



Parish Magazine

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June Rose

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How lovely to see the sun make a welcome return! As I type this, the Village Hall Spring Fair has just happened, and gardeners all over the village will be planting out their plant stall purchases. The May blossom is out, and the valley is lush and green, and looking beautiful. Let's hope for continued sunshine for the lovely Chalke Valley events coming up this Summer; the Coombe Bissett Show and Fete, the Chalke Valley Fete and Produce Show and Ebbfest, to name but a few.

The STaB editorial team would like to extend a warm and grateful welcome to Jane Peasley who has taken over from Sarah Brough as our Advertising coordinator.

The advertising e.mail address remains the same, but the new phone number can be found above. Thank you Jane for joining the STaB team!



*Sketch by Donald Bowen, c1965
V&A Collection*

A warm welcome to Bishopstone and Stratford Tony...

Please let us know if you know of anyone who moves into Bishopstone or Stratford Tony - or indeed if you yourself have recently moved in, please do introduce yourselves! - so that we can offer them/you a welcome in STaB.



Hello from the Revd Canon Jenny Taylor



This time last year I was writing about our late Queen’s Platinum Jubilee – how things have changed in a year! Now the Coronation of King Charles III is fresh in our minds – what a moving and glorious spectacle it was and both Broad Chalke and Coombe Bissett Schools marked the event which hopefully will stay in their memories long after all the picnics and Bank Holidays!

Last year the Theme was Community and this year it was The Big Lunch and the Big Help Out – all linked by one thing – YOU!! Our community is a vibrant mix of ages, of families of retirees and of workers – we all have different views and ideas but we have one thing in common, whether we believe it or not, and that is that God loves each and every one of us!!

Even if you don’t believe that there are a huge number that do so you won’t be forgotten! The question is what do we do with that love? Turn it into action? Help each other? Volunteer in our community? Tidy our graveyards? Clean our churches? The answers are YES!!

Please get in touch with me if you want to offer any help in any way and I will point you into the right direction and remember what Jesus said:

“I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.” *John 13: 34*

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The Friends of Bishopstone Church

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

Parish Council

The latest meeting of the Parish Council took place on Thursday 4th May. Councillors Thorne, Edwards, Smith, Williams and Rigg were present, together with the Parish Clerk. Apologies had been received from Cllrs Barter and Tatner. Three members of the public were present. The full minutes of the meeting, together with the papers considered, are available on the village website (www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk).

This was the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council. Cllrs Ali Thorne and Piers Edwards were duly re-elected as Chairman and Vice Chairman respectively for the coming year.

Mike Ash reported that Wiltshire Council Drainage Engineers are continuing to examine what can be done to prevent flooding in Faulston Lane. Whilst some of the drainage channels along the road had been partially cleared by the adjacent landowner, more work was required. The engineers are considering replacing the existing culvert under the road with a larger diameter pipe. This project, if it goes ahead, will cause some access difficulties during construction and he will keep local residents informed.

Considerable concern was expressed about the recent closure of the High Road to enable works by Openreach. This was a full closure of the road with a formal diversion route, via Wilton and Fovant, of nearly 17 miles! Whilst assurances had been given that, as far as possible, access would be maintained for local residents, this did not happen in practice. As a result buses were diverted and seemed to take the Blandford Road round to Broad Chalke, leaving several elderly Bishopstone residents stranded in Broad Chalke. Large numbers of drivers had ignored the formal diversion route and instead attempted to use the back road in Bishopstone (via Church Lane, Mill Lane and Faulston Lane). Given the width of Mill Lane it was inevitable that vehicles, including cars, vans and quite large lorries, got stuck and were backed up in both directions.

It was agreed to write to Wiltshire Council drawing attention to the problems that had been created by this closure and to request that different arrangements are made in the future (for example by maintaining access by traffic lights or stop/go boards and possibly by formally closing the back road route as well).

The Chairman, Ali Thorne, drew attention to the difficulties being faced by the village pub, The White Hart. He said that the challenges being faced by the hospitality industry are well known. This applies as much to our pub as anywhere else. In 2019, following concerns about its future, the pub was registered as an Asset of Community Value. However, the pub is not really being valued by the village if it is not being used. We are very lucky to have Tom and Zara running the pub and contributing more widely to community life in Bishopstone. He recognised

that these are challenging economic times for everyone, and it was not the role of the Parish Council to promote a particular business, but a pub, together with the church and the village hall, was the social heart of the village and it was important to ensure, as far as possible, that they survive and thrive. The message had to be “use it or lose it”.

