

Autumn InDownton

Fun Dog Show: Special Report

Downton Moot hosted the Fun Dog Show on a gloriously sunny afternoon on 5 September. An enthusiastic crowd of two and four-legged friends gathered to enjoy the dog show, agility course, plant sale, raffle and refreshments. There was also a dog handling masterclass held by local dog experts Jane and Andy Smith, assisted by a range of adorable, furry volunteers. The event was organised by Friends of the Moot to raise funds for the The Downton Moot Preservation Trust.

The dog show was expertly judged by trainee vet Sacha Green and hosted by Hamish Dunlop in his Panama hat, with Jeremy Parsons doing a great job on the sound system.

The winners were:

- Most handsome dog - Winston
- Prettiest bitch - Pepper
- Loveliest Veteran (10 years+) - Tia
- Dog with the waggiest tail - Angus
- Junior handler (under 18) - Pasha
- Dog most like its owner - Zola
- Agility course - Olive (34.3

seconds)

Best in show - Pasha, described by the judge as “well behaved, friendly to other dogs and very good looking”.

You can find out more about events at The Moot and how to get involved at downtonmoot.co.uk or follow the Facebook page.



Comment

The newsletter is back to full size for this edition as businesses, organisations and clubs return to a sort of normality.

We’ve continued to work on our online edition and website which now includes a redesigned calendar of village events. Do check it out at indownton.org.uk and if you want to use it to for a local event, just drop us and email with the details. We intend to keep the website updated with the latest information and post newsletters through every door in the village regularly. This is helped by our wonderful team of volunteer deliverers and many others who help us behind the scenes. We’re also very grateful for the local businesses that advertise and support us and of course Downton Baptist Church which has sponsored the newsletter from the beginning. This is the 70th issue, and we’re still here!

The Editors

100 NEW HOUSES? DOWNTON SOCIETY RESPONDS

The Downton Society has responded to the planning application to build 100 houses on land adjacent to the Breamore Road, south of Catherine Crescent. In addition, Persimmon Homes met with the Parish Council recently and declared an interest in building another 100 houses in the area between their Bachelor Way development and the Meadow Grange houses which replaced Scott’s House. A spokesperson for Downton Society outlined their concerns:

“Our members oppose further large-scale development for a number of reasons. It is contrary to the Neighbourhood Plan which was widely endorsed by residents and is valid

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HORTICULTURAL SHOW

The DHS Autumn Show at the Memorial Hall was popular with many visitors throughout the afternoon.

Local winners included Andy Savage who won the Avon Cup for the highest points in Dahlia classes as well as the National Dahlia Society medal and the Coronation Cup for the best exhibit of flowers.

Dave Long was judged to have the best exhibit of Chrysanthemums, Heather Borrelli won the Iris Sherman Memorial Trophy for her floral art and Jenny Shutler won the President’s Cup for her Dundee Cake.



Iris Sherman Memorial Trophy and Coronation Cup winning entries

GOOSE FAIR RETURNS

The Goose Fair returns to St Laurence Church on 25 September from 10am - 2pm. There will be jewellery, a wide variety of crafts, bygones, home-made cakes, garden produce and a raffle. Refreshments including light lunches

will be available. Stallholders would prefer cash sales. For further information, contact Jo Parsons on 512738 or email: events@stlaurencedownton.co.uk

LEARN ABOUT LOCAL BIRD LIFE

The Millennium Green AGM will be held on 15 September at 7pm in the Centenary Room, Downton Memorial Hall. This will be a short meeting, followed by a presentation about the bird life that can be seen at Millennium Green and around Downton, given by Steve Oakes of

the South Wilts RSPB local group. Admission is free and everyone is welcome.



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COMMUNITY CHOIR

When the pandemic struck, Downton Community Choir went online, meeting on Zoom to sing, catch up and support each other. As the lockdowns came and went, they met up when they were allowed, indoors or out. They came together in July with a mass singalong with other Salisbury-based choirs on the Baptist Church field, and afterwards in the garden of The Goat. Choir leader Kate Edgar commented, "It was a wonderful opportunity to meet up and share our love of singing together".

Amongst the casualties of Covid-19 have been all the events that the choir were planning to sing at, but they are hopeful that this will now start to change. If anyone in the village is organising any fundraising events, and would like the choir to sing, do get in touch, as they are

always happy to 'step out and sing'.

