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Saturday 16 March 2024

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ANNUAL NOTICE

The Annual Meeting of the Saltford Community Association will be held in the Main Hall at Saltford Hall on Thursday 21 March at 8.00 pm.

AGENDA

- Apologies
- Minutes of the Annual Meeting of 2023
- Chair's Annual report
- Statement of accounts to 31 January 2024
- Election of Management Committee Members (nominations must be received by the Secretary by 14 March 2024)
- Appointment of Independent Examiner
- AOB (please notify secretary@saltfordcommunity.org before 14 March 2024 if there are substantive items that you would like included)

Why not come along to hear about what we have been up to over the last year and our plans for the future. Free drinks will be available, and we are meeting in the Main Hall for your comfort.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES AT SALTORD HALL

We set out below some of the regular activities that take place here

The start time quoted is the booked from time and not necessarily the start time of the event

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Monday

9.30am	Jazzercise Class	Main Hall
11.00am	Tai Chi Shibashi Class	Main Hall
1.30pm	Saltford Short Mat Bowls	Main Hall
1.30pm	Whist Club	Avon
2.00pm	Saltford Scrabble Club	Kelston
6.00pm	Emma Walker Pilates	Wansdyke
8.15pm	Saltford Badminton	Main Hall

Tuesday

9.30am	The Art Group	Kelston
9.30am	Emma Walker Pilates	Avon
11.00am	Core Rehab – Seated Pilates	Avon
1.15pm	The Art Group	Kelston
4.15pm	Time2Share	Avon
6.15pm	Tuesday Evening Badminton	Main Hall
6.30pm	Hatha Yoga Class	Somerset
7.30pm	Saltford Village Choir	Wansdyke
7.30pm	Avon Badminton	Main Hall

Wednesday

9.30am	Wednesday Morning Badminton Group	Main Hall
9.30am	The Art Group	Kelston
11.15am	Betty Burgess Badminton Club	Main Hall
1.30pm	Saltford Short Mat Bowls	Main Hall
4.15pm	Time2Share	Avon
4.45pm	Keyford Dancing School	Wansdyke
4.30pm	Keyford Dancing School	Somerset
5.00pm	Taekwondo Classes	Main Hall
7.00pm	Slimming World	Wansdyke
8.00pm	Saltford Seq & Old Time Dance Club	Main Hall

Thursday

9.30am	Jazzercise Class	Main Hall
9.45am	Music With Mummy	Wansdyke
10.55am	First Steps Soccer	Main Hall
12.00am	Move it or Lose It	Main Hall
2.00pm	Painting for Pleasure	Somerset
6.30pm	Hatha Yoga Class with Corinne	Kelston
6.30pm	Pilates Class	Main Hall

Friday

9.00am	Vitality Pilates	Avon
9.30am	Hatha Yoga Class with Corinne	Wansdyke
10.30am	Saltford Wind Chamber Group	Somerset
1.30pm	Saltford Short Mat Bowls	Main Hall

Saturday

9.30am	Jazzercise Class	Main Hall
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MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

USUALLY

Last Monday	10.00am	Craft & Natter Club	Kelston
First Tuesday	10.00am	Saltford Ladies Gardening Club	Wansdyke
First Tuesday	2.00pm	Saltford Afternoon WI	Main Hall
Second Tuesday	7.00pm	Saltford Evening WI	Avon
Fourth Tuesday	2.00pm	Saltford & Keynsham Flower Club	Main Hall
First Tuesday	7.15pm	Saltford Parish Council	Avon
2 nd /4 th Wednesday	10.00am	Contemporary Quilters	Wansdyke
Second Wednesday	10.00am	Face2Face Parkinsons	Wansdyke
Second Thursday	7.30pm	Book Club	Somerset
Third Thursday	2.00pm	Motor Neurone Support Group	Avon
Second Friday	9.15am	Orchestra Workshop	Main Hall
Third Friday	10.00am	Saltford Morning WI	Main Hall
Second Friday	7.30pm	Keynsham & Saltford Wine Circle	Somerset

SCA is on Facebook! <https://www.facebook.com/SCACOMM/>

SALTFORD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

FORTHCOMING EVENTS IN 2024

February	23	Community Cinema – The Great Escaper	7.30pm
	25	Antiques Fair with Community Café	9 – 2pm
March	3	Sunday Afternoon Tea	2 – 4pm
	16	SCA Repair Cafe	11.00 - 1.00pm
	16	SCA/STC Quiz Night	7.30pm
	19	Saltford Community Coffee Club	2 – 4pm
	21	SCA Annual Meeting	8pm
	22	Community Cinema – Barbie	7.30pm
	24	Antiques Fair with Community Café	9 – 2pm
April	7	Sunday Afternoon Tea	2 – 4pm
	13	Spring Ball	7.00pm
	16	Saltford Community Coffee Club	2 – 4pm
	26	Community Cinema – Oppenheimer	7.30pm
	27	Saltford Jobs Fair & Cafe	11 - 1pm
	28	Antiques Fair with Community Café	9 – 2pm
May	5	Sunday Afternoon Tea	2 – 4pm
	18	SCA Repair Cafe	11.00 - 1.00pm
	21	Saltford Community Coffee Club	1 – 3pm
June	1	Saltford Village Choir Concert	7.30pm
	7-16	Saltford Festival	
September	22	Flea Market	10 -1pm
October	5	World Textile Day West	10- 4.00pm
November	21 - 23	Saltford Drama Production	7.30pm
	30	Christmas Market	10 – 1pm

For more information on fundraising events please e-mail events@saltfordhall.co.uk
or ring the Booking Office on 01225 874081

SECTIONAL ORGANISATIONS

SALTFRD SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB

America's President has been criticised as having a failing memory and poor balance. I guess we might all like to forget our own moments when we couldn't put a name to a face or remember the names of our nieces and nephews. Or that moment, halfway to a holiday destination, when you couldn't recall whether you'd locked the front door. This article was only written at the last minute, after our Scan magazine editor sent a reminder. Absolutely, core strength needs a bit of attention to avoid loss of balance.

And there's loads of advice for improving your brain from doing a daily crossword to drinking green tea. Doing the plank to improve core strength. Well, maybe not for everyone. Or walking backwards. Well, still not for everyone.

But, why not consider a much more enjoyable alternative. You can easily improve your mental alertness, agility and coordination, mood and social enjoyment by giving short mat bowls a try, with us, at Saltford Hall.

If only the President, whatsisname, could join us. He'd really benefit.

By the way, who is the leader of the Conservative Party now?? That's a really difficult one.

