

Summer InDownton

Social Club to Re-open

Downton's newest social venue is just weeks away from opening its doors. Thanks to a crowdfunding effort from more than 200 Downton residents and organisations, Downton Football Club have been able to completely renovate the old social club adjacent to their ground behind Downton Leisure Centre and will shortly be opening it as The Clubhouse.



Clubhouse coordinators Andy Townsend and Luke Wordley in the new bar area

The venue has been restored and furnished and will be open to all as both a licensed bar and serving quality coffee, tea and food at popular times. It will continue to operate as a Member's Club but annual membership is open to everyone at £15 per year, with reduced membership rates for other sports clubs and organisations operating from the site.

In addition, the Sherwood Suite (adjacent large function room with licensed bar) has also been fully renovated and will be open once again for parties, wedding receptions, and for use during the day and evening at competitive rates.

In the next few weeks new doors, wheelchair ramp, railings, re-painting and new signs will be completed outside, while the inside will see the arrival of furniture - refurbished where possible to be eco-friendly - and the completion of an extensive internal makeover. State-of-the-art televisions have also been added to show big sporting events.

The exact date for opening, including open days/events etc, is still somewhat in the air with the uncertainty over lifting of COVID restrictions. However, more information and details of membership, will be found at a new website shortly to be launched at www.theclubhousedownton.com.

Comment

It's great to see businesses and many activities starting to return to normal in the village. The Borough Cafe's and the Co-op opening hours are back to normal, and many clubs are starting to plan ahead to welcome back 'in-person' events.

We rely on a great team of volunteers who deliver the newsletter to every house in Downton and Charlton (if you know of anyone who we miss please let us know). We currently need an extra person to deliver to Lode Hill. If you can help, please get in contact either via editor@indownton.org.uk or by call 513191.

We're planning the Autumn Issue to appear as normal in early September. The dates are on the back page, but do keep an eye out or ask to join our email list to keep up to date in case we have to change again.

We have continued to update the online edition of the newsletter which has the latest news at indownton.org.uk

The Editors

HOLIDAY CLUB TO RETURN TO DBC

Downton Baptist Church is pleased to announce that it is hosting the annual holiday club this year on 27th and 28th July. It's available to all primary aged children for free, running both mornings from 9:45am - 12:45pm. This year's sporting theme will explore how amazing it is to strive to know the love of God. Each morning there will be games, stories, music, activities, challenges and of course the water fight on the last day. There is more information on the church website, where you can either apply directly or download an application form. Go to downtonbaptist.org.

HAMPTWORTH CROQUET AT FULL SWING

As the warmer weather has arrived, the Hamptworth croquet players have been dodging the showers and making the best of their five lawns and the beautiful setting. 30 people have contacted the club in the last month to find out more about croquet and what the club can offer. "Croquet certainly seems to be on the up! With Summer approaching, we are expecting interest to be even higher, so now is a great time to join us,"

club secretary Steve writes. "We are a very friendly bunch at Hamptworth and we are always looking for new members. Try it out free of charge. Introductions to croquet can be arranged for individuals, pairs or small groups. All you need is flat soled shoes - trainers are ideal." Contact Steve on 07912 608733 for more information or alternatively visit the club's developing website: croquet-websites.org.uk/hamptworth/.

LIBRARY OPENING

Downton Library is now open on Fridays from 10am -1pm and 2pm -4pm when the staff will be waiting to help you. Every Tuesday and Wednesday from 2pm -5pm volunteers are opening up the library. There are lots of new books and lots of new worlds to discover as well as computer use with printing/scanner also available. If you would like to join the library online and look at their eBooks, eMagazines and eAudio please go to www.wiltshire.gov.uk/libraries-home for more details or take a look at the Salisbury Library Facebook page. From this

page you can access a Bookchat group (Salisbury, Wilton & Downton Library Bookchat) which is a local group looking at authors, books, reading and libraries. There are lots of book recommendations, some interesting TBR (To Be Read) piles and a fair bit of humour.

Recent posts have looked at The Bath Literature Festival, Daphne Du Maurier, The Mr Men, favourite Health & Well-Being magazines, tips on how to open a new book and a beginner's guide to Nancy Mitford. A fascinating and eclectic mix of posts.