The choir always welcomes new members and Kate added, "especially men - come on guys, you know you want to!" It is a non-auditioned choir, with a wide range of musical ability and a common love of having fun and expressing themselves through song.

The choir meets between 7.30pm-8.30pm on Wednesdays during term time, either in the Hulse Hall at Breamore, or in the refurbished Clubhouse, Wick Lane. More information from Kate Edgar on 512637, email: Keedgar@aol.com or website: kateedgarmusic.com.



Practising outdoors

100 NEW HOUSES? ...continued from page 1.

until 2026. The plan focused on sustainable future development. Under Wiltshire Council's Core Strategy, Downton was asked to accept 190 new houses up until 2026 and this number has already been built. In addition, The Borough, High Street and Lode Hill (B3080) cannot take any more vehicles and as all will know at times the road is gridlocked with regular damage occurring to both vehicles and houses. Parking is becoming increasingly difficult and at times impossible. There are serious concerns about vehicles and pedestrians leaving and entering the proposed site, the impact of further development on sewage as well as the water run off from the field which is flooded every winter. There are also questions about the impact on schools and the doctors' surgery."

The spokesperson emphasised that as a

society they were supportive of the need for low cost housing for local people.

"Small scale developments with a high density of truly affordable housing are not profitable for large developers and rarely meet expectations. There are alternative ways of providing small scale developments of affordable houses by engagement with non-profit making bodies. We need to explore these options and the Society will be pushing for this.

We urge residents to make their views known in whatever medium they choose. The deadline for comments to Wiltshire Council has passed but it is not anticipated that this will be the end of the matter and we urge residents to monitor the situation at wiltshire.gov.uk/planning/search by planning number/PL/2021/06443." TheDowntonSociety.org.

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IT'S YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD

The organisers of Downton in Bloom were forced to down-scale plans due to the pandemic but were nevertheless able to enter the smaller scale 'It's Your Neighbourhood' competition, organised by the Royal Horticultural Society. The assessment took place on a hot July day, and the experienced RHS assessor did a walk about in the Borough, taking in the Borough Cafe courtyard, the school's army boots on the fence, as well as the many flowering tubs and baskets. The topiary cuckoo flew in temporarily, and a select few members of Downton Band provided musical accompaniment.

The project, initiated and supported by the Downton Society, was adopted by many village organisations and individuals. The Parish Council paid for new self-watering recycled plastic tubs, which were planted with spring bulbs and then summer flowering plants. The Scouts planted one of these up, as well as clearing weeds and tidying. The Royal British Legion planted the tubs near the Memorial Hall. Downton Butchers put up hanging baskets and watered the nearby planters. The Co-op donated £200 for planting and enhancing the environment and supported the clearing of their car park verges with a team of 20 volunteers.

These were then planted up with drought tolerant grasses. The Green Group planted 'bee friendly' tubs and culinary herbs, and organised a litter pick. The Print Effect printed notices about the competition. The children of the Primary School, as well as planting up the boots, shared their work on their eco-garden. They had also held a competition to name the topiary cuckoo, plumping for the name 'Hedgington'.



Downton Bank on assessment day



Hedgington the Cuckoo

A spokesperson for the group was very pleased with the way things had gone: "A successful assessment was a result of everyone's hard work. The school children were terrific and the Band played beautifully."

The assessment results will be available later in September. In the meantime, Hedgington is due to fly to Chelsea, and it is hoped that he will find a regular place in the Borough on his return.

DOWNTON BAPTIST CHURCH CLOTHING EXCHANGE

The Clothing Exchange takes place at Downton Baptist Church on the third Friday of each month from 2pm - 3.45pm. Upcoming dates are 17 September, 22 October and 19 November. If the weather is fine, the September event will be held outdoors.

Everyone is welcome and the organisers aim to provide a warm and friendly place to browse. There is no cost for receiving anything from the Clothing Exchange and it's not necessary to bring a donation. Covid-19 precautions mean that refreshments are not currently on offer.

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MOVIOLA RETURNS THIS AUTUMN

After what seems to have been a very long break due to Covid-19, the Downton Society is pleased to announce that Moviola is returning to the Downton Memorial Hall in September, under new management. After 15 successful years in the chair, Susan Barnhurst-Davies and Jeremy Parsons have passed the baton on to Lawrence and Sue Burr.

