



Parish Magazine

June 2026



Astrantia in June

Photo by Kate Pendleton

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Bishopstone Village Website

www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk

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

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

Mike Ash (mash@btinternet.com)

A warm welcome to Bishopstone and Stratford Tony...

Welcome to Keltie, Chris and their two children who have moved into Croucheston, also to Olivia, Dan, Mari and Aurelie who have moved into the Croft. We hope you will be very happy here in Bishopstone.

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



As I write this we are just about to celebrate the feast of Pentecost when, 50 days after Easter, we remember the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples as they gathered in Jerusalem. It had been a tumultuous time for the disciples; they had witnessed the arrest and crucifixion of Jesus, only to be followed by his resurrection on Easter Day and various appearances of the risen Lord to the disciples. They had spent many days huddled in an upper room, scared and frightened. And then last week we celebrated Ascension Day, when Jesus was taken up into heaven to join his Father in glory.

The events of Jesus' death and resurrection were a turning point in history; events that meant that life could never be the same again. As the disciples grieved the loss of Jesus they considered returning to their previous occupations, but once they encountered the risen Lord they decided to change the world instead!

We may ask how a group of uneducated men were able to make such a difference to the world; they didn't have wealth or power in the usual sense. But they did have the gift of the Holy Spirit! A gift that enabled them to do things they had previously thought were impossible.

So what does this mean for us today? As we look around our troubled world it is easy to feel helpless, to sense that there is nothing that we can do. But, like the disciples, we too can receive the Holy Spirit in our lives and when we do we can achieve things that we couldn't do in our own strength. The Holy Spirit will give us the courage to attempt things that seem impossible and with the help of God we can achieve more than we ever imagined.



So, at this time of Pentecost, let us pray, 'Come Holy Spirit and kindle the hearts of your people with the fire of your love' because in our troubled world we need that more than ever.

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

Work has continued throughout May, greatly helped by the lack of rain early in the month. This has ensured that the contractors have not been hindered. Lead work has just begun.

As reported last month there was significant distortion to the roof of the North Transept, particularly at its northern end. Further inspection of the external surface of all walls of the Transept has shown that sections of the masonry are in poor condition, due to distortion and partial collapse. A request for a quote from the builder has been issued to cover further necessary work to the West, North and East elevations of the Transept. That work covers removal of lichen sand moss, masonry mortar repairs including repointing and micro-pinning as necessary, plus some new masonry in one relatively small area.

While this is to be costed by the builder it should be remembered, as we reported last month, there is no requirement to remove or replace the ceiling of the North Transept. Consequently, there will be a considerable saving as this ceiling work had formed part of the original quotation and this saving can now be used for the remedial action to the masonry.

Our second Project Meeting was held on 19 May. There was further discussion on the distortion mentioned above. It was confirmed that the partial collapse of the North Transept roof has had an adverse effect on the wider structure of the church. This is revealed by cracks in the walls of the North Transept mentioned above and is particularly noticeable in the delicate tracery of the North Transept window. The collapsing roof has added pressure to the moulded rib work above the window mullions causing cracks in the stone and displacement of joints. This in turn has distorted the glass panels.

While there is no danger of imminent collapse of the window and glass as it is firmly held in position, the project will repair the stonework and existing metal reinforcing as much as possible in preparation for a future project which will address the glass itself.

We remain on time and within budget!

Toby and Roger



Example of a crack in one part of the tracery of the North Transept window.





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REFRESHMENTS AFTERWARDS
AT MANOR HOUSE

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Parish Council

Change of Parish Council Chair and Vice Chairs

Cllr Ali Thorne has led the Parish Council since 2022, and before that he served as Vice Chair and as a Councillor. He has always been a very steady and wise member of the Council and like so many things that Ali does for this community; he does it without fanfare or expecting any praise or gratitude. We have always valued his thoughts and his knowledge and experience which has been a tremendous benefit for the whole of our community. We would like to thank Ali for all he has done to date and as he has agreed to stay on the council, for what he will add in the future. He will be a tough act to follow.

As a result of Ali standing down, we have a new Chair and Vice Chair of the Council. Cllr Edwards will take the Chair and Cllr Prior will step up as the Vice Chair. Refreshed contact details for the Council can be found towards the back of this and every edition of STaB.

The council should have seven Councillors, but we are down to five at the moment so we are actively recruiting. We know that the Village Hall Management Committee (VHMC) are also looking to recruit new members to allow some of the existing Committee to step aside or reduce their load. If either roles interests you, please contact the Chair of the Council (cllr.piersedwards@bishopstone-pc.gov.uk) and Chair of the VHMC (normanhalkefish@mac.com) respectively.

