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OVER AND OUT

Remember! Remember! Lest we Forget! This is most definitely the month for sturdy cognition. We at News and Notes HQ salute it all. We write this from a very wistful and super remembering vantage point, as this is our last (for now certainly) News and Notes. Anna and Orpheus have you covered until Jan. We pass our part of the baton on to two (currently) of the greatest humans the five villages have ever known. When we received the message that these two wanted to join the queue of none, to take over, Jonny and I rang each other at exactly the same time, creating one of those stalemates of communication, until one of us gave up. The roar of joy, delight and sheer exhilaration must have been heard villages wide. We shan't give away these secrets that easily, it is your job, fair readers, to stay tuned for the rapturous unveiling of your new helmsmen à tout à l'heure.

What do we have for you in this, our final missive? There's news from Longford Estate where cricket bats have been growing, as well as glorious information about the Bunstock panto... Oh yes there is! Our wonderful Martin from Bread and Flowers writes about redolent bonfires and sticky treats. Staples from the WI are like hot water bottles for the soul and the News from the Pews is as hot as it gets. This is one hundred percent what you have been waiting for one whole month.

Thank you all for being such wonderful receivers of our gibberish and to all those who have provided us with the most excellent copy month after month, we certainly do not forget you, nor shall we ever. As always, the most amount of thanks to the unendingly worthwhile Jeremy Metcalfe, he has ceaselessly worked to make us look like we have things under control, rarely do we ever, but it comes together in the end, and sometimes it makes a modicum of sense.

Fare thee well readers, over and out and back to base.

Marelka & Jonny - Co-editors

Community News

This month's community news is a little harder to get to grips with as we respectfully say goodbye to two grand pillars of our community, Rod Shipsey of Britford and Julia Joynt of Nunton. Many thanks to their families for their delivery of what can't have been an easy task.

Obituaries

JULIA JOYNT 1934-2024

Many readers will have known or met Julia Joynt who died on Sunday 6 October aged 90 and who will be immensely missed by this community. With her staunch brave spirit, and zest for life, she lived an amazingly full life right to the end, despite increasing physical difficulties through the rare progressive muscle disease, Inclusion Body Myositis, with which she had been ill for many years.

Julia's many good friendships were forged through a love of music, art, horses and enjoying life. Julia will be remembered by many in the community from her performances in our village pantomimes and revues; Julia clad in sheepskin for a role as Bertha Gunn in Treasure Island, and her cat duet with Dorothy Darton were notable highlights.

Beloved mother and wife, Julia is survived by her husband, Harry, and children Anna and Alexander.

The funeral will be on Wednesday 30 October at 2pm at St Andrew's Church, Nunton and at the Radnor Arms afterwards.

ROD SHIPSEY 1946-2024

Rod Shipsey died peacefully surrounded by family at home in Britford on Sunday 29th September 2024. Rod and his wife Julia have lived in Britford for 45 years where they have bought up their four children and have shared many happy memories with them and their eight grandchildren. Rod was a Church Warden at Saint Peters church, Britford for 40 years and was very much part of the community, both in the village and the wider Chalke Valley. Rod's involvement with various organisations and committees throughout his life and through W. Shipsey and Sons, organising events for several generations of families throughout Salisbury has led to him being a well known figure in Salisbury and beyond. He will be very sadly missed by all who knew and loved him.

There is to be a Thanksgiving Service at St Thomas' Church, Salisbury on Wednesday 20th November 2024 at 11am.

Community News

Charlton All Saints Bonfire Bash

Reliably informed (see how this works?) by Clare Penny of Charlton All Saints, that on the 2nd November at the Charlton All Saints Barn there stands to be some of the greatest fireworks, bonfire, mulled wine, raffle as well as a bar. Unsatisfied with merely this selection of splendidry, the ticket includes a hot-dog (one in a bun, not a panting canine) from Chris Clark! Tickets (01725 510891) in advance are £8 for adults, kids 5-14 £4, on the door Adults £10, Kids 5-14 £5. Stands to be an absolute scorching banger of an evening.

