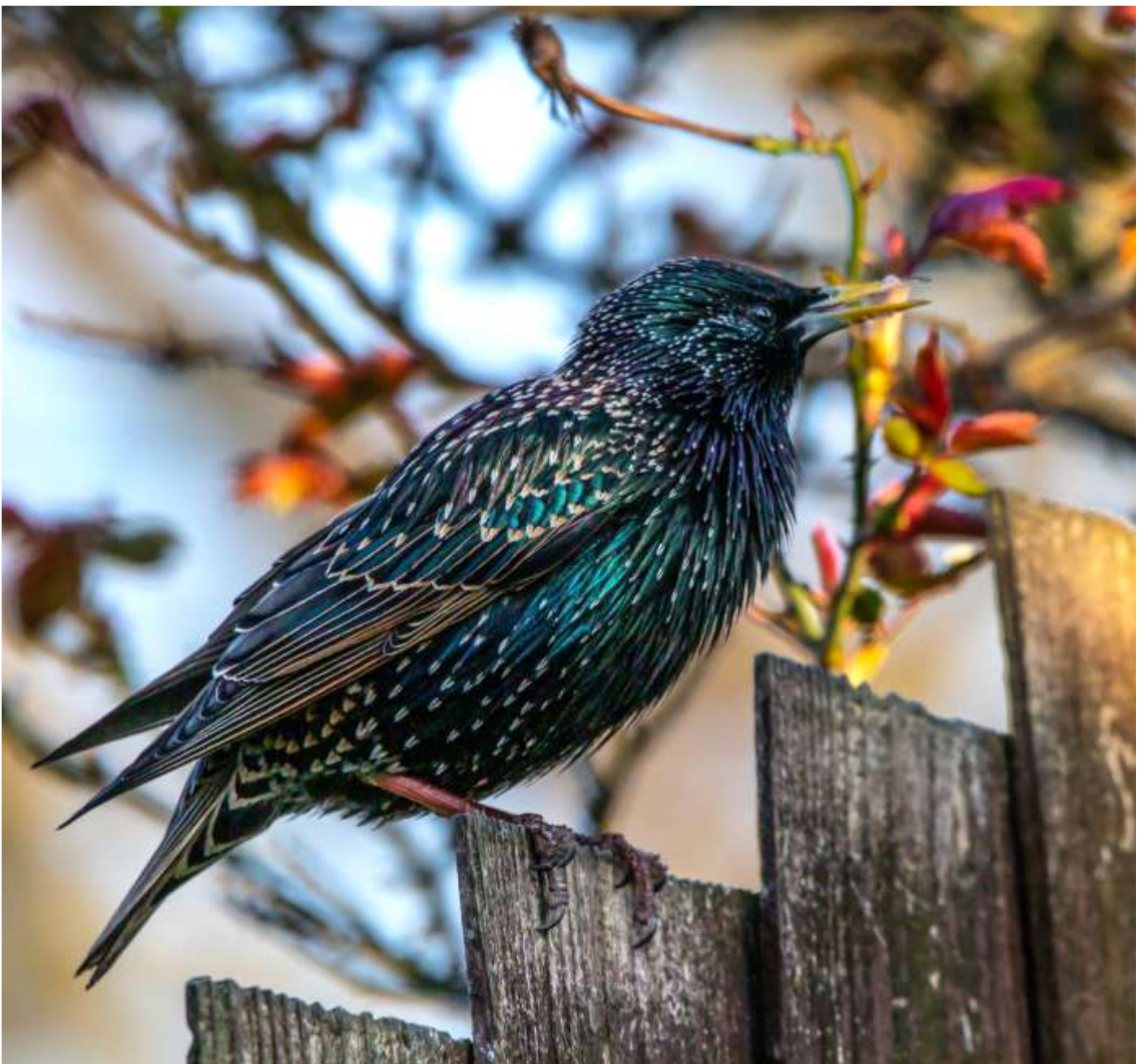




Parish Magazine

April 2022



Starling in the Garden, Homington

Photo by Keiron Yeo

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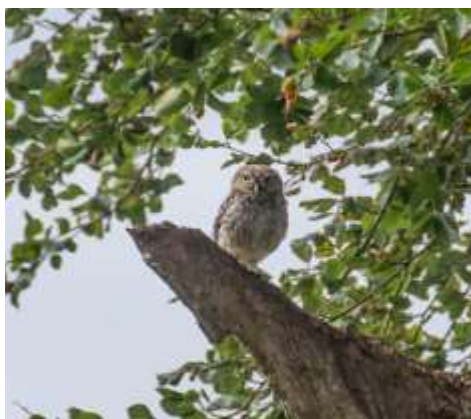
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Any articles for inclusion are to be submitted by 5pm on the 20th of the month to appear in the next issue - *unless the magazine is already full.*

The editors reserve the right to edit all contributions.



