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REGULAR ACTIVITIES AT SALTFORD 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	**Core Rehab – Seated Pilates**	Avon
1.30pm	**Saltford Short Mat Bowls**	Main Hall
1.30pm	**Whist Club**	Avon
2.00pm	**Saltford Scrabble Club**	Kelston
6.00pm	**Emma Walker Pilates**	Avon
7.00pm	**Keynsham Bridge Club**	Somerset
8.30pm	**Saltford Badminton**	Main Hall

Tuesday

9.30am	**The Art Group**	Somerset
9.30am	**Emma Walker Pilates**	Avon
10.00am	**Tuesday Morning Badminton**	Main Hall
11.00am	**Core Rehab – Seated Pilates**	Avon
1.00pm	**Everyone Heath-Wellbeing Coaching**	Kelston
1.15pm	**The Art Group**	Somerset
6.15pm	**Tuesday Evening Badminton**	Main Hall
7.30pm	**Saltford Village Choir**	Wansdyke
7.30pm	**Avon Badminton**	Main Hall

Wednesday

9.15am	**Story Stars**	Avon
9.30am	**Wednesday Morning Badminton Group**	Main Hall
9.30am	**The Art Group**	Somerset
11.15am	**Betty Burgess Badminton Club**	Main Hall
1.00pm	**Warm Wednesday Group**	Avon
1.30pm	**Saltford Short Mat Bowls**	Main Hall
4.00pm	**Keyford Dancing School**	Somerset
5.00pm	**Taekwondo Classes**	Main Hall
5.00pm	**Vitality Pilates**	Avon
6.30pm	**Emma Walker Pilates**	Avon
7.00pm	**Slimming World**	Wansdyke

Thursday

9.30am	**Jazzercise Class**	Main Hall
9.30am	**Emma Walker Pilates**	Avon
12.00am	**Saltford Seniors Exercise Class**	Main Hall
1.30pm	**Line Dance with Mandy Eades**	Main Hall
2.00pm	**Painting for Pleasure**	Somerset
6.15pm	**Stretch and Breathe Class**	Wansdyke
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
1.30pm	**Whist Club**	Avon

Saturday

9.00am	**Ashtanga Yoga**	Somerset
9.30am	**Jazzercise Class**	Main Hall

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	10.00am	**Bath Guild of Embroiderers**	Wansdyke
Second Tuesday	7.00pm	**Saltford Evening WI**	Avon
Third Tuesday	2.00pm	**Saltford Community Coffee Club**	Main Hall
Fourth Tuesday	2.00pm	**Saltford & Keynsham Flower Club**	Main Hall
First Tuesday	7.15pm	**Saltford Parish Council**	Avon
Second Wednesday	10.00am	**Face2Face Parkinsons**	Wansdyke
Second Thursday	7.30pm	**Bath & Bristol Coin Society**	Kelston
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
Fourth Saturday	2.30pm	**Historical Model Railway Society**	Wansdyke

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SALTFORD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
FORTHCOMING EVENTS IN 2026

October	16	Community Cinema – Hamnet	7.30pm
	17	Saltford Repair Café	11 – 1.00pm
	18	Flea Market	10.00am
	20	Saltford Community Coffee Club	2 – 4pm
	25	Antiques Fair with Community Cafe	9 - 2pm
November	1	Sunday Afternoon Tea	2 – 4pm
	13-14	Keyford Dancing Show	7.30pm
	17	Saltford Community Coffee Club	2 – 4pm
	20	Community Cinema – Nonnas	7.30pm
	21	Saltford Repair Café	11 – 1.00pm
	21	An audience with Glenn Hunter	7.30pm
	22	Antiques Fair with Community Café	9 – 2pm
	26-28	Saltford Drama Production – The Good Old Days	7.30pm
December	5	Christmas Market	10 – 2pm
	6	Santa Dash Cafe	9 - 1.00pm
	6	Sunday Afternoon Tea	2 - 4.00pm
	8	Saltford Community Coffee Club – Christmas Lunch	1 - 3pm
	10	Lighting the Christmas Tree	7.00pm
	12	Saltford Choir Christmas Concert	7.30pm

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

SECTIONAL ORGANISATIONS

SALTFORD VILLAGE CHOIR

Our preparations are now under way for the Christmas concert which will be held on

Saturday 12th December at Saltford Hall at 7:30pm

The concert is called 'Christmas Blessings'

The tickets cost £10 to include light refreshments, the same price as in several previous years.

We always look forwards to sharing our songs with the Saltford community and there are several opportunities for audience participation. We will sing some traditional Christmas carols as well as some uplifting Choir items.

We will hold a bucket collection at the end in support of the CRY charity (Cardiac Risk in the Young), the chosen charity of the choir this term. Please support us if you can.

We now have almost fifty members of the choir and enjoy the social aspect of this group every week at rehearsals. One of our members, Clive Brain, recently organised a boat trip round Bristol Docks and the M Shed for a dozen choir members. We were even able to operate one of the large cranes on the dockside. It was a marvellous day.

A good sing does us all a favour and I would encourage you to join us. No audition needed, just the ability to smile and sing.

Hope to see you on Tuesdays in the Wansdyke Room 7:30 – 9:30 pm.

SALTFORD DRAMA GROUP

Saltford Drama have been busy rehearsing "The Good Old Days" a Victorian Music Hall show, reminiscent of the BBC series of the same name, which captivated audiences for 30 years.

Presenting a variety show on this scale has proved challenging at times, not least producing close to 100 costumes for the large cast, but the amazing volunteer wardrobe department have risen above and beyond the challenge.

Following the traditional Music Hall format there will be a 'Chairman', who's lyrical preamble and banter introduce each act "In this emporium of entertainment" (Saltford Hall!) whilst cheekily encouraging the audience to participate, when appropriate of course!

Consisting of "A melange of melodious music with simply superb and splendiferous solos". Melodrama's to bring a tear to your eye. Comedy, which again, may also bring a tear to your eye! And even a little magic. This show should not be missed and will be " emphatically and unequivocally" (definitely!) enjoyed by all.

Tickets are going fast, so if you haven't got your tickets yet, now is the time!

AFFILIATED ORGANISATIONS

SALTFORD & KEYNSHAM FLOWER CLUB

We meet on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 2:00 pm in Saltford Main Hall (doors open at 1:30 pm). We'd love to welcome you! Just come along, enjoy a friendly afternoon of flower arranging practice sessions demonstrations and pay £10 cash on the door for November as this is a special meeting. Contact Val Purkis on 07931103387 for more details or check our Facebook Page Saltford & Keynsham Flower Club and the website https://Saltfordfloralclub.com

Tuesday 27th October 2026 2pm – Practice Meeting creating Christmas Decorations

At this meeting we will be creating Christmas decorations or a Halloween design using foliage, flowers, candles & baubles or spooky items. Bring a good selection of flowers & foliage along with a choice of containers and a method for fixing the arrangements e.g. chicken wire, frogs, floral foam. Guidance will be given to those who want it. Some materials will be available on the sales table.

Non-members pay £8 on the door.

The raffle contains some wonderful Hampers, put together by Christine. Definitely worth buying raffle tickets, Flower Club policy is one person, one prize.

Tuesday 24th November 2026 2pm – Christmas Demonstration with Carole Norman.

We are in for a treat with Carole designing stunning flower arrangements accompanied by her very funny narrative. She will use unusual flowers & foliage and it will be a fun filled afternoon. The raffle not only contains the arrangements but includes some wonderful

Hampers, put together by Christine, again it's one person per prize.

The cost for Non-members is £10 as the Christmas demo costs us more to run.

SALTFORD BRASS MILL

We are pleased to report that we have now updated the Brass Mill Virtual Tour to incorporate our audio guide and so enable virtual visitors to experience a 'guided tour' of the monument at their leisure and from any location. Check our Facebook page for a link to this enhanced Virtual Tour.

The Brass Mill is now closed for this year and we hope to re-open as usual on Saturday, May 8 and Sunday, May 2, 2027 for the National Mills Weekend. We will be open from 10am to 4pm and entry is free. Children and well-behaved dogs are welcome. Please see below about possible interruptions to these dates.

