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Bishopstone Village Website

www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk

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

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



From Revd Ruth Howlett Shipley



I can't believe that we are yet again at the end of another school year! For some of the children in our valley this is not just the end of a school year but is the time when they leave their current school and move on to a new school or new challenges.

I have been reflecting with some of the children about how they are feeling; and they have described a whole range of feelings from excitement to anxiety, from joy to fear. Such a range of emotions will be familiar to all of us when faced with a time of change.

As I write this letter, we are still enjoying some wonderful sunny weather and I hope that this will last into the summer holidays so the children who have worked so hard all year can enjoy it.

I wonder what your plans are for the summer? Maybe you will be heading to the beach for a picnic or having a barbeque in the garden? One of my favourite passages in the Bible comes at the end of John's Gospel when Jesus prepared and shared breakfast with the disciples on a beach.

This passage comes after Jesus' death and resurrection and before his ascension to heaven. The disciples have been through a lot; it hasn't been easy for them, and they are now being asked to out to spread the Good News of the risen Christ. I am sure that they were experiencing all the emotions that our school leavers are feeling now. How were they going to manage without Jesus? Were they good enough for the task they were being given? Was it exciting or terrifying, or both at the same time?

Change can be difficult, it can make us feel insecure, but Jesus reminds his disciples, and all of us, that it is OK if we sometimes feel a bit anxious. Jesus assures them, and us, that he will equip them for whatever is to come and tells them that 'I will be with you always'.

NATIONAL LOTTERY HERITAGE FUNDING FOR THE REPAIR TO THE ROOF OF THE NORTH TRANSEPT OF OUR CHURCH AS AT 20 JULY 2026



We can now report the successful completion of the Repair to the Roof of the North Transept Project!

In early July our builders finished all their work on repointing both inside and outside of the North Transept. This meant that as well as the exterior scaffolding being removed at the end of last month, the internal scaffolding has now gone as well.

Cleaning was also carried out and the site was vacated. All that is left is to pay the bills and brief the NLHF team in London.

As we reported last month - there are other projects **in process** to enhance the church. They can be summarized, not in possible order of occurrence, as:

- Toilet refurbishment, that received planning permission in mid-July
- Installation of QR codes as guides to features in the church
- Installation of a composter
- A review of improvements to the existing audio system and the possible expansion into an AV system
- The refurbishment of the path from the Lychgate to the South Porch and past the Almonry to the Priest's Door to improve accessibility.

We are glad to say these subsidiary projects have been accepted by the PCC. The "however" is that we now must go through further planning applications to Wiltshire Council and Faculty Applications/Approvals from the Diocese to progress them further. These have been completed for the toilet refurbishment, so that can progress.

The new bin store has been completed and is due to be positioned within days, the new composter is very nearly complete and should be in position by the time STaB is published.

QR Code holders have been purchased and a readable guide to features in the church will be linked to codes so visitors will soon be able access detail of key historical features on mobile phones, with an audio version to follow.

A review of options available for refurbishment of the path was carried out. This included seeking and receiving advice from some 10 churches and properties in Essex, Oxfordshire, Slough, Winchester, Bemerton, Salisbury and Bishopstone. From this we produced a report and recommendation, which was presented to the PCC, who accepted our recommendation to upgrade the path to enable wheelchair access. Mike Ash is managing the new planning application, and Sarah will shortly submit the application for a faculty for this sub-project. The Invitation to Tender documentation is nearly complete and will be issued to up to four potential bidders, once the necessary permissions are in place.

Finally, James, our drone operator, has added further footage to his project of church photography and we hope to have the results available to us soon.

Apart from that, not a lot has happened!

Roger, Toby and Mike

P.S. Depending on the NLHF's willingness or not to allow us to spend unused funds will determine whether there are further reports under this heading in the months to come.





St John the Baptist Bishopstone



All are welcome to a
Celebratory Parish Communion Service
on Sunday 11 October 2026 at 11.00am
led by Bishop Tim Thornton

A Thanksgiving for the completion of the repairs to the North Transept Roof and for the generosity and work of all who have been involved in this project.

To be followed by refreshments in Bishopstone Village Hall and an exhibition of photographs showing the successful journey of the Roof Project.

If you wish to attend this celebration, please notify
Sarah Seal: theseal1@outlook.com / 01722 780305
by Saturday 3 October

From the Friends of Bishopstone Church

Thank you to everyone who supported the FoBC fundraising events for the roof appeal over the past year. We are delighted to announce that the repair of the north transept roof was completed at the end of June! However, our fundraising efforts continue. As we move into autumn, FoBC have events planned to support the Bishopstone Church Development Programme. Please save the dates for two upcoming events:

- **Ride & Stride:** Saturday 12th September
- **Antiques Evening:** Friday 9th October

You can find posters with full details for both events in this issue of STaB. Our Antiques Evening last year was very popular. Numbers are limited, so please book your tickets early to avoid disappointment.

BISHOPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL REPORT BY GRAHAM HILL PARISH CLERK



The Parish council met on Monday 20 July 2026 at Bishopstone Village Hall. In attendance were Councillors Edwards, Barter and Pratt. Only one member of the public attended.

There were long interesting discussions about the wildflower meadow project, dead trees in the village and the flood plan for Bishopstone but no significant decisions were made. New standing orders for the council were approved and published on the council website along with updated financial regulations. (Minutes on the website).

The important issues for the parish to note is that we are still looking for two councillors to volunteer to help with running the Parish Council. Any one is eligible as long as they are over 18. It involves one meeting every two months and a few emails to answer between meetings but if you are passionate about Bishopstone and would like to have a say in what we do, please contact the clerk on clerk@bishopstone-pc.gov.uk.

We also have two vacancies for avid vegetable growers on the small garden plots down in the Styles. We are looking at how we might be able to get some water to the land but the costs of a plot are relatively small and if you are interested please contact the clerk on the above address.

Finally, the next meeting will be held on Monday 7 September at 7.30pm at the village hall and all are welcome with tea and coffee available.

Bishopstone Village Hall



Aug/Sept 2026

BISHOPSTONE COMMUNITY CAFÉ

The Village Hall Café opens every other **Thursday** and is a great place to relax and catch up with others in the community.

Upcoming dates are the **13th** and **27th** of **August** and the **10th** and **24th** of **September**.

Opening hours are from **10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon**.

Refreshments are currently offered free of charge, with donations welcome.

As ever, the bookshelves offer a wide range of titles available for a modest donation. Perfect for stocking up on holiday reading!

MOVIOLA at Bishopstone

Friday 25th September.

The first film of the season will be ***The Devil Wears Prada 2***.

Reprising their roles from the original film are Meryl Streep, Anne Hathaway, Emily Blunt, and Stanley Tucci. Miranda Priestly struggles against Emily Charlton, her former assistant turned rival executive, as they compete for advertising revenue amid the decline of print media, while Miranda nears retirement.

Doors open from **7.00pm** with the film beginning at **7.30pm**. Admission to the film is **£7.00**. A cash bar with ices and snacks will be available. If possible, please book in advance with Caroline Ash on (01722) 781044 or Sue Taylor on 01722 780316.

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

Quiz Evening

Saturday 24th October. Another classic Quiz evening!

The cost is **£12.50** per head or £50.00 for a table of four. This includes supper, and a bar will be available. Guests booking individually will be joined with others to make up a team.

To make a booking, please contact Caroline Ash on (01722) 781044 and advise of any dietary requirements for yourself or any guests.

The Sunset Café Stompers - Saturday 21st November.

We are delighted to announce that, by popular request, the Sunset Café Stompers are returning to Bishopstone again this year. Tickets are **£18** each with an optional supper available at an additional **£8** per person.

Doors and bar open at 7pm for a 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 and advise of any dietary requirements if taking the supper.

BISHOPSTONE COMMUNITY LUNCHES

A home-cooked lunch is served monthly from October until April.

The first lunch of the season will be on **Wednesday**, the **7th of October**, when the guest speaker will be Sign Painter, Aaron Stephens.

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

Please telephone Caroline Ash on (01722) 781044 and advise her of any dietary requirements. The cost is **£8.50** for a two-course lunch and a drink.

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 – 11am 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 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

ART GROUP

An Art Group led by Russell Bignold meets every Thursday morning between 9.45am and 11.45am. Drawing, painting and sculpture (clay) are taught, covering all genres. Cost £20 per session, tea and biscuits provided. Contact Russell at russellbignold@btinternet.