The film shown on Saturday 18 September will be *Dream Horse* (113 minutes, cert. PG).



Toni Collette and Owen Teale in Dream Horse

Billed as the feel-good film of the season, it's a partly fictionalised version of the documentary *Dark Horse*, a heart warming true story of the triumph of the underdog. *Dream Alliance* is an unlikely race horse bred by small-town Welsh bartender Jan Vokes. With no money and no experience, Jan persuades her neighbours to chip in their meagre earnings to help raise *Dream* in the hopes he can compete with the racing elites.

On Saturday 23 October, *Supernova* (93 minutes, cert. 15) will be showing. Sam (Colin Firth) and Tusker (Stanley Tucci), a musician and a novelist, partners of 20 years, are travelling across England in their old camper van visiting friends, family and places from their past. Since Tusker was diagnosed with early-onset dementia

two years ago, their time together is the most important thing they have.



Stanley Tucci and Colin Firth in Supernova

The film to be shown on Saturday 20 November is *French Exit* (113 minutes cert. 15). "My plan was to die before the money ran out" says 60-year-old, penniless Manhattan socialite Frances Price (Michelle Pfeiffer), but things didn't go as planned. Her husband Franklin has been dead for 12 years and with his vast inheritance gone, she cashes in the last of her possessions and resolves to live out her twilight days anonymously in a borrowed apartment in Paris, accompanied by her directionless son Malcolm (Lucas Hedges) and a cat named

Small Frank, who may or may not embody the spirit of Frances's dead husband.



Michelle Pfeiffer in French Exit

Tickets cost £7 and are available from the Borough Cafe from 2 weeks before the screening or they can be reserved from Sue or Lawrence Burr. Any remaining tickets will be sold at the door on the night. Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Refreshments will be available.

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DOWNTON BAND'S PICNIC IN THE PARK

Last month, after many months of Zoom rehearsals and practising outdoors in sometimes tricky conditions, Downton Band were at last able to play at their first outdoor concert since the lifting of restrictions. The Beginners, Training and Senior bands all turned out at The Moot for the long-awaited afternoon of music.

Conductors Paul and Danie Williams guided the bands through a variety of music, including Mission Impossible, Finlandia and The National Anthem. Despite the showers causing delays, they played to a sizable and loyal audience who stayed throughout with umbrellas and sou'westers.

Dates for your diary:

Sunday 3 October: The Senior Band at Lyndhurst Royal British Legion, Last Night of the Proms.

Downton Band brings an eclectic mix of music to Lyndhurst Community Centre including old favourites. Refreshments provided.

Saturday 13 October: Lyndhurst Remembrance Concert

Sunday 14 November: The band will take part in the Remembrance Day commemoration event in Downton as usual.

For more details, go to downtonband.org.uk



DOWNTON 4 FAMILY SUMMER FUNDRAISERS

Downton 4 Family has benefited from a variety of different fundraising events over the summer including a coffee and cake morning in July, hosted by Pam and Mike Viney and the ice cream sales at the Downton Primary Year 6 leavers' party organised by mums Caroline, Katie and Sara. The first post Covid-19 Hale food market took place in July and the Hale and Redlynch Transition group supported the charity by passing on donations they received for

refreshments. The Charity Cars chauffeured service has been in demand, catching up with several weddings which had been postponed. All proceeds from



Daisy, the Austin

this service go directly to Downton 4 Family. For details on how to hire Monty the Rolls Royce and Daisy the vintage Austin for a special occasion go to downton4family.org.uk.

D4F ONLINE SHOP

Downton 4 Family's online shop will be reopening for the Autumn / Winter season with lots of new products and an exciting new service thanks to Debbie and Georgia at New Forest Aromatics. They are happy to post candles and 'Body and Bath' products to anywhere in the

UK to help to raise funds. The online shop can be found at downton4family.org.uk

If you would like to be involved in any way with Downton 4 Family contact the charity on 07393 933145 or email downton4family@gmail.com.

DOWNTON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Before the summer holidays, the children enjoyed a wide range of activities, both in and out of school.

Despite adverse weather conditions, Year 6 braved the adventurous activities at Ferny Crofts including aeroball, gladiator challenge, archery and rock climbing. Throughout the day their resilience improved, as did their team work. They also had a lot of fun at the same time and their positive can-do attitudes really impressed the staff.

