



# Parish Magazine

April 2023



Harvest Lane Daffodils

Photograph by Kate Pendleton

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April is here, and with it, hopefully, some Spring sunshine! It's been lovely to see the Spring flowers emerging all over the village.

Excitingly, the peregrine falcons have started laying eggs in their nest box in Salisbury Cathedral tower - 2 eggs laid as STaB went to press, but hopefully more to come.

You can watch the peregrines in real-time on the webcams set up around the nest, which can be accessed via the Cathedral website.

### ***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 CRESS this year. Your generosity has been amazing and our coffee mornings were hubs of happy people and delicious goodies!

The wonderful festival of Easter is almost upon us, so do consider joining us on Maundy Thursday at 6.00pm, on Good Friday at 1.00pm and on Easter Sunday at 9.30am. Our church will be full of life in the flowers and in our worship but will be all the better with you there too! Remember if it wasn't for that first Easter over 2,000 years ago we would not have a Christian faith and we now carry to torch of the Resurrection – we must not let it be extinguished!

As Easter dawns hold these words close to your hearts from the Gospel of St John:

Jesus said, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.'

May they bring you comfort, joy and peace and have a VERY

## Happy Easter!



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## **Easter at St John the Baptist, Bishopstone 2023**



**Maundy Thursday**  
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April, 6.00pm  
**Commemoration of the Last  
Supper, Communion**



**Good Friday**  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April, 1.00pm  
**Good Friday Readings & Music**



**Easter Day**  
Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April, 9.30am  
**Parish Communion**

### **The Friends of Bishopstone Church**

If you would like to help the Friends of Bishopstone Church with their work of preserving the fabric of this beautiful building, please contact the Treasurer Norman Barter (01722 780471).

## Parish Council

The latest meeting of the Parish Council took place on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March, immediately following the Annual Parish Meeting. Councillors Thorne, Edwards, Barter, Smith, Tatner and Rigg were present, together with the Parish Clerk. Apologies had been received from Cllr Williams. Seven members of the public were present. The full minutes of the meeting are on the village website ([www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk](http://www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk)).

It was reported that an appeal for volunteers from Bishopstone to help with the Chalke Valley Fete, which will be held in Broad Chalke on 19<sup>th</sup> August, had been included in STaB but sadly none had come forward. It was not too late to volunteer – see details elsewhere in this STaB.

Several people had suggested that an event for the whole village should be held to mark the coronation of King Charles III, such as a picnic on the Recreation Field. However, nobody had yet come forward who was prepared to organise such an event, including arrangements for clearing up afterwards, so it was more likely that street parties would be held in different parts of the village instead.

Mike Ash said that he had included a notice in the last edition of STaB on the need for someone else to take over as Clerk to the Parish Council. Nobody from within the village had yet come forward. He proposed to continue advertising in STaB, and it was agreed that Councillors would take the matter up with possible candidates. However, it was increasingly likely that it will be necessary to recruit more widely.

The main discussion in the meeting concerned two planning applications. It was agreed to make no objection to the renovation and conversion of the Granary at Sudbury House, Chapel Lane (Wiltshire Council Ref: **PL/2023/01037**).

**A lengthy discussion took place of the application for retrospective planning consent for the retention of a static caravan for use as a studio/workshop which had been positioned at Riverside, Flamstone Street (Wiltshire Council Ref: PL/2023/00862). A full report of the discussion is in the minutes of the meeting on the village website.** Councillors agreed that this development was inappropriate within Bishopstone's Conservation Area and that it had a detrimental effect on the street scene, contrasting strongly with surrounding buildings built of more traditional materials. Attempts made so far to reduce its impact, by the erection of a screen fence, have not really succeeded. Whilst it was desirable for the caravan to be removed as soon as possible, it was accepted that this development was intended as a temporary measure, while an alternative location for the business is found. The applicants are actively searching for a new home with appropriate accommodation attached. Three letters of objection to the retention of the caravan had been received from local residents, whilst the Wiltshire

Council website contained two letters of support and one suggesting a temporary permission.

It was agreed to respond to the consultation from Wiltshire Council setting out the Parish Council's concerns about retention of the caravan but indicating that if Wiltshire Council is minded to grant consent this should be for, at maximum, two years or until the applicants vacate the premises, whichever is the sooner. This should be subject to conditions that the caravan be removed from the site when the consent expires or the applicants leave; and that, in the meantime, additional landscape planting be undertaken, with the caravan and screening fence re-painted to blend in, as far as possible, with surrounding buildings.

Parish Council meetings normally take place on the second Thursday of the month. However, the May meeting this year will take place on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023** at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.

*Mike Ash*

## **Bishopstone Annual Parish Meeting**

The Annual Parish Meeting took place on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March in the Village Hall. It was attended by Parish Councillors, fourteen other residents and Wiltshire Councillor Nabil Najjar. A full account of the meeting, including all the reports presented, is in the minutes on the village website ([www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk](http://www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk)).

Wiltshire Cllr Najjar said that, in contrast to some other local authorities, Wiltshire Council's finances were in relatively good shape. The budget for 2022/23 of £480 million included a precept rise of only 2.9%. The Chalke Valley had benefitted significantly in the past year from grants from the South West Area Board. He was taking up the issue of speed limits along the valley road with the new Director of Highways.

Cllr Ali Thorne reported on the Parish Council's year. There had been problems of anti-social behaviour in the village with some damage caused which the Parish Council had repaired. The Parish Council has continued to look after the Recreation Field, with additions to the Play Area to cater for the needs of the very youngest villagers, with additional tree planting as part of the Jubilee "Queen's Canopy". He regretted that the Recreation Field is not used more.

