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A frosty morning on Throope Down
Photo by Rob Pendlenton

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Bishopstone Village Website

www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk

The village website carries a wealth of useful information about Bishopstone. Everything from the practical, such as street and footpath maps, the local weather forecast and service announcements, to full details of what's on in the village. There are pages devoted to the church, the Village Hall, amenities and services, including local organisations and shops. There are even digital copies of this magazine.

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

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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.



Hello from the Revd Ruth Howlett Shipley



Happy New Year! No, I haven't skipped a month but we have just started a new church year!

As the weather turns colder and the mornings are frosty our thoughts start to turn towards Christmas. We are already in pantomime season in the valley and singers are gathering to prepare for carol services. But before we leap straight to images of nativity scenes, Santa Claus and Christmas lunch we celebrate Advent; the four Sundays before Christmas Day. Advent is a time of waiting and reflection but it is also at time of renewal of hope and of movement towards a new beginning.

It is easy to feel that we are living in a very dark world at the moment; the days are still getting shorter, news reports continue to be filled with reports of conflict, natural disasters and dire warnings about the impact of global warming. But advent is a time of hope when we look forward to the light of Christ coming into our world, when we will hear the famous verses from Isaiah *'the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness, on them light has shined'* and we hear about the angels coming to the shepherds and glory shining all around.

Last weekend I was at the Cathedral for the annual service of 'Darkness to Light' which starts with the lighting of a single candle in the darkness before the Cathedral is filled with candlelight. Great things don't always begin in a dramatic way, they are not always accompanied by great fanfares and fireworks!

The birth of Jesus, the incarnation of God in our world, started in the most inauspicious way... a tiny baby born to an unmarried woman who had to take lodging in a stable because there was no room at the inn. A child who would have to flee to Egypt as a refugee to escape persecution. Hardly the obvious setting for such a significant event but that tiny, helpless baby came to bring light to everyone and as the prologue to John's Gospel reminds us, *'the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it'*.

Christmas is a time of celebration and festivities and there are many opportunities to celebrate in the churches of the Chalke Valley this year. I do hope that I will see you at our Carol Services and Christmas Services where we can come together to celebrate the joy and hope of this season.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS!



Christmas in Bishopstone & Stratford Tony

Stratford Tony Church

Sunday 7th December, 6.00pm

Carol Service

Bishopstone Village Hall

Sunday 14th December, 11.00am

Carols, Readings, Mulled Wine
& Christmas Nibbles

Bishopstone Church

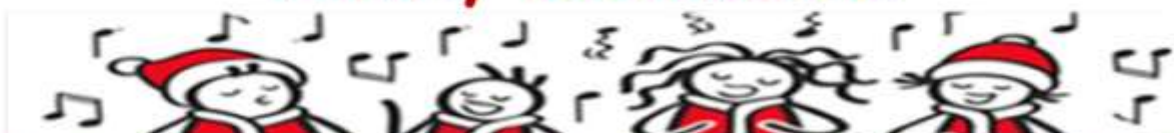
Christmas Eve, 4.00pm

Family Carols round the Crib

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Christmas Day, 9.30am

Family Communion



Friends of Bishopstone Church

The National Lottery Heritage Fund application bid has now been submitted. We will have to await their decision in January 2026 to see if the bid is successful.

The Friends of Bishopstone Church Roof Appeal has now reached over £63,000 in the fund-raising account, which started in January 2025. This includes a recent grant of £15,000 from the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust, and we are so very grateful for this. We are immensely appreciative of all our very generous supporters who have helped us to reach this figure, not only in donations but also in so many practical ways. Thank you very much.

In November there was a full house at Toby Mills' talk on Rocket Science in the Village Hall, and the evening raised over £1,100. Toby took us on a spectacular space journey from the early rockets to the sophisticated models of the present day.

The jigsaws of the church are now on sale (see Mike Ash's notice in STaB) together with church guides and greetings cards. We're also planning to have some tea towels ready in time for the Christmas Fair in the Village Hall on Friday 5th December.

Jigsaws £17 each or £30 for 2. Church guides £8. Greetings cards £1.50 each

They are all available from

Anne Stutchbury annewheelwright@gmail.com

Sarah Seal theseal1@outlook.com

Payment by cash, or BACS Account Church Roof Appeal a/c 88097160 sort code 30-97-41

Next year our fund raising events are starting off with:

Poetry Performance on **Saturday 24th January** 2026. This will be a performance by Brenda Read-Brown in the Village Hall, and promises to be a really entertaining evening.

The Navy Larks are returning, by popular request, on **Friday 6th March**.

Garden Party will take place at Faulston House on **Thursday 28th May**. More details in future editions of STaB.

