



Parish Magazine

May 2023



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The editors reserve the right to edit all contributions.



A warm welcome to Bishopstone and Stratford Tony...

Gemma, Mike and Tristan Spencer with their dog Roxie, who have moved into Meadow View. We hope you will be very happy in your new home.

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



Hello from the Revd Canon Jenny Taylor



It does not seem very long ago that we were all celebrating our late Queen's Platinum Jubilee followed so swiftly by mourning her death. Now we are approaching another moment of history – the coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla – the Chalke Valley are holding two special services on Sunday 7th May, both at 10.00, in St Peter's Britford and St John the Baptist, Ebbesbourne Wake – we do so hope you can get in your cars or on your bikes or perhaps share lifts with others to come and celebrate and thank God for this momentous event in our lives.

We are encouraged by their Majesties to celebrate as communities over this weekend. I wonder how many of us will attempt the Coronation Quiche for our lunches, teas and suppers?!

The Church of England has been praying daily since Easter Day for the Coronation of our King and reflecting on all aspects of Kingship, Community and Church. As we approach May 6th, I hope we are all be inspired to pray for Charles III, for the Royal Family and for all our communities that we may be inspired to help make them vibrant places where all of us can flourish.

Sovereign God,
who called King Charles to be a ruler among his people:
give him grace to be their servant;
and help us, following our Saviour Christ in the path of humble service,
to see God's kingdom set forward on earth and to enjoy its fullness in heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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The Friends of Bishopstone Church
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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).

Church Notices

The Parish of Bishopstone with Stratford Tony Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31st December 2022

A full report is available in Church and on the Church Page of the Bishopstone Website

Achievements and Perforchurchmance

In addition to the ministry of the two stipendiary clergy in the Chalke Valley Team, all the activities covered in this report rely upon the support of volunteers: our non- stipendiary Team Vicar (The Revd Canon Jenny Taylor) who is responsible for the pastoral care of the Parish, retired Clergy, Churchwardens, Lay Worship Leader, Lay Pastoral Assistants, PCC members and all who give of their time, energy and financial support to ensure that services take place in a well preserved building, the Churchyard is maintained and the Church is able to serve the wider community.

Policies The PCC reviews its policies on **Health & Safety, Safeguarding and Financial Management** issues annually, in line with Church of England policy.

Worship The regular pattern of two Sunday services of Parish Communion a month continued without any restrictions and the occasional 1st Sunday Morning Service was resumed. On 29 May 2022 an appropriately themed service celebrated the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. A Book of Condolence was placed in the Church to mark the occasion of her death.

This report would not normally be complete without an acknowledgement of the contribution of Dr Richard Seal to the musical life of the Church. However, in July, the PCC and a much wider community were greatly saddened to learn of his death. The numbers attending his funeral in our church and at the subsequent Memorial Service in Salisbury Cathedral were testament to his national reputation within Church Music. A fund was established in his memory for the much needed restoration of our church organ planned to take place in 2023. We were immensely grateful that Mr John Powell, Mr Arthur Willoughby, Mrs Shelagh Lamb and Mrs Margaret Barter were able to step in to continue to support our services.

From the Registers 2 Weddings and 4 Funerals were conducted in the Church.

Mission and Outreach Pastoral support to individuals in our community continued to be provided by the Team Vicar and Lay Pastoral Assistants. 2022 Mission Giving was: £500 to the Deanery Chalke-Cueibet Link, £200 to Morning Star, £250 to Salisbury Foodbank and £50 to Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust. The Augustus Montgomery Coal Trust funds administered by the PCC have provided financial assistance to individuals in need in the Parish. Our Lent Appeal Coffee Mornings for the Salisbury Women's Refuge raised £1,331.50.

Our magazine, STaB, a leader among the Chalke Valley magazines, continues to play a valuable role in the life of our community. The PCC is grateful for the work of the Editorial Team in maintaining such a high quality magazine, for the contributors and for the team of volunteers who deliver it.

Fabric The PCC is very grateful to the Friends of Bishopstone Church for their support in ensuring that the building is well maintained and secure. Fortunately, there have been no major calls on their resources.

The day to day care and welcoming appearance of the building and churchyard, cleaning, flower arranging and refreshments after services are undertaken at no cost to the PCC. These and other items of maintenance could not happen without the generosity of finance and time of a small number of volunteers.