New Editors needed for the good ship News and Notes 2025

It is, with hardly a dry eye in the house, that Anna, Orpheus, Jonny and I have come to a season in life where we, sadly, no longer have capacity for this here News and Notes. Things are kicking off for all of us so that pastures nouveaux have arrived. Should anyone wish to take over this would need to be for the February 2025 edition. Hoorah and thanks to you all for your contributions. Obviously, we'll be available to assist with handing over. Applications to the usual editors@newsandnotes.co.uk.

Downton Band Concert 10 December 2024

Should you find yourselves footloose and fancy free on the 10 December then head down to Charlton All Saints at 7.30pm for the Downton Band Concert. Usual refreshments available.

Climate Disaster Averted

Salisbury City Council, having announced a Climate Emergency in 2019, have purchased a pair of e-bikes as part of a Travel Action Plan following an independent review of policy, procedures and processes by Sustrans.

Bishopstone Community Lunches

The first Community Lunch of the season will be on **Wednesday 6th November**.

The speaker will be Frogg Moody talking about the History of the Old Manor Hospital and his experience as head gardener.

Times as usual: **12.00 noon** for **12.30 pm**. Advance booking is essential.

Please telephone Caroline Ash on (01722) 781044 and advise her of any dietary requirements. The cost is **£8.50** for a two-course lunch and a drink. The special **Christmas Lunch** will be on **Wednesday 4th December**.

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This year's stamp sale and delivery locations can be seen on their website.

See e-News&Notes for more information.

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Focus on Food

Twisted Fire Starter

Treacle toffee is the food memory that gets to me more than anything. A dish my mum made on bonfire night, a dish my dad, with all his passion and culinary skills couldn't get anywhere near. He was the alpha in the home, in the kitchen and in my life. My mum was the beta, the crib, the comfort, the arms around my shoulder on a cold, wintry bonfire night.

The boys, we twins and my dad built the bonfire, four meters high, on behalf of the village, on behalf of ourselves really, to share with the village. We designed and constructed the edifice, the furnace, to which we invited the village, in awe of our skills, boyish skills and bantering ways.

The fire burnt, the flames, the twisted wheels of fire, the furnace, sparking flames, the heat and the cold, clear, frost filled skies, the graveyard across the wall, my bedroom window reflecting the furnace, the crowd, the gathering, the cheer and the beer and the wine, smiles, squeezed arms, foreheads pressed against the shoulders of friends.

And we looked up, glass in hand, as the tray of brittle treacle toffee is handed round, not even by my mum who made it, couched in her insignificance, but by the children she had raised, glowing in the reflection of the fire, glowing in my father's glory. My dad was always the glory, but my mum was always the saviour of our home. As is so often the case. The soft breast of reality, the comfort of the hearth, the warm breath of love and the blithe spirit, the light.

In the embers of the fire we tossed potatoes wrapped in foil for an hour, then opened the packages, split the spuds open and lavished them with butter and Heinz beans, a little grated cheese across it, a bit of Lancashire off Ellesmere Port market, eaten with a fork directly from the foil.

Every bonfire night until I left home, cocooned in the light of the flames, wrapped in the dark woolly blanket of night, on an old raspberry patch beyond the top of our garden, next to the churchyard where my parents are now buried, keeping watch on the family, where my sister still lives with her family and tells me she knocks out the occasional batch of treacle toffee when the occasion arises.

Martin Simcock - Bread & Flowers

News from the Pews

Hi all, we have had a busy October. All services have happened in both churches as advertised and back in September we had a lovely Harvest service at St Mary's when the weather was kind enough to enjoy a shared tea outside in the churchyard. We were able to donate a goodly amount of produce and tins to the Salisbury Food Bank and the Pantry.

On Monday 28th October at 7pm we will be having a very special service in St Andrew's to licence Maggie Metcalfe as associate Priest in the Chalke Valley Benefice and are sure that there will be a 'full house'! We are also expecting many to be attending Julia Joynt's funeral on Wednesday 30th October at 2pm, also at St Andrew's.

Creativitea was held in the community room at the Orchard on Thursday 17th October - our thanks to them for once again allowing us to invade their space with tea, cake and handicrafts. This month's Creativitea will be on Thursday 21st - please look out for notices as we may well be back in the Barker Room by then. Our thanks to Simon Martin for clearing the ditches and drains in Rose Lane to pre-empt any further flooding.