George Brutton presented a report from Sarah Seal, who couldn't be present, for the Parochial Church Council. This reflected on the return to more normal church services post Covid. A report during the year on the fabric of the church revealed no major unforeseen problems, though some repair work will be done. The PCC remain very grateful to the Friends of Bishopstone Church and to the teams of volunteers who clean and do the church flowers, which helps keep the church

looking so lovely. Restoration work on the organ is planned in memory of Richard Seal, the church organist for so many years. Donations worth over £10,500 have already been received, which is a wonderful tribute. Thanks were also due to the incredibly hard work of the Editorial team on STaB, which continues to be a wonderful asset to the village.

Cllr Barter reported for the Village Hall Management Committee. He said that activities have resumed after Covid but with fewer people attending film nights and community lunches. However the community cafe attendance has increased. The hire of the hall by people within and outside the village was being encouraged, with some success. Thanks are due to a diligent team of trustees who have been joined this year by Kathy Hayles, Sue Grantham and Andy Stocker.

Toby Mills reported on the FTTP Broadband project. He said that huge progress had, at last, been made and he hoped that the network would be completed by the end of March. There have been one or two teething problems but, by and large, installations had been painless and many found that they were paying less for the improved service than they had previously. Everyone in the village, not just those who had been part of the voucher scheme, will now have access to ultrafast broadband. Vouchers were being claimed as installations are completed and we are about halfway to covering the costs of the scheme. As long as everyone who has had the fibre connection claims their voucher all costs will be covered.

Cllr Edwards reported on the worst flooding in the village since 2014. However, thanks to the work of many landowners in keeping streams and ditches clear, and the deployment of some of the Parish Council's stock of sand bags to help one resident, no properties had experienced internal flooding. Regular flooding problems continue to exist in Netton St and Faulston Lane and discussions continue with Wiltshire Council about these. He referred to the problem created by the switch from the copper wire telephone system to that which operates over the fibre network, which means that telephone services are lost in a power cut. A register of those most in need of support in the village was being assembled so that checks could be carried out when an emergency arose.

No issues were raised in the Open Forum part of the meeting.

*Mike Ash*

## Village Hall



## April 2023

### **The BISHOPSTONE COMMUNITY CAFE**

Coffee Mornings are normally held on alternate Thursdays. Dates for the coming period are the **13th and 27th of April** and the **11th 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.

### **MOVIOLA at Bishopstone**

#### **April 26th "Living"**

"Overwhelmed at work and lonely at home, a civil servant's life takes a heart-breaking turn when a medical diagnosis tells him his time is short. Influenced by a local decadent and vibrant woman, he continues to search for meaning until a simple revelation gives him a purpose to create a legacy for the next generation."

A highly acclaimed film starring: Bill Nighy, Aimee Lou Wood, Alex Sharp and Tom Burke

A trailer for the film can be seen in the Event section of the village website at [www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk](http://www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk).

Doors open at 7pm with the film commencing at 7.30pm Entry for the film is £6.00.

If possible, please book in advance with Caroline Ash on (01722) 781044. A cash bar with snacks and ices will be available.

The film for May will be "Empire of Light" (To be confirmed in the next edition)

### **BISHOPSTONE COMMUNITY LUNCHES**

The last community lunch of the season will be on Wednesday 5th April when the speaker will be Rachel Davies, Fraud Protection Officer for Wiltshire Police. She will be talking about "Protecting Ourselves from Fraud" (Lunches will resume in October)

Booking is essential. Please telephone Caroline Ash at (01722) 781044 and advise her of any dietary requirements. The cost is £7.50 for a two-course lunch and a drink.

Time as usual: 12.00noon for 12.30 pm



## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

The Village Hall Annual General Meeting will be on Monday 15th May 7.00 for 7.30pm

The Annual Spring Fayre will be on Saturday 20th May from 10am to 12 noon.

## **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

## **BABY AND TODDLER 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. Due to the group's popularity, the playgroup operates a weekly booking system to manage numbers. Find further information on our Facebook page Bishopstone Playgroup or contact Catherine on WhatsApp on 07884 347536.

## **“EXTEND” EXERCISE CLASSES**

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

## **PILATES AT BISHOPSTONE**

For further information contact Claudine on 07788 587937 or email: [claudineblake@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto:yoga_with_hannah@outlook.com)

## **SARUM SPINNERS AND WEAVERS**

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

**SATURDAY 20 MAY 2023 10.00am**

### **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 vegetable or fruit for the stall. This provides and serves a dual purpose of buying great plants and nurtures an interest in gardening.

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

This year please deliver any donation to the Village Hall from 2.00pm on 19 May where I shall be happy to receive them. Your help is much appreciated.

Norman Barter

## **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:**

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

### **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**

## **BISHOPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL**

# **PARISH CLERK**

As announced in the last edition of STaB, we are looking for someone to take over the job of Clerk to the Parish Council from Mike Ash. This is a part-time job with flexible hours which would suit someone who has recently retired, but wants to stay active and contribute to the life of the village, or it can easily be fitted in with other work.

The job involves:

- organising six meetings of the Council a year: agreeing an agenda with the Chairman, drafting any background papers and producing the minutes;
- making sure the Council meets legal requirements as to its governance and financial management (securing funding, dealing with accounts and audit);
- managing projects undertaken by the Council (it spends about £5,000 a year on improvements in the village);
- representing the Council and acting as the main point of contact with Wiltshire Council (responding to consultations, raising issues requiring action, attending some meetings etc);
- helping to resolve problems arising in the village.

Details are in the March edition of STaB and on the village website. Mike is willing to stay on whilst a new Clerk learns the ropes. Please contact him for more information.

