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Bishopstone Wildflowers

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When did you last visit our beautiful church in Bishopstone? It's full of interest, and well worth a look around, particularly with 'A Guide to St John the Baptist Church' in your hand (a copy is on the bookcase in the Nave). This guide was produced by Anne Stutchbury and Mike Ash following a 5-year inventory of the church by members of the Arts Society Sarum in 2012-17. It's fascinating to look around and learn about the monuments, windows, stonework, etc.

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).

Date for your Diary

The 2023 AGM of The Friends of Bishopstone Church will take place on Tuesday August 1st 2023 in Bishopstone Church at 7.30pm.

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



Some of you may have heard that our Team Vicar, the Revd Dr Ruth Howlett-Shipleigh has been appointed as our new Team Rector and will be licensed accordingly probably in September. This is such good news and we are all so pleased. She will continue living in Nunton which means we are now on the search for a Team Vicar to live in Broad Chalke – I will ensure that you are all kept up-to-date with our progress.

Meanwhile, do remember that services are available for everyone in our parish church of St John the Baptist – the 3rd Sunday of every month at 9.30 and the 4th Sunday at 11.00pm and sometimes as an added extra, the 1st Sunday at 11.00! Just check the rota - it really would be lovely to see you there!!

Very importantly please remember and support our Harvest Festival on Sunday 24th September at 11.00!!

Have a relaxing August and as Jesus says in Matthew's Gospel:

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.”

Coombe Bissett School Baptism and Confirmation Service

You will remember that Ralph Pendleton was baptised at the end of June in Coombe Bissett – here he is afterwards with the other 3 who were baptised and the 3 who were confirmed!



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Parish Council

The latest meeting of the Parish Council took place on Thursday 13th July. Councillors Thorne, Edwards, Barter, Tatner and Rigg were present, together with the Parish Clerk. Apologies had been received from Cllrs Smith and Williams. Wiltshire Councillor Nabil Najjar and one member of the public were also present. The full minutes of the meeting, together with the papers considered, are available on the village website (www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk).

It was reported that Wiltshire Council Drainage Engineers are continuing to examine what can be done to prevent flooding in Faulston Lane. They have now decided to replace the existing culvert under the road, which connects the ditch on the south side with that which runs north towards the river, with a larger diameter pipe. This project is programmed for September and will require the closure of Faulston Lane for five days. [The precise dates will be publicised on the village WhatsApp Network as soon as they are known].

Councillor Najjar drew attention to the Wiltshire Local Plan review. Full Council would be considering the outcome of the review at its meeting on 18th July. The plan sets out how the housing requirements of the county will be met for the period up to 2036. Most new development will be in the main settlements, such as Salisbury. In the rural areas new housing will be limited to what is required to meet local needs and will be based on assessments requested by Parish Councils.

Councillor Najjar was asked to take up the matter of the management of road closures in the village (see Parish Council report in June's STaB). A further closure of Broad Chalke Road between the Butt Lane and Flamstone Street junctions, for works by Openreach, will take place on 22nd August. It was likely that traffic will ignore the long official diversion route and try to use Butt Lane/The Alley and Flamstone Street in the same way as recently occurred in Mill Lane and Faulston Lane, with resulting traffic chaos. The matter had been taken up with Wiltshire Council officials but their response had not been reassuring. It was pointed out that the works proposed by Openreach (the replacement of overhead line poles) could be managed with stop/go boards or traffic lights thus keeping the main road open. Cllr Najjar undertook to speak to officers about this.

Consideration was given to a pre-circulated paper on speed limits along the Broad Chalke Road (the paper is available on the village website). The Clerk said that a meeting had taken place with Wiltshire's Director of Highways and the Strategic Planning Officer of the Police and Crime Commissioner, together with the Clerk from Broad Chalke Council, to discuss concerns about speeding along the length of the C12. It was likely that Wiltshire would be undertaking a road safety review along the whole corridor in due course, but it had been indicated that there might be scope for one or two minor improvements in the interim. Broad Chalke's top priority is the entrance to the village from the east, where the speed limit goes from

60mph to 20mph in one jump. They want a “step down” limit of 30mph before the 20mph section is reached. It was agreed that Bishopstone Council’s priorities are a reduction from 40mph to 30mph in the speed limit on the section of the road past the Recreation Field, Children’s Play Area and the pub, and the extension of the 40mph limit past the junction with Flamstone Street.