Consideration was given to the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for 2022/23. Mike Ash reported that the Council’s internal auditors had approved the accounts for the year and that, as both income and expenditure for the year 2022/23 was below the threshold of £25,000, the Council could submit a Certificate of Exemption from audit by external auditors. This action was agreed and the Internal Audit report, the Annual Governance Statement, the Accounting Statements for 2022/23 and the various documents required to be published under the Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities were approved for publication on the village website and on the village notice board.

The budget for the year 2023/24 was confirmed. Mike Ash reported that despite a 50% reduction in the precept compared to last year, the Council’s reserves remained quite high and whilst there were a number of proposed items of expenditure there was clearly scope for other projects to be taken forward. An additional seat in the Children’s Play Area was already planned and it was suggested that its provision might be used to mark the Coronation. Councillors agreed to consider what other projects might be undertaken and to bring these ideas forward for discussion at future meetings.

Cllr Thorne said that, following damage by vandals, arrangements were now in hand to replace the basketball back board in the Children’s Play Area. Mike Ash reported that a meeting had been arranged in June for the Chalke Valley parish councils to discuss the speed limits along the valley road with officers from Wiltshire Council Highways and from the Police and Crime Commissioner. He would report the outcome in due course. No progress had been made in finding a new Clerk to the Parish Council from within the village. Arrangements would now be put in hand to advertise the post more widely.

Under Planning Matters it was agreed to raise no objection to the proposed extension of Webbs Cottage in Pitts Lane (details available on the village website).

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on **Thursday 13th July 2023** at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Mike Ash

Village Hall



June 2023

The BISHOPSTONE COMMUNITY CAFE

Coffee Mornings are normally held on alternate Thursdays. Dates for the coming period are the **8th and 22nd of June and the 6th and 20th of July.**

10.30am until 12.00noon.

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

MOVIOLA at Bishopstone

June 23rd “The Fablemans”

The film is a semi-autobiographical story loosely based on Spielberg's adolescence and first years as a filmmaker. Young Sammy Fabelman falls in love with movies after his parents take him to see "The Greatest Show on Earth." Armed with a camera, Sammy starts to make his own films at home, much to the delight of his supportive mother. Stars Michelle Williams and Paul Dano

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

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

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

The film for July (28th) will be “A Man Called Otto” As usual for the last film of the season it will be preceded by an optional buffet supper starting at 6.00 pm. The cost will be an extra £6.00 per person, booked in advance please.

BISHOPSTONE COMMUNITY LUNCHESES

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

Lunches will resume on **Wednesday 4th October.**

HALL BOOKINGS FOR SOCIAL EVENTS AND WORKSHOPS

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

BABY AND TODDLER 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. Due to the group's popularity, the playgroup operates a weekly booking system to manage numbers. Find further information on our Facebook page *Bishopstone Playgroup* or contact Catherine on WhatsApp on 07884 347536.

“EXTEND” EXERCISE CLASSES

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

PILATES AT BISHOPSTONE

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

YOGA WITH HANNAH

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

SARUM SPINNERS AND WEAVERS

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

Date for your Diary

The 2023 AGM of The Friends of Bishopstone Church will take place on Tuesday August 1st 2023 in Bishopstone Church at 7.30pm.

Bishopstone Village Hall rates for private hire

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

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

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

The hire charges include use of heating and electricity.

The rates are currently:

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

Broadband

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

Large projection screen

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

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

For further information and bookings contact: Margaret Barter 01722 780471

Chalke Valley Community Support

POLICE

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

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

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

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

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

You can follow us on:

Facebook - www.facebook.com/salisburypolice

Twitter - www.twitter.com/SouthWiltsCPT

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

Sixpenny Handley and Chalke Valley Practice

Doves Meadow Surgery, Broad Chalke: 01722 780282

Broadchalke Surgery is now open on Tuesdays and Thursdays

Sixpenny Handley Surgery: 01725 552500

www.sixpennydocs.co.uk



MOBILE LIBRARY

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

8 June, 6 July, 3 August



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Stores
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OPENING HOURS

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

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

CHALKE VALLEY LINK SCHEME

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

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

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

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

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Queen's Award for Voluntary Service

Staying in Touch

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

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



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



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PLEASE JOIN US FOR
CHORAL EVENSONG
at 3.0'CLOCK ON SUNDAY 11th JUNE 2023

with REVD CANON JENNY TAYLOR

CHOIR CONDUCTOR: MADELINE GOOCH

ORGANIST: JOHN POWELL

REFRESHMENTS AFTERWARDS

AT MANOR HOUSE

COLLECTION IN AID OF THE CHURCHES CONSERVATION TRUST & BISHOPSTONE CHURCH

Full Fibre Broadband Update

Toby Mills, Roger Stockton, Mike Ash and Paul Mildred are delighted to announce that Openreach have now completed the FTTP Project infrastructure, enabling every property in Bishopstone West of (and including) Pitts Lane to have access to full-fibre broadband up to 950 Mb/s.



