



# Parish Magazine

July 2025



Orchids at Throope  
Photo by Roger Stockton

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This month we are introducing a new feature in STaB (print edition only). If you have any jobs that need doing this could be helpful to you. We are trying to build up a bank of young people within the village who are able to offer their services. We are creating a list which will be included in the magazine every month, from which you can make contact, and negotiate the job, hours and payment.

Find this month's list on page 19.

### ***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



‘Are we there yet???’ ‘How many more sleeps before Christmas?’ ‘When are we going on holiday?’

How many times have we asked questions like these? If you are anything like me, you may not like having to wait for things; we live in a world that seems to want everything to happen instantly.

At this time of year there seems to be a lot of waiting. My daughter has just finished her A Level exams and, like young people up and down the country, she is now waiting anxiously for the results and wondering whether her results be good enough for her choice of university.

Or maybe you are waiting for the end of term to come? Children are excited about the prospect of the long holiday away from school, but I am sure some parents are more worried about how they are going to juggle childcare and work. Last week the year 6 children from our schools went to Salisbury Cathedral for the Leavers Service and are looking forward to starting at their new schools in September; some are waiting excitedly for this new phase of their lives but for others there may well be anxiety about this next step.

Maybe you are waiting to a much anticipated holiday? Or maybe you are waiting for medical test results or treatment to start. For some the waiting is filled with excitement but for others it may be dominated by anxiety.

Farmers are waiting for the harvest and they too will be waiting with mixed emotions. Will the weather bring the right conditions at the right time to produce a bumper crop or does the weather forecast make them anxious?

In the Church’s year we have just celebrated Pentecost when the disciples were filled by the Holy Spirit and excitedly told all those around them about what had happened. There had been a lot of waiting in the fifty days since Easter and the disciples had certainly experienced both highs and lows. Waiting in the upper room after Good Friday the anxious disciples tried to understand what had happened over the last few days in Jerusalem. How were they going to manage now that Jesus had gone away? Then they encountered the resurrected Jesus and found hope.

But once again on Ascension Day Jesus left them and told them to stay in Jerusalem and wait. They waited and prayed for the Holy Spirit to come and equip them for the mission that Jesus had set for them. And when the Spirit came, accompanied by wind and fire at Pentecost they were excited; this was what they had been waiting for!

The outcome of our waiting may not be accompanied by wind and fire, but whatever you are waiting for at this time I pray that the waiting won’t be too difficult or provoke to much anxiety but instead will bring excitement and joy.

## Friends of Bishopstone Church

We are continuing to receive generous donations for the Roof Appeal, which is great news. More news of the Heritage Lottery Fund application progress can be found in STaB.

There is a project to start a Bug Garden in the churchyard so if anyone would like to help with this, please contact Sarah Seal - [TheSeal1@outlook.com](mailto:TheSeal1@outlook.com) or 01722 780305. This project is going to help towards the Environment Investment Principles, showing that the village is participating in the requirements of the Heritage Lottery Fund application.

Don't forget our next fund raising event –

### **Open Gardens in Bishopstone on Sunday 6 July 2-6pm**

On entry pick up the leaflet guide at the Village Hall, and then return for a welcoming tea.

If anyone would like to bake a cake for the teas in the Village Hall, please bring it in the morning or give it to one of The Friends' committee members. We want to put on a good show for our visitors!

### **Future events**

#### **A Private Collector's Display of Christening Gowns**

**Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 September** in the Village Hall. A selection from the collector's 700 christening gowns will be on view over the weekend. Many other relevant exhibits will be on display.

#### **Talk on Op Banner - The Troubles in N Ireland 1969-2007**

by Roger Stockton on **Friday 10 October** at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

**Talk on Explosives** by Toby Mills – date to be confirmed

### **2026**

Next year we plan to hold an **Arts and Crafts Exhibition** in the Village Hall to show painting, quilting, photography, weaving, calligraphy, pottery, metalwork, etc.

By popular request, we will arrange another **Organ Recital** by an Organ Scholar in Bishopstone church.

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If you have any events that you would like to run in support of The Roof Appeal, please let any of the committee know.

Anne Stutchbury

Chairman, Friends of Bishopstone Church [annewheelwright@gmail.com](mailto:annewheelwright@gmail.com)

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



# Open Gardens Bishopstone

Teas in the Village Hall

**Sunday  
6th July**



**2-6pm**

Admission Price: £8  
Payable at the Village Hall, SP5 4AA  
For more info: [annewheelwright@gmail.com](mailto:annewheelwright@gmail.com)  
or [normanchalkefish@mac.com](mailto:normanchalkefish@mac.com)

*Proceeds to  
The Friends of Bishopstone Church Roof Appeal*





## A Private Collector's Display of Christening Gowns

Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th September  
11am - 4pm



The Village Hall,  
Bishopstone  
SP5 4AA



Teas and cakes

Entry price £10  
Proceeds to

The Friends of Bishopstone Church  
Roof Appeal



Contacts for more details:  
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[normanchalkefish@mac.com](mailto:normanchalkefish@mac.com)





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COLLECTION IN AID OF THE CHURCHES CONSERVATION TRUST & BISHOPSTONE CHURCH

## Village Hall



# July 2025

### The BISHOPSTONE COMMUNITY CAFÉ

The Village Hall Café is normally open on alternate **Thursdays** throughout the year. Dates for the coming period are the **3<sup>rd</sup>**, **17<sup>th</sup>** and **31<sup>st</sup>** of **July** and the **14<sup>th</sup>** and **28<sup>th</sup>** of **August**. **10.30am** until **12.00noon**.