Friends of Bishopstone Church
IN AID OF BISHOPSTONE CHURCH DEVELOPMENT

An Antiques Evening



Presented by **Jeremy Lamond**

The evening will be led by Jeremy Lamond,
Head of Valuations at Woolley & Wallis

Jeremy will begin with a presentation entitled:

Extraordinary Finds in Ordinary Places

This will be followed by a light supper

After which you will have the opportunity to show your family
heirlooms for Jeremy to discuss
(One item per household & NO jewellery please)

Friday 9th October at 7.30

Bishopstone Village Hall, SP5 4AA

Tickets **£12.50** to include a light supper and a cash & card bar



CONTACTS FOR TICKETS

Sarah Seal – theseal1@outlook.com

Tony Clarke – tonyclarke103@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)	£17 per hour	£22 per hour
Hire of both rooms (With tea making facilities but no other electrical kitchen equipment)	£12 per hour	£17 per hour
Full use of the kitchen <u>only</u>	£12 per hour	£17 per hour
Weddings – per event/day	£200	£300
Parties – per event/day	£125	£175

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 Link Scheme

Serving the Valley from Berwick St John to Bodenham since 1996 & awarded The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service in 2006, the Chalke Valley Link Scheme is a Registered Charity that provides good neighbour support with transport help for Valley residents. We can provide, for example: transport to a medical appointment, visiting family members in hospital, collecting prescriptions or changing library books.

If you live between Bishopstone & Britford/Bodenham please phone: **07795 620812** (Geoff Stephens, Jenny Monds or Debby Underhill on rotation).

The co-ordinator answering your call will take your details and contact a volunteer who can help you.

If your call is answered by a recorded message, please leave your contact details and a co-ordinator will respond as soon as possible. There is no set charge, but you are invited to make a donation towards our running costs.

All our co-ordinators and drivers are volunteers so please give us much notice as possible to find an available driver.

If you would like to become a volunteer driver to enable us to continue this service to our community, please contact the above number.

Registered as a Charity no. 1076335



Staying in Touch

STaB magazine is a vital source of communication in the village, keeping everyone informed as to what is happening locally. However, to keep up to date with what is going on there are three other important sources of information in Bishopstone - the village website, the Parish Council website and our own WhatsApp network.

The village website – www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk - carries all the latest news on events in the village (see page 2). Information on Parish Council meetings and initiatives is available at: www.bishopstone-pc.gov.uk. The Bishopstone Network is a WhatsApp messaging service which enables information to be instantly shared to your mobile phone. This includes information on pretty much everything – recommendations on service providers, events, road closures, interruptions to electricity and water supplies, items being given away or for sale and the latest menu from the White Hart! 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.



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 open on Tuesdays and Thursdays

Sixpenny Handley Surgery: 01725 552500

www.sixpennydocs.co.uk



MOBILE LIBRARY

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

27 Aug, 24 Sept, 22 Oct, 19 Nov, 17 Dec, 14 Jan



**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**

www.chalkevalleystores.co.uk

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 last month there was another £20 donation plus food totalling 6.1 kgs.

We are now well into the summer holidays, a time which, for those who are already struggling to make ends meet, means more worry, trying to provide the extra meals that are needed now everyone is at home. Please, when you are doing your shopping try to remember to add one or two extra items that will make such a difference to a struggling household.

They are asking particularly for the following, although will be grateful for anything that you can give.

Long Life Fruit Juice
Tinned Meat/Meals
Tinned Fish
Chocolate
Rice 500gm
Tinned Veg
Deodorant
Sanitary items
Tin Openers

UHT Milk
Tinned Fruit
Packet and Sponge Puddings
Pulses
Coffee
Toilet Rolls
Nappies
Razors

Thank you for the support you offer and hopefully your continuing support for this very worthwhile cause.

As usual, you can leave donations either in the church or at The Old Post Office, The Cross, or call me on 01722 780306 if there's something you need collecting

Judy Barrett



RIDE+STRIDE for Churches

**12th SEPT
2026**

**WILTSHIRE CHURCHES'
OPEN DAY**

Join us on a bike, on foot or on horseback to help keep Wiltshire's historic churches, chapels and meeting houses looking beautiful and open for the future.



Half of the money you raise for Ride+Stride goes to the church of your choice and the other half to the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust, enabling us to make grants to local churches to help with urgent repair and maintenance costs.

Choose your own route and travel at your own pace – enjoy the day.

join us

Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust

Your Local Organiser:

Sarah Seal

01722 780305

theseal1@outlook.com

Contact:

whct.rs@btinternet.com

01380 831199



Find out more at:

www.wiltshirehistoricchurchestrust.org.uk

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**Half the money raised goes to the
Bishopstone Church Development Appeal!**



CHALKE VALLEY STORES

Shop ♦ Post Office ♦ Coffee Shop



FISH & CHIPS FRIDAY

WEEKLY
1130-1430PM
EXCEPT 14TH & 21 AUG



Come and see us at the
fête – Saturday August 15th
– we will be serving ice
cream

A bit on the warm side?
Cool down with a delicious
Purbeck ice cream



Visitors dropping by or just
in need of an easy nice
meal?

