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December 2019



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- **Last time for posting 4pm Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December**



We are in the midst of another really busy and exciting term.

Year 1- Year 6 are looking forward to visiting the Bristol Hippodrome to watch The Lion King on 20<sup>th</sup> November. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be performing the Nativity this year - Lights! Camel! Action! - and rehearsals will soon be underway.

Members of the school choir will also be singing at Park View Nursing Home.

The children have also represented the school recently in a Dodgeball event and a new Science club will begin after school.

In school we have been reflecting on the whole school Value of Compassion, remembering those who fought in the World Wars and those who continue to serve in the forces today. We have also raised a fantastic £200 for Children in Need.

We have held our first open afternoon for parents and carers, where the children were able to discuss and share the learning that has taken place. We have also begun planting our sensory garden in the EYFS outdoor learning space.

Everyone is continuing to work really hard and we look forward to all the festivities that are yet to come and continuing to link with St Leonard's Church during the lead up to Christmas. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year.

Julie Warburton and Katie Cook.

Interim Head Teachers

## BLUNSDON VILLAGE SHOP

We would like to welcome our new manager Louise Neal to the shop; you may see her from early December as she learns some of the intriguing eccentricities involved in the running of the shop.

Not commonly known is the stock of logs, kindling and various types of coal available at your shop. Please ask to see them as they are stored under lock and key! (and a bit dirty).

The 2020 Blunsdon Village calendar is in stock, at the same price as last year.

The planning for the new community shop and café is gathering pace and it will be quite spectacular, however, it will need the support of the whole village.

If you visit our new website [www.blunsdoncommunityshop.uk](http://www.blunsdoncommunityshop.uk) you can click a button to:

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APPLE JUICE -The shop committee would like to thank all those that have donated apples. Available for £3 a bottle, the juice, which is 100% apple, again is proving very popular.

**We wish all our customers a happy Christmas and prosperous New Year, from all at your shop.**

### Christmas Opening Hours

Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	07:00 - 17:00	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	08:00 - 12:00
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>CLOSED</b>	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>CLOSED</b>
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> Dec	08:00 - 12:00	Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> Dec	08:00 - 12:00
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> Dec	08:00 - 12:00	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> Dec	08:00 - 12:00
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec	08:00 - 12:00	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan	<b>CLOSED</b>
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	07:00 - 17:00		





## BLUNSDON VILLAGE GARDEN CLUB

Our meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> November was, despite the blustery weather, well attended to hear the speaker of the evening, Harvey Stephens. He was a very pleasant guest, even to the extent of helping to set up the hall, and he obviously had a wide experience of the horticultural world at Windsor Great Parks. His picture presentation was also excellent and will probably be the inspiration for further visits to that area in the future. Here is a fact for you to ponder - we were told there are apparently over 700 variations of oak tree in different places all over the world, and they originated in Mexico.

It being Election Day when our next meeting would normally be held and the Hall required as a polling station, it is fortunate that we had already decided to break with routine and have a Christmas Lunch at the Heart in Hand so here's looking forward to seeing you there!

The meeting on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2020 will take the form of a social get-together so hopefully everyone will have recovered from the Festive Season and be ready to participate. Usual time and place, as below. The programme of speakers for 2020 is almost completed and will be forwarded to members as and when, and also the usual copy posted in the Notice Board at the Village Shop.

As always, if any residents in the village would like to join us at one of our regular second-Thursday-in-the-month evenings at Blunston Village Hall, you will be made very welcome! The annual membership is £10.00 per person, or £2.00 at the door for non-members and visitors and includes refreshments.

Christmas Greetings and a Happy and Peaceful New Year to one and all.

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**PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

**Planning.**

S/PIP/19/1356 and S/PIP/19/1357 – these two applications in principle for the building of a total of six properties on land off Kingsdown Lane that we opposed have been approved by the Borough Council.

