



# Parish Magazine

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Bishopstone Poppies  
Photo by Rob Pendleton

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### **Bishopstone Village Website**

[www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk](http://www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk)

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

If you want to have any information included on the website please contact either  
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Or Roger Stockton ([rogerstockton@icloud.com](mailto:rogerstockton@icloud.com))

### **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.*



## A Letter from the Dean



800 years ago, on 14 June 1226, an extraordinary event took place at the heart of the post-Conquest still-new Diocese of Salisbury. The bodies of three of its early bishops (Osmund, Roger, and Jocelin) were removed from their tombs in the cathedral of Old Sarum. They were brought down the hill, and reinterred in the cathedral of New Sarum, then in its seventh year of construction.

It was a sign that the cathedral community's centre of gravity had shifted decisively. Its principal place of worship and prayer was no longer the windswept hilltop, under the watchful eye of the royal garrison. The community had moved, and it was important that the remains of its former leaders should move too. In life and in death, God's people belonged together.

It was not a custom peculiar to mediaeval England. Scripture records moments when the bones of the elders are moved as the community moves. On his deathbed, the patriarch Joseph prophesies that God will deliver his people from Egypt. He asks that when that day comes his bones should be reburied in the Promised Land.

We could debate the theology of such removals at length. Presumably the unity in Christ of the living and the dead is not contingent on the place where the remains of the dead are located (or, indeed, on the place where the living are resident!) But the care with which such remains were treated, and the importance attached to their being close at hand tells us something. It suggests that our forebears were prepared to view those who had led them with respect and generosity. Roger, Jocelin, and Osmund were all Norman aristocrats heavily embroiled in the politics of the new regime. Despite Osmund's later canonization all must have made enemies (indeed, Jocelin was twice excommunicated by Archbishop Thomas Becket, martyred in 1170, while Roger's predilection for castle-building earned him the perpetual enmity of King Stephen). Yet the community honoured them; honoured the office they had held as Bishops of the Church; honoured (perhaps) whatever good they had seen in them as they exercised that office; and continued to pray for them as brothers in the Lord's family as they were laid to rest in the new cathedral.

Many commentators have observed that these are difficult times for leaders: I write this wondering who will be our Prime Minister by the time you read it. The scrutiny leaders are under is intense and the expectations of them are high - understandably, and necessarily so. Perhaps the strange rite of 800 years ago - that solemn procession from Old Sarum to New - has something to teach us. Something about our common origin in God's loving purposes, which puts our differences into perspective; something about the roles leaders hold which transcends the qualities or defects that they bring to them; and something about our vocation to pray constantly - and to learn to pray for those we find hard to love.

Nicholas Papadopoulos, Dean of Salisbury

*Revd Ruth is away*

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



As you may have seen, all the scaffolding around the church has now been removed. The work to refurbish the roof of the North Transept is complete. We now have a new roof and the internal beams to that roof have now been strengthened and supported. This means that the church has a watertight roof that is structurally sound. A key part of the NLHF refurbishment project is now complete.

Ellis and Co, the builders, have carried work to the highest standard. The final building work they are doing now is to re-point parts of the stonework mortar of the North Transept and it is ongoing as I write these notes.

The redecoration work to the internal ceiling of the transept is being completed now.

## **NLHF Visit**

In the middle of the month, we had a visit by The National Lottery Heritage Fund Team. Their purpose whilst to see the progress of the work and to be informed about our additional intentions.



*Visit by NLHF Team L to R: Emma Davies (NLHF Advisor South), Frances Daniels (NLHF Projects London & South), Roger, Sarah and Toby (and Mike who took the photo).*

They were able to see the new planters around the church, which were in full bloom and the Bug Church also received praise.

We were also able to show them an example of the proposed QR codes. Both NLHF ladies recognised the sense in having such a simple means of passing on background information about the church. Such methodology is obviously second nature to young people and they were delighted to see such a way of passing on detail of both architectural features and the history of the church. Toby and Mike's hard work developing this process has paid off!