If you are interested in trying out short mat bowls, just pick up the phone, if you can find it, and call our Secretary, Sue McCaig, on 0117 9867770.

SALTFRD VILLAGE CHOIR

Here we are at the beginning of February, already rehearsing pieces for our Summer concert.

We are looking at medleys of two musicals : 'The King and I' and 'Joseph'. We will also have a wide range of musical styles represented in the programme.

Choir members have also offered a list of good songs for our Director, David Coysh, to consider in the final programme.

I am pleased to say that this year has seen a growth in choir members amongst all four singing parts. This has led to a growth in confidence in our part singing. It has also meant that the Choir finances reached the point where we were able to donate £4,000 to S.C.A. over the last financial year. This is our largest ever donation. We are delighted with this result. Thanks must go to David Pidcock, our Treasurer, for his prudent management of our funds.

We are looking forward to a choir outing when fourteen of our members will visit Bristol Hippodrome to see 'Hamilton' in May. Before that, a few of our members are taking part in a choral workshop in Bath for a day, working towards a performance of Faure's 'Requiem'.

Choir continues to be a social as well as a musical, gathering, where people are very supportive of each other.

Do join us if you are interested on Tuesdays at 7:30pm in the Wansdyke Room.

John Waldren Chair: Saltford Village Choir.

SALTFRD DRAMA CLUB

After well attended performances of 'Ladies Day' in November, we move into 2024, with the Drama Club busy reading suitable plays each month at our Club



Nights. These are not restricted to just members but all who feel they'd like to get into amateur dramatics are most welcome. These club nights have produced a number of new members recently and are a very good source of recruiting people onto the stage or just being part of the crew needed for every production we put on. Sadly we have had to cancel our Spring production this year, however, all is not lost as we will use the time available to concentrate on a June production as a prelude to the Saltford Festival Week.

We are planning to stage a two night Murder Mystery play on Friday 7th and Saturday 8th June called 'Who Killed the Ships Captain'. These 'Whodunnits' are very popular with a chance to enjoy a supper whilst trying to resolve who did the 'dastardly deed'.

Work also continues to decide on a suitable play for November and again, our club nights will hopefully give guidance on what we will produce.

On our very active social side, we have planned a visit to the Royal Mint Experience at Pontyclun, Cardiff on Thursday 14th March, which should be a very enjoyable day out.

Play reading for our November Production "Blithe Spirit", on Monday 8th April, 7.30pm in Avon Room

If interested in joining the Drama Club contact:

0117 9831288 or 07754543719

saltfordrama@gmail.com

AFFILIATED ORGANISATIONS

SALTORD BRASS MILL

With the Mill CLOSED and the displays and models which form the Education and Interpretation Centre inside the Mill moved to higher levels, the deluge duly arrived at New Year! Parts of the Mill were waist-deep, equalling known records. Volunteers have worked to clear away the silt and clean the walls and the huge balance beams which floated around the old squash court. Everything will be back in place for our opening for National Mills Weekend – 11th and 12th May. Sadly, the exterior walls and chimney are showing signs of decline and we hope a recent meeting between B&NES and Historic England will have identified a way forward.

We rely on our volunteers, who continue their work to care for the Mill all year as well as welcoming visitors on open days and for group visits. We are always looking for NEW MEMBERS to help. There is a wide variety of roles and opportunities. We meet every second and fourth Saturday mornings. We have been absolutely delighted to welcome three or four new volunteers over the winter and we hope they enjoy finding their niche. Please help if you can.

Since the Mill was acquired by the Bristol Brass company in the 1720s and converted it to process brass. Three hundred years on, Saltford Mill is nationally, even internationally, recognised. As a unique remnant of a special time, it is a Scheduled Ancient Monument and a Grade2* Listed Building: a captivating place with a fascinating story which we aim to tell – allowing visitors of all ages to learn about a critical period in local social and industrial heritage which developed here in the Avon Valley even before the age of steam.

Contact us through our website www.brassmill.com, or via the contact details in this SCA Newsletter.

KEYNSHAM & DISTRICT TALKING NEWSPAPER

KEYNSHAM AND DISTRICT TALKING NEWSPAPER URGENTLY SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

We are urgently seeking volunteers to act as recording technicians for our Talking Newspaper



Service for people who are blind and partially sighted. Technicians will receive training and do not need prior experience in any technical area although a little computer knowledge would be helpful. You would join our rota of existing technicians and your commitment would be to attend the studio in Saltford once a month for around 2 hours to record the news or the Magazine items with our news or magazine teams. We have evening and afternoon recording slots available.

We are also actively seeking people who may be interested in joining our committee. Anyone with enthusiasm and energy would be welcome to have a chat with us to find out more. We are particularly interested in people who have specialist skills such as digital media, charity work, governance, online services, news and media, finance, marketing, and events.

KTN celebrated 40 years of operation in 2023, and the service is available free of charge to anyone who is blind or partially sighted. Most of our listeners are from the Keynsham, Saltford, Bath, Bristol and North Somerset areas, although anyone is welcome to have the free service.

If you are interested in becoming a recording technician or joining our committee, or if you or someone you know would like to receive our service, please contact us on (0117) 299 3021 or visit our website <http://www.ktn.org.uk>

SALTORD SANTA DASH

The Saltford Santa Dash team are pleased to announce that last



December's Dash raised an incredible £14,000 for its two chosen charities, Time is Precious and Butterflies Haven. Both charities provide crucial services to improve the lives of young people and their families in our local communities and this

sum of money will make a huge difference to the support they can offer.

Once again, the team would like to send a huge thank you to everyone who got involved; the runners, the local business that generously sponsored the event, the volunteers and everyone who came along to support – it couldn't happen without you.

Special thanks go to Joe Sims from Radio Bristol for his enthusiastic support both on the radio and on the day.

Since it began in 2013, the Saltford Santa Dash has now raised £120k for local charities.

Keep a look out for updates on the 2024 event later in the year!

KEYNSHAM & DISTRICT MENCAP SOCIETY

Keynsham and District Mencap Society are thrilled to be holding their second fundraising abseil on Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st April in partnership with St John's Church in Keynsham.

This very popular event is a chance to take on a personal challenge whilst taking in some fantastic views of Keynsham, all while raising money for a brilliant local cause.

Keynsham and District Mencap Society has been supporting adults and children with learning disabilities and autism in the community for over 45 years. A self-funded charity which relies on the fundraising efforts of supporters, K&DMS offers a range of fun fundraising events for corporate partners and the public. The abseil is a chance to take part in an exciting activity while making a difference to others.

