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# Saltford Community Association News

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The Hall reopening ceremony on Thursday 2 October 2003 was a very happy occasion with many of those present being reunited with old friends. The President, Mrs Ann Mould, gave a short speech about the background to the event which marked the completion of a new roof to the Hall and the updating of the Hall foyer. She then invited Mr Richard Lyddon (TV Presenter) to say a few words before cutting a ribbon across the door leading out into the foyer. After an amusing speech, Mr Lyddon officially declared the Hall and foyer reopened.

I would like to thank all those who helped to prepare the event and Maurice Hill, assisted by Julia Chandler, who provided an exhibition giving a short history of the SCA which was very much appreciated by those who saw it. Also, thanks to Roger Cleverden who, helped by Keith Richards, operated the bar, providing refreshments. We would have liked to have been able to invite more Saltford folk to the event but this was not possible so my apologies to those who felt they should have been invited. It is hoped that a similar type of event might be arranged in future such as the success of the evening and the pleasure it gave to those present.

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### **GENERALPURPOSES COMMITTEE**

We are arranging an Indoor Table Top Sale on Saturday 13 December 2003 from 10 am to 1 pm. Please see advert on the front page.



The lighting of the Christmas Tree and Carols supported by Saltford Primary School and the Saltford Village Choir will be held on Thursday 11 December commencing at 7.30 pm. Admission is free but there will be a silver collection at the end for local charity.

### **FUTURE EVENTS**

#### **Saltford Wartime Babes**

There will be a talk by Mr John Fletcher (retired Director of Forestry for the West of England) on the work of Tree Aid in Africa. Tree Aid is a charity which finances and supports forestry projects in many countries. John is visiting Africa shortly before his talk so he will be able to report on the progress in the area he is visiting. His talk will be supported by photographic slides and should be very interesting. The meeting will be

in the Wansdyke Room on Thursday 29 January 2004 from 2 pm to 4 pm. There will be tea and biscuits. All welcome.

### **FROM THE BOOKING OFFICE**

Two separate incidents recently have shown the need for a little trimming in the way the hall operations are run. Hirers, especially long term regular ones, are asked to take note of the following points.

1. If, due to some unforeseen circumstances, you should find yourself unable to gain entry or some other problem arises (such as heating failure) the first point of contact must be with the caretaker who has overall responsibility for the day to day running of the premises. If no contact can be established, please try the Booking Office which is usually staffed in the mornings (and some afternoons and evenings). Failing that, please contact the Hon Booking Officer at home. His home number can be supplied to *bona fide* enquirers for adding to their emergency list.

2. With regard to the heating it is very clear that the cleaning of the radiator fins in the Main Hall coupled with a

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3. It is clear that several groups are having their chairs and tables prepared using out of date plans supplied to the caretaker years ago! Please help us to avoid unnecessary work by regularly updating your request (one group, once flourishing, was still having 30 chairs put out for a meeting of less than ten people!).

4. A small amendment to the note in the last SCAN concerning the foyer notice board. Posters will be accepted according to the priority order which has been followed for many years i.e. activities at the hall first, events elsewhere run by affiliated groups second and finally any other matters of interest if space allows. It would help us to display more posters if they were limited to A5 in size. Advertisements for commercial activities or private sales are not acceptable.

**Booking Office – 874081**

## **OTHER NEWS**

**Keynsham and North East  
Somerset Twinning Association**

At the AGM on 17 October, there were no new nominations for committee members. Sylvia Dando has kindly agreed to remain on the committee but Steve Drew will now take over full secretarial duties and Hazel Pratley will be social events co-ordinator. Please note annual subscriptions are now due. Cheques for £5 payable to Keynsham and NE Somerset Twinning Association should be sent to Joan Ellison, 11 Reynolds Close, Keynsham, Bristol BS31 1LX or can be added to the wine tasting payment below.

Libourne We have invited Libourne to visit us from 7 to 13 June 2004. We will be holding a special committee meeting in the New Year to discuss arrangements. If any members are interested in attending to give suggestions for visits etc, or are keen to be a host, please contact Steve Drew on 0117 9858 269 so he can invite you when a date has been set.

Victorian Evening Friday 27 November The Association will be holding a bottle stall near the centre of Keynsham High Street from 6.30 pm. The committee members running the stall would be pleased to meet members to talk about any matters if they could introduce themselves.