This month's cover photo comes from the lens of Homington resident Keiron Yeo. Keiron often posts photos of local wildlife, particularly birds, on our local Facebook pages, so I asked him if we could use one of his photos for STaB and he kindly agreed. I hope you enjoy his photos, 3 further ones included here. Thanks Keiron!

A warm welcome to Bishopstone and Stratford Tony...

Please let us know if you know of anyone who moves into the parish so we can offer them a welcome in STaB.



Hello from the Revd Canon Jenny Taylor



Happy Easter? Isn't it hard to think about celebrating when battles are raging in Ukraine and daily we see the most dreadful pictures and hear the most terrible news from that beleaguered country? Our prayers and love to all Ukrainians everywhere....please use our Archbishops' prayer in your own lives.

However, Easter **is** almost upon us, so do consider joining us on Maundy Thursday at 7.30pm, on Good Friday at 12 noon and on Easter Sunday at 9.30am. Our church will be full of life in the flowers and in our worship and there is so much comfort to be gained in the solidarity of each other in worship.

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 so yes, we can say to one another **Happy Easter!**

A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war and peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you
would hold and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen

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Parish Council

Following a “spike” in Covid 19 infections in the village, it was decided to postpone the Annual Parish Meeting and the meeting of the Parish Council which were due to be held on 10th March 2022. Whilst most of those infected seem to have experienced relatively mild symptoms these were debilitating for some and a reminder that the Covid pandemic has not yet ended. It is important to continue to take precautions and reduce needless risk.

The postponed meetings will now take place on **Tuesday 12th May 2022 starting at 7.00pm in the Village Hall**. The Annual Parish Meeting is separate from the meeting of the Parish Council and can be used by anyone living in the village to raise local issues of current interest for discussion. As in previous years this APM will include reports by village organisations on their activities over the past twelve months and on current projects affecting the village.

Notices about the Parish Council meeting, including the agenda, will be posted on the village noticeboards and on the village website. The agenda will include consideration of the responses received to the consultation on whether to request that 20mph speed limits be introduced in the village. Many of those responses indicated that priority should also be given to tackling the problem of speeding along the High Road/Broad Chalke Road. The Parish Council has made two attempts over the last few years to persuade Wiltshire Council to extend the 30mph limit westwards to the Broad Chalke side of the Flamstone Street junction. Despite strong backing from John Glen MP this has always been refused. However, our Wiltshire Councillor, Nabil Najjar, has established a new group, made up of representatives of the parish councils in his division, to discuss joint action on subjects such as speeding. It is Cllr Najjar’s view that Wiltshire Council may be more open to changes to speed limits than in the past. The Parish Council will pursue the objective of extension of the 30mph limit through this new group.

The first meeting of that group was also attended by a representative of the Police and Crime Commissioner. Additional resources are to be deployed to tackle speeding in the county and it is proposed to re-launch the Community Speed Watch programme in the Summer with extra support from the Police for community speed watch groups. Of course, any action in Bishopstone will depend on whether some new volunteers come forward to form such a group. More on this in a future edition of STaB.

During April it is intended that the new play equipment for the Children’s Play Area will be installed and, in due course, the existing football goal refurbished and re-sited. The play equipment will comprise the two “springers” – a see-saw and a van – which are for the use of the very youngest of villagers.

At the end of March thirty young trees were planted on the north side of the Recreation Field. These are the parish's contribution to the "Queen's Green Canopy" campaign to mark the Jubilee. Many thanks go to Cllr Simon Williams and his team for organizing this and for planting the trees.