## 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](mailto: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](http://www.facebook.com/salisburypolice)

Twitter - [www.twitter.com/SouthWiltsCPT](http://www.twitter.com/SouthWiltsCPT)

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

13 April, 11 May, 8 June, 6 July, 3 August



**Coombe  
Bissett  
Stores**

[www.coombebissettstores.co.uk](http://www.coombebissettstores.co.uk)

[shop@coombebissettstores.co.uk](mailto: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](http://www.chalkevalleystores.co.uk)

e: [info@chalkevalleystores.co.uk](mailto: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.

Registered Charity No 1076335

Queen's Award for Voluntary Service

## 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](http://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](mailto:piersgedwards@gmail.com) or 07920 475009) or Kate Pendlenton ([kmpendlenton@hotmail.com](mailto:kmpendlenton@hotmail.com) or 07769202200) and ask to be added to the group.

## Ultrafast Broadband Update

### UPDATE ON THE RURAL GIGABIT VOUCHER SCHEME AND THE UPGRADE TO ULTRAFAST BROADBAND CONNECTION IN BISHOPSTONE

**APRIL 2023**

The project is progressing with one or two problems, however we hope that by the end of April/beginning of May the majority of properties who opted to join the scheme will have been connected, with the new infrastructure in place. Do please note that even if you did not sign up to the Gigabit Voucher Scheme you can approach an ISP of your choosing to be connected to the Ultrafast network that has been installed.

We have had some reports of slower than expected speeds that, when monitored, have been entirely due to the lack of an ethernet connection from the hub equipment to the user's computer. On a BT Hub the ethernet cable should go from one of the yellow sockets on the back of the Hub, marked Gig Ethernet to the ethernet connection on the back of the computer. If in doubt please ask and we are happy to help. Ethernet cables are available on line or at Curry's if you do not have one.

We would ask that once you have an activated connection you should receive an email from the Department of Culture Media and Sport (DCMS) Funding Platform with a unique reference which you need to note and then follow the simple instructions to send that reference to Openreach. They can then claim payment from DCMS under the Digital Voucher Scheme. Once you have done that would you please let us know as we are keeping a record of uptake, thereby ensuring that we reach the target value. As of the time of writing that figure is £77,000 which is over 80% of our target figure.

Remember you can call Toby (01722 392743) , Roger (01722 780346), Mike (01722 781044) or Paul (01722 780361) to get further explanation/help.

We regret we are not able to help with computer software or mobile phone problems.

## Salisbury Foodbank

Thank you to everyone who donated this month, the total was 4.6 kgs.

Scrolling through Salisbury.Foodbank.org.uk this morning I came across these facts:-

**7197 People were helped in 2022, this is an increase of 51% on 2021**

**£1093 pcm is the average rent of a two-bed in our city**

**64,773 Meals were provided in our catchment during 2022, this does not include Christmas hamper provisions.**

**The catchment area is all SP1 - SP5 plus SP9 which is the Tidworth area.**  
This is a huge area and your continued help is desperately needed.

Again they are particularly asking for

Long Life Fruit Juice

Sponge Puddings

Dried Milk

Tinned Fruit

Size 6 Nappies

Toothbrushes

Ladies deodorant

Shampoo and 2 in 1

Tinned Potatoes

Instant Mash

Small Jars of Coffee

Tinned Tomatoes

Packet Puddings/Angel Delight

Washing up liquid

Children's Toiletries

**They have plenty of Pasta, Cereal, Pulses, Beans, Tinned Veg, Fish and Rice Pudding/Custard**

Please continue to support this cause, so needed during these difficult financial times. Even just one tin will bring hope to someone.

You can leave your donations either at the Church or at my house – The Old Post Office, The Cross - or if you would like me to collect please call me on 01722 780306. If you are already contributing through the supermarkets own collection then thank you so much.

Thanking you in advance and for all the support you have given over the years..

*Judy Barrett*

## Wiltshire Walks with Julia

With spring just around the corner, Wiltshire Walks with Julia is looking forward to enjoying the delights of this new season on their walks in the beautiful Wiltshire and Dorset countryside.

I am Julia Tilbury and for the past 12 years I led walks in the Surrey Hills area and now find myself living in the stunning county of Wiltshire.

Last November I started a local walking group, inviting others to join me to explore our wonderful Wiltshire countryside, especially the Vale of Wardour, Cranborne Chase and the Chalke Valley. I was passionate about forming another friendly and sociable group where walkers could make new acquaintances, share experiences and have a feeling of belonging to something that makes them feel good. I wanted walkers to feel safety in numbers, improve their health and fitness, be led without the worry of getting lost, engage with nature for the benefits of body mind and soul and have the knowledge that all car parks and routes are recce'd prior to use for suitability and safety.

We meet on various mornings throughout the week, some weekends also; distances range from 4-7 miles, we usually meet at 9.30 am and I aim to be finished by 12 pm. Sometimes we will have a cuppa and refreshments at local coffee shops after our walks.


Through spring and summer, I will introduce some evening walks and we'll have walking days out further afield in the summer, into other counties such as Dorset and Somerset, that will include picnic/pub lunches. I am also planning to start some Wellness walks that will be easy/gentle, 2-4 miles for those needing to build up their fitness/stamina in preparation for joining my longer walks in time.

I am also a fully qualified Nordic walking Instructor and am able to teach the technique if anyone would like to learn; I also intend to have some Nordic walks in the future.

I am First Aid trained and fully insured to lead group walks.

If you would like to share in some of my walks, I can be found on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/wiltshirewalkswithjulia>

If you would like to join my walks, you would be most welcome, please contact me on [wiltshirewalks@hotmail.com](mailto:wiltshirewalks@hotmail.com) or on 07837 130100.