Wine Tasting Friday 12 December  
Wansdyke Room Saltford Hall Those of you who have previously attended Geoffrey Vale's wine tastings will know what an entertaining evening this promises to be. The cost is £6 per person. Contact Hazel Pratley, 81, Hum Lane, Keynsham, BS31 1QY to reserve a place & send cheques.

## REGULAR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT SALT FORD HALL

Please note:- Dates, times and venues may change. Check with the contact named elsewhere in this newsletter, and note that these are **booking times** – and event times may differ, especially over the Christmas period.

<b>Mondays to Fridays</b>	9.15	Saltford Busy Bees Pre-school	Avon
<b>Mondays</b>	9.00am	Tumble Tots Activity Sessions	Hall
	10.00am	Art Class	Somerset
	1.30pm	Saltford Short Mat Bowls Club	Hall
	2.00pm	Whist Club	Avon
	5.00pm	Dancing Class	Hall
	7.30pm	Saltford Scrabble Club	Kelston
(in season)	7.30pm	Saltford Drama Club	Avon
	8.00pm	Saltford Badminton Club	Hall
<b>Tuesdays</b>	9.45am	Patchwork	Somerset
(Some)	9.30am	Saltford Evangelical Ch Toddlers Club	Wansdyke
	9.45am	Ladies Badminton	Hall
	10.00am	Art Class	Kelston
	7.00pm	Art Class	Kelston
(1st & 3rd only)	7.00pm	Saltford Parish Council	Avon
	7.30pm	Avon Badminton Club	Hall
	7.30pm	Saltford Village Choir	Wansdyke
<b>Wednesdays</b>	9.30am	Rhyme-Time Music & Movement Class	Somerset
	9.45am	Wednesday Morning Badminton Group	Hall
	10.00am	Lace Group (Fortnightly from 7 January)	Kelston
	1.30pm	Saltford Short Mat Bowls Club	Hall
	3.30pm	Keyford Dancing School	Somerset
	7.30pm	Saltford Sequence & Old Time Dance Club	Hall
<b>Thursdays</b>	10.00am	Saltford Painting Club Workshop	Wansdyke
	10.00am	Ladies Keep Fit	Hall
	10.00am	Rhyme-Time Music & Movement Class	Somerset
	1.45 pm	Rhyme-Time Music & Movement Class	Somerset
	2.00pm	Painting for Pleasure Club	Somerset
	7.00 pm	Yoga Class	Wansdyke
	8.00pm	Saltford Badminton Club	Hall
<b>Fridays</b>	10.00am	Saltford Wind Band	Wans/Somst
(some)	1.30pm	Saltford Short Mat Bowls Club	Hall
	6.30pm	Saltford Short Mat Bowls Club Night	Hall
(some)	7.30pm	Saltford Drama Club	Avon/Hall

# MONTHLY ACTIVITIES AT SALT FORD HALL (See notes at top of Weekly table)

First Monday	7.30pm	Saltford Photographic Club	Wansdyke
Second Monday	7.30pm	Saltford Quilters	Somerset
Second Monday	7.00pm	Saltford Painting Club	Wansdyke
Third Monday	9.30am	Saltford T.W.Guild Craft Group	Kelston
First Tuesday	9.30am	Saltford Ladies Gardening Club	Wansdyke
Second Tuesday	7.30pm	Saltford Evening W.I.	Avon
Third Tuesday	2.00pm	Saltford Women's Institute	Avon
Fourth Tuesday	2.00pm	Saltford Floral Club	Hall
First Wednesday	9.00am	Japanese Embroidery	Wansdyke
Third Wednesday -( bi monthly)	2.00pm	Inner Wheel Club of Keynsham	Hall
Second Thursday	9.45am	Saltford Morning TW Guild	Wansdyke
Second Thursday	2.00pm	Child Health Clinic (Baby Clinic)	Avon
Second Thursday	8.00pm	Book Discussion Club	Kelston
Second Friday	7.30pm	Keynsham & Saltford Wine Circle	Avon
First Saturday	7.30pm	Saltford Sequence & O.T. Dance Club	Hall
Fourth Saturday	9.30 am	Japanese Embroidery	Somerset
Fourth Saturday	2.30 pm	Historical Model Railway Society	Wansdyke
Last Saturday	10.00 am	Lace Making Class	Kelston