The Year 3 children had a day visit to Salisbury Cathedral, where they had the opportunity to learn about and create their own stained glass windows to take back and display in their classroom. The children also enjoyed a tour of the Cathedral whilst learning about the history of this magnificent building

and were able to see the Magna Carta.

The younger children learned a new street dance, working virtually with a professional dance instructor. There certainly was a lot of energy in the room! Teachers were really impressed with the children's concentration skills, as they focused and worked as a team to get all the moves correct and in sync. The instructor then visited the school in person in July, to teach the children even more dance moves. There are plans to have an after school club starting for Key Stage 2 in September.



Year 3 at the Cathedral

MOVE AND MAKE MUSIC

A new Move and Make Music project will begin in Downton on 14 September, especially for people with memory issues and dementia. The sessions will provide creative music, movement and song writing opportunities for all abilities. There will be a block of 12 morning sessions from 10:30 am - 12 noon at The Sherwood Suite, next to Downton Leisure Centre, Wick Lane, Downton, SP5 3NF. No

music or movement experience is necessary and everything is fully adaptable.

The first sessions will take place on 14 and 28 September, followed by sessions on 12 and 19 October, and 2, 16 and 30 November. Further sessions will take place from December to February next year.

For more information contact Jane Ebel an musicic@gmail.com and 07515 822479.

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PARISH COUNCIL CONSULTS

Parish Council members were speaking with residents outside the Co-op last weekend. Visitors to the stand were invited to put coins in glasses for elements of the council's future plans which they support. There was a good response

with lots of feedback which the Parish Council will consider as it develops its strategic plan.



MALCOLM DEAN'S PARACHUTE JUMP

Malcolm Dean is still planning to parachute into Ranville, France as near to Pegasus Bridge as allowed, but because of Covid-19 restrictions, the date has now been rearranged for 6 June 2022 which is the anniversary of the original D-Day operation. Malcolm will be wearing the smock that 19 year old Signalman Daniel Lyons, one of the 6th Airborne Signals, wore on that day in 1944, which he will then present to the Pegasus Museum in Normandy.

For a long time a parachute jump has been on Malcolm's bucket list, and as a keen fundraiser for the last 42 years, Malcolm, who will be 75 this year, knew that this was an opportunity to grab.

Over the years Malcolm became good friends with Dan and the rest of his family, as

well as many other veterans and he wanted to ensure that all those wishing to make the journey back to Normandy or the Netherlands are still able to. The money that he raises from the jump will be split equally between a charity which organises transport for the veteran trips, and the Normandy Memorial Trust Charity.

Malcolm would like to thank Mark Worthington for putting him in touch with Duncan Holland (a former Scot's Guard) who has been able to arrange for this jump to happen.

There is a just giving page for those that wish to support this endeavour at justgiving.com/crowdfunding/malcolmdeanparachutejump



HAMPSHIRE OPEN STUDIOS

Fused glass artist Lynn Purcell is delighted to report that she received many visitors to The Corn Mill during Hampshire Open Studios which made it a huge success and wishes to thank them for their generosity in donating to The Salisbury Hospital Breast Care Unit.

She is also excited about having a work selected for this year's Royal Society of Marine Artists Open Exhibition. It will be displayed at

The Mall Galleries in London from 30 September - 10 October.

Lynn is extremely grateful to the many people who have encouraged and supported her over the last nine years on her fused glass journey, giving her the confidence to apply for such a prestigious exhibition.



Alga Alligator by Lynn Purcell

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The old social club and Sherwood Suite adjacent to Downton Leisure Centre have both been completely renovated by Downton Football Club and re-opened as a social hub and community facility. The necessary funding of £46,000 was raised locally, and volunteers gave 1,000 hours of their time to make the project happen. The social club has been re-named 'The Clubhouse' and is now open to all. Meanwhile, the adjacent Sherwood Suite, a large function and meeting room, has already hosted more than 1,000 people for private functions, community groups and activities.

The Clubhouse is now regularly open as a bar on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evenings, Saturdays from noon until late and Sunday



afternoons. Please visit theclubhousedownton.com for pictures, information, opening times and to join as a member – it costs just £15 per annum.

Enquiries about hiring The Sherwood Suite and Clubhouse for private functions can be sent to info@theclubhousedownton.com.