### **School Children Involvement**

We are especially pleased to announce that Coombe Bissett Primary School have agreed to allow Ash Class, Years 5 and 6, to produce a Young People's Guide to the Church on our behalf. This will form part of their religious studies curriculum in the autumn term and we thank Kate Pendleton for overseeing this school project. This will add to the group of guide pamphlets about the church that we are now assembling.

### **Completion and Future Enhancements**

Finally, it is hoped that next month we will be able to announce the completion of the complete Roof Repair Project with the removal of internal scaffolding and then the church will be back to normal.

There are however other projects in process to enhance elements of the church. They can be summarised as toilet refurbishment, installation of QR codes as guides to features in the church, a composter, an AV system and a refurbishment to the path from the Lychgate to the South Porch and past the Almonry to the Priests Door in order to improve accessibility.

*Toby, Roger and Mike*



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](http://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.

## Parish Council

The next Parish Council Meeting is on the 20 July 2026 and all are welcome.

I thought in this update I would like to let all residents know about the PSTN landline switch off. Although this won't affect the majority of parishioners, there will be a few, particularly elderly residents who may be affected.

In essence, by January 2027, the UK's old copper phone network will be switched off, area by area. For older or vulnerable residents, particularly those with telecare alarms or no mobile phone, it can be confusing and potentially risky if they're not prepared in time.

For many of us with fibre broadband, this will not be an issue but if you have a landline and are not on broadband you need to check to see how and if you will be affected. If you have an existing copper fed landline, you will need to switch to a digital provider. This may be as simple as plugging in an adapter to their router or use a digital or wifi handset. It is important to start considering this as there are no options and you will have to change.

Phonely, a company who did a lot of work during COVID have produced some guidance on what you need to do. This can be found at <https://www.phonely.co.uk/uk-digital-landline-switchover>. It has a list of useful questions that you can work through to get more information. It also provides you with different land line providers and their packages if you wish to switch to their services.

Many people now have switched to a mobile phone and don't use a landline, and if you are not used to a mobile and think this would be an option, now would be a good time to switch before you lose your landline. O2 and Tesco's both provide good coverage in the area as I'm sure others do so ask around what people use. EE coverage is poor in the Chalke Valley

More information will be on the Parish Council Website at [www.bishopstone-pc.gov.uk](http://www.bishopstone-pc.gov.uk) but if you have any concerns, please call me (07745 932706) or email me at [clerk@bishopstone-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@bishopstone-pc.gov.uk) and I will help you as much as I am able.

# Your landline is switching off.



Plain-English checklist. Don't wait to be contacted.

**01** Don't wait for a letter

**02** Find out your switch-off date

**03** Test your old corded phone

**04** Check medical & fall alarms

**05** Check your burglar alarm

**06** Plan for power & internet outages

**07** Ask for emergency call backup

**08** Write down key phone numbers

**09** Ask for help, sooner not later

## The 10-Minute Rule for Phone & Message Scams

Scammers often create a sense of urgency to pressure people into making quick decisions. The 10-Minute Rule is a simple but effective way to protect yourself. How it works:

- ◆ Pause and don't act immediately

Scammers may claim your bank account has been compromised, you owe money, or immediate action is required. Their goal is to make you panic and respond without thinking.

- ◆ Wait at least 10 minutes

After ending the call, give yourself time before taking any action. This helps you think clearly and can also prevent certain scam tactics where fraudsters attempt to keep the phone line open after you hang up.

- ◆ Verify independently

If you're concerned, contact the organisation directly using a trusted phone number from their official website, bank card, or correspondence. Never use contact details provided by the caller or in a suspicious message.

- ◆ Report suspicious activity

If you receive a suspicious text, report it to your mobile network provider (in the UK, you can forward scam texts to 7726). If you believe you've been targeted by a scam, report it to Action Fraud.

Remember: Genuine organisations will understand if you take time to verify a request. When in doubt, stop, wait, and check.