S/RES/19/1581 – is the detailed application that replaces the outline application (S/OUT/18/0405) for phase one of the Sam’s Lane site. We have opposed this application as there are a number of matters on which we seek additional information or clarification. We continue to have discussion with the Developer and the Shop Committee regarding the community building and land for a cemetery extension that are being donated by the developer.

S/OUT/19/0294 – This outline application to build 43 dwellings on land north of the B4019 (Broadbush) that we opposed has been approved by the Borough.

At our second meeting in October we were given a pre application presentation by the new owners and designers of the Hillside Cottage site (the hotel golf course). We anticipate a planning application being submitted by the year end or early next year. We were not impressed by proposed designs.

We have also had a pre-application discussion with the developers planning to build up to 55 houses on land off Turnpike. The developers forecast submission of an outline planning application before the year end.

**Speed Watch.**

Date	Location	Vehicles	Exceeding limit	Maximum speed
5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Broadbush	197	7	41
6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Ermin St (N)	152	10	39
11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Ermin St (N)	138	3	45
12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Broadbush	309	20	44
13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Ermin St (N)	245	10	40
15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Broadbush	318	20	49

**Recreation Ground.**

Some of you will have seen that the hedge on the east side of the recreation ground is being pruned. The hedge had become very overgrown and the work to bring it into shape will take

some time: During that period the hedge will look very untidy and will continue to do so until spring growth starts.

#### **Village Hall.**

We apologise to any hall users who may have found the building cold at the end of October: We have been having the boiler serviced and the ventilation of the boiler room improved as it did not meet the latest regulations.

#### **Village Fete 2020.**

Don't forget to keep the 9<sup>th</sup> May next year clear in your diaries so that you can attend this community planned and organised event. You can find more information elsewhere in this magazine.

#### **Blunsdon East Neighbourhood Plan (BENP).**

Blunsdon Parish Council have submitted the draft Blunsdon East Neighbourhood Plan to Swindon Borough Council and, Swindon Borough Council have published the Plan for a six weeks consultation period before the it is put forward for independent examination: Therefore Blunsdon Parish Council is notifying all residents, and particularly those who previously made comments on the pre-submission draft, of the consultation arrangements and these are detailed in the official notice following these notes.

#### **Recreation Ground Parking.**

We are considering various ways in which we might create more parking for users of the recreation ground and reduce the inconvenience caused by inconsiderate parking in Sutton Park and Linley Road.

#### **Methodist Hall.**

By unhappy coincidence, at the same time that the village hall heating was inoperative, the boiler in the Methodist Hall broke-down. The hall owners, the Methodist Circuit arranged repair but because of the age of the boiler it proved difficult to get replacement parts; then it was discovered that the damage was more serious than at first thought and major repair or replacement is required so, as a temporary measure, portable heaters have been hired. We apologise to any users whose bookings had to be cancelled.

#### **Cemetery and War Memorial.**

Those of you who attended the Armistice Day service at St Leonards Church and then joined the procession to the War Memorial in the cemetery will, I hope, have seen that the Memorial has been cleaned and the lettering recording the names of the deceased has been renovated. You may also have noticed that a small section of the stone wall to the old area has collapsed onto the access road. We are instructing contractors for repairs.

#### **Traffic Calming and Control.**

We are holding ongoing discussions with Borough officers regarding the potential control of traffic volumes, rat-running and speeds on roads in the Parish.

#### **Multi Use Games Area (MUGA).**

There is yet another delay in progressing this project as the final plans and costings promised by the Borough for delivery at the end of October have still not materialised.

### **Defibrillator.**

There has been a recent incident where there was a need to gain access to the defibrillator mounted on the wall of the village hall but we are told that the cabinet could not be opened: Fortunately paramedics arrived promptly and the person who had collapsed was treated and survived and we and the NHS are investigating the reason for this problem.