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

### MOVIOLA at Bishopstone

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

The last film of the season on **Friday July 25<sup>th</sup>**, will be '**Bridget Jones: Mad About the Boy**'. This highly rated 2025 film is the fourth instalment of the Bridget Jones series and stars Renée Zellweger, Hugh Grant, Colin Firth, Emma Thompson and Chiwetel Ejiofor.

The film will begin at **7.30pm** and entry to the film is **£7.00**. A cash bar with ices and snacks will be available.

As is customary for the last event of the season there will be an optional summer buffet starting at **6.00pm** for an additional **£6.00**.

Please book in advance with Caroline Ash on (01722) 781044, or Sue Taylor on 01722 780316, stating any dietary requirements if taking the supper.

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

### 'SAVE THE DATES'

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October.** We are delighted to be presenting '**The Pocket Choral Society**'. A quartet of performers giving an "A cappella" comedy show, with a programme of amusing topical songs and stories. The starting time will be 7.30pm and entrance will be £12.50 with an optional ploughman's supper for an additional £7.50.

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November.** There will be a very welcome return of the jazz group '**The Sunset Café Stompers**'. Further details will be in the October edition of Village Hall News.

### BISHOPSTONE COMMUNITY LUNCHES

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

Monthly community lunches will resume in October.

## **BOOKINGS FOR SOCIAL EVENTS AND WORKSHOPS**

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

### **BISHOPSTONE PLAYGROUP**

The playgroup meets on Friday mornings during term time from 9.30 – 11.00 am. Breastfeeding support is available from qualified breastfeeding counsellor Cally Edwards, and trained peer supporters. Find further information on our Facebook page, *Bishopstone Playgroup* or contact Cally [callyedwards@me.com](mailto: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](mailto:jennyberwynjones@yahoo.co.uk)

### **PILATES AT BISHOPSTONE**

For further information, contact Claudine on 07788 587937 or email: [claudineblake@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:russellbignold@btinternet). Website [www.russellbignoldartist.com](http://www.russellbignoldartist.com).

## **Bishopstone Village Hall rates for private hire**

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

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

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

The hire charges include use of heating and electricity.

### **The rates are currently:**

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

### **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**

## Bishopstone Parish Council



In an interview on Radio Wiltshire a couple of days before this event I described Bubble Football as “fairly rumbustious”. Delete “fairly” and insert “extremely”. Some 26 young people turned out on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June on the Recreation Field to try out this very boisterous activity with their friends. The bubble footballs were provided by Excel Activities Group and the Parish Council provided refreshments. The weather was very kind and everyone seemed to have a great time!

As previously reported in STaB, this was part of a joint venture between Wiltshire Council’s South West Area Board and the parish councils of Fovant, Broad Chalke and Bishopstone. This was in recognition of the fact that there is not a lot for young people to do in their spare time in the villages. The aim was to provide some fun activities and to engage them in a dialogue, including via an on-line survey, about what other activities they might like to see in the future. This year’s funding is enough for a further event to be held sometime later in the Summer. The Parish Council will consider what this might be when we get the results of the survey.



My thanks to Cllrs Nicky Rigg and Piers Edwards and the group of parents (OK let’s be clear – mums) who helped with the organisation of the event and delivery on the day.

Mike Ash

### **BISHOPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The agenda for the meeting will be available before the meeting on the village website ([www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk](http://www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk)).

The meeting is open for anyone to attend.

## 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](mailto: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](http://www.facebook.com/salisburypolice)

Twitter - [www.twitter.com/SouthWiltsCPT](http://www.twitter.com/SouthWiltsCPT)

Community Messaging: Sign up to Community Messaging for news and updates from your local policing team: [www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk](http://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](http://www.sixpennydocs.co.uk)



### MOBILE LIBRARY

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

3 July, 31 July, 28 Aug, 25 Sept, 23 Oct



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Stores**

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[shop@coombebissettstores.co.uk](mailto:shop@coombebissettstores.co.uk) Tel: 01722 718852

**OPENING HOURS, SHOP AND POST OFFICE**

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Stores  
Broadchalke**

w: [www.chalkevalleystores.co.uk](http://www.chalkevalleystores.co.uk)

e: [info@chalkevalleystores.co.uk](mailto: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



## **Upcoming Events**

**Lunch Set Menu  
2 x Courses £20  
Available Tue, Wed & Thur Lunch**

**Every Tuesday Night  
Steak Night**

**Every Friday Night  
Fish & Fizz**

**Quiz Night last Thursday of the Month  
Free Entry  
Win a £30 Meal Voucher**

**While the Sun is shining come and enjoy our large  
garden**

**Open all day Friday, Saturday & Sunday**

**Book Now**

**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 01722 718780 (Roger Brown, Jenny Monds or Debby Underhill) who will be on duty in rotation.**

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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### 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](http://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](mailto:piersgedwards@gmail.com) or 07920 475009) or Kate Pendlenton ([kmpendlenton@hotmail.com](mailto:kmpendlenton@hotmail.com) or 07769202200) and ask to be added to the group.