The Parish council met on Monday 11 May 2026 at Bishopstone Village Hall. The meeting was preceded by the Annual Parish meeting which was attended by 14 members of the public. At the Annual parish meeting reports were available from the Parish Council, Church Warden and Village Hall detailing activity throughout the year. These will be available on the Parish Council Website (www.bishopstone-pc.gov.uk). Cllr Pratt who is also the tree warden discussed the issue of Box Hedge Caterpillar which is affecting the village and was encouraged to submit an article for STaB. This treatable condition is ravaging the box hedge in Bishopstone and more widely, and he will give advice about recognising and treating it in his article.

Councillor Edwards gave a presentation on the after-action report for Storm Chandra which includes householders being aware of their risks and taking action, signing up for flood alerts, watching ground water levels and talking to flood wardens about preventative measures. The Parish is increasing the number of flood wardens to four and will also buy some more equipment to help with pre and post flood recovery.

In the Parish Council meeting, Councillor Thorne stepped down from being Chair and has been replaced by Councillor Edwards with Councillor Prior taking up the role of Vice Chair. A vote of thanks was made by Councillor Barter for all the work Cllr Thorne has put in over the years. The notable activity for this month's meeting was the signing of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR), a document required in law to be signed by all small councils annually. This requires a limited internal assurance review to ensure we are managing public money correctly, and an exemption certificate to be returned to our external auditor. The AGAR is available for review on the Parish council Website. This gives the public the right to inspect any documents held by the council by contact with the Clerk.

The Commencement of Public Rights for accounts for year ended March 2026 (which will run from the 3 June 2026 to 14 July 2026) means that any member of the public may inspect any documents held by the Parish Council. If you wish to do so please contact the clerk.

We still have two vacancies for councillors on the council and volunteers are always welcome.

A request has been put in for a water supply to the allotments and the council has agreed to investigate this. On that note there is a plot available at the moment and any interested party should contact the clerk.

Councillor Prior will be championing Bishopstone Dark Skies Starfest 2027 in a bid for us along with other villages in the Chalke valley to hold this exciting event 9 – 12 March 2027. If there are any enthusiastic star gazing volunteers who would like to help with this, please contact myself or Councillor Prior. We will keep you updated on our progress.

Finally Councillor Nabil Najjar, the Councillor for the Chalke Valley gave a brief update on what is happening in Wiltshire council in regards to budgets, bin collections and parking. Further information can be found in the draft minutes found on the Parish Council website.



The next meeting will be held on the 20 July 2026 in the Village Hall at 19.30. All are welcome

Graham Hill, Parish Clerk

Bishopstone Village Hall



June 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 **4th** and **18th June** and the **2nd**, **16th** and **30th of July**.

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 26th June.

The film for June will be *'H is for Hawk'*.

The film tells the story of a university lecturer who turns to falconry following the death of her father, building a deep connection with a goshawk. Based on the memoir by Helen Macdonald, it was filmed in locations across the South West of England.

Doors open from **7.00pm** with the film beginning at **7.30pm**. Entry to the film is **£7.00**.

A cash bar with ices and snacks will be available. If possible, please book in advance with Caroline Ash on (01722) 781044 or Sue Taylor on 01722 780316.

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

The last film of the season on **Friday, July 24th**, will be **'Hamnet'**.. There will be an optional summer buffet supper starting at **6.00pm** for an additional **£7.00**.

Please book in advance for the supper, stating any dietary requirements.

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 on: callyedwards@me.com or 07968 797 168.

“EXTEND” EXERCISE CLASSES

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

PILATES AT BISHOPSTONE

For further information, contact Claudine on 07788 587937 or email: claudineblake@aol.com

YOGA WITH HANNAH

For more details, please contact Hannah Stocker at 0773 856 1888 or by email: yoga_with_hannah@outlook.com.

ART GROUP

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

Contact Russell at russellbignold@btinternet

Website www.russellbignoldartist.com

SPRING FAYRE THANKS

The Spring Fayre was a lovely social event, with a profit of about £350, which was about the same as last year. A few plants were left over and were placed outside the hall, they vanished very quickly! A very big thank you, from the committee, to all who came and to all who ran stalls.

Bishopstone Village Hall rates for private hire

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

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

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

The hire charges include use of heating and electricity.

