



Parish Magazine

April 2024



Tunnel of Blackthorn (on the footpath to Coombe Bissett)

Photo by Rob Pendleton

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Norman Barter (01722 780471).

A warm welcome to Bishopstone and Stratford Tony...

Please let us know if you know of anyone who moves into Bishopstone or Stratford Tony - or indeed if you yourself have recently moved in, please do introduce yourselves! - so that we can offer them/you a welcome in STaB.



Hello from the Revd Canon Jenny Taylor



A HUGE thank you to everyone who has contributed to our Lent Project supporting Rise:61 this year. Your generosity has been amazing and our coffee mornings were hubs of happy people and delicious goodies!

Before anything else may I wish you all a very Happy Easter! Depending when you are reading this, I so hope that many of you will be or have been able to celebrate this glorious Christian Festival with us!

Often after Easter, the church seems to have a quietish time but not here in Bishopstone! We have TWO weddings – Daisy and James have their wedding on Saturday 6th and Kirsty and Luke have theirs on Saturday 27th and we wish them all many congratulations and love for their special days.

We also have a very special service when Dr Olivia Chapple becomes High Sheriff of Wiltshire at the Appointment and Declaration Ceremony on April 5th. This post is an ancient office and is held for a year and we give our love and congratulations to Olivia as she begins her term of office – to say I am excited and proud to be her chaplain is an understatement!!

So lots to celebrate and be thankful for – which reminds me of one of my favourite bible verses (Colossians 3:17)

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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Bishopstone Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting for 2024 took place on Thursday 14th March in the Village Hall. It was attended by Parish Councillors, ten other Bishopstone residents and Wiltshire Councillor Nabil Najjar.

Reports were presented by Councillor Najjar, Cllr Ali Thorne (Bishopstone PC), Mrs Sarah Seal (PCC), Cllr Norman Barter (Village Hall), Cllr Piers Edwards (Emergency Planning) and by Michael Pratt on the new Tree Warden Scheme.

Cllr Najjar thanked the Parish Council for everything it does; all of which makes his job easier. He said that Wiltshire Council had agreed its budget for next year and difficult decisions had been taken regarding some services. The Council was determined to avoid the problems that other authorities were encountering and not to delve into its reserves. A new initiative had been announced to provide more support for farmers, particularly as they try to diversify their revenue streams. He was aware that Bishopstone, along with Broad Chalke Council, was awaiting the result of speed assessment studies in relation to proposed changes to speed limits along two short sections of the C12. These had been delayed because a decision had been taken to consider the whole length of the C12 as regards the volume of traffic, the standard of the road and speed limits. A report has now been prepared and recommendations for change should be available soon.

A question was raised as regards the standard of repair work undertaken to potholes and other road works, which tend not to last. It was also pointed out that the growing problem was the state of the road margins where bigger vehicles had created deep gutters. These were potentially dangerous and the wheels of smaller cars were being damaged. Councillor Najjar agreed that the budget for highway repairs, £10 million, was probably not adequate, but the scope for adding to that budget was limited. Sixty five percent of Wiltshire's budget went on adult and child social care (a level of expenditure mandated by central government) which left relatively little for everything else. However, the South West Area Board proposed to conduct a survey to identify priority roadworks and the Parish Council should send him their list for consideration.

A full account of the other reports presented will be included with the minutes of the meeting on the village website (www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk).

In brief, **Cllr Thorne** said that the Parish Council had achieved much in the past year. It's priority for the coming year is to secure a reduction in traffic speeds on the C12. He also thanked the Flood Wardens and those like Michael Pratt and John and Henry Thorne who regularly turned out to remove storm damaged trees in the parish. **Sarah Seal** said that whilst the church had had a better year in 2023/24 it had not been without its challenges. Major work had to be undertaken to make the large beech tree on Church Lane safe and to clear the churchyard of brambles and other undergrowth. The PCC was very grateful for the Parish

Council's contribution to meeting those costs. The cost of maintaining the church continues to rise, alongside other expenses. In discussion it was suggested that the church might look to increase income from cultural events, such as concerts, though it was acknowledged that it should avoid competition with the village hall.

Cllr Barter drew attention to the work undertaken to improve the acoustics of the Village Hall and thanked the Committee and volunteers for all their help in staging events. **Cllr Edwards** said that, despite the very wet autumn and winter, flooding in the village had not been widespread. Thanks to the work of Wiltshire Council the position in Faulston Lane was much improved, though problems remained in Netton Street. The emergency stores were well stocked and pumps had been checked. He reminded property owners of their responsibility to keep their own property secure.

Michael Pratt gave a presentation on the types of activity that he hoped to promote as Tree Warden. The intention of this initiative by Wiltshire Council is to significantly increase tree cover in the county to help combat climate change. Consideration could be given to such projects as whether to plant a community orchard in the margins of the Recreation Field and creating a tree nursery to supply saplings for planting in gardens and farms in the village. He is to be joined as a Tree Warden by Georgie Phillips who will look after the western end of the village. Further information about this project will be announced in STaB in due course.