## Salisbury Foodbank

This last month the total for food donations was 4.4 kgs with a £20 cash donation. Thank you.

Summer holidays will be upon us very soon and again, as I have said many times, these bring extra hardship for people with families. School dinners are no more, so a dinner has to be provided from the already stretched income.

Please, if you are able, help us feed these families.

Of course not all the people supported by the Foodbank are families, some are older couples who find their pensions don't go as far as they used to, some are younger couples who have hit a bad patch and others are single people who find themselves stretched to breaking point; they all need our help.

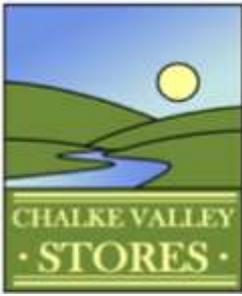
Please give generously; anything is welcome as long as it is in date. Tinned, bottled or dried.... meats, fish, vegetables, pulses, cereal, toilet rolls, personal hygiene items, in particular razors and toothbrushes. Bottled and tinned drinks would also be very useful in this very hot weather, as well as long life fruit juices.

Thank you all once again for your support.

Judy Barrett

Please leave donations either in the box in the Church or by my front door, at The Old Post Office, The Cross, Crouchston, or call me on 01722 780306 if you would like me to collect.





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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**.

**Tony Patel and Karen Hitchings recently attended a garden party at Buckingham Palace to celebrate the award to the Hub of the Kings Award for Voluntary Service. This is their account of that special day.**

Upon arrival at the **Garden Party** the atmosphere was effortlessly regal. The event, hosted by the **Prince and Princess of Wales** unfolded seamlessly. The presence of **Princess Eugenie, Zara Tindall, Prince Edward and Sophie, Duchess of Edinburgh** and the **Duke and Duchess of Gloucester** added to the day's distinction.

The **Yeomen of the Guard**, adorned in their striking Tudor uniforms, stood in dignified formation, a living embodiment of centuries-old tradition whilst our Royal hosts mingled with guests.

Throughout the afternoon the music from **various military brass bands** wove through the air, elevating the already majestic atmosphere. The notes of classical pieces and ceremonial marches harmonized beautifully with the laughter and polite conversation of the guests.

The **palace gardens**, with their sprawling emerald lawns and vibrant floral displays, were breath-taking, but it was the lake that truly captured the heart for its beauty. Standing by its edge, watching the water ripple gently under the soft afternoon sun, we couldn't help but reflect on the privilege of being part of such an occasion.

One of the most memorable moments came in the form of an extended **conversation with Princess Eugenie**. She spoke to us with warmth and authenticity, sharing insights into her passions, her philanthropic endeavours, and there were even a few light-hearted observations about the day. Despite the prestige of the setting, our conversation felt natural and personal - a rare glimpse into the genuine grace of a royal presence.

From **the impeccable selection of cakes and delicate sandwiches** to the seamless interactions between guests and royals, the garden party unfolded flawlessly. Every element worked in perfect harmony, ensuring that the experience was not only prestigious but profoundly memorable - a day where tradition, elegance, and human connection blended into an exquisite celebration.

We are incredibly grateful to the **community, organizations, and all those who made this experience possible**. It was an honour to be selected to walk through the palace gardens alongside distinguished guests, and to witness first-hand the warmth and graciousness of the **Royal Family**. This experience will be a lifelong memory - one that we will both cherish deeply.

# Chalke Valley Fete 2025

**16th Aug 1-4pm**

You would have all received our program with your newsletter. Please have a look through as there is lots going on for all the family.

You can enter the flower and produce show online or in person. Lots of classes for adults and children to keep them busy in the school holidays.

For our 4 legged friends there is a fun dog show, enter on the day £2 per class.

The classes are :

Best turned out, best trick, waggiest tail, best veteran, best rescue and dog that looks most like their owner!

There is also a scurry ( timed retrieve) split into 3 classes Labradors, spaniels and anything else.

In the main arena this year there is a Gun dog display, Morris dancers and a live singer.

Plenty to eat and drink for all tastes.

For children young and old there are lots of games and activities including all your old favourites.

If that wasn't enough there are classic cars and lots of local producers ,raffles and craft stalls to wander around.

Look on our website for updates <https://www.chalkevalleyfete.co.uk>

# HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND BID FOR THE REPAIR TO THE ROOF OF THE NORTH TRANSEPT OF OUR CHURCH

Last month we alluded to the need to meet the four Key Investment Principles of the Heritage Lottery Fund - Heritage, Environment, Inclusion and Participation and Organisational Stability.

In our bid submission we need to highlight these principles and demonstrate our ability and intention to meet them. This will be done by having actions and intentions that fit these principles as well as some defined timescale associated with them. Key to understand is that any actions or intentions do not have to be completed before we submit our bid – thank goodness! Rather we need to demonstrate an intended action and its deadline over several years.