Financial Review

In 2022, activities in the PCC's General (unrestricted) Fund were, Total receipts: £31,363.96 (2021- £30,881.89) against Expenditure of £31,059.04 (2021- £27,119.67), giving a slight surplus of £304.92 (2021- surplus £3,762). Unsurprisingly, expenditure increased and the PCC will need to consider how to encourage financial support to meet this. The PCC is grateful to the Parish Council for its financial contribution to STaB and the cost of churchyard maintenance.

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the PCC to maintain, where possible, a balance on our unrestricted funds which equates to one year's running costs to cover any emergencies that may arise, particularly bearing in mind the significant costs that can be incurred when work is required to the church building.

Volunteers needed!

Do you have a relative or friend buried in our churchyard? Many of us do, and we can keep the grave neat and tidy. But there are many graves whose relatives have moved away from the area, or who have no-one to care for them. Our churchyard will soon be scanned, so that an accurate plan can be made, and inscriptions can be recorded. But our churchyard is looking neglected, and we need volunteers to help us tidy it.

Brambles need to be cleared from the eastern boundary as some graves have been engulfed by them. Help with trimming the hedges, weeding the gravel areas around the church, removing ivy from headstones, and general tidying of the area, are just some of the tasks which need to be done.

We have volunteers who keep the church itself clean and tidy, volunteers who arrange flowers, but we also need volunteers to help us tidy up the churchyard and keep it looking lovely too. Could you help by giving just for an hour or two, every now and then? If so please e-mail me at, theseal1@outlook.com giving me contact details, and the sort of task that you would feel able to do.

Hopefully we can then organise some teams to tackle these problems.

Sarah Seal

Lent Appeal

Thank you all so much for supporting our Lent appeal for Cress. People were very generous, providing lovely raffle prizes, cakes, and biscuits, and helping to run the two events.

With gift aid, the two coffee mornings raised £1159 which was wonderful. Thank you.

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.



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STRATFORD TONY
SP5 4AT



ANNUAL SERVICE

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

Parish Council

The next meeting of Bishopstone Parish Council will take place on **Thursday 4th May 2023 starting at 7.00pm in the Village Hall**. All are welcome to attend.

The agenda for the meeting will be posted on the village notice boards and on the village website.

Nobody from within the parish has yet come forward to take on the role of Parish Clerk (see below, and the village website). The Council will decide what to do at the May meeting, but this will probably mean advertising the vacancy more widely. It would be so much better if the job was taken on by someone who actually lives here so, if you think you might possibly be interested, please discuss with one of your Councillors or with the current Clerk, Mike Ash.

PARISH CLERK

As announced in the last edition of STaB, we are looking for someone to take over the job of Clerk to the Parish Council from Mike Ash. This is a part-time job with flexible hours which would suit someone who has recently retired, but wants to stay active and contribute to the life of the village, or it can easily be fitted in with other work.

The job involves:

- organising six meetings of the Council a year: agreeing an agenda with the Chairman, drafting any background papers and producing the minutes;
- making sure the Council meets legal requirements as to its governance and financial management (securing funding, dealing with accounts and audit);
- managing projects undertaken by the Council (it spends about £5,000 a year on improvements in the village);
- representing the Council and acting as the main point of contact with Wiltshire Council (responding to consultations, raising issues requiring action, attending some meetings etc);
- helping to resolve problems arising in the village.

Details are in the March edition of STaB and on the village website. Mike is willing to stay on whilst a new Clerk learns the ropes. Please contact him for more information.

Village Hall



May 2023

The VILLAGE HALL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The annual meeting will be held on **Monday 15th May**
7.00 for 7.30pm. All welcome.

ANNUAL SPRING FAYRE

The ever popular Spring Fayre will be held on **Saturday 20th May** from **10.00am to 12.00noon**

There will be a variety of stalls including plants, cakes, local crafts and a tombola. Refreshments will be available.

Please see the separate notice in STaB.

The BISHOPSTONE COMMUNITY CAFE

Coffee Mornings are normally held on alternate Thursdays. Dates for the coming period are the **11th and 25th of May** and the **8th and 22nd of June**.

