



Parish Magazine

November 2026



Autumn Dahlia
Photo by Kate Pendleton

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Bishopstone Village Website

www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk

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

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



From Revd Ruth Howlett Shipley



'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God'
Don't we all want more peacemakers in our world! The news reports from the Holy Land, Ukraine and the Sudans constantly remind us how little peace there is in our world... and that is before we think about all the other conflicts across the world that don't even make the threshold, that aren't not newsworthy enough, to appear on televisions, radios, newspapers and online screens.

November is a time for remembering.

At the start of November, we celebrate the Feast of All Saints when we think about, and give thanks for, the men and women in whose lives the Church as a whole has seen the grace of God powerfully at work. It is an opportunity to give thanks for them, but also to realise that saints are not necessarily extraordinary individuals; sanctity may grow and develop in the very ordinary circumstances of human living.

We also mark All Souls' Day, or the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed, when we remember the saints in a more local and intimate way. It is a time when we remember with thanksgiving before God those whom we have known more directly; those who have given us life or have nurtured us in faith but whom we see no longer. I am sure I am not alone in remembering some people who have had a significant impact on my life at this time.

And then we will move onto Remembrance Sunday when we will bring to mind those who made the ultimate sacrifice in World Wars; giving their lives so that we may live in freedom.

Amidst all of this, whether we are thinking of current or past conflicts, saints with both a capital 'S' or a lower case 's', let us remember that these were all real people; people who were fathers and mothers, brothers and sisters, husbands and wives. Their lives were not just an inscription on the war memorial, in the history books or on a family tree – they were people who loved and were loved. Let us not lose sight of the humanity that is at the heart of all conflicts and let's pray for more peacemakers in our troubled world.



A Service for All Souls

St John the Baptist, Bishopstone
Sunday 1st November, 6.00pm,

You are very welcome to join a short service of words and music to remember and give thanks for the lives of family members and friends who are no longer with us

THANK YOU FOR COMING TO OUR CELEBRATION PARISH COMMUNION!

LED BY

THE RT REVD TIM THORNTON

On Sunday 11th October we came together to give thanksgiving for the completion of the repairs to the North Transept Roof and for the generosity and hard work of all those involved in the project.

It is impossible to thank everyone who was involved personally but particular thanks have to go to Toby Mills and Roger Stockton for their tireless work on the Heritage Lottery bid, to Sarah Seal and the PCC and to the Friends of Bishopstone Church. However, huge thanks have to go to the whole community who supported this project.

We had a fantastic service followed by equally impressive refreshments in the Village Hall.

Thank you to everyone who was involved in any way in this project!



Parish Council

The next meeting of the Bishopstone Parish Council will be on the 2nd November 2026 at 19.30 in the village hall. All members of the parish are welcome to attend, particularly if you have something you wish to discuss with the council.

As we move into Autumn and Winter there are a couple of issues I wish to highlight. The first is we are expecting a wet Winter and, reflecting on the floods this year, it is important if you have a flood-prone house to start thinking about preparations you can make to prevent flooding happening. As you may be aware, most of our problems come from ground water and local springs and certain low-lying houses in the village are prone to these. Monitoring of local boreholes can give an indication when this may be an issue. (Google Ground Water Level at Windwhistle for latest information). If you have any concerns, our local flood wardens (back page of STaB) can give you helpful advice and guidance on being prepared in the winter. Along with ground water, the River Ebble is central to our Village and high levels this year led to issues at various sites. The river needs unimpeded flow to be able to get to the water meadows where excess water can accumulate protecting lower valley villages. The council are seeking ways to open up a blocked channel at Faulston which will improve the flow of the Ebble. However, many house holders are Riparian owners and have responsibilities to managing the watercourse adjacent to their properties including preventing obstructions. Information on the roles and responsibilities of a Riparian owner can be found on the Environment Agency website, look for "Your watercourse: rights and roles"

Other useful sites to look at include:

- [Dorset and Wiltshire Groundwater Incident Response 2006](#)
- [Get Flood warnings by text, phone or email](#)
- [Wiltshire Council Encourages residents and businesses to prepare for potential flooding this winter](#)

If you are looking at STaB electronically then click on the links. Otherwise type the sentence into your browser to get to the page.

Hedges are becoming an issue in some places in the village. People are reminded to keep their hedges tidy and not to allow growth onto the public footpath / bridleway which may result in injury, particularly with brambles. Please keep them to a reasonable height and depth.