Clare Anderson Fundraiser said, 'We are incredibly excited to host our second charity abseil at St John's Church in Keynsham. The abseil not only offers supporters a personal challenge but is also a fantastic community event. Although Saturday is fully booked, we have a few spaces on Sunday. Whether you are a seasoned thrill-seeker or trying abseiling for the first time, the day promises to be an unforgettable experience. Our family fun day activities in the Church yard and Hall will ensure that everyone has fun. Come and get a face paint, a cuppa, and some cake and win a teddy or bottle on one of our tombolas. Bring a picnic and enjoy the view! We are seeking event volunteers for stalls too, so please get in touch.' clare@keynshammencap.org.uk or call 01179865659.

Registration fee is £25 with a fundraising target of

£100, minimal age is 9.

To register for the event or to learn more about Keynsham Mencap and the work they do please visit [www. https://www.keynshammencap.org.uk/events/](https://www.keynshammencap.org.uk/events/) or K&DMS Facebook page.

SALTORD MORNING WI

The days are getting longer and in between storms, wind, record high and low temperatures and everything in between we are celebrating our WI and looking forward to 2024. The photo shows the lucky winners of our fantastic Christmas raffle in which all the prizes were donated by our generous members.



We held our first fundraising coffee morning in January and apart from delicious cakes, coffee and conversation we welcomed speakers from Route 60+. They are retired police officers and their talk was to highlight general road safety for mature drivers, changes in the highway code and how to adapt to changing circumstances eg driving at night. We were amazed that it costs £2 million for every road traffic fatality.

Our January meeting took a different form. Instead of having a speaker, we held a Getting to Know You morning in which members were able to meet people who they may not know very well and to share information about themselves. We also had an evaluation which will help us to introduce new ideas.

Future topics are varied and include Bags of Glamour, German Castles, Colour analysis, travel and a space detective.

We have several members' garden visits planned and look forward to meeting up in our lovely gardens.

If you haven't already joined one of the three WIs in Saltford, why don't you give it a go? The WI is here to inspire you through experiences, knowledge and skills passed down through generations and continually updated to reflect the lives of women today.

There will be a WI taster session during Saltford Festival week in June. Details in a future Scan
If you would like to find out more about our WI then please contact me.

You will receive a warm welcome

Merrial Knight (President)

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KEYNSHAM GROUP, AVON WILDLIFE TRUST

Two more talks finalise our program for the season.

Friday March 8th - "Wild Hidden Bulgaria" with wildlife photographer Victoria Hillman. Bulgaria has a rich variety of habitats including lowlands, plains, hills, mountains, valleys and gorges. Its geographical position, the different habitats and low intensity farming methods result in one of the richest bio-diverse areas in Europe. Victoria, whose passion for the natural world began at a very early age, will take us through some of this amazing wildlife with her own very special style of photography.

On Friday April 12th we welcome Hamish Smith, from the Bath Peregrine Project, for his view on "How Peregrines Exploit the Modern Landscape". Hamish is Involved in several peregrine projects with the BTO, Hawk & Owl Trust and Hawk Conservancy, and he will examine the differences and similarities of peregrine behaviour in different environments and consider interpretation of data from dispersing fledgling juveniles. With a healthy urban population of peregrines in both Bristol and Bath, he has much data to draw on for his talk.

Our talks are held each month at the Baptist Church Hall, Keynsham BS31 1DS at 7:30pm and entry costs £3.50 for Avon Wildlife Trust members/£4.50 for non-members to include refreshments served at 7:15pm before each talk. All welcome, no booking required.

We begin our program of walks in April, with Dave's Dawn Chorus on Sunday 28th April

Our chairman Dave Sage leads this popular annual walk starting from The Shallows car park in Saltford (BS31 3EX) at 4.30am (yes, that early!!). Anyone is welcome but please dress appropriately, wear sturdy shoes, bring binoculars (if possible) and a warm drink. Optional donation requested on the day. FFI Dave 07899 716068

For more information on Keynsham Group and

details on our talks, visit our website: www.keynshamawt.org Email: keynshamawt@gmail.com or phone Kathy 07850 508702

KEYNSHAM & SALTORD WINE CIRCLE

Bob Rogers started the new year off with the second half of his Hebridean journey, this time going from Barra to Butt. Staying in the very generous bed and breakfast cottages en route, he showed and described the very beautiful scenery and seascapes of each island. Of course, they all had unique anecdotes to be told about them which he did most interestingly.

The Annual General Meeting of the Wine Circle was held in February. The events of the previous year were reviewed, the new Committee was elected (same faces as last year), everyone enjoyed an American supper (with wine of course)

If you are interested in a pleasant evening with good company, on the second Friday of each month, or for more information, please contact Alan Dummott on 01249 542856 or mobile 07941 774939.

SALTORD EVENING WI

We had a visit from the Rev Jan Knott, who said it would be good to be introduced as The Prebendary Jan Knott.*

Jan was a teacher in Clapham and came to Bristol to work for the family logistics company. She said although she was extremely busy with work and family she couldn't ignore what is commonly known as 'the calling'. The barriers and bias she had to overcome as a prospective vicar were sometimes overwhelming and there were many ecclesiastical meetings where she was the only woman. She was, as were many others, thrilled when the first women were ordained in 1994.

Jan has served as a school Chaplain, an area Dean and given a seat in Wells cathedral (*hence the prebendary). She has been Rector of Farmborough, Marksbury and Stanton Prior and Chaplain to Bath Spa University. When she explained this to her grandson he said 'Oh you are a sort of Supply Vicar'. Her enthusiasm and obvious joy in her 'calling' made us all feel good on a cold January night.

We are at that time of year when snow-drops and crocuses are a joy to see and the daffodils are on their way. But, I think they lull us into a false

sense of 'Spring is just around the corner' when there is still a lot of winter to come! But, hey ho, our group has plenty to look forward to. Plans for summer trips, a group holiday and, of course, Saltford Festival. Not forgetting all the other events, which happen fifty-two weeks of the year - duly advertised in the Scan!

If you are thinking a 'New Year a New Me' just join us on the second Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Wansdyke room. You will be most welcome.

Hope to see you there.

KEYNSHAM & SALTORD PROBUS CLUB

The Club celebrated Christmas in style, inviting partners to a seasonal lunch and providing musical entertainment to the revellers. (The photo shows Robin and Sue Dixon with Chris Primrose enjoying the festivities.)



