



Parish Magazine

November 2024



Autumn Beeches

Photo by George King

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The editors reserve the right to edit all contributions.



The Friends of Bishopstone Church

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

A warm welcome to Bishopstone and Stratford Tony...

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



Hello from the Revd Canon Jenny Taylor



At the end of October we welcomed a new member to our clergy team, the Revd Maggie Metcalfe, who some of you know may know already as she lives in Bodenham. We are absolutely delighted that she has joined us.

The season of Remembrance is approaching all too quickly and I do hope you can all join us at our service in church on Sunday 10th November at 10.45 when the Revd Katharine Robinson will be leading the service. She lives in Salisbury and has been to Bishopstone before and is greatly looking forward to being with you.

As we remember the sacrifice by our men and woman over the years, in order to bring peace to our country, the world seems to be teetering on the very opposite. So during this solemn season we pray together:

*Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed:
kindle, we pray, in the hearts of all, the true love of peace
and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom
those who take counsel for the nations of the earth
that in tranquillity your kingdom may go forward,
till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, Amen*

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Roof Problems at Bishopstone Church

Many people in our village now know that a potentially very serious problem has been discovered, involving the roof of the North Transept in our church. The church Architect, and a Structural Engineer have done some investigations, and as a result, we have had to close the North Transept to the public as a precaution.

The situation has been made more complex by the discovery of bats roosting in that part of the roof.

We are currently awaiting a very detailed document called, a Scope of Work, which the architect will draw up. This will then be sent out to suitable contractors, who will provide estimates for the work needed. At this stage it is estimated to be in the region of £130,000.

The work is likely to start next summer. The church is open as usual, as it is only the North Transept which is affected, and we anticipate that it will remain open whilst the work is done. When we have more information as to the extent of the work needed, we will be able to give the village more details. In the meantime, we are very grateful to the Friends of Bishopstone Church, who are already being proactive with fund raising ideas.

Sarah Seal, Churchwarden

Friends of Bishopstone Church

You will have read - above - about the proposed project to replace the North Transept Roof in the church, which will be a very costly repair job. Medieval buildings need constant maintenance. We don't want to lose our village heritage.

The Friends of Bishopstone Church will be organising a Fund-raising Evening in the Village Hall next year, so we hope that many people in the village will be able to support this event.

Advance notice

We are holding an **Antiques Evening** on **Friday 7 February 2025** where Jeremy Lamond, the Head Valuer at Woolley and Wallis, will give a talk on Antique collecting and there will be an opportunity to bring along your family heirlooms to be discussed by him.

All details will be in the December issue of STaB. Keep the date free to enjoy an interesting evening!

*Anne Stutchbury
Chairman Friends of Bishopstone Church*

Bishopstone Parish Council

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Thursday 14th November 2024 starting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The agenda and papers for the meeting will be made available on the village website (www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk).

All are welcome to attend.



Community Consultation on Proposed Development

**YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND A DROP-IN CONSULTATION EVENT, HOSTED BY
CHERRINGTON PLANNING LTD, REGARDING THE PROPOSED SUBMISSION OF
AN APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF
LAND FOR 15 HOMES**

at WHITLOCKS, Bishopstone, Nr Salisbury, Wiltshire

**Friday, 22nd November 2024
from 3.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.**

Bishopstone Village Hall

Village Hall



November 2024

The BISHOPSTONE COMMUNITY CAFÉ

The Village Hall Café is normally open on alternate **Thursdays** throughout the year.

Dates are the **14th** and **28th November** and the **12th December**. **10.30am until 12.00noon**. The Café will reopen after Christmas on **Thursday January 16th**.

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

Saturday 16th November. 'The Sunset Café Stompers'

By popular request, the Sunset Café Stompers are returning to Bishopstone.

Tickets are **£15** each with an optional supper available at an additional **£6** per person. Doors and bar open at **7pm** for a **7.30pm** start.

Early booking for these events 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 29th November.

The Moviola film for November will be **"Vindication Swim"**. *The inspirational story of Mercedes Gleitze, who in 1927 became the first British woman to swim the English Channel. Discover Mercedes' struggle in overcoming both the cold waters of the English Channel and the oppressive society of 1920s England.*

Starring: Kirsten Callaghan, John Locke and Victoria Summer.

Doors open at **7.00pm** and the film will begin at **7.30pm**.

Entry for the film is **£6.00**. A cash bar with ices and snacks will be available.