PLASTIC FREE DOWNTON

Plastic Free Downton is encouraging participation in the campaign to move away from single use plastics. The group would like to thank all those who took part in the village litter pick that was organised in the spring. They are also encouraged by the Co-op's initiative to recycle 'soft' plastic packaging, meaning pet food pouches, crisp packets and sweet wrappers etc. can now be recycled in-store.

Group coordinator Chris Carter writes: "The damage done to our environment and wildlife by discarded plastics is well known. It is also worth reflecting that the manufacturing process and handling of plastic waste make up a significant amount of the greenhouse gases causing climate

change. This dimension underlines the need for urgent action to tackle plastic pollution."

To achieve the goal of reducing plastic use in Downton, both individual and community engagement is needed. Over the coming months the group aims to strengthen links with community groups, schools and businesses. They would welcome more support for the small steering group - no weighty time commitment is required, and any contribution is welcome.

The group will be sharing more information at the Goose Fair at St Laurence Church. If you would like to be involved or simply want more information, contact Chris on 512249 or visit the Plastic Free Page at downtongreengroup.org.uk.

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Two of the team’s experienced repairers went along to assist the Salisbury Repair Cafe open its doors again last month - and in response Salisbury’s takings for the day were donated to the Salisbury Hospital charity, bringing the total raised so far to over £7500.

The Repairer of the Month award went to Peter Crouch, who managed to transform a very much treasured set of traditional kitchen scales. Thanks go to Brian of



Downton Signs for his expertise in the intricate work of renewing the scale fonts.

Sophie, a student on the D of E award scheme, joined the team for a while last month,

Enquiries: Ring Paul on 510753 or preferably email: loverrepaircafe@gmail.com

GREEN GROUP: CLIMATE EMERGENCY

As part of national Big Green Week from 18 - 27 September, Downton Green Group is curating a directory of local green initiatives. They would love to hear from anyone - individuals, groups or businesses - about what they are doing or planing to meet the challenge of the Climate Emergency. The aim is to pool information in order to support Downton and its residents in lowering their impact on the planet.

Wiltshire Council is consulting on its draft Climate Strategy from 1 September for six weeks, as it aims to to be carbon neutral by 2030. There will be a chance to attend engagement events, ask questions and share your views during the consultation period, along with an online survey, so please do get involved and help

to spread the word. More information at wiltshire.gov.uk/green-economy.

There will be an event in Downton on Sunday 3 October bringing together some local organisations who are working with these goals in mind. It will also give an opportunity for local businesses to provide services that encourage reducing, repairing, recycling, for example there will be a tool sharpening service so that gardeners can restore their tools to top condition before storing them for the winter.

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Now that the Co-op is accepting plastic packaging to recycle, the group has re-purposed the shed at the back of Downton Baptist Church to collect items that are either difficult to recycle outside the village or specific items that there is a demand to reuse. They will no longer be collecting plastic wrappers or anything that can be recycled elsewhere in the village.

This includes: batteries (Co-op / Pharmacy take these); old spectacles (drop off at the opticians); plastic film or food wrapping that is not collected kerbside and pet food pouches can all be recycled at the Co-op. The group will continue to collect water filters and low energy light bulbs as they can arrange for these to go to Tesco where they are accepted for recycling. There will also be containers for dental waste and for pens, which can be taken to the Phoenix Emporium and Rymans, respectively.

They are happy for others in the community to use the space, by agreement, for collecting

items such as empty jam-jars, flower pots, wool and fabric scraps and egg boxes, even for a limited time. So if you are a jam maker, gardener or crafter in need of supplies, you could arrange to collect a certain amount of items and then call a halt.



Recycling Shed

If you would like to recycle in aid of charity, then Wiltshire Air Ambulance would be very grateful. They have a drop-off site for a variety of different items at the Phoenix Emporium in Salisbury. The Vets in Exeter Street collect pet food pouches in aid of the charity too. The Green Group is happy to devote some space in the shed for these collections, if there is someone out there who would like to organise it.

Email: contact@downtongreengroup.org.uk or send a message via Facebook.