Repairs to the monument, identified back in February 2025, have now been specified in considerable detail by the Consultant Structural Engineers and the work has been approved by Historic England. BaNES Council is in the process of finding the contractors to carry out what is a specialist work, primarily affecting the unique chimney stack of the annealing furnace. The final phase of this work will require the draining of the leat to enable the foundations of the chimney to be re-enforced and will also allow access to the culvert so that this can be inspected and re-pointed as necessary. This will make this a challenging and possibly long phase of the project, currently expected to start around July 2027.

These long overdue repairs would clearly impact our ability to open the Mill as planned in May 2027 and ensure safety for our volunteers and visitors. At this stage we do not know the full implications of these repairs to our normal open days programme and will do our best to keep you updated as things develop.

If you would like to join us and help us look after Salford's unique Scheduled Monument, then contact us by email at: enquiries@brassmill.com.

SALTFORD WOMBLES

As another year comes to a close and we prepare for the stormy weather, our litter picking continues unabated with the river as the summer hot spot and now the A4 again as the winter one. Out on a wild and windy morn, the most litter we collect comes from recycling where lids have blown off / no lids. Please can everyone help to minimise the litter which if not retrieve will find its way into the soil or waterways by keeping lids on your recycling and weighting down/ stacking your boxes. If you like it, please put a lid on it. It all helps. Thank you. If you are missing a lid/bin, it is easy to order a replacement for free at https://www.bathnes.gov.uk/order-box-bag-or-bin. The answer is blowin' in the wind.

Our last Group pick of the year is on 29 Nov, meeting at 2pm at The Little Coffee Shop

We will start again in January with hopes of no river flooding this winter.

With very many thanks to all our wonderful Wombles for another year looking after our village and environment.

If you would like to know more about Saltford Wombles, please contact Ian at saltfordwombles@gamil.com

SALTFORD MORNING WI

We have continued to enjoy our friendly and interesting get-togethers; discussion and book groups with of course our main monthly meeting. We are lucky to have individuals prepared to lead and enthusiastic members who love attending and contributing.

In August we marked the beginning of our 10th Anniversary year and welcomed the charities we have supported over the past year - Bristol Young Carers, Peggy Dodd Centre and Dorothy House Hospice all shared the importance of their work and everyone was moved to hear of the difference they make to people's lives.

We were also delighted to welcome back Joy, who joined us last year to talk to us about her life and work at Bletchley Park. Joy celebrated her 100th birthday in August and we offered our congratulations as she updated us with her news since we last met, which included recent TV appearances -

an inspiration to us all. Afterwards we all shared a delicious brunch, it was so lovely to hear the buzz in the hall and the laughter between friends.

In September Bob Rogers made a welcome return with his Hebrides Part 2 talk. Bob has such a passion for the islands, his stories from the locals are really interesting and his photographs are second to none. At this meeting we also heard from one of our own members who travelled from John O'Groats to Lands End by public bus. Val and her friend raised a phenomenal amount for St Peter's Hospice and recounted some amusing experiences of their summer journey - amazing ladies!

We have welcomed a number of new members to our group who are enthusiastic about what we do which is lovely to hear. We have interesting meetings, events and trips planned in the coming months with our winter coffee mornings just started. All are welcome.

SALTFORD AFTERNOON WI

The past couple of meetings at the Saltford Afternoon WI group have been both informative and energetic. In September we welcomed a representative from the Avon Ambulance Service who provided us with CPR training and in October we welcomed Paula Smith who provided us with a fun way to keep actively mobile.

In October, we also enjoyed a visit from the local Farandole dancers who demonstrated dances from the 14th and 15th centuries. Their costumes were very elaborate and in keeping with that era.

In November and December, we are welcoming, as our speakers, a Pelvic Physiotherapist and the storyteller, Mark Rutterfield. Two very different visitors that will be provide very different experiences!

We are also very proud to report that one of our members, Esther Welch was nominated as one of four finalists for the BBC/Radio Bristol "Make a Difference" award in the category of "Great Neighbour". Esther did not win but reported that she had a lovely evening at the presentation of the local BBC awards in Weston-Super-Mare.

We have two Book Clubs which are well supported, a monthly Craft Group and have a "Cinema/ Theatre Group" in place. Last month we went to see the film "Sense and Sensibility" and are looking forward to watching "Fallen Angels" by Noel Coward and "Giant" (a play about Roald Dahl) soon.

New members are always welcome. This group meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 2.00pm in Saltford Hall. 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 and would like to come along to meet us, please contact our President: Jan Marsh. We would be very happy to see you. Email: janmsawi34@outlook.com

SALTFORD ENVIRONMENT GROUP

According to the RSPB and others, evidence shows that if we have a greater connection with nature, that can improve our health and wellbeing.

Observing birdlife in our gardens or local landscape can provide significant, boosts to mental well-being and brain health. Researchers from Kings College discovered that everyday encounters, like seeing or hearing birds, spark an improvement in mental well-being that can last up to eight hours.

Paying attention to birds forces individuals to stay highly engaged, present, and aware, effectively banishing intrusive, stressful thoughts. Studies have shown that the benefits of observing birdlife range from immediate psychological relief to long-term neurological protection against cognitive decline.

Combating low mood, lowering blood pressure and reducing stress and anxiety are nature's prescription we can all benefit from. And a daily "fix" observing nature is free!

The BaNES Draft Local Plan: Residents will not be surprised that SEG is strongly opposed to the deeply concerning proposals in the BaNES Draft Local Plan covering the period 2025 to 2043 to develop large parcels of Saltford's Green Belt on the south and west side of our village with 1,290 houses, representing a disproportionate 75% increase in Saltford's housing stock.

SEG is fully supportive of the Parish Council's comprehensive response opposing the plan to BaNES Council's consultation before the draft plan goes for public examination by a government planning inspector in 2027. The affordable housing we need should be built closer to centres of employment and not in the countryside that is essential for supporting nature, our health, and future food security. Our website features the latest news on this important issue for Saltford.

www.saltfordenvironmentgroup.org.uk

SALTFORD TENNIS CLUB

A BUSY YEAR FOR SALTFORD LAWN TENNIS CLUB

It's been a busy and successful year for Saltford Lawn Tennis Club, with plenty happening both on and off the courts.

We welcomed Dan Bellamy as our new Head Coach, and his enthusiasm, energy and commitment have already made a real impact. His approach has been warmly received by members, and we're looking forward to continuing to develop our coaching programme under his leadership.

As members of Avon Tennis, we have also enjoyed another successful year of competitive tennis. We entered both men's and ladies' teams in the Summer, Late Summer and Winter Leagues, competing against clubs from across the region and achieving some excellent results.

A particular highlight this year was the first-ever Avon Walking Tennis Tournament, organised by Avon Tennis and bringing together Walking Tennis players from clubs across the area.

Saltford entered two men's teams in the tournament, held at Clifton Tennis Club in September: Kevin Mulvaney and Terry McGregor, and Martin Lam and Tony Reed.

Playing on Clifton's AstroTurf courts provided a different challenge from the surfaces our players are used to at Saltford, but both teams adapted brilliantly. It was a thoroughly enjoyable day, played in great spirit, and provided a fantastic opportunity to meet and compete against Walking Tennis players from other clubs across the region.

Our two teams finished 3rd and 4th, which was a particularly commendable achievement given the unfamiliar playing surface.

It was another great example of the friendly, inclusive and community-focused spirit that makes Saltford Lawn Tennis Club such a special place to play tennis.

KEYNSHAM & SALTFORD WINE CIRCLE

It was a fun evening at our September meeting with a combination of bingo and quizzing provided by Rosemary and David with prizes, and an impromptu quiz made up on the spur of the moment by Alan.

In October Alan gave us a tasting of three ports: Cockburns White Port, Grahams Late Bottled Vintage Ruby Port and Cockburns 10 Year Tawny Port. He also described how port wine is made, the varieties of port that are available and the background history of the wine making families. To accompany the port we had a variety of cheeses and biscuits, Shropshire, Brie, Red Fox , Blue cheese and grapes, put together by Rosemary and David. Very tasty!

The next two meetings will be lunchtime events in keeping with the festive season, so we wish our members and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

If you would like to join us for a social evening or have further information, please contact Alan Dummott on 07941 774939

PARKINSON'S UK BATH & DISTRICT BRANCH

Coffee morning on the final Tuesday of the month, 24th November but exceptionally because of Christmas on 15th (not 27th) December, starting at 11am. Note this new later start time. Held at The Talbot Inn, Bath Road, Keynsham, BS31 1NP.