The rates are currently:

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

Broadband

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

Large projection screen

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

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

For further information and bookings contact: Margaret Barter 01722 780471

Chalke Valley Community Support

POLICE

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

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

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

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

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

You can follow us on:

Facebook - www.facebook.com/salisburypolice

Twitter - www.twitter.com/SouthWiltsCPT

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

Sixpenny Handley and Chalke Valley Practice

Doves Meadow Surgery, Broad Chalke: 01722 780282

Broadchalke Surgery is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays

Sixpenny Handley Surgery: 01725 552500

www.sixpennydocs.co.uk



MOBILE LIBRARY

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

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



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OPENING HOURS, SHOP AND POST OFFICE

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

**Chalke
Valley
Stores
Broadchalke**

w: www.chalkevalleystores.co.uk

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

OPENING HOURS

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

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

Chalke Valley Link Scheme

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

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

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

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

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

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

Registered as a Charity no. 1076335



Staying in Touch

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

The village website – www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk - carries all the latest news on events in the village (see page 2). Information on Parish Council meetings and initiatives is available at: www.bishopstone-pc.gov.uk.

The Bishopstone Network is a WhatsApp messaging service which enables information to be instantly shared to your mobile phone. This includes information on pretty much everything – recommendations on service providers, events, road closures, interruptions to electricity and water supplies, items being given away or for sale and the latest menu from the White Hart! You will need to download the App to your phone and then contact Piers Edwards (piersgedwards@gmail.com or 07920 475009) or Kate Pendlenton (kmpendlenton@hotmail.com or 07769202200) and ask to be added to the group.



Salisbury Foodbank

For this last month, there were donations of £20 plus food totalling 3.1kg. Thank you so much.

They are still asking particularly for **TOILET ROLLS and SHAMPOO** - desperately needed please! Also:

TINNED FOOD: e.g. Hot dogs, mince, stew, etc; fish, not tuna; potatoes, vegetables (peas, carrots etc); fruit; soup.

DRINKS and DAIRY: Long life fruit juice, UHT Milk(1L), tea, coffee, squash.

CUPBOARD STAPLES: Biscuits, crisps, snacks, sponge puddings, jam and spreads.

TOILETRIES and HOUSEHOLD: Deodorant, 2 in1 shampoo and conditioner, shower gel, razors, toothpaste, washing detergent (powder), washing-up liquid, tin openers, toilet rolls.

So as you can see, almost anything at all but especially **Toilet rolls and Shampoo** particularly at the moment.

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

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



With thanks, Judy Barrett

The Difference between a Food Bank and Olio

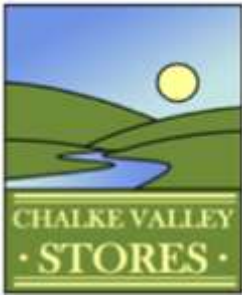
Food banks and Olio both help people access free food, but they serve very different purposes. Food banks **exist to tackle hunger and food poverty, providing emergency support for people in crisis.**

Olio, on the other hand, was **created to fight food waste.** It's a community-based app open to everyone, regardless of income or circumstances. Volunteers collect surplus food from local supermarkets, cafés, and restaurants — including fresh produce, bakery items, and ready meals — and share them with neighbours for free through the app.

Olio offers an everyday way to stop perfectly good food from ending up in landfill. One focuses primarily on poverty relief, the other on sustainability and community sharing — but both play an important role in helping people and reducing waste.

Olio has core hubs in the UK and Ireland with thousands of volunteers rescuing food from approximately 9,000 locations monthly. Supermarkets which give food to Olio are: Tesco, the main provider, Iceland, Waitrose, Co-op, Boots and Asda, alongside convenience stores and catering companies. Visit the Olio website where you can download the App and see where and when they operate in your area.

Posted by Able Community Care, Provider of Live-in Care Support throughout the UK. Call 01603 764567 for an information pack.



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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**.



We are excited to announce that you can now buy weekly £1 tickets to take part in the recently launched Wiltshire Community lottery. This gives you a 1 in 50 chance to win a £25 prize, with a possible jackpot of £25,000 and you can buy up to 20 tickets per week. Chalke Valley Community Hub is now one of the eligible good causes which will benefit from money spent on lottery tickets. For every £1 ticket, 50p goes directly to the player's chosen good cause, with 10p to the central fund, which the council will redirect into local good causes such as via Wiltshire Area Boards. This scheme currently provides funding support to approximately 450 good causes across the country each year and we're anticipating plenty to benefit in Wiltshire. And don't forget that you can choose which good cause you would like to support when you buy your ticket so we would be very grateful if you could choose to support the Hub. Good luck! Tickets are available online at:

www.wiltshirecommunitylottery.co.uk.

Other news from the Hub – We are introducing brand new wines under our own label to add to the existing range— a crisp white from the Pays d'Oc in France, a smooth red Malbec from Argentina, and a fresh rosé from Italy. Beautiful bottles, great flavour, and perfect for gifting or for weekend sipping.