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There are still a few vacancies for our Christmas Day lunch served at 1.30 pm  
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**SELECTED EVENTS IN December 2003**

*The calendar highlights a selection of events taking place.. It should be noted that these are not all public meetings - please check with the organisers. Times given are booking times - events may start later & are not all open to the public*

Wednesday 3 December	Bath Guild of Embroiderers	Wansdyke	9.30 am
Saturday 6 December	Saltford Art Society Exhibition	Hall	9.00 am
Wednesday 10 December	British Sugarcraft Guild	Wansdyke	7.00 pm
Thursday 11 December	Lighting of the Christmas Tree	Hall	6.00 pm
Saturday 20 December	Historical Model Railway society	Wansdyke	2.00 pm

**SELECTED EVENTS IN January 2004**

Saturday 10 January	National Child minding Association training	Kelston	9.30 am
Saturday 10 January	Saltford Walkers AGM & Party	Hall	6.00 pm
Monday 12 January	Bath Guild of Embroiderers	Wansdyke	10.00 am
Wednesday 14 January	British Sugarcraft Guild	Wansdyke	7.00 pm
Saturday 17 January	Dance Factory	Hall	6.00 pm
Tuesday 20 January	National Child minding Association training	Somerset	9.30 am
Thursday 22 January	Blood Donors	Hall	11.30 am
Friday 23 January	N.A.F.A.S South West Area judges training day.	Hall	9.00 am
Saturday 24 January	Historical Model Railway society	Wansdyke	2.00 pm
Saturday 24 January	Dance Factory	Hall	6.45 pm
Tuesday 29 January	Saltford Wartime Babes	Wansdyke	2.00 pm
Saturday 31 January	Avon Short Mat Bowls Association tournament	Hall	9.00 am

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## **Saltford Parish Council News**

On behalf of the Councillors of Saltford Parish Council, we would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

### **Possible Closure of Manor Road Toilets**

By the time you read this, there will have been a public meeting in November (advertised on the Parish Council notice board) to discuss the possible closure of some public toilets in the B&NES area – those in Manor Road are on the hit list. A usage survey has recently been carried out by B&NES to determine the number of people who make use of these facilities as has an independent survey by MSS Marketing Research of Bristol. This Council's reaction was that, if the recent survey clearly demonstrated that the usage was not cost effective, then we would, very reluctantly, accept closure of these toilet facilities. However, prior to any closure taking place, we would expect the toilets in The Shallows to be refurbished with adequate road signage erected around the village and, when all has been completed, the Manor Road site should be closed and razed to the ground.

### **20 mph Speed Limit**

It now looks as if the 20 mph speed limit destined for the High Street, Mead Lane and The Shallows and all roads off will not become effective until the New Year (NB we are not specifying which New Year!). Rest assured that your Parish Council are pushing for this to go ahead as quickly as possible as it is some years now since this was first proposed.

### **Vandalism**

If you see or know of any vandalism taking place, ring 999. From reports that are constantly being fed into the Parish Council office, there is a lot going on at the moment and we need to put a stop to it. The cost to you, the rate payer, is enormous. For example, the recent damage to the Bus Shelters alone is worth a £1 a head on your rates.

### **'Slow Down' Road Signs**

Even 'Slow Down' road signs have to be serviced, so we are reliably informed, which accounts for us not seeing their arrival in Saltford. We have changed the locations of the first two sites, having received numerous complaints from residents in Grange Road about speeding in that road. The signs will now be sited in Grange Road and in Norman Road, each for a fortnightly period, but no mention when they will be there other than 'soon'.

### Environmental Committee

We only received one response to our request asking for ideas and concerns about matters currently affecting your village. The subject of our one response was 'rubbish' – well 'litter', to be honest. With the recent fall of leaves from trees, it has been a big problem for our two part-time sweepers and B&NES with their mechanical machines. It has certainly not been helped when paper litter is thoughtlessly abandoned instead of being placed in the many waste bins sited around the village.