GREEN GROUP: COMMUNITY HERBS

The Group are hoping to set up some community herb tubs, borrowing an idea from a community in Birmingham. Look out for their prototype trial tubs over the next few months in Gravel Close and the Memorial Gardens. A variety of herbs will be



placed where people can access them easily, with an invitation to take what is wanted, so long as something is left for others. The vision would be for different parts of the village to run their own tubs - all that is needed is a space in a front garden. If you are interested in setting one up in your part of the village, then do contact the group for more information: contact@downtongreengroup.org.uk

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Temporary Road Closure Application (Town Police Clauses Act 1847) Remembrance Day Service on Sunday 14th November 2021 For approximately 2 hours from 10.00 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:

From the Memorial Gardens in The Borough, Downton to Church Hatch at its junction with the High Street, Downton including Gravel Close, South Lane and Green Lane which are side roads included in the closure.

It is anticipated that the above roads will be closed to all vehicular traffic (save in all cases of emergency) between the hours of 10.00 and 12 noon on Sunday 14th November 2021.

If anyone has any objection please could they inform Wiltshire Council by Friday 1st October September 2021 at the following addresses:

By post: Sustainable Transport Group
Wiltshire Council
Bythesea Road
Trowbridge Wiltshire BA14 8JN

By email: TrafficOrders@wiltshire.gov.uk

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.

**Bev Cornish
Clerk to the Council**

Parish Clerk: Mrs Beverley Cornish, West View, Slab Lane, Downton, Salisbury, Wiltshire SP5 3PS
Tel: 01725 513874 Email: clerk@downtonparishcouncil.gov.uk www.downtonparishcouncil.gov.uk

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Rural housing needs survey Downton

4 October - 1 November 2021

We are asking all residents and those people who do not live, but have a connection to the parish, to complete the housing needs survey.

The information will be used: to identify local affordable housing needs; to appreciate local residents' current housing situation and to find out what aspirations people have.

To access the survey and view housing needs survey information, please visit www.wiltshire.gov.uk/housing-local-housing-needs Link to the survey is under the Current Housing Needs Surveys section.

For more information or assistance with completing the survey, please contact:
Jane Brentor - Chair of the Parish Council and of the Neighbourhood Plan Review Working Group
Telephone: 07979630588
Email: janebren55@gmail.com

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HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY

The Parish Council will be conducting a survey of all residents to identify local housing needs. The details are in the panel opposite, and the survey will open for responses on 4 October. It is not available before this date.

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HAMPTWORTH PLAYER BECOMES BRITISH OPEN

18 year old Hamptworth Croquet Club member Aston Wade has won The Croquet British Open, having previously been selected for the full England Croquet Team. Aston beat a previous British, European and World champion as well as other international players and the current England Captain. Aston has only been playing croquet for a few years, which makes this a remarkable achievement.

The club is also enjoying success in the National Inter Club Championship. After an exciting match against Roehampton, Hamptworth will now face Ashby Croquet Club from Leicestershire in the semi finals. Another Hamptworth team narrowly lost out in the

quarter final of The Secretary's Shield competition to Church Stretton from Shropshire.

The club's recruitment campaign has been such a success, that they are not currently able to accept new members. There is a waiting list to ask to be contacted when there is a vacancy.

Further details can be found on the Club's website at croquet-websites.org.uk/hamptworth



Aston Wade

CRICKET CLUB JUNIORS REACH HAMPSHIRE FINAL

Hale and Redlynch Cricket Club have completed another successful season. Congratulations go to the Under 9's team (run by Ian Dixon), which got to the final of the Hampshire Junior league cup and were runners-up to a very strong Lymington side. The under-13's and under-15's had mixed success although the very wet summer meant that a lot of games were lost to the weather. The club continues to provide cricket for youngsters from around the area. Watch this space to find out when cricket for kids will be starting in 2022.

The First XI consolidated its position in Hampshire Division 2, finishing in 9th place, despite having a third of its scheduled games lost to the weather. A victory by 113 runs against OT's & Romsey 2nd XI rounded things off, with Ian Tanner being the top run scorer and George Hayes taking most wickets.

The second team, however, looks set to be relegated from Division 4 (West). This has been partly due to player availability and often 3rd and/or 4th XI players were needed to plug gaps. This had a knock on effect within the club, with the 4th XI having to concede eight of its games as there weren't enough players. The 3rd team had a poor season because of this, and there will

probably not be enough players for a 4th team next season.

On a brighter note, the Women's Softball team reached "Finals Day" at the start of September, where they competed at IBM Hursley, with the prospects of going on to the final. The club is looking to add to this squad next

season, so if you are female aged 13 or over and fancy trying out cricket do get in touch.