If possible, please book in advance with Caroline Ash on (01722) 781044, Nigel Peasley on 07761 463737 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 first Community Lunch of the season will be on **Wednesday 6th November**.

The speaker will be Frogg Moody talking about the History of the Old Manor Hospital and his experience as head gardener.

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 4th December**.

THE CHRISTMAS FAYRE

The Christmas Fayre will be on **Friday 6th December** from **6.00pm until 7.00pm**. There will be a Tombola, Cakes and Produce, Local Crafts, Books, and other stalls. No Bric-a-Brac. Donations for the book, tombola and cake stalls will be welcomed. The Hall will be open at 2.30pm to receive donations.

The Village Christmas Card this year will support the RNLI.

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 : callyedwards@me.com or 07968 797 168.

“EXTEND” EXERCISE CLASSES

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

PILATES AT BISHOPSTONE

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

YOGA WITH HANNAH

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

VILLAGE CRAFT GROUP

The group meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 7-9pm. For further details please contact Sue Porter on 01722 780459 or Jacqueline James on 01722 335866.

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:

21 Nov, 19 Dec, 16 Jan, 13 Feb, 13 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 Broadchalke

w: www.chalkevalleystores.co.uk

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

OPENING HOURS

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

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

CHALKE VALLEY LINK SCHEME

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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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

A cash donation of £20 was received this last month and also donations totalling 11.9 kgs, thank you all.

On the web page for the foodbank they state:-

We don't think anyone in our community should have to face going hungry. That's why we provide three days nutritionally balanced emergency food and support to local people who are referred to us in crisis. We are part of a nationwide network of foodbanks, supported by The Trussell Trust, working to combat poverty and hunger across the UK.

Every day people in the UK go hungry for reasons ranging from redundancy to receiving an unexpected bill on low income, A simple box of food makes a big difference, with foodbanks helping prevent crime, housing loss, family breakdown and mental health problems.

Foodbanks partner with a wide range of care professionals such as doctors, health visitors, social workers and police to identify people in crisis and issue them with a foodbank voucher. Foodbank clients bring their voucher to a foodbank centre where it can be redeemed for three days emergency food. Volunteers meet clients over a warm drink or free hot meal and are able to signpost people to agencies able to solve the longer term problem.

Please donate any tinned food product, dried goods, long life drinks, personal hygiene product or baby items; anything will be gratefully accepted.

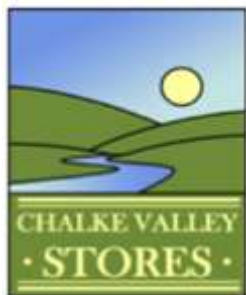
Also now that it is November can we ask that you now add goods for Christmas, extra items that will make a bleak day more special for individuals and families.

Thank you again for your continued support for this great cause.

Judy Barrett



As usual donations can be left at my house, The Old Post Office, The Cross, Crouchston, at the Church or call me on 01722 780306 if you would like me to collect.



**Shop at the heart of the Community
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w: www.chalkevalleystores.co.uk | e: info@chalkevalleystores.co.uk | Tel: 01722 780998

OPENING HOURS

Shop: Weekdays 9.00am - 5pm (until 1pm on Saturdays)

Coffee Shop: Weekdays 10am - 3.30pm (until Midday 12pm on Saturdays)

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

We are always on the look-out for new local produce and are delighted to be stocking sour dough bread, gut boosting granola, and sweet and spiced mixed nuts from Kate's Kitchen MicroBakery based in Rockbourne. Deliveries come in every Wednesday and Friday and the produce is selling very well.



On Fridays we take delivery of a great range of specialist fruit and vegetables, including smoked garlic, seasonal squash, a great choice of unusual cauliflowers, heritage tomatoes and figs to name just a few. Stock changes according to what is seasonally available.

Home deliveries: If you need a delivery, please call the Shop on **01722 780998**.

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

Chalke Valley Fete and Produce Show

After taking in to account the costs for the fete and donations made to a few organisations that helped us on the day, we have approximately £3,500 left to give to good causes in the valley.

If you would like to apply for a small grant for your organisation or good cause please email us on treasurer.cvfete@gmail.com
Date for next year's Fete is 16th August 2025



CHALKE VALLEY
SPORTS CENTRE
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Facilities for all the Chalke Valley

SPORTS SCENE

OCTOBER 2024

Annual Maintenance Morning

26 volunteers braved the rain and gave up their Saturday morning to help with the annual maintenance morning. A great Team effort with the rewards of a hot drink, hot cheese rolls and the first mince pies of the season! In total nearly 3 weeks of labour hours were given - a fantastic saving of funds for the sports centre... and most of the jobs ticked off the list.