We have listened to comments regarding our product ranges and we are adding more items for culinary gifts or for self-indulgent treats so please come in and we hope you will find something which you will like. In addition, our much-loved own label branded products are now back in store. Think jams, chutneys, biscuits, and beautifully packaged treats — ideal for birthdays, dinner parties, or a little “thinking of you” gift.

Many thanks for your continuing support of the Hub; we appreciate your custom.

NB There is a Trussell Trust Collection Point in the Hub for any donations of foodstuffs you may wish to make. Your generosity will help those most in need.



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

Sports Centre AGM. Tuesday 16 June - 7.00pm open to All Members

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 centre running costs and enable electricity export to generate funds. Many thanks to the Parish Council Team for putting the project and funding bid together. The project is only affordable with grant support.

Little Badgers Cricket. An exciting new initiative together with the Broad Chalke Cricket Club and with District Sports, 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@districtsportssouth.com

Children's Portable Football Posts. Many thanks to those that have very kindly donated funds towards the £400 replacement costs of new goal posts.

Water Services Project. Two grant applications have been submitted for funding towards refurbishment of showers and replacement of water services which are at the end of their economic life. The Race night generated £2,000 towards the project which will cost in excess of £20,000.

Replacement chairs. A new project is to seek funding to replace the Sports Centre chairs. We need around £600 to do so and will be looking at further grant applications and donations to try and fund. Donations gratefully accepted to the Sports Centre's bank account. Lloyds Bank. Sort Code 30-97-42. Account 01351926

Petanque. 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

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?

All our sports activities are promoted through the website, see below.

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

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

JUNES

UPCOMING EVENTS

Something for everyone!

@ The White Hart!

EVERY
TUES

SMASH BURGER NIGHT

🕒 5pm-9pm

Indulge in our handmade smash burgers every Tuesday! A diverse range of options from the classic cheeseburger to the hearty brisket burger.

EVERY
TUES
09&30

MEAT RAFFLE

🕒 7:30pm

Every three weeks we host our meat raffle! Up to £140 worth of meat is up for grabs and the prizes are only getting bigger and better!

EVERY
SAT
13

80S/90S BIG PARTY

🕒 6pm onwards

Come join us for a Saturday evening 80s/90s themed party! We've got live music from Alfie Ingram, a barbeque and a bar that's open late – what more could you want?

EVERY
THURS
25

PUB QUIZ!

🕒 7:30pm

Last Thursday of the month, spend it with us testing your knowledge with our pub quiz!

EVERY
THRU
JUNE

WORLD CUP, ROYAL ASCOT & WIMBELDON!

Throughout the month we'll be showing all of the months big events!

📍 THE WHITE HART, BISHOPSTONE SP54AA

ALL FREE ENTRY!

BEER GARDEN | DOG FRIENDLY | CHILDRENS PLAY AREA



THE
WHITE
HART
OF BISHOPSTONE

Salisbury Art Trail 2026



The Salisbury Art Trail will run from Saturday May 23rd to Sunday June 7th, and this year there will be a mini trail through the Chalke Valley. Visit the studios of Jenny Monds in Flamstone Street, Bishopstone (venue 34) showing paintings, greeting cards and gifts; Judith Viney in Broadchalke (venue 35) showing her pottery, cushions and scarves; Gray's Stone Carving Studio in Bowerchalke (venue 37) with stone sculptures, carvings, woodwork, and metal art by over a dozen different artists and hands-on 'have a go' at stone carving and Jennie Gilbert's pottery Studio in Fifield Bavant (venue 36) to see her lovely pottery and learn about her pottery classes.

Pick up an Art Trail catalogue from any of the venues or from local shops and pubs to see the full trail of 37 venues covering artists of all types. Look for the yellow signs!



With the May half term rapidly approaching, it is our chance to reflect on some of our Term 5 adventures...



Oak and Elm were lucky enough to visit the farm with the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust. The children met lambs, calves and even a bull, but the highlight for many was definitely the tractor and trailer ride! They also enjoyed a beautiful walk across the Downs to the farm, followed by a picnic lunch in the sunshine. Everyone had an amazing time and it really reminded us how fortunate we are to live and learn surrounded by such incredible countryside.



As a school, we marked May Day with our traditional country dancing: circles for Yr R and KS1, ribbon dances for Fir and maypole – 3 dances and no knots! – for Ash. Every child participated and so many members of our school families came along to clap along and welcome the start of summer.



There was great excitement in Oak Class (and beyond!) as eggs were delivered and chicks hatched in the classroom. Whatever your age – whether 4 or considerably more – it is impossible not to be in awe of this experience.



Our Year 6 enjoyed their week of special breakfasts in honour of KS2 assessment week. The tests were swiftly forgotten but the combination of camaraderie and carbohydrates will live longer in the memory!