More information at rhcc.play-cricket.com.



Under 9 Boys Hampshire finalists



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TRIPLE SUCCESS AT THE BOWLING CLUB

Despite the complications of Covid-19, and difficulties with the weather, the Bowling Club has enjoyed success this season.

Marie Clarke, Lewis Ambler and Alan Waters won the Westbrook Mixed Triples League Gala Day at Sherfield English. This league introduces new members to playing competitive bowls and the teams are a mix of novices and seasoned players.

Some of the leagues have changed from men's leagues to mixed leagues, and the winning triple of the former Salisbury and District Men's

league featured Downton's own Marg Hall.

Dave Colgrave, David Emm and Bob Tanner had an excellent run in the New Forest Triples by reaching the semi-final stage. The Ladies' team finished third in the New Forest C League. More information on the website: downtonbowlingclub.weebly.com



DOWNTON TENNIS CLUB: EASY ACCESS FOR ALL

The club is keen to open up the courts for everyone and has invested in some new technology which makes booking, accessing, paying and playing easier than ever, particularly for non-members and those who simply wish to play on a casual basis. They have installed a state-of-the-art electronic gate system and an enhanced online booking system. When you book, the system generates a unique 4-digit PIN which can be used on the keypad by the gate to gain access to the court at the booked time. This means it should be easier for anyone to book and play tennis on the outdoor courts. If the booking is after dusk, floodlights will automatically come on.

Previously, non-members had to access the courts with a key from the leisure centre, restricting casual bookings to Leisure Centre hours. Non-members were unable to play after dark due using the floodlights. Now, members

and non-members alike have access to the courts from 7am until 9.30pm, 7 days a week.

For those interested in becoming members the many, varied benefits include:

multiple membership packages with reduced mid season rates; free outdoor courts every day; free indoor courts (May – August inclusive); free Club Night/ Morning (indoors from October to April inclusive); free Ladies Morning; entry into LTA Wimbledon ballot and reduced prices for junior coaching programmes.

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September				
Tuesday	14	10.30am	Move and Make Music, Sherwood Suite, Wick Lane	See page 7
Wednesday	15	7pm	Millennium Green AGM, Centenary Room, Memorial Centre	See page 2
Friday	17	2 - 3:45pm	Clothing Exchange, Baptist Church	See page 4
Saturday	18	7pm for 7:30pm	Moviola: Dream Horse, Memorial Hall	See page 5
Saturday	25	10am - 2pm	Goose Fair, St Laurence Church	See page 2
October				
Saturday	3		Green Group Fair	See page 10
Saturday	3		Downton Band, Last Night of the Proms, Lyndhurst Community Centre	See page 6
Friday	22	2 - 3:45pm	Clothing Exchange, Baptist Church	See page 4
Saturday	23	7pm for 7:30pm	Moviola: Supernova, Memorial Hall	See page 5
November				
Sunday	7		Deadline for contributions to Christmas InDownton	
Sunday	14		Remembrance Sunday	See page 12
Friday	19	2 - 3:45pm	Clothing Exchange, Baptist Church	See page 4
Saturday	20	7pm for 7:30pm	Moviola: French Exit, Memorial Hall	See page 5
Saturday	20		Christmas InDownton published	

NEW MANAGEMENT AT THE BULL

The Bull Hotel at Downton is under new management and they started as they mean to go on with Bullfest - a family event featuring local bands. It was such a success it will be repeated regularly, with Bullfest 2.0 scheduled for 2 October. There is also a weekly quiz night for charity and the carvery will be returning, alongside the popular Desy Thai.

Tickets for Bullfest are £5. Call 01725510374 to book.

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5 October - Alan Jones: "Your body, part 2"

19 October - Carol Watson: Pictures of America and Canada "Road to the Rockies"

26 October - Alix Booth (with puppets): The history of Punch and Judy

23 November - Steve Herra: Sweeney Todd "Romance, riches and retribution"

For details, contact Mrs Julia Whitmarsh 510601



Alix Booth

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Full details see
downtonmemorialcentre.co.uk.

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South Lane, Downton SP5 3NA
Sunday Service: 10.30 am (check website for latest details)
Ministers: Rev Philip Rhoades & Rev Katy Ulyatt
07468 491143 (out of hours contact number)
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Church Office 01725 512971 office@downtonbaptist.org
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