Peter H Godfrey  
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## **Affiliated Organisation News**

### **KEYNSHAM & SALT FORD WINE CIRCLE**

The subject of our August meeting (relocated to the Wansdyke Room while repairs were carried out in the Main Hall) was 'Members' Recipes', presented by our President, Percy Mellor. Four wines made by Percy were offered for tasting, and the members then chose their preferred recipe to be used for the December competition. Percy rounded off the evening by challenging peoples' knowledge of wine and food, with a quiz.

A charity bottle auction of items brought along by members was held in September with Peter and Sylvia Dando overseeing the event. The total amount raised which included donations in memory of Freda Puddy came to £320. This sum is to be presented to the new Children's Hospice for the South West which will be located near Bristol and is scheduled for completion in 2006. Terry Bleach won the bi-monthly wine competition (on this occasion a Red Dry) – well done!

This year the Summer Outing expanded into a four day event

with 34 of the members paying a most enjoyable visit to the city of Bruges and its surroundings.

The Circle's Annual Wine Competition was held in October with a total of 75 bottles being entered into the various classes. The overall winner, having accumulated the most points, was Angie Dummott – Congratulations! Whilst the three National Wine Judges were deliberating over the competition wines, members were being informed and entertained by Mr Brian Amesbury with his talk and slide show 'Outside the Bristol City Walls'. This brought back quite a few memories, especially of some unique ways of crossing the Avon!

The "dancing" season is now upon us and we look forward to attending the events at other wine circles in the area, and also welcoming them to ours.



Finally, we offer Season's Greetings to our members, their families and friends and wish them all the very best for the New Year.



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### **Saltford Art Society 2003/4 Programme**

The Society meets the second Monday of each month, from September to May in the Wansdyke Room at Saltford Hall. Remaining programme is as follows:

*Saturday 6 December* – Winter Exhibition 10 am – 4.00 pm

*Monday 8 December* – Heather Sleep Trophy followed by Xmas Social

*Monday 12 January* – Market Scene Demonstration in Watercolour by Paul Weaver

*Monday 9 February* – David Cuthbert will paint a Still Life in acrylic.

*Monday 8 March* – Jane Lampard will paint a landscape in mixed media (provisional).

*Saturday 10 April* (Easter) – Spring Exhibition in Saltford Hall.

*Monday 12 April* – Paint together in Wansdyke room.

*Monday 10 May* – Ronald Goodwin will talk about painting small panels *en plein air* (a practical approach).

Visitors are welcome to attend individual demonstrations at a charge of £2.50. Membership of the Society costs £12.00 per annum. Details from Hon Secretary, Peter Ward, 6, Lawson Close, Saltford, Bristol BS31 3LB. Tel: 01225 872893.

### **SALTORD EVANGELICAL CHURCH**

May we wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

We will be holding our **Christmas Carol Service at 6.30 pm on Sunday 21 December**. Please come along to the main hall of Saltford School to join us to celebrate the arrival of Emmanuel – God with us. Come along and find out how much love God has shown in reaching out to human beings, all of who would by nature rather ignore God. Come along and find out why it is so important to be reconciled to the One who made us.

#### **Main church meetings**

Our regular Sunday services start at 11am and 6.30 pm.

At present the services are taking place in the main hall of Saltford School, Claverton Road and we are grateful to the school for allowing us the use of their building.

Our Bible Study and Prayer Meeting is held on Thursdays at 8 pm. (Contact Phil Barlow on 874707 for details of the venue.)

#### **Young people's meetings**

**Junior Church** takes place on Sunday mornings from 11 am until 12.15 pm.

**Mini Seekers** (5's - 7's) and **Seekers** (7's - 11's) meet at 6.45 pm on Fridays during term time for crafts and games and fun, singing and a Bible story. (Contact Phil Barlow for more details on: 874707.)

**After 8s** (11+) meet at 8 pm on Fridays during term time for indoor activities, including snooker and table tennis, and a Bible-based talk. Other regular activities include video evenings and ten pin bowling. (Contact Phil Barlow for more details on: 874707)

### **Other meetings**

**Saltford Under 3's**, for parents/carers and their tots, meet on Tuesday and Thursday mornings 9.30 - 11.30 am. during term time. The Tuesday group is currently meeting most weeks in the Wansdyke Room at Saltford Hall. (Contact Wendy Greedy on: 872680) For further details of the Thursday group please Janet Day on 872959.