Roof Works

Many thanks to Chalke Valley Roofing who have been working on repairs to the sports centre roof and gutters to stop the edges of the metal roofing panels rusting and to make repairs to the gutters to stop leaking joints which are 22 years old.

Kitchen Refurbishment

At the time of writing, we are taking delivery of the new kitchen items, a bit more complicated then would ordinarily be the case as we do not have a staffed presence 24/7! The planning and refit include larger double oven and new extraction, bigger refrigeration and storage facilities and new compliant wash facilities. We have also been able to repurpose some of the units taken out and use the funds to help buy new equipment. Many thanks James at JG Engineering.

Drainage

Our next significant work is having to dig up a section of the car park to expose blocked soakaway that has been identified after a camera drain survey.

Fundraising Event- Save the Date

Saturday 8 February 2025- Race Night and hot supper. Ticket information next month.

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

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



Please join us at

A Remembrance Sunday Service

Sunday 10th November 2024

**At the Church of St John the Baptist, Bishopstone
at 10:45 am**

followed by, for those that wish:

A Curry Lunch in The White Hart from about 12:30 pm.

(please ring Tom or Zara on 780244 to reserve places)

Royal British Legion - Poppy Appeal

In aid of



A reminder that our team of Bishopstone Poppy Appeal collectors will be going door to door in Bishopstone from Thursday 24 October. Please give generously. This year, if you don't have cash, there will be an ability to scan a QR code and donate via your phone. Please remember to gift aid your donation if possible.

The Unnamed Grave

As I walk gently upon the grass
And move between the stones
A minor tremor disturbs my feet
From a person who's unknown

And as I look down on the earth
I wonder to myself
Is this the grave of someone dear
Whose life had limited wealth

No cross, no border, no headstone
To show who lies beneath
This piece of un-kept sacred ground
Now lost to those who weep

What life did they once live I ask
The family that they knew
The age of their untimely death
Their appearance as they grew

But as my thoughts begin to fly
To imagine who they must be
A sadness fills my aching heart
For the stranger I long to see

Forgotten and lost to everyone
No sentiment of prayer
No loved ones visiting with kindness
To show how much they care

Instead they sleep amongst us
As we talk and walk on by
Until another unnamed grave
Reveals the place where someone died

Let us not lament their peace and quiet
For within these graves they rest
Their lives now over, their voices still
All memories now have left

For they are always remembered
By the others who have died
As their journeys were made together
To a world on the other side

Maura Kelly

Maura submitted some poetry for publication in STaB; we are always happy to hear from local poets if you have anything to share!

Autumn Rambling with Jazzie



Back again from a weekend break in France, Jazzie is very well after her second holiday in the kennels. She was very keen to see us and inspect the garden. She was particularly keen to find any rats, but they stayed away! Recently she has killed two large ones she caught unawares under the bird-feeders. She also chases them and the squirrels back up into the willow and the cherry tree!

We took a short weekend offer from Brit Ferries and had a very good time in Normandy, near the D-Day beaches. The new memorial at Ver sur Mer is most impressive, very big (a bit un-British) but a stark reminder of all those young men who died in 1944 between 6 June and 31 August during the Battle for Normandy... about 40,000 names of all arms engraved on the columns.

Otherwise all our tomatoes caught blight again, but we had a good apple harvest. However, the garden is now a disgrace as everything is dying and needs urgent clearing, but the rain and cold hinder my enthusiasm to go out! The hedgehogs have been very busy and we spot 2 or 3 every evening as they come out to enjoy our feed. I think they might be sharing it with other visitors, but they do get first dibs every time!



Bayeux was as pretty as ever, and we enjoyed a full day there, in the beautiful and quiet cathedral of St Malo, and Ann visited the tapisserie again to wonder at all those tiny stitches! We stayed at a Golf Hotel at Port en Bessin, which was very comfortable, but pricey, and failed to have a lift for us oldies, but they changed our room to a ground floor one!

I have been busy painting with some days of 'en plein aire' relaxation, both here and in France. At the SGA exhibition in the summer, I failed to sell anything, but I remain hopeful that our Bishopstone friends will support us at the Village Christmas Fayre!