*Posted by Able Community Care, a nationwide care provider of live-in care support since 1980. For an information pack please call 01603 764567*

# Bishopstone Village Hall



## July 2026

### **BISHOPSTONE COMMUNITY CAFÉ**

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

Upcoming dates are the **2<sup>nd</sup>**, **16<sup>th</sup>** and **30<sup>th</sup>** of **July** and the **13<sup>th</sup>** and **27<sup>th</sup>** of **August**. Opening hours are from **10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon**.

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

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

### **MOVIOLA at Bishopstone**

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July.**

The last film of the season on **Friday July 24<sup>th</sup>**, will be **'Hamnet'**.

*"William Shakespeare and his wife, Agnes, celebrate the birth of their son, Hamnet. However, when tragedy strikes and Hamnet dies at a young age, Shakespeare is inspired to write his timeless masterpiece, Hamlet.*

*This highly acclaimed film stars Jessie Buckley, Paul Mescal, Jacobi Jupe, and Emily Watson, and will provide a spectacular finale to the Bishopstone Moviola season."*

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 **£7.00**.

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 24<sup>th</sup> October.** Quiz evening.

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November.** 'The Sunset Café Stompers'.

Further details of both events will be in the October edition of Village Hall News.

## **BISHOPSTONE COMMUNITY LUNCHESES**

A home-cooked lunch is served monthly from October until April. Lunches will resume in the autumn.

## **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).

## **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.com](mailto:russellbignold@btinternet.com). 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>£17 per hour</b>	<b>£22 per hour</b>
Hire of both rooms (With tea making facilities but no other electrical kitchen equipment)	<b>£12 per hour</b>	<b>£17 per hour</b>
Full use of the kitchen <u>only</u>	<b>£12 per hour</b>	<b>£17 per hour</b>
Weddings – per event/day	<b>£200</b>	<b>£300</b>
Parties – per event/day	<b>£125</b>	<b>£175</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**

# 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:

2 July, 30 July, 27 Aug, 24 Sept, 22 Oct, 19 Nov



**Coombe  
Bissett  
Stores**

[www.coombebissettstores.co.uk](http://www.coombebissettstores.co.uk)

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

**OPENING HOURS, SHOP AND POST OFFICE**

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

**Chalke  
Valley  
Stores**

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

[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

## Chalke Valley Link Scheme

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Registered as a Charity no. 1076335*



## Staying in Touch

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

The village website – [www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk](http://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](http://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](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

For this last month there were cash donations of £30 plus food totalling 8.1.kgs.

At Salisbury Foodbank they fund a Citizen's Advice Advisor to be at 3 of their food bank centres, offering face to face financial guidance to people who use the food bank. This vital service offers debt management advice, access to benefits and/or utility reduction.

For every £1 they spend on this, it brings an average return of £9 to the person in need of support. This project equips people with the knowledge and support needed to move forward and improve their circumstances.

To make a donation to help them continue this essential service donate to:-

<https://donate.justgiving.com/charity/salisbury-foodbank/donation-amount>

Items particularly needed at the moment are:-

Tinned Meat/Meals

Coffee

Biscuits

Jam

Tinned Potatoes

Tinned Fruit

Deodorant

Shower Gel

Chocolate

Thank you for 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.

With thanks,

Judy Barrett



# RIDE+STRIDES for Churches

12<sup>th</sup> SEPT  
2026

WILTSHIRE CHURCHES'  
OPEN DAY

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



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

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

Join Us

## Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust

Your Local Organiser:

Sarah Seal  
01722 780305  
[theseal1@outlook.com](mailto:theseal1@outlook.com)

Contact:

[whct.rs@btinternet.com](mailto:whct.rs@btinternet.com)

01380 831199



Find out more at:  
[www.wiltshirehistoricchurchestrust.org.uk](http://www.wiltshirehistoricchurchestrust.org.uk)  
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Half the money raised goes to the  
Bishopstone Church Development Appeal!