In a wider discussion, concerns were raised about the deposit of material dredged from the drainage channel in Church Lane along the wall of the churchyard and about the effect of road closures along the C12. It was agreed that the Parish Council should write again to Wiltshire Council highways pointing out that the dumping of material from the drain in Church Lane is unacceptable. If this continued it would raise the height of the bank and, in due course, obliterate the wall which is part of a Grade I Listed Building. The deposit of wet silt against the wall risked damage and destruction of its setting, contrary to Wiltshire's own conservation policies. It was understood that the problem was the logistics of offsite disposal, but Cllr Thorne said that he would be able to help with this.

The problems caused by road closures had been raised with Wiltshire Council on numerous occasions. Their position was that there was little they could do to stop "rat running" along Mill and Faulston lanes and that the minimum width requirements for keeping the road open with traffic light control could not be met. However, some progress had been made in getting them to insist that statutory undertakes minimise the number of road closures required.

Finally, it was agreed that for 2025 the date of the Annual Parish Meeting should be moved to May in the hope that the lighter evenings would encourage greater attendance.

Parish Council

The March meeting of the Parish Council took place immediately following the Annual Parish Meeting. Councillors Thorne, Edwards, Barter, Tatner, Williams and Rigg were present, together with the Parish Clerk Mike Ash and five members of the public. Apologies had been received from Cllr Smith. The minutes of the meeting will be available on the village website (www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk).

Consideration was given to two applications for grant assistance. However, in neither case was it clear that the activities of the organisations concerned directly benefitted residents of the parish (a condition of the legal powers under which grants could be made) so both applications were reluctantly rejected. The Council also adopted a revised and updated Code of Practice for Councillors, copies of which are attached to the minutes of the meeting.

The next meeting of the Council will be held on **Thursday 9th May** beginning at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. All are welcome to attend.

Mike Ash
March 2024

Thank You

Very many thanks to Lady Cobham for not only agreeing to have a ditch dug bordering houses on the drove in Croucheston, but also arranging for it to be dug. We hope that this ditch will reduce the flooding risk to a significant number of properties which have been affected by groundwater flooding in the past.

Thank you to Nigel Peasley (Flood Warden for the west end of the village) for being so proactive and speaking to Lady Cobham.



On behalf of the Parish Council



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Village Hall

May 4th - 7.00pm



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or email bvhticketoffice@btinternet.com**

VILLAGE HALL SPRING FAYRE - SATURDAY 18th MAY, 10 AM

PLANT STALL

Springtime is nearly with us and the Spring Fayre is coming up soon. Please could you let us have any spare plants or seedlings of vegetables, flowers or fruit for our stall. This provides and serves dual purpose of buying great plants and nurtures an interest in gardening.

To this end, we need your generous donations of plants or seedlings. We would be grateful if you could name the plants or seedlings and if possible, the colour or variety.

This year, please could you deliver any plants or seedlings to the Village Hall from 2 p.m. on Friday 17th May, where I shall be happy to receive them. Your support is very much appreciated.

Norman Barter

Village Hall



April 2024

WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED THIS SPECIAL OFFER FOR A FREE SHOW !!

On **Saturday 4th May** Ben Sword will give his **One Man Musical Comedy Variety Show** (think Bill Bailey crossed with Alan Partridge !). Free entry with an optional £5 ploughman's supper. Bar open at **6.30pm** for a **7.00pm** start. Book via the Barbers 01722 780471 or Sue 01722 780316, or email bvhticketoffice@btinternet.com.

ANNUAL SPRING FAYRE

The ever popular Spring Fayre will be held on **Saturday 18th May** between **10.30am** and **12.00noon**

There will be a variety of stalls including plants, cakes, books, local crafts and a tombola. Refreshments will be available.

The VILLAGE HALL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The annual meeting will be held on **Monday 20th May. 7.00 for 7.30pm.**

All welcome.

MOVIOLA at Bishopstone

Friday 26th April. The Moviola film for April is '**One Life**'

"British stockbroker Nicholas Winton (Anthony Hopkins) visits Czechoslovakia in the 1930s and forms plans to assist in the rescue of Jewish children before the onset of World War II, in an operation that came to be known as the Kindertransport. Hopkins's subtle, emotionally powerful performance grounds the film, and he's aided by classy support from Lena Olin, Helena Bonham Carter and Jonathan Pryce. This is an unassumingly powerful film about an ordinary person unwilling to look the other way."

A trailer for the film can be seen in the Events section of the village website at www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk.

Doors open at 7pm with the film commencing at 7.30pm

Entry for the film is **£6.00**. A cash bar with ices and snacks will be available. If possible, please book in advance with Caroline Ash on (01722) 781044, Nigel Peasley on 07761 463737, or the Taylors on 780316.

The BISHOPSTONE COMMUNITY CAFE

Coffee Mornings are normally held on alternate **Thursdays**. Dates for the coming period are the 4th and 18th of **April** and the 2nd, 16th and 30th of **May**.

10.30am until 12.00noon.