The reduced speed limit in Bishopstone had been rejected by Wiltshire Council in the past and there was no certainty that any application to that effect would succeed now. However, it was considered that it is worth a further try, given the strong support from Cllr Najjar. The matter would be considered initially by Wiltshire Council’s Local Highways and Footpaths Improvement Group (part of the Area Board). It was agreed to submit a joint request with Broad Chalke Council (which had agreed a reciprocal proposal at its July meeting). If taken forward the next step would be an assessment by consultants. Both Bishopstone and Broad Chalke Councils would need to contribute to the cost. If the proposals pass that hurdle they could form part of the programme for 2024/25 but inclusion then would depend on other priorities.

Cllr Edwards drew attention to increasing incidence of dogs being taken on to the Recreation Field. A notice on the gate by the Children’s Play Area indicating that use of the field by dogs was not permitted was being ignored both by people from within the village and by passing visitors. It was important to prevent fouling of the Play Area and the wider field. It was agreed to improve the signage and to include a reminder message in STaB.

Cllr Tatner raised the problems being caused by the reduced maintenance of roadside verges by Wiltshire Council. Bus drivers were missing people standing at the bus stop opposite Pitts Lane because they could not see them as they approached. Other problems included visibility at the junctions of Flamstone Street and Whitlock Rise. It was agreed to take the matter up with Wiltshire Highways.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on **Thursday 7th September 2023** (note one week earlier than normal) at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.



REMINDER

Dogs are not allowed in Bishopstone’s Children’s Play Area or on the rest of the Recreation Field.

We are very lucky in Bishopstone to have a wealth of beautiful tracks and footpaths where dogs can be exercised. Taking a dog onto the Recreation Field is anti-social and, even if you clear up after them, poses a health risk for other users, particularly young children.

Please, please take Fido elsewhere!

Village Hall



August/September 2023

The BISHOPSTONE COMMUNITY CAFE

Coffee Mornings are normally held on alternate **Thursdays**. Dates for the coming period are the **3rd, 17th and 31st of August**, the **14th and 28th of September** and the **12th and 26th of October**. **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

We are pleased to confirm that Moviola will return for the autumn season with the first showing on **Friday 29th September** when the film will be **What's Love Got to Do with It?** This is a *romantic comedy starring Lily James, Shazad Latif, Shabana Azmi and Emma Thompson. Set between London and Lahore, filmmaker Zoe Stevenson, documents her childhood friend and neighbour Kazim "Kaz" Khan's arranged marriage to a bride from Pakistan.*

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

Other Moviola dates are **Friday 27th October** 'Allelujah' and **Friday 24th November** 'Oppenheimer' (To be confirmed).

If possible, please book in advance with Caroline Ash on (01722) 781044.

Entry for the film is **£6.00**. A cash bar with ices and snacks will be available.

BISHOPSTONE COMMUNITY LUNCHES

Monthly community lunches will resume on **Wednesday 4th October** with a talk by Dawn Lawrence on the Born Free Foundation. The **November** lunch will be on **Wednesday the 1st** with Rosemary Pemberton talking about "The Thousand-Year History of the Salisbury Friary and its Garden".

Times as usual: **12.00 noon for 12.30 pm**. Advance booking is essential. Please telephone Caroline Ash on (01722) 781044 and advise her of any dietary requirements. The cost is £7.50 for a two-course lunch and a drink.

KEY AUTUMN EVENTS

Saturday 14th October ‘Mitchell and Vincent’

A Rural Arts show, Mitchell and Vincent are a duo playing folk music on guitar and fiddle. Tickets are priced at: Adults £15, Concessions £12.50, Children £8.00.