Other talks and events are being planned as well, and will be advertised next year.

Anne Stutchbury

Chairman, Friends of Bishopstone Church annewheelwright@gmail.com

Committee: Margaret Barter, Norman Barter, Richard Brett, George Brutton, Tony Clarke, Jilly Ford, Sarah Seal, Alan Stutchbury

Bishopstone Church Roof Repairs

HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND BID FOR REPAIRS TO THE ROOF OF THE NORTH TRANSEPT OF OUR CHURCH - DECEMBER 2025 UPDATE

Our formal bid to the National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF) was submitted to their London and the South office on 22 October 2025. We are requesting a sum of £250,000 to cover some of the cost of repair to the roof of the North Transept of the church.

The reconstruction work, should we be successful with the request for funding, will be carried out by Ellis and Co of Shepton Mallet, who produced a very comprehensive and competitive bid.

Our bid to NLHF is due to be considered in the December batch of applications received and it is expected that we will know the result in very early January.

It is important to understand that a positive result is not a given. Competition for limited funding is fierce. We have monitored awards for our region for the last 6 months. There are usually up to 50 applications per month to the London and the South area. Of these up to 10 are typically from religious groups though these are not exclusively for Church of England premises. The typical success rate varies in both categories between 40 and 50% - so up to 20-25 successful applications, of which 4 or 5 are for religious groups.

Some of you may have seen recent comment in the national press about the view that the hierarchy of the Church of England has a less than philanthropic attitude to maintaining their properties, preferring to leave it to hard-pressed Parochial Church Councils who often find it difficult to raise large sums of money. We are no exception in that regard, despite the very considerable and great efforts of the PCC and the Friends of Bishopstone Church to raise a proportion of the capital needed and their recent successful application to The Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust.

So, what did our NHLF bid consisted of when submitted? The NLHF are very specific in the information required. Firstly, the bid was in the form of responses to certain key questions such as background of who we were, where we are and why we were asking for funding, with detailed drawings of the work required supported by both architectural and engineering reports from approved organisations. That was the simple bit!

The extra essential input can be categorised as:

Audited accounts for both the PCC and the FOBC

Detailed permissions necessary for the work to be carried out – including responses from English Heritage etc.

However about 95% of the non-negotiable required information needed to be developed from scratch by the Bid Team, including the Project Plan with costings, a Project Risk Register, then specific to the PCC itself, a PCC Business Plan, a PCC Risks and Issues Register, a PCC Maintenance and Improvement Plan 2025-30, a PCC Fund Raising Activity Plan, a PCC Maintenance Management Plan, an Environmental Management Plan, a PCC Financial Management Plan, the Request to Tender documents and drawings, the winning tenderer's response, and supporting documentation detailing the selection process methodology and the reasoning for the selection of the winning tenderer.

.....And by no means least – a Bat Survey and an Asbestos Survey. I am sure we all love bats, especially when they are in our belfry, but I am willing to bet the little creatures do not realise the amount of paperwork they create and that it is not for free!

In addition, there was the major and key requirement to meet the NLHF's four Key Investment Principles of Saving Heritage, Protecting the Environment, Increasing Inclusion, Access and Participation and finally, Improving our Organisational Stability. Each of the responses to all the requirements or questions were word-capped, resulting in a need for constant redrafting.

The bid-writing team consisting of Toby and Roger was able to complete these requirements.

Was it fun – no, not really but our documentation is now with NLHF and we must be patient.

So, with our very best wishes for the forthcoming Festive Season,

Toby and Roger

P.S. James Gabriel of Coombe Bissett has started to produce a drone video of our church – a short extract was shown at Toby's Rocket Science talk, but much more footage is to follow.

Bishopstone Parish Council

The Parish council met at the Village Hall on the evening of the 13 November 2025. Presiding over the meeting was the Chairman Councillor Ali Thorne. Four other councillors were present along with six members of the public. Councillor Nabil Najar, representative of the Chalke Valley and Fovant, was also present.

The Chairman opened the meeting by announcing that two councillors had decided to resign and had passed him their letters of resignation which he had accepted. The council will now be looking to see if there is anyone suitable to replace them. He also welcomed the new Clerk and councillor Michael Pratt to their first meeting. Michael is also the tree warden for the village.

The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted and the Clerk opened the meeting by updating the council on activity in the village. Of note was a discussion about Hotspires use of the Recreational Field for training on Wednesday and Thursday. The Chairman had received three complaints regarding parking in the village and also in the village Hall car park. The discussion was had about a provision of a hard standing / car park in the rec field which will be explored as a future project. In the meantime, we have written to Hotspires asking them to consider more car sharing and being aware of where they park. Also noted was the new website up and running and all councillors had been provided with work emails, all available on the Councillor web page. Councillor Najar gave a short update on Wiltshire Council activity, noting the focus on pothole repair and new machinery to tackle it.