Finally, we are still looking for volunteer councillors to join the parish council. If you are over 18, live or have a business in the Parish, you are eligible to be a councillor. If you're not sure what's involved, please contact the Chairman or Clerk of the council or come along to the Parish meeting on the 2nd of November.

Bishopstone Village Hall



November 2026

BISHOPSTONE COMMUNITY CAFÉ

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

Upcoming dates are the **5th** and **19th of November** and the **3rd** and **17th of December**.

Opening hours are **10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon**.

The café will be closed for the Christmas break on the 31st December, but will reconvene for the New Year on **Thursday 7th January 2027!**

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

As ever, the bookshelves offer a wide range of titles available for a modest donation.

THE SUNSET CAFÉ STOMPERS.

We're delighted to announce that, by popular demand, the **Sunset Café Stompers** are returning to Bishopstone on **Saturday 21st November**.

You can always count on the Stompers for an entertaining evening filled with lively music, good humour and plenty of toe-tapping rhythms. So come along and enjoy a fun-filled evening in great company. We look forward to seeing you there!

Tickets are **£18** each, with an optional supper available at an additional **£8** per person. **Doors and bar open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start.**

Early booking is strongly advised as numbers are limited. To make a booking, please contact Caroline Ash on (01722) 781044 or Sue Taylor on (01722) 780316 and advise of any dietary requirements if taking the supper.

MOVIOLA at Bishopstone

Friday 27th November.

The film for November will be 'The Christophers'. The children of a once-celebrated artist enlist a forger to access his unfinished canvases in a deceptive bid to secure an inheritance. Starring Ian McKellen and Michaela Coel.

A cash bar with ices and snacks will be available.

Doors open at **7.00pm** with the film beginning at **7.30pm**. Admission to the film is **£7.00**. If possible, please book in advance with Caroline Ash on (01722) 781044 or Sue Taylor on 01722 780316.

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

BISHOPSTONE COMMUNITY LUNCHES

The next lunch will be on **Wednesday 4th November**, when the guest speaker will be Caroline Lamb with a talk entitled “Collecting my MBE”. Times as usual: **12.00 noon for 12.30 pm**. Advance booking is essential. Please telephone Caroline Ash on (01722) 781044 and advise her of any dietary requirements. The cost is **£8.50** for a two-course lunch and a drink.

The special **Christmas Lunch** will be on **Wednesday 2nd December**.

BOOKINGS FOR SOCIAL EVENTS AND WORKSHOPS

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

BISHOPSTONE PLAYGROUP

The playgroup meets on Friday mornings during term time from 9.30 – 11.00 am. Breastfeeding support is available from qualified breastfeeding counsellor Cally Edwards and trained peer supporters. Find further information on our Facebook page, *Bishopstone Playgroup* or contact Cally on callyedwards@me.com or 07968 797168.

“EXTEND” EXERCISE CLASSES

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

PILATES AT BISHOPSTONE

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

YOGA WITH HANNAH

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

ART GROUP

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

Website www.russellbignoldartist.com

Friends of Bishopstone Church
IN AID OF BISHOPSTONE CHURCH DEVELOPMENT

Parables of Palestine

Join us for this fascinating talk given by
The Very Reverend Nicholas Papadopoulos,
Dean of Salisbury

‘Nick lived in East Jerusalem for three months in early 2024, and worked as a human rights monitor for an international church programme. In his talk he will tell stories of what he saw - observations of everyday life in an occupied city during Israel’s war on Gaza – and he will reflect on what the experience is still teaching him’.

Tuesday 10th November at 7.30

Bishopstone Village Hall, SP5 4AA

Tickets £12.50 to include canapés. Cash & Card Bar



CONTACTS FOR TICKETS

Sarah Seal – theseal1@outlook.com

Tony Clarke – tonyclarke103@gmail.com



BISHOPSTONE VILLAGE HALL

Proudly Presents
another splendid evening
with the renowned jazz group

Sunset Café Stompers



Saturday 21st November

Doors and the bar open at 7.00pm

Music starts at 7.30pm

**Tickets : £18.00 and £8.00 for the optional supper
which will be served in the interval
(Booking is essential)**

Payment by cheque, cash or credit card.

Book online via

bvhticketoffice@btinternet.com or call

Caroline on (01722) 781044 or

Sue on (01722) 780316

Friends of Bishopstone Church
IN AID OF BISHOPSTONE CHURCH DEVELOPMENT



Christmas Garland Workshop

With Emily Broomhead

Join us for a festive workshop led by Emily, a professional flower arranger and an RHS Chelsea Gold Medallist. Learn how to create a beautiful Christmas Garland. All materials will be provided; however, Emily requests that you bring your own bag of evergreen foliage.

