



# Parish Magazine

May 2022



Cyclamen in Whitsbury Churchyard

Photo by Kate Pendleton

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Huge thanks to all who contribute regularly, or on an occasional basis, to STaB. Your efforts are much appreciated. The current team of editors have been producing the magazine for 3 and a half years now, and whilst we enjoy doing so, we are always open to new ideas as to how we could improve STaB for the whole parish. If you have anything you would like to contribute we would be delighted to hear from you via the e.mail above.

***A warm welcome to Bishopstone and Stratford Tony...***

*Sue Grantham who has moved into Flamstone Street. We hope you will be very happy here in Bishopstone. Also huge congratulations to Alex and Ned Topping who had their baby boy Max a few weeks ago: our youngest village resident!*

*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



We are living through such surreal times – as I write this we are, as a nation, celebrating our Queen’s 96<sup>th</sup> birthday and preparing for the Jubilee weekend at the beginning of June and yet our homes are filled with the shocking pictures and news from Ukraine – the terror, the destruction, the deaths. How do we hold all things together?

Well, we are still in the Easter season and there is an answer there... All things were drawn into Jesus Christ’s death on the Cross and then given back to the world through the Resurrection proving that evil is not the end and the love that led our Saviour to submit freely and fully, embraces us in that submission. It is a love which is not soft and wishy-washy – it is a love which is the total fulfilment of God in Man, of the incarnation.

This love compels us to embrace the Cross and then to turn back with hope in our steps, with joy creeping into our hearts because we are loved by God who gave his life, his all so that we might live in the fullness of that love, now and for eternity.

*Eternal God, in the cross of Jesus  
we see the cost of our sin and the depth of your love:  
in humble hope and fear may we place at his feet  
all that we have and all that we are, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

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# Parish Council

The Annual Parish Meeting and the meeting of the Parish Council, postponed from March, will take place on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022 starting at 7.00pm in the Village Hall**. The Annual Parish Meeting is an opportunity for anyone living in the village to raise local issues of current interest for discussion. As in previous years this APM will include reports by village organisations on their activities in 2021 and on current projects affecting the village.

Notices about the Parish Council meeting, including the agenda, will be posted on the village noticeboards and on the village website. This will be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council with the election of the Chairman and Vice Chairman.

No, it wasn't an April Fools prank! I did say in April's STAB that the new, updated, village website would go live on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April, "subject to any last-minute technical hitches". Well if there is one thing we all know about IT projects, there are always last-minute technical hitches plus, in this case, an outbreak of Covid amongst the website providers! Anyway, things eventually got back on track and the site went live on 9<sup>th</sup> April, though with some final adjustments needing to be made.



All should be fine by now (famous last words)!

As always, the website has a great deal of information about the village, including current local news, events, entertainments, information on services etc. New features include a local map which is now dynamic, with live traffic information, a virtual tour of the village and a page giving details of local planning applications with a direct link to Wiltshire Council's planning portal for the submission of comments.

The site is now more accessible to those with disabilities or impairments that require the use of assistive technology. A range of assistive tools are now available, including a screen reader.

Mike Ash



## Church Notices



**We are holding a special JUBILEE service on 29<sup>th</sup> May at 10.00. Please join us in our Church for a time of Celebration, Community and Thanksgiving.**

### **Field Marshal Sir John Chapple**

We are sad to report the death of Field Marshal Sir John Chapple, a recent arrival to our village. He was buried in the churchyard on 11<sup>th</sup> April, attended by Lady Chapple and the family, and seen off by his old regiment, the 2<sup>nd</sup> King Edward's Own Gurkhas (the Sirmoor Rifles) in a very fitting farewell to one of their Colonels. He was one of the few remaining Field Marshals, as the rank is no longer used.

We extend our condolences to Lady Chapple, and to David and Olivia and their family at their sad and untimely loss. RIP.

*James Thompson*

## Village Hall



**May 2022**

### **LATEST COVID ADVICE:**

While there are now no official restrictions, Covid is still with us so we would ask everyone to respect others and not to come to the hall if they have any symptoms or have had close contact with an infected person unless they have had a negative lateral flow test.

### **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May - The Village Hall Annual General Meeting**

7.00 for 7.30pm. All welcome.

### **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Jubilee Fair**

Come and toast the Queen at a Jubilee Fair from 5.30 to 7.30pm. The bar will be open and snacks available.

