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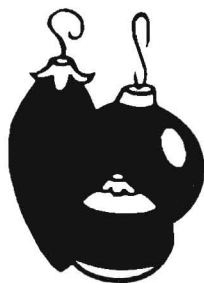
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The Lighting of the Christmas Tree and Carols  
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### **Association News**

No world-shaking news this month but two requests to reiterate.

In the last month we have sent a circular to all user-groups asking for increased cooperation with regard to parking - this was first underlined in our August issue. We have estimated the annual usage of our premises at 42,500 people-visits and sometimes it must seem to our neighbours that they have all arrived at the same time!! Do please have a thought for the local residents and use the car-parking spaces as a first choice. If you are attracting large numbers it would be appreciated if this request could be included on advance publicity, tickets etc so as to

encourage this principle. We also hope that those leaving after their activities do so as quietly as possible, especially late at night. Your considerate understanding is appreciated.

We also sent a circular asking users to keep us up to date with their room requirements. In an endeavour to relieve the out-of-hours contact with our caretaker, we now request that all such communication be through the Office at the Hall (874081). This may mean giving longer notice than has previously been the case but we are sure that we can continue to meet your requirements. Last-minute changes may be difficult to

accommodate but we will do our best. If no information is received, the caretaker will follow previous patterns or make the best guess. The caretaker can no longer be contacted by telephone, and we shall shortly issue the leaders of all groups with numbers to ring in case of emergencies such as lighting failure or heating problems. These requests arise out of our hectic timetable and it is good to know that we are victims of our own success! Thank you for your cooperation.

David Roberts

### **In-House Maintenance Work**

On the last Sunday and Monday of September there was a money saving exercise to replace high level light bulbs and four unserviceable eave-lighting fluorescent tube lights. This required the scaffold tower to be put up, moved around and replaced in the store room. At the same time, changes were being made to the electrical supply for the stage lighting.

Management's thanks go to Sue and Derek McCaig, Dick Mould, Peter Walker, Tom Bowen, John Thomas, Roger Fowler, Keith Richards, Peter Dando, Richard Street and not forgetting David Sawyer, who also took time off work for a long hard day at the Hall.

Prior to, and since, the KLOG's show, further voluntary activity has quietly been undertaken to upgrade the lighting units and scenery fly sheet rails etc. This has also required considerable research and organisation for which we would particularly like to thank Chris Mould, ably assisted by Peter Blakemoore.

Continuing stage hand work is being organised by Dick Mould with the assistance of Keith Richards, Tony Dean and Sid Rendell, working behind the Proscenium curtain in preparation for the Christmas activities.

### **Other News**



#### **Saltford Village Choir**

A date for your diaries:

Saturday 16th December 2006  
Saltford Hall, 7.30p.m. The Saltford Village Choir with their Music Director David Coysh, present their Christmas Concert "The Beauty of Christmas," a selection of music, some especially for Christmas, some not, some very new, others well known. Tickets £5 to include mince pie/tea/coffee or juice. Bring your own wine (glasses supplied) for tickets phone 01225 873349

#### **Saltford Village Harvest**

##### **Supper – 2007 ADVANCE NOTICE**

Planning is in progress to hold a Saltford Village Harvest Supper at Saltford Hall on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup>

September. Tickets will be available nearer the time.

Do you have any photographic memorabilia or past Harvest Supper programmes? Malcolm Guthrie would love to hear from you. Tel. (01225 ) 872235

### **Saltford Stars Junior Football Club**



Saltford Stars have again started well this season with all teams doing well in their respective leagues.

The age range stretches from under 7s to under 16s. With over 100 children regularly training and playing football each week it is a focal point for many of the children in the village.

Why not come along and support your local junior football teams?

If you want to know more, contact the Club Secretary Jane George on 01225 341964 particularly if you have younger children (in Year 2, Year 3 and 4 at school) who wish to start playing football.

### **ST AUGUSTINE'S MEDICAL PRACTICE**

#### **TO MOVE OR NOT TO MOVE ?**

Are you a Patient registered at St Augustine's Medical Practice? Your views on the proposed move of the Practice to a new Health Park on the site of Keynsham Hospital are very important to us.

You are invited to attend a meeting to discuss and share your thoughts with the Practice Partners and Staff on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 7 pm at St John's Church Hall, Keynsham.

If you are unable to attend the meeting but have an opinion on this proposed move, please telephone or write to John Moon or Sarah Crossfield at St Augustine's.

### **Saltford Brass Mill.**



#### **The Heritage Weekend last**

September was very successful and over 100 visitors were welcomed. On the Saturday, the putcher men demonstrated the art of wicker weaving. They had spent 32 years fishing on the Severn and, as well as many samples of various baskets on display, there were placards giving the history of the ancient industry. Their skill and pleasant personalities made it a very interesting day.