Saturday 28th November 10.00 – 12.00

Bishopstone Village Hall, SP5 4AA

Tickets £20: includes Tuition, Materials, Coffee & Cake

Tickets limited so book early to avoid disappointment



CONTACTS FOR TICKETS

Sarah Seal – theseal1@outlook.com

Tony Clarke – tonyclarke103@gmail.com



Bishopstone Village Hall rates for private hire

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

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

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

The hire charges include use of heating and electricity.

The rates are currently:

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

Broadband

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

Large projection screen

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

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

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

Chalke Valley Link Scheme

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

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

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

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

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

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

Registered as a Charity no. 1076335



Staying in Touch

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

The village website – www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk - carries all the latest news on events in the village (see page 2). Information on Parish Council meetings and initiatives is available at: www.bishopstone-pc.gov.uk. The Bishopstone Network is a WhatsApp messaging service which enables information to be instantly shared to your mobile phone. This includes information on pretty much everything – recommendations on service providers, events, road closures, interruptions to electricity and water supplies, items being given away or for sale and the latest menu from the White Hart! You will need to download the App to your phone and then contact Piers Edwards (piersgedwards@gmail.com or 07920 475009) or Kate Pendlenton (kmpendlenton@hotmail.com or 07769202200) and ask to be added to the group.



Chalke Valley Community Support

POLICE

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

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

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

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

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

You can follow us on:

Facebook - www.facebook.com/salisburypolice

Twitter - www.twitter.com/SouthWiltsCPT

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

Sixpenny Handley and Chalke Valley Practice

Doves Meadow Surgery, Broad Chalke: 01722 780282

Broadchalke Surgery is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays

Sixpenny Handley Surgery: 01725 552500

www.sixpennydocs.co.uk



MOBILE LIBRARY

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

19 Nov, 17 Dec, 14 Jan, 11 Feb, 11 March



**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**

www.chalkevalleystores.co.uk

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

This last month I have received a donation of £10 plus food totalling 1.8 kgs.

Apart from the usual list of food and goods they need there are 6 possibly unexpected items that are needed:

Toilet rolls
Sanitary towels and tampons
Tin openers
Toiletries
Baby food

With this being the November issue of STaB, can I ask you to start thinking of Christmas? For a lot of people, not only families, this can be a hard and sometimes a sad time. Please try to include with the normal foodstuffs some extra special treats that we all look forward to over the Christmas period. Let us make this Christmas a happier time for those less fortunate than ourselves.

The earlier in December that you can donate means that the Foodbank will see what they have to give to people and they also close down their warehouse, not accepting further donations for several days before Christmas Day, while they are busy getting all the goods out to people, it is a very busy time for them.

Thank you for the support you offer for this very worthwhile cause.

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

Judy Barrett





CHALKE VALLEY STORES

Shop ♦ Post Office ♦ Coffee Shop

Local store
Local people
Supporting
our community



Could you be our next Society Secretary?



We're looking for a new Society Secretary to join our team!

This voluntary role forms a key part of the management team: helping to ensure that our meetings, records and admin responsibilities are kept organised and up to date.

Much of the work can be done online at times that suit your lifestyle.

What's involved?



Meetings

- Prepare agendas and distribute minutes for formal meetings.
- Attend Management Team quarterly meetings (optional).
- Attend the Annual Members' Meeting.



Regularly / as specified



Annual Return

- Submit the accounts and Annual Return to the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA).



Once per year



Share Admin

- Process share applications, including the issue of share certificates.
- Maintain and manage the shareholder register.



Infrequent & as required



Other Duties

- Assist with ancillary tasks, such as arranging insurance.



Annually / as required

Interested?



If you are organised, reliable and would like to know more about the role, please contact



Katie Whitmore on



exec@chalkevalleystores.co.uk

Could you be
the person we're
looking for?

Get in touch
to find out more!