I look forward to welcoming you on a walk. Julia 



## Walk - Broadchalke to Croucheston

Although I know the area quite well having parents that have lived in Donhead St Andrew for 20 years, I love nothing more than finding new footpaths to explore and then sharing the delights with my walkers; we are so lucky to have so many footpaths in this county to use and I am still adding more to my repertoire.

Stratford Tony and Bishopstone are areas I am still discovering, but recently we walked from Broad Chalke to Croucheston taking in lovely views from Knighton Hill, there are quite a few variations to this walk from 5.5 to 6.5 miles.

If you would like to walk this walk, here are the 'approximate' directions:-

Parking is at All Saints Church car park on The Causeway in Broad Chalke.

Postcode SP5 5DW

What3words - rips.samplers.inventors

Google Maps link - <https://goo.gl/maps/KdHKAQVQxiWCLY2PA>

Head back towards the centre of the village and the Chalke Valley Stores, look for the footpath to the right of the building; follow this through to a small lane and turn right. The lane ends and the footpath will go through the back garden to the left of a lovely cottage. Follow this footpath on the edge of fields, parallel with the road on your right, in the distance. There are some lovely views across the fields towards Knighton Hill and back towards Broad Chalke.

The footpath will end on a concrete track that is an access lane for the farm Chalk Pit; turn right and head down the track to the road. Cross straight over onto another lane, take care as traffic can come along here fast at times as well as large farm vehicles; after a very short distance, look for the finger post sign and take the footpath on your left along the side of a field to a stile. Once over the stile, turn right onto a gravel driveway with the impressive Knighton Mill on your left and shortly, the Knighton Mill Pottery on your right - <https://www.knightonmillpottery.com/>

The gravel drive ends on a lane, and you need to go straight ahead, follow the lane past lovely Knighton Manor on your right and when the lane bears sharp left, there is a field in front of you. The footpath is slightly off to your left, the River Ebble running alongside on your left and the expanse of the field to your right.

Follow this field into another and then at the end, you'll enter a small enclosed area of small hedgerows/trees, you'll come out onto a quiet lane with Corn Mill on your right in the village of Croucheston.

Follow the lane straight ahead, then left and right past various village properties to a t-junction and turn right. This lane ends once again onto a wide Drove track, follow this past some farm buildings on your left and as the footpath starts to go uphill, turn right onto Bishopstone Hollow Track. This works its way uphill under small trees and either side, hedgerows. There are a few gaps in the hedgerows on the right where you can get glimpses of the Chalke Valley below. Almost near the top, there is a large opening on your right, definitely worth a breather here to take in the glorious views.

The footpath continues for a short way before it opens up in a field; the footpath used to go straight ahead at this point, but it now appears to follow the edge of the field on the left up towards an impressive long copse of beech trees (if I remember rightly!) where it meets a concrete driveway up towards Knighton Hill Farm.

Take time to look around at the views if you are lucky you can sometimes see the spire of Salisbury Cathedral.

Once at the farm, keep the barns on your right and go through a gateway into a field and bear right in front of a smaller barn towards a tree/hedge line. Follow the footpath straight across the field to begin with and then it will bear left and downhill towards Church Bottom. Turn right and towards the road, Knighton Road; go straight ahead on the lane passing Manor Farm on your right. Turn left with the church on your right and go through the churches' lych gate into the church yard and bearing to the left of the building, follow the footpath back to the car park.





# Summer Fete

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Advance details of this year's Chalke Valley Fete and Produce Show were set out in the March edition of STaB. Planning for this event, on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August is now well advanced. The aim is to arrange a great, family friendly, fun event that brings our communities together, and to do so through a traditional Village Fete and Produce Show along similar lines to last year...but with some different activities and games. If at the same time we are able to raise funds for Local Good Causes...even better!

But the event can only happen with the input of the volunteers. Last year there were over 70 that helped out in many different ways, including:

- helping set up and dismantle the fete site
- assisting on an activity stall
- selling raffle tickets
- loaning gazebos, tables and fete games
- making signs
- serving refreshments
- providing first aid

....and many other aspects to help the day run smoothly.

It would be great to have your support. If you are willing and able to help either on the day, or on the run up to it, please contact Chris Rothwell at

[treasurer.cvfete@gmail.com](mailto:treasurer.cvfete@gmail.com) or Sara Moss at [sara@moss1.me.uk](mailto:sara@moss1.me.uk).

Full details and news about the fete can be found at the dedicated website: <https://www.chalkevalleyfete.co.uk/>

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### **Easter Bank Holiday**

**Shop and Café will be closed on**

**Good Friday 7 April and Easter Monday 10 April**

This month we can be especially proud of our Shop and Cafe and all who work there.

On Friday 11 March Tony represented us at the **Wiltshire Life Awards 2023** Gala Event and what a memorable and amazing evening it turned out to be.

We were very privileged to have been invited as one of **the Finalists in our Category**, a huge credit in itself.

We are delighted to be able to tell you that we were announced **Winners** of the very competitive category **The Independent Retailer of the Year Award** this year, which is a huge success.

Please join us in congratulating Tony and his Team of Staff and Volunteers. We are extremely proud of and grateful to them all. It is proof of their dedication and excellence.

These events help to showcase which businesses are really flourishing, but more importantly are having a positive impact on the communities they serve.

Our thanks go to Wiltshire Life staging a superb evening and to Black Nova Designs for sponsoring our category.

**We would like to wish all you, our Customers, a very Happy Easter**

**NB** There is a Trussell Trust Collection Point in the Hub for any donations of foodstuffs you may wish to make. Your generosity will help those in need.