Throughout this term, we are also delighted to have welcomed Rev Maggie into school to lead a series of lessons in Ash Class as part of Exploring Our Faith. We are very grateful to her for sharing her time and knowledge with the children as they navigate their journey.



One of the joys of being a small village school with close family ties is the opportunities that arise from within our own community. The children from Elm had the chance to visit Florence, Delilah and Otilie's family farm and see a working dairy farm in action – a wonderful real-life learning experience. Why not see for yourself and visit Nunton Farm for Open Farm Sunday on June 7th? Details can be found on www.farmsunday.org.



**Visit a farm & discover
the world of farming!**

7 June 2026 - Nunton Farm

Nunton Drove 11 am - 4pm

- 🚗 Tractor & trailer rides around the farm - see cows grazing and learn about how we farm as you go
- 🐄 Milking in action - see where your milk comes from!
- 🚗 Farm machinery up close
- 🐔 Meet the animals
- 🍷 Local food & drink - BBQ, coffee, cakes, ice cream & more
- 🍯 Local producers - including our honey, yoghurt & kefir
- 👶 Children's activities - fun for little ones throughout the day

A relaxed, family-friendly day on the farm!

We highly recommend booking in advance via TryBooking to avoid delays on the day



Dog Faeces

One of the main causes of irritation to everyone – including many dog owners – is fouling in public places. Everyone has to share the same recreational space and there is nothing worse than having to constantly look for dog poo to prevent you or your children stepping or even falling into it.

Obviously it is the dog that does the poo but it is unfair to blame the canine population; it is the responsibility of the dog owner to ensure that the dog's mess is cleaned up. Although there are a great number of owners that do clear it up, there are still some people who feel it is unhygienic or not something they should have to do, however it is a real health hazard to leave it where it lies, or to leave even a small amount on public grassy areas.

Man's Best Friend

- There are around 6.8 million dogs in the UK
- It is estimated that the dog population of the UK produces 900 tonnes of faeces every day
- Over a ten-year lifetime, a dog can produce up to half a ton of faeces

The Law

The Control of Dogs Ordinance (1992) applies to all public places and states that *an offence is committed if a person in charge of a dog fails to clean up his faeces*. It is no defence to claim ignorance of the dog's actions, the law, or not to have a device available to remove the faeces. This could result in a prosecution and fine.

Toxocariasis

Toxocariasis is an infection of the round worm, spread via unwashed vegetables and dog faeces. Young children in particular are at risk due to their weaker immune systems and because they are more likely to expose themselves by ingesting the eggs. A puppy can pass as many as 15,000 eggs per gram of faeces, and they are a major source of environmental contamination.

Each *T. canis* female can lay up to 700 eggs a day. These are passed out when the dog defecates and can survive for up to three years in soil. After two to three weeks of warm weather the eggs develop into an embryo state, containing larva - this is when they become infective to dogs and people. The larvae try to migrate through the human body as they would in a dog's, but the human body treats them as

foreign material, which causes a reaction and tissue damage.

There are two types of toxocariasis: visceral larva migrans (VLM) and ocular larva migrans (OLM).

In VLM, the larvae reach the liver, causing inflammation and symptoms such as abdominal pain and pyrexia. Most people recover spontaneously.

OLM occurs when a migrating larva reaches the eye. It causes a granuloma to form on the retina, causing significant visual impairment and in severe cases even **blindness**.

There are about 12 new cases of OLM diagnosed annually in the UK.

Reduce the Risk

- Pick up after your dog every time your dog makes a mess. Keep a packet of bags next to the dog's lead as a reminder to take them with you.
- Ensure you regularly worm your dog - every three to six months. Use a prescription wormer from a veterinary surgeon.
- Do not take dogs into parks that have children's playgrounds, or onto grassy public areas where children play.
- Do not let your dog off lead if they are likely to run out of sight. If you can't see them how can you know if or where they have had a poo?



Chalke Valley Fete and Produce Show

15th August 2026

We need you!

We need over 100 volunteers to put this event on for the whole of the Chalke Valley! If you could give us an hour or two of your valuable time on August 15th we would really appreciate it.

We are lucky enough to live in the most amazing community and the fete is one event that the whole family can enjoy. So whether you are a seasoned volunteer or never done it before it is a great thing to be part of.

There are many roles on the day from ticket selling, car park duty, running a game, first aid etc. You don't need any experience, just a willingness to give up a couple of hours of your time.

If you can help, please send an email to treasurer.cvfete@gmail.com

On another note if you are a local crafts person and you would like to have a stall at the fete this year please look at this link for application form <https://forms.gel/DJnZgRpJcAPfFce9> or look on our website.