Open to everyone with Parkinson's, their families, friends and carers; a chance to share experience and enjoy the company of others. Coffee and a chat, information about Parkinson's, occasional quizzes and speakers. Also a get-together 3rd

Monday of the month, 2pm-4pm, in Odd Down Sports Ground meeting room, Chelwood Drive, Bath, BA2 2PR. Coffee mornings too on various days of the week in other locations across B&NES and a monthly pub evening in Bath. **Contact: bathparkinsons@gmail.com / https://localsupport.parkinsons.org.uk/ provider/bath-and-district-branch**

SALTFORD WHIST CLUB

Another good month with new member joining us, now a strong club membership.

Just a reminder if you have visitors and they would like to join us on a one off or more during their stay they would be very welcome.

We run a friendly club with a half time break for coffee/tea and biscuits.

We meet Monday afternoons at 1.30 for more information contact me Malcolm 01225 872555 I would love to hear from you or, just drop into the Avon room at Saltford hall a little before i.30.

I look forward to hearing or seeing you soon.

KEYNSHAM AND SALTFORD PROBUS CLUB

The Club continues to provide a varied series of outings for its members and partners.

September saw visits to the Bird of Prey Centre at Newton St Loe, followed by a trip to Sudeley Castle (see photo). The latter visit included a guided tour, uncovering 1000 years of history from Saxon times, the Roman occupation, Civil War sieges and the 19th century restoration by the Dent family (well known as glove makers). Other highlights of the visit were the tomb of Katherine Parr, wife of Henry 8th, and, of course, some delicious tea and cakes!

We are looking forward to a walk entitled 'Bath in the Blitz' guided by Robin Dixon, and a group will be visiting the Mission Theatre in Bath to see a production of Gilbert and Sullivan's 'Patience'.

November will see a musically themed lunch with a talk and performance of 'The History of the Banjo'.

As always, if you would like to know more about our club please visit www.ksprobus.co.uk

SALTFORD4NATURE

What a difference a bit of rain makes! Although the drought is far from over, in just a few weeks the flower beds have sprung back into life with flowers that should have previously bloomed, putting on an impressive late show of colour. Likewise, S4N has grown and we are delighted to announce two new projects, aimed at providing more much-needed sources of nectar for pollinators, as well as creating visually attractive areas for the village.

You may have already noticed the two new beds that have recently been dug out (thanks again to BANES Parks Team) on the corner of Collingwood Close. These were quickly planted up by a number of new S4N members who live close to the latest beds. This fresh set of volunteers, calling themselves 'Collings' have kindly agreed to be responsible for managing the newest beds.

We are also excited to announce an additional project beginning at the end of October. Through our own fundraising from plant sales, together with a generous grant from Saltford Parish Council, for which we are very grateful, we are aiming to plant 1,080 naturalising spring bulbs over the next couple of months to brighten up some areas of verges close to Saltford School. It will be a lengthy task, but we again hope to involve pupils from Saltford School's Green Teams in the planting. More information about the bulb project will be given in the next SCAN.

S4N formed only 3 years ago, but with just a few volunteers we now have 10 beds in 3 locations, a Community Fruit Garden and a pending bulb project. It just shows what can be achieved with a common goal and the Saltford community spirit! To find out more or to get involved, please contact us at saltford4nature@gmail.com

SALTFORD BUSINESS NETWORK

As well as providing networking opportunities for business people in Saltford and the surrounding areas, SBN keeps in touch with councils and other decision-making bodies. We can keep members informed of consultations, draft plans etc so that they can make sure business-related aspects are not forgotten.

We have ensured that information about the recent WECA transport and B&NES Local Plan consultations has been circulated to the 100+ businesses and organisations on our mailing list.

During September we met up at The Jolly Sailor for a casual drop-in and networking. Some of the group had a short circular walk along the riverbank and the cycle track before meeting up with others at the pub.

We had a Breakfast at Newton Farm on 20th October and have booked our annual curry evening at Golden Moments for Monday 7th December.

Events are publicised on Saltford Swap and on the BS31 Business Network page.

If you would like to join a friendly local group for business people, message us on info@saltford-businessnetwork.org.ukmember of our network for the vast sum of £20 per year! Our membership is open to all individual business persons, partnerships and companies based in Saltford. Also, to those engaged in business within Saltford and its surrounding areas, including Keynsham, and any individual business persons who reside in the Saltford area. www.saltfordbusinessnetwork.org.uk

SALTFORD EVENING WI

As usual there has been plenty going on. We had a superb trip to Sidmouth on a glorious sunny day. I think it fair to say all of us had fish & chips but only two went swimming!

Last month's Scan said that we would be having a 'social evening'., and it was very successful. We do enjoy them. The quiz, set by one of our members, was really good and as usual most of us realised we don't know many facts, well, we do, but not the right ones. The winners of the Football World Cup draw were given their cash. The food contributed to the buffet was so good with members really going all out to contribute tasty treats. It was good to just relax and catch up with members, with a glass of vino, of course.

One of the topics often raised is how we can attract more members to Evening WI, because we are sure there are folk out there who would enjoy it so much. We could certainly do with some younger members. Is it because of the mistaken view that we are old fuddy-duddies who knit and make cakes? I can assure you we are not. We have brilliant speakers on such interesting and fascinating subjects and visits to amazing venues. When I think back I remember our visit to the Houses of Parliament; Broadcasting House in Bristol when one of our members was televised reading the weather forecast and, of course, Glastonbury with Sir Michael Eavis as our guide.

Well, by the time you are reading this the clocks will have 'gone back' (why?), the winter duvets will be on and our Christmas Meal will have been booked. Happy days!

p.s. Look forward to see you at our stall at the Christmas Market on Saturday 5th December

KEYNSHAM & SALTFORD LOCAL HISTORY SOC.

This season's programme of talks is well underway and our next meeting, on 16th November, features Claire Dimond-Mills speaking on "Read all about it". Claire will be showing how newspapers can reveal great stories about our past. This will be followed in December by a talk on "Yanks in Bristol in World War 2" by Oliver Davey, who has uncovered many stories about the friendly Americans who were posted to this area in the second half of the War.

Our meetings are St Dunstan's Church Hall on Bristol Road, Keynsham, starting at 7.30pm; new members are always welcome and you can find more details of our activities and a membership form on our website. This has just been updated and includes presentations, photographs and stories of local history on the resources page – all at **www.keysalthist.org.uk**

SALTFORD FAIRTRADE GROUP

Thank you! A huge thank you to everyone who supported us at our Fairtrade Fortnight coffee morning in September. We really appreciate your support. Holding community events is a cornerstone of our focus on local campaigning and a key 'goal' to remaining a Fairtrade Village, something we have been proud

to celebrate since 2013.

Throughout the UK, towns, villages, schools and universities held events to coincide with Fairtrade Fortnight and retailers were once again prominent in their support for Fairtrade.

We were particularly grateful to our local branch of Tesco Saltford, who kindly donated Fairtrade products towards our raffle. Don't forget to look out for the Fairtrade 'Logo' on products wherever you do your shopping.

Some of our members attended a talk in October organised by Bath University and heard directly from Yesenia Palacios, a Fairtrade coffee producer from Nicaragua, who shared her experience of being a Fairtrade-registered grower and explained how Fairtrade trading practices have positively impacted her life and community.

So, wherever you get your shopping if it's Fairtrade, you are helping farmers, their families and their communities build a better and fairer future. This is achieved because the commercial buyers pay a 'Fairtrade Dividend' back to the communities who produce the goods.

With thoughts now turning to Christmas we're asking everyone to 'DO IT FAIR'. Why not treat your loved ones to something from the 'Ethical Superstore', the 'One World Shop' or our local Oxfam store, where there's so much to choose from.

Want to find out more or help by joining our group? Scan the QR code to find out more or email us at: saltfordfairtrade@hotmail.co.uk we'd love to hear from you!