The procedure to gain access to the defibrillator should be as follows :-

1. Dial 999 and tell the respondent that you need the access code for the defibrillator at Blunsdon Village Hall.
2. Key the code given into the key pad on the cabinet door.
3. Remove the device from the cabinet and follow the instructions on the pack.
4. After use return the device to the cabinet, close and lock the door, and report the use to the Parish Clerk on 01793 705617.

### **Season's Greetings.**

As this is the last magazine in 2019 the Parish Council wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Cllr. Stuart Boyd

20<sup>th</sup> November

### **Blunsdon Parish Precept**

Dear resident,

At this time of year Blunsdon Parish Council is beginning to build its budget for 2020/21 in order to set out those key items of expenditure that will contribute to your Parish Precept (the element of your council taxation that is allocated to the Parish to enable it to carry out its works).

To this end the Parish Council would like to know if there is anything in your area which, if the PC was able to contribute towards, you would like us to consider in our plans.

Swindon Borough Council, although they have transferred many of their responsibilities to Parishes, are still responsible for the provision of statutory services, such as housing, planning, highway maintenance, bin collection, fire and rescue, dealing with hazardous waste etc.

Our spending includes;

- Things we 'must do' – ie statutory expenditure like grounds maintenance, allotments, staff salaries, insurance etc
- Things we 'usually do' – ie supporting community premises, improving local areas, supporting local voluntary organisations and charities
- Things we 'would like to do' – ie improve broadband, improve road safety

Therefore if you have any practical ideas that you would like the PC to consider, please contact Tracey Judd, Parish Clerk on [contact@blunsdonparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:contact@blunsdonparishcouncil.co.uk) with your suggestion. Please forward your ideas by **13th December**. Thank you for getting involved.

Ian Jankinson – Chairman – Blunsdon Parish Council.

## The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended) Part 5 Regulation 16.

### Notice of Consultation on the Blunsdon East Neighbourhood Development Plan

Swindon Borough Council hereby gives notice that Blunsdon Parish Council as the qualifying body has prepared and submitted a neighbourhood development plan proposal under Part 5 Regulation 15 of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended). Blunsdon Parish Council has prepared the 'Blunsdon East Neighbourhood Plan' which sets out the vision for the future of the area and a number of planning policies which, if made by Swindon Borough Council, will form part of the Development Plan.

Copies of the Blunsdon East Neighbourhood Plan and supporting documentation are available to view on the Swindon Borough Council website:

[https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20019/consultations\\_and\\_surveys](https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20019/consultations_and_surveys) OR at

<https://www.blunsdon.info/>

Hard copies are available for inspection at: Swindon Direct Reception, Wat Tyler House, Beckhampton Street, Swindon, SN1 2JG Mon- Fri 09:00-17:00	By contacting the Clerk for Blunsdon Parish Council Tracey Judd <a href="mailto:contact@blunsdonparishcouncil.co.uk">contact@blunsdonparishcouncil.co.uk</a> Tel: 01793 705617	Swindon Central Library Regent Circus, Swindon, SN1 1QG
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Representations on the plan are invited during the statutory consultation period which will run for six weeks from **Wednesday 6th November 2019 to Wednesday 18th December 2019**.

All representations received will be available to view publicly.

Representations should be sent in writing to Forward Planning, Swindon Borough Council, 5th Floor Wat Tyler West, Beckhampton Street, Swindon, SN1 2JH. You may also email your representations to [forwardplanning@swindon.gov.uk](mailto:forwardplanning@swindon.gov.uk).

All representations received should arrive no later than **5pm on Wednesday 18th December 2019**.

Further information is available by contacting the planning department at Swindon Borough Council on 01793 466513, or email [forwardplanning@swindon.gov.uk](mailto:forwardplanning@swindon.gov.uk).

Following this statutory 6-week consultation period, within which representations can be made, Swindon Borough Council will submit these with the Blunsdon East Neighbourhood Plan proposal for Independent Examination.

Please note that any representations made may include a request to be notified of the local planning authority's decision under Regulation 19 (whether to make the plan) in relation to the Blunsdon East Neighbourhood Plan.

