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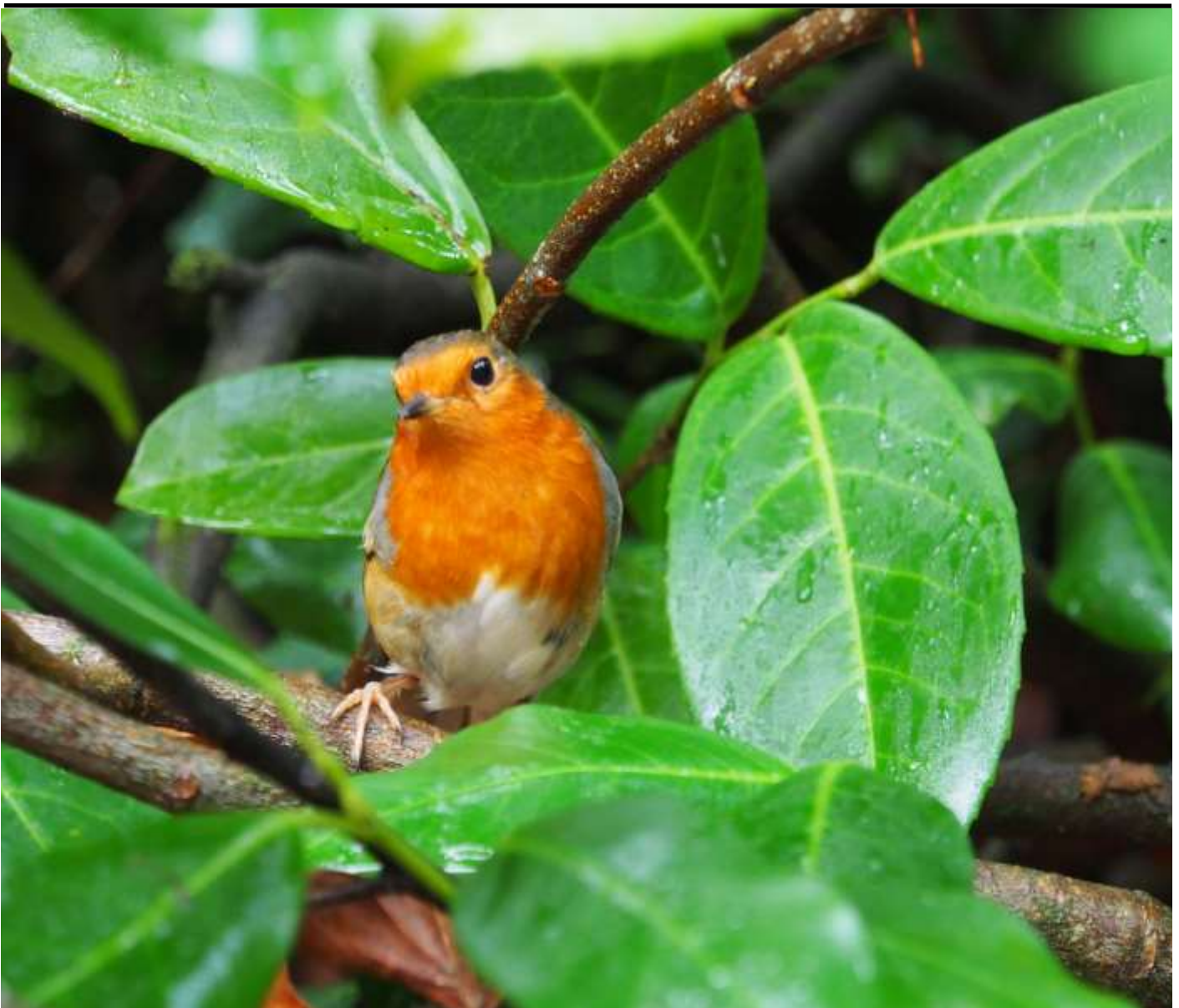


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The editors reserve the right to edit all contributions.

Thank you!



This edition of STaB contains the final 'Sarah's Gardening Tips'. The editorial team are hugely grateful to Sarah Robson for contributing her handy tips to every issue since we took on the magazine in 2019. We know that many in the parish (including us!) have found this very useful.

Thanks again for your time and effort Sarah.

As ever, if anyone has any ideas for something they'd like to contribute to STaB, either regularly or as a one-off, please do let us know. We'd love to hear from you.

A warm welcome to Bishopstone and Stratford Tony...

Welcome to Tessa, Tim, Oliver and Rosie who have moved onto the High Road in Bishopstone. We hope you will be very happy in our lovely village.

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



Hello from the Revd Canon Jenny Taylor



Can Christmas really be nearly upon us?! The year seems to be hurtling past and it has been a somewhat traumatic year...the war in Ukraine still fills our screens and newspapers, the energy and the financial crises are both very worrying factors in our lives and climate change quite rightly continues to cause us anxiety. Our beloved Queen died – who can forget those moving scenes of her lying-in-state and her funeral – a few weeks after we all celebrated so happily her diamond jubilee. We have a new King, a new Prime Minister (3 in 3 months!) and we have each other and our communities.