Doors and bar open at 7pm for 7.30pm start

Saturday 18th November ‘The Sunset Café Stompers’

We are delighted to announce that by popular request, the Sunset Café Stompers are returning to Bishopstone. Tickets are £15 each with an optional supper available at an additional £5 per person. **Doors and bar open at 7pm for 7.30pm start.**

Early booking is strongly advised as numbers are limited. To make a booking, please contact Caroline Ash on (01722) 781044 or Sue Taylor on (01722) 780316.

HALL BOOKINGS FOR SOCIAL EVENTS AND WORKSHOPS

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

BISHOPSTONE PLAYGROUP

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

“EXTEND” EXERCISE CLASSES

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

PILATES AT BISHOPSTONE

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

YOGA WITH HANNAH

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

SARUM SPINNERS AND WEAVERS

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

BISHOPSTONE VILLAGE HALL

presents

AUTUMN MUSIC



Saturday 14th October
7.30pm

"Without doubt an extremely accomplished and entertaining duo. Definitely a must see!" Bridport Folk Festival Director

Based in Somerset, Graham Mitchell and David Vincent bring traditional and contemporary styles on fiddle and guitar to folk tunes and songs from around the British Isles, as well as original material drawing on the folk traditions.



Saturday 18th November 7.30pm

The triumphant return of the

Described recently by Just Jazz magazine as "one of the best bands of its kind in the land", the Stompers play music of the New Orleans dance halls a century ago, and of the early great jazz band leaders including Jelly Roll Morton and Duke Ellington.



**To book phone Caroline on 01722 781044
or email bvhticketoffice.com**

Full details on the Village Hall Events Page

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

**Join us for our Harvest Festival !
Bishopstone Parish Church
Sunday 24th September at 11.00am**

Please bring tins or packets of food (not fresh) for the **Salisbury Foodbank** to help the many needy families in our communities.



If you can't come to the Service, why not leave a food donation in the Church Porch or at The Old Post Office, Croucheston. You can also leave any financial donations (Cash or Cheques payable to 'Salisbury Foodbank') at The Old Post Office or with Sarah Seal at The Bield, Flamstone Street.
Thank you!



Chalke Valley Community Support

POLICE

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

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

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

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

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

You can follow us on:

Facebook - www.facebook.com/salisburypolice

Twitter - www.twitter.com/SouthWiltsCPT

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

Sixpenny Handley and Chalke Valley Practice

Doves Meadow Surgery, Broad Chalke: 01722 780282

Broadchalke Surgery is now open on Tuesdays and Thursdays

Sixpenny Handley Surgery: 01725 552500

www.sixpennydocs.co.uk



MOBILE LIBRARY

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

3 August, 31 August, 28 September, 26 October, 23 November



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shop@coombebissettstores.co.uk Tel: 01722 718852

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

**Chalke
Valley
Stores
Broadchalke**

w: www.chalkevalleystores.co.uk

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

OPENING HOURS

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

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

CHALKE VALLEY LINK SCHEME

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

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

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

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

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Staying in Touch

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

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



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

Salisbury Foodbank

Thank you to everyone who donated this month and last month, the combined total was 14.6 kgs.

Again they are particularly asking for

Toilet Rolls	Long Life Milk
Long Life Fruit Juice	Tinned Rice Pudding/Custard
Tinned Fish	Tinned Meat
Sponge Puddings	Tinned Vegetables/potatoes
Pasta Sauce	Tinned Fruit
Tinned Tomatoes	Packet Puddings/ Angel Delight
Pasta	Snacks
Nappies	Personal Hygiene products
Biscuits	Chocolate

So, pretty much everything again, they are providing so much help that their shelves empty very quickly at the moment.

Please continue to support this cause, so needed during these difficult financial times. The School Summer Holidays will be on us by the time you read this, which means extra hard times for families who now have to find a main meal for the children who were at school. Please help if you can, even just one donation 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 collections then thank you so much.

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

Judy Barrett

My huge thanks go to Kate for improvising for me again last month when I was incapacitated due to my hip replacement.





Another year on!

So perfect timing for **this year's** 'Bishopstone Safari Supper'

On Saturday 23rd September 2023

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 evening meal. Enjoying two further courses hosted by different households. Culminating at the White Hart for a drink and debrief!