PRODUCE SHOW

Look on our website to see the updated classes for 2026 and get planting those seeds!

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Rambling with Jazzie Again



Well, a good month for walks with Jazzie. She has met some new friends and we have enjoyed the good weather. My word, how the sun and rain has brought on the hedges and shrubs. All the shades of green are on show now! The fruit trees are very promising, and some of the apples are setting! Roses are blooming all over the garden, and some are flowering. Good to see so much colour about again.

The garden is taking up more of my time now, but Jazzie enjoys watching me work (?) and waits patiently for me to throw her a ball. She helps with planting or weeding, digging up where we do not need help! Our gardeners come every two weeks and make a huge difference to the weed growth in our flower beds. They always look trimmed and tidy after they have been.

Our walks have been rather local recently, so we do not see much of the greater village. However, the Whatsapp group keep us well amused with their tales of naughty boys, stuff for the taking, and menus in the pub. Ed and Heidi seem very busy in the White Hart, with ever changing menus, and with such choices, we must support them all the way. Jazzie and I visit once a week for a beer or two, and to meet old friends.

Our hedgehogs are still with us and as hungry as ever. They visit every night, and eat all we put out. We think we have about 4 regular visitors, two adults and two young, but the ginger/blond one has gone elsewhere. Last seen disappearing under the fence into our neighbour's estate. Better slugs there, probably!



The Village Spring Fayre was a great success, with plenty of visitors and lots of happy folk leaving with bottles, books and plants. The bottle raffle emptied very quickly, and it was a pleasure to meet so many friends to chat about my paintings. I sold three original watercolours and two prints. The church repairs and restoration seem to be going well, with hope for completion on time. Again, thanks to all who have talked and demonstrated for the cause. Remember the Faulston Garden Party on the 28th. We hope to be there.

And, many congrats to Titus and Magnus for running the London Marathon collecting over £40K for Horatio's Garden. A huge effort well rewarded.

Keep walking, and hope to see more friends soon!

(JHST 20.05.26)



Broad Chalke Open Gardens

Sunday 7th June 12am - 5.30pm

Broad Chalke in the beautiful Chalke Valley will be holding its ever-popular Open Gardens event on Sunday 7th June when six of the village's private gardens will be open to the public for the first time in several years. The gardens have been chosen to display a variety of country house & garden styles including an ancient manor house & formal garden, a riverside rectory, a Georgian farmhouse, and a traditional thatched cottage garden. The gardens are all situated in the village conservation area linked by footpaths through water-meadows (walking shoes recommended!) - making this a very pleasant afternoon's country ramble.

Visitors arriving by car should park at one of the signed car parks near All Saints Church (postcode SP5 5DN) and pick up their entry ticket and map of the gardens at the Village Hall opposite. Entry costs £8 per adult (children free) and that covers entry to all six gardens, with proceeds going to local charities. There will also be home-made refreshments on sale in the village hall and a small flower display on view in the church.



This popular event offers visitors a wonderful afternoon out in our beautiful chalk downland village situated astride the River Ebble in the Cranborne Chase *Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty* - with visits to interesting private gardens and a traditional tea thrown in. We look forward to welcoming you.

Further details, if required, please email mail@broadchalke.net

STOP PRESS - Bishopstone in print...

For the last thirteen months this page has provided an insight into the history of our village by telling the every-day story of those who lived and worked in Bishopstone – or, at least, those stories that made the local newspapers! Extracts have been included from the National Newspaper Archives from 1768 until the 1960s. This month's edition will be the last for the present as most stories have now been told – or at least all those that do not offend good taste or risk an action for defamation!

The final offering is this report from the Daily Express of July 1967. Many will have read the novel "Lord of the Flies" by William Golding, or watched the recent TV adaptation. William Golding lived in Bowerchalke and taught at Bishop Wordsworth's school. No doubt some of the earnings from his writing went into the ownership of a yacht called Tenace.

Author's family yacht sinks

HOURS after setting out on a holiday trip the yacht *Tenace* of novelist William Golding was sunk in a collision yesterday with a Japanese freighter off the Isle of Wight.

On board the *Tenace*, with the bearded 55-year-old author who lives at Bower Chalk, near Salisbury, was his wife Anne, their daughter Judy, 22, and their

guests, Miss Paulette Sainsbury, daughter of the grocery chain chief, Mr. James Anderson, aged 23, of Bishopstone, near Salisbury, and Mr. Vivian Lewis, of Hamble, Hampshire.

They left Shoreham, Sussex, on Thursday afternoon for a cruise down the French canals to the Mediterranean and Greek islands.