Our church services for November begin with a special service in St Mary's on Friday 1st November at 6pm to celebrate All Souls Day. We welcome folk who would like to come and light a candle in memory of a friend or family member. Our shared Remembrance Day service this year will be held at St Peter's, Britford, on 10th November commencing at 10.50am - all are very welcome to attend.

That's all for now. Take care and be kind to each other.

Stephanie Elcock and Mary Boydcamps - Churchwardens ONB

CREATIVITEA

Thursday 21st November

2-4pm

Community Room, The Orchard, Nunton

We are grateful to the residents of The Orchard for allowing us to meet whilst the Barker Room is being repaired. We hope to be back in the Barker Room for December

Join us for tea, cake and a chat and even some craft work in the Community Room for a Creative Tea!

Bring your ideas on how we can be more creative.

WI Report

ONB WI Meeting October 14 2024

The range of interests and activities of the WI was evident at the meeting in the Radnor Hall chaired by Hattie Hillier; pins and needles, a book group, lunch club, walking group, a demonstration of decoupage activity on flower pots and reports of the WFWI meeting attended by several members in Devizes where they heard about local women's achievements and a local approach to supporting women who had been abused. Future reminders included items for Alabare Xmas, socks and toiletries welcome, other Xmas workshops; our own Xmas cards were on sale.

After coffee and chat, Stephanie Elcock gave us a fascinating talk about Mercy Ships. As an anaesthetist she had been a volunteer for several years in that capacity on the ships which provide a floating hospital able to dock at any port and offer a range of surgical procedures for the local population. Mercy Ships is a Christian charity, started in 1978, largely now working in sub-Saharan Africa but previously in 55 countries. It relies on volunteers, surgeons, anaesthetists, allied professionals and the many supporting personnel. Stephanie reminded us that 9 out of 10 people in Africa cannot access safe surgery but 50% live within 100 miles of a port excluding countries like Sudan. The aim is to work alongside local services so the ship goes where it is invited, the need is assessed and both surgery and rehabilitation provided. Training local teams is a very important part of the work. One operation commonly required in Africa but no longer usual in the UK is post birth fistula which causes huge distress. Also common needs are for orthopaedic, maxillary-facial, ophthalmic and reconstructive surgery and Stephanie's talk was illustrated, with patient permission, by before and after pictures. Some people volunteer year after year and we were urged to consider recommending this to others as well as directly supporting the charity which relies on funding for its work. Stephanie was thanked for an inspiring talk before the meeting ended with lunch.

Next meeting 11 November 2024 in the Radnor Hall.

Gillian Nicholson - ONB WI member

LONGFORD ESTATES

November 2024

The summer if indeed you can class it as one is long forgotten but the weather remains, wet. Challenges remain across the Estate as we endeavour to prepare ourselves for changes in legislation under the new government, maintenance and repair schedules, producing food and managing our immediate environment.

Harvest was completed as efficiently as it could have been, peas and spring oats were our standout crops which was a complete surprise but the wheats were disappointing in terms of yield and latterly in value as well. The winter barley has all been drilled and we hope to have the wheats drilled by the end of November. We were lucky in that we had a harvest, many of our fellow farmers in the north of the country were unable to plant a crop earlier this year due to waterlogged and/or flooded land. Furthermore some were still attempting to harvest crops well into October, as close as Andover, which is extremely difficult.

Sheep have been brought onto the Estate earlier than in previous years and are doing a fantastic job in helping to improve our grassland as they graze differently to cattle and we have put them in fields that have not seen sheep for decades.

The cattle have done well in this wet year as the grass has grown non-stop all summer, the store cattle have all been sold along with our cull cows.

We were delighted to join some of the team from Nunton Dairy, one of our partner farms, at the 2024 Farmers Weekly Awards where they were finalists in both the Dairy Farmer of the Year and Environmental Champion categories. Up against stiff competition they were unfortunate not to win but it was a huge achievement for the team and the whole business to get to the finals.

Rob Shepherd, the managing partner of our other farming partnership, was also nominated for the Game Changer Award at the 2024 Farmers Weekly Awards for his role in the Environmental Farmers Group and we were delighted to see him win the award.