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

May 26th “Empire of Light”

“Empire of Light is a 2022 British romantic drama film directed, written, and co-produced by Sam Mendes. Set in an English coastal town in the early 1980s, the film is about the power of human connection during turbulent times. It stars Olivia Colman, Micheal Ward, Monica Dolan, Tom Brooke, Tanya Moodie, Hannah Onslow, Crystal Clarke, Toby Jones, and Colin Firth.

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 June (23rd) will be “The Fabelmans” and for July (28th) “A Man Called Otto”

BISHOPSTONE COMMUNITY LUNCHES

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.

SATURDAY 20 MAY 2023 10.00am PLANT STALL

Springtime is nearly with us and the Spring Fayre is coming up soon. Please could you let us have any spare plants or seedlings of vegetable or fruit for the stall. This provides and serves a dual purpose of buying great plants and nurtures an interest in gardening.

To do this we need your generous donations of plants or seedlings. We would be grateful if you would name the plant or seedling and if possible the colour or variety.

This year please deliver any donation to the Village Hall from 2.00pm on 19 May where I shall be happy to receive them. Your help is much appreciated.

Norman Barter

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:

11 May, 8 June, 6 July, 3 August



**Coombe
Bissett
Stores**

www.coombebissettstores.co.uk

shop@coombebissettstores.co.uk Tel: 01722 718852

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

Bishopstone Village Website

It is a year since we launched the re-vamped village website. I do hope that you use it and find it helpful. If not I would be interested in any suggestions for improvement.

The site is regularly updated with a huge amount of information about the village including:

- *Urgent announcements such as on road closures and emergencies;*
- *Information about events taking place in the village;*
- *Details of local amenities and services – including in other Chalke Valley villages;*
- *The full Village Hall programme – you can even view trailers for the Moviola films;*
- *An electronic copy of the Parish Magazine – STaB;*
- *The BBC weather forecast for the village;*
- *Church service and related announcements;*
- *All Parish Council business papers;*
- *Information on current planning applications in the village – including links for submitting comments.*

And much, much more!

If you have not had a look recently – please give it a try!
www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk

Mike Ash



BISHOPSTONE VILLAGE

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.

Salisbury Foodbank

We had 10.6 kgs of donations plus a cheque for £20 last month.

The knock-on effect of not having enough income to cover the essentials can have a devastating impact on people's health.

But right now, people are going without the things we all need to get by like food, heating, and electricity.

This is because the basic rate of Universal Credit is only £85 a week and isn't based on any assessment of what people need.

It doesn't add up.

Join us and the Joseph Rowntree Foundation to call on the UK government to guarantee that the basic rate of Universal Credit will at least cover our essentials. <https://bit.ly/3IYD54I>

Judy Barrett

Over Easter our church saw three services. Maundy service on Thursday was taken by Jenny and Ruth. Good Friday was taken by Sally Leaver. What a poignant, thought provoking service it was. Beautiful music for us to reflect and listen to. Everyone left in respectful silence.

We were so blessed with bright sunshine for Easter Day. The church looked truly amazing. Thank you SO much for all the magnificent flower arrangements. The service was taken by Anthony Hawley which was well attended. Our sincere thanks go to him.

Alix Ricketts





CHALKE VALLEY
SPORTS CENTRE
sport for all

Facilities for all the Chalke Valley
SPORTS SCENE
MAY 2023

SPOTLIGHT ON THE BROAD CHALKE CRICKET CLUB

The Cricket practice net has been reinstalled for the season and the facility is now back in use.

Broad Chalke Cricket Club start the new season with a home friendly match on the 22nd of April against Dinton. We then start our Midweek T20 campaign with a HOME match on Wednesday the 3rd of May from 6pm. The 13th of May is our first HOME Saturday match in the Hampshire League starting at 1pm.

You are invited to come along, enjoy a cup of tea, and support your local Cricket team!

GET BACK INTO TENNIS THIS SUMMER! ...just in time for Wimbledon.

A further series of Tennis Xpress for beginners/intermediates is being planned to start in June.

Tennis Xpress (Beginner/Intermediate) is an adult coaching course for players who want to learn or improve the basics of the sport. The 6 sessions are aimed at helping players learn the game of tennis; be able to serve, rally and score.