Councillor Edwards gave an update on the Wildflower Meadow but due to the weather this project has been put on hold. He also discussed a meeting on Martyn's law, the Anti-Terrorism act, and how it could affect Village activity.

The focus of the meeting following that was consideration of the budget for 2026/27, to allow the council to set the precept. The Clerk gave an overview of the present state of finances and discussed increased expenditure for the council in the forth coming year.

Overall detail of the budget can be found on the parish council website (Bishopstone-pc.gov.uk) and the budget was agreed unanimously.

Further discussions were then had about planning for future projects such as replacement of the playground and how the council were going to pay for that.

The overall precept was agreed but has increased from last year.

Finally, correspondence was considered from one of the residents about Mac's Meadow. Action has been taken about the state of the path and the steps to the meadow have been reported through MyWilts for repair.

The meeting was closed at 20.54 and the chairman asked for all present to actively seek potential candidates to join the council by co-option. The council also agreed to move their meeting to a Monday to deconflict with Yoga on Thursday.

Thank you from the Chairman

As most of you are aware, Mike Ash is finally stepping down from his voluntary duties as our Parish Clerk and handing the reins over to our new clerk Graham Hill. For his 15 years as Parish Clerk, and before that as a parish councillor, Mike has been the backbone of the Parish Council for many years. His enthusiasm and commitment to the village has been outstanding, and his vast knowledge when it comes to planning matters has been a great asset to the council and even to our neighbouring Parish Councils.

Attending all the Area Board meetings, sorting out road problems and overseeing all the financial matters to do with the Council, Mike has done all this purely on a voluntary basis.

On behalf of myself and so many past and present councillors I would like to say a huge thank you to Mike for many years of time and commitment he has given to Bishopstone Parish.

Ali Thorne

Chairman of the Parish Council



There is now a dedicated page for the Church Restoration project on the Village Website. Go to:

www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk/bishopstone-church-restoration.

This page contains the latest news on events and goods you can purchase in aid of the restoration fund and how to make a donation.

Village Hall - Dec/Jan

CCTV

Due to a number of anti social behaviour issues around the village hall the trustees have had a CCTV system installed. There are 3 cameras which cover the car park and main entrance, additionally the low roof on the north side of the building is also covered. The cameras only cover the hall property and not any adjoining private property. Images are stored for 3 weeks before being overwritten. We do have the facility to download images if requested by the police. If anyone has any questions please ask a trustee.

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 4th & 18th of December. There will be a short break over Christmas and the New Year, with the Café reopening on Thursdays, the 15th & 29th of January. Opening hours are from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Refreshments are currently offered free of charge.

THE CHRISTMAS FAYRE

The Christmas Fayre will be held on **Friday, 5th December**, from **6.00pm until 7.00pm**. There will be a variety of stalls, including Tombola, Cakes and Produce, Local Crafts, Books, and other attractions to enjoy.

****Donations for the Book, Tombola, and Cake stalls will be most gratefully received. The Hall will be open between 2.30pm and 3.30pm to receive contributions. We warmly invite you to join us and share in the spirit of the season.**

MOVIOLA at Bishopstone

Friday 30th January.

The film for January will be 'Downton Abbey – The Grand Finale'. The cinematic return of the global phenomenon, follows the Crawley family and their staff as they enter the 1930s .

Doors open from 7.00pm with the film beginning at 7.30pm. Entry 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.

The film on Friday 27th of February will be 'The Roses'.

BISHOPSTONE COMMUNITY LUNCHES

****The special Christmas lunch will be on Wednesday December 3rd.**

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 which includes a drink.

The January lunch will be on Wednesday 7th when Virginia Haworth will be talking about "Reading a Film". In February the lunch will be on Wednesday 4th with Alan Crossley talking about "Mason Bees".

SPECIAL EVENTS

Saturday 14th February.

We are pleased to present a show by Rob Barratt, " a Dudley-born, brain-tickling, word-mangling comic poet and singer from North Cornwall". He combines clever word play and song with satire, parody and audience participation. He regularly appears at folk clubs, and folk, arts and literature festivals in UK and abroad.

See more about him at <https://robbarratt.wixsite.com/robbarratt>.

Tickets are **£10.00** each and an optional light supper will be available at **£7.50**.

Doors and bar open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Please book in advance with Caroline Ash on (01722) 781044, or Sue Taylor on 01722 780316, stating any dietary requirements if taking the supper.

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 Fridays 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.