Everyone is welcome to look in for a coffee and chat. There is presently no charge for refreshments.

BISHOPSTONE COMMUNITY LUNCHESES

The last community lunch of the season will be on **Wednesday** the **3rd April** when speaker Naomi Oosthuizen will be talking about 'Decluttering'.

(Lunches will resume in October)

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 £7.50 for a two-course lunch and a drink.

HALL BOOKINGS FOR SOCIAL EVENTS AND WORKSHOPS

Both halls are available for hire. To enquire or make a booking, please contact the bookings secretary Margaret Barter (01722) 780471

BISHOPSTONE PLAYGROUP

The playgroup meets on Friday mornings during term time from 9.30 – 11.00 am. Breastfeeding support is available from qualified breastfeeding counsellor Cally Edwards and trained peer supporters. Find further information on our Facebook page *Bishopstone Playgroup* or contact Cally on callyedwards@me.com or 07968 797 168.

“EXTEND” EXERCISE CLASSES

For further information about these exercise classes contact Jenny on 01722 780863, email: jennyberwynjones@yahoo.co.uk

PILATES AT BISHOPSTONE

For further information contact Claudine on 07788 587937 or email: claudineblake@aol.com

YOGA WITH HANNAH

For more details please contact Hannah Stocker at 0773 856 1888 or by email: yoga_with_hannah@outlook.com

SARUM SPINNERS AND WEAVERS

For more detail about the group please contact Les Smith on 01722 780761.

Bishopstone Village Hall rates for private hire

Bishopstone Village Hall has 2 rooms that are available for hire for a wide range of functions. The larger room is ideal for children's parties with lots of space for running around. It can also accommodate wedding receptions, charity functions and large family celebrations.

The smaller room (The Memorial Room) is a good size for meetings and smaller gatherings.

The modern kitchen is spacious and fully equipped with an electric catering range, a professional 4 minute dishwasher, water boiler, hot cupboard, microwave oven, 2 fridges and a freezer, all suitable for professional caterers. There is also glassware, crockery and cutlery for over 80 people.

The hire charges include use of heating and electricity.

The rates are currently:

	Villagers	Non Villagers
Hire of both rooms (With full use of the kitchen)	£15 per hour	£20 per hour
Hire of both rooms (With tea making facilities but no other electrical kitchen equipment)	£10 per hour	£15 per hour
Full use of the kitchen <u>only</u>	£10 per hour	£15 per hour
Weddings – per event/day	£150	£250
Parties – per event/day	£100	£150

Broadband

An additional charge is made for use of the broadband connection of £6 per hour with a maximum of £25 per day.

Large projection screen

Use of this professional quality screen is charged at an additional £10 per event.

The hire period must include time to set up and clear away after the event.

For further information and bookings contact: Margaret Barter 01722 780471

Chalke Valley Community Support

POLICE

Call 999 in an emergency: an emergency is when someone is being threatened or at risk of getting injured, or a crime is in progress.

Call 101 for non-emergencies: such as reporting a crime that has already taken place, non-urgent incident, contacting local officers etc

To contact your Community Policing Team about a community-related matter, such as a school visit, then please email SalisburyAreaCPT@wiltshire.police.uk

Please note that this mailbox is not monitored 24/7.

You are unable to report crimes of any type via email and please do not report any situations that require an urgent response.

You can follow us on:

Facebook - www.facebook.com/salisburypolice

Twitter - www.twitter.com/SouthWiltsCPT

Community Messaging: Sign up to Community Messaging for news and updates from your local policing team: www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk

Sixpenny Handley and Chalke Valley Practice

Doves Meadow Surgery, Broad Chalke: 01722 780282

Broadchalke Surgery is now open on Tuesdays and Thursdays

Sixpenny Handley Surgery: 01725 552500

www.sixpennydocs.co.uk



MOBILE LIBRARY

The Mobile Library is back in action and will be calling at The Styles in Bishopstone between 1115-1135 on the following Thursdays:

11 April, 9 May, 6 June, 4 July



Coombe Bissett Stores

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shop@coombebissettstores.co.uk Tel: 01722 718852

OPENING HOURS, SHOP AND POST OFFICE

Mon-Fri: 7am-6pm, Sat: 7am-1pm

Chalke Valley Stores Broadchalke

w: www.chalkevalleystores.co.uk

e: info@chalkevalleystores.co.uk Tel: 01722 780998

OPENING HOURS

Shop: Weekdays 9am - 5pm (until 4pm on Saturdays)

Post Office: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 9:30am - 1:30pm

CHALKE VALLEY LINK SCHEME

exists to provide transport and other good neighbour support in a local, personal and friendly way to members of the Chalke Valley community who need it.

If you live between Bishopstone and Bodenham or Britford and need help getting to your surgery/hospital appointments/local shopping or to visit family members in hospital, **please phone 01722 718780 to reach our Joint Transport Coordinators (Anna Mynott, Debby Underhill or Roger Brown) who will be on duty in rotation.**

There is no charge, but you are invited to make a donation towards our administrative costs. Our co-ordinators are all volunteers and there may be occasions when you will be asked to leave a message which will be answered as soon as possible. Our drivers are all volunteers too, so please give us as much notice as possible so that we may find a volunteer who is available.