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 2026



**Please join us to remember our villagers and all
who have served or are serving our country**

on

Sunday 8th November at 10:50am

at

St John The Baptist Church, Bishopstone

followed by a

**Curry Lunch in The White Hart at 12:00am
(call 01722 780244 to book a place)**

ST MARY & ST LAWRENCE
STRATFORD TONY
SP5 4AT

CAROL SERVICE



PLEASE JOIN US

on SUNDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2026 at 6.00pm

with THE REVD MAGGIE METCALFE

PLEASE BRING TORCHES AND APPROPRIATE FOOTWEAR AS THERE WILL BE
LIMITED LIGHTING FROM THE CAR PARK TO THE CHURCH AND THE GROUND
UNDERFOOT COULD BE MUDDY

COLLECTION IN AID OF THE CHURCHES CONSERVATION TRUST & BISHOPSTONE CHURCH

Rambling with Jazzie... Mid-Autumn

After our lovely holiday in France, Jazzie was very pleased to see us back home again. She was in fine fettle and raring to go. All stopped the next week as she had another hair-do for the autumn, and now looks quite neat and trim again. Walks have been reduced while I have not been too well, but are resuming as the weather gets cooler. Helps to keep me and J warm!



No sightings of the hedgehogs since early October, but someone is eating their food. There is also evidence of the hutches being used. No doubt, they are preparing for the winter hibernation and getting leaves and litter together for their winter beds. Took an



injured buzzard to the Animal Hospital last Sunday, found on the road over Crowden Hill. It must have been hit by a car as it rose from a feast on pheasant carcasses in the road. It had a broken leg, but otherwise seemed in good order, and was an excellent patient as we went to the hospital.

The garden is looking a bit of a mess, but Sarah and Susanne help so much in keeping the weeds down and the beds looking clean. Last weekend, we had family help with wood splitting and stacking, so now have a full wood store. Won't last for long as fires are the order of the day at present. The last delivery of oil was for an eye-watering price compared with the start of the year! I hope the RAF in the MidEast will help to reduce these prices?

The ArtCare Exhibition is starting at the hospital, but I was too late to get any of my offerings accepted. Too bad, but will now try at the Village Christmas Fayre later on. The ArtCare is on from 24 Oct until 20 Nov, so plenty of time to view the works on display, and perhaps buy a Christmas present.

The RBL Poppy Appeal starts on 23rd October for the next two weeks. Please support it, and buy at least two poppies each! Remember the Service of Remembrance is on Sunday 8th November at ten to eleven in the church, and curry lunch follows in the pub. Ring Ed or Heidi to reserve your place. Their curries are extremely good for flavour and for value!



Met up with my old Inniskilling friends at the start of the month, with an excellent meal at the Radnor Arms rather than our pub, as Ed and Heidi were away on their well earned holiday. At the PCC we discussed even more good things for the church.



Another busy month, and so to Remembrance again in November. Look at the names on our War Memorial, all those who didn't come home. Albert Gurd was the first to die in September 1914, and Charles Baker the last on 7th October 1918. 15 in the Great War and 3 in the Second World War. **We remember with thanks.**

Join The Ramblers

Thinking of joining the Ramblers?

On the morning of Saturday 7th November the South Wiltshire Group will be holding their AGM in the Bishopstone Village Hall.

In the early afternoon they will have two walks in the area of approximately 3-5 miles, from the hall. If you are thinking of joining the Ramblers this would be an ideal time to meet and walk with some of our local members. If you are interested, please contact

swrmbllrs@gmail.com by Friday 6th November.

A Plea from the Hospital

Engager Volunteers Needed

Engagers are a team of volunteers specially trained to enhance the emotional wellbeing of patients during their hospital stay.

Can you spare 3 hours each week to provide some extra company, support, and stimulation for our patients at Salisbury District Hospital?

What is involved:

- ★ Listening, talking, and companionship.
- ★ Reading newspapers/magazines/books.
- ★ Playing cards or crosswords/games/puzzles.

Benefits:

- ★ Rewarding for patients - improving emotional well-being, reduces isolation and helps speed recovery.
- ★ Rewarding for volunteers – fulfilling, provides social connection and opportunity to part of a valued team.

If this is something you feel drawn to help with, please contact us to find out more:

Liz Beadle, Stars Appeal Engager Programme Coordinator,
Department of Clinical Psychology, Salisbury District Hospital
Telephone: 01722 425105 or email: sft.engage@nhs.net

Memories of a Bishopstone Childhood

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

The willow trees which grew along the river were pollarded every few years to make fence posts and bean sticks. We would often find moorhens' nests built in the reeds.

Like most country boys I used to collect birds' eggs. Without illustrated books village boys could recognise all the local birds and their eggs – knowledge passed on from father to son. Rooks' nests were safe – they built high in the tops of beech trees around the church. I used to like hearing the plaintive cries of peewits on the high Downs. Their nests were on the ground and searched for to take the eggs. The eggs of pheasants, peewits and moorhens could be eaten.