This has resulted in some positive ideas. Some examples:

A Nature Survey of the churchyard (Environment). By the time you read this that survey will have been completed, and detail will be able to be included in our bid documentation.

A Children's Guide to the Church. (Inclusion and Participation). An excellent trifold guide for young people was produced for St Mary & St Lawrence in Stratford Tony in 2016 by Years 5 & 6 at Coombe Bissett School. We hope this exercise can be repeated for our church in 2026.

Tap and Pay. (Organisational Stability). Visitors to the church will be able to donate using this newly installed system bringing additional funding to the church.

Meanwhile our architect is about to go to tender for the repair work to be done.

One additional headache is now the need for an Asbestos Survey!

**Onwards and Upwards**

*Roger and Toby*

## Free Help to Stop Smoking

Quitting smoking is the best thing you can do for your health, money and loved ones. So, if you're thinking about giving it a go then contact Smokefree Wiltshire for free, personalised support.

You are three times more likely to quit successfully with support, and Smokefree Wiltshire's team of dedicated Health Coaches will be with you every step of the way on your smokefree journey. They offer a free 12-week programme of stop smoking support and will help you find the right stop smoking aid for you whether that is nicotine replacement therapy, stop smoking medication or a reusable and regulated vape.

It's never too late to quit and you are three times more likely to stop smoking with professional support. To find out how Smokefree Wiltshire can help you, visit <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/smokefree>

## Wildfire Information

If British Summer Time and warmer days mean you will be visiting one of Dorset and Wiltshire's local heathlands or outdoors spaces to enjoy the wildlife and wilderness, please take a picnic.

Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service (DWFRS) is encouraging residents and visitors to bring a picnic and not a barbecue when out and about. Warmer and breezy weather increases the risk of accidental or deliberate fires in our open spaces.

A wildfire can move at speeds faster than an Olympic sprinter, so we are asking everyone to follow some simple steps:

- If you are enjoying our open spaces when a fire occurs, get to a safe place and call the fire service on 999 immediately, with as much information as possible.
- Consider downloading and using What3Words to identify your exact location.
- You can also help by reporting any anti-social behaviour on our heaths and open spaces to the Police on 101.

Landowners and land managers are also advised, where possible, to be prepared for fires and ensure that fire breaks are cut and well maintained with any cut grasses and vegetation removed from the site.

For more information on heath fires and countryside safety, please visit our website [Dorset & Wiltshire Fire Service | Heath fires and countryside safety](#)



**And from Fires to Floods...**

# GET FLOOD READY

## Gizmos and guidance

Meet with specialist flood kit businesses, Environment Agency, Highways and Community Resilience officers to discuss how to help Wiltshire become more flood ready

 **Wednesday 23 July 2025**

 **4.30pm**

 **Online event**

For more information and to book a place, please scan the QR code opposite or email:

 [karen.linaker@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:karen.linaker@wiltshire.gov.uk)

**SCAN ME!**



**Wiltshire Council**

## STOP PRESS! Bishopstone in Print

From the national newspaper archives this month: a tale with a happy outcome and three less so.

**SEARCH FOR MISSING GIRL.**  
**WAITED ON A KENT PLATFORM FOR**  
**"THE TRAIN TO LONDON."**

Anxious inquiries are being made concerning a girl who left her employment at Wrotham, Kent, on September 18, and has not been traced since seen sitting on the platform at Wrotham the same day "waiting for the London train."

She is Bessie Strick, daughter of Mrs. Strick, of Manor Farm, Bishopstone, Salisbury, and her mother implored the West London magistrate on Saturday to help her in the search.

The official description of the missing girl is as follows:—

Age 15½ years; height 5ft. 6in.; stout build; eyes hazel; hair and complexion very fair; scar over right eye caused by recent cycle accident.

Last seen wearing brown coat and skirt, with round, gun-metal buttons; fawn hat; new black shoes and stockings. Carried a yellow suede bag, trench coat, and an umbrella.

In September 1920 the national press – the Daily Express and the London Daily Chronicle – both featured the story of a young girl (15 yrs) missing from her employer in Kent, much to the distress of her mother who lived at Manor Farm, Bishopstone.

**MOTHER'S GRATITUDE.**  
**LOST GIRL FOUND THROUGH THE**  
**"DAILY EXPRESS."**

Bessie Hosken Strick, the fifteen-year-old girl who vanished from her employer's house in Kent, has been found, thanks to the publicity of the "Daily Express."

Her mother, Mrs. Ena Strick, writes from Manor Farm, Bishopstone, near Salisbury, Wilts:—

"I wish to thank you for all your trouble, kindness, and assistance in tracing my daughter, Bessie Strick, who had been missing from Greenbeech, Wrotham, Kent, since September 18.

"I am pleased to be able to tell you my daughter was found on Wednesday at Pewsey, in North Wilts.

She was found through a man working on the road, who had seen the description in your paper."

Young Bessie Strick was found in Pewsey by a man "working on the road" who had seen her description in the Daily Express. There was no explanation of how she came to be there.