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

Please see the separate notice in STaB.

### **BISHOPSTONE COMMUNITY CAFE**

These are normally held on alternate Thursdays. The next coffee mornings will be on **Thursdays, May 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> and June 9<sup>th</sup>. 10.30am until 12.00noon.**

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

### **BISHOPSTONE COMMUNITY LUNCHESES**

Monthly community lunches will resume in October.

### **MOVIOLA at Bishopstone**

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May "Belfast"** This is a semi-autobiographical film directed by Kenneth Branagh with music by Van Morrison. It chronicles the life of a working-class family and their young son's childhood during the tumult of the late 1960s in the Northern Ireland capital. Starring Jamie Doman, Judi Dench, Caitriona Balfe and Ciarán Hinds.

**Friday June 1<sup>st</sup> “The Duke”**

**Friday June 29<sup>th</sup> “West Side Story”**

**Doors open at 7.00pm with the film commencing at 7.30pm**

Entry **£6.00**. Please book in advance with Caroline Ash on (01722) 781044 or Sue Taylor (01722) 780316

A cash bar with snacks and ices will be available.

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

Both halls are available for hire subject to any restrictions in place at the time.

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 – 11.00am. Breastfeeding support is available at the group from Cally Edwards and trained peer-supporters. Due to the group’s popularity, the playgroup is operating a booking system each week to limit numbers. Find further information on our Facebook page *Bishopstone Playgroup*, or contact Kate Pendlenton on 01722 780655 or email [kmpendlenton@hotmail.com](mailto:kmpendlenton@hotmail.com)

### **“EXTEND” EXERCISE CLASSES**

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

### **PILATES AT BISHOPSTONE**

For further information contact Claudine on 07788 587937 or email: [claudineblake@aol.com](mailto:claudineblake@aol.com)

### **YOGA WITH HANNAH**

For more details please contact Hannah Stocker on 0773 856 1888 or by email: [yoga\\_with\\_hannah@outlook.com](mailto:yoga_with_hannah@outlook.com).

### **SARUM SPINNERS AND WEAVERS**

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

## **BISHOPSTONE VILLAGE HALL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm**

(Doors open at 7.00pm)

All villagers from Bishopstone and Stratford Tony are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Trustees of the Village Hall to hear the annual report, the financial report and details of future plans. It is an opportunity to let the trustees know your ideas and opinions, *(and also volunteer to join the team).*

Please come along.

PS - There will be wine !



**COME AND TOAST THE QUEEN AT OUR**

### **JUBILEE FAIR**

**IN BISHOPSTONE VILLAGE HALL**

**FRIDAY JUNE 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**5.30PM – 7.30PM**

Various stalls including plants, cakes, local crafts and a tombola.

Do any villagers have photos of the Queen? We would like to borrow them to put on display.

The bar will be open and there will be teas, coffees and snacks available.

Contact Margaret Barter (780471) to book a stall or lend us a photo.



# Cake & Crafts in aid of the DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal

A huge thank you to everyone who came to our Easter craft morning in the Village Hall - there was a great turnout, and your support was very much appreciated! All the stalls and competitions were organised and run by children from the village and their friends, with a brisk trade in finger-painted cards, bunny party hats, salt dough decorations, garlands, headdresses & wreaths - and a positive army of origami chickens and rabbits! The cafe was (possibly) even busier, with a mouth-watering array of cakes, biscuits & savouries, and endless supplies of tea and coffee. Big thanks to all of the children who were involved and who worked really hard to make it a success, and to everyone who cooked for us, donated prizes, and helped on the day. Thank you also to all the kind people who couldn't make it on the day but posted donations through our door over the course of the weekend.

We raised a grand total of £400.65 - well done everyone!

*Catherine Sharpless*



*Additional photos by  
Deirdre Nicol*

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

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

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

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

The hire charges include use of heating and electricity.