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ST MARY & ST LAWRENCE  
STRATFORD TONY

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with THE REV'D MAGGIE METCALF

REFRESHMENTS AFTERWARDS

AT MANOR HOUSE

COLLECTION IN AID OF THE CHURCHES CONSERVATION TRUST & BISHOPSTONE CHURCH

## Planters in the Churchyard

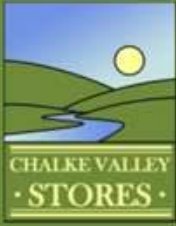
Our recent grant from NLHF to restore the north transept roof of Bishopstone Church comes with important commitments: one of the core principles is 'Protecting the Environment'. The FoBC recognise that our churchyard is a precious sanctuary for local flora and wildlife. Consequently, we are introducing new ways to care for and enhance this ecosystem, ensuring it thrives as a vibrant haven for nature.



Visitors to the churchyard will have recently noticed four beautiful new wooden planters filled with pollinator-friendly plants. We are extremely grateful to Jilly Ford's family who generously gave money donated at Jilly's funeral to be used for these wonderful flowers. Jilly was passionate about biodiversity and believed deeply in encouraging wildlife into our churchyard; these planters stand as a lovely tribute to her memory.

The FoBC would also like to extend a huge thank you to Tony Clarke for making the planters, and to Sally Leaver for her invaluable horticultural advice in choosing the perfect plants. Looking ahead, our future eco-friendly projects include putting in compost bins and installing new bat and bird boxes.





# CHALKE VALLEY STORES

Shop ♦ Post Office ♦ Coffee Shop

Coffee shop treats — drop by  
for a slice or have a cake  
made for your party



**WE'VE LAUNCHED  
OUR LOTTERY**



New Community Lottery! Read  
more on our website

We've been awarded 5\* food  
hygiene by Wiltshire Council!



New in stock — our own  
range of branded goods;  
sweets, treats, teas and many  
more...Ideal gifts



Come on down and see what else we have new



Volunteers always welcome

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

01722 780 998

info@chalkevalleystores.co.uk



**CHALKE VALLEY**  
**SPORTS CENTRE**  
*sport for all*

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

**Sports Centre AGM.** Michaela Johns, Tim Moss and Chris Rothwell agreed to stand again for a further term of office. The Chairman's report and the Centre's accounts have been published on the Centre's website.

**Renewables Energy Project.** In partnership with the Parish Council, funding for the installation of solar panels and battery storage is being investigated. The project will help reduce running costs and enable electricity export to generate funds. Many thanks to the Parish Council Team for putting the project and funding bids together. The project is only affordable with grant support.

**Little Badgers Cricket.** Tuesday evenings 5.15pm-6.30pm- boys and girls cricket coaching at the sports centre. Ages 4-8 and 8-13. Just £5 per session. Contact Tom on email: [admin@districtsportsouth.com](mailto:admin@districtsportsouth.com)

**Water Services Project.** We are hoping to hear the outcome of two grant applications in early July for funding towards refurbishment of showers and replacement of water services which are at the end of their economic life. The project will cost in excess of £20,000.

**Replacement chairs.** These are being replaced at a cost of around £600 and funding is being sought. Donations gratefully accepted to the Sports Centre's bank account. Lloyds Bank. Sort Code 30-97-42. Account 01351926

**Pétanque.** The popular Friday evening social Pétanque is running throughout the summer and is open to everyone on a pay and play basis, just £2. Bar open.

**Tennis Coaching.** A varied midweek programme for both junior and adult players. See the Sports Centre website for more information or email [info@farsports.co.uk](mailto:info@farsports.co.uk)

**Summer Holiday Children's Sports Sessions.** We are organising a couple of 'Sports Schools' with District Sports and FAR Sports in July and August. Poster and Facebook information will be published once final details have been sorted.