A reminder of the past dangers of farming comes from these rather gruesome reports. The first is from The Wilts Independent of September 1840 and the second from the Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette of June 1898.

**A SHEPHERD KILLED BY**  
**LIGHTNING**  
**IN SOUTH WILTS.**  
**SINGULAR PRESENTIMENT OF DEATH.**

A labourer named Scott was killed by lightning at Bishopstone, near Salisbury, during the terrible thunderstorm in that district on Tuesday week. He was found lying dead under a tree, to which he had no doubt gone for shelter, regardless of the risk he was running. The electric fluid had left a mark forming a ring round his neck, and his leggings were ripped open. Twelve sheep were also killed. The poor man had a presentiment that he would lose his life in this way. Some years ago while driving some sheep four of them were killed, and he had been heard to say he would himself some day be killed by lightning.

**A respectable farmer, named Good, at Bishopstone, near Salisbury, met with a deplorable accident a few days since, whilst superintending a thrashing-machine at work on his farm. Some of the machinery caught an outer garment, and dragged him over the wheels, by which his back was broken, and he sustained other severe injuries. The unfortunate man lingered several days after the accident, before death terminated his sufferings.—*Wilts Independent.***

The third is from the Salisbury Times of August 1901 – any comment on the poor young man's name would be beneath the editorial standards of this magazine!

## Summer Rambling with Jazzie

What wonderful weather, Jazzie has decided as she lies in the shade of the willow! Meanwhile, I am mowing and planting out seedlings. She has not been keen on walking, unless late in the afternoon, and perhaps ending in the pub!



We have had good growing weather, and all our beans, mange touts, courgettes and toms are beaming and we hope for good results. Apples and plums are promised in abundance, and we have thinned the apple bunches down to two each, in the hopes of larger fruit. The hedgehogs are in evidence, but we do not see much of them, just the results of their nightly visits, but their feed is always eaten!

Jackdaws are regular visitors to the garden this year, perhaps because we throw out bread crusts for them. Our robin is also present whenever we plant or weed. He too enjoys the crusts after breakfast. Despite putting out niger seeds, all the goldfinch seem to have departed. I wonder where they have gone? There are also fewer dunnocks than last year. Have the red kites frightened them away perhaps?



Our roses are beginning to bloom now, and the hollyhocks are also starting. Happily the rains have filled the water butts so we have plenty for the veggies. We have just planted about 8 dahlias after nurturing them from our own very old corms. Our orange bush and the bougainvillea are thriving and growing well. They came from the stand outside LIDL earlier this year, at about £6 each and have doubled in size, with tiny oranges growing too! Doesn't the garden give you so much fun, and even joy!

Otherwise, we have started to strip down an old armchair, possibly over two hundred years old. Many repairs to the frame are to be completed, including rebuilding a leg and reinforcing all the joints. The original stuffing, of horsehair and straw, has all been disposed of quickly, before anyone/thing can escape into the house! During the operation, I have been rewarded by £6.40 in loose change, found in the sides of the chair, probably lost by my old man!



We look forward to more hot weather with some rain for the lawns and veggies and the fruit. We can then go walkies with more comfort than now, and perhaps think about a late summer hol in France again. We are also looking forward to a day at the Chalke History Fest and hope for good weather, good food and excellent talks once again.

Best wishes and keep rambling, like us, until we meet again in the next edition!

*James Thompson (19.06.25).*

## Charity News and Events

**St Thomas's Church Salisbury**  
*St John Singers*  
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**50th Anniversary Summer Concert**  
*Celebration*

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This is the day - Stephen Abbott  
'Birthday' Madrigals - John Rutter  
**'Coronation' Mass - W A Mozart**

Chloe Riordan - Soprano  
Cassandra Dalby - Mezzo Soprano  
Morley Beswick - Tenor  
Robert Blakey - Bass

Orchestra led by Daphne Moody  
Andrew Post - Organ/Piano  
Stephen Abbott - Conductor

**Saturday 5 July 2025 at 7.30pm**  
Tickets to include glass of wine, £15 from Kit & Caboodle,  
62 High Street, Salisbury, from choir members and on the door

### **A Night on the Silk Road**

An illustrated talk by Sophie Ibbotson  
Bowerchalke Village Hall  
Friday August 8th, Doors open 7pm  
Entrance £5 and donations to Gulrukhsor  
charity



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Contact: Janet Roe: 01725 519242 [jhroe99@gmail.com](mailto:jhroe99@gmail.com)

**Dates for 2025**

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 May 14<sup>th</sup> June 11<sup>th</sup> July 9<sup>th</sup> August 13<sup>th</sup>  
 Sept 10<sup>th</sup> Oct 8<sup>th</sup> Nov 12<sup>th</sup> Dec 10<sup>th</sup>

## Police Bulletin

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



In recent years, my office has worked hard to improve transparency and engagement between the police and the public and I've always been an advocate for better informed communities.

That's why I want to highlight some key tools available on both the OPCC and Wiltshire Police websites, starting with the 'Your Area' section of the Wiltshire Police homepage.