The Mill is closed for the winter – too cold and possibly flooded at times!. Please note changes for the coming season. From May to October the Mill will be open to the public from 10am – 1 pm on the second Saturday of each month. Bookings for groups of 15 or more are now being taken when any mutually convenient day/time can be arranged. Volunteers are urgently needed whilst visitors are in the Mill

and also for the Work Party. Why not come along to the AGM on Monday 22 January at 7.30 pm in the Newton Room, St Mary's Church Hall, High St, Saltford and seek further information? Enquiries 0117 986 2216

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### **Saltford Library Reading Group**

A great way to discover new books, discuss your favourite authors and meet new people with the same interests. Come along on the first or second Wednesday of each month at 2pm for an informal discussion and refreshments in the library. We also go on occasional excursions to places of interest! Our next meeting is on Wednesday 6th December.

Please contact Kate Pearce or Sheila Leeden at Saltford Library (01225) 396806 for joining information.

### **Keynsham and Saltford Local History Society.**

Keynsham & Saltford Local History Society's 2006-2007 programme of illustrated talks continues at the Fear Institute, High Street, Keynsham.

Monday 16 January at 7.30pm – The Slave Trade – Speaker, Miss P M E Jones

Monday 19 February at 7.30pm – Family History – Speaker, Shirley Hodgson

Admission (non-members) £2  
More information from Dennis Hill  
0117 986 5481

### **Ladies Keep Fit Class**

Staying physically and mentally fit has enormous benefits for our health, well-being and ultimately our quality of life and freedom of choice.

Regular, moderate exercise is the key to preventing most of the major health problems which many people are now experiencing – conditions like obesity, high blood pressure, circulation problems, diabetes, arthritis, osteoporosis, back pain – the list seems endless.

Our class at Saltford Hall uses a wide range of 'movement to music'. A choice of movements allows people of different ages, abilities and levels of experience to benefit fully from each session. There is no floor work or high impact movement. Class members are mainly 50 plus and retired.

Above all, our classes are a meeting of friends enjoying improving their health in a happy, non-competitive environment. Many are from Saltford so why not come and join us. You've nothing to lose and everything to gain.

Classes begin in the main Hall on Thursday 18 January. They run from 10.00a.m. to 11.30 and cost £4.50

per session (plus a one-off supplementary fee of £5) For further details, phone teacher Aileen Burgess on 0117 949 1346.

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## REGULAR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT SALT FORD HALL

Please note:- Dates, times and venues may change, please check with the contact named elsewhere in this newsletter and note that these are booking times. Event times may differ. Many of these activities are closed for the summer season.

Every day - Mon to Fri	9.15am	Saltford Busy Bees Pre-school	Avon
<b>Mondays</b>	10.00am	Art Class	Somerset
	1.30pm	Saltford Short Mat Bowls Club	Hall
	1.45 pm	Rhyme-time Music & Movement Class	Somerset
	2.00pm	Whist Club	Avon
	5.00pm	Dancing Classes	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
	10.00am	Ladies Badminton	Hall
	10.00am	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
	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	Keep Fit Class	Hall
	9.30am	Rhyme-Time Music & Movement Class	Somerset
	1.30 pm	Sportsvan	Hall
	2.00pm	Painting for Pleasure Club	Somerset
From 5 October	5.45 pm	Pilates Class	Somerset
	8.00pm	Saltford Badminton Club	Hall
<b>Fridays</b>	10.00am	Saltford Wind Band	Somerset
(some)	1.30pm	Saltford Short Mat Bowls Club	Hall
	6.30pm	Saltford Short Mat Bowls Club Night	Hall
	6.30 pm	Saltford Shu-Ko-Kai Club (Martial Arts)	Wansdyke
(some)	7.30pm	Saltford Drama Club	Avon/Hall
<b>Saturdays</b>	10.00am	Insh Dancing Class	Avon



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**MONTHLY ACTIVITIES AT SALTORD HALL** (See notes at top of Weekly Table)

First Monday (usually)	10.00 am	Beading Course	Wansdyke
Second Monday	7.30pm	Saltford Quilters	Somerset
Second Monday	7.00pm	Avon Valley Art Society	Wansdyke
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
Second Wednesday - (bi monthly)	2.00pm	Inner Wheel Club of Keynsham	Wansdyke
Second Wednesday	7.00 pm	British Sugarcraft Guild	Wansdyke
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
Third Saturday	10.00 am	Lace-making class	Kelston
Fourth Saturday	2.30 pm	Historical Model Railway Society	Wansdyke