In addition, we have now activated enough of the Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme vouchers to pay for this installation, so it has not cost us anything (apart from a few grey hairs in the project team).

I know many of you are now enjoying your Ultrafast Broadband and others are waiting for it to be installed by their ISP. For those of you yet to do so, I would encourage you to make the change as it is transformational and may even save you money (in addition to increasing the value of your property). If you do receive a request to activate a voucher after having it installed then please do so. Please also continue to let us know when you have it installed and working.

We, your FTTP Project Team, would like to thank you for your support, encouragement and patience over the past two years and with that, we shall stand down.

Bishopstone gets Wired!

The Parish Council wishes to thank the FTTP team for all their work in getting ultrafast broadband extended to the whole village. It has been a team effort, but special thanks go to Toby Mills and Roger Stockton for providing leadership, enduring most of the frustration of dealing with Openreach and for helping those who needed it to make final connections.

Thanks also go to everyone who has played a part in the implementation process - responding to all the requests for information, submitting returns to the voucher scheme, arranging home visits by engineers etc. There is no doubt that the village as a whole has benefitted from this project, making it one of the first in South Wiltshire to be full fibre connected!

Salisbury Foodbank

Thank you to everyone who donated this month, the total was 10.7 kgs.

Again they are particularly asking for

Toilet Rolls	Long Life Milk
Long Life Fruit Juice	Tinned Rice Pudding/Custard
Tinned Fish	Tinned Meat
Sponge Puddings	Tinned Vegetables/potatoes
Pasta Sauce	Tinned Fruit
Tinned Tomatoes	Packet Puddings/ Angel Delight
Pasta	Snacks

So, pretty much everything again, they are providing so much help that their shelves empty very quickly at the moment.

Please continue to support this cause, so needed during these difficult financial times. Even just one tin will bring hope to someone.

You can leave your donations either at the Church or at my house – The Old Post Office, The Cross - or if you would like me to collect please call me on 01722 780306. If you are already contributing through the supermarkets' own collections then thank you so much.

Thanking you in advance and for all the support you have given over the years.

Judy Barrett

My huge thanks go to Kate for improvising for me last month when I was away and had forgotten to post anything.





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Coffee Shop: Weekdays 10am - 3.30pm (until 2pm on Saturdays)

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

The Chalke Valley Stores and Café Celebrates Our 10th Birthday

To celebrate this wonderful achievement of ten years of successful activity, we will hold an open party, on Friday 2 June, between 3.30pm and 7.30 pm, to which many people who have been important to our success have been invited:

Members of the company, past and present committee members and volunteers, past and present employees, our local suppliers, and of course, you, our customers, will all be most welcome.

We are most grateful and honoured to also be able to welcome the High Sherriff of Wiltshire, Pradeep Bhardwaj, who will visit at around 6pm to mark this wonderful occasion with us. We very much hope that the Mayor of Salisbury will also be able attend.

Local press have also shown interest in our birthday, so we hope there will be some coverage of the event in local papers and magazines. Photos will be taken to give us a lasting record of the afternoon.

Please come along, if you have a little time during the afternoon, for a cup of tea and special birthday cake, or a glass of wine and nibbles to help us celebrate and to meet and catch up with friends. There will be music (but no dancing!) to help entertain you all.

We all owe a great deal to those whose vision and commitment resulted in the opening of the CV Stores; to our volunteers, whose dedication allows us to continue; to Tony, our wonderful manager and to his equally wonderful assistants, Kate, Jayne, Nicki and Dawn.

So do come along and help us show our gratitude for all they do for our communities.

Friday 2 June, between 3.30pm and 7.30pm

Coronation Fun

A selection of photos from just some of the celebrations around the Parish.



RECOLLECTIONS OF VILLAGE LIFE IN BISHOPSTONE - 70 YEARS AGO FROM PAT DRAPER

I came to the village in 1951 from the north of Scotland to work as a nanny, and lived in Netton House with an army family, looking after their 2 boys. It was here that I met John who was farming at Netton, and we subsequently married.

Most of the land in the village was originally owned by the Pembroke Estate, who sold it to the Abergavenny Estate, and then it passed to the Newcastle Estate.



In the early 1950s the village was a really quiet, peaceful place. The Village Hall was a centre of activity, and the back room (now the Memorial Room) was built by the villagers in memory of the military men who had lost their lives during WWI and WWII. A plaque hangs on the wall with the names of the fallen.

Farming was very different from the present day. There were 8 farms with dairies; now we have lost all the dairies. The farms north of the river were Manor Farm, Whitlock Dairy, Netton and Flamstone. On the south side were South Farm, Faulston, Crouchston and Throope.