Prior to the event you will be notified of the course you are hosting and time to expect your guests. Throughout the evening information will be shared of the next venue you will be dining at.

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

The cost will be £10 per couple/pair, as apposed to £20 last year, this is to encourage more people to take part.

All proceeds will be donated to The Salisbury Foodbank.

For further details please contact: Brian and Helen Clarke

Email: hlclarke.bishopstone@gmail.com

Mobile: 07471206175



Here's to another memorable evening!

We do hope you can join us.



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Chalke Valley Fete and Produce Show

Saturday 19 August 1.00-4.00pm at the Sports Centre. We are all keeping our fingers crossed for good weather before, during and immediately afterwards. Come along to enjoy all the fun at the Fete. This year for one afternoon only, the Sports Centre Committee has relaxed its rules on dogs on the grounds. All well behaved dogs ...and owners...welcome. Why not have a go on the dog agility course...it's just for fun and to raise money for Chalke Valley Good Causes. Dog facilities will be available.

At the AGM in June, it was agreed that replacement of the artificial cricket wicket is one of the priorities at the end of this season and the Sports Centre Committee is working with the Cricket Club to raise funds. It is anticipated that costs for the work will be in the region of £5,000. If you would like to donate towards the project, please contact either David Cooper or Chris Rothwell.

Also agreed at the AGM was starting to plan replacement of the Table Tennis Club's tables and starting the process of what action is best to refurbish the Multi Use Sports Area in the next 12-24 months. This cost could be £30,000-£40,000 for which the Committee has been preparing for over recent years with funds being set aside in deposit account as matched funding towards grant applications.

These projects are in addition to the daily work managing the centre and keeping it maintained and open. With costs ever increasing, the Committee has agreed to raise the Membership fees from the current £37/year to £40/year and, for the first time, to introduce a junior membership fee of £11/yr. From 1 September 2023.

We are always looking for volunteers to help so if you are interested in investing some time back into our wonderful community, please contact one of the Committee.

All our sports clubs have information on the website and new members always welcomed.

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

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



Chalke Valley Fete and Produce Show

19th August 1-4pm FREE ENTRY

We are really looking forward to welcoming everybody to the Chalke Valley Sports Centre.

8am to 10am bring your entries along to the marquee for judging.

1pm come back for a bbq lunch and a drink from the bar and check out if you have won a prize in the produce tent.

Try your hand at dog agility (special 1 day permission to bring your dog on to the sports field).

Meet the birds of prey, play some traditional games, wang a welly or roll a penny.

Wander round the classic cars before enjoying an ice cream or tea and cake. There will still be time to get round the nature trail.

Finally, visit the craft-stalls, see some rural crafts in action, buy a raffle ticket or a plant and try your luck on the bottle stall.

It really is the place to be for a fun afternoon for all the family.

Don't forget to check out our Facebook page or website:
www.chalkevalleyfete.co.uk for all the latest updates.

Summer Rambling with Jazzie

We have been enjoying the good weather with Jazzie, as she takes me for our daily walk. We usually go over the river at Faulston, then through the fields to Croucheston, say hello to the horses and sheep, and pass the chickens as we return over Two Bridges and home through the car park. It takes us about a half hour, as there is a lot to sniff on the way.



Today we had a lovely sight of so many butterflies at the wall outside the garden of Fern Grove: red admirals, cabbage whites, hedge browns and tortoiseshells, and a comma in our garden too! The last few days have seen a big spurt in the butterflies everywhere, but the Cinnabar moth caterpillars are still growing their striped yellow and black jackets on the yellow flowers. Our hedgehogs remain fine and are eating whatever we put out, They may be a bit

further afield as they enjoy better weather and hunting, and the young are probably growing. More news next time.

Poor old Jazzie had a bad start to the month, when we found a hard swelling on her jaw, and noticed a distinct lack of interest in food or activity! The vet confirmed a bite, probably rat or squirrel. She looks for and sometimes chases both and may have caught one! Then the glands in her throat swelled up and so a course of antibiotic was started, with a daily dose of Calpol for comfort! She is fine now, and back eating and walking as before.