We are always looking for Volunteer Drivers to enable us to continue to provide a useful service for our community. If you feel you can help - you won't be committed to any particular date or time, only when you are free - please contact any of the above for further information.

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Staying in Touch

STaB magazine is a vital source of communication in the village, keeping everyone informed as to what is happening locally. However, the Covid-19 pandemic has highlighted the fact that situations can change very rapidly. To keep up to date with what is going on there are two other important sources of information in Bishopstone - the village website and our own WhatsApp network.

The village website – www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk is updated in real time and carries all the latest news on issues that affect the village.



The Bishopstone Network is a WhatsApp messaging service that has more than proved its worth during the pandemic, and more recently during the storms when residents were able to report fallen trees and blocked roads to the Emergency Planning Officer. Information can be instantly shared to your mobile phone about support services being provided in the village and on a variety of other matters – everything from the length of electricity black outs to what is available from the White Hart take-away service! You will need to download the App to your phone and then contact Piers Edwards (piersgedwards@gmail.com or 07920 475009) or Kate Pendlenton (kmpendlenton@hotmail.com or 07769202200) and ask to be added to the group.

Salisbury Foodbank

This month there was a total of 4.98 kgs of donations to the Foodbank. Thank you all.

Again, anything that doesn't need cooking or needs minimal cooking is what they are asking for particularly at the moment to make life easier for those in need to save money on fuel. Tinned meat, fish, vegetables and desserts; also long life milk and drinks are always appreciated.

Some slightly more unusual but nevertheless highly sought-after items are:

Tin openers, always needed.

'Free From' foods

Sanitary items

Baby food

Nappies

Deodorants

Toilet rolls.



They are grateful for anything that you can offer and I thank you for your continued support.

Judy Barrett

As usual donations can be left at my house, The Old Post Office, The Cross, Crouchston or the Church or call me on 01722 780306 if you would like me to collect.

NEW ZUMBA & CONDITIONING CLASS

Chalke Valley Sports Centre, Wednesdays at 9.30 - 10.30

Booking is in blocks of 6 classes: £48 - Come and try for £10

Are you interested in a fun & social class? Open for everyone. We have a total mix of ages and abilities. You won't feel out of place! Alice is a fantastic teacher and her energy is infectious.

If you're interested, have any questions or would like to come and try you can email or call me.

Victoria Pickford

07909 820365

victoria.pickford1@gmail.com



CHALKE VALLEY
SPORTS CENTRE
sport for all

Facilities for all the Chalke Valley
SPORTS SCENE
APRIL 2024

Multi Use Games Area resurfacing. After a long period of investigating options, we have concluded that the best option is to resurface with porous macadam. This is easier to maintain, is hard wearing and can be used for different activities and is at a lower cost. We now have the challenge of raising over £25,000-£30,000 to achieve this. The Sports Centre has been placing money into Reserves for a number of years and has 50% of the funds. The Tennis Club have also been raising money to support the Project, but it still leaves around £10,000 to raise. Our target is to achieve this by the summer and plan the works in the early autumn.

The new surface will have a two-tone coloured finish for tennis and will be available for netball, five a side football and other general activities. We were successful last year in raising funds to replace the floodlights, so the area can be used all year around.

Zumba. Anyone interested in the class on Wednesday mornings at 0930 please contact Victoria Pickford on 07909 820365 or Victoria.pickford1@gmail.com

Kitchen Upgrade. We have received a grant from Empower of £2,000 towards this project. This, combined with the Chalke Valley Fete grant of £750 and Tesco funding of £500 means that we can now start planning the long overdue improvements. The Sports Centre has funds in Reserve for this which we anticipate costing £7,000-8,000.

Tennis Club News. The Club are taking part in the Sarum summer league again, so we are calling for members (particularly women) to join, and in due course to join the Shaftesbury Sarum league pool of available players. Contact Linda Walton for more information. New membership year letters have been sent out. Contact Mathew Dodd if you are interested in joining.

If you are interested in playing club tennis at an intermediate level join our What's App Group to keep in contact with sessions over the spring and summer period. Contact Chris Rothwell on below email.

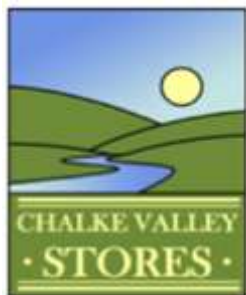
Cricket Club News. The new season starts this month with mid-week games on Wednesday evenings and Saturday matches.

Help required. The Sports Centre is managed by a small voluntary committee, and we would love to spread the load just a little bit to keep facilities operational and to help with events and activities. If you would like to get involved, it's only a couple of hours a month, then please contact one of the committee members.

The hall, multi-use games area and playing fields area available for private hire so if you have a family celebration in the coming weeks, why not see what we can offer?