Suddenly, out of the morning mist loomed the 11,000-ton Japanese freighter *Helan* heading up-Channel for Rotterdam.

Ropes and a ladder were thrown overboard by the Japanese and the *Tenace* was hauled close in to the freighter. But before stronger ropes could be secured, the yacht started to sink.

All the yacht's crew were taken aboard the freighter. Later they were transferred to a pilot cutter and landed at Bembridge, Isle of Wight.

Others on the yacht included the daughter of Lord Sainsbury and Mr James Anderson of Bishopstone, who were later to marry. Happily all were rescued, though the yacht was lost.

Hopefully there are more reports to be found – in which case this page will, in due course, return. In the meantime thank you for reading and I hope you have found something of interest.

Mike

From the editor - Huge thanks to Mike for unearthing so many interesting and amusing stories about Bishopstone from the newspaper archives!

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.

If one of my forefathers could return to Bishopstone today and walk down Pitts Lane and into the meadow I think he would say at once "Where are all the elm trees?"

There were elms everywhere then – along the roads, in the hedges between the fields and in clumps where cows could shelter from the hot sun. Here the grass was worn bare and the rough elm bark worn smooth by their rubbing.

Poets and painters loved them: William Barnes the old Dorset poet wrote:-

*"Wi' hedges reaching up between
A thousand fields o' Summer green
Where elms' lofty heads do throw
Their shades for hay-makers below"*

The elm was the most English of trees, friendly and familiar, rising tall above farm-yards and thatched roofs of cottages, always beautiful against the changing skies. For my generation it was it was part of our lives. Devastated by the deadly Dutch elm disease its disappearance from the English scene was a great loss.

Like William Barnes I loved elm trees and regret their disappearance from our countryside very much.

Wellspring Christian Community

Wellspring is a midweek morning meeting of people who enjoy being part of an informal Christian community.

It's a place where faith grows, deep friendships are formed, and the ups and downs of life can be shared.

It's a sociable and relaxed morning with members coming from different denominations and different villages up and down the Chalke Valley

10 am-12 noon in Broad Chalke Village Hall SP5 5DN, most Tuesdays in term time. 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 2nd, June 16th, June 30th, July 7th.....we'd love to meet you.

Wellspring has the blessing of The Chalke Valley Clergy Team

NGS Garden Open Tuesday 2nd June (2-5pm)

Caroline & David Floyd at Manor Farm House, Quidham Street, Bowerchalke, SP5 5BU (reinforce.obscuring.remix).

Teas, plant stall, mostly flat, sitting areas and lots of parking. In aid of the NGS with donations to Bowerchalke Church and Motor Neurone Disease.

Do please come and bring your friends.

Local Vocals in the Valley

Do you like singing? Would you like to sing with others? If so, please do join us during the summer term for a fun evening of singing at Bowerchalke Village Hall on some or all of the following dates: 1,8,15,29 June at 6-7.15pm.

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.*



Knife crime causes real harm, often with life changing consequences for victims, families and communities. While Wiltshire remains a relatively safe place to live, we cannot be complacent. Tackling knife crime and serious violence requires constant focus, strong partnerships and a willingness to use every tool available to prevent harm and save lives. That is why it is a clear priority in my Police and Crime Plan, and why initiatives like those delivered during Sceptre week are so important.

Sceptre is a national knife crime campaign that takes place twice a year, shining a spotlight on both enforcement and prevention. During the most recent week of action, Wiltshire Police and partners demonstrated how a coordinated and balanced approach can help reduce risk, protect communities and save lives.

A key part of the week focused on operational policing activity. Wiltshire Police carried out test purchasing operations across the county, supported by police cadets, to ensure retailers were complying with the law when selling knives. Responsible retailing is essential in preventing knives from falling into the wrong hands, and these checks send a clear message that businesses have an important role to play in tackling knife crime at its source. Officers also carried out weapon sweeps using metal detectors and knife arches in a range of locations, reinforcing the message that carrying knives will not be tolerated.

Alongside this enforcement activity, Sceptre week also saw the launch of schemes designed to prevent harm and strengthen community safety. In Swindon, Wiltshire Police launched a pilot safer knives scheme, replacing pointed kitchen knives with rounded tip alternatives for households identified as being at greater risk. This evidence led initiative recognises that many knives used in serious incidents originate in the home, and that reducing access to the most dangerous designs can help lower the risk of serious injury.

Sceptre week also coincided with the launch of the Wiltshire Bleed Kit Partnership, where my office is working with Wiltshire Police, HeartSafe UK, NHS England South West and the South West Ambulance Service. These clinically approved bleed kits are being placed in public spaces across our communities and can make a lifesaving difference in the critical moments before emergency services arrive. While prevention must always be our priority, being prepared to respond quickly and effectively when serious incidents do occur is equally important.