A group of horses pulling a wagon



Dairy cattle at Crouchston

All the men who worked in the dairies lived in tied farm cottages. They would cycle or walk to the Village Hall for their entertainment. The Hall was used mostly by the men who worked on the farms – in the back room there was a snooker table, dart board and many games of cards were played there. A badminton court was marked out in the main room, which was regularly used, and outside there was a tennis court in what is now the car park.

8 houses and 4 bungalows were built as Council Houses at Meadow View in 1939, and 4 houses in The Styles were built in 1945. The name was a derivative of the stiles that the men had to climb over as they walked to the Village Hall from the east side of the village. The publican, Len Gold, kept chickens on the land which is now The Croft. Across his field was another stile to be climbed over.

At that time the community was served by St John the Baptist Church and a Methodist Chapel in Crouchston (now a property owned by the Atkinsons). There was a thriving school, 2 shops (1 at the top of Pitts Lane and 1 at The Cross in Crouchston). These are now all private houses. The village had 2 pubs (The

White Hart and the Three Horseshoes on The Alley). Industry was provided by the corn mill at Crouchston and 2 watercress beds. There was also Wort's builder's yard in that area, and the first house they built was South Farm in Crouchston. Bill Dimmer and his son Phil were kept busy with thatching, and they crafted a complete thatched shed in Pitts Lane. They would walk to work just carrying a bag of tools.



People cycled or walked with their children on the way to school and the shops, so there was more interaction between the villagers. After the school closed there was a big change in the use of footpaths and bridleways, which had been regularly used by mothers collecting their children.

1952 The land at Netton Close beside the Village Hall had been used as allotments for the cottagers, and the Council built 12 houses opposite the pub and along the main road.

1960 7 bungalows and 13 houses were built on Whitlock Rise, named after Whitlock Dairy, which was run by Reg Thorne of Manor Farm.

1963 Behind the Village Hall the Duke of Newcastle Estate established The Croft with 28 houses which included 4 in Netton Street. In the middle of Netton Street was Croft Cottage, which remains today. This is where the drowner lived, whose job it was to lift up the hatches to let the water into all the meadows on the south side of the river.



Construction of The Croft



1996 The Duke of Newcastle Estate sold all the farmland to the tenant farmers. The Estate retained the houses and sold them off on the open market. They also developed the farm buildings to the east of Netton Farm on the main road, and the Manor Farm development near the church.

2022 By then there was no school, chapel, post office, shop, cress beds, mill or dairies. This has altered the village a lot. Over the years several new houses have been built. When I first came to Bishopstone people lived and worked within the community and everyone knew each other.

As told to Anne Stutchbury



Coombe Bissett CE VA Primary School

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

Some of the highlights of another busy term here at the school....



In honour of the **coronation** of King Charles III and Queen Camilla – as well as our annual May Day school tradition – the whole school celebrated by dancing and may-poling in red, white and blue.

Year 5 visit to Salisbury Racecourse

On Thursday 18th May, the Year 5's went to the Salisbury Racecourse for a Maths activity day.

When we got to the racecourse, our guide Amanda showed us where to put our bags; she gave us a book with maths activities in. Amanda also gave us some pretend jockey jackets to go in disguise to see behind the scenes – the weighing room, the Parade ring (where the horses warm up) and the racetrack.

When we went into the weighing room, we opened up our books to page three and got asked some questions which we then wrote into our books such as: Who gets weighed in the weighing room? (only the jockeys). We learnt how many grams go into a kilogram, how many pounds go into a stone and how many ounces go into a pound. We estimated how heavy we were and then got weighed.

When we got to the parade ring, we talked about how many horses could fit in the ring. Then we estimated how many metres were in the ring which was around 153 metres. When we measured the ring, we used a measuring wheel however not many people got the same number of metres! We got to watch the horses warm up. We also found out they keep on throwing buckets of water over them because if they only throw one bucket on the horses they will instantly heat the water up to

their body temperature.

Before the horses raced, we walked on the racecourse and talked about how it is measured in furlongs (in England). We then raced at half a furlong before moving to the Parade Ring to watch the horses before the races.

We then watched the horses go around in the Parade Ring (and one of the horses pooped and people kept stepping in it). People bet imaginary money on who would win and if they got it right they got some air. After a few laps around the ring, they ran down the field on their horses to the starting gates.

When the races started, the horses zoomed down the field and from a distance they looked like small dots gaining on each other trying to reach the finish line. However, as some horses tired they started dropping back. At the end on the first race, Red Red Robin won 1st and in the second race Relief Rally got 1st.