VILLAGE CRAFT GROUP

The Village Craft Group meets on the first Tuesday of the month from 7 – 9pm. Any crafters are welcome. For further details, please contact Sue Porter on 01722 780459 or Jacqueline James on 01722 335866.

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. Website www.russellbignoldartist.com.

BISHOPSTONE VILLAGE HALL



XMAS FAYRE



FRIDAY 5th DECEMBER
from 6.00pm

Lots of stalls, including:
**TOMBOLA, LOCAL CRAFTS, CAKES &
HOME PRODUCE PLUS OTHER STALLS.**



Tea, coffee & mince pies



Come and sign the village charity Christmas Card.
This year all the donations will go to the
Bishopstone Church Roof Restoration Fund.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE CAKE STALL



To all the cake makers in the village – we would love to have your signature bake for the Cake Stall at the Village Hall Christmas Fayre on Friday 5th December. Please bring your donation to the Village Hall between 2.30pm and 3.30pm on the day.

Brenda Read-Brown



BUT I HAVEN'T FINISHED YET!

Join performance poet Brenda Read-Brown
in a playful celebration of growing older

A show to amuse and delight anyone
who is older than they were yesterday

An Evening of Entertainment at
Bishopstone Village Hall, SP5 4AA
Saturday 24th January 2026 at 7pm for 7.30pm

Tickets £12.50 to include first drink and canapés

Booking essential

Anne Stutchbury annewheelwright@gmail.com
Sarah Seal theseal1@outlook.com

In aid of St John the Baptist Church Bishopstone Roof Appeal

BISHOPSTONE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENTS AN EVENING WITH

ROB BARRATT



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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 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:

18 Dec, 15 Jan, 12 Feb, 12 Mar



Coombe Bissett Stores

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shop@coombebissettstores.co.uk Tel: 01722 718852

OPENING HOURS, SHOP AND POST OFFICE

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

Chalke Valley Stores Broadchalke

w: www.chalkevalleystores.co.uk

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

OPENING HOURS

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

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

ST MARY & ST LAWRENCE
STRATFORD TONY
SP5 4AT

CAROL SERVICE



PLEASE JOIN US

on **SUNDAY** 7TH DECEMBER 2025 at 6.00pm

with THE REVD DR RUTH HOWLETT-SHIPLEY

PLEASE BRING TORCHES AND APPROPRIATE FOOTWEAR AS THERE WILL BE
LIMITED LIGHTING FROM THE CAR PARK TO THE CHURCH AND THE GROUND
UNDERFOOT COULD BE MUDDY

COLLECTION IN AID OF THE CHURCHES CONSERVATION TRUST & BISHOPSTONE CHURCH



C H R I S T M A S S E T M E N U

2 Courses - £28.00

3 Courses - £32.00

Starters

Celeriac, Truffle & Camembert Soup (Vegan without Camembert)

Chilli and Pernod Spiked Tomatoes with griddled King Prawns and Toasted Sourdough

Sticky Honey & Sesame Glazed Belly Pork bites with Cider Apple Compote

Mains

**Traditional crown of roast Turkey served with Sage & Garlic
Stuffing, Pig n Blanket and Rich Gravy**

Herb Crusted Salmon Fillet with a Prosecco & Saffron Crab Velouté

Wild Mushroom, Chestnut & Spinach Pot Pie with Parsley Sauce

Braised Beef Short Rib in a Red Wine Jus

**All served with Roast Potatoes, Roast Parsnips, Cauliflower Cheese, Honey Glazed Carrots,
Braised Red Cabbage & Brussel Sprouts**

Desserts

Baileys & Chocolate Torte served with Minted Chantilly Cream

**Christmas Pudding Sundae
(Layers of Christmas pudding, Morello Cherries, Honey & Fig Ice Cream
topped with Brandy Whipped Cream)**

Sticky Toffee Pudding with Salted Caramel Sauce & Clotted Cream

**Call now to book
01722 780244**



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, and need help getting to your medical appointment, local shopping or visiting family members in hospital, **please phone the Joint Co-ordinators on 07795 620812 (Roger Brown, Jenny Monds or Debby Underhill) who will be on duty in rotation. Please note the new phone number.**

There is no charge but you are invited to make a donation towards our administrative costs. All our co-ordinators and drivers are volunteers, and there may occasions when you will be asked to leave a message, which will be answered. Please give us as much notice as possible to find an available driver.

We are always looking for Volunteer Drivers to enable us to continue to provide a useful service for the 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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The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service

Staying in Touch

STaB magazine is a vital source of communication in the village, keeping everyone informed as to what is happening locally. However, 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.



Salisbury Foodbank

This last month there was another £20 donation plus food totalling 15.7 kgs.