1ST SALTFORD SCOUT GROUP

ARGUS EXPLORERS SUMMER CAMP IN THE NETHERLANDS

On Sunday, we had a very early start, delayed by traffic going into the airport. The trip from Bristol to Amsterdam Schiphol was uneventful, with smooth sailing through security. After landing, we took the train to Baarn, which was clean and fancy compared to British trains. We were allowed to explore the high street before walking to our site, passing nice houses and the longest, most repetitive road I have ever seen. It felt like we were not moving because of the parallel trees. Eventually, we reached our modern lodgings with clean toilets, showers and rooms. After setting up, we had dinner and relaxed until bedtime.

On Monday, we went on two small hikes. One lasted two hours near our site in Baarn. We returned for lunch before another walk into the centre, where there were shops and cafes. We also saw deer and birds in a sanctuary. Our group explored Baarn and got ice cream, while a larger group went to the park and played an Argus-designed board game.

Wednesday was one of the best and busiest days of the camp. We learned about the city's history and had a unique view of Amsterdam's famous sights from the canal. After disembarking, we had free time before travelling to the Wonder experience using our I-Amsterdam travel cards. We explored in small groups, finding photo opportunities, a bouncy castle, ball pits, sensory experiences and a life-size replica of SpongeBob's house. It was a fun afternoon filled with laughter and bonding before exploring the city and local attractions. We then caught the train back to the Scoutcentrum to watch the solar eclipse.

Experiencing the eclipse in another country with scouts from other countries was a once-

in-a-lifetime experience. The staff at Buitenzorg tracked the eclipse with a pinhole camera, and it was amazing to see the sun change throughout the evening.

On Thursday, we took a train from Baarn to Amsterdam, where we explored the city and visited the zoo. A group did a treetop adventure, then had to navigate the train system back, including taking the wrong train before getting back on route to Amsterdam Central. We were told the systems were down and the other group had been waiting for two hours. We combined groups and went downstairs for food. Some people ordered pizza slices, while one ordered a whole pizza. Suddenly, we saw people running between platforms and spotted one of our leaders, so we ran after him, leaving our unfinished pizzas. We got on the train just in time, were told to get off, then told to get back on. We finally made it back to Baarn, laughing about the day and the pizza left behind.

Our final day was supposed to be straightforward. We finished packing, left the site and walked to the train station. The journey to the airport went smoothly. We took one last group photo outside a shop with a large wooden clog. We wandered around the airport until we were told our flight had been cancelled. We returned to Amsterdam to get lunch whilst a Leaders worked tirelessly to get us home! We returned with a new plan: a third of our group would fly to Gatwick, while the rest would take a 10:00pm flight to Manchester. Going through security again felt like groundhog day, and we recreated the photo we had taken nearly seven hours earlier, looking more fatigued. After waiting, we split into groups and boarded our planes. Twelve hours later than anticipated, we landed back in England. Finally, we made it home after a long day

KEYNSHAM & DISTRICT TALKING NEWSPAPER

KTN IS NOW AVAILABLE ON ALEXA!

The Keynsham and District Talking Newspaper (KTN) is delighted to share some exciting news – you can now listen to KTN through Alexa!

This new service makes it even easier for listeners to access our weekly audio magazine, bringing local news, features, community information and stories directly to Alexa-enabled devices.

We would like to give a special thank you to Tim Winship, from the KTN Committee, who led the technical work to make this possible. We would also like to thank Simon Bright, who uploads the KTN service to Alexa every week.

How to enable KTN on Alexa

Simply say:

"Alexa, enable Talking Newspapers."

Follow the instructions to complete the setup.

Once enabled, you can say:

"Alexa, open Talking Newspaper"

and then request "Keynsham and District".

Alternatively, you can say:

"Alexa, ask Talking Newspaper for Keynsham."

If you have any problems setting up the skill, you may need to use the Alexa app on your phone or smart device:

More - Skills and Games - Search - "Talking Newspapers" - Enable

KTN continues to provide its free weekly service for people who are unable to read newsprint because of poor eyesight or blindness. We are proud to keep finding new ways to make our service accessible and available to our listeners. To find out more, visit https://www.ktn.org.uk/ or call 0117 299 3021.

Keynsham Talking Newspaper – keeping the community connected through audio.

SALTFORD WALKERS

SALTFORD WALKERS OCTOBER 2026

We have had a busy summer planning some social activities - a talk on poisonous plants, our annual Winter combined groups walk and Christmas lunch.

Contact us through the website if you would like to try a free walk. We welcome new members and usually walk monthly on a Saturday:

Walkers - distance 8-10 miles

Amblers – distance 3-5 miles

Strollers - distance 2-3 miles

Some walks were sadly cancelled this summer due to the extreme heat. However, recent walks have included:

Summer Combined Walk

The three walking groups met in September for a fantastic day walking to Bristol along the River Avon. Long walkers met at The Lock Keeper Pub in Keynsham, Amblers joined the walk in Hanham

and Strollers at St Mary Redcliffe Church, having explored parts of Bristol City Centre. All groups met for lunch.

Longer Walking group :

In August, this hilly walk went from Corsham to Colerne and back. There were many, points of interest along the way including the Pickwick area of Corsham ,the inspiration for Charles Dickens's book, The Pickwick Papers, and some homes of famous people .

Amblers Walking group

This walk started at Sand Bay National Trust car park, then went across the fields to Woodspring Priory. There were fabulous views of the Severn Estuary, Birnbeck Pier and Steep Holm Island.

Strollers Walking Group

August – around Blagdon Lake

This popular walk was around the shores of Blagdon Lake with great views and lots of points of interest. Some members chose to have lunch at The New Inn afterwards.

July 2 - Burrington Ham

A pretty walk from Burrington Comb to the common of Burrington Ham, with a pub lunch at the end of the walk.

Look on our website for more information about upcoming walks and how to join us

BRISTOL AVON SAILING CLUB

Summer Sails, Solar Spectacles and a Few Convenient Capsizes!

August is usually one of the quieter months at the club, but this year clearly nobody told the sailors!

The month got off to an unusual start when members took to the water during the partial eclipse. In what may well be a club first, sailors were able to experience racing under noticeably darker skies, while those preferring terra firma gathered on the clubhouse balcony armed with colanders and homemade pin-hole cameras. It was perhaps the only day this year when looking through kitchen utensils was considered a legitimate sailing activity!

At the end of August, our Friends & Family Fun Day once again joined forces with North Avon Canoe Club for a fantastic day on the river. With temperatures remaining stubbornly high, there was no better place to be than on the water, whether under sail, paddling a kayak or balancing on a paddleboard. A few capsizes were reported, although it was sometimes difficult to tell the difference between an accident and a deliberate attempt to cool off.

September brought the close of another successful Wednesday evening sailing season with daylight hours too short to complete races before dusk, signalling the annual shift to our Autumn programme. Fortunately, the change of season often delivers some of the best sailing winds of the year, proving that there is still plenty of excitement to be had on the water.

And, of course, there is another important benefit to autumn: the return of cosy Sunday lunches in the clubhouse. So, while the days may be getting shorter, there's still plenty to look forward to, both on the water and around the lunch table.

Here's to an enjoyable autumn season ahead!

GROW FOR LIFE

Autumn has been a busy time at Grow for Life, with our gardening groups back in full swing and exciting plans taking shape!

Our autumn programme offers a variety of opportunities to enjoy gardening, connect with others and improve wellbeing. These include our ten-week Herbs & Nature course in Victoria Gardens, Bath, regular sessions in the Walled Garden at Newton St Loe, a dedicated women's group and a new gardening partnership with Dorothy House at Winsley.

Walled garden, Newton st Loe

Our Wednesday 'Out and About' group also helps maintain gardens across Bath, including the beautiful Serenity Garden at Haycombe Cemetery.

Meanwhile, we're developing our new potting shed in the Walled Garden to widen our therapeutic offer to include group activities such as crafts

and cookery. We're also excited about making greater use of the neighbouring coppice and orchard space.

Perhaps the best way to understand what Grow for Life offers is to hear from our gardeners themselves:

"It's one of those things that helps me have balance in my life. It reduces my anxiety, which is continuing to improve. The sessions really do help."

"I really felt heard and seen, and that I mattered. [The impact was] it gave me hope."

Would you or someone you know benefit from spending time gardening with others?

Find out more at www.growforlife.org.uk or email info@growforlife.org.uk.

SALTFORD' SANTA DASH

SALTFORD SANTA DASH IS BACK!