R. Bell

Head of Planning, Regulatory Services and Heritage

Swindon Borough Council

Civic Offices, Beckhampton Street

Swindon, SN1 2JH

Dated: 6 November 2019

**Activities:** At our November meeting Blunsdon WI welcomed Muriel Pilkington who gave a very interesting talk about the Mitfords in the Cotswolds. She didn't just mention the six famous (or sometimes infamous!) Mitford sisters but gave an over-view of the large family who originated in Northumberland at the time of the Norman conquest. Although there are still many links to the Mitford family in the Cotswolds, the family drifted apart somewhat during the early 20th century - mainly due to politics!

Muriel Pilkington (from Burford) has previously talked to Blunsdon WI and is an excellent speaker on a variety of subjects.

**Book club:** Recently members of the Book Club met for a sociable lunch at the Greyhound, Siddington, to discuss "The Familiars" by Stacey Hall. We will meet again in January, at a member's house, to talk about "The Antique Dealers Daughter" by Lorna Gray.

Several Blunsdon WI members will be joining North Swindon WI for a Quiz at the end of November.

**December Meeting:** Blunsdon WI will be meeting for our annual Christmas meal in the Heart in Hand, which is usually a very festive occasion with excellent food.

Members have also donated items for Christmas which will be sent to Swindon Food Bank.

For our January meeting we will be meeting in Blunsdon Village Hall on the 21st January for an 'American' supper.

As you can see from the above, we are a diverse group of ladies and we welcome new members to add to this melting pot of life experience.

We usually meet on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at the Methodist Hall at 7:30 pm, (please see above paragraph) so why not come along and join us? As you can see it's not jam and Jerusalem (in fact, most members never make jam!), just some time out.

For more information please contact Anna on tel: 706392 or check out our website: [www.blunsdonwi.co.uk](http://www.blunsdonwi.co.uk)



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## News from the Pews.....

News from the Phews Not a typo! How many sleeps until Christmas??

The year has flown by and we find ourselves knocking on the door that's winter, December, Advent, sales and vacations! Whatever it means to you personally, here at St Leonards we learn afresh the most wonderful story ever told.

Our recent book sale (almost combined) with the launch of a Blunsdon 'soup recipe' book - along with the very important taste testing in the village hall - will be on sale at some point. Both raising money for good causes. You, the people, are a very generous lot. Well done.

So what's coming up? Our annual Christingle service, gets you into the spirit of goodwill. Children singing, expectant faces, candles glowing and .... the actual Christingle orange.

We welcome the school in for the 'Christmas Trail', during the last week of term. Outside of the children viewing, anyone is invited to come along. Contact me for that.

Alison introduces her pupils for a melodic interlude. Please support live music in your community. Look out for this! cake, coffee and a relaxed atmosphere.

The last book sale of the year will include a raffle - feeling lucky - or pick up a book for a Christmas gift (it's the thought that counts) a donation will be sent to a 'good cause' with the proceeds of this event.

If that's not enough, there'll be plenty of opportunities to join us at a service.

We will be singing Carols at the Cold Harbour (that's got bit of a ring to it !!) on 12th, forget about Brexit for the evening.

On behalf of all who attend St Leonard's - a very happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

Jane Ockwell

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## **From the Vicar's desk.....**

Waiting.

In my experience waiting is hard. Dreams deferred, uncertain future, response from a friend who seems to have forgotten us, children waiting for Christmas. I remember from my own childhood we always knew when Christmas had arrived when we saw Grannie and Grandad's car arrive in the road outside our house.

The waiting about Brexit, relief for the over stretched NHS, for an end to the war in Syria, issues where the waiting seems to go on and on. Here we are again for the run up to Christmas, the season of Advent where we look and wait for Jesus Christ's return to make all things new. Jesus' birth into our world had similarly been a wait, ever since the prophecies hundreds of years earlier.