FOOD BANK DISTRIBUTION CENTRE

DBC is now a food bank distribution centre working alongside Salisbury Foodbank and the Trussell Trust. It's open every Monday morning from 9am to 11am. If you are in urgent need of

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WILTSHIRE COUNCIL'S WALKING FOOTBALL AT REDLYNCH

Wiltshire Council's Southern Area Board is running a new project called 'Get Out & Get Active', which started in Redlynch on 7 June. This project aims to encourage all people of all ages and abilities to take advantage of a free programme of leisure activities - in this case Walking Football. Walking Football is a small-sided game similar to Association Football, except - you guessed it - players must all walk and not run. The sessions are on Mondays from 1 - 2pm, at Redlynch Playing Fields and everyone is welcome. You can request more information from sportsdevelopment@wiltshire.gov.uk.

The new Southern Wiltshire Area Board met for the first time in May, and amongst the topics discussed were crime trends including plans for stronger action to stamp out catapulting incidents and the Rural Housing Needs survey

process and how this sits alongside the local and national housing requirements.

The board has nearly £100k available to support local projects, priorities, community groups and activities. £20k of this has already been awarded to initiatives across the area, including a digital inclusion project to distribute recycled laptops and kit for those in need, a community journalism project, and a new Nature Discovery Area. The next public full board meeting is on 9 September, 7pm. For more information about the area board's work plan, future engagements, and funding opportunities, contact karen.linaker@wiltshire.gov.uk tel: 01722 434697.



Walking Football

DOWNTON BAPTIST CHURCH CLOTHING EXCHANGE

The first clothing exchange of the year will be held at DBC on Friday 25th June from 2 - 3.45pm. This will be held outdoors if the weather permits or moved indoors if necessary. Donations of clothing items and shoes for the clothing exchange can now be accepted and can be left at the church from Sunday to Thursday

9am - 1pm. You don't have to bring something to swap - everyone is welcome. Donations are gratefully accepted and you are welcome to take any clothes that you need or would like without any cost. The Exchange supports the Trussell trust, which collects clothing that is surplus to requirements.

LITTLE CLUB FOR TODDLERS

Downton Baptist Church's Little Club is now meeting again on Wednesday mornings from 9 - 11am. The club is a space to share time together, with toys, bible stories and lots of

laughing. Everyone is welcome to come along. For more information see the website, where the easy booking form is located www.downtonbaptist.com.

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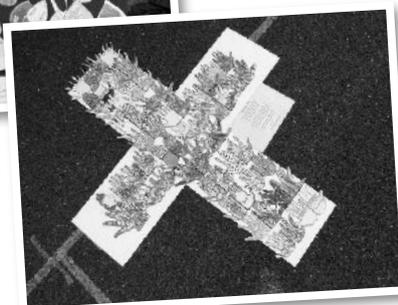
One Monday in April, 10 fertilised eggs arrived at school from Living Eggs. Having been placed in an incubator, the waiting game began as everyone waited in anticipation for the first egg to hatch. By the Wednesday morning, there were 2 chicks and as the day progressed, more had hatched and the school were lucky enough to have caught this on camera! You can watch the video by looking at the school's webpage - and if you fast forward to 4 minutes and 36m30s, you will see them hatch! The whole process created a lot of excitement for the children and they were able to get some 'hands-on' experience once the chicks were big enough.



Chicks hatching at the school

Just before Easter, the children had the opportunity to learn a little bit more about the Easter story. Each class spent time preparing a 'station of the cross', to represent a point on Jesus' journey. The children then all had the opportunity to walk the footsteps that Jesus took, and time to reflect on what it meant to

them. One child said "It made me feel more grateful about every second of life and you should be thankful of every moment".



D4F ONLINE SHOP

Downton 4 Family continues to work with village families offering support and encouragement. The popular online shop is now closing for a few months although it will 'pop up' again in the autumn. Thanks go to all who have helped make this a success - and to partners who have supplied goods, as well as distribution points.

In the meantime, now that planning for weddings (and other special events) can start again, you can use the Charity Car scheme to organise your transport - and donate money to the charity at the same time. All details are on the website: downton4family.org.uk



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LOCAL PEOPLE DOING NEW THINGS

Amanda Ross-Etheridge, is a local poet whose first book, 'A Few of my Favourite Things' is available for outlets including Austin Macauley, Amazon, WHSmith and Waterstones.