We have a great range
from Cook



Come on down and see what else we have new



Volunteers more than welcome



URC Chapel, High Road,
Broad Chalke, SP5 5EH

01722 780 998

info@chalkevalleystores.co.uk



CHALKE VALLEY SPORTS CENTRE

sport for all

**Facilities for all
the Chalke
Valley
SPORTS
SCENE
JULY 2026**

With the summer in full swing, it is a busy time for all our outdoor sports clubs. Weekend cricket on Saturdays and midweek games on Wednesday evenings. Tennis club nights on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and on Sunday mornings. Social Pétanque on Friday evenings and Wednesday mornings. Table Tennis on Sunday evenings and Short Mat Bowls on Monday evenings continue to take place all year round.

If you are interested in joining one of the clubs or taking up a new sport, just come along. You will be made most welcome.

We are also delighted to welcome Hotspire Football Club's junior team to the Sports Centre. From September, their home base will be Chalke Valley Sports Centre. The club are looking for new players.

Summer Sports Schools. These will take place in August with FAR Sports and District Sports providing a range of fun and sports activities. Please see details on website.

Wessex Internet. We are currently working with Wessex Internet to bring fibre to the Sports Centre that will enable us to host more meetings and events.

Chalke Valley Fete and Produce Show – On August 15, the Centre hosts the Chalke Valley Fete and Produce Show, with many activities to try for just 50p, as well as music, dog show and stalls to browse together with popular barbecue, teas and cakes and bar, and many classic and vintage vehicles. Entry is free and it is a great Valley event for all ages with ample parking.

The hall is available for private hire so if you have a family celebration in the coming weeks, why not see what we can offer?

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

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

In Memoriam

Alan Craig Stutchbury

It was with huge sadness we learnt of the death of Alan Stutchbury in July. His funeral took place in St John the Baptist Church on July 22nd.

Alan had been ill since April and knew that his time was limited but he remained stoical throughout these weeks – his only complaint to me was that he was being “so idle”! His sense of humour certainly never dimmed – it was said of him by a friend that he was the most “jovial person” she had ever met! Certainly, whenever he and I saw each other there would be always some humorous comment or joke made from him to me!

As a retired Army Officer he continued to be of service to the Bishopstone community and beyond and I know both the church and the village will miss his enthusiasm and solid sense of duty.

We give our love to Anne, their daughters, Rachel and Lucy and all their families and assure them of our support over the coming weeks.

May Alan Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

Revd Jenny Taylor

Jayne Gulliver (nee Earl) 23.03.44 – 25.05.26

Jayne, and her husband Richard, were residents in Broad Chalke. However, Richard's parents started married life living in Bishopstone where Richard's father was church organist for 50 years. Latterly, before ill-health overtook them, Jayne and Richard were members of the Bishopstone Lunch Club. Jayne died unexpectedly in hospital on 25th May, two days after Day Case surgery. Friends are invited to join her family for a Thanksgiving Service for Jayne's life which is planned for 24th August 2026 at 11am in St John's Church, Bishopstone.

Jayne's grandparents, and parents were missionaries in Isfahan, Persia and Loka, South Sudan, respectively. Jayne spent the first few years of her life in South Sudan before her family re located to England where her father served in parishes as a Church of England Vicar.

After schooling Jayne continued her education acquiring skills in Home Economics, Social Science, Adult Teaching, and Languages. As a mature student she gained a BA with Honours, German with French. She followed this with research for a doctorate at the University of Keele involving groundwork in East Germany and the Soviet Union (as it was then).

Jayne had a varied career pathway in England and abroad. This included Lecturing at Kenyatta Teacher Training College and Hospitality Management for the British High Commission and Hilton Hotels. Whilst in Africa, she played tennis for Kenya. Back in England she became a Social Worker before helping reskill Offenders in Prison prior to release.

Jayne became a Gulliver when she married Richard on 27.06.1981. They settled in Gnosall Staffordshire to be near Richard's employment. His widowed elderly mother and Aunt moved up to be nearby. Jayne supported Richard caring for them for the remainder of their lives. Unable to have children, Richard and Jayne enjoyed supporting the Town Twinning Organisation sharing exchange visits with Twinned Townsfolk from other countries, eg USA and France. Unfortunately, Richard had a serious stroke soon after retiring. They moved back to his parents' house in Broad Chalke which Jayne helped modernise into a comfortable home.

Jayne was creative and had many hobbies including swimming, painting, needlework, playing piano and clarinet, flower arranging to name a few. She was a member of U3A enjoying social opportunities and mental stimulus.

Despite her own ill health Jayne was devoted to Richard helping his rehabilitation and caring for him until he had a fall and was hospitalised four years ago, devastatingly losing his mobility. Jayne used her energies to support him in finding a suitable Care Home for his needs in Salisbury, as were his wishes.