General e.mail: info@chalkevalleysportscentre.co.uk

More details can be found on our website: www.chalkevalleysportscentre.co.uk



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Coffee Shop: Weekdays 10am - 3.30pm (until Midday 12pm on Saturdays)

Post Office: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 9.30am to 1pm

Thank you all once again for supporting The Hub. However, please, please continue to support the Post Office. We would hate to lose such a valuable asset.

We continue to expand our range of products to meet your requirements, but if there is any item or product you would particularly like which we don't stock, please do not hesitate to ask if we can get it for you.

Of particular interest we are now stocking Otties Yoghurt. This delicious new range is made with Nunton Milk and comes in four different flavours as well as a larger jar of natural. Nunton Milk itself is growing in popularity and continues to be a good seller. WS Clark of Sixpenny Handley supply delicious top quality meat, all from local farms.

The café goes from strength to strength with a great base of volunteer support. We are, however, always looking for new ones! The menu is varied and food is made to order. All great value for money. Jayne continues to provide a variety of fresh homemade soups and new cakes.

A variety of groups regularly visit the café, including cycling clubs, walkers, Knit & Natter, carers and parent support. Of course new groups are always welcome.

April Wine and Cheese Evening. We will be having a spring wine and cheese tasting evening in April, so please keep an eye on the website for details.

Home deliveries: If you need a delivery, please call the Shop on **01722 780998**.

NB There is a Trussell Trust Collection Point in the Hub for any donations of foodstuffs you may wish to make. Your generosity, especially during this cold weather, will help those most in need.

NEW Community Lunch

We are starting a lunch on the first Friday of each month at the Hub for anyone in our community who would like to meet with others for companionship and a bite to eat. No need to book. Just order whatever you like when you get there. Our first lunch will be on Friday 5th April at 12.30. If you are a carer or would just like further information, please contact Sharon Ibbotson on 780708.



Date for your Diary/Social Calendar!

Saturday 22nd June 2024

‘Bishopstone Safari Supper’

Another great opportunity for us all to get together over delicious food, excellent wine and interesting conversations, and with an added bonus this year, hosting in June could enable ‘alfresco dining’!

For those who are not familiar with a ‘Safari Supper’, it involves hosting one course, of a three-course evening meal. Enjoying two further courses hosted by different couples/households.

Culminating with a drink and debrief at The White Hart!

This is NOT a **MasterChef competition! It’s about villagers getting together.**

The cost will be £20 per couple/pair, and for those wishing to join in but not host a course, the cost will be £20pp (this is subject to numbers).

All proceeds will be donated to The Salisbury Foodbank.

For further details please contact: Brian and Helen Clarke

Email: hlclarke.bishopstone@gmail.com

Mobile: 07471206175

Here’s to another memorable evening!
We do hope you can join us.



Rambling with Jazzie

Well, the weather has not got much better since last month. We've enjoyed some sunny walks, but most have been in cloud and some very cold. On the other hand, the start of spring is evident everywhere as the daffs are well out and the buds are opening on the plums and cherry trees. Actually, despite the cold and continuous rain, Jazzie has had a good month.



Jenni, a dog trainer, came to help us with controlling her jumping and barking problems. Jazzie hates the post coming through the door and jumps to attack it with real venom. She also alerts us with hysterical barking whenever anyone walks past the house with a dog, or even appears near the Croft Green! We were advised about using leads as a control in the house. We went for a walk to see Jazzie off the lead, and she performed well on recall and waiting. Jazzie is very

conscious of vehicles, and always stops when she hears one, returning as it passes. It was a useful if expensive afternoon, with an excellent trainer. We all learnt a lot, proving useful now.

Jazzie met a new friend from Broad Chalke this month while Jo was dog-sitting for Milo. He was a larger version of her, but in cream/buff! They had great fun in our garden one afternoon, bashing the daffs and running rings round the willow tree.

The hedgehogs are still there, and we saw one last week out for its food. In the morning, there are plenty of droppings to show their presence. At least all the food is eaten every day, but I think the birds help themselves too!



Otherwise, the greenhouse is warming all sorts of seeds for the garden, and we have been tidying up all the rubbish from the autumn. The garden is coming along well, and we hope for good crops again.

A new art exhibition opened in the Library in Salisbury, by the artists of Plain Arts and the Salisbury Group, proving popular and well visited, with plenty to admire and so many media and styles to see. The exhibition ends on 31st March, so there is plenty of time to have a peek.



I had another birthday this month and feel even older now, but invigorated by the Moviola film "The Great Escaper", last week! However, Jazzie keeps me walking and aired every day! See you all soon!

James Thompson



Coombe Bissett CE VA Primary School

"Soar on wings like eagles, run and not grow weary, walk and not be faint"

Isaiah 40:31

An adventure for Oak class...

On Monday 18th March, members of Coombe Bissett School visited Salisbury Cathedral; this was the first school trip for the children of Oak Class.