Our January meeting welcomed Richard Irving who shared his expertise on 'The Stone Mines & Quarries of Combe Down'. Richard spoke about their heyday in the 1750's - 1850's, the various techniques of mining and quarrying, and the widespread use of the stone - from Georgian Bath to parts of Buckingham Palace and Windsor Castle. Several new members joined us for this event, but it was with sadness we noted the passing of John Cawley. John was a longstanding club member and well known locally for his performances with Keynsham Light Opera Group. Many representatives of Probus Club attended John's funeral.

At the time of writing we are looking forward to a talk by Andrew Stainer on 'A History of Saltford in 20 Objects', and are planning a guided walk through Prior Park in April. And not forgetting our 50th Anniversary event in June!

SALTORD WHIST

Another good start to the year with another new member joining us, Chris acting as go between the hall and ourselves.

A friendly club having a coffee/tea break at half time to catch up on all the news.

Monday afternoon start 1.30pm, so if you are interested please contact me Malcolm 01225 872555

SALTORD TENNIS CLUB

In October Saltford LTC hosted an inclusion open day for disabled, d/Deaf and neurodivergent children and their siblings. The event was led by Access Sport Development Manager Jonny Fenner.

Access Sport is a national charity and they kindly provided training for all the volunteers involved in the event. Seven enthusiastic young people took part in adapted games and creative drills using specialist equipment enabling them to learn new skills and enjoy tennis. Helen Abbott from Avon tennis also attended. She was very impressed with the skills on display and the enthusiasm of both participants and volunteers. Following the open day the club held six taster sessions on Saturday afternoons and due to the positive response to these sessions they will continue in the New Year. Inclusive tennis sessions will be held on Saturdays 1pm to 1:45pm. The price of each session is £5 per family including refreshments. Siblings are welcome to join in as well.



Although the club is making great progress in making tennis accessible for all, they recognise that this is the start of a new venture and they still have a lot to learn. If you or a group that you belong to have any ideas on how the club can improve accessibility at the club and cater for your needs please contact Andy Gray (agraytenniscoaching@gmail.com) who is more than willing to discuss any suggestions you have. Andy is excited about the challenge of adapting his tennis coaching skills in order to make tennis more accessible and inclusive at Saltford LTC and proud to be able to introduce new courses to meet the needs of the community.

SALTORD ENVIRONMENT GROUP

1,300, 800 or 500 new houses and a new school in Saltford's Green Belt?!

One of those outcomes is likely to occur if, after

the consultation on development options, B&NES Council puts forward Saltford for new housing development in the new draft Local Plan (2022-2042), and these end up in the approved plan. The options under consideration are Saltford West (500 houses) adjacent to Grange Road and South Saltford (800 houses) adjacent to Montague Road, Manor Road. A new primary school would accompany either or both options.

The protection of Saltford's Green Belt from inappropriate development is one of SEG's key objectives. Saltford will risk losing its rural village status and be consumed within a continuous urban sprawl from Bristol. Local roads would be heavily congested even more during peak travel times, local wildlife will lose habitat.

The local open countryside is important for our health and well-being. We want to protect the Green Belt not just for ourselves and for wildlife, but for those who live in local towns and cities and appreciate being able to get out of town and into open countryside relatively quickly.

The most effective way you can help prevent the loss of our local countryside is to give B&NES Council your response through the consultation process itself. Objections from residents need to be based on planning reasons; emotional or subjective responses will be considered invalid

When this edition of SCAN is published the options consultation by B&NES Council, scheduled for 12th February to 8th April, should be underway. Please visit our website www.saltfordenvironmentgroup.org.uk for specific guidance on how to respond effectively to the consultation and then re-visit regularly for updates on the Local Plan process.

BATH GUILD OF EMBROIDERERS

Our January meeting was a real treat from Brenda who is one of our own members. I was asked if someone could teach the group Brazilian Embroidery and Brenda said that she had a lot of experience. There were examples of her work and books to look at. She also provided us all with printed sheets of designs and 'How to' guides of many of the stitches. You use specific threads with a high sheen for this work and Brenda brought plenty of them for us all to have a go. It was a bit of a struggle to get out so early in the year, but the hall was warm and good company

too.

March brings back a popular tutor in Liz Tapper who is Royal School of Needlework trained. Mountmellick is an Irish embroidery usually white on white.

April sees the return of Anne Griffiths who brought her stumpwork insects to show us last year and there were many requests for her to come back. False eyelashes for legs and painted false nails for wings. Not botanically correct but amazingly lifelike.

There is a change of tutor for May as we had a cancellation, so Annette Bolton is back with us for Casalguidi which originates from Italy.

2024 in brief: March – Mountmellick, April – Contemporary Stumpwork Insects, May – Casalguidi Italian Embroidery, June – E-Textiles Lantern, July – Free Motion Embroidery Landscapes, September – Blackwork and Goldwork, October – Tambour Beadwork, November- Stitched Stories, December – Finding Eliza Carr.

If you are interested in joining us either as a visitor or member, please contact Jeanne Aldous at jeanne.aldous@btinternet.com or 0117 9324889 for more information.

See our website for the full programme at bathguildembroiderers.chessck.co.uk or on facebook - Bath Guild of Embroiderers for pictures from our previous workshops.

SALTORD FAIRTRADE GROUP LOOKING AHEAD TO 2024

Whatever New Year's resolutions you made, one you can easily stick to throughout the year is buying FAIRTRADE products. All farmers should receive a fair price for their produce and be encouraged and helped to grow appropriate crops to combat climate change and help create sustainable eco-friendly land management. The Fairtrade premium they receive from the sale of their products helps towards these goals.

There are over 1.8 million farmers and workers in Fairtrade certified producer

organisations in 72 different countries. To look at the impact Fairtrade is having please visit <https://www.fairtrade.net/impact> You can find Fairtrade products in all the main supermarkets, eg Co-Op stores and in high street shops such as Oxfam.



They are also available online through a variety of companies such as the Ethical Superstore. Look for the logo – you'll find it in some surprising places – some Primark beauty products to name but one!

We are always looking for new initiatives and ideas to raise awareness and promote the use of Fairtrade products. This year sees the return of the Saltford Festival (6th-16th June) and to celebrate 30 years of the Fairtrade logo – a special Fairtrade Fortnight will be held 9th – 22nd September 2024.

Look out for us during these events and if you'd like to get involved, we would love to hear from you. In particular we are looking for help for an event on the 15th



June. We are a small friendly and very informal group. Thanks to your kind generosity and the funds raised at our coffee morning and at the SCA Christmas Fair we were able to donate £200 last year to the charity Transform Trade. **Please email us for more information we look forward to hearing from you.**

saltfordfairtrade@hotmail.co.uk

SALTORD SPORTS CLUB

An update on the modernisation of Saltford Sports Club.