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

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

### **Broadband**

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

### **Large projection screen**

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

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

**For further information and bookings contact: Margaret Barter 01722 780471**

## Chalke Valley Community Support

### POLICE

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

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

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

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

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

#### You can follow us on:

Facebook - [www.facebook.com/salisburypolice](http://www.facebook.com/salisburypolice)

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

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

### Sixpenny Handley and Chalke Valley Practice

Doves Meadow Surgery, Broad Chalke: 01722 780282

#### Broadchalke Surgery now partially reopen

Sixpenny Handley Surgery: 01725 552500

[www.sixpennydocs.co.uk](http://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:

12th May, 9th June, 7th July, 4th August



### **Coombe Bissett Stores**

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

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

#### **OPENING HOURS, SHOP AND POST OFFICE**

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

### **Chalke Valley Stores Broadchalke**

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

e: [info@chalkevalleystores.co.uk](mailto:info@chalkevalleystores.co.uk) Tel: 01722 780998

#### **OPENING HOURS**

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

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

## Salisbury Foodbank

Over 90% of the food distributed by foodbanks in The Trussell Trust network is donated by the public – that's why your food donations are absolutely vital to our ability to give everyone referred to us a balanced and nutritious three day supply of food.

This shopping list shows the food items that we need right now:

**Desperately short of** - *Juice (long life), sponge puddings, rice pudding, custard, tea bags (boxes of 80-100).*

**We are short of** - *Tinned tomatoes, small jars of coffee, packet puddings, tinned fish, instant mash potato, chocolate, toothbrushes.*

**We've got plenty of** - *Pasta (no more pasta please), cereal, beans, biscuits, pulses.*

Donations can be left at most supermarkets, or brought to me at home, or left in our village church.

Many thanks as ever,

Judy Barrett (01722 780306)



## 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.



# Bishopstone Safari Supper

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2022

The Safari Supper evening is being reinstated after 6 years!!

This is a great opportunity to make new friends and catch-up with old ones.

For those who are not familiar with a Safari Supper it involves hosting one course of a three-course meal in your own home and going to two different houses with different couples for the other two courses.

The cost will be £20 per couple/pair with the proceeds securing a glass of prosecco per person at The White Hart, where we will all meet up at the end of the evening and a sizable donation to Salisbury Foodbank.

If you are a couple/pair who would like to take part but prefer not to host the cost will be £40 per couple/pair, this will be subject to hosting numbers.

For further details and an application form please contact

Brian and Helen Clarke

Email: [hlclarke.bishopstone@gmail.com](mailto:hlclarke.bishopstone@gmail.com)

**Here's to a memorable evening!**







## Bishopstone Ultrafast Broadband Update - May 2022

As you may be aware from articles in the press, the UK move to full fibre to the property (FTTP) broadband and related VoIP style connectivity for home phones has one irritating drawback over the old analogue copper phone services - **if your house suffers a power cut then your landline phone services will stop working.**

This needs to be considered carefully. **Under Openreach's current plan the traditional analogue services on their national copper line network was due to gradually reduce after December 2025 as part of a phased withdrawal of that network.** This was mentioned in last month's report in STaB. However, at the moment there is the possibility that this may be delayed as the blinding glimpse of the obvious seems to have taken Openreach by surprise!

On the plus side, the new technology is designed to work alongside other technology, such as artificially intelligent anti-fraud measures for the elderly.

The change, which has already happened in other countries (Australia, Canada and Sweden), will occur as networks move to an increasingly digital service. One often overlooked advantage of the old copper telephone network is that it is powered (50 volts) via the network **from the exchange.** This meant that you would be able to make a phone call during a home or local power cut.

There are other considerations:

If you have an old analogue phone (See right) **this will work if there is a power outage** as its supply, at the moment, comes via copper wire from the exchange in Broadchalke to the western side of the village. However, there are possibly very few of these types of phones in use today.



Most home nowadays have multi-station phones with the ability to record incoming calls if you are not around. (See left). If there is a power outage this type of phone **will not work.** Just try switching of the power supply to this type of device's base station if you have one.

Several years ago, as part of the Bishopstone Emergency Plan, we recommended that vulnerable people should purchase a backup analogue phone (See right) if they were normally dependent on a multi-station phone. (This recommendation was made just after the severe flooding of 2013-14. This type of phone will work if there is a power outage at the moment but once the copper line service ceases to operate sometime after 2025 as explained above **this type of phone will also cease to work in the event of a power outage.**



### So what are the alternatives?

1. First and foremost we do not suffer many lengthy power outages. Such incidents in the recent past have been due to a swan flying into the local overhead power lines and a faulty power line. We have not, to the best of our knowledge, had power outages due to power cables being damaged by storms nor have we experienced extended outages of several days. Some time ago servicing work was done on a local transformer and on that occasion SSE provided a generator truck to provide continuous power while the work was done.