The countdown is on for the Saltford Santa Dash, returning on Sunday 6th December for another fantastic day of festive fun, community spirit and fundraising.

We recently held our first ever Santa Dash Fundraiser Quiz Night, and what a brilliant evening it was! There was plenty of friendly competitiveness, lots of laughter and fantastic support, followed by a disco to finish the night. A huge thank you to everyone who came along, donated prizes and helped make our first quiz night such a success.

Now our attention turns to the main event!

The Santa Dash will begin with a fun festive warm-up, with Father Christmas himself making an appearance. There will also be a wonderful choir bringing plenty of Christmas cheer, festive crafts for the children and lots happening throughout the morning.

There is something for all ages and abilities:

Mini Dash – two laps of the sports field for our youngest Santas

5K Santa Dash

5-mile Santa Dash

This year we are proudly raising funds for Cardiac Risk in the Young (CRY), in memory of local young man Jack Boulton, and Mentoring Plus, a Bath-based charity supporting children and young people.

We will also have a fantastic raffle on the day, with an incredible selection of prizes generously donated by local businesses and supporters.

Whether you run, walk, volunteer, cheer from the sidelines or simply come along to enjoy the atmosphere, your support really does make a difference.

Please join us on Sunday 6th December and help make this year's Saltford Santa Dash another day to remember!

KEYNSHAM & DISTRICT DIAL A RIDE

With the K1 and K2 services operating in Keynsham, those who are unable to make it to a designated bus stop should consider:

Keynsham & District Dial-a-Ride is a door-to-door, fully accessible community minibus service designed for residents who cannot access conventional public transport. Operated as a registered charity, it serves as a vital lifeline for shopping trips, medical appointments, and local community activities across Keynsham and its surrounding villages.

Eligibility & Areas Covered

The service is available to individuals who struggle with standard public transport, live further than 400 yards from a usable bus stop, have difficulty carrying shopping, or live with a disability

- Core Catchment: Keynsham, Saltford, Whitchurch Village, and nearby rural locations.
- Destinations: Local journeys, plus dedicated hospital transport routes to destinations like the Royal United Hospital (RUH) in Bath

Operations & Booking Details

- Operating Hours: Monday to Friday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.
- Vehicle Accessibility: Minibuses feature tail-lifts and specialized safety anchoring systems to comfortably accommodate wheelchairs and mobility scooters. (Note: If you travel with a wheelchair, you will need to provide the make and model in advance so staff can confirm its weight and safety compatibility.)

Core Contact Information

For bookings, registrations, or general inquiries, you can reach out directly via these channels:

- Booking/Inquiry Lines: 01225 395321 or 01225 395628

Primary Email: admin@keynshamdialaride.co.uk

· Website: www.keynshamdialaride.org.uk

Are you looking to register as a new passenger, book a specific trip, or find out about fares and volunteer opportunities? Then contact us at the Core Contact Information points above.

AVON WILDLIFE TRUST KEYNSHAM GROUP

Events with Avon Wildlife Trust Keynsham Group this Winter

Our Autumn program of wildlife talks continues this month at the Baptist Church Hall in Keynsham on Friday November 13th with "The Weird and Wonderful World of Moths"

Moths are bizarre, beautiful, ancient, vital, and wildly misunderstood. Join Charlie Tallis from BS3 Moth Club on a journey into the strange and surreal world of the moths living in your garden and beyond!

Friday 12th December is our Members Evening (open to all), "Yuletide and the Wild Side" with 3 short talks by members: "Antarctic Antics", "Exploring Hadrian's Wall" and "Local Wildlife Encounters" plus festive refreshments and a wildlife quiz.

Entry: £3.50 for Avon Wildlife Trust members/£5.00 for non-members to include refreshments served at 7:15pm before each talk. All welcome, no booking required.

For more information on Keynsham Group and details on our talks, visit our website: www.keynshamawt.org.uk Email: info@keynshamawt.org.uk or phone Kathy: 07850 508702. Our website holds lots of group news, wildlife tips and information. Check out our sales pages for well priced bird food, gifts, Christmas and other greetings cards which can be delivered locally. All profits help the important work of Avon Wildlife Trust.

KEYNSHAM BRIDGE CLUB

Moving into Autumn, the club continues to thrive with an average of 6 tables in play on our regular Monday evenings. Membership remains strong, and, at just £8 per month, it represents excellent value for money.

If you're interested in learning to play, whether you have little or no experience, now is a great time to get in touch. Please give me a call on 07952 632625.

We had our annual Fish & Chip supper at the Saltford Golf Club on the 15th September which was well attended and there was a lively bridge session afterwards with 7 tables.

A reminder for all members: please let Pat know if you will be playing in the week following an absence, or if you are unable to attend after previously indicating that you would be available. This is a tremendous help to Mike when setting up the tables each week.

To contact Pat:

- Email: patriciacsheppard45@gmail.com
- Telephone: 0117 932 3443

We are currently able to help experienced players find partners, so if you would like to play but don't have a partner, please get in touch with Pat Middleton at pmiddletonj@icloud.com.

SALTFORD GOLF CLUB

Saltford Golf Club hosted the womens' Somerset Handicap Championships on 20th August, which saw over 70 players from across the county competing for a number of trophies.

There were some excellent scores with Saltford women golfers securing a number of prestigious trophies. Arabella White won both the Cairns Cup and the Dickinson Cup with an impressive gross 73, whilst Amanda Mayne won both the Janet White Salver and the Jenny Hobbs Trophy, also with an excellent gross score of 73.

Saltford Golf Club were crowned as Somerset's Champion Club and will go forward to next year's National Clubs Competition, represented by Arabella, Amanda and Abigail Whittock.

The County organisers and all the participants expressed grateful thanks to Saltford for a hugely successful day.

Saltford golf club is a welcoming, supportive club for women and girls, beginners through to experienced golfers. The beautiful Parkland course

between Bristol and Bath next year celebrates 100 years of Women playing golf at Saltford.

SALTFORD POPPY PROJECT

Throughout 2026, local volunteers have been meeting regularly to create the Saltford Poppy Project – a village-wide tribute to those who lost their lives in service to their country.

With the support of local volunteers – including residents, Scouts, Guides, school children, St Mary's Church and community group members - around 5,000 handcrafted poppies have been created. The initiative has been supported by Saltford Community Association, Saltford Parish Council (SPC) and Saltford's B&NES Ward Councillors.

Each poppy created represents time, care and a shared commitment to remembering the fallen. From making individual poppies to creating and putting up the displays, this has been a real community effort, with many residents contributing their time, creativity and enthusiasm.

The poppies will form a range of displays throughout Saltford, including at the church, War Memorial and Memorial Garden and Saltford Hall. There will also be around 40 poppy wreaths along the Remembrance Sunday parade route. Wreaths will also remember individuals from Saltford who lost their lives – about 10 wreaths will be displayed at selected locations, near their homes, in their memory. We hope residents enjoy seeing the poppy displays and wreaths around our village this November.

A huge thank you to everyone who has contributed to the project, and to all the residents who have supported it. Your time, generosity and community spirit have helped make this special tribute in 2026 possible.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - Sunday 8 November 2026

Saltford's Remembrance Sunday commemorations, including the parade (between Broadway and the church) and Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial, will take place on Sunday 8 November. For information including timings and road closures, visit SPC's website under 'News': www.saltfordparishcouncil.gov.uk/news

Our thanks also go to Saltford Scouts for organising the parade, as supported by Saltford Guides, and to St Mary's Church.

Lest we forget

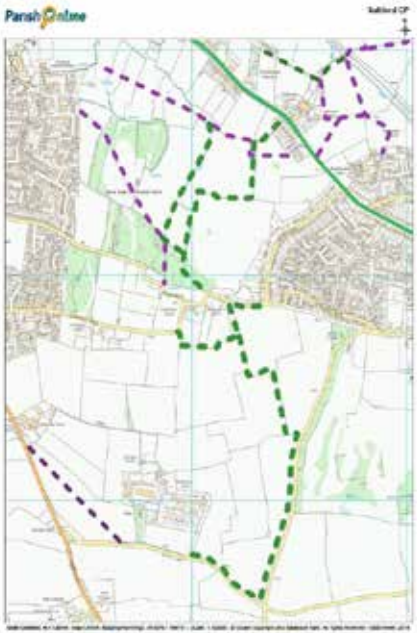
PERMISSIVE FOOTPATH DONATION APPEAL

We are delighted to say that thanks to your generosity and with the help of Gift Aid, we have reached the annual target of £3000 needed to keep 4.5km of permissive paths open to the end of October 2027.