The positive must surely outweigh the negative especially when we remember exactly why we celebrate Christmas! That of course is the ultimate truth that God gave unconditional love to his world in that tiny baby we know as Jesus, it is a truth that has traversed centuries and continents to reach us in this 21st century in these villages in Wiltshire and that has not and will not ever change! And nothing can wipe out this true essence of Christmas.

I so hope you feel able to join us in church over the festive period, all our services are listed at the back of this magazine, and join us so together we can celebrate this eternal truth:

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

The churches and congregations of Bishopstone and Stratford Tony wish all of you a blessed and peaceful Christmas that will bring hope to us all in 2023.



PS And the church will still welcome you throughout 2023 and beyond!!!

Jenny Taylor

Our deepest condolences go to the family and friends of Ronald George Bennett from Teacher's House, Bishopstone, who died last month aged 91 years. We send our Love and Prayers to his widow, Jean, and their sons, Graeme, Neil, Alan and Andy and their families.



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The Friends of Bishopstone Church

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



Christmas at Bishopstone Church

Sunday 18th December

11.00am - Village Carol Service

24th December, Christmas Eve

4.00pm - Family Carols

round the Crib

25th December, Christmas Day

9.30am - Parish Communion



Parish Council

The latest meeting of Bishopstone Parish Council was held on Thursday 10th November. Present were Cllrs Thorne, Edwards, Barter, Smith, Williams and Rigg, together with the Parish Clerk, Wiltshire Councillor Nabil Najjar and one member of the public.

The only substantive item on the agenda was to review the outcome of expenditure against the budget for the current year, the draft budget for 2023/24 and the Precept request for that year to be submitted to Wiltshire Council. It was likely that expenditure in 2022/23 would be less than the agreed budget, mainly due to underspends on contingent items such as repairs and maintenance. A budget for 2023/24 was agreed which includes grants of £550 for churchyard maintenance and £350 to the Chalke Valley Sports Centre. The parish precept for the current year was £10,000. However, in the light of underspends and the balance of the reserves, it was agreed to reduce the precept to £5,000 for 2023/24. As a result, the parish council's share of the council tax paid by householders in the village will reduce from £35.79 in 2022/23 to £17.78 in 2023/24.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Thursday 12th January 2023** at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Please Look After Your Trees

Trees play a key role in creating the beautiful landscape of the Chalke Valley and the character of Bishopstone village. The open nature of the higher downland contrasts with the more heavily wooded valley of the River Ebble. But sadly all is not well. Many trees in the village are either dead or dying – as a result of Ash die back disease, due to old age or a lack of proper care and maintenance. This will have a significant effect on the appearance of some parts of the village.

The fungus that causes Ash die back is spread by spores from infected trees. It is now likely that many, if not all, Ash trees in the village will eventually be infected (it is estimated that, nationally, 80% of Ash trees will be lost).

The disease has the ability to turn a perfectly healthy tree into a hazard within a very short space of time. Not only does it cause severe die back in the canopy of the tree, it can also cause the timber to become brittle making it more susceptible to failure.



Ash die-back

The combination of large dead or dying trees and the very strong winds that we now experience as part of our changing weather pattern creates an obvious danger to passing people and vehicles. In the last month volunteers from within the village have cleared two trees that were blocking roads. We should be very grateful to them for turning out, often in awful weather. However, it is unfair for the rest of us to rely on this service to be able to go about our daily business. Falling trees can also damage power and telephone lines - recently the Flamstone Street area of the village was left in darkness for nearly nine hours. Hedgerow trees and woodlands that border the roadside are the responsibility of the adjoining landowner, not the highway authority.

The Parish Council will shortly be taking action to remove several trees in the Recreation Field and we would ask all other landowners to have a look at any trees on your land (both Ash trees and others) – particularly ones close to public rights of way, such as roads and footpaths. If they show signs of being dead or dying, arrange for them to be inspected and, if necessary, removed or made safe. Some residents have already taken action – thank you. Please remember that you require formal permission from Wiltshire Council if the tree is located within the Conservation Area (map on the village website). Recent applications have been submitted concerning trees in Bridge Road and Chapel Lane. There should be no problem in obtaining permission if the tree is dead or dying.

As trees are lost it will become more than ever important to plant alternative native species replacements wherever possible. We may not be the beneficiaries of this but future generations will thank us.

Mike Ash

Get a Grip!

In the very heavy rain that we now experience the roads in the village often flood. Drainage of most of the back roads in the village is by way of small channels (called “grips”) cut into the bank at the side of the road and which take water into the river or the nearest drainage ditch or gully. However, the grips get clogged with mud, fallen leaves etc. They are regularly cleared by the Parish Steward, but he only comes round once a month. It only takes the work of a few minutes with a spade to clear debris from the mouth of the grip to get water flowing into them again. So, if you feel inclined, please clear any grips near you.



Village Hall



December 2022 - January 2023

COVID ADVICE:

Whilst there are no longer any official restrictions, we would ask everyone to respect others and not to come to the hall if they have any symptoms or recent close contact with an infected person.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

The Christmas Fayre will be held on **Friday 2nd December, 6.00pm until 7.30pm** with refreshments, including a bar. Local craft stallholders are welcome.