This platform allows you to input your postcode and acts as a window into your neighbourhood's policing activity by showing up to date local crime stats, so you can see what's happening in your community—from burglary to antisocial behaviour—and how trends are changing.

We know that a visible police presence matters to communities, and my office has recently invested in two new mobile police stations to make policing services more accessible, even in the most rural of areas.

You will soon be able to find upcoming dates and locations of these mobile police stations, as well as a list of police station opening times and your Neighbourhood Policing Team officers.

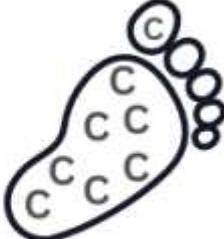
Another useful digital tool is the Street Safe page. This is a service that allows you to report safety concerns in public places anonymously, including issues like poorly lit streets, abandoned buildings, or vandalism, as well as instances where you feel unsafe due to someone following or verbally abusing you.

On the OPCC website you can find my latest Police and Crime Plan which was developed after an in-depth public consultation period with the public, local stakeholders, and policing professionals with both local, regional and national input. It outlines the main priorities for the force up until 2029, which is also helpful to keep up to date with areas of focus.

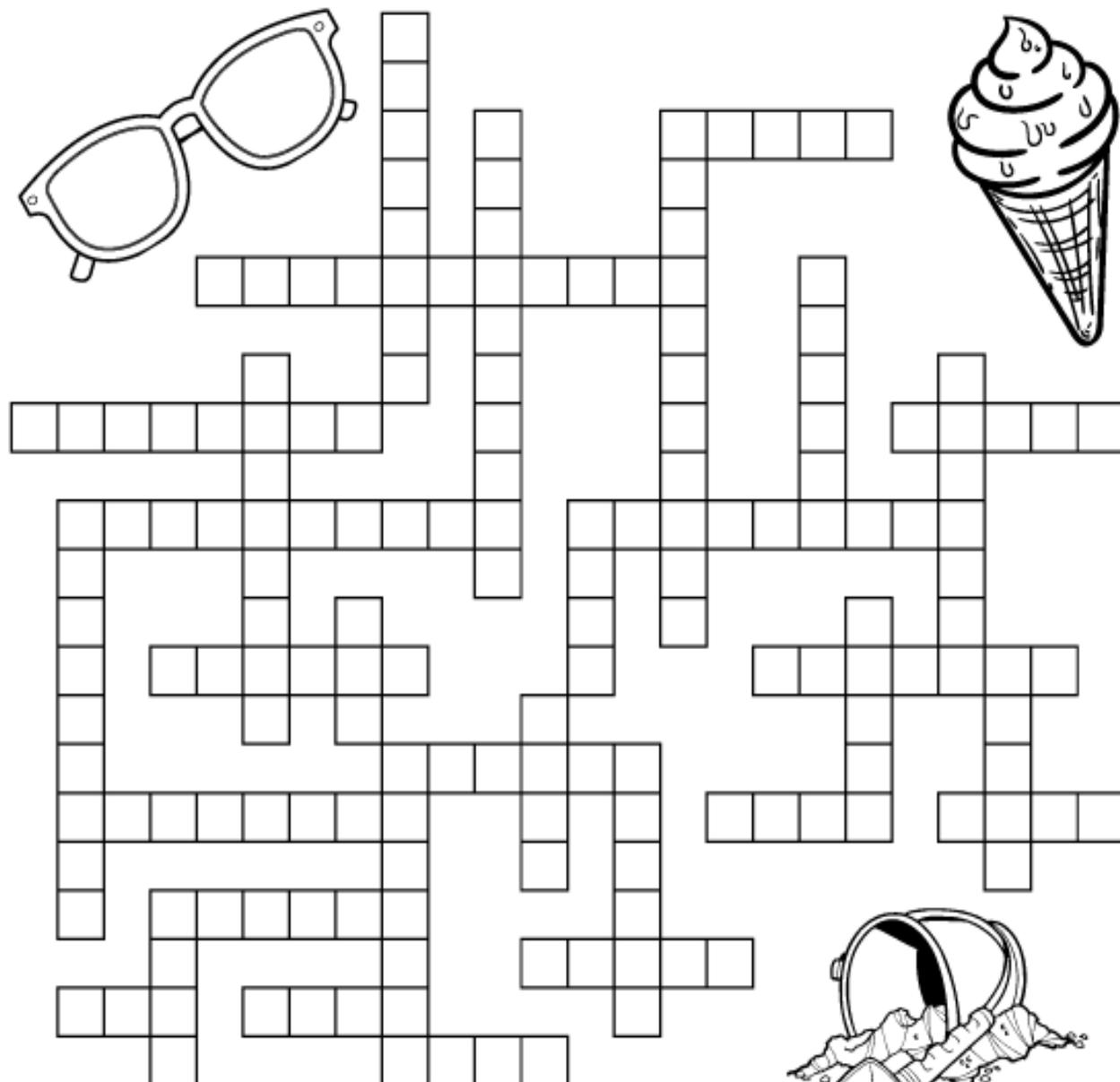
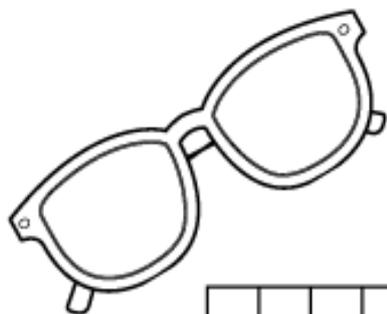
Delivery against the Police and Crime Plan is recorded quarterly in Highlight and Performance reports which are also published on the OPCC website as well as presented to the Police and Crime Panel.