The inspiration for the book has been her mother, with whom she has always been close, but who was diagnosed with Alzheimer's several years ago. Amanda explains: "I needed to find a way to channel my emotions. I wanted to raise as much money as possible for Alzheimer's research in the hope that one day there will be a cure and other people will not have to go through what so many families have had to

face." Amanda is donating £1 from every book sale to the Alzheimer's Society

Amanda has lived in Downton for five and a half years with her "better half" and two cats. She has worked for the NHS for over 18 years as a hospital porter. She has always wanted to try to do her bit to help others and is hoping that this will be the first volume of several poetry books, which she works on between her portering shifts. The second is now underway.



Emma Ferguson, founded New Forest Pilates 15 years ago, and has gradually grown the business over the years seeing the opening of her own studio in 2016.

Lockdown forced many people to re-think their business model in order to survive, and, whilst online classes will never wholly replace face to face classes, the convenience of online has been a big hit with her clients, with many of them requesting to keep this service available. To meet the demand, Emma has developed her own

website, which offers a large online library of pre-recorded Pilates classes that people can access at any time. It's proving popular for people who are unable to attend a regular weekly class. Emma is also keen to offer this online service to companies who are looking to offer their employees a wellbeing package.

More information can be found on her website: newforestpilates.com



Colin Hatch recently left British Gas after 27 years to become self-employed. Despite being sad to leave his customers of many years, as well as the excellent relationships that he had built up there, he is really enjoying being self-employed and working locally. Colin is also offering a reminder for servicing boilers and fires. If you provide your

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The Green Group have been supporting the steering group of 'Plastic Free Downton' and its aims to free the village from as much single use plastic as is possible. Recent restrictions have curtailed operations - but also resulted in an increase in the amount of single use plastic being used - so the campaign group is now re-energising and setting its sights on what can be done here in the village.

You might have noticed people picking litter recently, taking part in 'The Great British Spring Clean'. Although it could not be organised as a 'get together' activity - everyone is encouraged to take part, and perhaps just clean up their own immediate area - thus ensuring that the village will not only look good, but will be a safer place for everyone. The litter pick finishes on the weekend of publication - so you might just be able to squeeze in a session - and the group would be very pleased to receive any photos that you take.

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LOVER REPAIR CAFÉ RAISES £6,000

The café has managed to raise over £6,000 so far to support Salisbury Hospital Staff and other local charities. It has committed to continue raising money for the staff at the hospital for as long as the Covid crisis continues. Look out for them at the Lover Garage Sale on 3 July, where they will have a stall.

The team would like to thank everyone who has brought along broken or defective items for repair, as well those who have donated good, unwanted items that they have been able to check over and sell on to support charity. They are still happy to receive unwanted laptops that they can check/remove data/upgrade and offer to Trafalgar School for those in need. To date they have supplied the school with fourteen.

This month's Star Performer is Pam Betteridge, who has restored two dolls: Sandie (who was filled with sand) and Bittsie (who arrived in bits) along with her usual fare of teddy bears and seat covers. The team have revitalised a 43 year old radio, restored some war-time utility furniture and renovated some old garden furniture, amongst other repairs.



Bittsie doll made whole

The Lover Repair Café is currently based at Vicarage Road while the Café's return to Redlynch Village Hall is still under review. When regulations allow 'unmasked' meetings, it plans to relocate to the Hall with full Cafe facilities.

The team is open to accept repairs every Wednesday & Friday morning between 10am and midday. You can drop off your broken item(s) at the Vicarage Road Sign In, leaving your contact details. You will be asked to pay for material costs and for a donation to the team's local projects. Everything is carried out in accordance with the current Covid Guidelines.

For more information, contact Paul on 510753 or email loverrepaircafe@gmail.com. You can also keep up-to-date at [Facebook.com/loverrepaircafe](https://www.facebook.com/loverrepaircafe/).

PLANT AND SEED SWAP

The Green Group held a successful plant and seed swap towards the end of April, which

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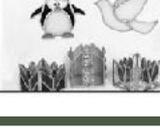
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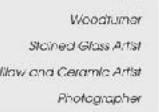
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DOWNTON BAND PICNIC IN THE PARK

You may have heard the welcome sound of Downton Band members busy preparing for their first concert since coming out of lockdown. This will be an open air Picnic in the Park on Saturday 8 August at the Moot Gardens from 2pm. Entry is free and everyone is welcome to an afternoon of community music. Bring rugs, picnics and refreshments.