# Coombe Bissett CE VA Primary School

“Soar on wings like eagles, run and not grow weary, walk and not be faint” Isaiah 40:31

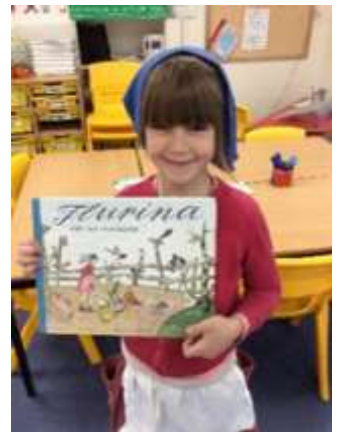
One of the highlights of this term was our celebrations for World Book Day. Our theme was ‘Favourite Books’....

Oak Class loved sharing their books in class. Everyone shared who they had dressed up as and what their favourite book was. It was lovely to see such enthusiasm around so much wonderful literature. An excellent *World Book Day* was had by all.



## Elm Class

Such an imaginative range of books and outfits! We all enjoyed telling the class about our costumes.



We also read some spotty-themed books, and used them as inspiration for some spotty artwork in our team colours.



## Fir Class



Even giant lizards have to do their spellings...The Knights of the (Green) Round Table...and in a galaxy far away, the love of books unites everyone!

**Ash Class** made a fantastic effort with their book day outfits and props this year and we have had lots of fun sharing stories and reading together.



## Bishopstone Resident's Marathon Challenge

*Mel Davies, PA to The Bishop of Salisbury, will be running this year's London Marathon on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April in support of Salisbury Salvation Army.*

*Mel said;*

How blessed we are... we have the food to fuel, the health to run, the warmth to sleep. How would it feel to be without food, be in poor health and have no place to sleep? Sadly, this is a reality for too many.

To mark my half century, I want to challenge myself physically and mentally to achieve a personal goal. As I slowly and eagerly tread the training miles, my mind moves to a place of gratitude, the pure joy of training in and around Bishopstone, how lucky we are. I am running towards a place, I don't know where it is or what is there, but it is a soul searching adventure. My mind flashes between images of Jo Pavey and Forrest Gump, anything is possible... Run Mel, Run!

I have worked for the Bishop of Salisbury for many years. Faith is from my heart and the Diocese of Salisbury is within it. <https://twitter.com/DioSalisbury> <https://www.salisbury.anglican.org/>

The work and faith of The Salvation Army is inspiring and in Salisbury we give thanks for all they are and all they do, locally and nationally. Please help me to support them. Some of the local projects at the Salisbury Division of the Salvation Army which will benefit from my efforts and your support; Parent Pit-Stop, Re-Cycles, Charity Shop and Drop-in, Addiction and Careers support, Foodbank connection and Welfare support. Capt Martin Davison and his team would be delighted to meet you so do pop in to support their projects and services at Salt Lane: <https://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/salisbury>

Anything you can donate to my JustGiving page will be gratefully received. Thank you. You can also follow my training on Strava through the JustGiving link.

*Picture shows the Rt Revd Stephen Lake, Bishop of Salisbury; Captain Martin Davison, Salisbury Salvation Army; Melanie Davies*

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/melanie-davies50>

Wish me luck! Mel





## Chalke Valley History Festival

The Daily Mail Chalke Valley History Festival returns this year from 26<sup>th</sup> June to 2<sup>nd</sup> July. This unique festival looks set to attract huge crowds of all ages.

For the first time this year, the entire programme will be themed, enabling visitors to find the talks and events they are interested in more easily, and to also encourage a little curiosity too. The six distinct themes are: Environment, Conflict, Politics, Science and Exploration, Sport and Society and Culture.

Over the course of a week, the festival will host over 200 talks and panel discussions on leading issues of the past, present and future. These will take place across five fabulous venues: the 750-seater main tent, the 350-seater second tent, the Outdoor Stage, Speaker's Corner - where speakers can talk in a more informal setting - and new for 2023, the Stove Tent, an intimate 100-seater in the round, with a central wood-burning stove - just perfect for cosy later-night events, a little live music and some atmospheric story-telling.

Visitors to the Chalke Valley History Festival will, as always, be spoilt for choice. Household names such as **Simon Sebag Montefiore** and **Antonia Fraser** will be taking to the stage in the speaker tents, whilst some of the most talented and vivacious historians, raconteurs and actors will be entertaining the crowds with a blend of inclusive hands-on activities and demonstrations. Just one of the big draws in the programme will be former Prime Minister **John Major** who will be talking about politics, both past and present. The BBC's International Editor, **Jeremy Bowen**, will also be making his festival debut when he discusses the making of the modern Middle East, and *Guardian* columnist **Polly Toynbee** is bound to fuel debate as she examines the true state of class in Britain.

Huge **living history encampments** will be constructed around the festival site, and these will range from the Iron Age through to the Cold War. The Medieval encampment will be the centrepiece of the festival and is not to be missed. There will also be live music every day, special activities for children and families, as well as everything you'd expect from an English summer festival set in the glorious rolling chalk landscape of ancient Wessex: delicious locally-sourced food and drink, lots of shopping, more books to buy than you can shake a stick at, camping under the stars, and just the occasional crack of musketry, the thunder of hooves or the boom of cannon fire. The Chalke Valley History Festival is where history comes to life and where memories are made.

The full programme, and more detailed information about what's in store this year, will be unveiled in due course. **Tickets will go on sale to the general public on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April.**

Over 200 fascinating talks, given by incredible historians and entitled 'Chalke Talk', can now be heard on the [Chalke Valley History Festival podcast](#). These talks have been taken from more than a decade of festival appearances.

