ones. There is a book share, and it is hoped that people will bring and share excess garden produce and flowers.

Everyone is welcome – pop in for a few minutes or stay all morning.
There is no charge but leave a donation if you wish.
If you know anyone who would like to come but needs a lift, please contact stephaniejalland1@gmail.com

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The LARDER for our community



Everyone is welcome to come and share from **The LARDER**, situated in Downton Baptist Church. You will find a wide variety of food donated by our local community, including the Co-op and Bidfood. Our hope is that **The LARDER** will reduce food waste and make food available to everyone who would like it. It is absolutely FREE, and anyone can come and access one bag of food per week.

We welcome donations from individuals as well, of items of unopened food, cleaning and hygiene products. We also welcome fresh food. Any financial donations received will go to purchasing more food.

There continue to be many locations where food can be taken. The Collection points are: The Co-op; Ashley Grange; The Cedars at Landford; the Primary School and The Trafalgar School in Downton. You can also bring fresh food and any other items to the church during Larder open times or church office hours. (9.00 am to 1.00 pm Monday to Thursday).

Please see Downton Baptist Church website for further information. www.downtonbaptist.org/Groups/384889/The_Larder.aspx

The LARDER is open each week on Monday Evenings from 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm, and Wednesday Mornings from 9.00 am to 10.00 am.

Events at Woodfalls Methodist Church

Friendship Hub Tuesday | 3rd November | 2pm - Dice Games and Board Games followed by Waffles, with ice cream and banana. At Woodfalls Methodist. All Welcome.

Talkabout with Ron Burrows | 5th November | 10am - Flight testing at Boscombe Down 1939-1990. Starts with coffee at 10.00 am. Talk starts at 10.30am. Woodfalls Methodist Hall. All welcome.

Bible Study | 10th November | 10:30am Bible Study following Walking Humbly. Woodfalls Methodist Small Hall.

Social Saturday | 21st November | 5:30pm - Starting with a meal at 5.30pm. Followed by Chocolate Bingo. This month in Woodfalls Methodist small hall (As rest of building set up for shoe box checking) All welcome. It would help catering if you could let us know if you hope to come on 07816542204.

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Redlynch Players – Backstage News

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances we have been unable to go ahead with our Autumn Production of Teechers by John Godber.

We look forward to seeing you at our annual Christmas Concert with Fordingbridge Choral Society in aid of Young Lives Vs Cancer on Sunday, 13th December at 6pm in St Mary's Church, Redlynch for a festive evening of music and readings with mince pies and mulled wine. I do hope you can join us.

2027 - Our Platinum Year

Next year we will be celebrating 70 years of Redlynch Players and we are already planning some special events to mark the occasion. Of course, there will be cake! We have some exciting plans afoot to make this a very special year and we do hope you will join us!

We can be contacted via email info@redlynchplayers.co.uk
Information about us, reviews, photos and awards may be found on our website: www.redlynchplayers.co.uk

Thank you for your continued support.

Forest Edge Flower Arranging Society (FEFAS)

Our practical evening was so delightful – creating Wall Tapestry/Embroidery with autumn flowers/plants. It was lovely to exchange tips, knowledge and hints about plants with those participated. As always, we all enjoyed each other's company.

We look forward to welcoming you to our next meeting 2nd November – a floral demonstration by, Lucille Steel, entitled 'Village Life'. Refreshments from 7 pm followed by a demonstration at 7.30 pm. Do join us and bring your friend(s)! Non-members are welcome (£10 door fee including refreshments).

All meetings/events are held at Morgans Vale & Woodfalls Village Hall, Woodfalls (SP5 2LD). A full programme for 2026/27 is now available from the weblink https://tinyurl.com/FEFAS2026a and on the notice board in the hall, and on our facebook group.

We look forward to welcoming you!

Contact: Miyuki Griffin 07990 868351
Email: forestedgeflower@gmail.com
Facebook group: www.facebook.com/groups/forestedgeflower
View full programme for 2026/27: https://tinyurl.com/FEFAS2026a

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Upcoming meetings:
2nd November |7.30 pm (7 pm refreshments) | Lucille Steel 'Village Life'

7th December | 7:30pm (7pm refreshments) | Dennis van Wanderen 'Christmas is Coming'

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Saturday 14th November

Christmas Market

Gifts

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Cakes Savouries

Surprise Boxes



Crafts and Craft Materials

Refreshments

10-12

Cards

Raffle

Lucky Dip

Tombola

House of Opportunity Christmas Shoe Box Appeal 2026

Bring joy to a life this Christmas…… –

The boxes are again being checked and sorted in Woodfalls Methodist Building

Everyone loves to receive a gift. By supporting the Christmas Box Appeal you can transform Christmas for someone in S E Europe who would otherwise have very little.



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Our three local churches are again supporting the appeal. Basically you cover a shoe box with Christmas paper, choose the age & gender you would like to receive it and buy things to go in it for that person.