Despite her own years of disablement and ill health Jayne resourcefully remained committed to pursuing Richard's well-being up until her own tragic death following her surgery planned as a Day Case.

She quietly and consistently fed her own faith in Jesus Christ, using prayer and Bible Reading guides to help her despite her difficulty in finding a church where she felt "At Home". She remained consistently faithful to the friendships that she had forged over her lifetime. As well as a good friend, she was a much-loved Sister, Auntie and Great Aunt.

Chalke Valley Fete and Produce Show

CHALKE VALLEY FETE AND PRODUCE SHOW
15th AUGUST 2026, 1 - 4.30pm

We are nearly ready! Burgers, sausages, beer, cake and ice creams ordered.

Rosettes for dog show ready, wellies ready for wanging plus all the other games and fun activities. Classic cars being polished and craft and plant stalls being prepared.

It's been a difficult year for growing things in the garden but please enter, it's just for fun. Plenty of children's classes and also baking and jams. New this year, an AI photograph section.

Also new this year - show jumping on hobby horses for the aspiring equestrians.

Look on our website www.chalkevalleyfete.co.uk for up-to-date information.

If you have a trophy from last year please return to Sue Fry as soon as possible.

FREE ENTRY

Rambling with Jazzie in the Sun



What a relief that the tortoise, the boxer and Pippin all came home at last. Must have been a worry for the families. Jazzie is very pleased that all are back home safe and sound, but hopes they enjoyed their freedom, and will remember the way home in future... if necessary! What a help the WhatsApp group was in these circumstances, and it proved again how useful this is to us all. Well done to all those who volunteered to help look for these lost pets, and thanks to all efforts of support. Jazzie is much reassured in case she manages to escape!!

We have enjoyed all the hot weather, but have taken care not to work too hard and keep in the shade and drink plenty. We do as Jazzie does, just stay inside in the shade and go out when it becomes cooler in the evening. Garden furniture has hardly been used at all, during the day, but a cool beer in the quiet of the evening is a real joy! We have only been for a few walks, usually ending in the pub for a cool pint. Jazzie won't drink anything, not even the water available, but she does enjoy all the drinkers who talk to her. Her clip earlier this year was well worth it, as she is more comfortable than she has been in the past. She spends much time on sentry in the study window, and lets all passers know she is there!

The poor old garden is thirsty but still fruitful. Our beans, marrows and courgettes and cucumbers are all growing well, and need water but the beetroot, leeks and carrots seem quite happy on their own as they drill down for their water. Lettuces and tomatoes are also on the way, and we should have a good crop of apples.



Our hedgehog family are still about and keep us well amused every evening. They come for their food and a drink, and Jazzie watches them and then chases them when they run off after feeding. No harm is done to any participant! We seem to have a family of four, two adults and two young, thriving in the garden, and we hope the young will grow well to last the winter.



The Salisbury Group of Artists summer exhibition is still open until the end of the month in the Library, and is worth a view. There are plenty of paintings of all manner of designs and media, and most are for sale. I enjoyed my turn of duty steward on the opening morning, when we sold two paintings, and welcomed about 50 visitors through the show.

We have had fun this month putting out the flags on 4th, 12th and 14th of July to celebrate our friends in true republican style!

Enough from us now, and have a good holiday. We will be back in October with our holiday stories.

(JHST 19.07.26)

Memories of a Bishopstone Childhood

This is taken from 'Memories of my Childhood: Bishopstone 1913-1924' by Ted Compton. Born Edmund Albert Compton, Ted was born in Bishopstone in 1913 and died in 2005. His book of memories was passed to Canon Hendry in 2007. Sections of this booklet will be reproduced in STaB over the coming months.

We used to love the Harvest Festival at Church when great heaps of vegetables, flowers and sheaves of corn filled every space. Most of the congregation singing "All is safely gathered in" had some part in reaping and gathering the corn and always sang with real feeling.

I think the old Bible stories which they heard in Church must have been very real to the men who worked on the land. The work of the shepherds too comes into so many Bible stories.

When men who had spent long hours in the Wiltshire harvest fields of the Chalke Valley heard a sentence from an Old Testament story:-

"And the men of Beth-shemesh were reaping their wheat harvest in the valley"

they would realise that the Cannanite's were men like themselves, sweating in the hot sun at the same age-old task. They would also sympathise with the man in the parable speaking up for his workmates:-

"We have borne the burden and heat of the day".

In most respects they were closer to the Hebrew men cutting wheat with a sickle than the man on a combine harvester.