**For further information, please contact Alex Hippisley-Cox on mobile 07921 127077 or email her at [alex@ahipcoxpr.co.uk](mailto:alex@ahipcoxpr.co.uk)**

## Fovant Badges Society

### A Dog Walker writes:— *Quit Spade, or I Rant....Friday at Fovant Down*



Strange things you see on Fovant Down...by the Famous Badges. The Pooch and I were taking what was a really bracing walk in the freezing wind and sleet over the escarpment this week when we lighted upon a crew recording footage for a programme that I'm not allowed to mention. Well not just yet, as I was cautioned, charmingly, by *Ian Dirt-Paroquet*, a very large rough looking man with his small spade. So as the judges say "*Poi Qatar Intrude*" despite Dog straining on the leash to join in like a *piquet rat in road*, .

There was clearly a TV 'personality' here, rather resembling an *antiquated prior*, in this arctic ensemble performance, and the rough man was demonstrating over several takes with some energy and skill how the other could show his prowess as a maintainer of chalk emblems.

Fascinating to watch the process unfolding, and the drone buzzing overhead too. Wonder if they recorded the giant NHS logo cut during the pandemic? No matter. Dog and I were freezing and hungry, and as crossword loving legals say at the end of a meal in Gray's Inn hall "*Dinar Partite Quo !*" and we left them to it so I could reacquaint myself with my toes and finger tips.

Will be watching the schedules in the autumn to see if I am in-shot anywhere....15 seconds of fame, well I guess that's the depreciating effect of inflation on Warhol's 15 minutes of fame maxim ..."*Drier Op Aquatint*".



Pip Pip!! ♥ Mrs.Codé *Paranoid-Quitter*'

## In Our Night Sky - The Moon, its Influence on Life

The formation of the Moon has had a profound influence on the formation of an Earth suitable for the development of Life.

The latest mathematical models indicate that less than 100 million years after the Earth was formed it was hit by a Mars sized object twice. Debris from the two impacts coalesced to form the Moon. The first strike was a glancing blow, then around 100,000 years or so later a full impact. One basic fact used was that the compositions of rocks found on the Moon during Apollo missions are the same as on Earth

Whilst initially molten (as was the Earth) tidal effects were stronger, so the rotation of the moon slowed relatively rapidly, consequently to keep the total angular momentum constant the Moon had to move away from its initial distance of 25,000 miles or less. This process has also caused the Moon to show the same face to the Earth in perpetuity. The rate of separation slowed, but even now as the sea tides on Earth slow its rotation, the Moon moves away by 3.8 cm per year. The equivalence in visible sizes of the Sun and Moon is just a coincidence.

The Moon has a relatively thin liquid iron layer around the core and a very weak magnetic field. It was volcanic at an early stage leading to several large “seas” of lava, but has been inactive for millions of years and is covered by meteorite impact craters.

Theia’s impact enriched Earth’s iron core, which in the outer liquid layer, convection produces a magnetic field, which in turn forms protective shield around the planet. The increased mass/ gravity also helps retain our breathable atmosphere.

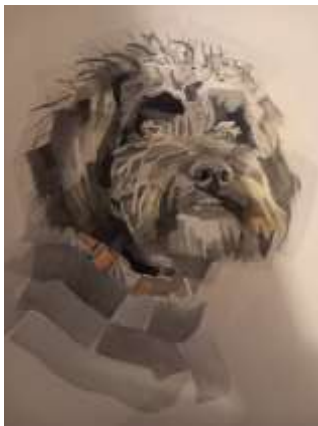
It also deflected the Earth’s axis of rotation from the ecliptic by 23.5 deg., the limits of the tropics, giving significant distribution of heat and rainfall away from equator towards the poles. The dual body system also helps stabilise Earth orbit and reduce polar drift/ wobble, all leading to a more stable suitable climate for life to begin and continue.



*Chalkey D*

## Rambling Again with Jazzie....

March has been a good and changing month. We have had cold, rain, sun, snow and now milder springy weather has arrived. We even had a splendid family celebration of my 80<sup>th</sup> birthday at the start of the month, when they gave me a really lovely watercolour of Jazzie!!



Jazzie is very happy, as she now lies in the sun on the growing grass in the garden, or chases balls for us. She still makes too much noise to alert us to persons or activity locally! We try to respond and to stop her, with varying success!

We have had some very good walks across the fields and along the footpaths, on and off the lead. She has met many of her friends again and had good runs with them.

The Lent Appeal Coffee Mornings hosted by Sally Leaver and Sarah Seal seem to have been a great success, due to the generosity of those attending. Good sums have been collected for the Valley Lent Appeal in support of the CRESS charity helping the refugees from South Sudan in Uganda. It is an area I knew well in the mid-eighties!



*Arua, northwest Uganda,  
November 1985*

We are now enlightened by being on full fibre broadband, but I do not see much improvement on my laptop! Perhaps it is too old to benefit, or I am not using it enough! The whole project seems to have run well and will be a big benefit for us all in due course.

Well, didn't Ireland do well to win the last match and beat England. It was quite a match, and England played their hearts out to give Ireland a very good game. We are delighted down here in little-Ballymena!! Paddy's Day passed quietly for us this year, waiting for the Big Game on Saturday! There were celebrations all over the 'Irish' places, and the Princess of Wales looked truly magnificent as the new Colonel in Chief of the Irish Guards.

Well, I hope we can look forward to some better weather, and a real spring again. All our fruit trees, apples, pears, plum and mirabelles are showing buds already, and the willow is getting in leaf apace. I do hope we have no more frost. Our daffs are a picture once again.