Start date: June TBC

To book email: mahonytennis@gmail.com

Or visit: www.mahonytennis.com

CHALKE VALLEY PETANQUE. The new outdoor season restarts on Friday 12 May, 6.30pm-8.00pm. All equipment provided. Just £2/session. Sports Bar open.

Chalke Valley Fete and Produce Show – Planning is now in full swing with the Fete Committee that will be hosted by the Sports Centre on the afternoon of Saturday 19 August.

Event Venue – If you have a children's birthday party or a family celebration that you are planning, then the hall and outdoor space at the Centre are great venues. Good parking, a small kitchenette and easy access. Contact one of the Committee to discuss.

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

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



Summer Fete

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!

Chalke Valley Fete and Produce Show 19th August 2023.

We now have a couple of ways for you to find out what's coming up, such as what seeds to plant and photographs to take for the produce show.

Website: <https://www.chalkevalleyfete.co.uk>

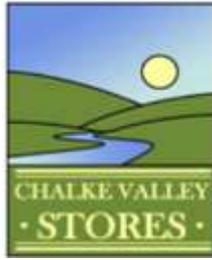
Or join our Facebook page Chalke Valley Fete

Please have a look as there are some great photos from last year.

Can you Help the Hub?

Chalke Valley Community Hub seeks assistance from someone in the valley with time and some experience in PR, media or journalism experience. We are looking for an individual who could deal with all our communication activities, to ensure we have a coordinated approach & that all the platforms are in sync with messages. Sadly this could only be a voluntary role as this is a community project. We estimate that the work would only take around one hour per week, the most important task being communicating the Hub's activities on a monthly basis through the various village magazines. In future, however, we want to be able to run planned campaigns providing more exciting advertising of what the Shop and Cafe is doing, what it is offering volunteers and customers and the community generally. Can you help us?

If so, please contact me on: katie.whitmore@btinternet.com



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OPENING HOURS

Shop: Weekdays 9.00am - 5pm (until 4pm on Saturdays)

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

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

May Bank Holidays The Shop and Café will be closed on Monday 1st, Monday 8th, Monday 29th

Other Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 3rd May

Special Coronation Teas will be served from 2.30pm .. demand will be enormous, so book early.

Friday 2nd June

We will be celebrating the Hub's 10th Birthday and we are planning to hold an Open Day. More details will be announced as our plans become confirmed.

Volunteering

We are delighted to be able to tell you of the very positive response to our campaign to recruit more Volunteers. Tony has put into place a training programme for all, so that everyone will know what they will be doing and how to do it !

There is still room for more people to help, but we are very grateful to all of you who have come forward so far.

Shop News

- A full range of Craft Beers from Bowman Ales is now stocked; & Gift Packs will be available for **Fathers' Day (Sunday 18 June)**.
- We are pleased to confirm that we are able to take orders for our whole range. Also, if there any other specific products you would like to be stocked , please tell Tony , who will do his best to obtain them for you.
- Fresh produce is available every day... and we have many local suppliers of meat, cakes pies and much more.
- We are continuing to increase our range of budget products.

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 in need.

Chalke Valley Flower Club

The Chalke Valley Flower Club is closing down
on the 30th June 2023

We have found it difficult to find a new Chairman together with and a new Committee
The Club opened in 1969, through all its activities over the years it has given so much
pleasure to so many people

Our final event will be on Sunday 18th June at The Lodge Stoke Farm,
this will be an opportunity to enjoy the wild flowers on the Downs.

Teas will be available during the afternoon

More details in next month's magazine

Coombe Bissett and Homington Drama Club

Our spring production this year is a new play, "**Life on the Landing**"
written and directed by Chris Chelu, taking place on **19th & 20th May 2023** at **7pm**
Rehearsals are now underway and the set is being designed and built.

Five people live in a house of multiple occupation. Rickie, an unemployed graduate, and his faithful girlfriend, Carol, share one room; Sandy and Jules another. Saucy Rebecca lives in a third. Rickie decides to have an impromptu party to celebrate the first moon landing. Games are played and relationships are tested, against the backdrop of an uncooperative landlord.

Tickets will be available at the **Box Office** from **27th April 2023** by phoning **01722 718850**. There will be a licensed pay bar and a two course dinner included, all for the sum of **£15** per head. There will be 100 covers per night and the bar will open at 6.15pm.

