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Young Grey Heron on the Ebbles

Photo by Alfred Williams

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The Editorial Team would like to extend a huge **THANK YOU** to Anne Stutchbury for her work in producing the Village Memories feature over the past years. Anne feels that this has now drawn to a natural close, and she is considering what else she might like to contribute to STaB in the future. Thanks too must go to all her interviewees; we have loved reading your stories.

As ever, if you have anything that you would like to contribute to STaB, as a one-off or a regular item, please do let us know via the editorial team e.mail above.

A further thank you to Sheila Nell for her kind contribution towards the costs of this magazine.

A warm welcome to...

Please let us know if you know of anyone who moves into Bishopstone or Stratford Tony so that we can offer them a welcome in STaB.



Hello from the Revd Canon Jenny Taylor



Well, we have opened and worshipped again in our churches! What a joy that has been even with all the necessary rules about social distancing, no singing, no shaking hands but lots of hand sanitising! Although more have come back to our churches than we had hoped for our hearts must go out to those who are still shielding themselves or a relative and therefore cannot join in with worship in the church building. You will receive such a warm welcome when you are able to join us!

Parents you must be rejoicing at the ending of Home Schooling – never mind the children, I am sure you are looking forward to breaking up for the summer like never before! Teachers too, who have been working without a proper break since Christmas you must be so relieved to be finally able to have a rest. Year 6 Leavers, your end of Primary School has certainly been unique! You leave school with all our very best wishes for your futures.

Shops are re-opening, there are smart new haircuts everywhere (!) and we can again support in person our pubs; but all through lockdown The White Hart has been simply amazing: Thank you Tom and Zara! Life is slowly becoming more recognisable but even so there is some fear and anxiety still about our futures – both our health and well-being and the economic future of so many. It is easy to become despondent and de-motivated so breathe in our lovely Bishopstone air, rest your eyes on our lovely Bishopstone fields and enjoy all the lovely Bishopstone and Stratford Tony people and remember those words from St Paul's Letter to the Romans:

I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (8:38,39)

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Parish Council

A meeting of Bishopstone Parish Council took place on Tuesday 21st July using Zoom Video Conferencing. Roger Stockton, Emergency Planning Officer, and Kate Pendleton also joined the meeting.

The main item for discussion was whether to re-open the Children's Play Area on the Recreation Field given the Government's relaxation of the Covid 19 restrictions. Consideration was given to a Risk Assessment that had been prepared. It was pointed out that the village had been relatively successful in avoiding Covid 19 infection. The risk of Covid 19 infection remained and a "safety first" approach should be followed. The Parish Council could not directly manage the use made of the play area or undertake sanitizing of the equipment. However, the Government's guidance was that play areas could now re-open and those in Salisbury and other parishes were now available. There was a danger that if our play area is not open children would be taken to those that were, with a wider risk of infection transfer. Many children had been adversely affected by the lock down and it was desirable to re-open the play area if at all possible. The play area is almost exclusively used by children from within the village and parents and carers should be asked to ensure that social distancing and hygiene rules are followed.

Following a wide-ranging debate it was decided that the play area should re-open subject to it being clear that responsibility for maintaining social distancing and hygiene rests with parents/carers and not the Parish Council. When re-opened notices will be erected on the site as follows on the next page.

A thorough risk-assessment was carried out before making this decision. Arrangements were also agreed for closing the play area again should evidence emerge that the guidelines are not being followed, or if local infection rates change.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is due to be held on 3rd September. It is probable that meetings will continue to be held remotely for the time being.

The village owes a great debt of gratitude to Michael Pratt who set up and ran the incredibly valuable Prescription Collection Service at the beginning of lockdown. He managed a huge number of prescription requests with great efficiency, and he had his wife Pippa often took on a driving role in order to collect emergency or last-minute requests. Many thanks from us all.

USE OF THE PLAY AREA

In accordance with Government guidance this Play Area is now available for use. However, it is important to remember that the Covid-19 virus can survive on hard surfaces for up to 72 hours.

BISHOPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL DOES NOT UNDERTAKE SANITISING OF THIS SITE AND CAN TAKE NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY ADVERSE EFFECTS FROM ITS USE. USE OF THE PLAY AREA IS ENTIRELY AT THE RISK OF PARENTS/CARERS WHO SHOULD OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES:

Do not enter the play area if you or a member of your household has any of the following symptoms (high temperature, new and persistent cough, loss of taste or smell)

Please **maintain social distancing** at all times and ensure that your child also does so, remain 2m apart where at all possible, and **do not enter** if social distancing cannot be maintained.

Please **bring hand sanitiser gel or wipes** to clean hands after using the equipment and consider wiping play equipment before and after your child uses it.

Please try to **only have one parent, guardian or carer with each child or family group** to limit the possible spread of infection. During busy periods it is recommended that people visit for no longer than 20 minutes.

Use of the **swings is restricted to one family group at any one time.**

Children, parents, guardians and carers are advised **not to touch their faces**, and only to cough or sneeze into a tissue or arm when a tissue is not available. Do not put your hands into your mouth or put your mouth on any of the play equipment.

Please **do not consume food or drink in the play area** or on any equipment and dispose of any gloves, masks or litter in the bin by the bus stop or take it home with you.

Village Hall



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PLANNED RE-OPENING

The Village Hall will remain closed during July and August because of building work to install new windows in the Memorial Hall.

However, the hall will be available for hire from 1st September for permitted activities, subject to the acceptance of the “Special Conditions of Hire during Covid-19” which are available from the Bookings Secretary and the village website.

BISHOPSTONE COMMUNITY CAFE

Coffee Mornings will resume on **Thursday 17th September** with the second on the **1st October** from 10.30am until 12.00noon. They will continue on alternate Thursdays thereafter.

RURAL ARTS

The children’s event “**The Bird Show**”, originally planned for April, has been provisionally rescheduled for **25th October**.

Look out for announcements in STaB, on the village notice board and on the website.

BISHOPSTONE COMMUNITY LUNCHES

It is hoped that it will be possible to resume Community Lunches in **November** and details will be given in the October edition of STaB and on the village web site.

[Advance booking will be essential.](#)

MOVIOLA at Bishopstone

Moviola Film Nights are planned to recommence on **Friday 30th October**.

Please look out for announcements in the October edition of STaB, on the village notice board and on the website. Advance booking will be essential.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The village hall AGM, which would normally have been held in May, has been postponed until May 2021.

BABY AND TODDLER PLAYGROUP

For general information about the Baby and Toddler Group find our Facebook page *Bishopstone Playgroup*, or contact Kate Pendlenton on 01722 780655 or email < kmpendlenton@hotmail.com >. The group are not meeting at present, although hope to restart in September, subject to government guidelines.

“EXTEND” EXERCISE CLASSES

For general information about these exercise classes contact Jenny on 01722 780863, email < jennyberwynjones@yahoo.co.uk > See also advert below.

PILATES AT BISHOPSTONE

Contact Claudine on 07788 587937 to discuss on-line Pilates!

YOGA WITH HANNAH

While the Hall is closed, Hannah is offering ‘Virtual Yoga’ classes via Zoom on Thursdays at 6.30pm

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

EXTEND EXERCISE CLASSES

Extend Seated Classes, are for folk over 60 and into their 90s, who have exercised all their lives, but find that their balance isn't as good as it was, but still want to do a "Work out". Many folk are scornful of "Seated Exercises", until they join in a class! Which is why your first class with me is Free - come and find out for yourself!! Payment is weekly, so if you are unable to attend you don't pay! All my classes are not only beneficial for your body, heart, breathing, brain and co-ordination but great fun as well, we laugh a lot!! And because of over 20 years working in residential homes as an exercise therapist, I am conversant with Dementia, Parkinson's, MS, Hip replacements, etc. I looked after my own parents at home until they passed on aged 96 and 100, and my husband was chronically sick, so I am very aware of other people's problems. If you are interested, please come and say hello, I'm at Bishopstone Hall on Friday afternoons 2-3pm, phone me on 780863 or email jennyberwynjones@yahoo.co.uk for enquiries.

Seated classes can easily maintain social distancing and safety conditions, starting back on Friday 4th September.