Mike Ash, Clerk

Queen's Jubilee 2022 Green Canopy

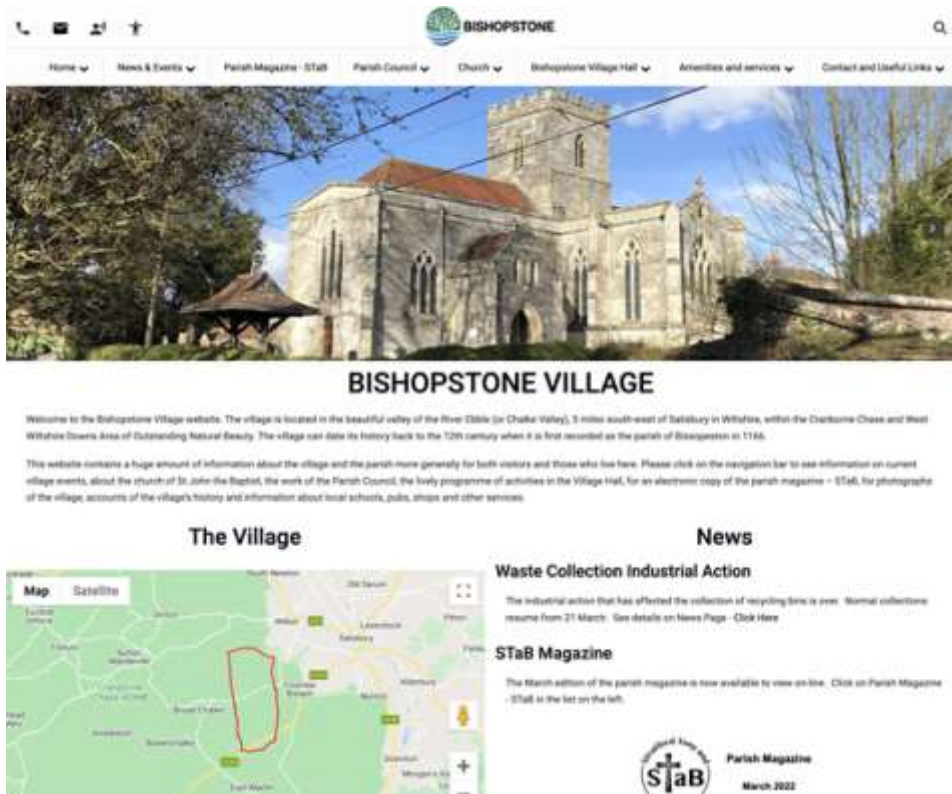
On a beautiful sunny spring afternoon on 20th of March a group of volunteers from the village helped to plant thirty trees on the north border of the recreation ground. The trees consisting of wild cherry, silver birch, and rowan were kindly supplied by the Woodland Trust as part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Green Canopy project. We look forward to those trees growing and flourishing in our lifetime to mark this special year and to help the planet.

Harry Williams



Bishopstone Village Website

The village website (www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk) has undergone a mild make-over to freshen up its appearance but also, more importantly, to make it compliant with the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines issued by the international standards organization for the Internet. These guidelines define how to make web content more accessible to people with disabilities and more user-friendly for all. They are mandatory for local authority content, including Parish Councils.



These changes have involved a move to a new web provider and changes in the way the website functions. The new website is proposed, subject to any last-minute technical hitches, to go live on 1st April (I realise that this may be tempting fate!). The new format will take a bit of getting used to, but try it and let me know what you think.

Mike Ash

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).

Church Notices

Easter at St John the Baptist, Bishopstone 2022



Maundy Thursday
Thursday 14th April, 7.30pm
**Commemoration of the Last
Supper, Communion**



Good Friday
Friday 15th April, 12 noon
Devotions on the Passion



Easter Day
Sunday 17th April, 9.30am
Parish Communion

Chalke Valley Churches' 2022 Lent Appeal for



Salisbury Women's Refuge



You are invited to a Bishopstone Coffee Morning
10.30am - 12 noon

Friday 1st April at Croucheston Cottage, The Cross

Contact Alix Ricketts 780320

or

Friday 8th April at 22 The Croft

Contact Sally Leaver 780447

If you cannot attend but would like to make a donation, details of how to do so are in the leaflet in last month's STaB, or contact the Team Administrator Emily Broomhead on 07890 262376.

Village Hall



April 2022

LATEST COVID ADVICE:

As the pandemic is still with us we ask everyone to wear face-covering when moving around the Hall, especially when it is crowded. We would also remind you not to come to the Hall if you are at all unwell and would recommend taking a lateral flow test before mixing with others, even if you are fully vaccinated.

THREE CIVILISATIONS – The final talk in this series by Francis Taylor will be on **Friday 1st April**. The subject will be **Angkor Wat and the Khmer Empire**.

The talk will start at **7.30pm** with the doors (and the bar) opening at **7.00pm**. The cost is **£5** and places can be booked via (01722) 780316 or email mail4taylors@gmail.com

BISHOPSTONE COMMUNITY CAFE

These are normally held on alternate Thursdays. The next coffee mornings will be on **Thursdays, April 14th and 28th. 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 6th April** – The speaker is Francis Taylor talking about Easter Island. (Lunches will resume in October). 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.

MOVIOLA at Bishopstone

Friday 22nd April "Stillwater" Bill Baker heads to France to see his daughter Allison who was imprisoned for murdering her cheating lover, Lina. However, Allison claims she is innocent, which compels Bill to investigate further. Starring Matt Damon and Camille Cottin.

Doors open at 7.00pm with the film commencing at 7.30pm

Entry **£6.00**. Please book in advance with Caroline Ash on (01722) 781044 or Sue Taylor (01722) 780316

A cash bar with snacks and ices will be available.

FUTURE EVENTS

Saturday 16th April, 10am - 12noon - Charity Coffee, Cake & Crafts - DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal

Family visiting for Easter? Looking for something fun for your kids to do over the Easter weekend? Or simply fancy a chat over some tea & cake? A group of Year 6 children in the village are organising an Easter Craft morning to raise money to support the current crisis in the Ukraine. They will be laying on a selection of Easter Craft activities for children up to the age of 11, and their related adults(!) will be providing tea, coffee & delicious homemade cake for contributions. Everyone welcome - it would be lovely to see you, and it will support a very worthwhile cause! Please see p10 of STaB for further details.