We all met early at the bus stop and enjoyed starting our adventure on the number 29 bus, arriving in Salisbury at just 8.15am. We had a leisurely walk to the Cathedral spotting signs of early Spring and discussing what materials the buildings were made of en route. Our Understanding the World learning this half term is 'materials' and 'changing seasons.'

On arrival to the Cathedral we were treated with the sight of the beautiful Easter Garden which is well worth a visit. The children were able to retell the story they had been learning in RE last week using the tomb as a reminder for what Easter really means.

We enjoyed exploring the cloisters, meeting up with Reverend Jenny and then had a well-deserved snack before meeting the Salisbury Cathedral Education Team for the start of our day's tour and workshops.



We spent the day learning so much about the beautiful Cathedral, how it was built, what it was built from and what makes the Cathedral a special place of worship for Christians. We made our own tile replica of tiles we saw in the oldest part of the Cathedral and also made stunning stained glass windows, learning that each window in a house of worship tells a story.

We finished the day with a visit to the shop to buy a pencil and then wandered back to catch the bus back to Coombe Bissett for 3.13pm!

What an action-packed day. The children loved every moment and learnt so much. We highly recommend the wonderful staff and volunteers at Salisbury Cathedral who always make our visits so personal and relevant for our youngest learners. They help instil a love and respect for this special building on our doorstep, a love we hope they carry into adulthood.



Reported by Mrs Bowers and the Oak Class Children

...and many outdoor adventures for Ash class!



From the youngest class, to the oldest: Ash class had a recent visit to the PGL activity centre at Osmington Bay. 29 children and 3 members of staff braved the late February weather for a fun- and thrill-filled three days. Activities included archery, fencing, climbing, zipwire, giant swing, vertical challenge, orienteering and a campfire – all designed to encourage the children to

challenge themselves. And that's exactly what they did: we were all extremely proud of the determination and bravery shown.



Bag2School for Coombe Bissett School

A Bag2School collection has been organised to raise funds for the school. Why not take the opportunity to have a sort through your cupboards for any clothing, bedding, soft toys and textiles you no longer need!

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Bag2School will be collecting from the school on **Wednesday 15th May 2024 at 9am**. Bags can be dropped at the school from Monday 13th May, or - from the beginning of May - to Kate Pendleton (STaB editor and teacher at CB) who can take them into school.

Notes from a Nutritionist by Amber Cotton Nutrition

Salmon is now in season in the UK, but the reality is that most of the salmon eaten in the UK is farmed mainly in Scotland. Most supermarkets are signed up to the Sustainable Seafood Coalition which includes rules around labelling, but you should always double check a product's credentials before buying.

Salmon is particularly rich in omega-3 fatty acids, and these are known to promote heart health by reducing inflammation. Regularly eating salmon (or other oily fish) 1-2 times per week may also contribute to brain health as the omega-3 fatty acids are essential for cognitive function. Salmon is also an excellent source of vitamin D, which is crucial for bone health and immune function, and its high protein content supports muscle repair and growth.

Spinach is packed with essential nutrients like vitamins A, C, K, and folate and iron, and these help to support immune function, skin health and blood clotting. Additionally, it is a good source of fibre, and also of antioxidants lutein and zeaxanthin which support eye health.

Leeks are one of my favourite vegetables as they are rich in nutrients. They are a good source of vitamins A, C, and K, and also contain antioxidants which may help reduce inflammation and lower your risk of chronic diseases.

Tomatoes are rich in vitamins and minerals, particularly vitamin C, potassium, and folate, and these will all support your immune function, help to regulate your blood pressure, and are needed for cell growth and repair. Tomatoes are also a significant source of an antioxidant called lycopene which gives tomatoes their vibrant red colour. Lycopene has been linked to a reduced risk of certain cancers, as well as providing protection against heart disease and promoting skin health.

This dish uses cream to create a velvety sauce and though cream is a high-fat dairy product it does offer some health benefits. Cream contains essential nutrients such as vitamin A, vitamin D, calcium, and phosphorus, which are important for maintaining healthy bones, teeth, and immune function. The fat content in cream is a source of energy and can aid in the absorption of fat-soluble vitamins. However, it's important to use full-fat cream in moderation as part of a balanced diet. If you want to reduce the fat content of this dish, then you could swap out the cream for low-fat crème fraîche, or even leave it out altogether and flavour your dish with lemon juice instead.

Finally, a quick cooking tip - to stop your salmon fillets sticking to the pan, pat the skin as dry as possible and allow to sit skin-side up at room temperature for at least 10 minutes before cooking. A cold, wet fish will rapidly reduce the heat in your frying pan, which will prevent the skin from cooking quickly enough and cause it to stick.

I hope you enjoy this dish, and as ever, I love hearing how you got on cooking it so please get in touch at amber@ambercotton.co.uk.