We had our covid and flu jabs this weekend, and are now nursing sore shoulders! So much for the new NHS under the new government. However, we remain very lucky with our own surgery and the good services of the hospital, near our village. You do wonder about some villages in Cumbria or Scotland. We have had fun with our closed roads and lack of electricity. Perhaps Wilts Council are trying to give us a taste of the inconvenience the centre of Salisbury has suffered over the last two years, for reasons of inclusion and diversity, perhaps!



Enough guff from me! Jazzie wishes all readers (for which we are so very grateful) much walking, and hopes for drier weather. See you soon! *James Thompson (20.10.24)*



Coombe Bissett CE VA Primary School

"Soar on wings like eagles, run and not grow weary, walk and not be faint"

Isaiah 40:31

It's been a very busy start to the school year here at Coombe Bissett School!

Our new Reception children have settled in to school life incredibly well, and all the children have made a fantastic start to the term, whether they have moved up into a new class, or become part of the older year group in their class.

The staff have been busy too, completing the training for our new Phonics scheme, and starting to implement the new Handwriting scheme... it's now not unusual to walk into a class and find everyone lying on the floor to practise their handwriting skills in the 'lizard' position (while strengthening their core muscles at the same time)!



Our new foundation curriculum, Curious City, is proving a huge success, with the children basing their work in several subjects around a broad 'enquiry' question. This is sparking great enthusiasm and creativity and bringing a renewed sense of purpose to our learning.

In October we were delighted to welcome the High Sheriff of Wiltshire, Dr Olivia Chapple, to our school, accompanied by her Chaplain Revd Canon Jenny Taylor. She visited all of the classes, then lead a school assembly where the children were excited to learn about her role, and were especially interested in her sword and her wonderful hat, made with Great Bustard feathers!

We are all looking forward to half term of course, but also coming back to a fun Christmas term full of Nativity plays and excitements.



STARGAZING EVENTS

EVER LOOKED UP AT THE
NIGHT SKY AND WANTED
TO KNOW MORE?

The nights are drawing in, which can only mean one thing... It's time to launch our Autumn/Winter 2024-2025 Stargazing Events programme!

Booking is now LIVE for our first two events. Join astronomers and explore the skies of Cranborne Chase International Dark Sky Reserve.

Marshwood Farm, Dinton
Thursday 21st November 2024
7:30 - 9:30 pm

Ansty PYO & Farm Shop, Ansty
Tuesday 26th November 2024
7:30 - 9:30 pm

Events are free, but numbers are limited, so please book via the Eventbrite website (search for Cranborne Chase International Dark-Sky Reserve to find the events).

Parish Churchyards Help Needed

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED...

To help carry out end of year maintenance work in our parish churchyards, including hedge cutting, strimming, weeding and general tidying up.

Any assistance you can provide will be much appreciated.

9.30am – 1pm

Bishopstone churchyard – Saturday 9th November

Stratford Tony churchyard – Saturday 16th November

For further information (or to sign up for either - or both! – dates) please contact:

Nick Gooch - 07974 727703 or nhwgooch@gmail.com

Charity News and Events



The poster for the Salisbury Big Band Christmas Concert features a string of colorful Christmas lights at the top. A blue circular logo with the text 'CELEBRATING Age Wiltshire' is positioned below the lights. The main text reads: 'Salisbury Big Band Christmas Concert', 'Nadder Centre, Tisbury', and 'Tuesday 10th December, 1.30 - 3.30pm'. A photograph of the band members, mostly older adults, is shown on the left. To the right of the photo, the text says: 'Celebrate Christmas with the Salisbury Big Band. Come along and enjoy great live music and a festive afternoon tea. All welcome.' At the bottom, a red box contains the text: 'This is a free event, but booking is required. Please contact Karen Linaker on 01722 434697 or email karen.linaker@wiltshire.gov.uk'.

Salisbury Big Band Christmas Concert
Nadder Centre, Tisbury
Tuesday 10th December, 1.30 - 3.30pm

Celebrate Christmas with the Salisbury Big Band.
Come along and enjoy great live music and a festive afternoon tea.
All welcome.

This is a free event, but booking is required.
Please contact Karen Linaker on 01722 434697 or email karen.linaker@wiltshire.gov.uk

The South West Wiltshire Area Board is organising a special Christmas event at the Nadder Centre, Tisbury on the

10th December for older people.