Monday 16th May - The Village Hall Annual General Meeting

7.00 for 7.30pm

Friday 3rd June – Jubilee Fair

Come and toast the Queen at a Jubilee Fair from 5.30 to 7.30pm. The bar will be open and snacks available. There will be a variety of stalls including plants, cakes, local crafts and a tombola. Please see the separate notice in STaB (p11).

HALL BOOKINGS FOR SOCIAL EVENTS AND WORKSHOPS

Both halls are available for hire subject to any restrictions in place at the time. 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 – 11.00am. Breastfeeding support is available at the group from Cally Edwards and trained peer-supporters. Due to the group's popularity, the playgroup is operating a booking system each week to limit numbers. Find further information on our Facebook page *Bishopstone Playgroup*, or contact Kate Pendlenton on 01722 780655 or email kmpendlenton@hotmail.com

“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

Continued overleaf:

YOGA WITH HANNAH

For more details please contact Hannah Stocker on 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.

UKRAINE HUMANITARIAN APPEAL



INTERNATIONAL
RESCUE
COMMITTEE
DEC MEMBER

COFFEE, CAKE AND EASTER CRAFT MORNING

Saturday 16th April 2022 10am - 12pm
Bishopstone Village Hall

Easter craft activities for children (£3/child, or £5/family)
Tea, coffee & cake for contributions

All welcome!

Offers of help making cakes would be very much appreciated
Please contact Catherine Sharpless on 781199

Village Hall 100 Club Winners

	£50	£20	£10
Jan 22	F Stimpson	N Barter	M Bray
Feb 22	M Parry	M Barter	D Stirling
Mar 22	N Legh	P Mildred	J Atkinson



COME AND TOAST THE QUEEN AT OUR
JUBILEE FAIR
IN BISHOPSTONE VILLAGE HALL

FRIDAY JUNE 3rd
5.30PM – 7.30PM

Various stalls including plants, cakes, local crafts and a tombola.

Do any villagers have photos of the Queen? We would like to borrow them to put on display.

The bar will be open and there will be teas, coffees and snacks available.

Contact Margaret Barter (780471) to book a stall or lend us a photo.

THE THIRD OF THE “THREE ANCIENT CIVILISATIONS” TALKS WILL BE ON FRIDAY 1ST APRIL AND WILL COVER THE HISTORY OF THE KHMER EMPIRE IN CAMBODIA AND, IN PARTICULAR, WILL EXPLORE THE WONDERFUL ANGKOR WAT TEMPLE COMPLEX.

The illustrated talk will start at 7.30pm.

Doors, and the bar, open at 7.00pm

Venue : **Bishopstone Village Hall**

Speaker: Francis Taylor

Cost - £5

For further information please call 01722 780316,
or email mail4taylor@gmail.com



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 now partially reopen

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:

14th April, 12th May, 9th June, 7th July, 4th August



Coombe Bissett Stores

www.coombebissettstores.co.uk

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

Salisbury Foodbank

This month we had 3.9 kgs of donations. Thank you so much.

This month there has been a plea from the Trussell Trust in their emails which I feel I should quote in full for everyone's information:-

“One in six people who receive Universal Credit needed to visit a food bank at least once since the start of December. Almost 2 m people were currently going without food, while others were living in cold conditions as they couldn't afford to power and heat their homes.

We cannot stand by and let the UK government allow this to get worse. People are already facing impossible decisions such as heating or eating, with many having to take on debt just to get by. People said they were unable to afford to get to work or get children to school, some have said they have mould growing in their home because they can't afford heating, some were turning off their fridges to save money and several people highlighted an imminent risk of homelessness.

The planned 3.1% uprating of benefits in April won't cover even half of the cost of living reality as inflation rages. Without urgent action, the cost of essentials we all need to get by will be completely out of reach for people already struggling to make ends meet. The Treasury must uprate benefits this spring, including Universal Credit, legacy benefits and support for housing costs, by the forecast rate of inflation of at least 7%.

We will not stand by and allow thousands more families to be pushed into debt with no way out and forced through the doors of food banks.”

Please if you can, continue to support this very worthy cause in whatever way you are able. You can donate food at most of the supermarkets now but I am still happy to take along anything that is brought to me here at home, or left in our lovely church.

Items they are particularly short of

Tinned Rice
Custard
Toilet Rolls

Steamed Puddings
Tinned Meat

Thanking you in advance.

Judy Barrett (01722 780306)



Chalke Valley Link Scheme

Good neighbour support with transport and other practical help



For residents in our area who are elderly or incapacitated and are unable to use public transport

The 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.

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 volunteers too, so please give as much notice as possible so that we can find a volunteer who is available.