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

General e.mail: [info@chalkevalleysportscentre.co.uk](mailto:info@chalkevalleysportscentre.co.uk)

More details can be found on our website: [www.chalkevalleysportscentre.co.uk](http://www.chalkevalleysportscentre.co.uk)

# Chalke Valley Fete and Produce Show

**15th August 2026**

We kick off at 1pm, ready for you to have some lunch with options including the wonderful Knowle Farm burgers, Heck sausages in a roll or a vegetarian option. You can have a beer from the bar to wash that down.

The afternoon is full of activities, many at just 50p. This year we have hobby-horse show jumping as a new attraction, as well as our usual welly wanging, golf putting and fun games for our younger visitors.

Take some time to listen to our live singer, wander around the classic cars or local craft trade stands.

In the main arena there is fun dog show jumping, followed by a gun dog display. There is also a scurry competition for the more competitive dogs and their owners.

As the afternoon draws on why not head into the hall for a cup of tea and some gorgeous homemade cake?

Don't forget, entries for the flower and produce show need to be taken to the marquee before 10am on fete day.

You should have received a booklet with all the classes through your letter box. Please do enter - it's just for fun, with loads of children's classes to keep them busy in the school holidays. You can enter online through our website <https://chalkevalleyfete.co.uk> from July 1st.

**FREE ADMISSION!** See you there.

## Sarah's Summer Garden Party



A picture speaks a thousand words. The delights of Sarah Blank's magnificent Garden Party were captured on camera by Roger Stockton. As you can see, it was a truly magical evening in a wonderful setting and we are enormously grateful to Sarah for organizing such a marvellous and original event. Her garden was a joy to explore and many took the opportunity to join the foraging demonstrations, led by Harry Williams, which were on offer throughout the evening.



The Navy Larks and The Catch of the Day entertained everyone with their rousing singing and this was followed by a lively and imaginative performance of Romeo & Juliet given by the theatre company, 440. The dovecote really came into its own for the balcony scene!



Sarah's garden was the perfect place to sit back, share a picnic, raise a glass in the glorious sunshine and just enjoy the evening's entertainments.



Many of you already know that the amount Sarah raised from her Garden Party, in support of the Church Development Programme, was an astonishing £2291.66. The Friends of Bishopstone Church would like to say a huge and heartfelt thank you to Sarah both for the enormous amount of hard work she put in to organizing this event and for her generosity in hosting the party in her own lovely garden ..... and can we do the same again next year please?

## Rambling in Summer with Jazzie

Well, it has come again as I write and we are to enjoy another week of intense heat. It could be hard for those at the History Festival!



Anyway, Jazzie is very happy and just keeps in the shade until she is too cool, and then takes a bit of sun. She seems to be enjoying her shorter coat, and still eats her food when she feels like it! She's been short of walks recently, but doesn't seem to mind in this heat!

Jazzie had her summer cut at the start of June and a visit to the vet, for annual MOT and vaccines. She behaved well this time and did not need the muzzle. She spends much of the day at the window in the study or the dressing room, to watch over The Croft and especially the green, to catch any walkers, dogs or children who merit a good barking!

The garden is thriving and the roses are to dream of this year. The heat and the rain is doing its stuff well. We have a lovely bougainvillea in a pot, which we bought last year, at 6 inches tall with only a few purple flowers. It is now about 3 feet tall, and covered in blooms, as it enjoys the sun and rain. Quite an addition to the garden, and a huge splash of colour. It reminds us of our garden in Gib in 1968, which was totally covered with a bougainvillea trellis. They grew like weeds in Uganda and were common in Kurdistan.



The Faulston House Garden Party seems to have been a great success. The Salisbury Military History Society hosted a fascinating evening when the battle of Stalingrad was explained in detail, concentrating on the one house key to the Soviet defence of the city.



Our hedgehogs seem to thrive, as they gather after dark for food in one, or two or three. Jazzie just looks at them now and still shares their food (chicken flavoured cat kibble), and chases them when they begin to move. All seems to be good fun!