Christmas is coming, a time for us all to think of others, please if you are able make a special donation at this time to help the lonely and especially children who will be looking forward to something out of the ordinary. Most of you reading this will be well into planning for the festive season so I am asking, if you can, please think of others outside your family and send some Christmas love for those in need.

Please give whatever you can at this time.

Thank you for the support you offer and hopefully your continuing support for this great 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.

A very happy Christmas to you all.

Judy Barrett



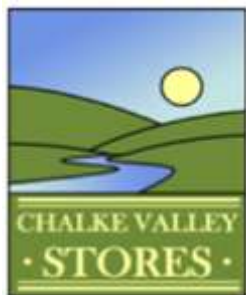
Chalke Valley Link Scheme



Please note that the number to phone to ask for a lift with the Chalke Valley Link Scheme has changed, and the old landline number will no longer be answered.

Please phone this number to book a lift

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OPENING HOURS

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

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

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

A FRESH NEW LOOK FOR OUR SHOP

After 12 years of business, our community shop has undergone a much-needed refit—and we couldn't be more delighted with the results! The transformation has brought a modern, welcoming space that we hope will make shopping and gathering here even more enjoyable. This refit is more than just a facelift—it's an investment in our community's future. We look forward to welcoming you back into the shop, and we hope you enjoy the new space as much as we do. We hope to have an event attended by some of our local suppliers in early December to celebrate our new look. We will keep you posted.

♥ Thank You for Your Patience

We know the refit meant disruption to both the café and the hub temporarily, and we truly appreciate everyone's cooperation and patience during this time. Your support made the process smoother and reminded us how strong our community spirit is.

♥ What This Means for You

- * A brighter, more welcoming shop environment
- * Improved layout for easier browsing
- * Extended lines of products and new stock availability
- * Refreshed shop / hub ready to serve you again
- * A renewed sense of pride in our community hub

♥ Behind the Scenes

A huge thank you goes to **JS Bowsher Ltd**, who carried out all the work with incredible dedication. Their team worked tirelessly from **6 am to 8 pm each day**, ensuring the project was completed to the highest standard. We are grateful for their craftsmanship and commitment.

NB There is a Trussell Trust Collection Point in the Hub for any donations of foodstuffs you may wish to make.

Your generosity will help those most in need.

Poppy Appeal 2025

The Poppy appeal is over for another year. Our village team of volunteers has finished pounding the pavements of Bishopstone and Stratford Tony, the cash has been counted and paid into the bank. An excellent total of **£1262.89** has been raised for the Royal British Legion from door-to-door collections with a further **£665.67** from the Remembrance Sunday church collection. Thank you all for giving so generously this year. The total is slightly up on last year and doesn't reflect the full amount collected in the village – the new ways of donating via QR codes and RBL apps on collectors' phones mean that money collected by these means goes straight into the Chalke Valley District fund.

As always, this money will go towards supporting the serving personnel and veterans of our Armed Forces, many of whom have made great sacrifices in the service of their country. Thank you for contributing.

I would like to acknowledge our team of volunteer collectors for their efforts, in particular the new collectors who have stepped up this year. The collectors are as follows:

Mark Vincent: Stratford Tony

Pat and Ron Abbott: Croucheston

Sandra Hill: Flamstone

Sue and Francis Taylor: Whitlock Rise, Meadow View, Pitts Lane (upper)

Simon and Lizzie Williams: Throope, Manor Farm, Raglands

James Thompson: The Croft, Netton St,

Dot Walker: Harvest Lane, Styles, Pitts Lane (lower)

Claire and Jerry Smith: Butt Lane, Stanley Close, the Alley

Piers Edwards: Faulston Ho, Faulston Cottages and Barns

Thanks also to Tom and Zara who always allow a collection box to be placed on the bar of The White Hart and Ali Thorne who is kind enough to collect at the Windwhistle Shoot

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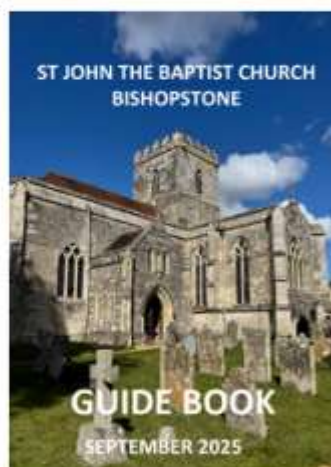




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SUNSET CAFÉ STOMPERS



Another great night of music and laughter was enjoyed by a large audience in the Village Hall on Saturday 15th November. The Sunset Café Stompers, with their huge repertoire of jazz classics, dazzling musicianship and witty introductions by their leader Mike Denham, provided tremendous entertainment. For their part, the band enjoy playing in Bishopstone and will doubtless be back.