How do we deal with waiting, can I make two suggestions? Firstly, to encourage us for daily life to continue, although for many the sense of a normal life has been swept away through war, disaster, poverty, or persecution. Secondly to grasp God's bigger picture, that through Christ's entry into our world and his death and resurrection he has rescued us from guilt and death, and this life is not all there is.

Hope surely is what makes waiting possible, in Proverbs chapter 13 we read, 'Unrelenting disappointment leaves you heartsick'. So while we can only cling to hope in Christ, we can at the same time offer hope and practical help to those who have none. We can join God in His work of transformation, trusting that life can be found even in the waiting.

Rev Geoff Sowden

### **Books, Biscuits, Coffee & Company at St Leonard's Church**

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## St. Leonard's Church Services December 2019 – January 2020

<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December</b>	<b>Advent Sunday</b>
10 am	Parish Communion Rev. Alison Williams
4 pm	Christingle Service
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Advent 2</b>
8 am	Holy Communion
10 am	Family Worship Mrs. Jane Ockwell
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Advent 3</b>
10 am	Family Communion Rev. Geoff Sowden
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	<b>Advent 4</b>
<b>N B</b>	<b>No morning service today</b>
6 pm	Carol Service Rev. G. Sowden & Mrs. Jane Ockwell
<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Christmas Eve</b>
3 pm	Crib Service Mrs. Jane Ockwell
11.30 pm	First Communion of Christmas Rev. L. Griffiths
<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Christmas Day</b>
10 am	Holy Communion Rev. Geoff Sowden
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Christmas 1</b>
10 am	Morning Prayer Mr. Paul Morris
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2020</b>	<b>Epiphany</b>
10 am	Parish Communion Rev. Geoff Sowden
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Baptism of Christ Epiphany 1</b>
8 am	Holy Communion Rev. Geoff Sowden
10 am	Family Worship Mrs. Jane Ockwell
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Epiphany 2</b>
10 am	Family Communion Rev. Geoff Sowden & Rev. Emily Swinerd
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January</b>	10 am Holy Communion Rev. G. Sowden
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Epiphany 3</b>
10 am	Family Worship Mrs. K. Dack & Mr. P. Morris

St Leonard's PCC would like to thank Lucy Sturgess for all her hard work as our church treasurer over the last seven or eight years. Lucy has always had the best interests of the village church in mind in all she has done and we are very grateful to her for her advice and expertise.

Now that she has decided to step down we would like to find another willing volunteer to fill her shoes. If you therefore have some financial knowledge and think you could help us please get in touch with Jane Ockwell our churchwarden by emailing [jane\\_ockwell@hotmail.com](mailto:jane_ockwell@hotmail.com).

Thank you.

## Notes from the Editor

The Village Magazine committee wish all our readers a ***merry Christmas and a peaceful and healthy New Year.***

A special shout out and thank you to all the businesses who advertise in the Magazine, without their financial contributions there would be no funding to print and distribute the Magazine.

It would be great if we all do our bit to support these local businesses and mention you saw the advert in the Magazine if you do contact them.

If you have an article for the Magazine, some news that you would like to share or details of a forthcoming event please send to [blunsdonmagazine@gmail.com](mailto:blunsdonmagazine@gmail.com)

The magazine is run by local volunteers from the village. All your ideas, comments and contributions will always be welcome.

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**There is no January Magazine, the February Magazine will be delivered from: 24<sup>th</sup> January**

Please note deadline for items for inclusion:

Magazine issue	Deadline for inclusion
February	15th January 2020
March	19th February

### **VILLAGE DIARY December and January**

In addition to the magazine, **Tracey Judd** holds a village diary. When you are thinking of a date for your event please contact her on **705617** (office hours) to ensure that planned events do not clash.