Timing is: 1.30pm-3.30pm and the event is for all older people living in the 39 parishes of South West Wiltshire.

The ever popular Celebrating Age Programme is organising the entertainment (Salisbury Big Band), and the local primary school is helping with the event too, to make it an intergenerational fun occasion.

Celebrating Age Wiltshire: bringing live music, theatre, art & heritage to your local community



A small plea for help in advance:

- Could you help on the day – as a friendly face, washer upper, cake server, moral supporter?
- Could you help on the day if there is a need for transport support (we have a small expenses budget to reimburse you)?
- Could you help us ensure we are reaching older people that are especially isolated and would like to attend this event?

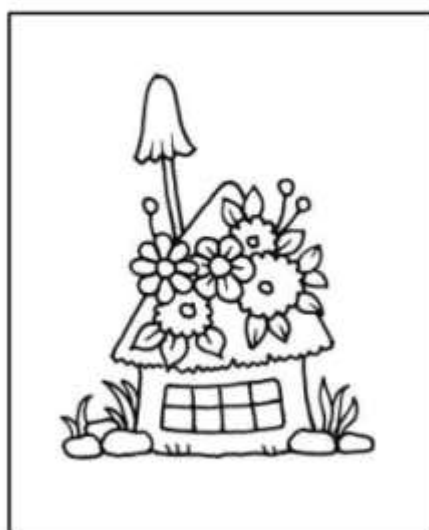
Please contact Karen Linaker via email by 15th November if you are able to help in any way.

Puzzles and Activities

By Cally Edwards

Sudoku

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4			9	6			2	
9	8			7	4			
5	7		8		2		6	9
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7	5			2				
	6			5	1			2
3			4			5		8



Johanna Basford
SMALL VICTORIES

Notes from a Nutritionist by Amber Cotton Nutrition

This **Dorset Apple Cake** is a delicious, healthier take on a classic dessert, making the most of the abundance of apples that are available in Autumn. Apples are rich in fibre, antioxidants, and essential vitamins like C and K, which support digestion and boost immune function. This recipe also uses yoghurt instead of eggs which helps to keep the cake moist, reduces the need for excessive fat, and adds a rich, tangy flavour.

Serves 6-8

Ingredients

- 225g plain flour
- 1½ tsp baking powder
- Pinch of salt
- 110g unsalted butter (cold, diced)
- 110g (4 oz) caster sugar
- 450g (1 lb) apples (preferably eating apples)
- 100g natural yoghurt or soured cream
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon (optional)
- 2 tbsp demerara sugar, for sprinkling on top (optional)



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20cm springform cake tin

Method

Preheat oven to 160°C/Fan 180°C, Gas 4 and butter the cake tin.

In a large mixing bowl, rub together the butter, flour, baking powder and salt with your fingertips until the mixture resembles coarse breadcrumbs.

Put the caster sugar in another mixing bowl. Peel, core and chop the apples into bite-size pieces, adding them to the sugar and tossing them as you go. When all the apples are chopped and added to the sugar, give them a stir to ensure all the sugar is distributed over the fruit. Tip the sugary apples into the flour mixture, then stir in the yoghurt/soured cream, cinnamon and vanilla extract. This will create a thick batter.

Pour the batter into the prepared tin, pushing it to the edges and spreading it out evenly. Smooth the top and sprinkle with demerara sugar.

Bake for 40 minutes, or until golden and a skewer pushed into the centre comes out clean. Leave in the tin for 10 minutes to cool before turning out onto a wire rack. Eat warm or at room temperature.

Police Bulletin

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



I recently published my Annual Report for 2023/24 which I hope you will find an informative, overall summary of the work undertaken by myself and my team during this year.

Since my last report, I have been re-elected to the role of Police and Crime Commissioner. It was a shorter term than usual, due to the delay of the previous election during the covid-19 pandemic.

However, all that has been achieved during the 2023/24 year across all areas - and before the election - is no less significant due to the shortened nature of the term.

The report highlights a 16.6% drop in anti-social behaviour incidents in 2023/2024 compared to 2022/2023, as well as a 13.4% reduction in domestic abuse related crimes, observed across all Neighbourhood Policing Team areas in the same time frame.

Another key milestone was achieved earlier this year, with Wiltshire Police being removed from His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary, Fire and Rescue Service's Engage process. Alongside this, the Force has also received a promising HMIC Police Effectiveness, Efficiency and Legitimacy (PEEL) report too. Both the Chief Constable and I have approached these milestones with cautious optimism.