BISHOPSTONE LADIES GROUP

In view of the need to distance ourselves from each other, there will be no meeting in September when we would normally start again for the Winter season but please keep your eye on STAB in case we are able to meet up in the near future.

For details about the group please contact Shirley Cooke on 780436.

An Important Message from the Village Hall Trustees

You will see elsewhere in STAB that the village hall AGM, which was due in May this year, has been deferred until 2021 due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The pandemic has highlighted the fact that most of the hall trustees are over 70 and are therefore in the “vulnerable” category. While we are all willing to carry on until the next AGM managing and maintaining the hall, it is clear that this will be a more onerous task than in the past. As a result, a number of the trustees now wish to draw back from organising events such as Moviola film nights, Community Lunches, Coffee Mornings, Spring & Xmas Fayres, Rural Arts etc. These events have become an important part of the social life of Bishopstone, and if the villagers would like them to continue, we need people to come forward and join our organising team of trustees.

If no volunteers come forward many of these activities are likely to cease in the near future.

Questionnaire about Attendance at Future Village Hall Events

Bishopstone Village Hall, which has been closed for some months, will reopen for lettings from 1st September. The hall trustees now need to establish how soon people are likely to be prepared to attend events such as :-

- A. Coffee Mornings
- B. Community Lunches
- C. Moviola / Magic Lantern films
- D. Other events (Rural Arts, Quiz Nights etc)

The options would be September, October, November or not until 2021.

We have emailed a questionnaire to regular attenders for whom we have email addresses but if you did not receive this email perhaps you could let us know your views via an email to frstaylor1@btinternet.com or a phone call to one of the committee members (numbers at the back of STAB) or a note to Norman Barter at Vella House.

We would appreciate replies by Friday 7th August

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

Coronavirus Update

The Government is gradually easing restrictions which means that everyone can go out more and undertake a wider range of activities. However, the virus is still out there and the Government's advice to the over 70s continues to be that they should take particular care to minimise contact with others outside their household and be especially diligent about social distancing and hand hygiene.

From 1 August, the government will pause shielding for the clinically extremely vulnerable (unless the transmission of COVID-19 in the community starts to rise significantly). However, you may still be at risk of severe illness if you catch coronavirus, so you are advised to stay at home as much as you can and continue to take precautions when you do go out. Detailed guidance for this group is available on the village website.

The support arrangements that we have put in place in the village will therefore continue as before for all those who need them. This includes the collection of prescriptions from Sixpenny Handley (see below), shopping for essential supplies etc. **Please continue to contact your Area Co-ordinator if you need any of these services.**

Testing

If you suspect that you have coronavirus symptoms you must get a test. It is easy and free. You can get a test online by going to [nhs.uk](https://www.nhs.uk) or by calling 119. Our nearest testing centre is the Beehive Parking site in Salisbury, so it is very close. Further detail is at:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-an-antigen-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/>. The message is simple: if in doubt, get a test.

Prescription Collections

Prescription collections will now be undertaken on **Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays**. If you want a prescription collected, please contact your Area Co-ordinator well before the date when your prescription is due and ask for it to be collected on either the Monday, Wednesday or Friday preceding the due date or immediately afterwards if you have sufficient supplies to allow that.

Please use the prescription collection service – it simplifies things for the surgery, reduces queuing and the number of vehicles travelling to Sixpenny Handley. We are collecting for others – so one more makes little difference!

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

You can also contact local Police as follows:

PCSO Matthew SMITH – matthew.smith@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk

PCSO Simon WARD - simon.ward@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk

PC James BARRETT - james.barrett@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk

PC Matt HOLLAND – Community Policing Co-Ordinator

CPTSouthWiltshire@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk (*e.mail address for general enquiries*)

Community Messaging – for emailed crime reports and local policing updates, sign up at www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk

Social media – for local policing updates follow us on Facebook

@salisbury police and Twitter **@SouthWiltsCPT**



Sixpenny Handley and Chalke Valley Practice

Doves Meadow Surgery, Broad Chalke: 01722 780282

BROAD CHALKE SURGERY CURRENTLY CLOSED

Sixpenny Handley Surgery: 01725 552500

www.sixpennydocs.co.uk



STaB draws attention to the support being provided in the village by the Parish Council and the Emergency Planning Committee. But help is also available from Wiltshire Council.