Make a note in your diary to book your tickets.

Tables of 6.

Not suitable for persons under 16.

Organise a party booking!

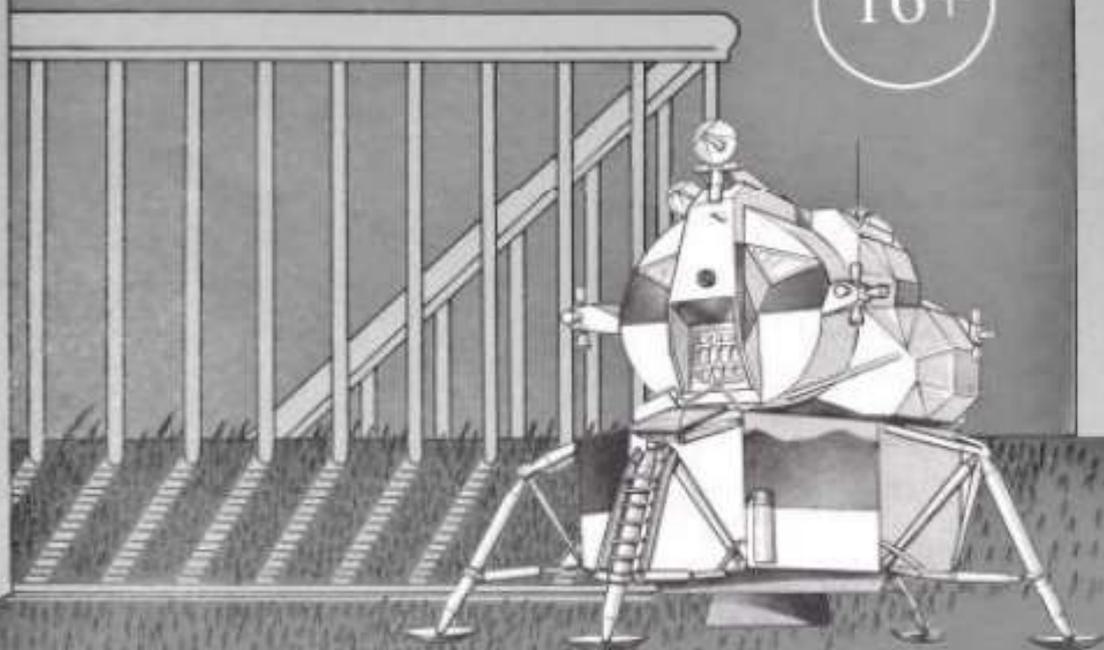
Coombe Bissett & Homington Drama Club

Presents

Life on the Landing

A play by Chris Chelu

16+



On 19th & 20th May 2023 at 7pm

in

Coombe Bissett Village Hall

Licensed Bar

Tickets £15 to include a 2 course supper

Box Office

Phone 01722 718 850 after 27th April '23

Coombe Bissett and Homington

**VILLAGE SHOW
& FETE**

Together
with
CB Primary
School

**Saturday 24th June 12-4pm
CB Village Hall and school field**

Adult admission £1.50 - Children free



**Flowers - Fruit & Veg - Baking - Crafts -
BBQ - Pimms - Tea and cake - Local stalls - Games -
Live music - Bouncy castle - Raffle -
Entertainment for the whole family**

The Village Show enables us to show off the amazing talents we have within our community, as well as providing a platform for people to try new skills and inspire the next generation.

This year we're doing things a little differently. Following the success of last year's Jubilee Celebrations we have decided to join forces with Coombe Bissett C of E Primary School to hold a Fete on the same day. We hope that combining these events will encourage the wonderful community spirit in Coombe Bissett and Homington and will provide a chance for all generations to get together and have fun! All profits raised will go to The Friends of CB Primary School.

How to enter

Have a look at the schedule on the show website (or copies available at Coombe Bissett Stores) and decide what categories you are going to enter. All entries are free and Entry Forms should be received by 5pm on Tuesday 20th June 2023. There are exciting new categories this year, including crafts, a reel and men's and women's cakes.

New for this year, please **enter via the website** electronically if possible: <https://cbandhshow.wordpress.com> Alternatively, the entry form is located on the back page of the schedule and can be printed out from the internet and handed into Coombe Bissett Stores.