The Management Committee is pleased to be able to provide events such as this in our Village Hall. However, it is currently a rather small group of people who are regularly available to set up the hall, prepare food, manage the bar etc. If you would be prepared to become a “helper”, just on the day events are held, please contact any member of the Committee (contact details inside back cover of this STaB).

This week in school, we are meeting with the children's parents and carers to talk about how well they have settled into new year groups and classes, and to share with them the progress that we have already seen. The children make us proud every day and here are a few of the reasons why...

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Celebrating World Mental Health Day



And inspired by Peanut's story, Freddie in Yr 6 has been fundraising by using his 3D printer to make and sell models and keyrings in aid of 'The Biggies League'. A not-for-profit Romanian dog rescue, established in 2018 and run entirely by volunteers, which has successfully rehomed more than 4,000 dogs.

We have new and exciting enquiries under way in every class and are practising our beautiful handwriting every day.



As has become a proud Ash class tradition, the children marked Remembrance at the village memorial. Recalling the names of those villagers lost in the World Wars, they recited 'In Flanders Fields' by John McCrae and reflected on the courage shown by all who serve.



STOP PRESS - Bishopstone in print...(Christmas Edition!)

For this seasonal edition of Stop Press we venture slightly outside the parish to record the events in the Fox and Goose, Coombe Bissett, on Boxing Night, Sunday 26th December 1858. The report in the Salisbury and Winchester Journal was of the subsequent court proceedings and, as such, did not have a headline. If there had been one it would probably have read:

"LANDLORD ACCUSED, POLICE CORRUPTION ALLEGED AND ASSULT ON A CONSTABLE"

The landlord of the Fox and Goose, John Patterson, was accused by the police of "keeping a house open for the sale of beer at half past 11 o'clock on a Sunday night". The press report said "the case appeared to excite

Charles Matthews, one of the county police force, stated that on Sunday evening, shortly after 11 o'clock, he went to the Fox and Goose and found the doors closed. He knocked and was admitted, and on entering he found in the house six men and two girls, with a quart cup half full of beer. He asked the landlord if he knew the time, and he said that it was about five minutes past 11 o'clock, adding that it was no difference to witness, as it was a private party. George Brooks, one of the persons present, asked witness to drink, and he did so in order to satisfy himself that there was beer in the cup. Mr. Patterson told him that he had no business in the house, and that he had better be watching for sheep stealers. At half-past 11 o'clock witness, with Constable White, visited the house again, when he found the same parties in the house. On remonstrating with the landlord, he told him that he had no business there, and had better be looking after the sheep-folds. Some of the party present threatened to throw him out of the house. The defendant said that it was a private party, and he could get off by paying.

considerable interest". One of the policemen gave evidence that he found "six men and two girls, with a quart cup half full of beer" at five past 11 o'clock. The landlord said it was a private party and no business of the constables who should, instead, be "better watching for sheep stealers". George Brooks, who was present, invited one constable (Matthews) to have a drink and "he

did so in order to satisfy himself that there was beer in the cup" (!). Some of the party present "threatened to throw the constable out of the house". Indeed, when the police left they were followed by Mr Brooks and others and a melee took place outside the pub!

Mr. KELSEY, for the defence, said that this case was far more serious than at first sight appeared; for, unless he had been greatly misled, there had been the grossest misconduct on the part of the police. For himself, he was always ready to support the police, and experience in these matters had convinced him of the duty of so doing; but he should leave it to the Bench to say whether all the witnesses he should call were perjurers, for if they were not, the policemen were guilty of great misconduct, and were unfit for the office which they held. Mr. Patterson, his client, was a highly respectable man, who had lived for many years in this borough, and who was probably known to some of the Bench. He had kept the house for several years, and it was admitted that there was no cause of complaint against him. In fact, his efforts had been most strenuously directed to conduct his house in a proper manner. He asked White, the Harnham policeman, what time it was, and then put on his clock ten minutes, for the purpose of clearing his house by eleven o'clock. The persons who constituted the party, and who were spoken of as if they were vagabonds, were the church singers of Coombe, and the two "girls" were two children belonging also to the choir, to whom Mr. Patterson gave some cake.

Much conflicting evidence was offered concerning the time of these events – whether it was before or after 11 o'clock, whether the clock registered "Salisbury time" and whether the landlord had set it 10 minutes fast to allow for "drinking up". Also concerning who called who a d.....d fool!