Certain places were visited at special times of the year. In May we went to a steep field in Mill Lane to pick cowslips which the girls made into cowslip balls or "tisty-tosties". In September we went with our parents to Faulston Down where the best blackberries grew. This was a lonely place of gorse bushes and brambles and a farm road lined with stately beech trees. In the tall hedges along this road were all kinds of hedgerow trees and bushes, blackthorn with its sour sloes, crab apple trees, hazel with catkins and nuts wayfaring trees and dogwood with clusters of blossom. In their season there were also dog roses, honeysuckle and old man's beard.

Flocks of sheep, usually blackfaced Hampshire Downs were kept on the Downs. They were penned in fields of turnips and kale which they ate from the ground, the hurdles which penned them were moved across the field. When the field had been stripped there was a good covering of sheep-manure which was ploughed in for the next crop.

In the Autumn a straw lined lambing pen was built and the ewes which had been put to the ram were watched over by the shepherd. During the Winter he lived in a shepherd's hut on the Downs. Lambs were born in the early Spring when the shepherd had to be prepared for spells of cold weather. When the lambs were big enough their tails were cut off for reasons of hygiene. The shepherd was entitled to sell or give away the tails and lambs'-tail pie was a Wiltshire delicacy. I remember my mother making one.

Wellspring Christian Community

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

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

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

10 am-12 noon in Broad Chalke Village Hall SP5 5DN, most Tuesdays in term time.

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

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

Nov 3, Nov 17th

.....we'd love to meet you.

Wellspring has the blessing of The Chalke Valley Clergy Team

Local Vocals

A relaxed social sing-along, open to **absolutely everyone** — no auditions, no experience needed, just a love of singing. **Bring a friend** along too, and stay for **wine and nibbles!**

First session free

Term fee £25

6:00pm – 7:15pm

Village Hall, Bowerchalke

ADDITIONAL REHEARSAL DATES

14 & 21 Sep · 5, 12, 19 & 26 Oct · 9, 16, 23 & 30 Nov

4 Dec — Dress rehearsal · 5 Dec — Carols by Candlelight

LOCAL VOCALS — FILLING THE VALLEY WITH SONG

Chalke Valley Events

COMMON NATURE

AN EVENING OF MINDFUL MOVEMENT & BREATHWORK

Practical tools to help you stay well.

Join Simon Lamb, founder of Common Nature, for an evening of qigong, breathwork and reflection, inspired by the changing season.

Through practical, science-backed tools Simon will share ways in which you can release tension, calm a busy mind, and cultivate more stillness in your body.

No experience or particular fitness level needed. Come as you are.

THURSDAY 12TH NOVEMBER

18:30 - 20:00

Broad Chalke Village Hall, SP5 5DN

£15 per ticket
25 tickets available

BOOK YOUR PLACE → WEARECOMMONNATURE.COM/EVENTS

BOOKS....BOOKS....

on
Sat.14th and Sun.15th November
come and see if you'd like to take some
books home... 10am - 4pm
Lodge Farmhouse,
Broad Chalke, SP5 5LU
ALL BOOKS ARE FREE...
thrillers, romances, best sellers,
classics, spy stories.....
all kinds of books..



...come and see
if you'd like any
of them and
have a cup
of tea.

BUMBLEFLY Theatre
www.bumbleflytheatre.co.uk

JACK & THE BEANSTALK & THE FROG PRINCE

With support from Rural Focus Theatre Company

Friday 18th December
Broad Chalke Village Hall 6.30pm

Doors open 6.00pm Tickets: £12 adults £6 children
Tickets from Hub and Zeffy (QR code link)

SCRATCH NATIVITY

Sunday 20th December at 4pm
All Saints, Broad Chalke,
followed by tea and cake.



Come dressed up as Mary, a shepherd,
a king, a sheep, a wise man, a star.....
or we will have costumes for you to
wear.....(grown ups or children).



Huge thanks to the fete committee for generously awarding STaB a grant of £100 towards our printing costs.

BOURNEMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

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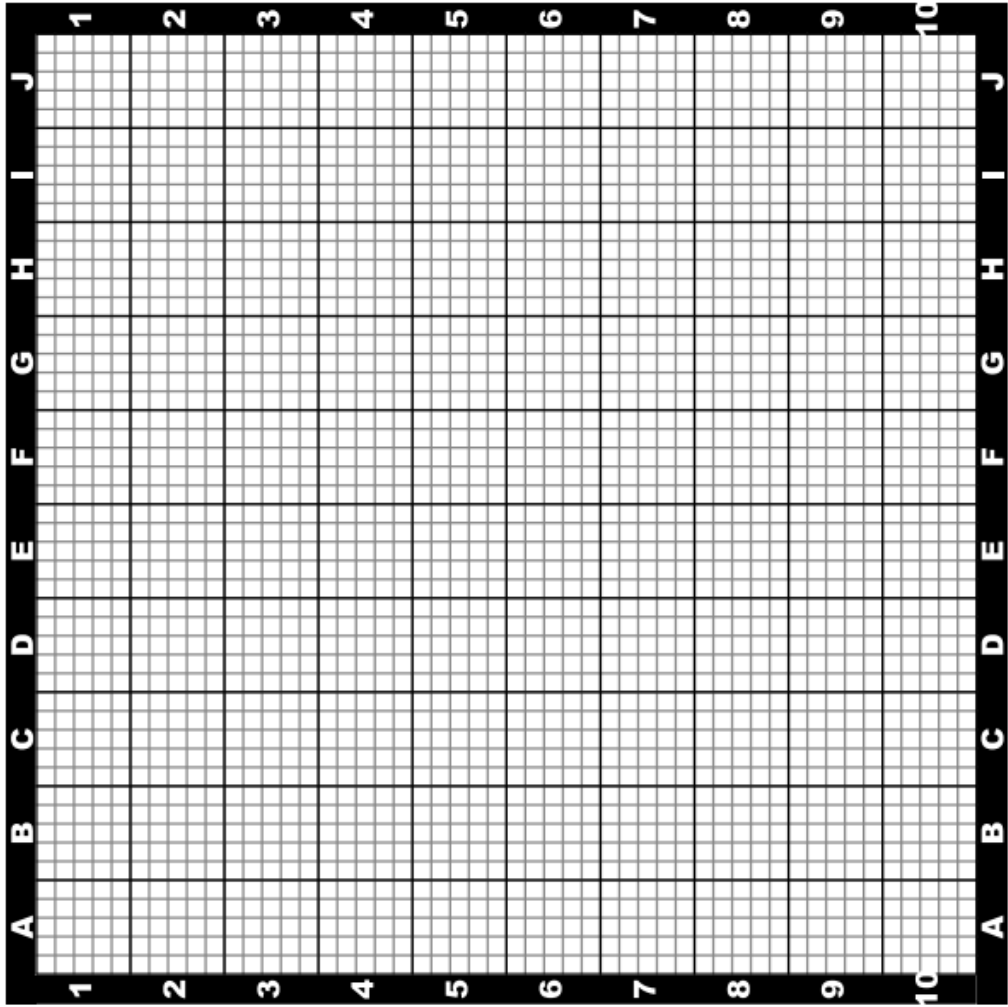
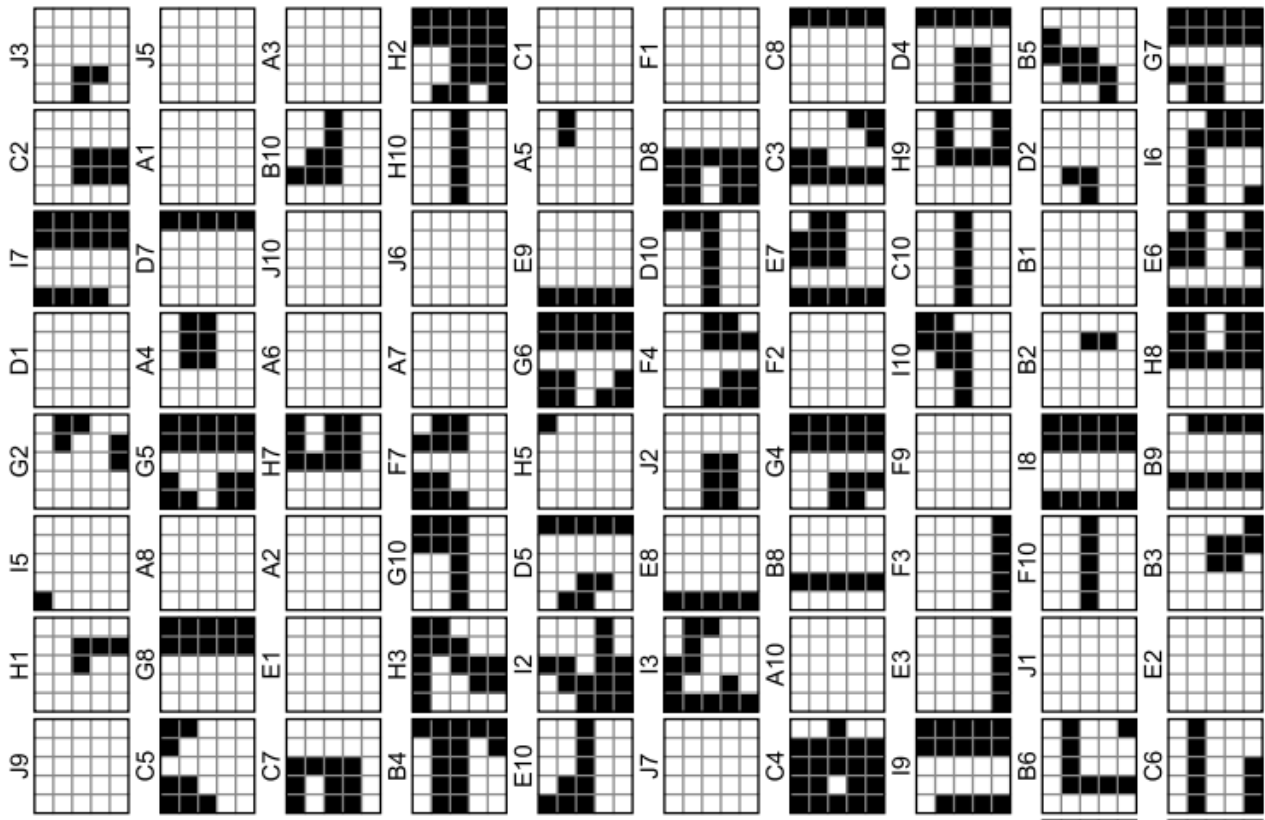
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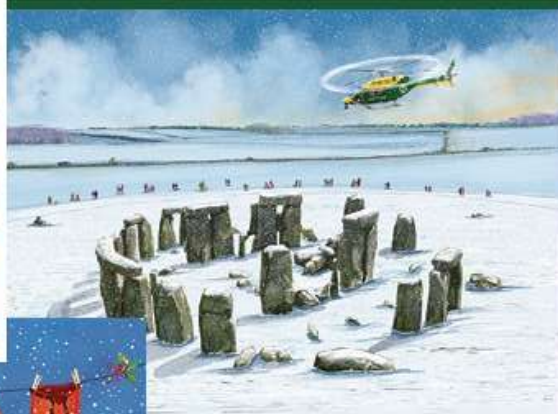