Agenda

4-5pm Friday Non perishable and craft items can be dropped off early

8am Saturday Hall Open For Exhibitors

9:30am Doors Close For Exhibitors

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Tickets and raffle tickets can be purchased online in advance via The Friends website www.friendsofcb.co.uk/summer-fete-flower-show-2023 Tickets will also be available on the door. Food and drink including tea and home made cakes, BBQ and Pimms will be available to buy between 12 - 3pm. There will be a variety of entertainment for the whole family at the Fete, including live music, a bouncy castle and stalls from local businesses and games stalls run by pupils of the school. Come with friends, mingle with the local community, see the amazing talents in our village and most importantly have fun! Please bring cash. This is one of the biggest fundraising events of the school year organised by the Friends of Coombe Bissett and prizes are very desirable! Prize giving and Raffle winners will be announced at 3pm and then the Show and Fete will close. Keep your eyes on the two websites and Facebook pages for more details. We can't wait to see you there!

The Village Show Committee and Friends of Coombe Bissett Primary School

Clay Shooting at Windwhistle Farm



Major Competitive Clay Shoots

Windwhistle Farm will be hosting the **Greenfield Grand Prix**, which will be returning for a third year to our valley, on **Saturday 27th May**. Greenfield's Gunsmiths of Salisbury will once again be running a challenging but fun 120 bird sporting layout at the farm in Bishopstone. As last year, profits from the event will be going to local charities.

See:

<https://www.greenfieldguns.com/greenfields-grand-prix-returns-for-2023>

Spectators would be most welcome at this event. Drinks and snacks will be available to purchase.

Shortly after this the **Beretta World Sporting Championship** will run over three days, from **23rd to 25th June**, again at Windwhistle. This is a major UK annual competition held at different venues throughout the country, so it is a great result and honour for Windwhistle Farm to be chosen to host this national event that will attract the top shots, including Olympic medallists, in the sport.

See:

<https://www.berettaworld.co.uk>

Again spectators would be most welcome at this event. Drinks and snacks will be available to purchase.

Spring Rambling with Jazzie....

Well, we have had some weather since last we met. With continuous rain and now some sun, SPRING is definitely on its way. Jazzie enjoys sitting in the long grass in the sun but finds the wind a bit trying! After all, she is a hairy little scruff, but a lot of fun. Sadly, the water-butts have not filled due to frost damage splits, and are now under repair!



My download speed on the laptop is now superb, after Roger came round to explain all the ethernet cables. Seeing the Jazzie piece last month, and the comment about my download speed not improving after connection to FTTP, he rang me. When we had reconnected both cables and opened up, the speed had gone from about 35 to over 200 bps! It does work, and the FTTP Team are to be congratulated on the project and their after-connection-help.

What a moving poem that was about losing your dog. J and I were quite touched by the sentiment. Thank you, Roger, it will chime with so many of us, and can only cheer us up.

We are enjoying our walks more as the sun warms up and we hope the wind will drop, or become a little warmer! All that rain has certainly raised the level of the Ebbles, which truly rushes through the bridge at Faulston. Jazzie merely looks at it with disdain. She is OK with wet feet and paddling, but certainly NOT a real water dog. Zinnie was so keen she leapt into the swirling waters there on two occasions, only to be swept under the bridge and to bob up on the other side, shake her head and swim for the bank!



While we wait for the seedlings to grow, and the fruit blossom to swell, we continue with our walks and to weed the plots and mow the lawn. We look forward to our meetings with other dogs, and wish the best to all!

James T

PS Today, 20th April, Jazzie and I saw the first house martins for this year. They were gliding and soaring in the sun over The Bridges in Croucheston at about 6 PM. What a grand sight for Summer! J&J

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I wonder if this scenario is going through your mind right now. Are you thinking of dusting down the BBQ and finding the drinks glasses as the warmer weather approaches? Do you question yourself whether you can invite people back to your house? Are you considering going out instead of having it at yours?

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See Naomi's advert on page 43 of this edition.

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Notes from a Nutritionist

Welcome to May's 'Notes from a Nutritionist'

This month I've chosen a delicious spring recipe that showcases the abundance of wild garlic that we have around the Chalke Valley at this time of year.