2. Many people nowadays are moving away from using their house phone for calls, especially long-distance calls, due to the rates charged. The alternative is to use a mobile phone for most conversations as it is much, much cheaper.

3. If there is a power outage then normal home chargers for mobile phones will not work. There is also a likelihood that our local mobile phone mast will lose power as well, though it does have back-up battery power for a few hours.

**These matters will be of prime concern to the vulnerable and there are some solutions but it is important to realise this change from copper is not due to begin until at least 2025. We will be offering some further detail next month. In the meantime, consider the following possible options.**

- Keep your mobile phone charged and with you, especially in the event of severe weather warnings or incidents.
- Ensure that you can charge your mobile - how?
  - Battery pack- to be covered in next month's STaB
  - Charge in your car
- Vulnerable people may be able to get free battery packs. (Detail to come next month)
- Vulnerable people may be able to get free mobile emergency phones. (Detail on these so-called dumb phones will again come in next month's article).

**What is important to realise is that irrespective of opting or not opting to increase your broadband speed via Fibre to the Premises (FTTP) and our village Rural Gigabit Voucher Scheme (RGVS) it is the decision by Openreach for the gradual withdrawal of the copper line service across the whole of the UK sometime after 2025 that is the issue.**

**It is also important to realise that the copper wire will stay connected to your house. It is the main cabling along roads and underground that will eventually be recovered for scrap.**

### **Project Update.**

As at the time of writing this note (18 April 22) Openreach have been back in the village working on the underground links to a few properties that had been highlighted during the previous visits by engineers in January. They have also been laying new conduits (plastic tubing) to some houses that had the existing copper cabling just buried in the ground. We have no further news on the start date for the full project but remain hopeful that it will be soon.

### **Want more information?**

**Visit our website: [www.bishopstone-ftp.uk](http://www.bishopstone-ftp.uk)**

If you can't find out what you want to know there then please contact any of the project team:

Toby Mills: 781168 [toby.mills@bishopstone-ftp.uk](mailto:toby.mills@bishopstone-ftp.uk)

Roger Stockton: 780346

Mike Ash: 781044

Paul Mildred: 780361

## FINAL CALL - Have YOU ever met the Queen?



Have you ever met Her Majesty the Queen? If so, would you be prepared to tell us about it? To celebrate the upcoming Platinum Jubilee, the editors of STaB would like to put together an article for the June edition of this magazine (that's next month!) about residents of this parish meeting Queen Elizabeth. We feel sure that there will be some fascinating and possibly unusual or amusing stories that people will be able to tell! We look forward to hearing them.

If you would like to contribute, please either e.mail the editorial team on [teamstab2019@gmail.com](mailto:teamstab2019@gmail.com), or if you do not have access to e.mail then we are very happy to receive written accounts, delivered to Bramley Cottage, Harvest Lane.

Many thanks in advance.

*Thank you to those who have contributed so far - but are there more to come? Please let us know by 5pm on May 20th (the deadline for the next edition).*

## Staying in Touch

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

The village website – [www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk](http://www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk) is updated in real time and carries all the latest news on issues that affect the village.



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



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

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**A few dates for your diary...**

Wednesday 18 May at 7.00pm Sports Centre AGM. An opportunity to hear about what has been happening at the Sports Centre over the last 12 months; our plans for the coming year and a chance to ask questions of the Committee and raise any ideas and issues.

Friday 6 May 6.30pm Outdoor Social Petanque. The outdoor season starts this month with two teams entered in the local league and the ever-popular Friday evening social Petanque. All the family welcome. Sports Bar.

***We are delighted to be hosting the following events on behalf of the village and wider Chalke Valley:***

**Sunday 5 June - Jubilee Picnic on the Sports Field**

From 12.30pm. To celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee. Come and enjoy time with family and friends. Bring your own picnic.

**Saturday 6 August - Chalke Valley Fete and Produce Show**

2pm. Free admission and lots of fun activities and Market Place stalls from local artisans.

Prizes for home grown vegetables, home baking, photography, and fancy dress. Good old village values and traditions to celebrate the Jubilee.