Contact Margaret Barter on (01722) 780471 to book a table.

Donations for the tombola, book or cake stalls or the raffle are especially welcome and can be given to any trustee, left at 14 The Croft, or brought to the hall from 2pm onwards on the day. There will not be a bric-a-brac stall this year. Fifty percent of the profits from the Fayre as well as the income from the raffle and Village Christmas card will be given to the Salisbury Food Bank this year.

BISHOPSTONE COMMUNITY CAFE

Coffee Mornings are normally held on alternate Thursdays. Dates for the coming period are the **8th of December** and then in the New Year, **January 5th and 19th. 10.30am until 12.00noon.**

Everyone is welcome to look in for a coffee and chat. There is presently no charge for refreshments.

Note: There will **not** be a Café on Thursday 22nd December.

MOVIOLA at Bishopstone **January 27th "The Outfit"**

Leonard is an English master tailor who has set up his business in Chicago where he makes beautiful clothes. He must outsmart a dangerous group of criminals to survive a fateful night. Starring: Mark Rylance, Johnny Flynn and Zoey Deutch.

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

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

The film for February (24th) will be "Where the Crawdads Sing"

BISHOPSTONE COMMUNITY LUNCHESES

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

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

The annual 3-course **Christmas Lunch** will be on **Wednesday 7th December**.

Please contact Sue Taylor on (01722) 780316 to book this special event!

Time as usual: **12.00noon for 12.30 pm**

The January lunch will be on **Wednesday 4th January** when the speaker will be John Pitt-Brooke talking about the Salisbury Food Bank.

HALL BOOKINGS FOR SOCIAL EVENTS AND WORKSHOPS

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

BISHOPSTONE PLAYGROUP

The playgroup meets on Friday mornings during term time from 9.30 – 11.00 am. Breastfeeding support is available from qualified counsellor Cally Edwards and trained peer supporters. Due to the group's popularity, the playgroup operates a weekly booking system to manage numbers.

Find further information on our Facebook page *Bishopstone Playgroup* or contact Catherine on WhatsApp on 07884 347536.

“EXTEND” EXERCISE CLASSES

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

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 on 0773 856 1888 or by email: yoga_with_hannah@outlook.com.

SARUM SPINNERS AND WEAVERS

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

BISHOPSTONE VILLAGE HALL



XMAS FAYRE



FRIDAY 2nd DECEMBER
6.00pm till 7.30pm

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

Bar & Raffle

Tea, coffee & mince pies



Come and sign the village charity Christmas card in aid
of the Salisbury Food Bank.

Bishopstone Village Hall rates for private hire

Bishopstone Village Hall has 2 rooms that are available for hire for a wide range of functions. The larger room is ideal for children's parties with lots of space for running around. It can also accommodate wedding receptions, charity functions and large family celebrations.

The smaller room (The Memorial Room) is a good size for meetings and smaller gatherings.

The modern kitchen is spacious and fully equipped with an electric catering range, a professional 4 minute dishwasher, water boiler, hot cupboard, microwave oven, 2 fridges and a freezer, all suitable for professional caterers. There is also glassware, crockery and cutlery for over 80 people.

The hire charges include use of heating and electricity.

The rates are currently:

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

Broadband

An additional charge is made for use of the broadband connection of £6 per hour with a maximum of £25 per day.

Large projection screen

Use of this professional quality screen is charged at an additional £10 per event.

The hire period must include time to set up and clear away after the event.

For further information and bookings contact: Margaret Barter 01722 780471

Chalke Valley Community Support

POLICE

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

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

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

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

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

You can follow us on:

Facebook - www.facebook.com/salisburypolice

Twitter - www.twitter.com/SouthWiltsCPT

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

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Doves Meadow Surgery, Broad Chalke: 01722 780282

Broadchalke Surgery is now open on Tuesdays and Thursdays

Sixpenny Handley Surgery: 01725 552500

www.sixpennydocs.co.uk



MOBILE LIBRARY

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

22nd December, 19th January, 16th February, 16th March, 13th April



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

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

Salisbury Foodbank

We have received a donations this month amounting to 4 kgs.

The food bank are asking for foods that do not take much cooking during these hard times of expensive energy. Although the government have increased some support for those in need these improvements do not come into operation until next April, meanwhile they have to face the winter months. Please give as generously as you are able.

Items like tins of stew meat, tinned vegetables and potatoes all of which can be made into a warming stew. Tinned ham and spam, rice pudding, custard, Angel Delight, jelly, couscous, microwave rice, long-life milk and fruit juice, etc.

Christmas is almost upon us, meaning more difficult decisions for these families so if you can think of seasonal goodies to donate it will be such a great help.

Because of the Christmas break these will need to be delivered earlier than usual so please, if you can donate anything at all let me have it by 15th of December so that the Foodbank has time to pack it up and deliver it, or get it to their collection points for people to pick themselves.

You can leave your donations either at the Church or at my house – The Old Post Office, The Cross - or if you would like me to collect please call me on 01722 780306


Thanking you in advance and a very Happy Christmas to you all.