Wishing you a very Happy Easter, Amber

Recipe of the Month

Pan-seared Salmon with Creamy Spinach & Tomatoes

INGREDIENTS

2 tbsp olive oil
4 small salmon fillets or 1 large fillet, skin on and patted dry
salt and freshly ground black pepper

For the sauce

50g cold unsalted butter, cut into cubes
2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
100ml double cream
300g cherry tomatoes, chopped
60g baby spinach leaves
2 leeks, trimmed and finely sliced
juice of half a lemon
1 tbsp chopped parsley
Fresh basil leaves, torn, to serve (optional)



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METHOD

Place the olive oil into a large frying pan over a medium high heat. Season both sides of the salmon fillets with salt and pepper. When the oil is shimmering, place one salmon fillet into the pan, skin side down and gently press on the top with a flexible spatula for 15-20 seconds to stop the salmon from shrinking. Repeat for each fillet.

Reduce the heat to medium and cook all of the fillets for a further 6-8 minutes, or until the salmon changes colour (it will become paler) about two thirds up the sides of each fillet. If you are using one larger fillet, then cooking time will be longer. Turn the fillets and cook for another minute until just cooked through. Remove onto a plate and set aside.

Add the butter to the pan and allow to melt, scraping up any brown bits from the salmon. Add the chopped garlic and allow to sauté for 1 minute, or until the garlic is fragrant but not burnt. Add the cherry tomatoes and leeks and simmer for 5 minutes. Stir in the spinach leaves and cook for a further minute, or until wilted. Stir in the cream or crème fraîche, lemon juice and parsley, reduce the heat to low and simmer uncovered for 3-5 minutes to allow the sauce to thicken slightly. Season to taste.

Place the salmon back into the frying pan. Spoon some of the sauce over the top and cook gently for 2-3 minutes to reheat. Garnish with torn basil leaves if using and serve immediately.



This coming year is going to be historic in a number of ways. Not only does it mark the 80th anniversary of D-Day, and the largest amphibious invasion in military history during the Second World War, but it will also bear witness to a truly remarkable milestone in human history. In 2024, over four billion people – more than half of the world's population across more than 40 countries – will go to the polls and the global political landscape could be profoundly changed forever.

At the **Chalke History Festival** (24-30 June 2024) these important topics and more will be discussed by history buffs and curious minds alike when thousands will meet up in Broad Chalke, usually a quiet corner of the Wessex countryside, to experience an unforgettable journey through time. Over the course of one week, a huge range of talks led by 170 renowned historians, authors, and experts - covering a vast spectrum of historical topics, from ancient civilizations to modern events - will take place, and visitors will get the chance to hear from, and pose questions to, some of the country's leading thinkers.

It goes without saying that history is the foundation upon which our grasp of science, philosophy, economics and every facet of human understanding rests. This year at the festival, as we navigate our complex world, there will be more discussion about big themes than ever before. In one of the highlights of the week, and on the topic of science and innovation, **Sebastian Faulks**, **Adam Rutherford** and **Rebecca Wragg Sykes** will be debating the question of genetic mutation and what it is to be human. When it comes to international conflict, few people know more about the subject than the BBC's Security Correspondent **Frank Gardner** who will be talking about his life reporting on headline-making incidents from all over the world. Plus, attending the festival for the first time, will be members of **The Alphen Group**, a network of leading strategic thinkers from Europe and the United States working to consider the future of the trans-Atlantic relationship and European security and defence.

There are also some lighter subjects adding their weight to the programme. The lead guitarist of King Crimson **Jakko Jakszyk** will not only be discussing the history of the electric guitar but also playing on stage and demonstrating differing styles as he does so. **Feargal Sharkey**, best known as the lead vocalist of The Undertones in the 1970s, is amongst the line-up on Wednesday's Chalke Day when he'll be sharing his knowledge of chalk streams and his opinions about the environment. And, in the year when Paris will play host to the greatest sporting event in the world, **Philip Mansel** will be talking about Versailles and The Olympics.

Interactive living history experiences and performances are right at the heart of the Chalke History Festival. There will be a huge range of activities on offer this year, with visitors able to immerse themselves in different eras, from mastering culinary arts to discovering up close the extraordinary skills of the 17th Century sailmaker. Part of the programme for the first time this summer will be **Autojeu Theatre**, with

their signature brand of physically comic storytelling. Created by the team behind the off-Broadway 5-star hit *Beowulf*, 'One Man King Arthur' will be performed on the Tuesday and Wednesday. Furthermore, a group of extraordinarily skilled crafts-people will be remaking history by recreating the burial chamber and some of the burial goods discovered by archaeologists in Prittlewell, near Southend-on-Sea, in 2003. This is an absolutely unique opportunity to see heritage crafts in action and to discover the historical insights that practical craftsmanship can bring.

2024 sees the return of the hugely popular Saturday Night Party at the festival. Visitors should get ready for the raucous sounds of the swing age at the **D-Day Dance**, which will take place in the new, stunning Spiegel tent and will feature The Swing Ninjas. Blending vocal harmonies with a mix of New Orleans' swing and vintage UK jazz, the group brings an authentic, up-to-date approach to the sound of a 1930s band. Also getting everyone on their feet that night will be The Polka Dots who will be bringing the swinging sounds of the 30s, 40s and 50s to the party, and will be stunning visitors with their beautifully blended voices, high-energy dance routines and eye-catching designer costumes. Dressing up is encouraged, but not essential.