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

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

## Chalke Valley Fete and Produce Show

**Saturday 6th August 2022 2pm at the Sports Centre Broad Chalke**

This is going to be a fun event for all the family with lots of fun activities. Here are the classes you need to start getting your seeds and growing. Also the 3 subjects for you keen photographers:

Three courgettes

Six tomatoes

A misshapen vegetable

Collection of four kinds of salad vegetable

Collection of six kinds of vegetable

A collection of three kinds of ripe fruit

Dahlias – 3 blooms

One specimen rose

Sweet Peas – 6 stems

A vase of flowers

### **Photography subjects**

Truly Royal

Animals

Whoops

## Chalke Valley History Festival

The Chalke Valley History Festival returns to Broadchalke next month, from the 20th-26th June. Tickets go on sale on May 3rd. The Festival relies on volunteers to run smoothly, and you can sign up as a volunteer on their website: [cvhf.org.uk](http://cvhf.org.uk)





## Just Rambling with Jazzie

We have enjoyed good walks all over the place this last month, meeting all sorts of new friends as well as Pebble, Ecko and others whose names we do not yet know!



It seems a lot of people are getting repairs and building done now after the lockdown and the covid restrictions. The house opposite Croucheston Mill must soon be finished, and the riverside walk from Two Bridges to Sedge Cottage had been repaired and even rebuilt in places. Thanks to whoever did this, as I feel safer now, and Jazzie won't get her tootsies so wet!!

We've had some lovely sunny days and it has got hot. The church was full on Easter day, and we enjoyed all the beautiful flower arrangements again. Thanks to the arrangers and cleaners for such a great service. Rev Jenny had the delight to announce two sets of marriage banns, and we all enjoyed an egg as we left!

Gardens everywhere are awakening with delight and new colour, as the daffs slowly die and the tulips bring new colour to be followed by all the summer flowers. Remember the Cathedral Festival of Flowers from 9<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> May, which will be a real show when it opens. Go along if you can. The trees planted in the Jubilee recreation Field are doing well, and will make a wonderful addition to the backdrop of such a good facility. Any chance of someone restarting the cricket team again? And what about the football team in the autumn? Both were in evidence when we arrived 25 years ago, and it seems a shame that they have withered away over the years.



Much enjoyed the service in Britford church at the beginning of April. It is a stunner and well worth a visit. We are blessed with some lovely churches along the Ebble, all well worth a visit, and the footpaths near the river make a super dog-walk! We have 14 churches in the Chalke Benefice, from Charlton in the east to Berwick St John in the west, and they are all well worth visiting, with or without dogs. The route also makes a good bike ride.



The garden is coming along well, but few plantings have been made yet, due to the frost. I have a lot growing in the green house, and we hope for some success on the veggie front later on. The lawns are looking good now after a mow in the sun and with a bit of fertiliser to help.

So, keep walking and gardening as summer comes along. Don't forget to enjoy the Platinum Jubilee weekend in the village.

*James Thompson*

## In Our Night Sky - Uranus

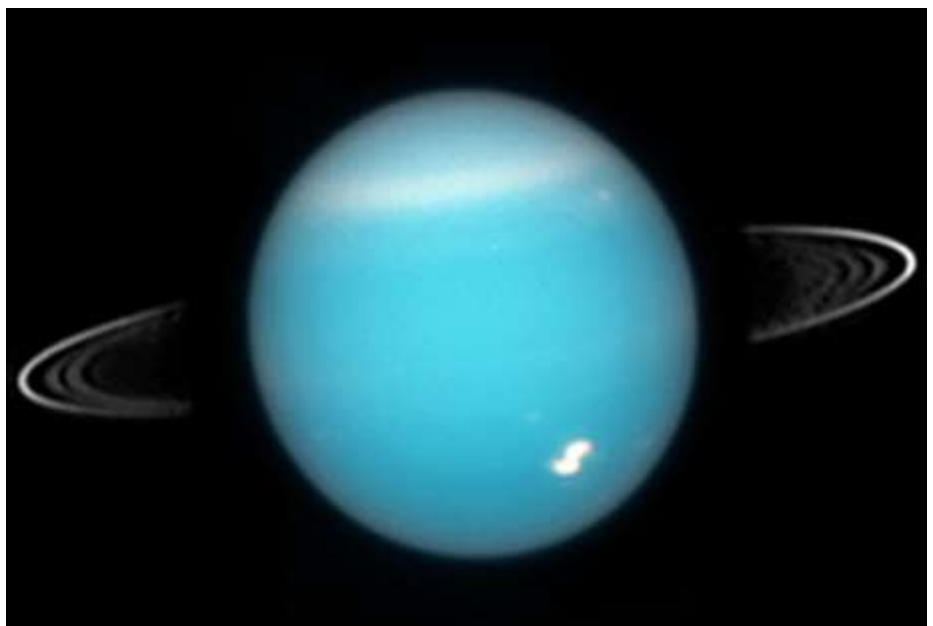
From time immemorial there had been only 6 known planets. Then a German musician and composer William Herschel came along. He was initially brought over as a member of a band by George II. After the defeat of Hanover, where George II actually fought in the field against the French, William moved permanently to England, soon after joined by his sister who later assisted in his work, later making discoveries and contributions of her own lasting to this day. An amateur astronomer, he built his own telescopes improving on Newton's reflecting design, spending months polishing the curved metal bowls, his best was 6m across.