Judy Barrett (01722 780306)



ST THOMAS'S CHURCH SALISBURY
St John Singers
(Regd. Charity No. 1149585)

THE MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS



STEPHEN ABBOTT *Conductor*
SAMUEL BRISTOW *Accompanist*

GALLERY BRASS
Leader - Chris Holmes

LUCY COX *Soprano*
TOM JESTY *Piano*

Supporting Salisbury Food Bank
(Regd. Charity No. 1190323)

Tuesday 20th December 2022 at 7.30pm

Tickets £15 from Musicroom, 5 Catherine Street, Salisbury,
Tel: 01722 328181, from choir members and on the door.

Local choir, the St John Singers, are holding a festive concert in aid of Salisbury Food Bank.

The Magic of Christmas is on Tuesday 20th December at 7:30pm in St Thomas's Church, Salisbury. Gallery Brass will also be performing.

Tickets are available from Music Room on Catherine Street (tel: 01722 328181), from choir members (including Rob Pendleton in Bishopstone), or on the door. Tickets are £15.

CHALKE VALLEY LINK SCHEME

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

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

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

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

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Queen's Award for Voluntary Service

Staying in Touch

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

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



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

Emergency Planning- Vulnerable Residents and Cold Weather

As we go into the cold months you may not be aware that vulnerable residents can apply to be added to a secure list of vulnerable people which is shared with emergency services and some utilities providers such as water and electricity.

Warm & Safe Wiltshire have a Priority Service Register for the **over 60's** and **families with young children** or **people with disability** in the event of a loss of electricity or power. They provide free telephone advice on 0800 038 5722 and can arrange free home visits.

This service is provided by Wiltshire Council, Swindon Borough Council, Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue and the Centre for sustainable energy.

www.warmandsafetwiltshire.org.uk

You can also register directly with Scottish & Southern Electricity Networks by calling 0800 294 3259 or online www.ssen.co.uk/power-cuts-emergencies/priority-services/priority-services-registration-form

They have a range of services which can support you. In the event of prolonged power cuts they will know what your needs are and can be proactive to support and help you. If you have medical equipment at home which relies upon electricity it is worth you speaking to them.

Piers Edwards

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Coombe Bissett CE VA Primary School

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

Remembrance Day: 11th November

Ash class visited the war memorial this morning to remember all those who have served our country in wars past and present. They recited the poem ‘In Flanders Field’ by John McCrae so beautifully that it brought people watching to tears. We were fortunate to be able to speak to veterans who live in the village about their wartime experiences before looking at the displays in the Church to discover more about local people who served in the war.



Mrs Pendleton and Elm Class thought about Remembrance Day, and made a poppy wreath using our hands. We laid the wreath during our school Remembrance Service on the 11th November.



Our youngest pupils at Coombe Bissett Primary School learnt about the meaning and symbolism that is Remembrance Day. These pictures show them holding a respectful 2-minute silence at 11am in class, joining in with the whole school Remembrance Day Collective Worship in the afternoon and then sharing their own poppies made during some quiet reflective time with Reverend Canon Jenny Taylor.



Friendship and Anti-Bullying Week: 14th – 18th November

The whole school enjoyed wearing Odd Socks to mark the beginning of Friendship and Anti-Bullying Week. The socks represent the fact that we are all different, and we should celebrate our uniqueness.

Voices Inspire: 16th November

Fir class had been having singing lessons because they then went to do a concert in Salisbury Cathedral with five other. We sang eight songs: Love shone down, Thank you, Spotty socks, Orange and yellow and brown, Walking on air, What is the weather today and Do-be-do song.

First, Fir class went on a coach to get to Salisbury Cathedral, then they had a rehearsal with the other schools. There were over three hundred children there who were singing in front of lots of parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles and friends.

After every song we got applause, because they were such fun. Fir class had so much fun and are so lucky to have been asked to sing in the Cathedral. We were so happy that many people came to watch all of them.

Finally we travelled back on the coach to the school. Everyone had enjoyed it.

Reported by Bobbie and Mya



And in Ash classroom....



Our recent Science topic was forces and we have been carrying out some fun experiments to work out the best way to slow down a moving object. Using our knowledge of air resistance and gravity, we had a competition to see who could design the slowest falling parachute.



Colder Ramblings with Jazzie



As I write again of our rambles, it has got a lot colder, with a sharp frost last night! Jazzie and I do not like the cold, as we do not have much covering to keep us warm. She is luckier with her fine coat of fur!

Again, we have trotted round the village over the last month, and she has so enjoyed meeting all her friends again. She had a right old time with Dipper, at Crouchston Manor on a few occasions. They are about the same size, and about the same colour and really have fun running around. He seems to like a female near him too! Jazzie has also enjoyed making friends

with even more of the horses there, as she sniffs their hooves while they bend down to give her a good snort!

The Village seems in good order still, despite the litter and frequent dog mess on the footpaths. Do please pick the mess up and deposit any rubbish in the bins, or take it home to your own bin! Jazzie makes really tiny messes, but I pick them all up and take them home for disposal!