Also the language of the Bible was very close to the Wiltshire dialect which they spoke. William Barnes once said that King Alfred would have understood the talk of a Dorset shepherd and I am sure he would have felt equally at home with the farm men at Bishopstone.

The man ploughing the field opposite our house would call out "Wug over" when he wanted the horse to turn at the end of the furrow and wug surely must be a Saxon word.

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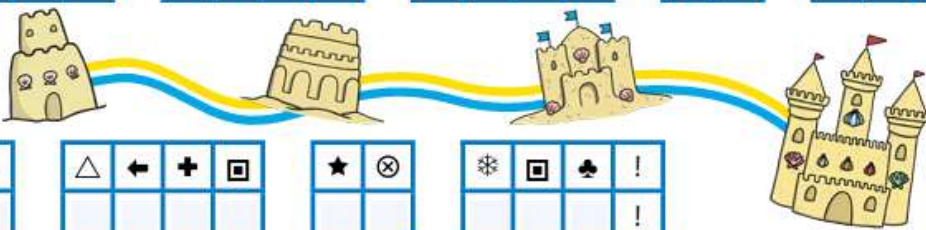
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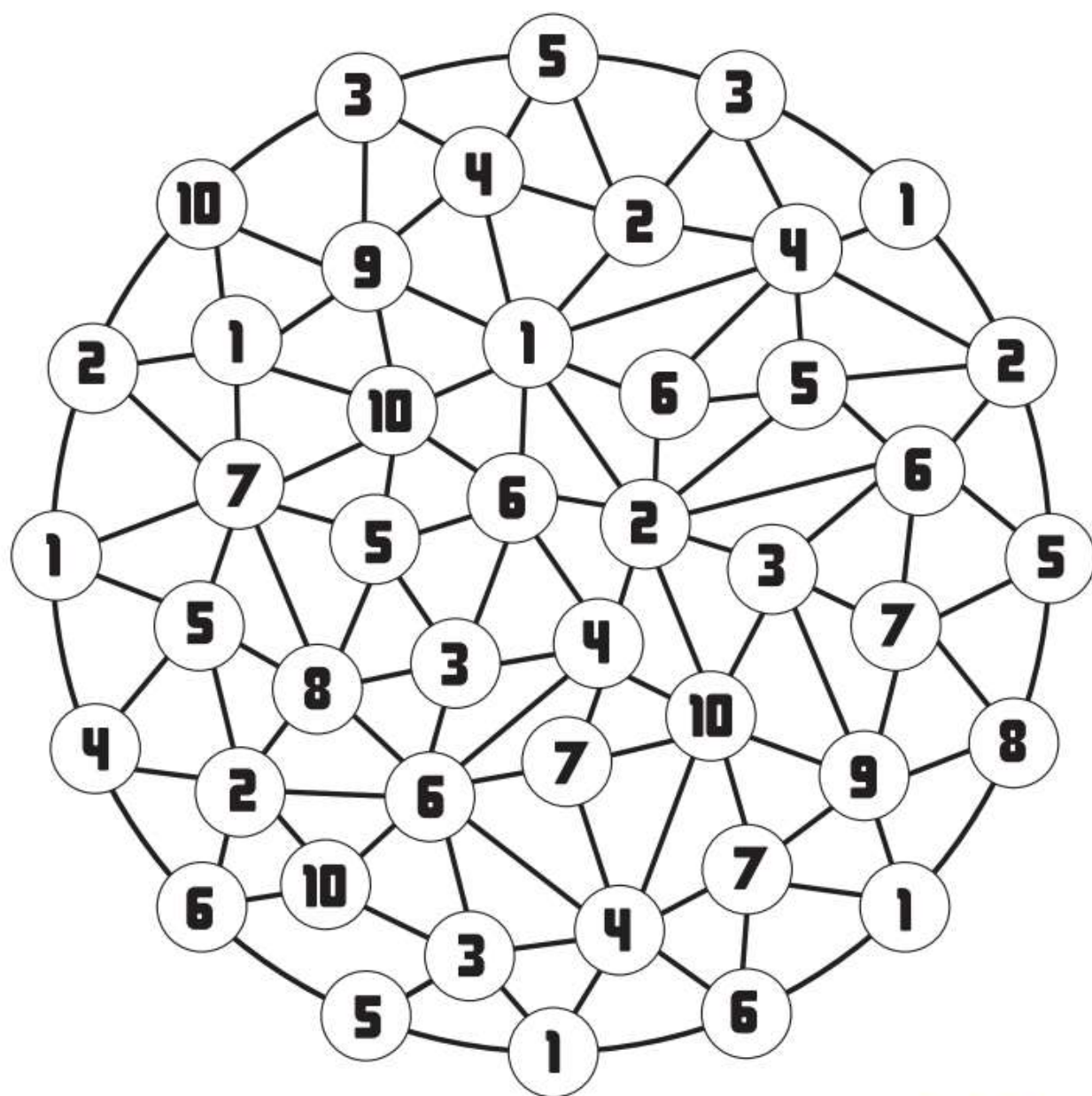
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Police Bulletin

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



Wiltshire Police has been placed in Tier 1 of His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services new Policing Performance System, with inspectors recognising improved performance and evidence that the force is moving in the right direction.