Chicken piccata recipes traditionally use chicken breasts, but I've chosen to use chicken thighs instead. Not only is thigh meat much more succulent than the breast meat, but it's hard to overcook them and they are less expensive to buy.

Nutritionally, chicken thighs are an excellent source of many essential nutrients. Iron and zinc, which are important for a healthy immune system, are present in much higher quantities in dark meat than in white meat, and chicken thighs are a great source of all eight B vitamins which are important for supporting your energy levels and brain function.

Green beans are a good source of fibre which can help to lower cholesterol. They also contain a B vitamin called folate and potassium, both of which help to regulate blood pressure.

To add a flavour punch, I've added shredded wild garlic. The headline health benefit of wild garlic is its effectiveness in helping to lower blood pressure, but it also has antibacterial, antibiotic and antiseptic properties, and best of all it grows in weed-like abundance around South Wiltshire.

Finally, new potatoes are a great source of vitamin C and as you don't peel them, they are a good source of fibre.

Finish off the dish with a scattering of antioxidant-rich capers and lemon zest, some heart-friendly olive oil, and mineral-rich parmesan cheese, and you have a tasty midweek meal that is ready in under 30 minutes.

I hope you enjoy this month's recipe. If I can be of help in any way please get in touch at amber@ambercotton.co.uk.

Wishing you a very happy May.

Amber



Recipe of the Month - Chicken Piccata with Garlicky Greens

By Amber Cotton

Serves 2

- 200g new potatoes, halved or quartered
- 300g green beans, trimmed
- 100g wild garlic, trimmed, washed and shredded
- 2-4 skinless boneless chicken thighs (depending on their size)
- 3 tbsp olive oil
- 100ml chicken stock
- 1 tbsp drained capers
- 1 unwaxed lemon, zested and juiced
- 1 tbsp grated Parmesan



METHOD

- Cook the new potatoes in a large pan of boiling salted water for 8-10 mins until tender. Add the green beans for the last 3 mins. Drain, then separate the beans from the potatoes.
- While the potatoes are cooking, flatten out each chicken thigh and brush with 1-2 tablespoons of the olive oil, then season.
- Heat a large frying pan over a medium-high heat and cook the chicken for 5-7 mins on each side until golden and cooked through.
- Pour over the stock, capers, lemon juice and zest, then simmer gently for a few minutes to reduce. Season to taste.
- Heat the remaining oil in another pan. Add the drained beans and shredded wild garlic, and season to taste. Toss to combine then scatter over the Parmesan and serve with the chicken and potatoes.

Puzzles and Activities

By Cally Edwards

May Wordsearch

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Local community groups can apply for funding

My office is once again looking to help fund voluntary groups, organisations and charities that tackle major issues like anti-social behaviour, drug and alcohol related crimes and supporting young people.

Each year we work in partnership with Wiltshire Community Foundation (WCF) to award grants to community and voluntary groups who support the delivery of my Police and Crime Plan. It's a really great way for us to give back to the community with the money raised from unclaimed property.

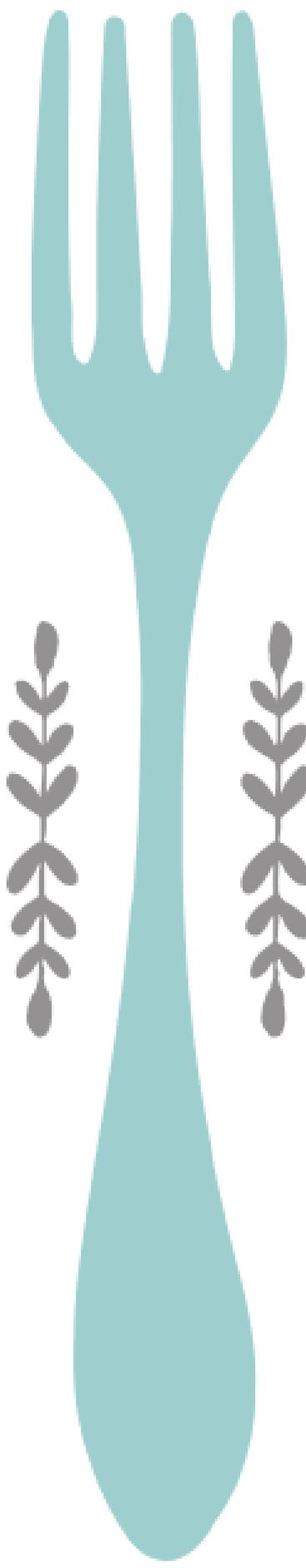
I wanted to make the grants even more accessible for those smaller community groups this year, so the eligibility criteria and application process itself has been redesigned as well as there now being multiple opportunities to apply throughout the year.