Reported by Tilly, Poppy, Alfie and Clara

Cricket tournament at Wyvern St Edmunds

On Wednesday 17th of May, there was a cricket tournament; five year 6 girls and three year 5 girls were in attendance.

As we arrived at the tournament, we found a space and started going through the rules and practising. Once we got the hang of it, we were surprised that there were 2 batters involved at once. After 10 minutes of practice, we had to go on the pitch. Unfortunately, we lost and then for 2nd one we had the same result but had a really close game, as we were 4 points down. So close!

Although the 3rd game was also really close, this time we won as we had better knowledge of the game; we were ecstatic as it was the first win of the tournament for us and gave us sufficient points to progress to the quarter finals.

The fourth game was the best game because it was not a close game at all: when we were batting we were getting 6's and 4's. As a result, we came out with a huge win nearly scoring 90 more points than the opposition!

The fifth game was a really good game, as this game would determine whether we got to the finals or not. As we were playing extremely well, we had a great win! We celebrated going into the finals although we knew we needed to play really well as we had seen the team we were against – Winterslow – as we had been training.

After a very close game, by a margin of only two runs..... Coombe Bissett were victorious and now proceed to the area finals.

Reported by Hollie, Lauren and Sophia



Chalke Valley Fete and Produce Show 19th August 2023

Our plans are going well for this year's fete. We have been lucky enough to secure 3 grants towards making the fete a fabulous day.

£1250 from SWWAP

£750 from Chase and Chalke Landscape Partnership

£1000 from the National Lottery Community Fund

This enables us to raise more money for local good causes.

Programs will be dropping through your doors for the produce show soon. Please take a look at our website <https://chalkevalleyfete.co.uk> or join us on Facebook to look at all the fantastic activities going on.

CHALKE VALLEY FLOWER CLUB



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TEA PARTY and a

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18th June 2023

DONATIONS TO WILTSHIRE WILDLIFE



*Shakespeare
at the Opera*



Verdi * Berlioz
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Gounod * Nicolai

John Cuthbert *director*
Rob Taylor *piano*

Tickets £15 - under 18s free
from [eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk) or on the door



St Mary's Church
Fordingbridge SP6 1BB

Saturday 1 July 2023, 7.30 pm

St Mary & St Nicholas Church
Wilton SP2 0DL

Saturday 8 July 2023, 7.30 pm



Salisbury Chamber Chorus will perform "Shakespeare at the Opera" at St Mary's Church, Fordingbridge on Saturday 1st July at 7.30pm and at St Mary & St Nicholas Church, Wilton on Saturday 8th July at 7.30pm.

Tickets are £15 (under 18s free) from Eventbrite or on the door.

The chorus will present excerpts from Shakespeare's plays, including Othello, Romeo & Juliet and the Merry Wives of Windsor set to music in opera by Verdi, Berlioz, Gounod, Vaughan Williams amongst others.

Our Music Director for this summer performance, John Cuthbert, says the concert promises to be an emotional roller coaster though comedy and tragedy.

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Coronation Rambling with Jazzie....

Another month has passed, and after a wet start, now getting a bit warmer and sunny. However, Jazzie has noted that the Ebbles is still running very high, especially for this time of the year. I hope it means we have enough water for the summer, which might again prove to be hot!



Jazzie has been enjoying her walkies again, as usual, and often runs free in the fields when no livestock in view. Otherwise on the lead, we have tried to introduce her to the calves and the sheep as we pass, but with no contact as they all seem afraid of our little dog! They do snort at her which she finds a bit disconcerting. Only yesterday, she met her old friend Boris again, who seemed very pleased to see her. A few days ago, she had a good play with Dipper, as we passed the stables at Crouchston, and she enjoys meeting her neighbour Pebble in the fields, too.

The highlight of this month has been the Coronation celebrations on 6 and 7 May, which seem a long time ago now. We spent all Saturday morning glued to the television admiring the dresses and uniforms, applauded the excellent parade, and absorbed the ceremony of the Coronation of King Charles the Third. What a spectacle and done so well by London District and the Archbishop. All congrats should go to Garrison SM Vern Stokes for his hard work and planning throughout.

On the Sunday, The Croft enjoyed a huge picnic on our lovely green, with about 70 attending. Our family came and we really enjoyed the day. Thank goodness it remained dry and sunny for us all. Even Jazzie came out to help with lunch, rather than remain indoors barking at us. She was very impressed with Roger and Daddy doing their little bit of thanks to the organisers! Catherine and Trevor and Laura and Lucy deserve so many thanks from us Crofters, far and near. It was a great occasion and so good to see so many gathered in the sun eating and drinking with gusto. Even time for some super children's games too! I hope all the champers flutes got home all right!



Poor Jazzie started the month with her summer trim and then went to visit the vet for her annual inoculations and vet-check. She passed in good order, as she should at the age of 2 and a wee bit!!