LONGFORD ESTATES

The water levels within the main river have fluctuated this summer with periods of high water after the many rain events but in the Ebbles there have been periods of exceptionally low flows. Our fishing syndicate enjoyed the Castle match being reinstated and we saw 24 anglers have their skills tested as they competed for the best specimen and highest total catch weight over the day.

The extremely difficult and sad decision to close Trafalgar Fisheries was made in October, a business that was started, by the late Earl of Radnor and his river keeper Tom Williams, over 50 years ago and has been an integral part of the Estate ever since.

Our logs business has moved indoors which provides a much better working environment for the team and means that we can keep the logs drier and season some faster by storing them undercover. Our logs are available to order through our website.

A good number of willow trees have been sent to Gray Nicolls this year, we have been fortunate to produce some high quality trees for them and as a result the demand for our trees remains strong. We have been felling this year's crop and are hoping for a similar level of quality.

The demand for high quality rental properties remains and the maintenance team along with a number of contractors have refurbished a number of properties in recent months. We have managed to get a good number of houses decorated externally as well this year with the teams working between showers, downpours and sunshine.

If you want to see a flavour of what is happening on the Estate on a day-to-day basis why not follow us on Instagram @longfordestates

David Canty

Estate Manager



Church Services

For Britford, Charlton All Saints,
Odstock and Nunton with Bodenham



November 2024

Please check the weekly e-Bulletin or e-N&N for all Benefice Services

3 November ALL SAINTS DAY	9.30am	Parish Communion	Britford	Jenny Taylor & Maggie Metcalfe
	11.00am	Family Service	Odstock	Adrian Taylor
10 November REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY	10.50am	Remembrance Service	Britford	Ruth H-S & Maggie Metcalfe
17 November 2nd Sunday before Advent	9.30am	Parish Communion	Odstock	Ruth H-S & Maggie Metcalfe
24 November CHRIST THE KING	9.30am	Parish Communion	Charlton All Saints	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	Family Service	Nunton	Adrian Taylor
1 December 1st Sunday of Advent	9.30am	Parish Communion	Britford	Ruth H-S
	1100am	Family Service	Odstock	Adrian Taylor

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Services in Chalke Valley Benefice – November 2024



BCP = Book of Common Prayer (Traditional Language), CW = Common Worship (Contemporary Language)

<p>3 November ALL SAINTS DAY</p>	<p>9.30am 9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am</p>	<p>Holy Communion (BCP) Patronal Festival (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Morning Prayer (BCP) Parish Communion (CW) Family Service</p>	<p>Berwick St John Broad Chalke Britford Ebbesbourne Wake Coombe Bissett Odstock</p>	<p>Ruth H-S Alison Waterhouse J Taylor / M Metcalfe Biddy Trahair J Taylor / M Metcalfe Adrian Taylor</p>
<p>10 November REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY</p> 	<p>9.00am 10.45am 10.45am 10.45am 10.50am 10.50am 10.50am 11.20am</p>	<p>Benefice Communion (CW) Remembrance Service Remembrance Service Remembrance Service Remembrance Service Remembrance Service Remembrance Service Remembrance Service</p>	<p>Bishopstone Berwick St John Bowerchalke Broad Chalke Bishopstone Coombe Bissett Britford Alvediston</p>	<p>Ruth H-S Barney Hopkinson Kate Woolven Alison Waterhouse Katharine Robinson Jenny Taylor Ruth H-S / M Metcalfe Vernon White</p>
<p>17 November 2nd Sunday before Advent</p>	<p>9.30am 9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am</p>	<p>Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Family Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW)</p>	<p>Bowerchalke Bishopstone Odstock Ebbesbourne Wake Homington Berwick St John</p>	<p>Alison Waterhouse Jenny Taylor Ruth H-S / M Metcalfe Alison Waterhouse Ruth H-S / M Metcalfe Kate Woolven</p>
<p>24 November CHRIST THE KING</p>	<p>9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am</p>	<p>Parish Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Family Service Parish Communion (CW) Morning Prayer (BCP) Holy Communion (BCP) Morning Prayer (BCP)</p>	<p>Charlton All Saints Broad Chalke Nunton Bishopstone Berwick St John Alvediston Homington</p>	<p>Jenny Taylor Ruth H-S Adrian Taylor Alison Waterhouse Lay Led Ruth H-S Rhoddy Voremberg</p>
<p>1 December 1st Sunday of Advent</p>	<p>9.30am 9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am</p>	<p>Holy Communion (BCP) Family Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Morning Prayer (BCP) Parish Communion (CW) Family Service Advent Service</p>	<p>Berwick St John Broad Chalke Britford Ebbesbourne Wake Coombe Bissett Odstock Bishopstone</p>	<p>Alison Waterhouse Kate Woolven Ruth H-S Biddy Trahair Jenny Taylor Adrian Taylor Sally Leaver</p>