The autumn colours of our wonderful trees have been excellent this year, and Rob's photo of the beeches in last month's edition just shows all that beauty so well. However, the falling leaves do leave (haha) a bit of a mess, so if you can clear them from your bit of pavement, that would be marvellous for us all! We have a lovely willow tree in our garden, right in the centre of the lawn at the back. We have it pollarded every 5 or 6 years and it just keeps coming back in all its beauty. In the summer, it gives wonderful, dappled shade yet you are still warm in the sun. We are so lucky to enjoy one of China's treats.



We now look forward to Christmas and the tree and the decorations and even some presents. However, I imagine we will all be feeling the pinch this year as the economic climate hits us. We look forward to seeing and entertaining all the family over the season.

The Remembrance period went very well, and the Village has given about £1400 to the RBL, for the benefit of sick, injured, and ill soldiers and their families. More of that elsewhere. I attended the Armistice Day parade at the Guildhall Square on 11th November, in the company of many splendid old soldiers, sailors and airmen, and a veteran of the French Foreign Legion! The chap next to me in the line-up even had his dog with him!

Continued over...



It is now time for tidying the garden, sweeping the leaves onto the compost heap, and giving the lawn a last mow before next year. Our hedgehogs are doing well, having seen 3 of them last night. Their little hutches are in use. During the day they stay inside well covered by the hay. Jazzie still insists on sharing their food when we spot them feeding at night. We have a large one with a much smaller companion, and a medium one with an even smaller friend. Whether they are related, we do not know. I have asked Jazzie, but she is not sure!

Enough rambling! Off to the fire and then bed! Happy Christmas to all and a good New Year!!

James Thompson

Sunset Café Stompers in the Village Hall

Another wonderful evening in Bishopstone Village Hall with the return of the Sunset Café Stompers with a programme of New Orleans jazz. They last came to the hall in 2020, just before lockdown, and we were delighted to welcome them back and especially pleased to welcome back their vocalist, Hamish Maxwell. Hamish is 87 and now sings sitting down but his voice is as good as ever. At the end of the evening there was an immediate clamour for yet another visit which the hall committee will try to arrange for next November.

Francis Taylor



Remembrance 2022 and the Poppy Appeal

We held a wonderful Remembrance Service on the 13th of November for all those who fell in both World Wars and since then. A congregation of about 60 attended, and Rev Jenny preached to remind us of the need for charity even today to help those ex-service people who have fallen on hard times or are unable to cope with the stresses of modern life. The collections of the Royal British Legion every year contribute to help such as these.

We must thank Sarah and George for the arrangements for the service, and Pip and Ann for the splendid floral pieces at the lectern, on the altar and the font. My thanks to all those who supported the Act of Remembrance, Mike, Rob, John, Mark, Geoff and Roger, and young Ted for laying the Wreath. Thank you all for your wonderful and generous support. The collection for the Poppy Appeal from the Church was £370.00. Our 'There But Not There' silhouette figures caused much thought and comment, as usual. They are a striking reminder of the fallen.

The house-to-house collections in the Village came to £1415-01! That is only £60 less than last year, and the third largest since 2007. The greatest amount collected was in 2018, with the help of a big curry lunch in the Village Hall, when £1576.67 went to the Valley total. I am now handing on the responsibility for the collection in the Village, and for the total from the Valley. I have done the Village since 2007, and the Valley for the past 5 years! It is time for younger hands to take up the collecting tins!

I wish to thank all the collectors in the Village who have helped for so long, and have sore thumbs from all the bells they have rung! It has been good working with you, and I thank you for your patience and perseverance on behalf of the RBL. I do not yet know the Valley total this year, but last year we sent £6827.99 to the RBL. A goodly sum from a small valley for real good use in future. The Valley total for 2022 will be in the February edition of STAB.

Thanks to all who help with the Poppy Appeal and the Service of Remembrance, and I will continue to help with the Service for the foreseeable future.

Let us never forget; and remember those who have fallen for our freedom and security.

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.



James Thompson (20-11-22)



On Our Night Sky - Uranus

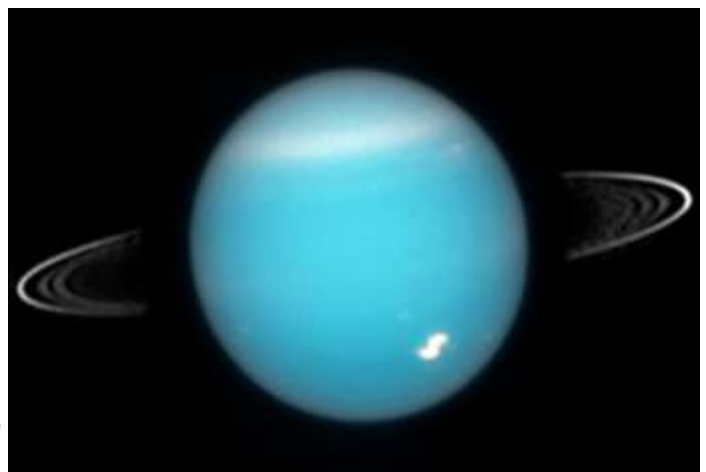
From time immemorial there had been only 6 known planets. Then a German musician and composer William Herschel came along. He was initially brought over as a member of a band by George II. However, after the defeat of Hanover, where George II actually fought in the field against the French, William went AWOL and moved permanently to England as a musician, much later joined by his younger sister who assisted in his astronomical work, herself later making discoveries and contributions of her own, significant even today. An amateur astronomer, he built his own telescopes improving on Newton's reflecting design, spending months polishing the curved metal bowls, his biggest was 120cm across.