We hope for more good weather, for good growth in the garden especially the toms, cucs and courgettes, not to mention lupins (coming along nicely) and the roses and dahlias later on. Good luck to all gardeners and allotters, and we look forward to seeing you on our walks. Happy Whitsun break! Woof! Woof!



James Thompson

Local Charity News and Events

Alabaré's Boots on the Ground programme

Local charity Alabaré provides support and accommodation for people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless across Wiltshire and the South West.

Alabaré's Boots on the Ground programme is supporting both young people and veterans, providing mental health support by delivering a range of outdoor activities, and by providing volunteering opportunities on community projects. The team have recently taken a group of young people for a residential week in the New Forest where they joined in with activities such as outdoor cooking, animal tracking and team-building. Some of Alabaré's veterans are also involved with developing the Community Garden at Arundells in Salisbury. Those who are taking part in all these activities are finding it of huge benefit to their wellbeing, confidence and self-esteem. As resident Ryan says, "I don't usually go out much due to social anxiety but Boots on the Ground allows me to meet new people in a comfortable environment. It helps me to interact with people and pursue my interests which will hopefully lead to employment soon."

Knowing the positive impact this work has on the mental health and wellbeing of their residents, Alabaré is keen to ensure that as many as possible are given the opportunity to join with a wide range of outdoor activities. If you'd like to find out more about how you can support them, including the many ways you could volunteer, do have a look at the website www.alabare.co.uk.

Helen Inglis h.inglis@alabare.co.uk

Thanks from CRESS

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported our Lent Project Appeal with Chalke Valley Church. Bishop Joseph especially wanted to thank all the people he met and churches he was welcomed into. Thanks to your generosity with Gift Aid we raised a wonderful £15,253.04

This means we can provide agriculture training for 10 more savings groups (250 refugees) in the refugee settlements in Northern Uganda, and provide tools, seeds and tree seedlings for all of these groups; fund the transport costs for the agriculture team as they deliver those tools, seeds and training as well as supervision for the groups throughout the year. This money is especially needed for the maintenance of the vehicles as they travel such long distances on rough roads.

Money from the Lent Project has also been used to organise the fundraising events and Bishop Joseph's travels. Caroline and her team plan to meet some of the new Chalke Valley agricultural groups when they visit Uganda in January.

Fovant Badges Society

METAL 'LABELS' for a CROSS.

Does anyone have a lead on how to obtain (as near as possible) 'authentic' metal label as shown in the illustrations here?

Fovant Badges Society hold an annual Drumhead Service at East Farm Fovant on the first Sunday in July to commemorate 'The Fallen'. We do not have a Cross though to augment the basic Drumhead feel of the ad hoc (by Church standards) location. We would like to have an authentic Service Field Cross but this has proved impossible to source. I have however come across this grave marker cross, at Stockbridge Church.

A Facsimile of such a cross I think would be even more appropriate to our occasion and all I lack to produce one are metal (tinplate or aluminium) labels, made to our order. They are like the labels from fairground name plate maker tag machines of old.

Hence my plea...I can't (yet) find a source...

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Any leads will be gratefully followed up.

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Notes from a Nutritionist

Welcome to June's '**Notes from a Nutritionist**'

Strawberries are synonymous with the month of June, but once you've had your fill of strawberries and cream, you might start looking for other ways you can use them in your meals.

This month I'm offering you a simple yet delicious early summer salad that is filled with the fresh zingy flavours that are on offer at this time of year. It features four flavour components: sweet (new season strawberries), salty (feta), crunchy (toasted almonds) and refreshing (cucumbers). Then to make the salad really 'sing' I've added peppery locally grown Broad Chalke watercress and some radishes. Finally the salad is topped with fresh herbs such as mint or basil depending on which you prefer.

Strawberries are wonderfully sweet at this time of year but are actually quite low in calories. They are an excellent source of vitamin C, and also contain decent amounts of folate (vitamin B9) needed for energy production, and potassium which helps blood pressure control.

Watercress packs a powerful nutrient punch. It is surprisingly high in vitamin C – an 80g serving of watercress gives you 50mg of vitamin C, more than the recommended daily amount of 45mg and more than is contained in an orange of the same weight. Watercress is also rich in vitamin A (needed for normal vision and immune function) and is a source of folate (it will help to support energy levels and heart health), calcium, iron and vitamin K (used by the body for blood clotting and wound healing).

Almonds are a delicious way to add healthy fats to your diet. They are also rich in antioxidants that help to protect your cells from damaging 'free radicals' and are a great source of magnesium. If you are nut free, then swap the almonds in this recipe for pumpkin seeds (or any seeds of your choice).