Our ladies meet together informally in houses every other week on Monday or Tuesday evening for a Bible study. If you would like to join us please contact Sue Barlow on 874707 for further details of dates and venues.

If you would like further information on any of the above please contact Mrs. Debbie Parsons on 872252.

(Pastor: Rev Steve Barlow, 873059 (office))

## **St MARY'S, SALTORD.**

### **Pram Service**

This will be held on Friday 12th December and 9th January at 11.00 a.m. in the church. Any pre-school children are most welcome.

### **SMFM (St. Mary's Fun Monthly)**

This is a fun evening on 8th December and 12th January for any junior aged children. You start with a game or activity, have refreshments and end with a bible story or drama. This will be held in the church hall between 6.00 p.m. and 7.00 p.m. for any children aged 7 - 11.

### **Youth Groups**

Young peoples group meet regularly at St. Mary's. Climbers and Scramblers (aged 3-7), Explorers (aged 7-11) and Pathfinders (aged 11-14) meet on the second, third and fourth Sundays from 9.30 a.m. until 10.40 a.m. in the Church Hall. CYFA for 14-19 year olds. Meets fortnightly on Thursday evenings from 7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. The evening includes a meal, at time to chat and socialise, followed by Bible Study, a discussion group and prayers. For more information contact Rev. T. Bell (873027)



### **St. Mary's Saltford Services**

You are welcome to come to any of our services. We meet at the following times:

#### **First Sunday**

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion  
9.30 a.m. Family Service  
6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer

#### **Second Sunday**

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion  
9.30 a.m. Family Communion  
6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer (Lay-led)

#### **Third Sunday**

9.30 Parish communion  
6.30 Evening Praise

#### **Fourth Sunday**

9.30 Parish Communion

### **Christmas Services**



Sunday December 7 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m. Nativity Play/Family Service
Sunday December 14 <sup>th</sup>	6.30 p.m. Advent Evening Praise
Sunday December 21 <sup>st</sup>	3.00 p.m. Christingle Service
Christmas Eve	6.30 p.m. Carol Service
	5.00 p.m. Blessing of the Crib
Christmas Day	11.15 p.m. Midnight Communion
	9.30 a.m. Parish Communion
	11.00 a.m. Family Service

**Coffeeshop** This is held weekly at the Wishbone Restaurant every Friday between 10.00 a.m. and 11.45 a.m. Anyone is welcome drop in for a coffee and chat.

**Soup Bowl** We will be holding The Soup Bowl during Advent starting on 1st December at the Guide Hut, Lansdown Road from 12.30 until 2.00 p.m. All are welcome.

If you would like further information on any of the above please contact the Rector, Rev. R. Hall, on 872275.



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## **THE JOLLY SAILOR**

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Lunch Times and Evenings

Cream of Cherry Tomato and Basil Soup  
Grilled Goats Cheese with Parsnip Crisps & Beetroot Coulis  
Smoked Salmon and Trout Roulade  
Portobello Mushroom roasted with Spinach and Mozzarella  
Tiger Prawns in a Creamy Thai Curry Sauce  
Smoked Pigeon Breast on Balsamic Roasted Spring Onion  
Chicken Satay with a Spicy peanut Dip

Roast Turkey & Duck served with Herb Stuffing accompanied by Sausage wrapped  
in Bacon

Medallions of Venison pan fried and served with Redcurrant, Orange & Port Sauce  
and Rosti Potato

Chicken Breast filled with Somerset Brie wrapped in Bacon and roasted, served on a  
bed of creamed Leeks

Sirloin Steak with Field and Wild Mushrooms served with a Crème Fraiche and  
Marsala Sauce and Rosti Potato

Fillet of Salmon, Spinach and Feta Cheese baked in Filo Pastry

Pan Fried Fillet of Sea Bass on a bed of Crab & Chive creamed Potatoes

Crepe Galette: layered with cream Cheese, Mushrooms & Spinach, & tomato, leek &  
Fennel served with a tomato sauce

Christmas Pudding with Brandy Butter  
Mincemeat & Apple tart with Jersey Cream  
Caramelised Figs with a Brandy Marscapone  
Chocolate Oblivion & Jersey Cream  
Bailey's Ice Cream & Amoretti Biscuits  
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