Good luck to all other gardeners, and Jazzie and I look forward to seeing all our friends out and about once more enjoying the sun.

*James Thompson*

## On the Loss of a Dog



There is a peculiar bond between humans and their pets. None more so than between a man and his dog.

Before Christmas I lost one of my Labradors in a tragic accident. Cokes was a great picking-up dog and well-known on several local shoots. One's level of grief for an animal is often, seemingly, out of all proportion to what is after all..... just a dog.

However, knowing that others have recently lost pets as well, may I offer the following poem, written many years ago by Jeremy Lloyd, as a means of highlighting my thoughts for a companion, friend and shooting partner for the last 13 years who is no longer with me and greatly missed.

### My Best Friend

~

Save for the humming of the bees  
And raindrops falling thro' the trees,  
The wood was silent as a grave  
Whilst shafts of sunlight made a brave  
Attempt to pierce the velvet gloom  
As lonely as an empty room.  
Alone was I, but not afraid  
The friend I'd been with must have strayed,  
For tho' I called, no answer came  
And so I played a splendid game  
In the bracken wet and thick  
With my favourite walking stick.  
And then, a voice called out quite near:  
'So there you are old girl, come here.'  
And sitting there, upon a log  
Was my best friend, who said: 'Good dog.'

*Roger Stockton*

## Notes from a Nutritionist

Welcome to April's '**Notes from a Nutritionist**'

As I write this the clocks are about to change and there are signs everywhere that Spring is coming. But as we know from the unpredictable weather we've had recently, we still need some warming suppers that we can turn to when we've spent the day dodging April showers.

With school holidays looming, this month I've come up with a family-friendly sausage and bean casserole that can easily be adapted to feed more people or to make an extra portion for freezing.

Sausages are a perennial favourite and come in a wide variety of sizes and flavours. I use simple pork sausages for this recipe, but you could use chipolatas, meat-free sausages or flavoured sausages such as pork and apple which would all be delicious. You can then add whatever vegetables you have to hand - spinach, courgettes or even a can of sweetcorn would all work - but I've recommended red peppers and seasonal spring greens.

Red peppers contain vitamin A that supports good eye health. They also have very high levels of vitamin C which increases your absorption of iron from your food and can help prevent anaemia.

Spring greens are in season now and are part of the brassica family. They are looser in shape than a traditional cabbage and taste sweet and fresh when cooked. They contain natural plant chemicals that are anti-inflammatory and can help protect against heart disease and stroke.

Finally I've added a drained can of cannellini beans as they are full of fibre and means I only need to use one cooking pan, but you can easily leave them out and serve the casserole with potatoes or rice instead.

I hope you enjoy this month's recipe. If you have any questions then please get in touch at [amber@ampercotton.co.uk](mailto:amber@ampercotton.co.uk).

Wishing you a very Happy Easter.

Amber x

## Recipe of the Month - Smoky Sausage and Bean Casserole

*By Amber Cotton*

**Serves 4**

- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 8 pork sausages (or similar)
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 1 large carrot, finely chopped
- 1 celery stick, finely chopped
- 1 large red pepper, diced
- 2 garlic cloves, finely chopped
- 400g tin chopped tomatoes
- 400ml chicken stock (made up with ½ stock cube)
- 1 tsp smoked paprika
- 1 tsp Dijon mustard
- 400g tin cannellini, drained and rinsed (optional)
- 100g spring greens (finely sliced)



### **METHOD**

1. Heat the oil in a large, lidded non-stick frying pan or flameproof casserole dish over a medium-high heat. Add the sausages and cook for 5 mins, turning frequently, until browned all over. Remove from the pan and set aside.
2. Add the onion, celery, carrot, red pepper and garlic to the pan. Cook over a medium-high heat for 10 mins until softened and lightly golden. Return the sausages to the pan along with the tinned tomatoes, stock, smoked paprika and mustard. Season lightly with salt and pepper and stir. Bring to the boil, then reduce to a simmer for 20 mins until the sauce has thickened slightly. Add more stock if your sauce is getting too thick.
3. Stir in the beans and greens, then cover and simmer for a further 5 mins until the greens have softened. Spoon into bowls to serve.

To freeze this dish, allow to cool completely and transfer to an airtight, freezer-safe container. Defrost thoroughly before reheating. To re-heat: loosely cover with foil and bake until piping hot.

# Puzzles and Activities

By Cally Edwards



# Easter

## Word Search



L	A	B	S	V	D	Z	C	M	I
B	A	R	T	S	P	D	H	B	C
G	E	A	S	T	E	R	I	U	K
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F	L	O	W	E	R	S	K	N	T
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O	C	L	G	E	A	Z	B	D	B

EASTER

CHICKEN

SPRING

EGG

FLOWERS

BUNNY

BASKET

CHOCOLATE

HUNT







Test your brainpower with these reasoning problems:

For each of the following, arrange the letters of the two words to give one word.  
What are the words?

1. BLEAK + LIE =
2. COPE + TAIL =
3. RING + DENT =

4. Which four letter word goes after all the following words?  
NEW BRAIN LONG HEAT SOUND SHOCK

5. Working from left to right, calculate the numbers in the order shown (without using order of operation).

Replace each question mark with a mathematical sign.

Plus, minus, multiply and divide can each be used once only.

What are the highest and lowest numbers you can possibly score?

$$8 ? 2 ? 4 ? 7 ? 6 = ?$$

6. At the shop Darren bought 8 oranges. Laura bought 3 oranges fewer than Chris. Rosario bought 3 oranges fewer than Darren, and 1 fewer than Chris. How many oranges did Laura buy?

7. In a block of flats, Natalie lives two floors below Michelle and one floor above Christopher. Yousuf lives one floor above Natalie. Matthew lives one floor below Michelle. Who lives on the same floor?