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## SELECTED EVENTS IN DECEMBER 2006

*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*

Saturday 2nd	Terry Harrison's Watercolour Workshop	Hall	9.00 am
Thursday 7th	Lighting of the Christmas Tree	Hall	6.00 pm
Wednesday 13th	Bath Guild of Embroiderers	Wansdyke	9.30 am
Saturday 16th	Historical Model Railway Society	Avon	2.00 pm
Saturday 16th	Saltford Village Choir Concert	Hall	6.00 pm
Saturday 23rd	K & S Wine Circle Xmas Dance	Hall	6.00 pm

## SELECTED EVENTS IN JANUARY 2007

Thursday 11th	Management Committee	Avon	7.30 pm
Saturday 13th	Saltford Walkers AGM & Party	Hall	6.00 pm
Monday 15th	Bath Guild of Embroiderers	Wansdyke	9.30 am

## SELECTED EVENTS IN FEBRUARY 2007

Friday 2nd	Blood Donor Session	Hall	11.30 am
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### **Saltford Evening W.I.**

A well attended meeting of Saltford Evening WI re-elected Sylvia Dando as President with Val Henry as Secretary and Val Thomas as Treasurer. After many years of committee work and holding different offices, Olive Woolcott decided to stand down from the committee. The rest of the committee were re-elected en bloc with a new recruit, Hilary Hallett. We now have 40 members, including 9 new members and we look forward to another year of activities and good speakers.

After the business, some light hearted activities were enjoyed. These included modeling with Playdough and a competition guessing the names of various pieces of very old household equipment. During the month, several members enjoyed a beetle drive with other members of our group.

Forthcoming Event: 6<sup>th</sup> December  
7.30 pm at Keynsham Baptist Church.  
A Carol Service with members of our Group.

Next Meeting 12<sup>th</sup> December –  
7.30pm in the Avon Room at Saltford Hall. A Christmas Party.

Visitors are always welcome

### **Saltford Walkers**

The Saltford Walkers have enjoyed another very successful year with increased membership and excellent walks arranged by walk leaders. The

Club now has walks for all abilities, Walkers, Amblers and Strollers. The Walkers have visited many areas including Tetbury, Blagdon and Stourhead whilst the Amblers have enjoyed walking nearer to home including Clifton, Shoscombe and Pensford. The Strollers have enjoyed more leisurely walks again nearer home and have included Arnos Vale, Frome and Dyrham, starting with coffee and ending with a pub lunch!

As well as walking, the club has enjoyed social evenings, a bi-monthly luncheon club and monthly games of Pentanque. Highlights of the year have been holidays in Bude and Shropshire with good weather, good food and friendship. The last social event of the year is a Christmas lunch at Cameley Lodge.

Anyone interested in knowing more about the club should ring 01225 316938



### **Saltford Floral Club**

Saltford Floral Club meets every 4th Tuesday in the Month, at 2pm till approx 4pm in Saltford Hall, for either a Demonstration or a Practice Class. Do come along and learn a new skill, or just for fun. There is a reasonable priced Sales Table, with all that you need for your own arrangements. We are a friendly group always ready to welcome new Members or Visitors, and each afternoon finishes with a Raffle and a 'cuppa'.

A full & interesting programme is planned for 2005. Including a Members only outing in June to Sanders World Garden Centre Brent



Knoll, followed by a Flower Demonstration and Tea at Plainfield Farm, Over Stowey.

If you are interested please contact Jean Damey for more details on 0117 9775587

### **Saltford Townswomen's Guild**

The Extraordinary Meeting called before the regular Guild meeting was well attended and the business was completed quickly and smoothly. Mr. John Taylor was the speaker and he recounted some of his experiences and sights of his trip to Poland and Prague. In October Mr. Stan Hitt, the retired head of the Parks and Gardens in Bath, delighted his audience with his slides of Bath in Bloom and the delightful displays in the Parade Gardens. He explained how some of the displays were financed and how the figures and floral exhibits were constructed. December is the month of the Christmas Party and the New Year sees the welcome return of Mrs. Susan Marshfield in January. Do come as a visitor. You will be very welcome.



### **Keynsham & Saltford District Wine Circle**

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Mr. Ken Gunnell. Ken was one of our long serving members who fully supported all of the Circle's events and activities. He will be greatly missed and we extend our sincere sympathy to Cynthia, all his family and friends.