Finally new-season radishes are a source of natural nitrates that help improve blood flow around your body, and also contain compounds that will help your liver and kidneys to eliminate toxins.

I hope you enjoy this month's deliciously summery recipe. If you have any questions, then please get in touch at amber@ampercotton.co.uk.

Amber x

Recipe of the Month - Watercress Salad with Strawberries and Feta

Serves 4-6

For the dressing

2 tbsp of white wine vinegar

1 tbsp lemon juice

1 tsp honey

30ml olive oil

Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste



For the salad

35g sliced almonds (I've used whole almonds with their skins as these contain more fibre, but flaked almonds are also great in this salad)

1x large bunch of watercress, washed and any thick stems removed

30g mint or basil leaves (or a combination of both), roughly chopped

16-20 ripe strawberries, hulled and sliced lengthways

6 medium radishes, thinly sliced

120g cucumber, thinly sliced

50g feta, crumbled

METHOD

1. Using a dry frying pan over a medium heat, toast the almonds for 7-9 minutes, tossing occasionally, until golden and fragrant. Set aside to cool. If you are using seeds instead of almonds, toast for 5-6 minutes but be careful not to let them burn.
2. To make the dressing, add the white wine vinegar, lemon juice, honey, and salt and pepper to a small bowl and mix thoroughly. Gradually whisk in the oil. Add more honey, salt or pepper to taste.
3. In a large salad bowl, toss the watercress, herbs, strawberries, radishes and cucumber with the dressing until everything is evenly coated. Top with the crumbled feta and toasted almonds (or seeds if using) and serve immediately.

Puzzles and Activities

By Cally Edwards

Sudoku

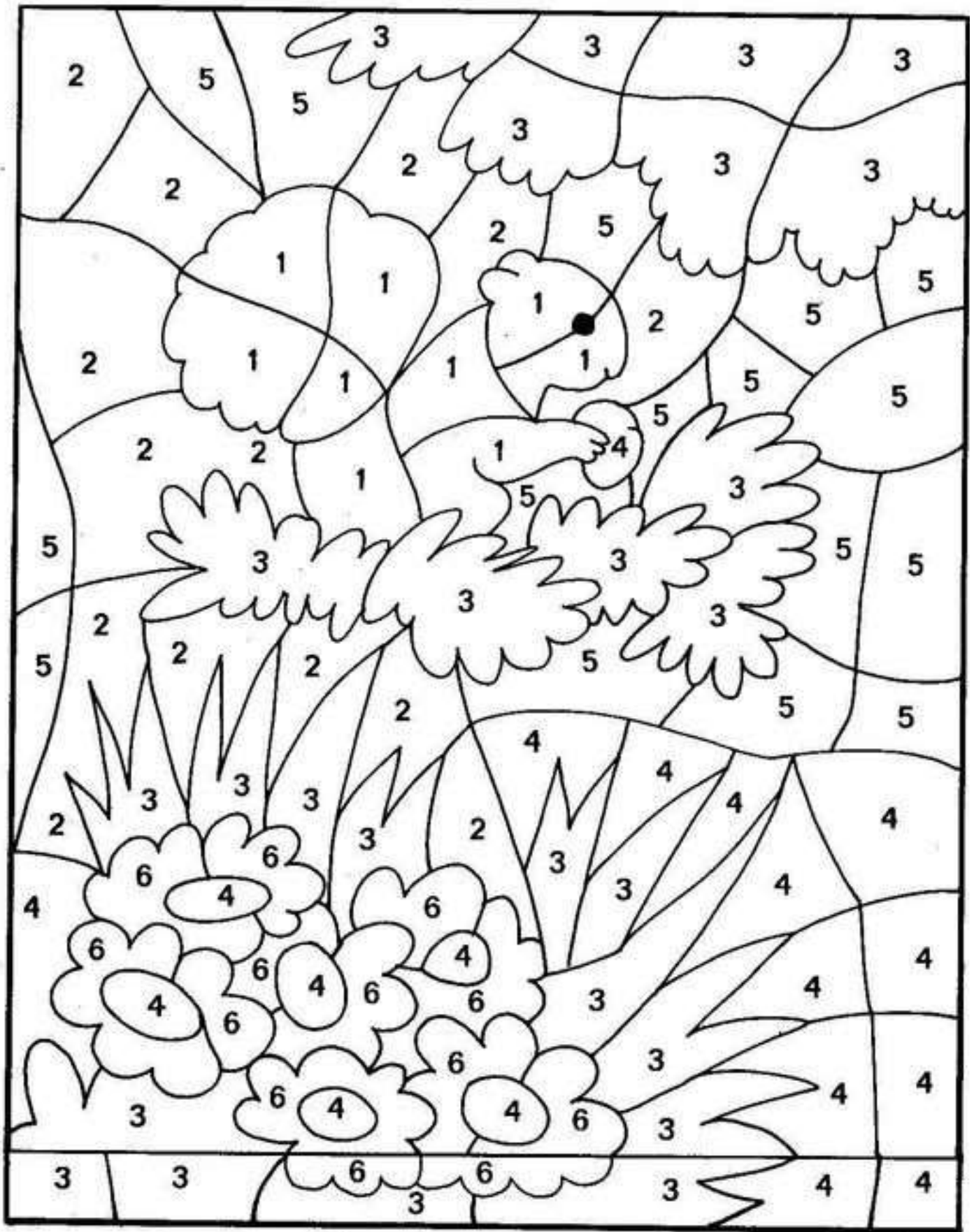
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Have you heard of 30 Days Wild? It's a brilliant initiative from the Wildlife Trust in which they encourage people to get outside and engage with nature every day during June. You can find loads of ideas for things to do, particularly with children, this month on the website www.wildlifetrust.org, and also on the Thimble and Twig website below.