8. If  $A=2$ ,  $B=4$ ,  $C=6$ ,  $D=8$ ,  $E=16$  what is the answer to this sum **written as a letter**?  
 $E \div D + A =$

<b>ANSWERS</b>
1. likeable
2. poetical
3. trending
4. wave
5. 51 using minus, divide, plus and multiply. Minus 27 using plus, divide, minus and multiply
6. 3
7. Yousuf and Matthew
8. B

## Police Bulletin

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



Wiltshire PCC Philip Wilkinson has added his voice to his fellow south west Police and Crime Commissioners to lobby for further action against fly-tipping.

The group has lobbied the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Therese Coffey MP, to propose tougher penalties for fly tippers.

Their recommendations include:

- Increasing the maximum fixed penalty notices for small scale fly-tipping to £1000
- Changing the maximum fine of £50,000 to become a minimum fine to be imposed on repeat, large scale offenders
- A greater use of powers to impound and destroy vehicles involved in fly-tipping
- Introducing a national waste crime offenders list for individuals and companies
- Supporting and funding the creation of a national analysis resource to enable the police to effectively collect and analyse data on fly-tipping in rural areas and to tackle organised criminal gangs profiting from fly-tipping in the countryside

According to the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA), a total of 55,162 fly-tipping incidents were recorded across the South West in 2020/21, up from 50,506 during the previous 12 months. The cost of fly-tipping on private land is around £150 million a year, and the cost to clear fly-tipping for local authorities in England is nearly £50 million.

Mr Wilkinson said: “Fly-tipping has a detrimental effect on the environment it’s something we need to crack down on in Wiltshire. It’s not only destroying our beautiful countryside, but also costing our already stretched local authorities millions of pounds.

“We believe it’s time to put the cost onto the criminals, not the taxpayers. With the current cost of living crisis this change has never been so crucial.

“The government has the goal to eradicate waste crime by 2043. If this target is going to be met, then there needs to be greater coordination across the country and tougher penalties to deter criminals.

“My fellow PCCs and I look forward to hearing back from the secretary of state on this extremely important matter.”



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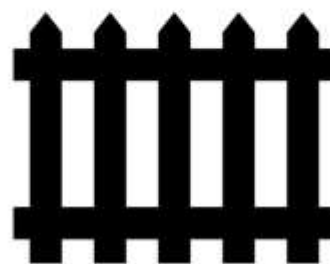
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# Thank you!

*I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who baked, helped out with stalls and to everyone who came along and made it such a huge success at the WWF charity event on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March.*

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From Hermione J-P

I'd like to add a thank you and well done to Hermione for organising this event, and all her friends who helped. I popped along briefly (not for long as I had a sick child at home) and the village hall was full. Lots of work had clearly gone into the preparation and planning, and everyone there was having a great time, whilst raising money for a good cause.

*Kate Pendlenton*

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<b>2 April PALM SUNDAY</b>  	9.30am	Family Communion (CW)	Broad Chalke	Jenny Taylor
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Britford	Ruth H-S
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Ebbesbourne Wake	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Coombe Bissett	Ruth H-S
	11.00am	Family Service (CW)	Odstock	Adrian Taylor
	11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Berwick St John	Lay Led
	11.00am	Morning Service	Bishopstone	Sally Leaver
	5.00pm	Compline	Fifield Bavant	Ruth H-S
<b>3, 4, 5 April</b>	8.00pm	Compline	Coombe Bissett	
<b>6 April MAUNDY THURSDAY</b>	6.00pm	Commemoration of the Last Supper (CW)	Bishopstone	Jenny T / Ruth HS
<b>7 April GOOD FRIDAY</b>  	11.00am	St John's Vigil	Alvediston	Lay Led
	12 noon	Way of the Cross	Berwick St John	Ruth H-S
	12 noon	Reflections on The Passion	Broad Chalke	Jenny Taylor
	1.00pm	Readings and Music	Bishopstone	Sally Leaver
	2.00pm	Way of the Cross	Odstock	Ruth H-S
<b>8 April EASTER EVE</b>	6.00pm	Easter Fire & Communion	Charlton All Saints	Ruth H-S
	6.00pm	Easter Fire & Communion	Homington	Jenny Taylor
<b>9 April EASTER DAY</b>  	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Broad Chalke	Jenny Taylor
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bowerchalke	Archdeacon Alan Jeans
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bishopstone	Anthony Hawley
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Britford	Ruth H-S
	11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Coombe Bissett	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Berwick St John	Archdeacon Alan Jeans
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Ebbesbourne Wake	Tony Monds
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Nunton	Ruth H-S
<b>16 April 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	10.00am	Benefice Communion (CW)	Odstock	Jenny Taylor
<b>23 April 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	9.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Berwick St John	Kate Rosslyn Smith
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Charlton All Saints	Jenny Taylor
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Broad Chalke	Ruth H-S
	11.00am	Family Service	Nunton	Adrian Taylor
	11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bishopstone	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Alvediston	Ruth H-S
	11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Homington	Rhoderick Voremberg
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)	Bowerchalke	Lay Led
<b>30 April 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	10.00am	Benefice Communion (CW)	Berwick St John	Ruth H-S
	10.00am	Benefice Communion (CW)	Coombe Bissett	Dean Of Salisbury <small>Very Revd Nicholas Papadopoulos</small>
<b>7 May 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter 'Coronation Celebration Weekend'</b>	10.00am	Benefice Communion (CW)	Ebbesbourne Wake	Ruth H-S
	10.00am	Benefice Communion (CW)	Britford	Jenny Taylor

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