His discovery of Uranus in 1781 doubled the size of the known Solar System. Until recent years it was seen as an almost featureless blue disc, but enigmatic as it is the only planet with its equator perpendicular to its orbit and where does its magnetic field come from?

Uranus is the inner of the now called (water) Ice Giants with an apt blue colour. Modern observations have shown a small rocky core, surrounded by water and ammonia ices with some methane, making up 80% of the planet's mass. The upper third is liquid, but more interestingly the inner material is thought to be superionic, with a temperature at the core of 5,000 deg.C. Water at extreme temperatures and pressures allows H⁺ ions in effect to move rapidly and generate high conductivity, which with movement generates a magnetic field, which again is unusual being 60 deg. away from its axis of rotation.

The atmosphere, which gradually merges with the outer core, is primarily hydrogen with helium and 2% methane, which gives the blue colour.

Herschel did note that there may be a red ring around the planet, but no-one else could find rings until 1977 (200 years later) and the red ring was confirmed. In 1800 during studies of sunspots using filters to reduce the intensity of the sun's rays he felt more heat with some; then using a prism he separated the components of light and discovered infra-red, beyond the red. The explanation of electromagnetic radiation would later be set forth by James Clerk Maxwell in 1861, whose calculation of the speed of light would prompt Einstein to his great theory.



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Recipe of the Month - Cranberry and Brie Puffs

By Cally Edwards

Three ingredients and 30 minutes make these Cranberry-Brie bites the easiest and fastest appetiser of all time. Perfect for holiday parties or literally any other gathering of people who enjoy good food, the flaky puff pastry, creamy melted Brie and tart cranberries offer the perfect mix of sweet and savoury. Super-easy to make and, over the Christmas season, you may well have the ingredients already.

Ingredients

- 1 pack of ready rolled puff pastry
- ½ Brie
- Cranberry sauce - jar or homemade

Method

1. Preheat oven to 375°F. With a sharp knife cut the sheets into approximately 3 inch x 3 inch squares. Press each square into a muffin cavity.
2. Cube the cheese - about a 3/4 inch cube for each (you may have a little cheese left over). Place a cube of brie in the centre of each puff pastry square. Top the brie with a small dollop (about 2 teaspoons) of cranberry sauce.
3. Bake for about 10 mins until puff pastry corners are toasted lightly brown.
4. Allow to cool for 5 minutes.



CHRISTMAS MAZE

Can you help Father Christmas find his sledge?



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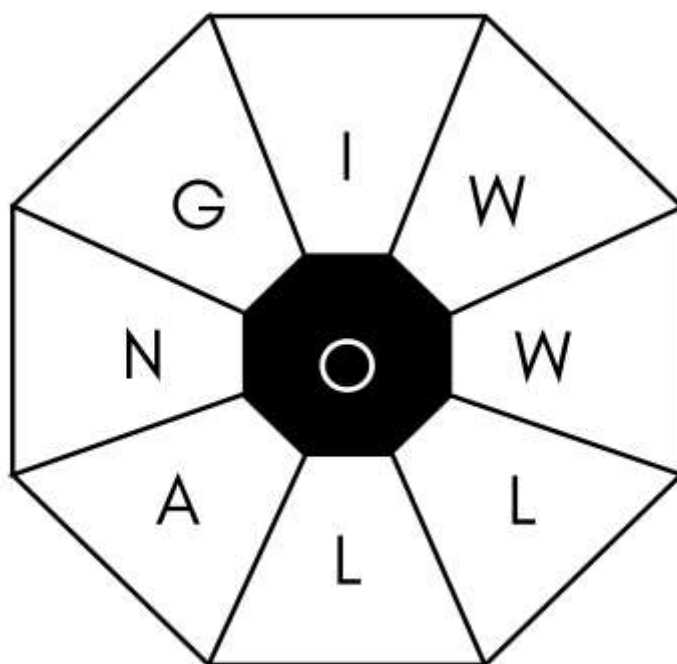
Using the given letters no more than once, make as many words as possible of 4 or more letters, always including the central letter. Capitalised words and plurals not allowed. You can also make one word using all the 9 available letters.

14 words - average

17 words - good

20 Words very good

23 words - excellent



CRESS Christmas Appeal

Our Christmas Appeal 2022 will be for transport costs for the Arua team. As you may know the area that the refugees from the Diocese of Liwolo settled in Uganda is very large. For connectivity and logistical reasons the head office of the Diocese is in the northern city of Arua. It takes just over an hour to reach Imvepi Refugee Settlement and about four hours to the clinic and bush settlements around Mijale.

With the increasing cost of fuel and rising inflation in Uganda making repairs, parts and tyres more expensive we have decided this needs to be our focus for our Christmas appeal - to keep the vehicles on the road to keep all the projects - from Agriculture and Savings Groups to the Clinic and Health Outreach.