1st Saturday of every month 11.30-12.30pm Councillors' Surgery in Village Hall  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> December and 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> January 7.30pm Parish Council meets in Village Hall

9<sup>th</sup> Jan 7.30pm Blunsdon Garden Club meets in Village Hall

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month 7.30pm Blunsdon WI in the Methodist Hall

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month 10am-12noon Book Sale at St Leonard's Church

## **Blunsdon's bits and pieces.....**

Thank you to all the people who came along and sampled our soups in the village hall, and a special thank you to those kind people who made them!

We raised over £200 towards the first print run of the Blunsdon Cookbook to be sold in aid of Prospect and Christian Aid. These recipes were collected after this year's series of Lent Lunches. The contributors are therefore those folk who participated in the production of soups for this previous fund raising event.

Helen

More on dog fouling.....from a dog owner and Blunsdon resident.

It further disappoints many of us dog walkers who continue to use the recreation ground that there still appear to be a few people who just don't care and are not bothered about picking up after their dog. It is now dark, and more than ever especially over the last few weeks we have picked up so much mess which is not from our own dogs. The football with the kids is still going on, and this mess has been right in the middle of the pitches and where the parents stand to watch the matches.

Please can you make an effort to watch your dogs when off the leads, take a torch with you and PICK UP your dogs mess. I also ask that if you see a dog fouling and the owner isn't looking, to give them a shout and let them know. If you see someone deliberately ignoring their dog or refusing to pick up, please report them. thank you.



### Prospect Hospice x 2 Thank you's

Charity collecting box in the Village Shop - £32.30 was collected from the Prospect box in October. Many thanks for continued support and generosity. Small change is not missed and means so much to these Hospices. Paul Turner

Thank you once again to those of you who support Prospect through a box at home. As usual you have been very generous and a total of £350.72 has been forwarded to the Hospice on your behalf. I would like to wish you all a peaceful and happy Christmas. Josie Morris

### **Blunsdon Village Quiz 2019**

Thank you to all the Quiz Teams and The 419's for the Raffle Prizes.

Thank you to the following:- Cotswold Boat Hire, Ogbourne St George Golf Club, Blunsdon House Hotel, Mrs K Jankinson, Jovial Monk, Village Shop, Mr E Jones, The Cold Harbour, DW Fitness, Swindon Wild Cats, The Heart in Hand

Good luck to "The Village Idiot and Friends" for 2020. They know who they are!

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Licensed Lay Minister Mr Paul Morris 734598  
Churchwardens: Mrs Jane Ockwell 724374  
Treasurer: Mrs Lucy Sturgess

### Services:

Holy Communion: 8am 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday

Family Communion: 10am 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays

All-age Worship: 10am 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays

Morning Prayer (Common Worship) 10am 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday

This is the normal pattern, but please see elsewhere in this magazine for variations.

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1<sup>st</sup> Sunday 10am Children's Service

6.30pm Holy Communion (BCP)

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 10am Morning Worship (with unstaffed Creche)

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 10am Holy Communion (with Sunday School)

6.30pm Evening Prayer (BCP)

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 10am Holy Communion (with Sunday School)

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday 10am Holy Communion (with Sunday School)

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2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 4pm All age Worship

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Wednesday	Dr S Stacey	4.00pm-7.10pm	3.00pm-7.15pm
Thursday	Dr L Lodwick	9.00am-10.40am	8.45am-12.15pm
Friday	Dr C Devine	9.00am-10.40am	8.45am-12.15pm

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## BLUNSDON FOOTBALL CLUB



### Recent Results

Nalگو Sports	Adver Cup Round One	won	5 – 2
Minety	Wilts FA Cup Round One	won	5 – 3
Marlborough Town	Adver Cup Round Two	won	8 – 2

### Current league position: 7th in Swindon and District Premier League

Two cup runs are underway with victories in both first-round games. The clash against Minety was played despite a torrential downpour and water-polo may have been a better option. But it was an entertaining match with all players and the referee just getting on and enjoying it.

This was followed by a thumping win against Marlborough Town in the second round of the Adver Cup on the 3G artificial pitch at New College, with a masterful midfield display by Dave Young, Blunsdon's answer to Jan Molby.