For further information, please contact Alex Hippisley-Cox on mobile 07921 127077 or email her at alex@ahipcoxpr.co.uk

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Police Bulletin

*A monthly newsletter from
Philip Wilkinson, Police and Crime
Commissioner for Wiltshire.*



I was astonished to learn recently that those criminal gangs who groom and exploit children and young people to carry out criminal activities on their behalf are now using virtual rewards to take advantage of them.

This takes the form of credit in online video games, so no longer must parents only be on the look out for new trainers, designer clothes and expensive technology if they're worried their child is being exploited, but also online enticements such as avatars and virtual currency.

Children and young people are especially vulnerable to being exploited by criminal gangs because of their age and the harm caused to themselves, their families and their communities can be devastating with violent incidents often escalating.

That's why my office has backed the 'Check Your Children' campaign developed by Owen's World, a charity set up by family and friends following the death of Owen Dunn who was fatally stabbed in Swindon in December 2022.

Owen was carrying a knife at the time of the stabbing, and now his family are asking parents and guardians to look out for any signs that their children may be involved in knife or gang crime.

We've developed a video to explain the signs of exploitation, the reality of serious violence in Wiltshire and where they can seek further guidance and advice if they're concerned.

We often think of drug and knife crime happening in our city and bigger towns, but our villages and more rural areas are not immune from the threat of county lines and serious violence, and sadly nor are the children and young people that live there.

So, my plea to parents, guardians, grandparents, and other caregivers, please 'Check your Children' don't shy away from asking the difficult questions of your children and seeking support from schools, police, Crimestoppers and the NSPCC if you need it.

To watch the video and find out more on how to keep your children safe visit <https://bit.ly/checkyourchildren>

Puzzles and Activities

By Kate Pendlenton

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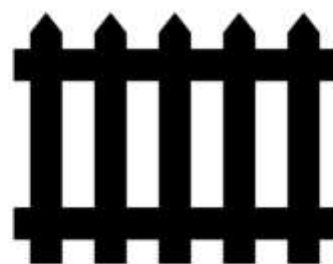
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Thank you to Ron Abbott who sent us this lovely photo of a cloud inversion over the valley entitled 'Bishopstone at Sea'! Wonderful to see blue skies again.



Found in the Village Hall in February, a small ring. If it is yours, please contact Margaret Barter on 780471.

Bishopstone Village Website

www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk

The village website carries a wealth of information about Bishopstone. There are pages devoted to the church, the Parish Council, what's on at the Village Hall, meetings, clubs, local organisations and village walks. There are even digital copies of this magazine.

If you want to have any information included on the website please contact either

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Services in Chalke Valley Benefice – May 2024

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



1 May Philip & James Apostles	7.00pm	Licensing of the Revd Alison Waterhouse as Team Vicar	Broad Chalke	Bishop of Ramsbury
5 May 6th Sunday of Easter	9.30am 9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) Family Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Morning Prayer (BCP) Parish Communion (CW) Family Service	Berwick St John Broad Chalke Britford Ebbesbourne Wake Coombe Bissett Odstock	Kate Woolven A Waterhouse / R H-S Jenny Taylor Biddy Trahair Jenny Taylor Adrian Taylor
9 May ASCENSION DAY	12 noon	Parish Communion	Fifield Bavant	R H-S
12 May Sunday after Ascension	9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 3.00pm	Parish Communion (CW) Family Communion (CW) Morning Prayer (BCP) Family Communion (CW) All Age Service Evening Prayer	Bowerchalke Nunton Charlton All Saints Coombe Bissett Alvediston Fifield Bavant	Alison Waterhouse Jenny Taylor Rhoderick Voremberg Jenny Taylor Biddy Trahair Biddy Trahair
19 May PENTECOST	9.30am 9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Family Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW)	Bowerchalke Bishopstone Odstock Ebbesbourne Wake Homington Berwick St John	Kate Woolven Ruth H-S Jenny Taylor Kate Woolven Jenny Taylor A Waterhouse/R H-S
26 May TRINITY SUNDAY	9.30am 9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Patronal Festival Parish Communion (CW) Parish Communion +APCM Family Service Parish Communion (CW) Morning Prayer (BCP) Holy Communion (BCP) Evening Prayer (BCP)	Bowerchalke Charlton All Saints Broad Chalke Nunton Bishopstone Berwick St John Alvediston Homington	Kate Woolven Jenny Taylor R H-S/A Waterhouse Jenny Taylor Anthony Hawley Lay Led Tony Monds Rhoderick Voremberg
2 June 1st Sunday after Trinity	9.30am 9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) Family Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Morning Prayer (BCP) Parish Communion (CW) Family Service Morning Prayer	Berwick St John Broad Chalke Britford Ebbesbourne Wake Coombe Bissett Odstock Bishopsone	Ruth H-S A Waterhouse Jenny Taylor Biddy Trahair JT / A Waterhouse Adrian Taylor Sally Leaver

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