Over the past year the club has been making remarkable improvements, particularly focusing on enhancing facilities for female athletes. The highlight being the revamped dressing rooms, designed to cater to the needs of both male and female players, fostering an environment of equality and inclusion. In addition, the club has invested in new bi-fold doors, re-vamped the patio, installed new heating and electrics throughout and built a new disabled toilet.

We have had fantastic support from SPC and our local councillor Duncan Hounsell, who played a pivotal role in securing a local grant for us which allowed us to improve the referee's facilities, a welcome addition to the future of sport within the club.



In addition to building works we have continued

to hold regular family friendly events, including live bands, quiz nights, music festival, live sporting events, pop up street food stalls, and children's Halloween and Xmas parties.

Our aim as a club is to improve the facilities whilst offering a welcoming environment for all the family, and we are pleased to say that membership and usage of the facilities have increased dramatically over the last 12 months.

Thank you for your patience while we continue to improve the facilities.

SALTORD & KEYNSHAM FLOWER CLUB

Meets every fourth Tuesday of the month in Saltford Main Hall at 14:00 come along and pay on the door, Visitors welcome, £8 for a demonstration & £6 for a Practice.

Tuesday 26th March – Workshop, 'Easter Arrangements with willow twigs.

Join us for an afternoon to learn how to create an Easter design of your choice. Bring foliage, flowers, flexible twigs.



Text Val Purkis 00447931103387 to book your place, come with friends and make it an enjoyable afternoon. Starts 2pm

Tuesday 23rd April 2023 – Flower Demonstration 'Out of Africa' by Jenny York

Jenny will wow us with her floral designs, she is an entertaining demonstrator and it will be an enjoyable afternoon. Visit our sales table for a variety of plants & useful items and do buy plenty of raffle tickets to stand a chance of winning a super arrangement. Starts at 2pm.



For more details on the club see <https://saltford-floralclub.com> or visit our new Facebook page, Saltford and Keynsham Flower Club.

SALTORD WOMBLES

HAPPY SPRING, WOMBLES.

Time for a Spring Clean after the winter storms, river flooding and all the 'extras' that found their way from toilets to the river and then became tangled in the river bank brambles. Please only put the '3 P's' down the loo as one way or another the

'extras' eg wet wipes reappear in our waterways and then harm the river, wildlife and everyone's enjoyment of our beautiful, special natural facility. With the river very much in mind therefore :

Saturday 16 March : 3 Litter Picks : 10am to 12pm.
Meet Shallows Car Park

Great British Spring Clean : Village litter pick as part of Keep Britain Tidy annual Spring Clean

The Great Avon River Litter Pick : We will be joining with Wombles teams across BANES to litter pick our stretch of the river. It was a great success last year with so many groups joining in including 23 Saltford Wombles.

Saltford Car Park Pick : for those not wishing to river pick, we will be holding our car park pick on the same day so that everyone who would like to, is able to take part in this collaboration day. This is our thank you to all the businesses that support for Wombles across the year.

We are committed to collecting 20 bags of litter across the 3 picks, so please if you are interested in joining any of them, please let Ian know.

Group Litter Pick

April : Sunday 28 April. Meet at 2pm at The Little Coffee shop

Thank you again to all our Wombles.

For more details about Saltford Wombles or to join one of the events above, please contact, Chief Womble, Ian at saltfordwombles@gmail.com

1ST SALTFORD SCOUT GROUP

Just before Christmas Beavers from our Arcadia and Herschel Colonies made Christmas Cards and Christmas decorations for each of the 60

elderly residents at Kingfisher Lodge in Saltford. Each card and gift was individually named for



each person and signed by the Beaver that made it. Dave Lucas, assistant for Arcadia Beavers said that they all had great fun making these items.



On the last meeting of term they went to Kingfisher Lodge with their Leaders and sang well-rehearsed

Christmas songs to them which everyone enjoyed.

Over the next few weeks the Beavers will be looking at Safety, Burns Night and cooking pancakes!

Our Beavers meet weekly in term time – Arcadia is Saturday morning 9am-10am and Herschel is 6.30pm – 7.30pm. We do have a waiting list but please get in touch if you are interested in registering your child. Additionally if you would like to gain some experience of working with young people then please come forward, both our colonies are very short of adult support and fresh faces are always welcome and as the old saying goes 'more hands make light work'. We do give priority on our waiting list to any children of parents/grandparents willing to get involved with the leadership team. We are a fun and friendly group and love to get involved with the community and activities as well as the young people. Volunteering is always impressive on a CV when looking for a new job. Email saltfordscoutgroup@gmail.com.

SALTford4NATURE

Freezing January temperatures and flooding temporarily halted planting on the beds in front of Saltford House. Every cloud has a silver lining however, and this has given Saltford4Nature volunteers time to focus on propagating seeds at home, with a view to donating them to a colourful display of pollinator-friendly flowers for the summer.

In an article in February's edition of Gardeners' World Magazine, (p 35), Monty Don highlights the loss of habitat for many species and the need to support our pollinators, as they are crucial to our own food production and, therefore, survival. "It is not too late", he encourages, "Something we can all do is make our gardens, however small, a haven for wildlife of every kind." One of the best ways we can do this is by planting flowers that bloom in succession, providing nectar throughout as many months as possible. It is best to have simple, saucer-shaped flowers, allowing easy access for pollinators. With that in mind, we are aiming to grow from seed, flowers such as Cosmos, which bloom from June until November, providing late pollen and, hopefully, an attractive splash of



colour in front of Saltford House.

Our efforts in the left-hand bed appear to have been successful; the plants (a scheme of purple, pink, white and blue flowers) are beginning to show the green shoots of new growth beneath their dried winter stalks. Encouraged, we will shortly start planting in the right-hand bed with a view to both borders being in flower come early summer. In the meantime, we can all enjoy Saltford House's lovely annual display of daffodils across the back of the borders offering us the promise of spring around the corner. **If you want to get involved or to know more about Saltford-4Nature, please contact us at saltford4nature@gmail.com.**

SALTFORD AFTERNOON WALK

Our first meeting of the year took place on 2nd January and straightaway we started our new fitness regimes with a visit from a fitness instructor and his "Wake up to 2024" session - which got us all nicely warmed up and ready for all that the New Year brings.

Our February meeting brought some sunshine into our lives as we went on a virtual trip to Cornwall with our speaker, Sandra Bateman, and her vivid and evocative account of "The Magic of Minack".

In March our 12th Anniversary Lunch is taking place at Saltford Golf Club.