Registered Charity No 1076335

Queen's Award for Voluntary Service

Demand for the Link Scheme Services is growing, and new volunteers are always needed to support the service. If you could spare some time, or for more information please contact us on: 01380722241 or email: linkproject@communityfirst.org.uk



Chalke Valley Flower Club

The Next meeting of the Flower Club is on **Wednesday 27th April** when Irene Hickson Demonstrates

'FASHION TRENDS'

Broad Chalke Village Hall

Do come and join us at 6.30pm for 7pm, in time for a cup of tea, coffee or a hot chocolate!

Have YOU ever met the Queen?



Have you ever met Her Majesty the Queen? If so, would you be prepared to tell us about it? To celebrate the upcoming Platinum Jubilee, the editors of STaB would like to put together an article for the June edition of this magazine about residents of this parish meeting Queen Elizabeth. We feel sure that there will be some fascinating and possibly unusual or amusing stories that people will be able to tell! We look forward to hearing them.

If you would like to contribute, please either e.mail the editorial team on teamstab2019@gmail.com, or if you do not have access to e.mail then we are very happy to receive written accounts, delivered to Bramley Cottage, Harvest Lane.

Many thanks in advance.

*We've been delighted to receive two stories about Bishopstone residents meeting Her Majesty - but we feel sure that there are more to come.
Please let us know!*

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.



Bishopstone Safari Supper

Saturday 2nd July 2022

The Safari Supper evening is being reinstated after 6 years!!

This is a great opportunity to make new friends and catch-up with old ones.

For those who are not familiar with a Safari Supper it involves hosting one course of a three-course meal in your own home and going to two different houses with different couples for the other two courses.

The cost will be £20 per couple/pair with the proceeds securing a glass of prosecco per person at The White Hart, where we will all meet up at the end of the evening and a sizable donation to Salisbury Foodbank.

If you are a couple/pair who would like to take part but prefer not to host the cost will be £40 per couple/pair, this will be subject to hosting numbers.

For further details and an application form please contact

Brian and Helen Clarke

Email: hlclarke.bishopstone@gmail.com

Here's to a memorable evening!



Bishopstone Ultrafast Broadband Update



Salisbury - the Fibre City and the end of copper cabling plus a project update

By the end of June 2020 Openreach "fully fibred" Salisbury. What did that mean?

Some 22,000 premises in the city were able to access the gigabit capable Fibre to the Premises (FTTP) network, the type of service which will soon be extended to the western half of Bishopstone.

This action meant that Salisbury was the first entire city in the UK to gain access to the Openreach FTTP network.

Anyone moving around the city in the last year will have seen a plethora of Openreach staff laying some 500km of new fibre-optic cable, digging some 30kms of trenches and clearing some 720+ blockages. The average quoted build rate was 59 properties per day. (Source: Research carried out by Openreach). We know that as cities go Salisbury is small, but it is a useful testbed for Openreach to experiment, prior adopting new approaches to boost the roll out of FTTP across the whole of the UK.

The actual migration trial is due to run until the end of this year. Because of this project Salisbury has also been chosen to take part in the Exchange Upgrade Trial (i.e. switching off copper and going full fibre). More on this in a moment!

As far as our project in the village is concerned it seems likely that fibre optic cabling will be routed to the village from Coombe Bissett. Parts of Coombe Bissett and the eastern end of Bishopstone already have FTTP which, in turn, is routed from Salisbury. This will be different from our current arrangement in the West of the village where our cabling comes from the Broad Chalke exchange to the green cabinet at the end of Flamstone Street.

Associated with this exercise is Openreach's Exchange Upgrade Trial. The trial in Salisbury is in process and the current plan is to put a "stop sell" on any new copper services. There are some misconceptions as to what this will mean and we will try to cover those next month.

As at the time of writing this note (18 March) Openreach have been back in the village working on and completing the underground links to a few properties that had been highlighted during the previous visit by engineers in January.

As of today we have no further news on the start date for the full project.

Want more information?

Visit our website: www.bishopstone-ftp.uk

If you can't find out what you want to know there then please contact any of the project team:

Toby Mills: 781168 toby.mills@bishopstone-ftp.uk

Roger Stockton: 780346

Mike Ash: 781044

Paul Mildred: 780361

Community Policing Teams



COMMUNITY POLICING TEAMS

Do you know your local officers?

Wiltshire and Swindon is split into eight Community Policing Team (CPT) areas, each of which have their own dedicated Inspector, Sergeant, Officers and Police Community Support Officers. But, do you know who your local officers are and how to contact them?

Find out more about your CPT and who your local officers are by visiting www.wiltshire.police.uk and searching 'Your CPT'

 Wiltshire and Swindon **pcc**

We are covered by the Salisbury South Team, which includes Harnham, Wilton (Town and Rural), Downton & Redlynch.

Our team is currently served by PC Mark Douglas, PCSO Jonathan Rose, PCSO Simon Ward and PCSO Matt Murray.

The contact e.mail for CPT about a non-urgent, community-related matter, is: SalisburyAreaCPT@wiltshire.police.uk



SPORTS SCENE APRIL 2022

Our second new football goal post has arrived and is out on the sports field, so we now have a great kick about pitch for all the family to enjoy. This is a great resource to hire for birthday parties, and we had our first of these a couple of weeks ago.