We had a fine family weekend at the History Festival, listened to 6 talks and enjoyed the many demonstrations and the bookstores! Sadly, the weather was not so good, and the numbers on Sunday seemed very low compared to last year. The atmosphere was good as usual, and the beer was excellent and cool! Jazzie is not impressed at not being allowed to come too! The accredited reporter for STAB had her work cut out to get all the pics!!

I have also been showing my paintings at Arundells and the Antelope café, and next is the SGA Summer Exhibition in the Library from 4th to 29th August. Strongly recommended for a view, with many well-known local artists on show. See also the ad!



Finally, on 13th August about 30 old officers made it to Sandhurst to celebrate the 60th anniversary of our commissioning as Intake 31. It was a good day out, but a bit slow and deafening, as we bellowed and bumped like a troop of elephants! It was very good to see Sandhurst looking in such good shape still, after all those years. And next week to London to meet up with 6 old fellows who were in Berlin in 1966! It never stops with us oldies!!

We hope for more good weather, and a little less rain, as my garden is looking thoroughly overgrown. I need to get out with the shears and secateurs, even the electric hedge trimmer!

So, best to all and keep walking and we hope to meet many more again.

James Thompson 19 July 23

Chalke Valley History Festival 2023

The Chalke Valley History Festival returned to Broadchalke this June and your roving reporter from STaB was on site on the Sunday to check out what this year's event had to offer.

Activities for children have always formed a large part of the Festival, but this year the new and improved Knight School proved to be a real winner with the Pendleton boys! Priced at £20 per child it was perhaps on the expensive side, but this bought them access to 4 different activities: firing weapons such as the trebuchet, archery, jousting (on a model horse I hasten to add!) and sword fighting. The re-enactors running these activities were brilliant, and their enthusiasm was infectious. We did this early in the day which meant there were no queues.

After Knight School we were just in time to watch the real jousting, which took place twice a day at the weekend. It was a nail-biting sight, particularly as a knight was knocked off his horse during the first clash of the day. Thankfully the armour did its job and said knight staggered to his feet to ride again. We missed the traditional fairground that is usually at the Festival, but the jousting was a brilliant addition to the programme.





The rest of the day was spent wandering around the site enjoying the free events and lively, sociable atmosphere.

We loved watching the Acrochaps who would launch into hilarious repartee alongside their spectacular acrobatic displays.

Wizzo's Rip-Roaring Histories was also fantastic entertainment (he is one half of the 'History Tellers' who are Festival regulars). The entire family were gripped by his amusing prop-filled talk about the Dambusters.

As ever, there was a huge choice of places to eat and drink. This is perfect when you go as a family because all tastes, including those of fussy youngsters, can be catered for.



Robert and I juggled childcare duties so we could both attend talks. This year there were fewer paid talks in the large tents (and those in the tents were cheaper than in previous years) and more that were accessible to all who had paid for daily Festival entry. The restructuring of the pricing system will no doubt have been popular with those who want to attend lots of talks, but I know that those who were offput by the big jump in entrance fees, particularly families with young children who can't easily spend time watching talks. It will be interesting to see whether the CVHF team choose to adjust their pricing next summer.

Whatever the prices, we all had a fantastic - and thankfully sunny - day. We are lucky to have such a great event in our valley. Long may it continue.



The Festival welcomes feedback, so if you would like to give some then please go online to complete their survey at:

www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/6GL9SMP or contact the Festival office.

Notes from a Nutritionist

My recipe this month is an adaptation of one of my favourite recipes from a book called 'Stirring Slowly' by a writer called Georgina Hayden. It uses chicken legs or chicken thighs which are cooked in a sticky, slightly spicy plum sauce.

Plums are now in season and are a fruit that contain over 15 different vitamins such as vitamins A and C, as well as being rich in fibre. They are also great for supporting digestion and have nutrients in them that can help to control your blood sugar.

As I described in my May newsletter, chicken thighs or drumsticks are an excellent source of essential vitamins and minerals including iron, zinc and B vitamins. They have a slightly higher fat content than chicken breasts, but I feel that their nutritional benefit outweighs this. If however you would prefer to use breast meat for this recipe, then use one medium-sized chicken breast per person and reduce cooking time by 5 minutes to prevent the chicken from drying out.