You can donate on our website <https://cressuk.org/donate/> or send any cheques to 'CRESS' at Knighton Manor, Broad Chalke, Salisbury, SP5 5EB.

We are also selling our charity Christmas Cards at The Hub in Broadchalke or you can send them via email, <https://www.dontsendmeacard.com/ecards/charities/cress/christmas>

With many thanks for your support through 2022 and wishing you joy this Christmas from Caroline and the CRESS team.



Local Christian charity Alabaré provides support and accommodation for people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless across Wiltshire and the South-West. Last year they supported over 2,000 people and as winter approaches and with the rising financial pressures that tenants are facing, the charity is warning that many more people could be tipped into crisis and homelessness.

Through their Riverside Sanctuary service, Alabaré also provides help for people in Wiltshire who are struggling with their mental health and wellbeing. This confidential service, both telephone and face to face, is aimed at anyone needing support with their mental health. The charity is concerned that financial worries and heightened overall anxiety will mean an increase in the number of people needing help and is determined to be there for all those needing support.

Information about how to access the vital support, housing, training and opportunities that Alabaré offers is available on their website: www.alabare.co.uk. Please pass on their details to anyone you know who needs support and encourage them to get in touch.

As a charity, Alabaré relies on the donations of all of us in these very challenging times. To find out ways that you can support them, please see the website or email Helen at supportercare@alabare.co.uk

Fovant Badges Society

The locally based nationwide charity Alabaré held a commemorative ceremony to honour the memory of the fallen this year at The Fovant Badges, laying wreaths on the escarpment's Centenary Poppy emblem.

Alabaré had assisted The Fovant Badges Society in their maintenance work this year, working on the Royal Signals and Poppy compounds as part of their Boots on the Ground initiative with ex-services personnel. The landowners, Ed and Sue Williams, kindly agreed to the suggestion of a commemoration, and in the bright but overcast morning Mr Andrew Lord, CEO of Alabaré, and Mr. Neil Barr on behalf of Alabaré's residents and veterans laid wreaths (pegged down against the autumn gales!)



Ms Wendy Jobbins, herself an ex-services musician, added a touching poignancy to the ceremony by playing The Last Post, then Reveille, her cornet sounding out over the site of WW1 Fovant Camps on East Farm and the A30 in the valley below.

STAR FESTIVAL

How much do you know about stars and their place in our story telling, particularly in stories of the Nativity? Come and find out!

All Saints, Broad Chalke
Thursday 15th Dec. – Sunday 18th Dec.
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On Sunday 18th December there will be a short Christmas Service with a Christmas Story, suitable for children, at 3pm followed by tea.
Refreshments available.

EVERYONE IS MOST WELCOME!!

This year, All Saints, Broadchalke, is staging a STAR FESTIVAL over several days.

There will be pictures of stars, stories about stars, starry biscuits and cakes, glittery stars, trees covered in stars and a chance to take a photograph of yourself in the starry sky.

There'll be jigsaw puzzles to do, colouring in and a quiz.

Refreshments available throughout the day.

Everyone is very welcome to come and see the stars! Entrance is free, but a donation towards the upkeep of the church would be welcome.

Janet Roe



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Police Bulletin

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



Policing has been under the microscope in the last year and I don't see this scrutiny letting up any time soon – and neither should it.

The public want their police force to keep them safe, protect vulnerable people, put victims first, catch the criminals responsible, produce quality investigations and lock the bad ones up.

Wiltshire Police has had its fair share of criticism. It has received a poor PEEL inspection report and is currently in 'special measures'. I can reassure you progress is being made and my scrutiny of that performance is ongoing.

We have had some solid successes too. You told me road safety and speeding was a key concern. I have committed investment into the roads policing unit, increasing the number of officers and cars by 20%.

We also tripled the capacity of the speed enforcement team, with extra police staff and state-of-the-art cameras. With this joined up approach, there are more traffic officers on our streets and there has been an increase of 42% of the number of people caught speeding and given tickets.

There is still more to do but our roads will become safer as the deterrent of speeding tickets and prosecution starts to bite.

The rural crime team has also doubled since I committed investment in the team and in extra equipment. I was also pleased with the force's commitment to visit all victims of home burglary – let me know if this doesn't happen and I will act on your behalf to scrutinise that commitment.

We are also in the process of recruiting the next Chief Constable of Wiltshire Police and I hope to have them confirmed in post by mid January. We look forward to welcoming them to the county.

In the meantime, our current Chief will carry on implementing the improvements needed to satisfy HM Inspectors and provide stability so the force can continue making Wiltshire safer for all.

Please also make sure you take part in my survey, taking place in December and January, which will ask you about your confidence levels in Wiltshire Police and about the policing precept for 2023/24.

It is important we capture as many people's thoughts as possible and you will find this on my website from mid December.

As ever, I wish you a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.