Outdoor basketball has continued to be well used since being installed a few weeks ago, so much so that one of the balls has worn out! If anyone has a spare basketball or two, and would like to donate please let us know. We aim to keep a couple of balls in the storage net so anyone can turn up, play, and return the basketballs to the net for the next family to enjoy.

A lot of work is being undertaken planning replacement of the floodlights on the multi-sports area. We are working with the Cranborne Chase AONB as part of the International Dark Skies Reserve so that we plan new lighting in line with their recommendations.

At the time of writing this Newsletter we are also planning our next major development.

Together with the Cricket Club, we have raised over £4,000 to install a new cricket practice facility. This will see the laying of an artificial grass practice bay together with a cricket cage and net. We are always looking for new players and will be starting practice evenings in May, so just turn up and join us.

Just a reminder of what else is on. The football season will draw to a conclusion later this month: The new Thursday afternoon 2.00-4.00 short mat bowls session has now started, and the Monday evening session takes place as normal. Petanque will be moving back outdoors on Friday evenings from the first Friday in May, and will continue indoors until then, so come and join us you, will be made most welcome.

Tennis mix-ins continue Sunday mornings and Thursday evenings, and the Club will be competing in the Salisbury Sarum and Shaftesbury Leagues and are looking for new players. Some exciting news we hope to share soon will be the possibility of having LTA coaching facilities at the Club to include Tennis Xpress course for beginners and advanced players. This will be open to non-members too.

Pickleball takes place Wednesday evenings on the outdoor sports courts, and table tennis is on Sunday evenings. If you are interested in playing Table Tennis during the daytime, please contact Tom at the table tennis club.

As we seek to raise money for new developments, donations are very welcome and can be sent to the Treasurer at the below contact or by bank transfer to:

Chalke Valley Sports Centre. Sort Code: 30-97-41 Account Number: 01351926

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

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

Police Bulletin

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



Since starting in this role, my mission has always been to make Wiltshire a safer place to live, work and visit.

Now is the time for Wiltshire Police, and my office, to go back-to-basics and deliver exactly what our residents want: a quality, frontline, policing service which tackles the crimes which matter most to them.

Making Wiltshire Safer sets out the direction for policing focus and priorities until 2025 as well as showing you the funding I receive and how it will be spent during my first term in office.

<p>Priority 1: A police service that meets the needs of its communities</p> <p>I am prioritising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing public confidence, trust and our policing engagement with communities • Provide a quality of police service to all our communities • Giving the Police the right tools for the job 	<p>Priority 2: Reduce violence and serious harm</p> <p>I am prioritising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Violence reduction and domestic abuse • Violence Against Women and Girls • Child abuse and Child Exploitation • County Lines and Serious Organised Crime and exploitation
<p>Priority 3: Tackle crimes that matter most to local communities</p> <p>I am prioritising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anti-social Behaviour • Road safety • Rural crime and heritage crime • Fraud, cyber crime and hate crime 	<p>Priority 4: Improve the experience of victims and deliver justice</p> <p>I am prioritising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Victim care and support • Mental Health • The criminal justice system • Restorative Wiltshire • Reducing re-offending

I consulted widely with the people of Wiltshire and Swindon via Use Your Voice and opportunities for you to download copies of the draft plan and participate in public discussions on social media. Our new police and crime plan is as closely aligned with your concerns and aspirations as possible and this has been balanced with advice from the Chief Constable as well as national policing strategies.

My finalised police and crime plan was supported at the latest meeting of Wiltshire and Swindon's Police and Crime panel as the cross-party councillors unanimously ratified the document.

I'm pleased thousands of you took this opportunity with many councillors, MPs, charities and third sector organisations engaging on our community's behalf.

Spring Rambling with Jazzie

Well, a lot has happened since our last instalment. Jazzie is NOT impressed with Comrade Putin's behaviour, but admires the guts of the Ukrainians! At least I hope she does! We have continued splendid walks this last month, as the weather has improved and the flowers bloom. All the daffys and the pansies and hyacinths are showing the blue and yellows off to great effect!

It is noticeable how very neat and tidy the fields look now after drilling and sowing and rolling. We seem surrounded by brown billiard tables soon to turn green. The trees felled by Storm Eunice are all tidily sawn and paths were open again very quickly after the storm. Well done to Piers and his emergency team of loggers and lumberers.



Jazzie has met all manner of dogs again. She does enjoy meeting new dogs and owners but also likes to jump for closer contact with new friends. We apologise for the dirty paws from time to time. She met a lovely horse and lady rider who invited Jazzie to come for a canter, with 'those lovely long legs'. She refused and came home with me for tea instead! Her coat is growing well, and she is becoming slightly more her old shaggy self.

We celebrated my son's and my birthdays at the start of March with a good family gathering at home. I do actually feel a bit older this time, but it may be down to the damp weather and arthritis!! I am now well clothed again with sweaters and shirts and PJs, and the wine and beer went down very well!!