Chilli peppers are a member of the nightshade family that includes bell peppers and tomatoes. Capsaicin is the compound responsible for their 'hot, burning' taste but also for their ability to reducing appetite and increase the body's ability to burn fat. Chilli peppers are also very high in antioxidant compounds that have numerous health benefits around the body including helping the body to fight colds and flu, reducing joint pain and supporting cardiovascular health.

Cinnamon is a versatile spice that has been prized for its medicinal properties for thousands of years, and modern scientific research now confirms its potential health benefits. These include cinnamon's anti-inflammatory properties, its ability to improve your sensitivity to the hormone insulin which helps to improve blood sugar control, and its powerful antioxidant content that can help to protect your body from damage caused by toxins. Adding a daily teaspoon of cinnamon to your meals is a great way to support good health.

Finally, I've recently become a fan of the pouches of pre-cooked rice available in supermarkets. Not only are they quick and easy to prepare (I heat the pre-cooked rice in a pan on the hob with a splash of water as I don't have a microwave), but cooked and cooled rice is an excellent source of a type of fibre known as 'resistant starch'. This type of starch doesn't get digested in your small intestine like freshly cooked rice does, but instead ferments in your large intestine where it feeds your gut bacteria and in turn increases your microbiome diversity. **Please note that you should only reheat rice once and ensure that it is piping hot before eating to avoid a risk of food poisoning.*

If you have any requests for particular recipes for the autumn and winter then please do drop me an email and I'd be happy to oblige. And as ever, if I can be of help in any way please get in touch at amber@ampercotton.co.uk.

Best wishes for a lovely August and September, Amber

Recipe of the Month - Sticky Plum Chicken Traybake

Serves 4

4 banana shallots, halved or quartered depending on size

6 plums halved and stoned

½ -1 red chilli (or depending on preference), finely sliced

3 garlic cloves, chopped or sliced

8 skinless chicken thighs or drumsticks

1 large cinnamon stick (broken in half) or 2 small sticks

2 star anise

2 tsp Chinese five-spice (optional)

Salt and ground black pepper

1 tbsp olive oil

2 tbsp soy sauce

2-3 tbsp runny honey

300g jasmine rice or 2x 250g packets of microwave jasmine rice

Pak choy or other green vegetables

Lime wedges to dress



METHOD

- Preheat the oven to 220°C, fan 200°C, gas 7.
- Place shallots, plum quarters, chilli and garlic into a roasting tray. Place the chicken on top and poke in the cinnamon sticks and star anise. Sprinkle over the Chinese five-spice (if using), a good pinch of salt and pepper, drizzle over the olive oil and rub these into the chicken. Add tablespoon or two of water to the bottom of the tray to stop the plums from burning. Place in the oven for 30 minutes.
- Put a medium pan of salted water on to boil. When the chicken has had 30 minutes, remove the tray from the oven and stir in the soy sauce. Drizzle everything with honey and put back into the oven for 20-25 minutes until golden and sticky.
- Meanwhile, cook the rice in the boiling water according to packet instructions or heat for 2 minutes if using microwave rice. Steam or boil the vegetables for 4-5 minutes.
- When the chicken is ready, remove from the oven and shred the meat off the bones into the plum sauce. Taste and tweak the seasoning, adding a little more honey or soy sauce as needed.
- Drain the rice and serve with the sticky chicken and plum sauce, and green veg. Dress with a squeeze of fresh lime if liked.



As mentioned by James on p17 of this edition, the Salisbury Group of Artist have their Annual Summer Exhibition in Salisbury Library. This runs from the 4th to the 29th August in Gallery 4, and is open - with free entry - whenever the Library itself is open. Do pop along and see what our talented local artists have produced.