The lawyer for the defence said there had been "the grossest misconduct on the part

of the police". The landlord was a respectable man and those present in the pub who "were spoken of as if they were vagabonds" were the church singers from Coombe Bissett and the two girls were

children belonging to the choir. They had gone to the pub "for the purpose of singing carols, as is customary in most villages at this season of the year". This was a "case got up by the policemen, both of whom....were most decidedly intoxicated". He

In fact, they were all respectable people, and they went to Mr. Patterson's, for the purpose of singing carols, as is customary in most villages at this season of the year, and he gave them two quarts of beer. Mr. Kelsey observed that he should prove that Matthews called Brooks a d—d fool, and that when he first entered the house it was five minutes to eleven o'clock. He should also show that White had said that he never should have been in the house if it had not been for Matthews, of whom the former did not speak in very complimentary terms. Mr. Patterson denied most strongly using the offensive language imputed to him; in fact, he was not in the habit of so doing. He was instructed that nothing was paid for after ten o'clock, and that the beer in the cup was presented by the defendant to the singers, and that it was a case got up by the policemen, both of whom, he should show, were most decidedly intoxicated. After some further observations, Mr. Kelsey concluded by calling upon the Bench to dismiss the case. He then called:—

called another witness, Uriah Cross, who testified that both policemen were drunk (they had apparently come from Bishopstone after, presumably, checking the White Hart!). It was Matthews who called Mr Brooks "a d.....d fool". All the party were sober and had sung at the church that

The Magistrates retired for more than half an hour, and on taking their seats,

Mr. JACOB said that the Bench felt bound to convict, and it was their opinion that the police had acted perfectly right in going to the house in order to give effect to the law. Considering, however, the good character which the house had hitherto borne, the high character of the defendant—to which he himself could bear testimony—and taking into consideration also the time of year—that it was the Christmas season, when it was usual for choirs to go about singing carols, and that it was not very late when the police first went in, the penalty to the full amount of 5*l.* would not be enforced, but would be mitigated to ten shillings and the costs.

evening. Another witness observed that "the policemen caused all the row". The lawyer invited the bench to dismiss the case.

Nevertheless, the magistrates "felt bound to convict", but given the good character of the

landlord and as it was the Christmas season "when it was usual for choirs to go about singing carols" the penalty should be much reduced. So, if you are caught after hours in the pub this Christmas, just sing a few carols!

ASSAULTING A POLICEMAN.—George Brooks was charged with assaulting Charles Matthews, one of the county police, on Sunday, Dec. 26, at Coombe Bissett. Mr. Kelsey appeared for the defence. The assault complained of arose out of the former case. On the policemen Matthews and White leaving the Fox and Goose they were followed by several of the party of singers, and among others by the defendant, who challenged Matthews to fight, and held up his fists in his face. In the course of this case Mr. Patterson was called, and he swore most distinctly that he never made use of the language attributed to him by Matthews when giving evidence in the former case. He also stated that he heard Matthews call the defendant a d—d fool. He did not see that the policemen were drunk.—The Bench fined the defendant one pound and the expenses, which he paid.

There was a post-script – the next two cases heard concerned the alleged assault on the policemen. On leaving the pub "they were insulted by persons in the village". George Brooks was fined one pound plus costs and Thomas Davis 40 shillings for striking a policeman.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR READERS!

Did you know?

Miscellaneous facts from St John the Baptist Church, Bishopstone

PULPIT



The oak panelled pulpit was sourced from Seville in Andalucia. Our rector from 1821-1842, Reverend George Augustus Montgomery, travelled to Spain in 1938 with his wife Cecilia, and sourced many items of oak furniture which were no longer in use in churches and convents. Have a look at all the carvings on the pulpit.



The front panel represents Jesus and St Peter in the Garden of Gethsemane. The figures are carved in wood, and appear to be gilded over applied gesso. The background of trees and foliage are covered in tooled gilded leather. Leather tooling involves creating designs by cutting or stamping into the leather using specialised tools.



St Barbara is depicted carrying a palm, which signifies that she was a martyr. She was imprisoned in a tower by her father, and the tower is shown by her left leg. The chain hanging from her waist indicates that she was held prisoner.

She is the patroness of the Royal Artillery.



Above the lower newel post on the stairs we see Christ the Good Shepherd carrying a sheep across his shoulders, and another is standing by his right foot.



Do take time to look at the many carvings around the church!

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Christmas Rambling with Jazzie

It has been a changing time this last month, with sun, rain and frost. Our dahlias have had it after the frost this week. Sad but true, as we have enjoyed their blooms up to now. Roses and oak and willow leaves are slow to fall. Perhaps not cold enough yet? All the veg are up and being potted or pickled or on the compost heap for the year after next.

Meanwhile, Jazzie is growing her coat again for the winter. She is in good form, but not too keen on the frosty weather, or the wet and rain! We have enjoyed some good walks, but this weather makes my knees play up, so we've done fewer, and Jazzie is happy by the fire instead.