We hope the whole community enjoys these paths to the south and west of Saltford/east of Keynsham for walking (with or without a dog), running and horse riding for another year.

Any donations received now will be carried forward towards the following year. If you still wish to donate, then please scan the QR Code or go to our website where a specific section can be found at https://saltfordhall.co.uk/permiss.html This page also provides a link to a downloadable Gift Aid form.

Once again many thanks to all those who generously donated to keep these paths open for everyone to enjoy.



OTHER NEWS

LIB DEM WARD COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

My late father served in WW2 on an aircraft carrier in the Far East. My late mother endured the Bristol Blitz. That generation has almost left us but most residents in Saltford will know of people involved in the conflict. The Remembrance Parade in Saltford shows our village at its finest with everyone coming together to honour those who have been affected by wars. Thankyou to all involved in the parade.

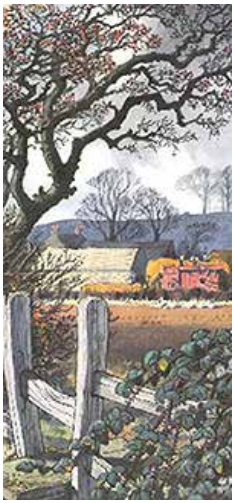
I hosted a folk music concert by "Ali and Helen" to raise funds for RUHX cancer care. It was a joyous evening. We look forward to Christmas joy and the traditional village events.

In December, ward councillors have a say on the draft Local Plan for the first time. The decision is whether or not to send the draft Local Plan, prepared by planning officers, to the Secretary of State together with the responses to the public consultation. If sent, this will trigger an inspector's examination and public hearings. If the plan is judged "sound", B&NES Council would likely adopt it in early 2028. Meanwhile, Saltford is vulnerable to planning applications taking advantage of B&NES lack of housing supply, the new "grey-belt" rules, and the "tilted balance" in favour of development.

There is comment on Bath's World Heritage Status and it impact on the Local Plan. Bath's green setting boundary almost reaches Saltford. Only the government can decide on de-listing Bath's world heritage status.

Season's greetings to all readers. Cllr Duncan Hounsell.

INDEPENDENT WARD COUNCILLOR'S REPORT



It seems crazy that I am writing notes for the November/December issue of SCAN. The prospect of winter after such a glorious summer is a sobering thought indeed. With the passing of the seasons in mind I recently bought four Ladybird books from my childhood. What To Look For in Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter. Originally published in 1959 they are beautifully illustrated by the artist CF Tunnicliffe observing the changing of the seasons on the landscape. The evocative images take me back to my childhood, and looking at the gorgeous artwork I realise that nearly everything depicted within these pages you can see in the fields and countryside that surround our village. The proposed houses earmarked by B&NES if built will swallow up large tracts of unspoilt land, something that absolutely horrifies me. Those responsible for choosing our greenbelt to be built on have no shame.

Let me take this opportunity to personally thank my former colleagues on Saltford Parish Council who over the last several months have taken on the challenging task of responding to the WECA proposals for the Keynsham bypass. Nearly all of us regularly use this route either by car, van or bus and know that it works as well as it is ever going to work and should be left alone. A very detailed document has been produced, please take a few minutes to read it, as it exposes what a pointless organisation WECA is. SPC have also responded on our behalf to the B&NES Draft Local Plan. Again another huge piece of time consuming work which explains how our green belt should be left alone. The Councillors do all this work on our behalf for free.

I hope most of you are happy with me representing Saltford at the Guildhall during these challenging times for the village

Cllr Chris Warren

Saltford Parish Council

www.saltfordparishcouncil.gov.uk

SPC grants support village's community spirit

As the season of giving approaches, Saltford Parish Council (SPC) is pleased to highlight three local initiatives that have benefited from SPC grant funding this year:

- In June, SPC awarded a grant to the Saltford Santa Dash to help fund new signage and route maps ahead of planned changes for the 2026 event. This year's event takes place on Sunday 6 December. Wishing all participants, volunteers and supporters a fantastic Dash!
- In September, SPC fully funded a Saltford4Nature project to purchase 1,080 spring-flowering bulbs for community planting on land behind Anson Close. S4N volunteers will be planting daffodils, tulips, camassias and snake's head fritillaries this autumn, creating a colourful spring display and providing an important food source for pollinators.
- In October, SPC was pleased to fund the purchase of two 'Road Closed' signs to support Saltford's Remembrance Sunday parade. The signs will support the safe running of this important community event. SPC would like to thank Paul and the team at Saltford Scouts for their ongoing work in organising and delivering the parade each year.

SPC thanks all the volunteers involved in these community projects and their valuable contribution to village life. More information about SPC's Grants is available under 'Finance' on our website.

Bonfire Night and New Year - be a firework friendly neighbour!

With Bonfire Night and New Year celebrations just around the corner, SPC encourages everyone to enjoy fireworks responsibly and considerately. SPC recently responded to the Government's consultation on fireworks, supporting stronger controls on fireworks available for public purchase. In particular, SPC backed proposals to restrict larger fireworks to licensed public displays only, reduce the maximum noise level of consumer fireworks to 90 dB, and to introduce these changes as soon as practical.

SPC's response also highlighted concerns about safety and nuisance, as well as the impact that loud fireworks can have on vulnerable people, pets, livestock and wildlife.

At the same time, SPC recognised the importance of retaining the visual enjoyment and celebratory tradition of fireworks. By being mindful of neighbours, animals and the wider community, everyone can help ensure that seasonal celebrations remain enjoyable for all.

Festive period office hours: SPC's Office will be closed during the Christmas and New Year period, please see our website for details at www.saltfordparishcouncil.gov.uk

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from everyone at Saltford Parish Council!

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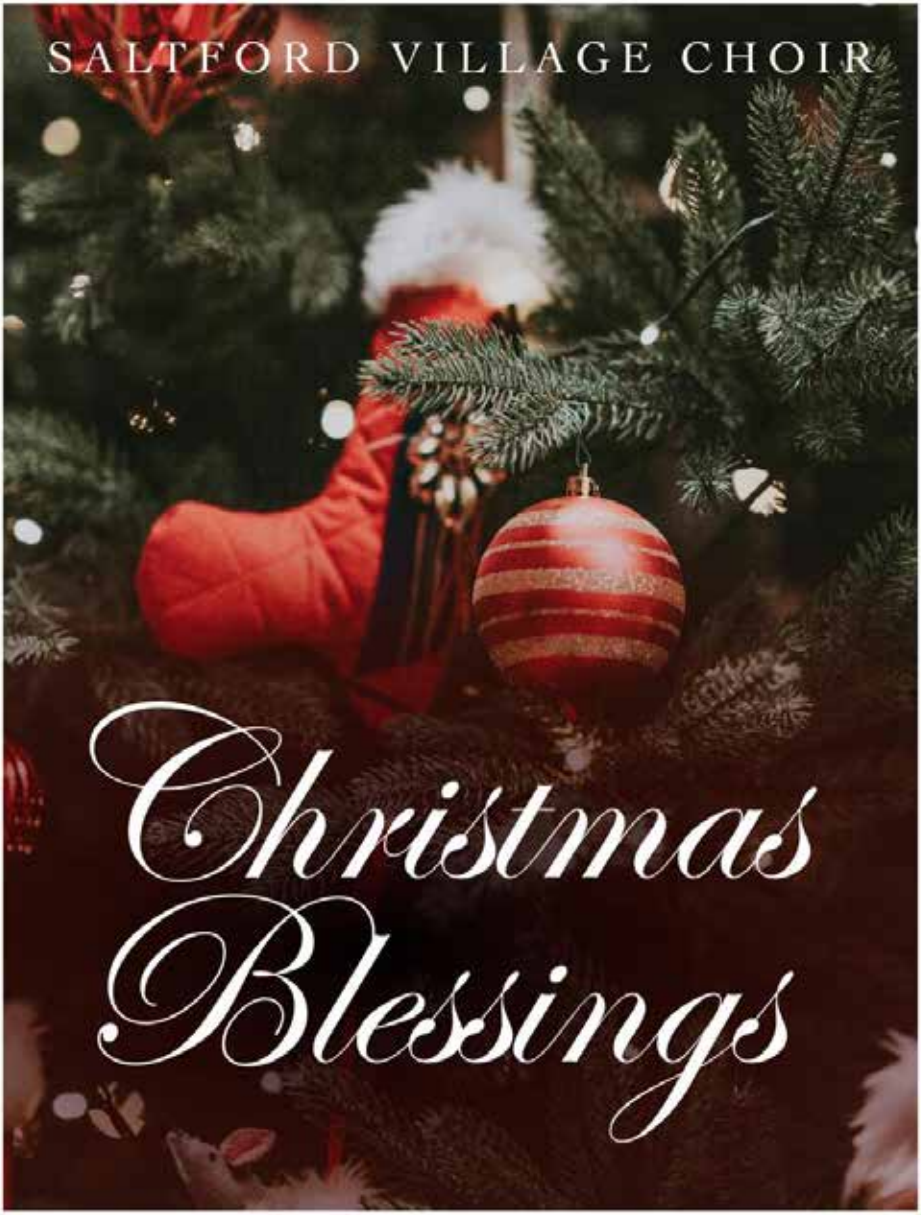
These events are free but donations will be welcomed