His discovery of Uranus in 1781 doubled the size of the known Solar System. Until recent years it was seen as an almost featureless blue disc, but enigmatic as it is the only planet with its equator perpendicular to its plane of rotation, and where did its magnetic field come from?

Uranus is the inner of the now called (water) Ice Giants with an apt blue colour. Modern observations have shown a small rocky core, surrounded by water and ammonia ices with some methane, making up 80% of the planet's mass. The upper third is liquid, but more interestingly the inner material is thought to be superionic, with a temperature at the core of 5,000 deg.C. Water at extreme temperatures and pressures allows H<sup>+</sup> ions in effect to move rapidly and generate high conductivity, which with movement generates a magnetic field, which again is unusual being 60 deg. away from its axis of rotation.

The atmosphere, which gradually merges with the outer core, is primarily hydrogen with helium and 2% methane, which gives the blue colour.

Herschel did note that there may be a red ring around the planet, but no-one else could find rings until 1977 (200 years later) and the red ring was confirmed. In 1800 during studies on the components of light using a prism he discovered infra-red. The explanation of electromagnetic radiation would later be set forth by James Clerk Maxwell in 1861, whose calculation of the speed of light would prompt Einstein to his great theory.





## Recipe of the Month - Watercress Mashed Potato

How lucky we are to be able to buy fresh watercress in Broadchalke from the beds where it is grown, a mere few miles from our village! We are always looking for new ways to use it. Try this simple recipe to incorporate it into mashed potato.

This would be perfect served with pan-fried salmon, or steak.

Leftovers are delicious mixed with tinned fish, formed into fishcakes, coated in breadcrumbs and fried until brown.

### Ingredients

650g floury potato, cut into chunks

100ml milk

25g butter

170g bag watercress, roughly chopped

3 spring onions, finely chopped (optional)

### Method

Cook the potatoes in a large pan of salted water for 15 mins or until tender. Drain well, then return to the pan to steam-dry for a few mins before mashing.

Push the potatoes to one side and add the milk and butter to the other side of the pan. Heat gently until the butter melts, then stir into the potatoes with the watercress and spring onions (if using) and some salt and pepper to taste.



*The watercress beds in Broadchalke. [www.chalkevalleywatercress.co.uk](http://www.chalkevalleywatercress.co.uk)*

# Puzzles and Activities

*By Callv Edwards*

## Wordfinder

A four letter word has been hidden in the grid below.

To find it, cross out any letter that appears more than once.

For an extra challenge, see if you can work it out without crossing out any letters