If you and / or your children would like to learn to play, the Band is hoping to welcome some new recruits. They provide an instrument on loan together with weekly tuition in an environment that is safe and strictly risk assessed. They cater for learners of all ages and parents are welcome to come and learn alongside their children. Beginners' sessions are held on Mondays from 6pm at Downton Brewery car park. Please message Musical Director Paul on paul@downtonband.org if you wish to attend and he will arrange for pre-sanitised instruments to be available.

If there are any former players out there who wish to return to the band, please let Paul

know. The band so if you are a band instrument you have not yet returned, please to return it as soon as you can.



The easing of the

third lockdown saw all four bands meet again outside in groups of six - and the band would like to extend a massive thank you to Downton Brewery, Downton Tyres and DHAP who have allowed them to use their car parks to do this. The latest easing from May means that rehearsals can again take place as a full band for the first time since March 2020.

Email Paul for more information paul@downtonband.org

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The society remains optimistic that the Autumn Show will be able to go ahead later this year at the Memorial Hall on Saturday 4 September. The show, as in previous years, includes classes for flowers, flower arranging, vegetables and home cooking. If you may be interested in exhibiting then please look out for

the Show Schedule, which will be available slightly later in the year. It will be available from Gordon Bishop (511475) or any of our committee members including Chris Parry (514511) who lives at Cymbeline opposite the Co-op.

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PICKLEBALL IN DOWNTON

Did you know that a Pickleball Club has been running in Downton for over 5 years? The 1st New Forest Pickleball Club plays at the Downton Leisure Centre on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5.15 - 7.00pm and is now looking for new members.

Pickleball was devised in the USA and in recent years the sport has grown quickly in the UK. It is a racket sport that combines elements of tennis, badminton and table tennis. It is played on a badminton court with the net at the height of a tennis net. It is usually played as doubles (men's, ladies' and mixed) and the environment is both sociable and fun. It is popular because a new player can soon get enjoyment without the frustration of some sports, and players with racket sport experience

can quickly transfer their skill to pickleball.

Having been closed during the lockdowns, the club has restarted with arrangements to comply with covid regulations.

Familiarisation sessions can be arranged for anyone interested in playing and people would be welcome to watch play on Tuesday and Thursday to see how the game is played and meet some of the members. There is plenty of information online if you want to research a bit further.

If you are interested contact Doug Gemmell: dougandsally@btopenworld.com or phone 01725 513283.



COMMUNITY CHOIR

Although you may not have seen or heard much from the choir over the last fifteen months, they have still been singing away, thanks to Zoom. It's not ideal, as they can't hear each other sing at the same time, so they've been singing along to pre recorded tracks. But Wednesday evening zoom gatherings have been

an opportunity to meet, chat, exchange news, and learn lots of fabulous new songs. The choir is now able to meet and sing together again - even if for the time being, it has to be outside. If you are interested in joining the choir, please visit their website www.kateedgarchoirs.com

FRAZZLE TO FOCUSED

Encouraged by the local response to her art workshop, which is taking place at the Memorial Hall this month, Charlotte Dooley is running a further course in Salisbury. It's entitled "Frazzle to Focused", for people who want to create products, services or projects. It will cover such subjects as Business Audit, Competitive

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The Michaelmas Goose Fair will be held on Saturday 25 September from 10am - 2pm in St Laurence Church – subject of course to any prevailing restrictions.

Although last year’s event had to be cancelled, the stallholders have been busy creating all sorts of crafts and they are keen to come back to the Goose Fair to sell them.

There will be something for everyone on offer: all kinds of needlework, knitwear ranging from colourful socks to jackets, fused and decorated glass, jewellery, cards, baskets, bygones, jam and preserves and more.

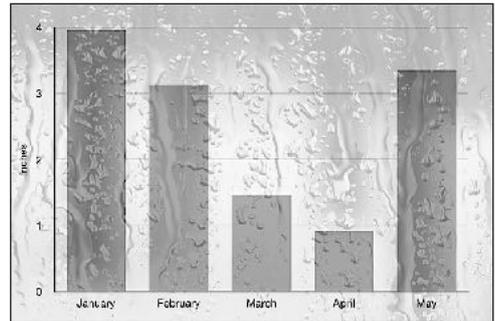
As always, the ‘Golden Egg Café’ will be serving light lunches and delicious cakes and puddings, as well as tea and coffee.