To reserve your place, let us know dietary requirements and if you need any help with transport, please call 01225 632216 and leave a message for Coffee Club or email Fiona.bell@saltfordcommunity.org



Saturday 12th December 7.30pm, Saltford Hall

Tickets £10 from 01225 873224 or any choir member

Christmas is fast approaching and once again Santa and the Elves are preparing themselves in readiness to both tour around the streets of the Village and attend various seasonal events.

Below are schedules showing the dates and timings and the specific routes for the nightly street tours.

Like last year we will set up dedicated 'Santa Stops' along each route in places where it's safe and convenient to park up. We ask that people congregate at these stops, we won't leave until everyone has had a chance to meet Santa.

Stops will be well lit and easy to find, we will publish exact locations nearer the time and timings will vary depending on the number of people at each stop.

Event	November/December & Time	
Post Office/Library visit 1	28th	10 - 12pm
Christmas Fair - Saltford Hall	5th	10am - 1pm
Santa Dash - Tennis Court Car Park	6th	8:30am - 12pm
Lighting the Xmas Tree - Saltford Hall	10th	7 - 9pm

Post Office/Library visit 2	12th	10 - 12pm
Street Tour 1	15th	5 - 8pm
Street Tour 2	16th	5 - 8pm

Street Tour	Date	Santa Sleigh will visit in the following order
1	Tues 15th	Victoria Road, Claverton Road/Calverton Road West, Haselbury Grove, Uplands Road, The Glen
2	Wed 16th	Chestnut Walk, Norman Road, Brockley Road, Saltford Hall, High Street (Queens Square), The Shallows

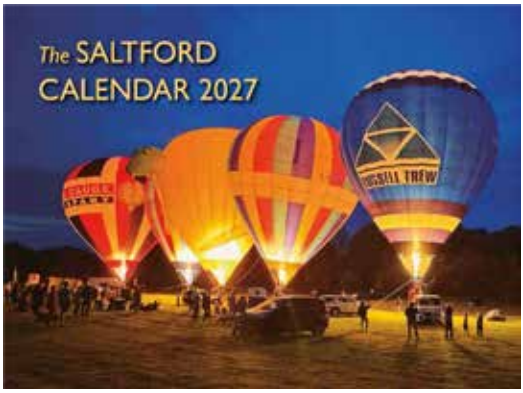
In the coming weeks detailed maps will be posted on the SCA Facebook page and SCA website.

All funds raised, plus Gift Aid, will this year be donated to **Action Pantry, part of Mercy in Action**. You can donate via cash buckets and QR code.

The Saltford Calendar 2027

"The Saltford Calendar 2027", featuring some stunning images by local photographers, is now on sale. Just £8.50 each you can get your copies from Saltford Community Post Office/Library, or from the SCA office at Saltford Hall.

The production of the annual Saltford Calendar is a joint SCA/SEG initiative. Net proceeds will be split equally between SCA, SEG and Saltford Community PO/Library, to help further their work supporting the local community.



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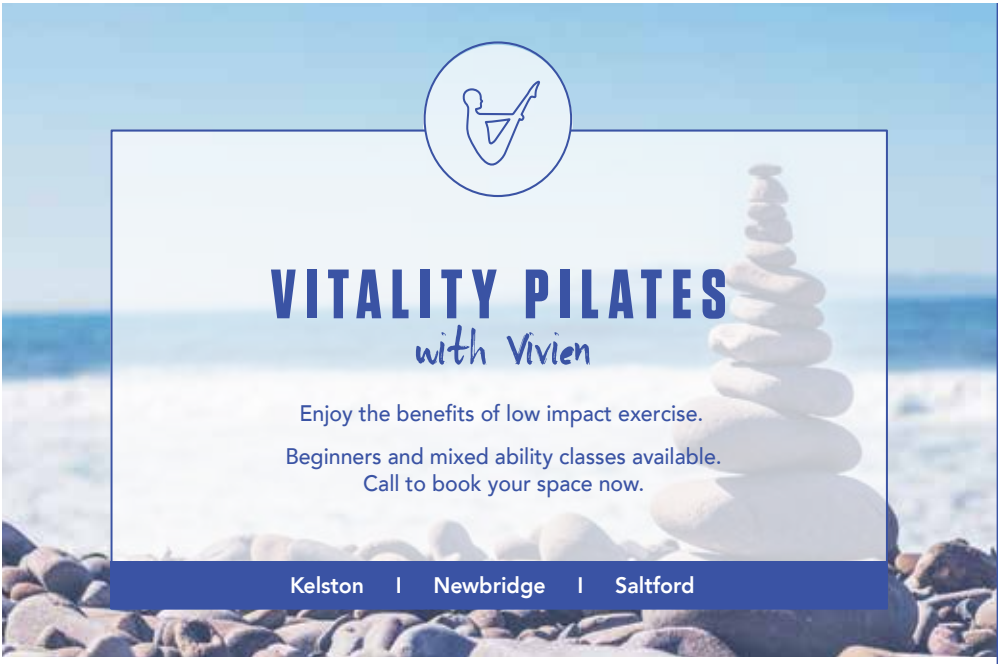

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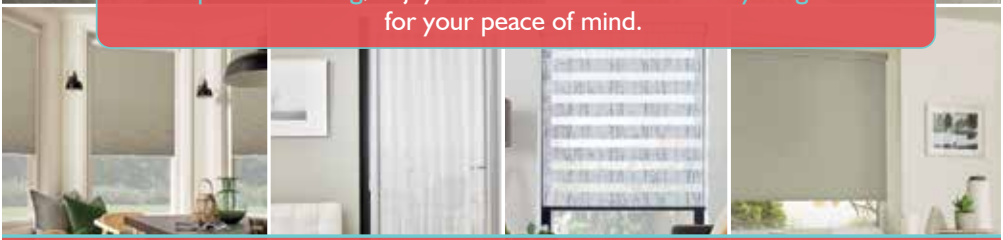

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Three weeks later, on 29th November, Advent begins. It is a season of waiting, and waiting is hard in a world that wants everything now. Yet some things are worth preparing for. Advent invites us to slow down, light a candle each week and make room for hope.

Few of us receive a gift as generous as peace, and few know how many people paid for it. As we move from Remembrance to Christmas, the Church of England's theme, *The Gift of Christmas*, offers a hopeful answer: that God gave us Jesus, the "Prince of Peace" of Isaiah's promise, to bring a peace that no one has to earn. The peace we long for, and the peace so many died to defend, finds its deepest answer in a baby in a manger.

The theme invites us to do three things: to celebrate this gift, to receive it with gratitude and joy, and to respond by serving others, especially those in need.

Whether you come every week or haven't been inside a church for years, you are warmly welcome. After all, the thing about a gift is that it is meant to be received.