The graphic features a central white box with the text "30 IDEAS FOR #30 DAYS WILD" in blue, bold, sans-serif font. To the left is an illustration of a green tent, a yellow crescent moon, and two green trees. To the right is an illustration of a pair of yellow rubber boots with water splashing around them. Below the text is the website address www.thimbleandtwig.com in a blue, rounded font.

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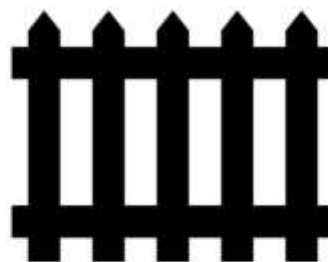
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The Village Hall is an important resource and offers a venue for a wide variety of events for the benefit of all. The Hall is supported by a large group of dedicated local people in addition to the Committee. We hope you will support events whenever you can and if you would like to join the wider group of Friends of the Village Hall then please contact any member of the committee.

Bishopstone Village Website

www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk

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

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

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Letters to the Editor

Letters to STaB are very welcome, but the views expressed may not be those of the editorial team or the Parish Church Council.

Having done the League of Friends sweet shop in the hospital on the Wednesday morning I drove home through Coombe Bissett down Howgare Road which I found only added 20 mins to my journey. After lunch I walked past the mill through the fields to Knighton and wound my way up to the main road. I then walked home via White Hart and only saw four cars coming towards me and three big lorries going towards the village so presume they added to the mayhem of the back road. I took this photo to show how empty the road was. Hopefully the last time that anyone can do the same ever again.



Alix Ricketts

Pat Abbott has sent us this photo of two happy hedgehogs in their garden. I know of at least one other that has made their home in the village, in a garden at Faulston Barns. With news that the hedgehog population is in decline, how lovely to see at least some thriving in our village.



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Services in Chalke Valley Benefice – June 2023



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

4 June TRINITY SUNDAY	9.30am	Family Communion (CW)	Broad Chalke	Kate Woolven
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Britford	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Ebbesbourne Wake	Ruth H-S
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Coombe Bissett	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	Family Service (CW)	Odstock	Adrian Taylor
	11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Berwick St John	Lay Led
	11.00am	Morning Service	Bishopstone	Sally Leaver
11 June 1st Sunday after Trinity	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bowerchalke	Kate Woolven
	9.30am	Family Communion (CW)	Nunton	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Coombe Bissett	Anthony Hawley
	11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Charlton All Saints	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	All Age Service	Alvediston	Biddy Trahair
	3.00pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)	Fifield Bavant	Biddy Trahair
18 June 2nd Sunday after Trinity	11.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Bowerchalke	Ruth H-S
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bishopstone	Ruth H-S
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Odstock	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Ebbesbourne Wake	Biddy Trahair
	11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Homington	Jenny Taylor
	6.00pm	Songs of Praise	Berwick St John	Ruth H-S
25 June 3rd Sunday after Trinity	9.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Berwick St John	Kate Rosslyn Smith
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Charlton All Saints	Jenny Taylor
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Broad Chalke	Ruth H-S
	11.00am	Family Service	Nunton	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bishopstone	Tony Monds
	11.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Alvediston	Ruth H-S
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)	Bowerchalke	Lay Led
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)	Homington	Rhoderick Voremberg
2 July 4th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am	Family Communion (CW)	Broad Chalke	Kate Woolven
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Britford	Ruth H-S
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Ebbesbourne Wake	Kate Woolven
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Coombe Bissett	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	Ebblefest Riverside Service	Odstock Jubilee Gdns	Ruth H-S
	11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Berwick St John	Lay Led

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