Well back to some weeding in the garden now, to ensure good crops from the veggie patch. Hope you got this far and enjoyed more from Jazzie!

See you soon out for a walk in the cool of the evening!

JHST 21.06.26

## Memories of a Bishopstone Childhood

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

On the other side of our house there was a large field belonging to Netton Farm. My sister Marjorie was friendly with the two little girls who lived there – Marcia and Kitty Wheeler. In the field there was a large herd of cows – Dairy Shorthorns which unlike other breeds came in a variety of colours, brown, black, white, grey or piebald. Instead of a numbered ear tag they all had names – Dolly, Daisy, Snowball etc. Sometimes we used to go and watch them being milked – the men sat on little 3 – legged stools with their foreheads pressed against the cows' flanks. Often at night you could hear the mournful mooing of a cow whose calf had been taken from them.

There was one terrible year when Bishopstone was struck by foot and mouth disease and all the herds on all the farms had to be slaughtered. The black smoke from the fires on Faulston Down was like a black pall over the village. For a long time the fields were empty and the little girls at the farm were heart-broken.

Sometimes at harvest time we were allowed to ride out to the fields on the empty waggons which were pulled by great cart-horses. Loaded with sheaves they returned to the farm to a place called the rick-yard where two experts built them into high ricks.

Once the ricks were finished they had to be thatched as soon as possible. In an emergency a heavy canvas rick cloth was used – this was a very difficult job. A sudden thunderstorm could be very harmful as described in Thomas Hardy's "Far from the Madding Crowd".

I remember my father looking out of an upstairs window one evening just after harvesting was finished and calling out "Date's ricks are on fire!". There was a great blaze in the fields near the Church – all the ricks of wheat, oats and barley – the product of so much hard labour were destroyed by some accident – a terrible loss to the farmer.

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Includes sung worship, a Christian speaker, and a half hour coffee and cake break with a lot of chatting!.

If you'd like to try us out, just turn up on any of the following dates this term:

**June 30th, July 7th.....we'd love to meet you.**

***Wellspring has the blessing of The Chalke Valley Clergy Team***

## **Local Vocals in the Valley**

Do you like singing? Would you like to sing with others? If so, please do join us for a fun evening of singing at Bowerchalke Village Hall.

A voluntary donation of £10 per person will cover the cost of hiring the hall and of music for the term. It would be very helpful if donations could be made on the first session.

We shall be continuing in the Autumn term from September and look forward to welcoming anyone who is interested.

Please contact Sharon Ibbotson 01722 780708/ 07743134385 for further details.

## Police Bulletin

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



In June we marked Volunteers Week, and it was an important opportunity to recognise the contribution made by those who give their time to support policing and community safety across Wiltshire and Swindon.

Volunteers play a practical and valuable role within both Wiltshire Police and my office. From Special Constables, Police Support Volunteers to Independent Custody Visitors, Animal Welfare Scheme volunteers and community-based roles, they provide additional capacity and insight that strengthens the service we deliver.

Some support operational policing, others bring professional expertise or assist with engagement and scrutiny. Independent volunteers help ensure transparency and accountability, while others work more directly with communities, helping us stay connected to local priorities and concerns.

Within the OPCC, volunteers are also an important part of how we engage with the public and maintain independent oversight. Their involvement helps ensure that different perspectives are heard and that our work reflects the needs of the communities we serve.

Volunteering is a significant commitment, often alongside work, study or family responsibilities. It is not something people have to do—it is something they choose to do. That choice, and the time given as a result, makes a clear difference.

Volunteers' Week is a chance to acknowledge that contribution. The support volunteers provide is valued, and it is an important part of the wider policing picture in Wiltshire.