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Private parking companies in the UK issued a record 16.9 million parking charge notices in the year to March 2026 (2025/26), up from 14.4 million the previous year. Parking restrictions can sometimes catch motorists by surprise.

Here are three situations worth knowing about:

1. The supermarket is closed – but parking restrictions may still apply.

You might assume that when a supermarket closes at 4pm on a Sunday, its car park is free to use. Not necessarily. Some supermarket car parks are managed by private parking companies whose restrictions continue to apply after the store has closed.

Even if you are simply sitting in your car waiting to collect someone, you could receive a parking charge if you breach the displayed conditions.

Never assume that a closed supermarket means unrestricted parking. Check the signs, even if you only intend to stop for a few minutes.

2. Charging your electric vehicle? Check the parking rules too.

Many supermarkets and retail parks now provide electric vehicle charging points, some of which operate outside normal shopping hours. However, just because the charging point is available does not necessarily mean the car park is unrestricted. Motorists can receive parking charges while legitimately charging their vehicles if they breach the car park's conditions. There may also be separate charges for remaining connected after charging is complete.

Before plugging in, check both the charging point instructions and the car park's parking restrictions. Paying to charge your vehicle does not automatically exempt you from parking rules.

3. Are you parked between the lines?

Did you know that you could receive a parking charge simply because your vehicle is not parked correctly within the marked bay? Even if you have paid for parking, or are using a free car park, some operators enforce rules requiring vehicles to be parked wholly within the marked lines.

Photographs may be taken by parking attendants or camera systems as evidence of a parking infringement.

Before walking away, check that your vehicle is properly positioned within the parking space. If another vehicle makes this difficult, try to find another bay.

What if you receive a private parking charge?

A private Parking Charge Notice is not the same as a Penalty Charge Notice issued by a local council.

If you receive one:

- Check the date, time, location and reason for the charge.
- Ask for photographic evidence if it has not been provided.
- Check whether the parking restrictions were clearly displayed.
- If you believe the charge is unfair or incorrect, consider appealing to the parking operator.

If your appeal is rejected, you may be able to take the matter to an independent appeals service. Do not simply ignore a parking charge, as the operator may pursue payment. A few moments spent reading the parking signs could save you an unexpected bill of £60, £100 or more.