Blunsdon now face a tough second round Wilts FA Cup tie at Chiseldon, the current leaders of Division One and who play at the highest ground in Wiltshire on the edge of the Marlborough Downs. We will also await the draw for our Quarter Final opponents in the Adver Cup.

Following last month's Blondish Blunsdon players top ten, by unpopular demand and after hours of trawling the archives, the Greatest Redhead Blunsdon players list is below:

1. Mark "Charlie" Hobbs

In the next issue we will bring you the Brunette Blunsdon players top 500.

### Upcoming Fixtures

Home matches played at the Theatre of Trees, Sutton Park

Kick Off 2 p.m. unless stated

30 <sup>th</sup> November	Wroughton (home)
7 <sup>th</sup> December	Chiseldon (away) Wilts FA Cup Round Two
14 <sup>th</sup> December	Paragon (home)
11 <sup>th</sup> January	The Regent (home)
18 <sup>th</sup> January	Redhouse (Beverbrook)
25 <sup>th</sup> January	Nalگو Sports (home)

**The club wish you all a Merry Christmas. See you in 2020.**

## Look after yourself this winter

As the dark nights draw in across Swindon and winter really starts to bite, it's worth thinking about how we can all make sure we're looking after ourselves and staying well over the cold winter months.

The NHS recently launched its annual winter campaign – Help Us Help You– which is here to help make it easier to understand the things you can do.

We all know hospitals and surgeries can be especially busy during the winter months and it can often be tricky to know the best place to go for help, so here's some handy tips to see you through until spring:

### 1. It's not too late to get your flu jab

The free flu vaccination is offered to those who are at increased risk from the effects of flu, including people aged 65 and over, pregnant women, those with underlying health conditions and children aged 2-10. If you've not had one yet, it's not too late.

### 2. Call 111 or visit 111.nhs.uk online

If you're unsure where to go and think you need urgent medical attention, but it's not life-threatening, contacting NHS 111 can help you make sure you reach the most suitable NHS service for your needs.

### 3. Ask a pharmacist for advice before minor ailments or winter illnesses get worse

Community pharmacists are qualified healthcare professional who can offer clinical advice and over the counter medicines to safely manage things like coughs, colds and sore throats. It's quick and convenient to see a pharmacist– you don't need to book an appointment and can often be seen in a private consultation room.

### 4. See your GP in the evening or weekend if you can't see them during the day

If you need to see a GP but find it hard to find the time during routine hours, appointments with a GP, nurse or other healthcare professional are often available in the evenings and at weekends through many local practices or other local NHS services.

For more information about services in your area visit: <http://swindonccg.nhs.uk/>





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## **Tips for writing a Will in a second marriage**

Second or third marriages are commonplace in modern society, but not everyone is clued up on the impact they can have on your Will and inheritance. Did you know that getting married without re-doing your Will could leave your children with nothing?

Getting married, be it for the first or fifth time, automatically cancels any previous Will. Without a valid Will, the rules of intestacy will apply, and if you have children your new spouse will inherit the first £250,000 and half of any remainder of your estate. Whether or not you have been married before, entering into a marriage could leave your children from a previous relationship with little or no inheritance.

The easiest way to avoid this is to write a new Will. Failing to do so will leave the whole, or part of your estate to your surviving spouse. Your assets then become part of their assets, for them to deal with as they see fit. If you want your children to receive an inheritance, it is important to word your Will correctly to protect their portion of the assets.

If your spouse was to remarry, or have a falling out with your children, or rack up debts or care home fees after your death, your children's inheritance could disappear. There is nothing to stop your spouse re-writing their Will after your death and diverting the entire inheritance away from your children. Legal advice is essential in ensuring your children's inheritance is protected.

A standard Will may not be appropriate - a Trust Will could be the right choice. There are various types of Trusts that you can insert into a Will, allowing your spouse to benefit from the use of your assets (i.e. live in your house) but after their death, the assets are distributed to your children (or other beneficiaries of your choosing). Importantly, because the assets are held in Trust, they are ring-fenced so they cannot be given away under your spouse's Will or eroded by their debt or care home fees.