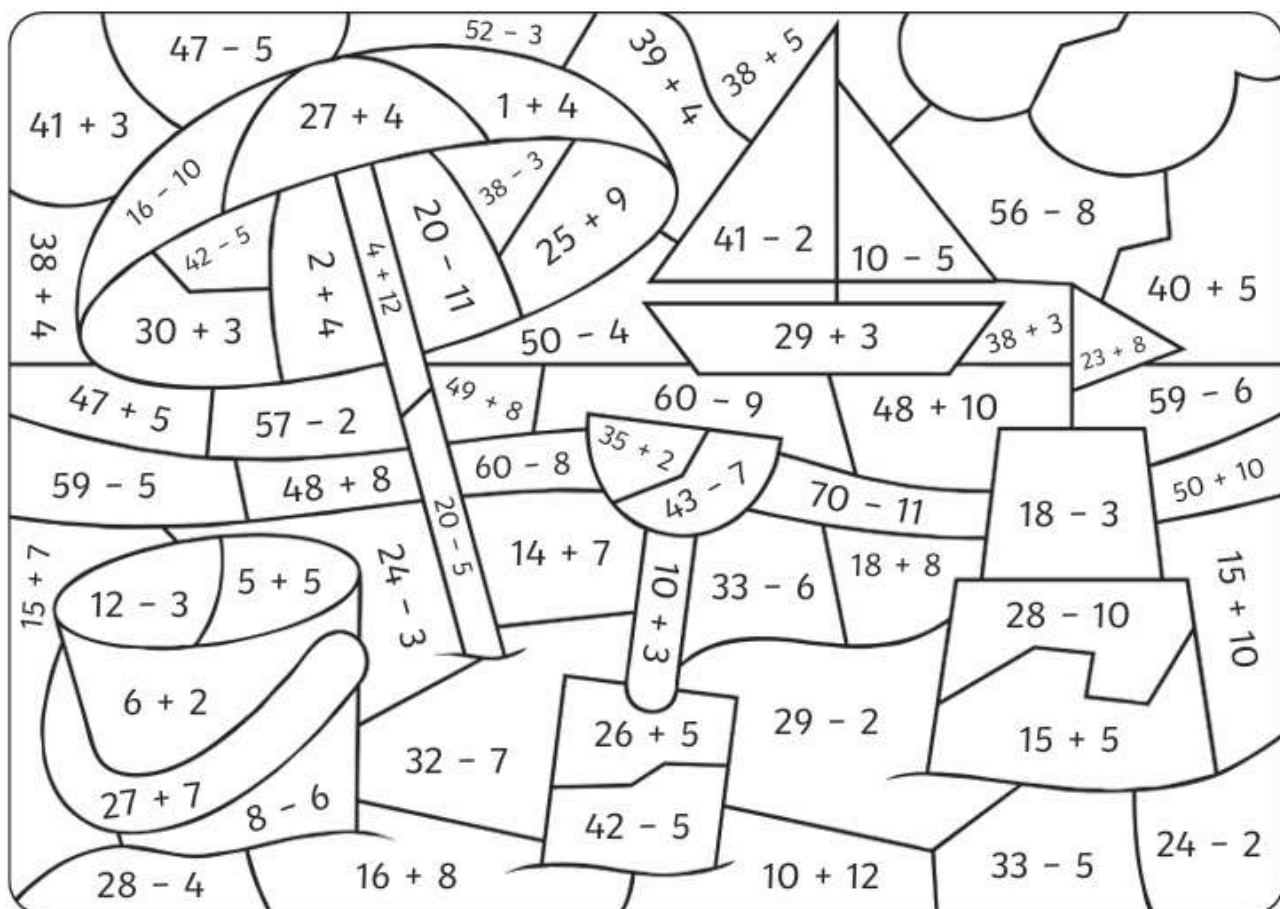
We will continue to ensure that volunteering opportunities are accessible, well supported, and aligned with the needs of our communities.

To everyone currently volunteering across Wiltshire Police and the OPCC—thank you for your continued contribution.

You can watch videos on each volunteering role and find out more on my website.

# Summertime Colour by Calculations

Use the key to colour the summer-themed picture.