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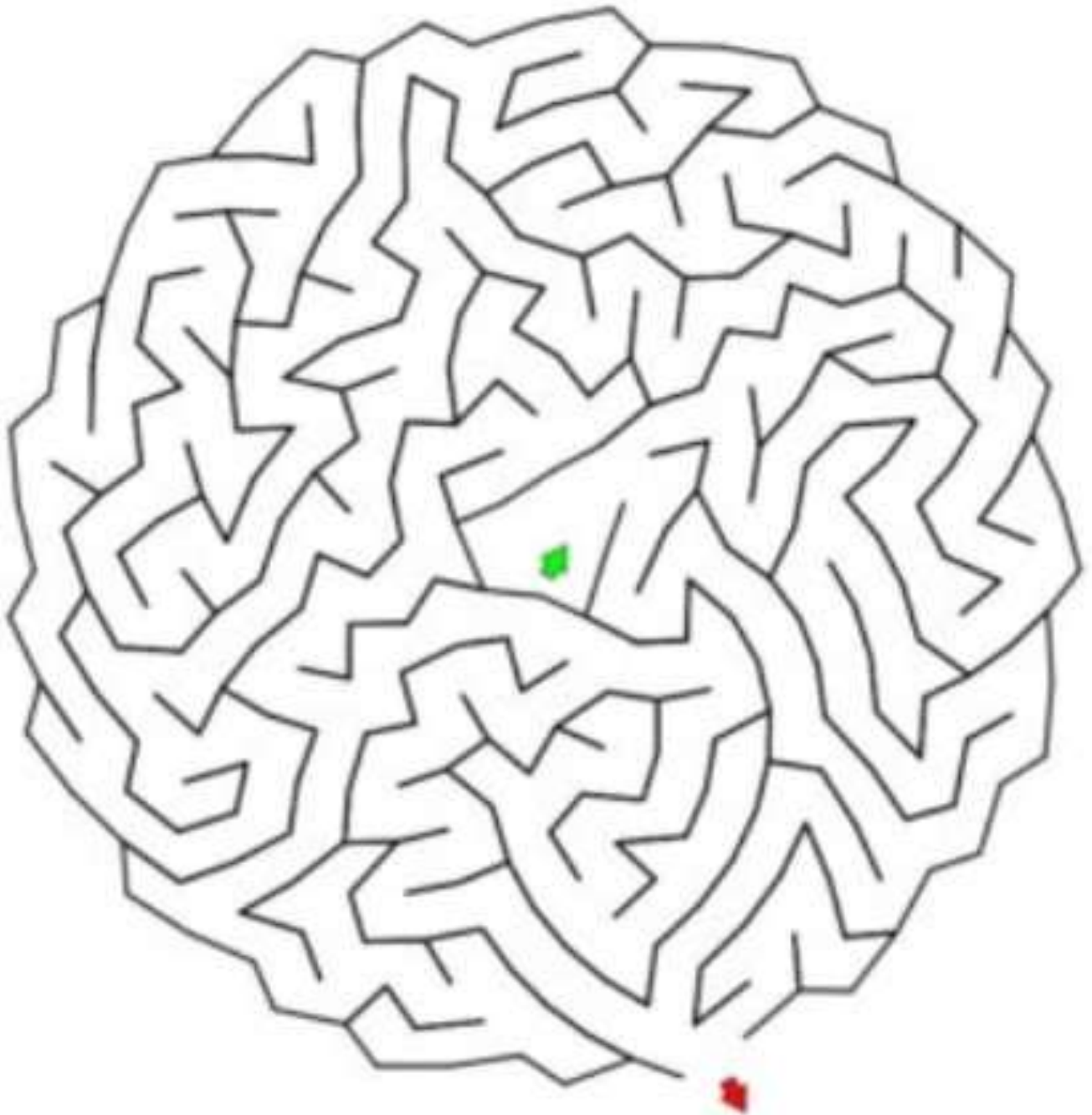
## Anagrams

Rearrange the scrambled letters to form a word

OLDUSHER (clue: below your head)

MUCHPINK (clue: cute rodent)

Anagram Answers:  
SHOULDER, CHIPMUNK



### **Silly Seasonal Jokes!**

Does February like March? *No, but April May.*

Which month can't make a decision? *MAY-be.*

Why is the letter A like a flower? *A "b" comes after it!*

What kind of bow can't be tied or untied? *A rainbow.*

Why did the gardener plant a seed in the pond? *To grow a water-melon.*

## Sarah's Gardening Tips for May

1. Lift and divide overcrowded clumps of daffodils and other spring bulbs.
2. Remember to open greenhouse doors and vents on warm days.
3. Check containers daily for moisture levels as they dry out much quicker than borders. You can add water retaining granules.
4. Put in plant supports before plants start to flop over.
5. Plant summer hanging baskets, adding good quality compost and feed granules to keep plants in good condition.
6. Check the lawn for weeds and dig out.
7. Sow herb seeds outdoors or in pots on a window sill.
8. Earth up potato plants to protect from frost and encourage a bigger crop.
9. Check for nesting birds before clipping hedges.