Sarah's Gardening Tips for December/January

1. Plant deciduous, climbing honeysuckle now but avoid any frozen or waterlogged ground.
2. Leave faded heads of hydrangeas on until spring, to protect new buds from the frost.
3. Harvest holly with berries for making Christmas wreaths and garlands.
4. Prune grape vines.
5. Lift your last leeks and parsnips before the soil gets too frozen
6. Dig over empty borders and pile manure on top. Let the worms and frosts break up the clods of soil.
7. Prune fruit trees to maintain an open balanced structure. Leave plums and cherries until the summer.
8. Cover winter brassicas with netting to protect from pigeons.

It is the golden maxim to cultivate the garden for the nose, and the eyes will take care of themselves.

Robert Louis Stevenson



Question: Which part of the madder plant (*Rubia*) contains an organic compound called alizarin, that gives a red colour to a textile dye known as rose madder?

(Answer on p55)

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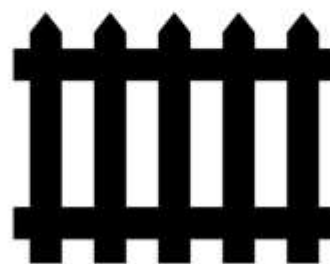
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Bishopstone Village Website

www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk

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

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

Mike Ash (bishopstoneclerk@btinternet.com)

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	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Ebbesbourne Wake	Ruth H-S
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Coombe Bissett	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	Family Service (CW)	Odstock	Adrian Taylor
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Letters to STaB are very welcome, but the views expressed may not be those of the editorial team or the Parish Church Council.

Thanks are due to the family of Albert Lumber, who have erected this fine bench to his memory in a lovely position by the beech trees near the top of Faulston Drove. It commands a fine view looking West up the valley and will provide much-needed rest for those who have climbed the hill. Our boys certainly enjoyed it on a walk on the afternoon of Remembrance Sunday. *Rob Pendleton*



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Services in Chalke Valley Benefice – Dec '22/Jan '23

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



4 December 2nd Sunday of Advent	9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am	Family Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Family Communion (CW) Family Communion (CW) Family Service Morning Prayer (BCP)	Broad Chalke Britford Ebbesbourne Wake Coombe Bissett Odstock Berwick St John	Ruth H-S Jenny Taylor Ruth H-S Jenny Taylor Adrian Taylor Lay Led
11 December 3rd Sunday of Advent	9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 3.00pm	Parish Communion (CW) Family Communion (CW) Family Communion (CW) Morning Prayer (BCP) Christingle Service Advent Service	Bowerchalke Nunton Coombe Bissett Charlton All Saints Alvediston Fifield Bavant	Kate Woolven Ruth H-S Jenny Taylor Rhoderick Voremberg Biddy Trahair Biddy Trahair
18 December 4th Sunday of Advent	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm 6.00pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion (CW) Morning Prayer (BCP) Parish Communion (CW) Carol Service Carol Service Carol Service	Bowerchalke Odstock Ebbesbourne Wake Homington Bishopstone Berwick St John Coombe Bissett	Catherine Blundell Ruth H-S Biddy Trahair Ruth H-S Jenny Taylor Kate Rosslyn Smith Jenny Taylor
24 December CHRISTMAS EVE	4.00pm 5.00pm 6.00pm 9.00pm 10.00pm	Carols round the Crib Christingle Service Carol Service Midnight Eucharist (CW) Midnight Eucharist (CW)	Bishopstone Broad Chalke Homington Charlton All Saints Fifield Bavant	Jenny Taylor Catherine Blundell Jenny Taylor Ruth H-S Catherine Blundell
25 December CHRISTMAS DAY 	8.00am 9.30am 9.30am 9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Family Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Family Communion (CW) Family Communion (CW) Family Communion (CW) Family Communion (CW)	Homington Bowerchalke Bishopstone Broad Chalke Britford Ebbesbourne Wake Coombe Bissett Odstock Berwick St John	Jenny Taylor Kate Woolven Ruth H-S Catherine Blundell Jenny Taylor David Blundell Jenny Taylor Ruth H-S Catherine Blundell
1 January 2nd Sunday of Christmas	11.00am	Benefice Communion	Alvediston	Catherine Blundell
8 January BAPTISM OF CHRIST	10.00am	Benefice Communion Farewell to 'the Blundells'	Broad Chalke	Rector & Team Vicars
15 January 2nd Sunday of Epiphany	9.30am 9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Morning Prayer (BCP) Parish Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW)	Bowerchalke Bishopstone Odstock Ebbesbourne Wake Homington Berwick St John	Kate Rosslyn Smith Jenny Taylor Ruth H-S Biddy Trahair Ruth H-S Jenny Taylor
22 January 3rd Sunday of Epiphany	9.00am 9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Family Service Parish Communion (CW) Holy Communion (BCP) Morning Prayer (BCP) Evening Prayer (BCP)	Berwick St John Charlton All Saints Broad Chalke Nunton Bishopstone Alvediston Homington Bowerchalke	Kate Rosslyn Smith Jenny Taylor Ruth H-S Adrian Taylor Jenny Taylor Ruth H-S Rhoderick Voremberg Lay Led
29 January 4th Sunday of Epiphany	10.00am 10.00am	Benefice Communion (CW) Benefice Communion (CW)	Bowerchalke Nunton	Jenny Taylor Ruth H-S

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