I welcome this assessment as an important endorsement of the progress made in recent years. Not long ago, Wiltshire Police was among the poorest-performing forces in the country and subject to significant scrutiny from inspectors. This assessment demonstrates how far the organisation has come and reflects the hard work and commitment of officers, staff and volunteers across the force.

I have always believed that progress should be recognised where it has been earned. This achievement is the result of strong leadership, clear priorities and a sustained focus on improvement. Most importantly, it reflects the efforts of those working every day to deliver a better service for the people of Wiltshire and Swindon.

However, as Police and Crime Commissioner, my role is not simply to celebrate success. It is to provide robust scrutiny, challenge and accountability on behalf of the public.

The people of Wiltshire and Swindon rightly expect a police service that responds quickly when they need it, investigates crime thoroughly, supports victims effectively and maintains a visible presence in local communities. Those expectations do not change because of a positive inspection result.

This assessment tells us that the force is moving in the right direction, but it does not signal the end of the journey. Sustaining performance is often more challenging than improving it and maintaining these standards will require the same determination and focus that has brought Wiltshire Police to this point.

My office will continue to scrutinise performance, challenge areas where further improvement is needed and hold the Chief Constable to account for delivering against the priorities that matter most to residents.

Whilst I welcome these findings, my expectation remains clear: this achievement must be a platform to go further, improve further and continue building public confidence through consistent delivery and better outcomes for the people we serve.

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Wiltshire and Bath Air Ambulance Charity reveal their 2026 mission figures so far this year

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So far in 2026, we have attended 595 missions, including 49 missions in Salisbury and the surrounding areas.

February was our busiest ever, making it the first February in our history to respond to more than 100 missions.

The proportion of missions attended by a critical care doctor has increased from 61% in 2025 to 65% so far this year. That means more patients can receive advanced procedures and lifesaving interventions at the scene, bringing hospital-level care directly to the patient.

Get involved

There are many ways you can help support your local air ambulance. Whether you join us at one of our events this year, host your own community fundraiser, take part in our raffles, leave us a legacy, become a volunteer, or support us in one of the many other ways available, we are incredibly grateful for every way our supporters help us.

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Supporting Independence at Home: How to Find Meals on Wheels Near You

Meals on Wheels originated in the UK during World War II, born out of the Blitz when residents bombed out of their homes could no longer cook. Pioneered by the Women's Volunteer Service, the service got its name because volunteers delivered hot food to shelters and homes using whatever they could push or ride.

In the UK, there are approximately 280 distinct Meals on Wheels providers delivering food and wellbeing checks to individual homes. Because these services are managed locally rather than centrally, exact numbers of daily meal deliveries fluctuate depending on the specific council or charitable provider. If you want to try to locate a service that delivers to an exact property, you can search for local coverage using the online [Meals on Wheels UK Map](#). You need to provide either a town or a postcode of where you are looking for a delivery service.

Many people are unaware that if they or a loved one qualify for local authority-funded care or NHS Continuing Healthcare funding, they may have more choice over their care arrangements than they realise.

Rather than simply accepting the care provider offered by the council or NHS, you can ask whether you are eligible to receive your funding as a Direct Payment (through Social Services) or a Personal Health Budget (through the NHS).

This can give you greater control over who provides your care and how it is delivered.

By managing your funding in this way, you may be able to:

- Choose a care provider that best suits your needs and preferences
- Arrange care at times that work for you
- Access more personalised support
- Select from a wider range of care options, including live-in care

For example, some families choose to work with a fully managed CQC-registered care agency, while others prefer an introductory care service such as Able Community Care, which can offer a more tailored approach to finding a suitable live-in carer.

Every situation is different, and eligibility criteria apply, but it is worth knowing that you can ask about these options and discuss them with your social worker, care coordinator, or NHS assessor.