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For more information see their website [HERE](#)

Police Crime Commissioner

PCC publishes Annual Report outlining progress made against all policing priorities



A drop in antisocial behaviour and domestic abuse related offences has been highlighted in Police and Crime Commissioner, Philip Wilkinson's annual report which summarises progress made over the past year to make Wiltshire safer.

The report highlights a 16.6% drop in anti-social behaviour incidents in 2023/2024 compared to 2022/2023, as well as a 13.4% reduction in domestic abuse related crimes, observed across all Neighbourhood Policing Team areas in the same time frame. It also includes a general progress update and summary of continued engagements, media coverage, events and finances.

The report, which includes an overview of his four priorities and progress made against them to the Police and Crime Panel this week.

Mr Wilkinson said: "Since my last report, I have been re-elected to the role of Police and Crime Commissioner following a shorter term than usual, due to the delay of the previous election during the covid-19 pandemic.

"However, all that has been achieved during the 2023/24 year across all areas - and before the election -and I'm really pleased to see a drop in anti-social behaviour rates as I know from speaking with residents that this crime type causes huge concern within communities.

"The reduction in domestic abuse incidents and violent crime that we have seen is also good progress, as this has been an area of focus with the introduction of the Serious Violence Duty in January last year.

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“However, as always, there is more work to be done and my focus has been – and will now continue through the next four years – to support Wiltshire Police as it continues its improvement journey and delivering upon my mission of Making Wiltshire Safer.”

Another key milestone outlined in the Annual Report is Wiltshire Police being brought out of the Engage process in the latest His Majesty’s Inspectorate of Constabulary, Fire and Rescue Service (HMICFRS) Inspection.

Mr. Wilkinson added: “Both the Chief Constable and I have approached the milestones of being brought out of the HMICFRS Engage process - or special measures as it’s known - with cautious optimism.

“It has been a joint priority of Wiltshire Police -and my office - to ensure significant, and sustainable, reform across all areas of the organisation to provide a stable foundation for further necessary improvements.

“It was also vital we ensured the Force functioned strategically but was also able to deliver the policing service it knows it should - and which our residents want and need. I join the Chief in her aspiration for Wiltshire Police to be an outstanding policing service in future years.”

The report also goes on to explain how a new Police and Crime is being developed with input from Wiltshire residents after an extensive public consultation period.

Mr. Wilkinson continued: “Later this year, we will introduce a refreshed and streamlined Police and Crime Plan for 2025-29, centered on the priorities you have shared through our recent public survey, my community engagements, and general feedback.

“Together, Wiltshire Police and my office are making significant strides in various areas of policing, commissioned services and victim support, and I am confident that, in collaboration with Chief Constable Roper and her team, we will not only continue to make Wiltshire safer but also help you, our residents, truly feel that safety within your communities.”

You can find out more and read the full Annual Report [here](#).

World Homeless Day

At Alabaré we are focussing again on how to ensure that we are prepared to meet the needs of those facing the crisis of homelessness who will be approaching us for support through the winter months. There is already high demand for our supported accommodation and other services and we anticipate that the need is likely to increase.

We are so grateful for the community support that we receive, from individuals, schools, churches, WIs and so many others and we really couldn't do what we do without it.

Last year 2,900 people received our support, including young people, veterans and those struggling with their mental health.