In previous years we have awarded thousands of pounds to some incredible causes which have made a huge difference to the lives of people living in Wiltshire and Swindon, including Youth Adventure Trust which works with vulnerable and disadvantaged children aged 11-16 from deprived areas to run activity days for young people.

Another example is Warminster and Westbury youth clubs which were forced to close during the lockdowns. The grant enabled the clubs to cover the costs of reopening in line with guidelines and to ensure they were Covid-safe.

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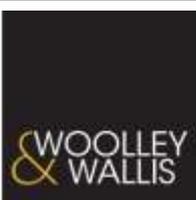
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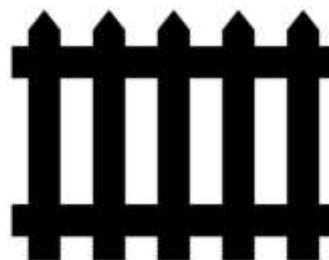
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The Village Hall is an important resource and offers a venue for a wide variety of events for the benefit of all. The Hall is supported by a large group of dedicated local people in addition to the Committee. We hope you will support events whenever 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

Mike Ash (bishopstoneclerk@btinternet.com)

Or Roger Stockton (rogerstockton@icloud.com)

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.

A note *from* the editors, as there haven't been any letters *to* us this month...

If you are taking part in any Coronation celebrations in Bishopstone or Stratford Tony this month, please do email us some photos so we can put together a montage for the June edition.

Enjoy the extra Bank Holiday weekend, whatever you are doing!

STaB Selling Spot

STaB Selling Spot posts are free of charge for those who live in the Parish. Let us know if you have anything to sell!

Kenwood whisk and bowl with extras; quite large but in working order £15

18 piece dinner service in excellent condition £15

2-seater sofa with cushions, very good condition £20

Child's antique chair £75

Le Creuset lidded casserole dish £15

Please call Sheila Nell on 781120

Everything sold in aid of Parkinson's UK

Small-dog cage, suitable for car or home, Unused. Size: cm 60L 43W 50H £20

Glass front wooden animal or reptile cage, Size: cm 78L 50W 54H £15

Glass front wooden reptile cage, Size: cm 58L 38W 42H £10

Small-dog car restraint harness. Unused £10

Available to view or sell: James Thompson, 5 The Croft (01722 780683)

FOR SALE - Cannondale Synapse road bike, 56cm, 2 x 11 Shimano Ultegra gears, Jagwire cabling throughout, Continental puncture resistant tyres. Good condition, no accident damage and rides well. Can be viewed in Bowerchalke.

£475 o.n.o. For full details contact John on 07582 506 402.



Services in Chalke Valley Benefice – May 2023



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

7 May 5th Sunday of Easter 'Coronation Celebration Weekend'	10.00am	Benefice Communion (CW)	Ebbesbourne Wake	Ruth H-S
	10.00am	Benefice Communion (CW)	Britford	Jenny Taylor
14 May 6th Sunday of Easter	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bowerchalke	Jenny Taylor
	9.30am	Family Communion (CW)	Nunton	Ruth H-S
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Coombe Bissett	Ruth H-S
	11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Charlton All Saints	Rhoderick Voremberg
	11.00am	All Age Service	Alvediston	Biddy Trahair
	3.00pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)	Fifield Bavant	Biddy Trahair
18 May ASCENSION DAY	12 noon	Parish Communion	Fifield Bavant	Ruth H-S
21 May Sunday after Ascension	9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Bowerchalke	Ruth H-S
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bishopstone	Jenny Taylor
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Odstock	Vernon White
	11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Ebbesbourne Wake	Biddy Trahair
	11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Homington	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Berwick St John	Ruth H-S
28 May PENTECOST	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	Adrian Taylor
	11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bishopstone	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Alvediston	Ruth H-S
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)	Bowerchalke	Lay Led
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)	Homington	Ruth H-S
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

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