It has been a joint priority of Wiltshire Police -and my office - to ensure significant, and sustainable, reform across all areas of the organisation to provide a stable foundation for further necessary improvements.

Our goal is to ensure these improvements are felt at the grassroots level, so everyone can experience a genuine sense of security, rather than merely being reassured by statistics. By working together, we will continue to restore trust and confidence in our policing service.

The first draft of a refreshed and streamlined Police and Crime Plan for 2025-29, centred on the priorities you have shared through our recent public survey and my community engagements, has now been published.

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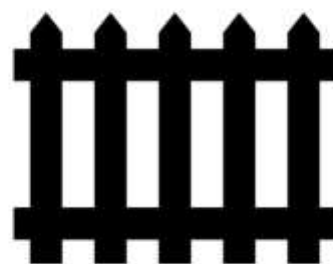
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|                                                                                                                                    | 11.00am | Morning Prayer (BCP)    | Ebbesbourne Wake    | Biddy Trahair         |
|                                                                                                                                    | 11.00am | Parish Communion (CW)   | Coombe Bissett      | J Taylor / M Metcalfe |
|                                                                                                                                    | 11.00am | Family Service          | Odstock             | Adrian Taylor         |
| <b>10 November<br/>REMEMBRANCE<br/>SUNDAY</b><br> | 9.00am  | Benefice Communion (CW) | Bishopstone         | Ruth H-S              |
|                                                                                                                                    | 10.45am | Remembrance Service     | Berwick St John     | Barney Hopkinson      |
|                                                                                                                                    | 10.45am | Remembrance Service     | Bowerchalke         | Kate Woolven          |
|                                                                                                                                    | 10.45am | Remembrance Service     | Broad Chalke        | Alison Waterhouse     |
|                                                                                                                                    | 10.50am | Remembrance Service     | Bishopstone         | Katharine Robinson    |
|                                                                                                                                    | 10.50am | Remembrance Service     | Coombe Bissett      | Jenny Taylor          |
|                                                                                                                                    | 10.50am | Remembrance Service     | Britford            | Ruth H-S / M Metcalfe |
|                                                                                                                                    | 11.20am | Remembrance Service     | Alvediston          | Vernon White          |
| <b>17 November<br/>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday<br/>before Advent</b>                                                                     | 9.30am  | Holy Communion (BCP)    | Bowerchalke         | Alison Waterhouse     |
|                                                                                                                                    | 9.30am  | Parish Communion (CW)   | Bishopstone         | Jenny Taylor          |
|                                                                                                                                    | 9.30am  | Parish Communion (CW)   | Odstock             | Ruth H-S / M Metcalfe |
|                                                                                                                                    | 11.00am | Family Communion (CW)   | Ebbesbourne Wake    | Alison Waterhouse     |
|                                                                                                                                    | 11.00am | Parish Communion (CW)   | Homington           | Ruth H-S / M Metcalfe |
|                                                                                                                                    | 11.00am | Parish Communion (CW)   | Berwick St John     | Kate Woolven          |
| <b>24 November<br/>CHRIST<br/>THE KING</b>                                                                                         | 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         | Alison Waterhouse     |
|                                                                                                                                    | 11.00am | Morning Prayer (BCP)    | Berwick St John     | Lay Led               |
|                                                                                                                                    | 11.00am | Holy Communion (BCP)    | Alvediston          | Ruth H-S              |
|                                                                                                                                    | 11.00am | Morning Prayer (BCP)    | Homington           | Rhoddy Voremberg      |
| <b>1 December<br/>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday<br/>of Advent</b>                                                                          | 9.30am  | Holy Communion (BCP)    | Berwick St John     | Alison Waterhouse     |
|                                                                                                                                    | 9.30am  | Family Communion (CW)   | Broad Chalke        | Kate Woolven          |
|                                                                                                                                    | 9.30am  | Parish Communion (CW)   | Britford            | Ruth H-S              |
|                                                                                                                                    | 11.00am | Morning Prayer (BCP)    | Ebbesbourne Wake    | Biddy Trahair         |
|                                                                                                                                    | 11.00am | Parish Communion (CW)   | Coombe Bissett      | Jenny Taylor          |
|                                                                                                                                    | 11.00am | Family Service          | Odstock             | Adrian Taylor         |
|                                                                                                                                    | 11.00am | Advent Service          | Bishopstone         | Sally Leaver          |

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