Posted by Able Community Care. www.ablecommunitycare.com

I get sent these tips ever week as STaB editor. Sometimes I choose to share useful ones if there is space in the magazine.

Police Bulletin

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



One issue I hear raised regularly by businesses, residents and local communities is the impact that crime and anti-social behaviour can have on our town and city centres.

Whilst individual incidents may seem minor in isolation, their effect can be far-reaching. Retail crime, anti-social behaviour and public disorder can undermine confidence, affect trade, discourage visitors and change how people experience the places where they live and work. The reality is that strong local economies and thriving town centres depend upon people feeling safe.

Too often, offences such as shoplifting are dismissed as low-level crimes. I do not accept that view. Behind every offence is a business owner dealing with lost income, a shop worker facing abuse or intimidation, or a resident questioning whether their town centre remains a place they want to visit. These crimes have real consequences and they deserve to be taken seriously.

That is why tackling retail crime and anti-social behaviour remains a priority for Wiltshire Police, my office and our partners across Wiltshire and Swindon.

November's Safer Business Action Week is an opportunity to highlight the action being taken to support businesses and improve safety in our town centres. It is also an opportunity to recognise what can be achieved when organisations work together with a shared purpose.

Over the past year, partnership approaches such as the Business Crime Reduction Partnership in Salisbury have demonstrated the value of improved intelligence sharing, stronger communication and coordinated action against those causing the greatest harm. Whilst no single initiative will eliminate these issues entirely, experience shows that businesses, police, local authorities and community organisations are far more effective when they work together than when they work alone.

Wiltshire remains the safest force area in the South West, but maintaining that position requires constant effort and a willingness to tackle problems before they become entrenched.

My expectation is clear. Residents, visitors and businesses should be able to enjoy our town and city centres without feeling intimidated, unsafe or ignored. By continuing to invest in partnership working, supporting effective policing and holding organisations to account for delivering results, we can ensure our high streets remain places where communities can prosper and confidence can grow.



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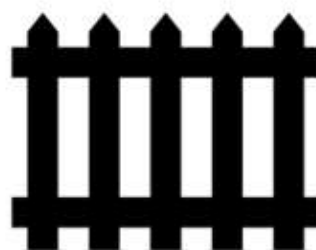


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Services in the Chalke Valley Benefice: November 2026

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



Sunday 1st November – ALL SAINTS' DAY

9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Berwick St John	Alison Waterhouse
9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Britford	Jenny Taylor
9.30am	Family Communion (CW)	Broad Chalke	Ruth Howlett-Shipley
11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Ebbesbourne Wake	Biddy Trahair
11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Coombe Bissett	Ruth Howlett-Shipley
11.00am	Family Service	Odstock	Adrian Taylor
6.30pm	All Saints Service	Bowerchalke	Kate Woolven

Sunday 8th November – REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

10.45am	Remembrance Service	Berwick St John	Barney Hopkinson
10.45am	Remembrance Service <i>Followed by Communion</i>	Bowerchalke	Kate Woolven
10.45am	Remembrance Service <i>Followed by Communion</i>	Broad Chalke	Alison Waterhouse
10.45am	Remembrance Service	Bishopstone	Jenny Taylor
10.45am	Remembrance Service	Coombe Bissett	Tony Monds
10.45am	Remembrance Service	Nunton	Maggie Metcalfe
10.45am	Remembrance Service	Alvediston	Ruth Howlett-Shipley

Sunday 15th November – 2nd Sunday before Advent

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Fifield Bavant	Ruth Howlett-Shipley
9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bishopstone	Alison Waterhouse
9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Odstock	Ruth Howlett-Shipley
11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Berwick St John	Alison Waterhouse
11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Ebbesbourne Wake	Ruth Howlett-Shipley
4.00pm	Sunday Praise	Bowerchalke	Kate Woolven
4.00pm	Sunday Praise	Coombe Bissett	Lay Led

Sunday 22nd November – CHRIST THE KING

9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Broad Chalke	Alison Waterhouse
9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Charlton All Saints	Ruth Howlett-Shipley
11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bishopstone	Ruth Howlett-Shipley
11.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Alvediston	Alison Waterhouse
11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Berwick St John	Lay Led
11.00am	Family Service	Nunton	Adrian Taylor
6.00pm	Evening Prayer	Homington	Ruth Howlett-Shipley

Sunday 29th November – 1st Sunday of Advent

10.00am	Benefice Communion (CW)	Odstock	Alison Waterhouse
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