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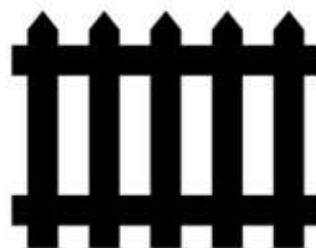


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Services in the Chalke Valley Benefice: September 2026

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Sunday 6th September - 14th Sunday after Trinity			
9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Berwick St John	Ruth Howlett-Shipley
9.30am	Family Communion (CW)	Broad Chalke	Alison Waterhouse
10.00am	Pet Service	Britford	Maggie Metcalfe
11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Ebbesbourne Wake	Biddy Trahair
11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Coombe Bissett	Alison Waterhouse
11.00am	Family Service	Odstock	Adrian Taylor
Sunday 13th September - 15th Sunday after Trinity			
9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bowerchalke	Ruth Howlett-Shipley
9.30am	Morning Prayer	Charlton All Saints	Alison Waterhouse
11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Nunton	Alison Waterhouse
11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Homington	Ruth Howlett-Shipley
11.00am	All Age Service	Alvediston	Biddy Trahair
3.00pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)	Fifield Bavant	Biddy Trahair
Sunday 20th September - 16th Sunday after Trinity			
9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bishopstone	Ruth Howlett-Shipley
9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Odstock	Maggie Metcalfe
11.00am	Harvest Festival	Ebbesbourne Wake	Ruth Howlett-Shipley
11.00am	Service at the Steam Fair	Berwick St John	Alison Waterhouse
4.00pm	Sunday Praise	Bowerchalke	Kate Woolven
4.00pm	Sunday Praise	Coombe Bissett	Don & Ruth Morgan
Sunday 27th September - 17th Sunday after Trinity			
9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Broad Chalke	Kate Woolven
9.30am	Harvest Festival	Charlton All Saints	Maggie Metcalfe
11.00am	Harvest Festival	Bishopstone	Maggie Metcalfe
11.00am	Harvest Festival & Baptism	Alvediston	Ruth Howlett-Shipley
11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Berwick St John	Lay Led
4.00pm	Harvest Festival	Nunton	Ruth Howlett-Shipley
6.00pm	Harvest Festival	Homington	Ruth Howlett-Shipley
Sunday 4th October - 18th Sunday after Trinity			
9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Berwick St John	Alison Waterhouse
9.30am	Harvest Festival	Bowerchalke	Kate Woolven
11.00am	Harvest Festival	Britford	Maggie Metcalfe
11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Ebbesbourne Wake	Biddy Trahair
11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Coombe Bissett	Ruth Howlett-Shipley
11.00am	Family Service	Odstock	Adrian Taylor
11.00am	Morning Service	Bishopstone	Sally Leaver
11.30am	Harvest Festival	Broad Chalke	Alison Waterhouse



Services in the Chalke Valley Benefice: August 2026

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Sunday 2 nd August - 9 th Sunday after Trinity			
9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Berwick St John	Alison Waterhouse
9.30am	Family Communion (CW)	Broad Chalke	Ruth Howlett-Shipley
9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Britford	Maggie Metcalfe
11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Ebbesbourne Wake	Biddy Trahair
11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Coombe Bissett	Ruth Howlett-Shipley
11.00am	Family Service	Odstock	Adrian Taylor
11.00am	Morning Service	Bishopstone	Sally Leaver
Sunday 9 th August - 10 th Sunday after Trinity			
9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bowerchalke	Ruth Howlett-Shipley
9.30am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Charlton All Saints	Rhody Voremberg
11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Nunton	Alison Waterhouse
11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Homington	Ruth Howlett-Shipley
11.00am	All Age Service	Alvediston	Biddy Trahair
3.00pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)	Fifield Bavant	Biddy Trahair
Sunday 16 th August - 11 th Sunday after Trinity			
9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bishopstone	Alison Waterhouse
9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Odstock	Ruth Howlett-Shipley
11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Ebbesbourne Wake	Ruth Howlett-Shipley
11.00am	Choral Eucharist	Berwick St John	Alison Waterhouse
4.00pm	Sunday Praise	Bowerchalke	Kate Woolven
4.00pm	Sunday Praise	Coombe Bissett	Don & Ruth Morgan
Sunday 23 rd August - 12 th Sunday after Trinity			
9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Broad Chalke	Kate Woolven
9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Charlton All Saints	Ruth Howlett-Shipley
11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bishopstone	Ruth Howlett-Shipley
11.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Alvediston	Alison Waterhouse
11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Berwick St John	Lay Led
11.00am	Family Service	Nunton	Adrian Taylor
6.00pm	Evening Prayer	Homington	Alison Waterhouse
Sunday 30 th August - 13 th Sunday after Trinity			
10.00am	Benefice Communion (CW)	Coombe Bissett	Ruth Howlett-Shipley

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