It is wonderful, on these warmer days to hear the shouts of children in the village. A good sound for the future. Jazzie of course enjoys meeting them on the way home from school if we time our walk right in the afternoon. Otherwise, she sits in the window examining the pigeons in the garden or watching for passers-by and shouting at them from the study! She likes to make her presence felt by all and sundry.

I am still painting and busy doing works of more of the houses in the village. One day I will let you see them all. Here is a new one, but where?

Best wishes to all, and Jazzie hopes to see more of you soon. Happy Easter to all. Remember to support the Jubilee Fair on 3rd June, especially any artists and crafters.



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In Our Night Sky - Mars

Long speculated as a hospitable place for human life, it features many science fiction novels, the most famous probably being “The War of the Worlds” by H.G. Wells.

It is known today by its Roman name after the God of War due to its distinct red colour, redolent of blood, but on closer inspection of the surface there are different shades and other colours including green. Mars itself has 2 tiny moons with Greek names Phobos and Deimos, both about 13 miles in diameter

Once there were oceans covering huge areas of its surface, but due to Mars’ lack of strong magnetic field, the solar wind broke up the water molecules and most water was lost, but left some oxygen, which oxidised the rocks giving the planet’s red rust colour. The solar wind also damaged rock surfaces, leading to red dust which can be whipped up by winds and deposited in dunes. The ancients thought that there were “canals” on Mars, which was almost true as they are massive waterless river beds up to 2,300 km long, with dried up lake beds and waterfalls up to 4 km high.

The surface is lunar, magma studded with impact craters of all sizes, and basaltic maria (solid seas of solidified magma). Volcanic activity stopped 3,500 million years ago, when the planet cooled (much smaller and further away from the sun than earth). However, in Olympus Mons it has the largest volcano in the solar system at over 13.6 miles high and 375 miles wide.

At a very similar tilt as Earth to the ecliptic, Mars has similar seasons. The poles in “winter” show large areas of white solid carbon dioxide, but this overlies permanent water ice. Daylight on Mars is pinkish-red, with blue sunsets.

Many missions have been carried out to Mars and more are planned, but the possibility of life ever existing there is receding.



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Local Charity News and Events



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9th April 2022 10am-12pm

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Tickets cost £20 per person for a relaxed supper, including glass of wine, suitable for all diets. African themed dress optional.

Supported by NFU Mutual Wessex. Funds raised will go towards the much-needed agriculture vehicle and salaries to maintain CRESS support for the South Sudanese refugees in northern Uganda.

CRESS' vision is to enable the refugee community to become self-sufficient, now whilst in exile and eventually on their return to South Sudan. The emphasis for CRESS is on long-term development based on continuing personal contact.

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Puzzles and Activities

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Recipe of the Month - Marmalade Pudding Cake (or Paddington's Breakfast Cake)

By Cally Edwards

This is a fabulously easy recipe which involves popping all ingredients into a food processor. Nigella Lawson suggests serving it warm at a Sunday lunch with custard. But this week I made it for Playgroup and as it was at 9.30am, I decided to rename it Paddington's Breakfast Cake.

- 250g soft unsalted butter (plus some for greasing)
 - 75g caster sugar
 - 75g light brown muscovado sugar
 - 150g marmalade
 - 225g plain flour
 - ½ teaspoon bicarbonate of soda
 - 1 teaspoon baking powder
 - 4 large eggs
 - zest and juice of ½ orange
- Glaze: 75g marmalade & juice of ½ orange



Preheat the oven to 180°C/160°C Fan/gas mark 4/350°F and butter a 24cm / 8inch square ovenproof dish. Put the 75g marmalade and juice of ½ orange into a small pan and set aside to make a glaze later.

Put all the other ingredients for the pudding batter into a food processor, process them and then pour and scrape the batter into the buttered dish, smoothing the top. If you're not using a processor, cream the butter and both sugars by hand or in a freestanding mixer, beat in the marmalade followed by the dry ingredients, then the eggs and finally the orange zest and juice

Put in the oven and cook for about 40 minutes – though give a first check after ½ hour – by which time the sponge mixture will have risen and a cake tester will come out cleanish. Remove from the oven and leave in the dish.

Warm the glaze mixture in the pan until melted together, then paint the top of the sponge (or pierce the cake with a skewer and allow some of the glaze to dribble through into the sponge creating a more moist cake), letting the chunks or slivers of peel be your sole, unglinting decoration on top of the mutely gleaming pudding-cake. Know that this sponge will keep its orange-scented warmth for quite a while once out of the oven, so you could make it before you sit down for the main course.

Use a large spoon or cake slice (or both) to serve, and put a jug of custard or cream on the table to eat with.