Revd Nigel Williams

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A Time To Remember

SUNDAY 1ST NOVEMBER

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6PM

During the service names of loved ones will be read out and everyone will have the opportunity to light a candle in memory of them and a symbol of our prayers.

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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

8th November 2026

10am

Scouts Remembrance Church Service

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by an Act of Remembrance at The Memorial

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Further Opportunities to Remember in the Benefice

10.30am All Saints Church Corston

10.45am Holy Trinity Church Newton St Loe

Christmas Services

Sunday 6th December

4pm Christingle

Sunday 13th December

10am Family Nativity Service

Sunday 20th December

6pm Carols at Christmas

Christmas Eve

5pm Crib Service

8pm Reflective Service

Christmas Day

9.30am Family Communion Celebration

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SUNDAY SERVICES

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5:30pm - Teaching Ministry open for anyone to attend for a slightly more serious study of the bible.
Our services are streamed live on our YouTube channel and through a link via our website.

1st MONDAY OF THE MONTH - FOOD FOR THOUGHT

12pm - 2pm. Offering a variety of soups, cakes and fresh coffee or tea, for those who wish to get out for friendly conversation over lunch, including a 5 minute thought from the Bible.

3rd MONDAY OF THE MONTH – COFFEE MORNING

10:30am – 12pm. Please join us for coffee, cake and conversation. Come along and spend some time in a relaxed atmosphere, with light refreshments and friendly company. Start the week refreshed.

TUESDAY – TODDLERS – Term Time Only

9.30am - 11.30am – Parents and Carers – Instead of feeling bound by the four walls, why not join us for a cup of tea or coffee while your children play in a safe and friendly environment, including a dedicated baby area, home corner, ride-on toys, a dressing up area, and plenty more to keep the little ones occupied. Fun craft activities are planned each week and the session always ends with a sing along. So come along and join in the fun!

WEDNESDAY 8pm - PRAYER MEETING & BIBLE STUDY

We meet in the church, but access is also available via Teams. 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 Teams, please use the contact form on our website.

A message from our pastor Rev. Mike Leaves

"The Word became flesh and dwelt among us". John 1:14[a].
Why Christmas?
Why did Jesus, God's Son, leave heaven to come on earth?
Why would He leave a place of joy and peace, to come to a place of sadness, sickness and death?
Jesus didn't come as a kind of Father Christmas with a bag full of miracles, and inspirational truths about life after death.

Jesus came to die on a cruel cross, His death was no accident, it was the only way a world of sinful people could be reconciled to the God of no sin. Another part of the Bible tells us "You shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins" Matthew 1: 21[b].

When we remember Christmas and the coming of the baby born in a stable, let us also remember that He is the man who went to the cross, so that all who believe in Him will go to heaven.

Upcoming Festive Events

Sunday 13th December - Christmas Family event – 'Bygones to B&Q'

Join us at 4pm for this family-friendly event. What are your plans over Christmas, do you look forward to the seasons traditions or do you prefer the modern take of Christmas? Is it about the tree and trimmings. Is it about getting the largest inflatable reindeer to stand in the garden?
Do you just want a bit of fun, or do you feel there's something deeper?

Tuesday 15th December

Toddlers Christmas Party – Please come along and join us for some festive fun. Just bring some party snack food and a small, wrapped gift, for your child to open.

Sunday 20th December

11am - Family carol service for all ages.

5:30pm - Carols by Candlelight.

Please join us for either of our family friendly services, including many of your favourite carols. Followed by refreshments, so please join us after for mince pies, cakes and coffee.

CHRISTMAS DAY

Service 10:30 Please come and join us on Christmas morning, as we thank God for the greatest gift we could ever receive and celebrate the birth of our LORD and Saviour.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death,
Upon them a light has shined.

For unto us a Child is born,
Unto us a Son is given;
And the government will be upon His shoulder.
And His name will be called
Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God,
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(Isaiah 9:2, 6)

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Christmas

At Saltford Community Church

13 December, 2026 - 4pm

Christmas Special - From Bygones to B&Q

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20 December, 2026 - 11am

Family Carol Service

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20 December, 2026 - 5.30pm

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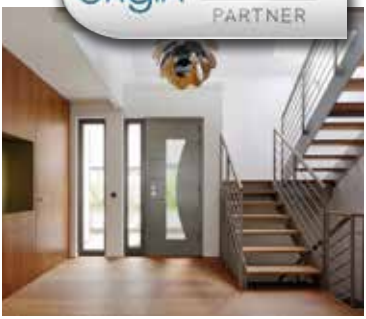

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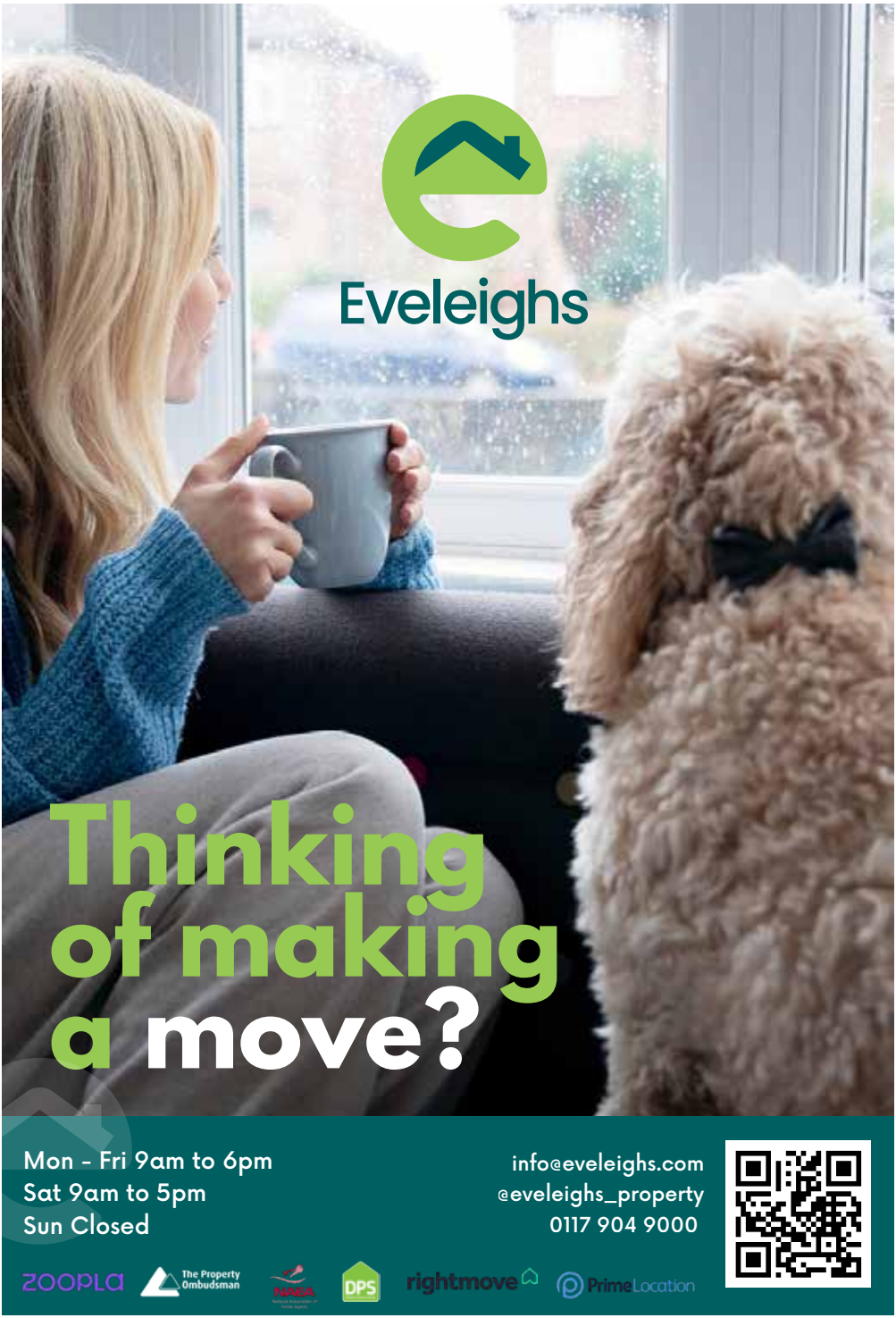
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