If you are self-isolating due to coronavirus (COVID-19) and you need help you can call the helpline on: 0300 003 4576



**STAY HOME
STAY SAFE**

**For vulnerable people
in need of support call**

0300 003 4576

#WiltshireTogether



Wiltshire Council



Shop: Open weekdays 8.30am - 6pm (4pm on Saturdays)
Coffee Shop: Open weekdays 9am - 4.30pm
(until 4pm on Saturdays for breakfast, lunch, tea and meetings)
Post Office: Open Mon, Tues & Thurs 9.30am – 1.30pm:
w: www.chalkevalleystores.co.uk
e: info@chalkevalleystores.co.uk
Tel: 01722-780998

COFFEE SHOP:

Lots of hard work is currently going on behind the scenes to reopen the Coffee Shop. We hope to reopen in August. We are currently working through all the government regulations and guidelines that will be applied to keep both staff & customers safe.

FACE MASKS:

The Government has made it mandatory that from 24 July face coverings are to be worn in all shops in England.

We believe that there is a collective responsibility to ensure that the Covid-19 virus is not allowed to spread and as such staff and volunteers in the Hub will be wearing face coverings which are already on order. They will be received imminently, and we will start using them as soon as we have them, we will not be waiting until the 24 July.

As it is something that will be with us for a while, we would encourage everyone to start getting used to wearing a face covering while shopping and not wait until Friday week.

NEW FRUIT & VEG SUPPLIER:

We have a new supplier of fresh fruit & veg. Arthur David is now making daily deliveries to the HUB offering truly eclectic range of fresh fruit and vegetables. We are pleased to be working with this long-established West Country business to secure a greater variety and constant supply for our HUB customers.

HOME DELIVERY SERVICE:

Our home delivery service is still available. Here is what you do to arrange a delivery, with your order and contact details at the ready:

Ring the HUB shop on 01722-780998, or email us with your order at:
info@chalkevalleystores.co.uk

We will then prepare your order and ring you when it's ready with the cost and to arrange delivery.

VOLUNTEERS:

We have been very fortunate in the number of people who have stepped forward to volunteer during the last few months. Inevitably some of this group have not been able to continue as they go back to work so...

Looking ahead, we do need more volunteers to keep the HUB running. Even if you are only able to offer a few hours this can make all the difference to maintaining the HUB. Please contact Tony if you would like to find out more.

The Trussell Trust

Hello again everyone.

This last month I delivered 6 kgs of foodstuffs plus a cheque for £40. Thank you to all who contributed.

At the present time they are asking in particular for:

- Tinned Fruit
- Instant Mashed Potato
- Tinned Rice
- Sponge Pudding
- Long Life Fruit Juice
- Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Shower Gel

If you can provide any of these they will be very grateful, but really anything you feel you can offer will be so useful at this time. School holidays are now upon us and some families will be finding it harder than ever to manage to find enough food for themselves.

Again I say, if you wish to donate money (cash or cheque) instead of food you can as normal leave it with me to take for you or you can go online and donate directly to the Salisbury Trussell Trust , either a one off or a regular payment which can also be Gift Aided if you are able.

If you would like to know more about everything they are continuing to do please go to their web site www.trusselltrust.org it is absolutely full of interesting information as to what they do and what their aims are. Have a look.

Please continue to leave your donations at The Old Post Office, The Cross, either ring the doorbell or leave them on the step. If you cannot get them to me then please phone me and I will arrange for someone to collect at your convenience.

Thank you again for everything that you have done over the years and hopefully will continue to do for this very worth while cause.

Keep safe and healthy everyone.

Regards,

Judy Barrett (01722 780306)



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).

Update on Fibre Broadband in Bishopstone

There has been some speculation in the village recently about the imminent arrival in the village of full fibre broadband, partly due to the fanfare which greeted its arrival in Salisbury recently. I took it upon myself to approach Openreach and get the lowdown.

So what is full fibre broadband, what difference does it make, and when are we getting it?