Things to consider when preparing your box:
Variety Add something warm, something fun, toiletries, sweets etc.
Condition New or nearly new in good, working order
Quality Ask yourself, "would I be happy to receive this box..?"
Category We always need more boxes for older boys and men

Full details on the website below, there are suggestions of what to put in, with a few exclusions, or the local churches should have leaflets soon. Filled shoe boxes should be returned to Anita or Graham or one of the local churches by Sunday 22nd November or dropped off when the Methodist building is open for checking boxes see below. Any queries or if you can't get to a church when they are open or if you want a lift to help check & sort ring them 07816542204.

If you can't fill a complete box they are always grateful for contributions of items – they always run out of soap, flannels, notebooks or colouring books, toothpaste and sweets or gifts of money towards the transport.

HELP NEEDED CHECKING BOXES IN WOODFALLS

Every donated box needs to be checked, sorted and packed, and we'll be relying once again on our fantastic volunteers to help us with this. If you feel able to join in, your help will be greatly appreciated in the Methodist Building again this year. Fri 20th 10-5pm, Sat 21st 9.30-12ish, Mon 23rd - Fri 27th open from 10am-5pm each day, church & hall, but have only four evening sessions Tues/Wed/Thurs/Fri. Sat 28th we'll be open from 9.30am until (hopefully) finish. Maybe the following week if there is a delay e.g. a group doesn't turn up to help.

If you want more details look on :- https://houseofopportunity.org/what-we-do/christmas-box-appeal/







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Redlynch and District Local History Society

Our October meeting featured our AGM and a talk by popular speaker Jim Butt. Jim spoke about various church buildings he has helped restore the wood work.

St Nicolas church at Brokenhurst is the oldest in the New Forest with parts dating back to the 11th C. Water was entering the roof through a gap in the roof necessitating repair of a rafter and relaying all the mathematical tiles, a new oak roof plate (The bit between the roof and the walls) and finally a placed a gold leaved cockerel on the top of the roof. Any original timbers are kept if at all possible and are sometimes supported by new timbers rather than a straight replacement. In keeping with the original, lime mortar was used where necessary.

All Saints at Lymington suffered a common problem on its front door; water runs behind the weatherboard at the bottom of the door and rots the bottom of the planking. The solution is to remove the rotten wood with a straight horizontal cut where the door hinge strap is. The refitting of the strap hides the join. A similar repair was done at St Osmund's church in Salisbury. Jim also replaced the floor boards of the bell tower in St Osmunds, and whilst there spotted graffiti in the window stone work and two bricks which had been fired with an impression of a large key in them; Jim believes this to be unique.

Jim has also refurbished the lychgate of Charlton All Saints church, again water had caused rot. The lychgate acts as the memorial for the two world wars. Returning to Lymington Jim's team undertook a major repair of St Thomas's church in the High St; the large white bell cupola on top of the church was removed and is structure made safe. It was one of those jobs where the problem was much worse than appeared on first examination.

In Winchester Cathedral Jim installed a temporary floor in the roof to enable conservation of the ceiling panels. In order to do this a massive amount of scaffolding was erected inside the cathedral in order to create the wooden floor with metal cross braces. The scaffolding was then removed to allow normal use of the interior while the conservation work proceeded.

Finally, Jim described his work on Salisbury Cathedral; he saw in the cloister roof spaces, untouched for 800 years. The huge roof “slates”, actually stone, were renewed and the roof made water proof with planking and lead sheet. He then installed bell tower ladders actually supplied in kit form by Salisbury college; and also refurbished the “weather” door in the spire which gives access to the exterior.

Our next talk is Operation Pluto- pipeline under the ocean by Ivor Ellis who will describe the efforts to supply fuel directly to Normandy following the D Day landings. The talk is on Tuesday 3rd November at 7:30pm at Morgans Vale & Woodfalls Village Hall.

Lover Repair Café

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There are times in our sessions when emotions can get very high, much like when a client finally got back 'Squiggy' her childhood squirrel that had been savaged by a dog. On receipt so many early memories flooded back.



LATEST NEWS: -

1. A group of us had a great time at Whiteparish W.I. last month where we surprised many people regarding what can be achieved at Repair Cafes, including the benefit to the planet & support for other people. If you are in an organisation that would like a visit, please get in touch with us.
2. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Longfield family for a wonderful gift following the loss of our dear friend Desmond who visited us often, we hope soon to be able to provide additional facilities for the Repair Cafe which could be dedicated in his memory…

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Another visit we were happy to make was to the NHS Allotment in Salisbury where Ben & his Team provide very relaxed facilities to help people overcoming mental health issues. We supplied a Battery Strimmer, Winter Ground Sheeting & Earth Tiller.
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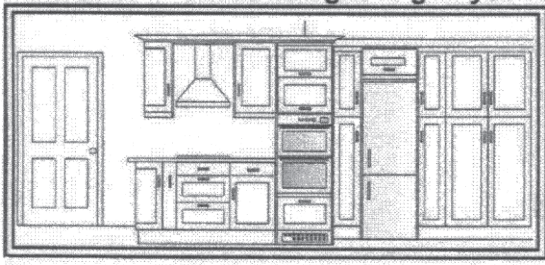

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