Future topics to be covered in our varied programme of talks include gardening, history, literature and the experiences of a supporting artiste (i.e. an 'Extra')!

The group also has several satellite groups including two Book Groups (one of which is currently reading "Educated" by Tara Westover and has recently read "The Herd" by Emily Edwards). There is also a Points of View Discussion Group, and a Laughter and Lunch Group as well as a Craft Group. The Craft Group have recently been learning basic quilting. One of the members, Jan Brown, is seen here with the beautiful quilt she has recently finished. (Others of us are not yet quite in this league!)



Visits to different places are also arranged. e.g.

Future trips are in the pipeline for. St Fagans, Salisbury and Lacock.

New Members are always welcome. This group meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 2.00pm. We are proud to be part of a fellowship of more than 180,000 women.

If you are interested in joining our friendly and thriving group, please contact Jan Marsh: email: janm171@yahoo.co.uk

SALTFORD WALKERS

This year's walking season began well with a 5-mile walk around Bath's southern footpaths. We walked up Linear Park to the two tunnels, then through Alexandra Park and down to the river, where we walked alongside it all the way back to Linear Park. Unlike previous years, the weather was mild and dry, and the walk was enjoyed by a large number of participants.

This year's walk schedule includes our usual three Saturday walks per month, as well as social events and a coach trip to a location further away. Our three groups cater to a variety of walkers, with Strollers covering 2-3 miles, Amblers 4-6 miles, and Long Walkers 8-10 miles. They all begin in the morning, and the Strollers and Amblers walks are frequently followed by a lunch together. For our long walks, we bring a packed lunch and eat at a convenient location along the route.

If you think you might be interested in joining us on one of our walks, or even becoming a member, you can find information about all the walks on our website, where you can also contact us and learn more about participating.

www.saltfordwalkers.org.uk

SALTFORD SCHOOL

SALTFORD SCHOOL KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE

It is our duty to protect and safeguard all children in our care against harm or threats, including those that might come from their online worlds. As the internet is available at any time of the day or night, we all have a collective responsibility to keep informed so that we can help them enjoy the benefits of the internet while protecting against its dangers.

Online safety is a huge part of our computing lessons for all ages. Safer Internet Day in February provides a useful focus. This year's theme of 'Inspiring Change' means the children are learning about how technology inspires and influences

change in all our lives. We celebrate the amazing benefits of technology and how it shapes our world, while also ensuring our children stay safe in this ever-changing online world.

At school we run a group called Digital Leaders who support our younger children with using technology and what to do if they need help. They also help with a coding club for our younger children which gets them involved with technology and understanding its power. Digital Leaders previously supported the community too at the Saltford Internet Cafe.

We offer a wealth of online safety advice and support to families. This is also available to anyone in our community who wants to stay safe in the online world. See the summary of resources on the online safety page of our website: www.saltford-school.org.uk/key-information/online-safety. There is advice on parental controls and online games, protecting children on social networks and how to deal with online bullying.

We also subscribe to a monthly newsletter to give families up-to-date information about issues like safety while gaming and accessing the internet on the phone through popular apps. This is all done in an easy-to-understand style.

SALTORD FOOTBALL CLUB

While our junior teams enjoyed some time off over the Christmas break, Saltford First team and reserves played out some great results maintaining their push towards the top of their respective leagues. As of writing this article the first team currently sit 3rd with the reserves 2nd on goal difference while matching the leaders points tally. A return to action for all our junior sides sees both the U18's and U14 Red stripes maintain their league campaign currently unbeaten at the time of this article. Our current U10 and U8's are actively looking for new players with next season in mind and all our teams are always open to new players joining. For club details please visit: <https://saltfordfootballclub.com/>

KEYNSHAM ROTARY

Keynsham Rotary is a vibrant club of 17 members, both men and women, who meet 3 times a month, mainly at Saltford Golf club. Twice a month we enjoy a meal and speaker with subjects ranging from the valuable work of local and international charities, to personal achievements and business/commerce advances and innovations. The days of jacket and tie are well behind us, as is the need to

be in a trade or profession, and our meetings are informal

Our main aim is to have fun and enjoy fellowship. Through this comes the charity work we do. We are always finding ways of supporting the local community and regularly help at the Winter Festival escorting the procession, marshalling the firework display at Chandag Primary school, car parking at local fetes, individual members also marshal the Santa Dash and Keynsham Music Festival.

Fund raising is an important part of our work, through regular events such as a harvest supper and auction, Burns Night Dinner, selling roast chestnuts at the winter Festival, bucket collections etc .

We support both local and international charities. Support is also given to young people helping their ambition to expand their education and to help others. We have supported the local food bank during these hard times and given money to local charities doing amazing work in the community. Internationally, we help support people suffering from earthquakes, flood, famine and conflict, and regularly contribute to the Water Survival Box and Emergency Shelter Box schemes which provide fresh drinking water and shelter to those in need.

Please come along and meet us and if you like what you see, we would love to talk to you about membership. **Check us out at www.keynsham-rotary.org or have a chat with Paul at The Golf Club.**

SALTORD HOUSE SKITTLES LEAGUE

It is that time of year where the Saltford-In-house skittles reaches the finale of the front pin first competition. After a hard-fought battle and Just a couple of games left to play it looks like the Clubbies will be this seasons winners of this competition – but things can change! The highest average and total scores for both men and women are also up for grabs still!

In February we will start the all-in competition which will last until April time after which we finish for the summer only to start all over again in the autumn. It is a fun and good way to make friends in Saltford and we currently have 10 teams who all play at Saltford Sports Club,

We are always on the lookout for new players and they are always welcome. We are a friendly group so if you feel you would like to join us, or if you want further information, please call Kitty on 07976 891305.

KEYNSHAM & SALTORD LOCAL HISTORY SOC.

Our programme of monthly talks continues; in January we had a full hall to hear an excellent presentation by Bath historian and author Andrew Swift on "Building the Railway through Keynsham, Saltford and Twerton". Dr Swift has done a huge amount of research, scouring the minute books of the Great Western Railway and other contemporary sources to illustrate the challenges of constructing the railway and the difficulties the contractors had in dealing with the imperious and sometimes ruthless character of Isambard Brunel.

For our next meeting we see the return of a popular and engaging speaker, Nick McCamely.

On 18th March he will be speaking about Cold War Bunkers in the Southwest

The following meeting, with a complete contrast in subject, will be:

15th April with Dinah Moore, on Dr Edward Long Fox (of Brislington)

Edward Long Fox is a local figure who is not as well-known as he deserves to be. He built Brislington House as a private lunatic asylum and was a pioneer of sympathetic treatments of mental illness. His work influenced the design and construction of other asylums and the content of legislation in the field. Dinah Moore has researched his life and written on her subject.