I encourage all residents to explore these various tools and webpages, bookmark them, and use them to stay informed and engaged with policing in your communities.

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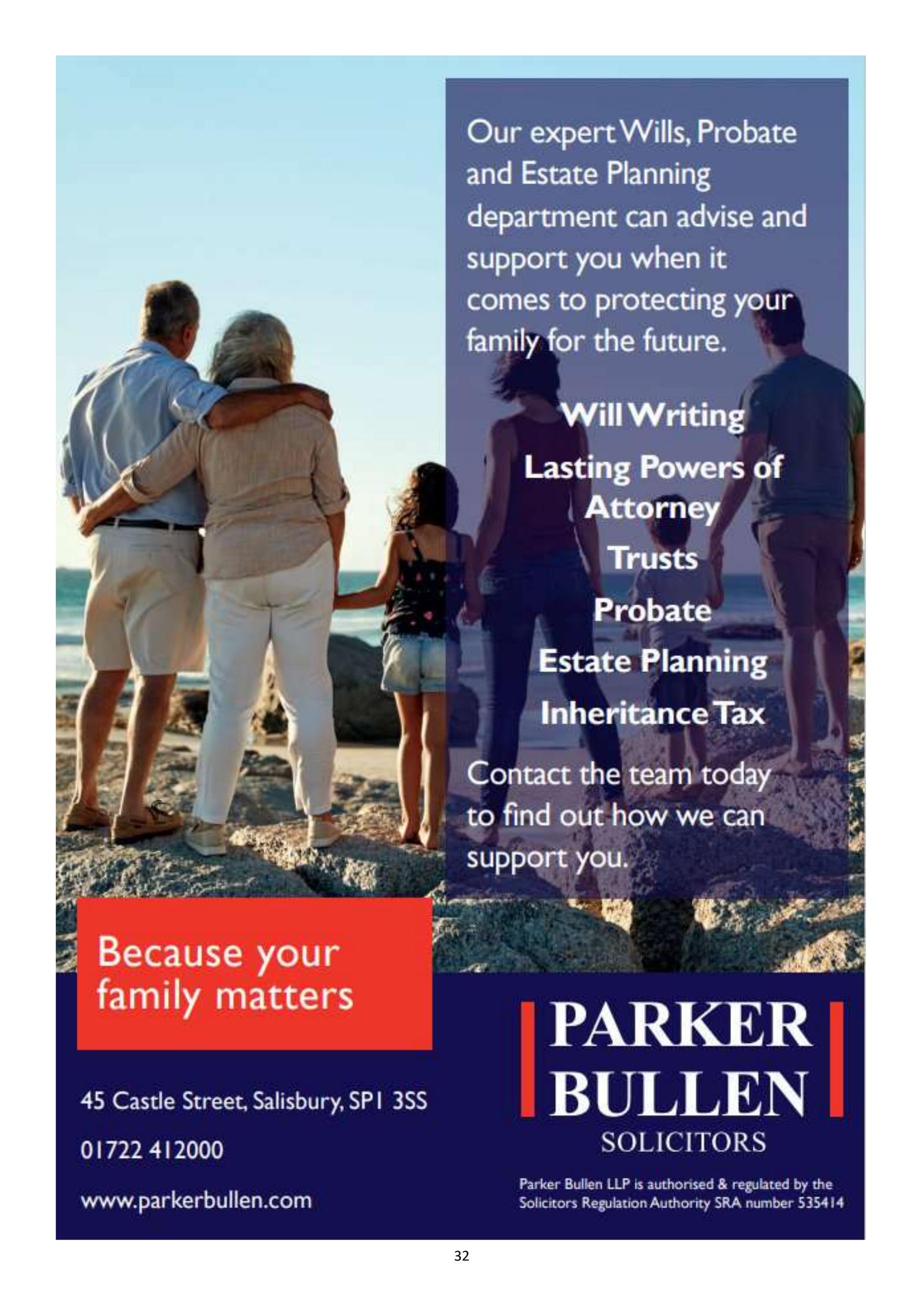