What Sceptre week highlights is that enforcement alone is not enough. Tackling knife crime and serious violence requires a combination of prevention, early intervention, education, responsible retailing and strong partnership working. By continuing to invest in a range of approaches and working together across policing, health and communities, we can reduce harm and keep Wiltshire safe.

Fire Service News

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 escalate quickly, so we are asking everyone to follow some simple steps:

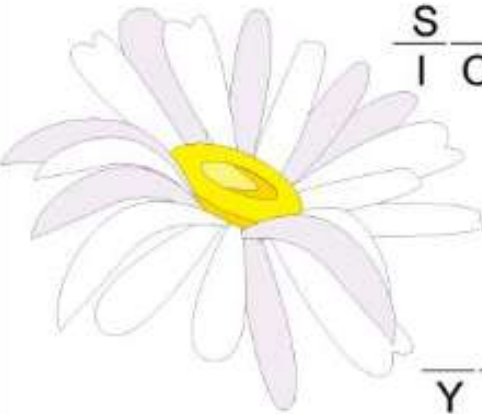
- If you are enjoying our open spaces stay alert for signs of fire—smoke, heat, or unusual smells. If you spot anything worrying, call 999 immediately. Consider downloading and using What3Words to identify your exact location.
- Avoid having open fires or using barbecues in the countryside. Disposable barbecues and campfires are banned in many parts of Dorset and Wiltshire.
- Extinguish smoking materials properly, and don't throw cigarette ends on the ground or out of car windows – take your litter home.
- If you're at the beach, don't set off flares, have campfires or light barbecues as these can easily lead to gorse and foliage on the cliffs catching fire.
- You can also help by reporting any anti-social behaviour on our heaths to CrimeStoppers by calling 0800 555 111 (100% Anonymous).

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.



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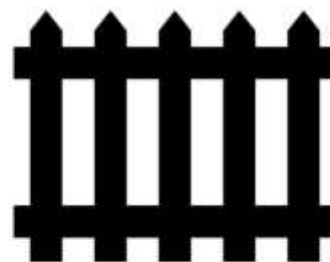


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7 June 1st Sunday after Trinity	9.30am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am Family Communion (CW) 9.30am Parish Communion (CW) 11.00am Morning Prayer (BCP) 11.00am Parish Communion (CW) 11.00am Family Service	Berwick St John Broad Chalke Britford Ebbesbourne Wake Coombe Bissett Odstock	Alison Waterhouse Kate Woolven Ruth H-S Biddy Trahair Ruth H-S Adrian Taylor
14 June 2nd Sunday after Trinity	9.30am Parish Communion (CW) 9.30am Morning Prayer (BCP) 10.30am Worship Together 11.00am Family Communion (CW) 11.00am Parish Communion (CW) 11.00am All Age Service 3.00pm Evening Prayer (BCP)	Bowerchalke Charlton All Saints Broad Chalke Hub Nunton Homington Alvediston Fifield Bavant	Alison Waterhouse Jenny Taylor Janet Roe Alison Waterhouse Jenny Taylor Biddy Trahair Biddy Trahair
21 June 3rd Sunday after Trinity	9.30am Parish Communion (CW) 9.30am Parish Communion (CW) 11.00am Family Communion (CW) 4.00pm Sunday Praise 4.00pm Sunday Praise with Pets 6.00pm Songs of Praise	Bishopstone Odstock Ebbesbourne Wake Coombe Bissett Bowerchalke Berwick St John	Alison Waterhouse Jenny Taylor Tony Monds Lay Led Kate Woolven Alison Waterhouse
28 June 4th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am Parish Communion (CW) 9.30am Parish Communion (CW) 11.00am Parish Communion (CW) 11.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.00am Morning Prayer (BCP) 11.00am Family Service 6.00pm Evening Prayer 6.00pm Songs & Sausages	Broad Chalke Charlton All Saints Bishopstone Alvediston Berwick St John Nunton Homington Britford	Alison Waterhouse Maggie Metcalfe Tony Monds Alison Waterhouse Lay Led Adrian Taylor Alison Waterhouse Maggie Metcalfe
5 July 5th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am Family Communion (CW) 9.30am Parish Communion (CW) 11.00am Morning Prayer (BCP) 11.00am Parish Communion (CW) 11.00am Family Service 11.00am Morning Service	Berwick St John Broad Chalke Britford Ebbesbourne Wake Coombe Bissett Odstock Bishopstone	Ruth H-S Kate Woolven Maggie Metcalfe Biddy Trahair Ruth H-S, Maggie M Adrian Taylor Sally Leaver

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