In order to manage numbers, we generally limit attendance to members, so if you would like to join us for the talks, or take part in our summer activities later in the year, you can become a member by downloading an application form from our website at www.keysalthist.org.uk/join.htm

All meetings are held at St. Dunstan's Catholic Church Hall, Bristol Road, Keynsham and start at 7.30pm.

PARKINSON'S UK BATH & DISTRICT BRANCH

Coffee morning on the final Tuesday of the month, 26 March and 30 April, at The Talbot Inn, Bath Road, Keynsham, Bristol, BS31 1NP, 10.30am to midday. Open to everyone with Parkinson's, their families, friends and carers; a chance to discuss your situation and enjoy the company of others. Coffee and a chat, occasional quizzes and speakers. Coffee mornings too on various days of the week in Bath and other locations across B&NES. Contact: bathparkinsons@gmail.com

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for retired residents of Saltford

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OTHER NEWS

Have your say – The Local Plan, 1300 houses, and Our Green Belt

A Local Plan sets out how development will be planned for. The next B&NES Council Local Plan will be adopted in 2025 and take us up to 2042. Standard calculations show that there needs to be 6000+ new dwellings built in this period over and above what already has planning permission. As part of the legal process in preparing a plan, the B&NES planning department has listed a menu of “options” for consideration of where housing could go. Two sites have been listed at Saltford – Saltford South (800 houses and a new school) and Saltford West (500 houses and a new school).

A public consultation runs from 12th February up to 25th March. It is vital that everyone takes part in this consultation, the most important for many years.

B&NES Council Local Plan consultation from 12th February to 25th March

Electronic responses (preferred) via website: <https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/local-plan>

Postal address: Local Plan consultation, B&NES, Lewis House, Manvers Street, Bath BA1 1JG

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SATURDAY 8TH JUNE 2024

1.00PM–5.00 PM

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Saltford Festival 2024



The village through your eyes

Photography competition and exhibition

The SCA invites local residents to participate in a photography exhibition for the 2024 Saltford Village Festival. Photographs must be taken in Saltford and entry is free. Prizes will be awarded for the best entries and there will be a separate category for young photographers (14 years or younger). Multiple entries are allowed and can be in landscape or portrait format. As many entries as possible will be displayed during the Festival and suitable landscape format pictures will also be considered for the 2025 Saltford Calendar.

Please send enquiries and entries (in JPEG format) to photos@saltfordcommunity.org by Monday May 20th.

SALTFORD FESTIVAL 7 – 16 JUNE 2024

The 2024 Saltford Festival planning is in full flow. It will start on Friday 6th June through to Sunday 16th June and as usual will be crammed packed with lots of events, with something guaranteed to appeal to everyone.

Full details will start to appear on Facebook (www.facebook.com/SaltfordFestival) and the website www.saltfordfestival.org.uk. Nearer the time a Festival brochure will be put through all Saltford letterboxes detailing all the events and providing details on how to secure tickets for those that require them.

What follows is by nowhere near a full list of what's planned, but will give you a flavour of what to expect over the 9 days.

- Murder Mystery by Saltford Drama Club over 2 nights
- Jazz with Hannah Wedlock & The Blue Notes
- Open Gardens around Saltford
- Saltford School Fair
- Three Towers Walk
- Avon Fire & Rescue Brass Band 70th Anniversary Concert
- Family Fun Day at Saltford Sports Club
- Free taster sessions from various organisations
- Series of lunchtime talks
- Cheese & Wine evening complete with clothes sale
- Saltford Brass Mill open
- Photography competition
- Virtual tour of Bath with tea and cakes
- Repair Café open

We are regularly posting more information on all the planned events on our [Saltford Festival Facebook](#) page.

If you would like to get involved then email festival@saltfordhall.co.uk

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Saltford Community Association

Would you like some
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SUNDAY AFTERNOON TEA

Sundays can be the worst day of the week if you are on your own. So if you would like some company and a good old chat, why not come along to the Avon Room at Saltford Hall and share a 'cuppa and cake' on:

1ST SUNDAY IN EACH MONTH

2PM TO 4PM

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Sunday Afternoon Teas

It's been a good year for the Sunday Afternoon Teas.

For friends old and new, we have all enjoyed the wonderful cakes that are made by volunteers and a good chat over a cup or two of tea or coffee. Some like to play games too.

At Easter there were small gifts for everyone and at Christmas, Santa appeared with gifts for everyone too.

The meeting at Christmas is always a special one, with extra special cakes and treats and organised games and a quiz prepared and run by our volunteers and their sons, who kept us all entertained. We thank all our volunteers who have helped this year. Without them, we would not be able to do this.

Anyone who is on their own on a Sunday afternoon, the 1st Sunday of the month between 2pm and 4pm, is very welcome. There is no charge made. However, a voluntary donation can be made and this helps pay for the little extras at Easter and Christmas, with the remainder being donated to Charity.

This year we have £200 to go to a local charity or two. At our January get together it was decided to award £100 to Saltford Community Association and the remaining £100 to Dial a Ride. Both organisations are well used by local people and were thought to be worthy of our donations this year.

So, if you are on your own on the first Sunday of the month, why not come along. You may meet some old friends but you may also make new ones



Memory Lane Dementia Day Centre

Based in Kingswood, Bristol, our Memory Lane Day Centre hosts physical and mentally stimulating activities in our brand-new purpose-built day centre.

We invite those living with Dementia to our day centre to connect with others living in the community and share a sense of belonging. Fancy a spot of gardening in our sensory garden? Or perhaps afternoon tea with a sing-along? Whatever your needs, we will be able to support and sustain our service user's wellbeing through a wide range of activities.

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Saltford Business Network continues to work hard to support local businesses in difficult times. We will seek to continue our on-line seminars, as well as the steady stream of information through social media, our website and email, and we provide opportunities to share experiences in informal settings. The Network maintains links with local government, business organisations and academic institutions in the region.

Our membership continues to grow in number and diversity. More new members will always be welcome and the membership fee is reduced again for 2024. All you need is to be a business person resident, or actively engaged in business, in Saltford or nearby. We'll include your business in our on-line directory. Members are welcome to contribute to our series of informative on-line discussions.

In January we enjoyed a joint event at Keynsham Cricket Club with the "BS31" Business Networking Group. SBN will work with SCA to deliver more Jobs Fairs at Saltford Hall this year, the first on 27 April from 10am. We hope to meet in a Saltford hostelry one evening in March. Then there will be a Business Breakfast at Newton Farm on 23rd April. Our very brief on-line AGM with a Cyber Security update from iTeams Ltd will be on 23 May at 7pm. Do join us for these and more events as 2024 takes shape.