RAINFALL REPORT

March and April were both very dry months - with March having only 1.47 inches, which is well below average. April had only 0.92 inches - but still managed to beat April 2007, when there was only 0.25 inches.

Although May had above average rainfall, with 3.35 inches, it certainly was not the wettest

in recent years - in 2007, May had 5.50 inches of rain.



GREEN GROUP RECYCLING IS BACK

Downton Green Group are pleased to have been able to reopen the mini recycling centre at the back of the Baptist Church, which has had a thorough clean and sort out. Unfortunately, due to current circumstances, the group cannot resume the full range of recycling. There is a restricted range of what can be moved on.

You can recycle: pet food packaging, if it is one of the 'accepted items' and there is no food residue (check the Green Group's website). Pouches should be thoroughly rinsed and dried - and flattened carefully; dental waste - toothbrushes, toothpaste tubes - including outer packaging (unfortunately we cannot accept bamboo toothbrushes); old spectacles; water filter cartridges; low energy light bulbs.

If there's no container, then the item is currently not being recycled.

Batteries are easy to recycle at the Co-op or the Pharmacy - or anywhere else that sells them. If you are able to get into Salisbury, Wiltshire Air Ambulance have a recycling centre in the Phoenix Emporium, Tollgate Road, Salisbury, where they are collecting crisp packets, plastic sweet wrappers, baby food pouches, Pringles tubes..... And you can recycle your own pet-food packaging at The Vets in Exeter Street.

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CRICKET UPDATE

As the summer begins, the club are keeping fingers crossed that the fine weather continues and that the cricket season can finally get going. It's been very much a stop/start season so far with only a handful of games possible during rain soaked May. Despite this, club history was made when three members of the same Downton family represented the first team in a competitive game.

The Ladies team played their first game at the beginning of June and are eagerly awaiting their first league game. The juniors are thriving again with both under 9's and Under 11's squads full up. There are spaces for any budding cricketers in the Under 13 and 15 squad. The club has started the ECB's "Allstars" programme for 5-8 year olds for the 4th year running and have over 50 children, which has resulted in a good



Downton Family: Stan with sons Harvey and Archie

number of girls enjoying some cricket. The first XI had two victories in the Voneus National Village Knock Out cup, but were unable to progress further against a very strong opponent. It looks as though the Saturday 4th XI may have to withdraw from the league due to general unavailability in other teams causing a knock on effect. So, as always, if you want to get into cricket, contact the club via their website: rhcc.play-cricket.com.

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CHURCHES ARE OPEN

St Laurence services have continued throughout the pandemic both online and, whenever possible, in Church. Private prayer has been available, and the church has been developing its online presence. They have continued to hold the village in prayer through the Roads to God programme, and Downton Parish News has been available each month.

As the bells ring out once more, it has become possible to gather to worship in the Church again. Singing is permitted only outside at the moment and there is a need to observe carefully all the guidelines. Now, though, Church life is opening up once more. Weddings are being celebrated, baptisms performed - and the scaffolding has finally been removed.

Having missed over a year of communal activities, the church is preparing to engage with the whole village community again. The Goose Fair and the Christmas Festival are being planned – along with more solemn events like Remembrance, which this year will commemorate 100 years of the British Legion.

Downton Baptist Church is up and running and can welcome you to their Sunday Morning services in person as well as online. The services are held in the church field at 10.30am on Sundays, moving inside if the weather is inclement. They are streamed live on the website or on DBC's own app. Children's activities are available most weeks and all ages are welcome. There is also a Sunday School Online for younger people. If you have questions about faith or you would like to know more about how the church is meeting at the moment, then get in touch.

DOWNTON BAPTIST CHURCH (DBC)

South Lane, Downton SP5 3NA

Sunday Service: 10.30 am (check website for latest details)

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07468 491143 (out of hours contact number)

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Church Office 01725 512971 office@downtonbaptist.org

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ST LAURENCE PARISH CHURCH

Sunday Service: 10.30 am (check website for details)

Vicar: Rev Frank Gimson,

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