If you are going through a divorce your spouse may inherit until your decree absolute is issued – a process which can take years. If your marriage has failed and you no longer want your spouse to have access to your estate, it is important to write a new Will as soon as possible.

Conflicts due to relationships started later in life are now one of the most common reasons for a Will to be legally challenged. Don't put your loved ones through additional stress while they deal with bereavement – make sure you take professional legal advice. If you would like to speak to a solicitor about writing a Will, or to learn more about your legal position, get in touch with Rachel Kyle in the Wills, Trusts and Probate department of Forrester Sylvester Mackett Solicitors today on 01793 522688 or visit [www.fsmsolicitors.co.uk](http://www.fsmsolicitors.co.uk).



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## Blunsdon Village Fete

Hello everyone, we thought that you might like an update on what is happening with regard to the Blunsdon Village Fete.

Please make a note in your diary, the Fete date is now confirmed as **Saturday 9 May 2020**- we do hope that you can join us.....



Plans are forging ahead for the organisation of Blunsdon Village Fete and we have many good ideas and events which will take place in order to make it a really good day for everyone.

Thank you to those of you who have contacted us and also completed the feedback form with your various comments and feedback - we will be in touch.

Some of the things we are planning to include are traditional games and activities, where we are hoping to organise a Tug of War, a Dog Show event and the Children of St Leonards will be doing a Maypole dance. We are also hoping to arrange various activities regarding arts and crafts, which you can try, and will incorporate the Vintage and VE Theme for the Day.

We intend to have lots of different stalls/tabletops at the Fete, for which there will be a fee of £15. If you are interested in one of these, then please let us know, using the form overleaf, or by emailing us. We have also listed some of the various activities that we have in mind for the Fete on the form overleaf, if you would like to run one of these, again please let us know. The feedback form box will be in the Village Shop, or you can email us on [blunsdonvillagefete@gmail.com](mailto:blunsdonvillagefete@gmail.com).

You can also keep up to date with what's happening via the Blunsdon Village Fete2020 Facebook page.

Any funds made from the Fete will go to the VE Day 75, which is the Armed Forces Charity associated with VE Day.

We very much look forward to hearing from you.



## **Blunsdon Village Fete Saturday 9 May 2020**

### **Feedback Form**

Would you be interested in helping to organise any of the following activities/events:

Traditional games such as:

- Shooting gallery (water pistols)
- Mine field (sticks with different colour end stuck in a sandbox)
- Hook/Hoop a Duck
- Bash the Rat
- Welly Wanging

We would also welcome any other suggestions or ideas you may have.

We are still looking for volunteers to be involved in the day if you are interested, please let us have your details below, which can be placed in the Feedback Form box in the Village Shop, or by emailing us on [blunsdonvillagefete@gmail.com](mailto:blunsdonvillagefete@gmail.com).

Contact Details:

Name: .....

Telephone No: ..... Email: .....

(We will only use these details for the purpose of the Village Fete)

Thank you.

***The Village Fete Planning Committee***

## Blunsdon Village Fete



### Wanted: Bottles and Teddies



The Fete is being organised to bring the village together to remember and celebrate VE Day on its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year.

One of the aims of the day is to raise money for the VE Day celebration's chosen charity- SSAFA (the Armed Forces charity). To this end, the Committee are planning a few stalls dedicated to raising funds - this will include a bottle tombola and a teddy tombola.

With Christmas fast approaching, (I'm allowed to say it now- it's December!), you may be considering a clear out - we will happily help you out by taking donations of teddies (soft toys) and bottles of any kind.

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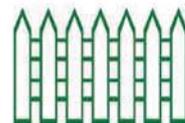
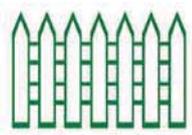
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