*It is only the farmer who faithfully plants seeds in the spring, who reaps a harvest in the autumn.*

*BC Forbes*



**Question:** What type of fruit is spanspek?

(Answer on p47)

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## Local Charity News and Events



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Longford Castle, the private ancestral seat of the Radnor family for over 300 years, built by Elizabeth I's chief lady-in-waiting, will be opening its spectacular gardens to the public on Sunday 19th June from 2pm – 5pm in support of Horatio's Garden.

The charity's patron, the Countess of Radnor, generously offered to host the event at her home in order to help the charity celebrate the 10 year anniversary of the opening of their first garden for patients with spinal injuries at The Duke of Cornwall Spinal Treatment Centre in Salisbury.

Visitors will be invited to tour Longford Castle's private, stunning formal gardens whilst absorbing the remarkable architecture and atmosphere of this historic estate. Afternoon Tea (included in the ticket price) will be served throughout the afternoon, with the charity's volunteers making a delicious homemade bake alongside tea, sandwiches and scones. Guests will also be able to enjoy music by Hummingbird.

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To ensure everyone's safety, pre-booking for this event at is essential. Tickets are available online now at [www.horatiogarden.org.uk/longford10](http://www.horatiogarden.org.uk/longford10). Accessible car parking will be free and unlimited. The majority of the garden is accessible to wheelchairs.

## White Hart News



### Events & Special Offers

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\*Fish & Fizz Night – every Friday

\*Small Appetite Menu every Tuesday, Wednesday &  
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\*Quiz Night the Last Thursday of every Month

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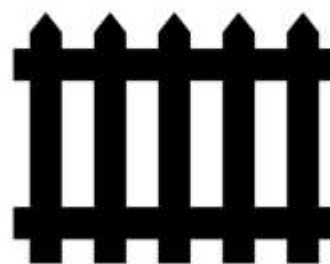
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### Bishopstone Village Website

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

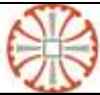
The village website carries a wealth of information about Bishopstone. There are pages devoted to the church, the Parish Council, what's on at the Village Hall, meetings, clubs, local organisations and village walks. There are even digital copies of this magazine.

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

Mike Ash ([bishopstoneclerk@btinternet.com](mailto:bishopstoneclerk@btinternet.com))

Or Roger Stockton ([rogerstockton@icloud.com](mailto:rogerstockton@icloud.com))







## Services in Chalke Valley Benefice – May 2022



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

**Please be 'Covid Aware' and follow all the safety rules in church. If the situation changes locally, services may be cancelled at short notice. Please check your church noticeboard and weekly e-bulletin.**

<b>1 May 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Broad Chalke	Catherine Blundell
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Britford	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Ebbesbourne Wake	Tony Monks
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Coombe Bissett	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	Family Service (CW)	Odstock	Adrian Taylor
	11.00am	Morning Service	Bishopstone	Sally Leaver
	11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Berwick St John	Lay Led
<b>8 May 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bowerchalke	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Coombe Bissett	Jenny Taylor
	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
<b>15 May 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Bowerchalke	Catherine Blundell
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bishopstone	Jenny Taylor
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Odstock	Roger Leake
	9.45am	<i>REFRESH!</i>	Broad Chalke V Hall	Lay Led
	11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Ebbesbourne Wake	Biddy Trahair
	11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Berwick St John	Catherine Blundell
	11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Homington	Jenny Taylor
<b>22 May 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	9.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Berwick St John	Roger Leake
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Charlton All Saints	Jenny Taylor
	9.30am	Family Communion (CW)	Broad Chalke	Catherine Blundell
	11.00am	Family Service	Nunton	Adrian Taylor
	11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bishopstone	Catherine Blundell
	11.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Alvediston	Roger Leake
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)	Homington	Jenny Taylor
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)	Bowerchalke	Lay Led
<b>26 May ASCENSION DAY</b>	12.15pm	Ascension Communion	Fifield Bavant	Catherine Blundell
<b>29 May Sunday after Ascension</b>	10.00am	Benefice Communion (CW)	Ebbesbourne Wake	Catherine Blundell
	10.00am	 Communion and Jubilee Celebration	Bishopstone	Jenny Taylor
<b>5 June PENTECOST</b> 	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Broad Chalke	Catherine Blundell
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Britford	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Ebbesbourne Wake	Catherine Blundell
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Coombe Bissett	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	Family Service	Odstock	Adrian Taylor
	11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Berwick St John	Lay Led

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