When Harry left our Young People's services he said, *"I just want to say thank you so very much for everything you've done for me, I don't think I could ever repay you, nor do I know where to start. I don't think I'd be anywhere near who I am today, or even alive, if it wasn't for you."*

If you are able to help in any way through donating financially, volunteering or offering gifts in kind, please get in touch.

Thank you so much for any help you are able to give.

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Salisbury News

Salisbury Crematorium reopens following essential works



Salisbury Crematorium - Photo by Ash Mills

Following two months of essential works, the Salisbury Crematorium has now reopened to the public.

The closure, which took place during August and September 2024, allowed for crucial repairs and upgrades to the Crematorium's roof.

Funeral and memorial services were temporarily relocated to Salisbury's historic Guildhall, a venue which provided an appropriate and respectful setting for bereaved families. Salisbury City Council extends its deepest thanks to the Guildhall and Crematorium staff and all involved for their unwavering professionalism and support during this time.

The Salisbury Crematorium has served the local community for many years, offering a peaceful environment for families to gather and reflect. With these necessary works now complete, the facility is fully operational and ready to continue its role in serving Salisbury and the surrounding areas.

For more information or to enquire about the services provided at Salisbury Crematorium, please visit the Salisbury City Council website at www.salisburycitycouncil.gov.uk/our-city/crematorium or phone 01722 333632.

Salisbury News

Salisbury City Council unwraps fully festive line-up of events for Christmas 2024



Salisbury City Council is thrilled to announce an exciting line-up of events for the 2024 festive season, ensuring a Christmas to remember for all! Salisbury Market Place and Guildhall Square will come alive with a variety of family-friendly activities, twinkling lights, and holiday cheer.

Christmas Begins: 15 November 2024

Kicking off the festive season, join us in the Salisbury Market Place for Christmas Begins on 15 November. From 1pm to 8pm, enjoy live music, entertainment, festive stalls, delicious food and drink, and the opening of Christmas on the Square. This event is free entry for all and the perfect way to embrace the Christmas spirit with your loved ones.

Christmas on the Square: 15 November 2024 – 5 January 2025

Sponsored by Southern Western Railway.

For the ultimate festive experience, visit Christmas on the Square in the Guildhall Square, running from 15 November to 5 January. Salisbury City Council, Charter 1227 Catering and Vizual Koncept are partnering up again this season to bring you delicious food, warming drinks, and live music evenings. Also featuring the much-loved Santa's Grotto and the Gift Fayre, Christmas on the Square has something for everyone, whether you're shopping for loved ones or simply wanting to enjoy the atmosphere.

Santa's Grotto: 15 November – 24 December 2024

Sponsored by Southern Western Railway.

Santa returns to Salisbury! From 15 November until Christmas Eve, bring your children to experience the magic of Santa's Grotto in the Guildhall Square. Gather around to hear a Christmas story, enjoy festive activities, and capture family memories with Santa. Each child will also receive a gift straight from Santa's workshop! To book your experience visit <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/salisbury-city-council>, with tickets priced at £8. Don't miss this unforgettable Christmas tradition!

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Gift Fayre: 22 November – 19 December 2024

New for 2024, Salisbury City Council and Mynt image are bringing you the Gift Fayre, a unique, enclosed, covered outdoor shopping experience featuring over twenty local artisans and makers. Running from 22 November to 19 December in the Guildhall Square, this is the ideal place to find handcrafted gifts and festive delights, making Christmas shopping a breeze.

Sunday Festive Markets: 1, 8, 15, 22 December 2024

The Sunday Festive Markets are back! On the first four Sundays of December, Salisbury Market Place will be filled with traders offering seasonal treats and handmade gifts. It's the perfect way to stock up on holiday essentials while soaking in the festive spirit.

Celebrate the festive season with Salisbury City Council and enjoy what Salisbury has to offer!

South Wilts Area Board



SOUTHERN WILTS AREA BOARD

You are warmly invited to the next Southern Wiltshire
Area Board public meeting

Thursday 7 November 2024

Meeting starts at 7pm with networking from 6.30pm

Alderbury Village Hall, Rectory Road, SP5 3AD



Join in discussions about youth
engagement in the local community area



Opportunity to meet with Wiltshire
Councillors and community partners



Hear how to get flood prepared for
the winter



Area Board grant funding available to
support local community groups

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