Sarah's Gardening Tips for April

1. Tie in climbing and rambling roses.
2. Apply a high nitrogen feed to the lawn for a boost to the start of the season.
3. Sow beans directly or in individual pots. Runner beans don't like root disturbance so don't pot them on, get them into the ground.
4. Pinch out the tips of Fuschias and sweet peas to make them bush out.
5. Prune fig trees.
6. Mulch fruit trees with well rotted manure or garden compost but don't mound around the trunk.
7. Prune penstemons now. Cut back old shoots to the base provided there is new growth.
8. Hedges often provide nesting sites for garden birds so leave pruning until late summer.
9. Order annual plants for summer bedding, online or from catalogues.

A weed is a plant that has mastered every survival skill except for learning how to grow in rows.

Doug Larson



Question: Timothy, fescue and Yorkshire fog are all types of what?

(Answer on p51)

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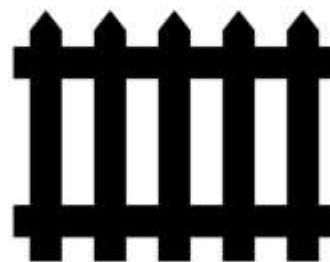
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The Village Hall is an important resource and offers a venue for a wide variety of events for the benefit of all. The Hall is supported by a large group of dedicated local people in addition to the Committee. We hope you will support events whenever you can and if you would like to join the wider group of Friends of the Village Hall then please contact any member of the committee.

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

Mike Ash (bishopstoneclerk@btinternet.com)

Or Roger Stockton (rogerstockton@icloud.com)

No letters to the Editor this month, but instead we thought you might enjoy this shot of the stunning display of daffodils at the top of Harvest Lane! They make us smile every time we drive past.



STaB Selling Spot

FOR SALE

1 pair double Earley's Whitney cream blankets - £25

1 pair brown double cellular blankets - £20

2 double brown eiderdowns - £20 each

All in very good condition.

Picnic basket with contents - £20

No offers please.

All money collected will go to Parkinson's UK.

Call 01722 781120

STaB Selling Spot posts are now free of charge for those who live in the Parish. Let us know if you have anything to sell!

Answer to the question in Sarah's Gardening Tips: Grasses





Services in Chalke Valley Benefice – April 2022



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

Please be 'Covid Aware' and follow all the safety rules in church. If the situation changes locally, services may be cancelled at short notice. Please check your church noticeboard and weekly e-bulletin.

3 April 5th Sunday of Lent	9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am	Parish Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Family Communion (CW) Family Communion (CW) Family Service (CW) Morning Prayer (BCP)	Broad Chalke Britford Ebbesbourne Wake Coombe Bissett Odstock Berwick St John	Catherine Blundell Jenny Taylor Catherine Blundell Jenny Taylor Adrian Taylor Lay Led
10 April PALM SUNDAY	9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 3.00pm	Parish Communion (CW) Family Communion (CW) Family Communion (CW) All Age Service Evening Prayer (BCP)	Bowerchalke Nunton Coombe Bissett Alvediston Fifield Bavant	Catherine Blundell Bishop of Ramsbury Jenny Taylor Biddy Trahair Biddy Trahair
14 April MAUNDY THURSDAY	4.00pm 7.30pm	Short Communion (CW) Commemoration of the Last Supper (CW)	Broad Chalke Bishopstone	Catherine Blundell Jenny Taylor
15 April GOOD FRIDAY 	11.00am 12 noon 1.00pm 2.00pm	Passion Reading with Music Devotions on The Passion Devotional Service Passion Devotions	Alvediston Bishopstone Bowerchalke Nunton	Lay Led Jenny Taylor Catherine Blundell Roger Leake
16 April EASTER EVE	6.00pm 6.00pm	Easter Fire Communion Easter Fire Service	Alvediston Homington	Catherine Blundell Jenny Taylor
17 April EASTER DAY 	6.30am 9.30am 9.30am 9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am	Sunrise Communion (CW) Family Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Family Communion (CW) Family Communion (CW)	Hut and Lodge Farm Broad Chalke Bowerchalke Bishopstone Charlton All Saints Coombe Bissett Berwick St John Ebbesbourne Wake Odstock	Catherine Blundell Roger Leake K R Smith / D Blundell Jenny Taylor Ann Philp Jenny Taylor Catherine Blundell K R Smith / D Blundell Roger Leake
24 April 2nd Sunday of Easter	10.00am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Family Service Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion (CW) Family Service Evening Prayer	Coombe Bissett Alvediston Homington Nunton Bowerchalke	D Morgan/ J Wardroper Catherine Blundell Roger Leake Adrian Taylor Lay Led
1 May 3rd Sunday of Easter	9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am	Parish Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Family Communion (CW) Family Communion (CW) Family Service (CW) Morning Service Morning Prayer (BCP)	Broad Chalke Britford Ebbesbourne Wake Coombe Bissett Odstock Bishopstone Berwick St John	Catherine Blundell Jenny Taylor Tony Monds Jenny Taylor Adrian Taylor Sally Leaver Lay Led

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