<b>Colour:</b>	red	orange	yellow	green	light blue	dark blue
<b>Answer:</b>	<b>1-10</b>	<b>11-20</b>	<b>21-30</b>	<b>31-40</b>	<b>41-50</b>	<b>51-60</b>

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## Charity News and Events

*Many in the parish will know Kip, grandson of Liz Coward, who featured in STaB earlier this year because he helped to create the Easter Garden in church.*

### **Three-year-old's fundraising challenge for the Stars Appeal after dad diagnosed with cancer.**

A three-year-old boy, whose dad is being treated for cancer, has set himself a challenge to walk 3km to support Salisbury District Hospital's Stars Appeal.

Kip Martin, his parents Simon and Rosie, and his 16-month-old sister Pandora (Panda), will join over 1,800 walkers already registered to take part in Walk for Wards on Sunday, July 5 at Wilton House. The sponsored walk is the Stars Appeal's flagship fundraising event.

This will be the first time the family, who live in Baughurst, Hampshire, have taken part in Walk for Wards. Simon, 40, said: "Kip's been absolutely amazing while I've been undergoing my treatment. He is really excited about doing Walk for Wards and wants to help people in hospital."

Kip adds: "I wanted to run a marathon to raise some money for the hospital but it's too long for my little legs. So I am walking 3km."

Simon was diagnosed with bowel cancer in March and has been undergoing treatment at Salisbury Hospital. During his treatment, Simon has been helped by projects funded by donations to the Stars Appeal, Salisbury Hospital's Charity, including the hospital's chaplains and Stars Appeal Wi-Fi.

He said: "I'm just in awe of Salisbury Hospital and the Stars Appeal. What makes the hospital so special is all the extras that the Stars Appeal offers, which make a massive difference to people like me.

Thank you to everyone who supports the Stars Appeal."

To support Kip's fundraising search 'Stars Appeal Kip Martin' to find the Salisbury Radio website, where there is a link to his fundraising page.

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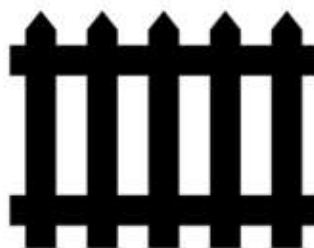


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<b>5 July</b> <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b> <b>after Trinity</b>	9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Berwick St John	Ruth H-S
	9.30am	Family Communion (CW)	Broad Chalke	Kate Woolven
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Britford	Maggie Metcalfe
	11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Ebbesbourne Wake	Biddy Trahair
	11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Coombe Bissett	Ruth H-S, Maggie M
	11.00am	Family Service	Odstock	Adrian Taylor
	11.00am	Morning Service	Bishopstone	Sally Leaver
<b>12 July</b> <b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b> <b>after Trinity</b>	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bowerchalke	Kate Woolven
	9.30am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Charlton All Saints	Rhoddy Voremborg
	10.30am	Worship Together	Broad Chalke Hub	Janet Roe
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Nunton	Maggie Metcalfe
	11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Homington	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	All Age Service	Alvediston	Biddy Trahair
	3.00pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)	Fifield Bavant	Biddy Trahair
<b>19 July</b> <b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b> <b>after Trinity</b>	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bishopstone	Alison Waterhouse
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Odstock	Maggie Metcalfe
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Ebbesbourne Wake	Vernon White
	11.00am	Choral Eucharist	Berwick St John	Alison Waterhouse
	3.00pm	Choral Evensong (BCP)	Stratford Tony	Maggie Metcalfe
	4.00pm	Sunday Praise	Coombe Bissett	Lay Led
	4.00pm	Sunday Praise	Bowerchalke	Kate Woolven
<b>26 July</b> <b>8<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b> <b>after Trinity</b>	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Broad Chalke	Alison Waterhouse
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Charlton All Saints	Ruth H-S
	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
	11.00am	Family Service	Nunton	Adrian Taylor
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer	Homington	Ruth H-S
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	9.30am	Family Communion (CW)	Broad Chalke	Ruth H-S
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