Puzzles and Activities

By Cally Edwards

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36. Bracelet (6)
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38. Rough (6)
39. Nursed (6)

DOWN

1. Supporter (6)
2. Sour (6)
3. Heroic (4)
4. Loaded (5)
5. Cap (5)
6. Parched (4)
7. Tie (6)
8. Tolerate (6)
13. Postponed (7)
15. Note (5)
16. Principle (5)
18. Paddled (5)
19. Anew (5)
21. Colour (3)
22. Material (3)
24. Nurture (6)
25. Ascending (6)
27. Encircled (6)
28. Myth (6)
30. Generate (5)
31. First appearance (5)
33. Monster (4)
34. Unusual (4)

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the right - fold the
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34. Rare
33. Ogre
31. Debut
30. Breed
28. Legend
27. Ringed
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24. Foster
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21. Red
19. Again
18. Waded
16. Tenet
15. Minim
13. Delayed
8. Endured
7. Fasten
6. Arid
5. Beret
4. Laden
3. Epic
2. Rancid
1. Backer

DOWN

39. Tended
38. Rugged
37. Recur
36. Bangle
35. Twinge
33. Order
32. Dine
30. Bed
29. Omit
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24. Fired
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22. Range
20. Rider
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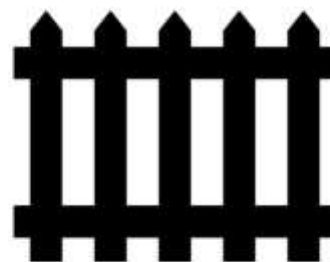
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	11.00am	Family Service	Nunton	Adrian Taylor
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	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Britford	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Ebbesbourne Wake	Ruth H-S
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Coombe Bissett	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	Family Service	Odstock	Adrian Taylor
	11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Berwick St John	Lay Led
	11.00am	Morning Service (CW)	Bishopstone	Sally Leaver
13 August 10th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bowerchalke	Tony Monds
	9.30am	Family Communion (CW)	Nunton	Vernon White
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Coombe Bissett	Tony Monds
	11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Charlton All Saints	Rhoderick Voremberg
	11.00am	All Age Service	Alvediston	Biddy Trahair
3.00pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)	Fifield Bavant	Biddy Trahair	
20 August 11th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Bowerchalke	Kate Rosslyn Smith
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bishopstone	Katharine Robinson
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Odstock	Kate Woolven
	11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Ebbesbourne Wake	Biddy Trahair
	11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Homington	Anthony Hawley
	11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Berwick St John	Barney Hopkinson
27 August 12th Sunday after Trinity	9.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Berwick St John	Kate Rosslyn Smith
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Charlton All Saints	Barney Hopkinson
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Broad Chalke	Ruth H-S
	11.00am	Family Service	Nunton	Adrian Taylor
	11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bishopstone	Katharine Rumens
	11.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Alvediston	Ruth H-S
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)	Bowerchalke	Lay Led
3 September 13th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am	Family Communion (CW)	Broad Chalke	Kate Woolven
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Britford	Katharine Robinson
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Ebbesbourne Wake	Kate Woolven
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Coombe Bissett	Ruth H-S
	11.00am	Family Service	Odstock	Adrian Taylor
	11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Berwick St John	Lay Led
	6.00pm	Songs & Sausages	Britford	Ruth H-S
3 September 13th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am	Family Communion (CW)	Broad Chalke	Kate Woolven
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Britford	Katharine Robinson
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Ebbesbourne Wake	Kate Woolven
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Coombe Bissett	Ruth H-S
	11.00am	Family Service	Odstock	Adrian Taylor
	11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Berwick St John	Lay Led
	6.00pm	Songs & Sausages	Britford	Ruth H-S
10 September 14th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bowerchalke	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Coombe Bissett	Katharine Robinson
	11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Charlton All Saints	Rhoderick Voremberg
	11.00am	All Age Service	Alvediston	Biddy Trahair
	3.00pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)	Fifield Bavant	Biddy Trahair
	4.00pm	Harvest Festival & Tea	Nunton	Ruth H-S
17 September 15th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Bowerchalke	Ruth H-S
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bishopstone	Jenny Taylor
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Odstock	Vernon White
	11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Ebbesbourne Wake	Pen Milburn
	11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Homington	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Berwick St John	Ruth H-S

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