Our Annual Wine Competition was held in October. Although the overall number of bottles entered was slightly down, nevertheless the competition remained very keen. Trophy winners were as follows:

WHITE DRY	Percy Mellor
RED DRY	David O'Neill
ROSE Med.Dry	David O'Neill
WHITE SWEET	Betty Haynes
RED SWEET	David O'Neill
GOLDEN DESSERT	Fay Bleach
RED DESSERT	Percy Mellor
SWEET APERITIF	Sally Dummott
WHITE Med.Dry	Jacqui Holland
SLOE GIN	Percy Mellor

The trophy for the most points in the show, was won by Percy Mellor. Many thanks to the judges, Marge Gittins, Carol Coombs and Peter Coombs for their hard work.

While the wine judging was taking place, we were enjoying a tasting of five Californian Wines presented by our good friend Vernon Groves. As we would expect, Vernon combined an interesting and educational talk with some fine wines.

At the end of October a group of our members joined the Warmley Wine Circle for a weekend at the Ullswater Hotel in Bournemouth. We visited Beaulieu and Poole as well as strolling the sea front and streets of Bournemouth. The hotel was excellent and the company of the Warmley Wine Circles members was most enjoyable.

In November Joyce Knight, one of our members, showed us how to create some magnificent floral seasonal table decorations. I hope we will be

able to make them as well as Joyce does!

Members will be enjoying the start of the dancing season with visits to Timsbury, Bath and our own Christmas Dances. The New Year will bring us Bath Wine Circle Annual Dinner and Dance and the Warmley Wine Circle New Year Dance. Therefore we would like to wish our members, their families and all our friends a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

If you would like further information on Wine Circle activities or would like to visit or join us, please contact Alan Dummott on 01225 873493.

### **Other Organisations**

#### **GRACE BIBLE CHURCH, SALT FORD**

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#### **SUNDAY SERVICES**

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Other meetings include:

#### **Monday - Meet & Mingle**

12pm - 2pm - Soup and a chat for the over 50's

#### **Tuesday - Mums & Toddlers**

9.30am - 11.30am - All parents & carers welcome.

#### **Tuesday - Ladies Meeting**

7.45 pm (Alternate Tuesdays)

Informal bible study in relaxed atmosphere

#### **Thursday - Prayer Meeting & Bible Study**

For a more in depth study of the bible and related matters.

#### **Friday - Children's' Clubs**

6.30pm - 7.30pm - Countdown (Reception +)

8.00pm - 9.30pm - After Eight's (YR 7 +)

9.30pm - After After Eight's (YR 10 +)

Other Meetings Include -

Saturday football (16 +)

Occasional Men's Breakfasts

Explore Christianity Courses

### **CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

#### **Carols by Candlelight**

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm

Followed by a time of fellowship with Coffee and mince pies.

#### **Christmas Day Service**

Please join us at 10.30 am to celebrate the birth of our Saviour

For further details about any of the above meetings,

Please contact Steve Greedy on 07901601232

(No charges are made for any of our meetings.)



**ST MARY'S, SALT FORD**

**Mums and Toddlers** is being held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December and Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January from 10.30 a.m. until 12 noon in the Church Hall.

### **Pram Service**

Any pre-school children are most welcome. We meet on the third Friday, at 10.30 a.m., starting in Church for a short service and then moving to the Church Hall until 12 noon: 15<sup>th</sup> December and 19<sup>th</sup> January.

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

This is a fun evening on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December and Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January for any junior aged children. We 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.

**Coffeeshop** This is held weekly at the Wishbone Restaurant every Friday between 10.00 a.m. and 11.45 a.m. Anyone is welcome to drop in for a coffee and chat. It will be closed on December 22<sup>nd</sup> and December 29<sup>th</sup>.

**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, a time to chat and socialise, followed by Bible Study, a discussion group and prayers. For more information about CYFA contact Julia Norris (872750).

**Advent Soup Bowl** If you're at home on a Monday lunchtime, come and join us for Soup, Cheese and Roll &

Butter – Cost £1 – at the Guide Hut, Lansdown Road – 12.30 – 2 p.m. every Monday in Advent: 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> December. Profit goes to Christian Aid.

### **Christmas Services**

**Nativity Play/Family Service** at 9.30 a.m. and Evening Praise at 6.30 p.m. on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

**Christingle Service** at 3.00 p.m. on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December.

**Carol Service** on 17<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30 p.m.

**Blessing of the Crib Service** at 5.00 p.m. and **Midnight Communion** at 11.15 p.m. on Christmas Eve.

**Christmas Day** – Parish Communion at 9.30 a.m. and Family Service at 11.00 a.m.

### **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

#### **Third Sunday**

9.30 a.m. Parish Communion

6.30 p.m. Evening Praise

#### **Fourth Sunday**

9.30 a.m. Parish Communion

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