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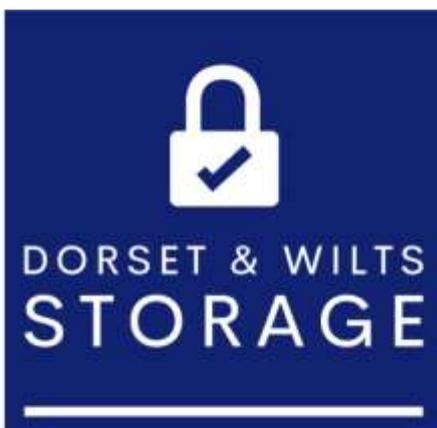
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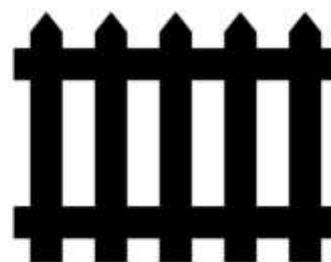
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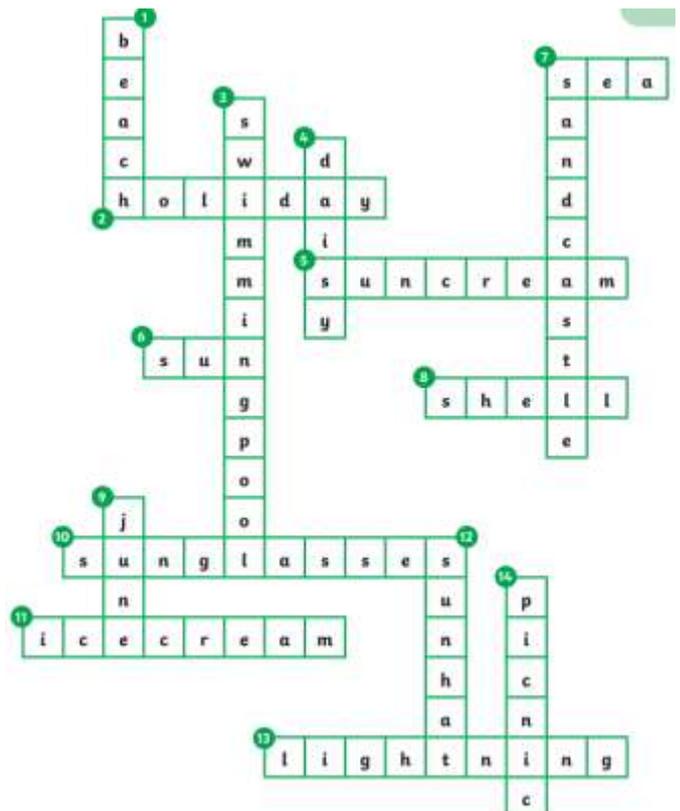
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- 9 - High Five
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- 15 - Growing Old
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- 19 - Elongate
- 20 - Footsies

We rarely get letters to the magazine, so from next month there will not be a monthly 'Letters to the Editor' page, we'll just reinstate it if a letter should arrive in the editor's inbox!

Instead, I think we may move the list of teenagers available for employment to the end of the magazine for easy reference.

Watch this space...

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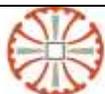
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If you want to have any information included on the website please contact either

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



<b>6 July 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b>	9.30am Family Communion (CW) 9.30am Parish Communion (CW) 9.30am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.00am Morning Prayer (BCP) 11.00am Parish Communion (CW) 11.00am Riverside Service 6.00pm Songs and Sausages	Broad Chalke Britford Berwick St John Ebbesbourne Wake Coombe Bissett Odstock Britford	Kate Woolven Maggie Metcalfe Alison Waterhouse Biddy Trahair Ruth H-S Maggie Metcalfe Ruth H-S
<b>13 July 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b>	9.30am Parish Communion (CW) 9.30am Family Communion (CW) 10.30am Worship Together 11.00am Parish Communion (CW) 11.00am All Age Service 11.00am Morning Prayer (BCP) 3.00pm Evening Prayer	Bowerchalke Nunton Broad Chalke Hub Homington Alvediston Charlton All Saints Fifield Bavant	Alison Waterhouse Maggie Metcalfe Lay Led Maggie Metcalfe Biddy Trahair Rhoddy Voremberg Biddy Trahair
<b>20 July 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b>	9.30am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am Parish Communion (CW) 9.30am Parish Communion (CW) 11.00am Family Communion (CW) 11.00am Parish Communion (CW) 11.00am Animal Service 4.00pm Compline	Bowerchalke Bishopstone Odstock Ebbesbourne Wake Coombe Bissett Berwick St John Fifield Bavant	Kate Woolven Alison Waterhouse Ruth H-S Kate Woolven Ruth H-S Alison Waterhouse Ruth H-S
<b>27 July 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b>	9.30am Parish Communion (CW) 9.30am Parish Communion (CW) 11.00am Family Service 11.00am Parish Communion (CW) 11.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.00am Morning Prayer 6.00pm Evening Prayer (BCP)	Charlton All Saints Broad Chalke Nunton Bishopstone Alvediston Berwick St John Homington	Ruth H-S Alison Waterhouse Adrian Taylor Vernon White Alison Waterhouse Lay Led Rhoddy Voremberg
<b>3 August 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b>	9.30am Family Communion (CW) 9.30am Parish Communion (CW) 9.30am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.00am Morning Prayer (BCP) 11.00am Morning Service 11.00am Parish Communion (CW) 11.00am Family Service	Broad Chalke Britford Berwick St John Ebbesbourne Wake Bishopstone Coombe Bissett Odstock	Alison Waterhouse Maggie Metcalfe Tony Monds Biddy Trahair Sally Leaver Maggie Metcalfe Adrian Taylor

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