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1300 new residences identified for Saltford's green belt: B&NES Council Local Plan 'Options Consultation' – please respond!

At the time of going to print, B&NES Council's Local Plan 'Options Consultation' is due to open on 12 February and end on 8 April (residents are advised to check the B&NES website). SPC appreciates that the 'options' presented for up to 1300 new residences in Saltford, on green belt, will be of interest - and possible concern - to many residents.

Now is the time to let B&NES Council know your views about the proposals. Cllr Jon Godfrey, SPC Chair, spoke on behalf of SPC at the Public Meeting held by Saltford's B&NES Ward Councillors on 26 January (see image). Cllr Godfrey's key message was the need for residents to respond directly to the B&NES consultation, and not to rely on neighbours or other organisations to do so on their behalf.



Online responses can be submitted via B&NES's website: <https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/local-plan>
Or by post to: Local Plan consultation, B&NES, Lewis House, Manvers Street, Bath BA1 1JG

SPC is likely to resolve its response to B&NES Council's 'Options Consultation' at its 5 March meeting (7:15pm start), residents are welcome to attend and speak. SPC's response will be shared on its website following the meeting for the awareness of residents.

Annual Parish Meeting & 'Big Thank You!' 2024

Saltford's Annual Parish Meeting (APM) will take place on Friday 1 March starting at 7pm at Saltford Hall, as hosted by SPC. Residents are welcome to attend, details are on SPC's 'Meetings – Agendas and Minutes' webpage and noticeboard. The 'Big Thank You' event will be co-hosted with Saltford Community Association following the APM

SPC sets its precept for 2024/25

Saltford Parish Council consistently levies one of the lowest precepts in the B&NES Council area and this position is likely to remain the same after an increase in precept for 2024/25. An average Band D property (Band D is used as the national comparison) in Saltford will pay £30.69 p.a. This is a £3.61 per year increase for an average Band D property, or an increase of c.30p per calendar month. Although SPC has agreed an increase of its precept of 13.7%, as the Tax Base for Saltford has increased for 2024/25, this will translate on the Council Tax letter as an increase of 13.3%.

As part of its budget setting process, SPC agreed to create a 'Miscellaneous Grants – Environment' budget of £500 for 2024/25. Local organisations that meet eligibility criteria can apply for grant funding to support environmental initiatives of benefit to Saltford and its community. Visit <https://www.saltfordparishcouncil.gov.uk/finance/#grants> for further information.



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We all know that words change their meanings over time or take on new ones.

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People glibly speak of 'my truth' when they mean simply 'my opinion'.

Many politicians seem to think that truth is 'what I just said', and this can change to suit their purposes.

So, what is truth? The same question has been asked many times, hasn't it?

Philosophers have had masses to say about it, but most of us ordinary mortals are happy to say that truth can be expressed in simple statements of *fact*.

The problem with that is that facts can change as a result of new discoveries and experiences. (Scientists have been telling us that for ages.) So, if facts can change, does truth too?

The word *truth* is used a lot in religious circles, including Christian ones (even by those with rather weird, way-out and warped views!). Jesus, we read in the Bible, used the word a lot, which raises an interesting point. The word translated 'truth' there, is a Greek word which means literally, "without being in a dreamlike, drugged stupor."

In the light of this, 'true' is the opposite of 'imaginary', and 'truth' is 'reality'. It's about how we *experience* things, not about whether a fact or opinion is right or wrong.

Reading the Bible with this in mind avoids misunderstandings about which 'facts' are 'true'. It helps us to see that our faith (another often mis-used word) is 'true', not because of a set of facts, ideas or beliefs, but because we *experience* it as real. We are in a relationship with God.

Jesus said, "I am the **way** the **truth** and the **life**". I am the **real (true) way** to live **life**. He lived life in conscious relationship with God. That is the Christian message...we *all* can live that life.

Every Blessing, Ken Plant

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WEDNESDAY 8pm - PRAYER MEETING & BIBLE STUDY



We meet in the church, but access is also available via Skype. During these meetings, we study the bible and relate it to our own lives, this includes vibrant discussion and practical application. We also firmly believe that prayer works and unashamedly pray for our community, family & friends. If you would like to join our study and discussion, using Skype, please use the contact form on our website.

A message from our pastor Rev. Mike Leaves

Most churches at Easter will be focusing on a man called Jesus. In the services of Good Friday and Easter Sunday they will be seeking to answer two questions.

Who is Jesus and why did He have to die?

Who is Jesus?

The famous author and professor of English at Oxford University in the 1950's C.S. Lewis wrote that there were only 3 possible conclusions that can be drawn from the life of Jesus; That He was bad, or He was mad, or He was God". The Bible tells us very clearly that He was God.

Why did Jesus have to die?

The old Easter hymn "There is a green hill far away" has a verse which says:

"There was no other good enough
To pay the price of sin;
He only could unlock the gate
Of Heaven, and let us in."

Since God is a holy God and will not look upon sin in Heaven, sin must be dealt with before anyone of us can go to Heaven. The only way that sin could be removed was for Jesus to take the punishment for our sins upon Himself by dying on the Cross.

Our Saviour's death does not mean that everyone will automatically go to Heaven when they die. The Bible is clear, the ones who will be in Heaven are those that believe and trust in Jesus.

If you would like to know about Jesus and the Cross, then why not come to one of our meetings over Easter.

Upcoming Events

Good Friday 10:30



Please join us as we look at what Jesus went through on the cross for His people. The message of the cross, while terrible, contains a message of hope, for through the power of Christ on the cross there is forgiveness and a new chance at life because of what Jesus accomplished there for us. While the cross is a symbol of grievous suffering and a torturous death, it is also a symbol of the great compassion of our God.

Easter Sunday 11:00



You are welcome to join us as we celebrate the great news of the empty tomb. If Good Friday were all there were, then we as Christians would be the most depressed people on Earth. But we know that there is a resurrection Sunday. It is a day of victory. "He is not here, He is risen!" No other holiday is as critical to the Christian faith as Easter. The very foundation of Christianity stands or crumbles on the truthfulness of the fact that Jesus Christ rose from the dead. Easter is not about religious ritual or tradition. It is about the resurrection of the Son of God, an historical event.

Please contact us on 01225 874520, Facebook or use the contact form on our website. We do not charge for any of our meetings or activities. The gospel message is free to all.

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