The hedgehogs are alive and well. We moved the biggest hutch nearer the house when we found two young ones searching for food. They are both fine and come to feed whenever it is not too cold, sometimes with a parent as well. Jazzie enjoys watching them feed, leaves them alone but she often joins the parent for some kibble. We have three water bowls for them and any other wildlife in the garden. The squirrels are now abed in their dray, keeping warm, but the cat visits every night, to cause Jazzie great excitement!



Had a lovely few days in Normandy again in late October, despite the rain and gales. We visited the basilica in Lisieux to Ste Therese, and the cheese factory at Livarot, and lunch in Deauville. The smell was something to be deeply enjoyed, so we bought some of the product too! The boiler conked out on return, but we had hot water from the immersion heater, and log fires to keep warm for four days waiting repair and service.

The Remembrance Sunday service was very well supported by all who came and thanks to Toby for excellent organisation, and Ruth for a fine service. The Poppy Appeal achieved a good total so thanks to all who gave and to Rob for the co-ord. We enjoyed our last curry lunch with Tom and Zara afterwards which was very good.

The church North Aisle Project gets richer all the time with generous donations and grants coming in. We are now waiting for the Lottery Fund decision. Toby's superb talk and demo on explosives and rockets had us all on the edge of our seats. It was fascinating to learn how they work, and good to see so many younger folk coming too. The Sunset Café Stompers were another great success this month, and much enjoyed by the rather elderly audience. They are a very fine band.

The next excitement is the Christmas fayre, and there will be lots to see and to buy. Be sure to come along and support the Village and the Church Appeal. That's it for another year, so we wish all our readers a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year, and thanks for enjoying the Rambling tales!!

JHST & J (19.11.25)



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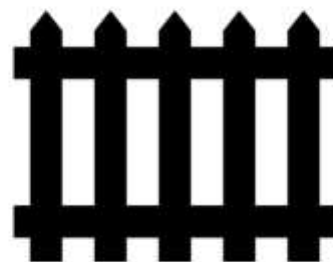
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	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Broad Chalke	Alison Waterhouse
	11.00am	Family Service	Nunton	Adrian Taylor
	11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bishopstone	Ruth H-S
	11.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Alvediston	Alison Waterhouse
	11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Berwick St John	Lay Led
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer	Homington	Ruth H-S
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14 December 3rd Sunday of Advent	9.30am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am Family Communion (CW) 10.30am Worship Together 11.00am Parish Communion (CW) 11.00am All Age Service 11.00am Carol Service 3.00pm Advent Carols 3.30pm Christingle	Bowerchalke Nunton Broad Chalke Hub Homington Alvediston Bishopstone V Hall Fifield Bavant Charlton All Saints	Kate Woolven Maggie Metcalfe Janet Roe Alison Waterhouse Biddy Trahair Ruth H-S Biddy Trahair Ruth H-S
19 December	6.00pm Carol Service	Britford	Maggie Metcalfe
21 December 4th Sunday of Advent	9.30am Parish Communion (CW) 11.00am Family Communion (CW) 4.00pm Nativity 5.00pm Carol Service 6.00pm Carol Service 6.00pm Carol Service	Bishopstone Ebbesbourne Wake Bowerchalke Odstock Coombe Bissett Berwick St John	Alison Waterhouse Ruth H-S Kate Woolven Maggie Metcalfe Ruth H-S Alison Waterhouse
22 December	7.00pm Carol Service	Broad Chalke	Alison Waterhouse
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24 December CHRISTMAS EVE	4.00pm Carols round the Crib 4.00pm Scratch Nativity 5.00pm Carols at War Memorial 6.00pm Carol Service 10.00pm 'Midnight' Eucharist (CW)	Bishopstone Charlton All Saints Broad Chalke Homington Fifield Bavant	Ruth H-S Maggie Metcalfe Alison Waterhouse Ruth H-S Ruth H-S
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28 December 1st Sunday of Christmas	10.00am Parish Communion (CW) 10.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.00am Morning Prayer (BCP)	Homington Alvediston Berwick St John	Alison Waterhouse Ruth H-S Lay Led
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18 January 2nd Sunday of Epiphany	9.30am Service with Baptism 9.30am Parish Communion (CW) 9.30am Parish Communion (CW) 11.00am Family Communion (CW) 11.00am Parish Communion (CW) 11.00am Family Communion (CW)	Bowerchalke Bishopstone Odstock Ebbesbourne Wake Berwick St John Coombe Bissett	Kate Woolven Ruth H-S Maggie Metcalfe Ruth H-S Alison Waterhouse Maggie Metcalfe