The first 2 questions are relatively easy to answer. To give you some background, there are currently 3 ways to get broadband. The first is via a copper network (ADSL) where a copper phone line connects to the exchange. This is fairly slow. The second is FTTC, or Fibre to the Cabinet. This increases basic broadband speeds by connecting powerful fibre optic cable to the cabinet, then copper wires to your home or business. This is available in 96 per cent of the UK – that's 28.4 million homes and businesses. At the moment, only 14.6 million people are using it. This is available in Bishopstone, so if you are one households which has yet to sign up, you could be suffering slow broadband speeds unnecessarily. With FTTC you can typically expect a minimum of 24Mbps at a range of approx. 1,200 metres from the cabinet. The nearer the property is to the cabinet, the greater the speed.

The ultimate for fast speeds is Fibre to the Premises (FTTP). Here an optical fibre goes all the way from the exchange into your home or business. It offers speeds of up to 330Mbps. It's sometimes referred to as 'Full Fibre' because the fibre runs from the telephone exchange all the way to the interior of the property. This is what has just been rolled out to 20000 properties in Salisbury, starting in March 2019 and completing 12 months later.



Openreach CEO, Clive Selley, and MP John Glen celebrate Salisbury becoming the first entire city in the UK to gain access to Openreach's new ultrafast and ultra-reliable broadband network.

Openreach work on three different programmes; government-funded BDUK programmes like Wiltshire Online; their own Fibre Cities programme (funded by Openreach– Salisbury is an example of this); and for any communities not in scope for either the commercial programme or the government-funded programme, they have a Community Fibre Partnership programme, where they work with communities to create a bespoke fibre solution with a joint funding arrangement.

Unfortunately, Bishopstone lies outside the area covered by the Salisbury Fibre Cities initiative so I presumed nobody in Bishopstone has FTTP. However, when I contacted Wiltshire Online – a Wiltshire Council group – and asked them if they had any plans to roll out FTTP to the village, I received a very full response from Adrian, from the Wiltshire Online Team. He said:

*‘I’ve reviewed the generic Bishopstone area against the list of premises in our current and future build plans and they don’t feature in any further upgrade plans at this time as.....the area is currently largely served by a previously State Aid funded FTTC solution , **with a small amount of FTTP premises also in the area (Whitlock Rise / Meadow View).**’*

If you are one of those lucky few in Whitlock Rise or Meadow View who have FTTP, I would be interested to hear about your experience of this Rolls-Royce of broadband connections.

There is still some hope for the village however, though how much hope depends on the level of trust you place in pledges made by political parties during elections. You may remember during the December 2019 General Election, the now Conservative government made a manifesto commitment to cover the whole of the UK with “gigabit-capable” broadband services by 2025 and to spend £5bn on helping to reach those in the hardest to reach areas. Obviously they may have been distracted from this issue by slightly more pressing matters of late.

The only other option if villagers and local businesses want the speeds offered by FTTP is to go down the route of a Community Fibre Partnership programme. This involves local villagers and businesses expressing an interest to Openreach, gathering support and grant funding, and ultimately paying towards the setting up of the system. Details of how to go about this can be found on the Openreach website:

(<https://www.openreach.com/fibre-broadband/community-fibre-partnerships>).

Rob Pendlenton

Coombe Bissett School 100 Club

Praying you are all keeping well and safe during this time. Some of the children have returned to school, for socially distanced schooling - and I must say children really are remarkably resilient and we have to give them credit for the level of understanding they have shown during these restricted times. There are still a number of children busily working safe at home with the 'alternative' parent-teachers. We are still safely conducting business and wish to share with you our latest 100-club draws:

May 2020

1st prize Nick & Alex Phillips (£25)

2nd prize Barry White (£10)

3rd prize Kate Pendlenton (£5)

June 2020

1st prize Sheila Spiers (£25)

2nd Rich Tidmarsh (£10)

3rd Robin Maycock (£5)

July 2020

1st prize Jessica Socorro (£25)

2nd prize Deborah James (£10)

3rd prize Charles CB stores (£5)



CONGRATS everyone and thanks so much for continuing to support the 100-club! We will get cheques signed and out to you before the end of the month.

Though we have had an unusual year we have been fortunate to use 100 Club funds to contribute towards the annual Panto in January, Christmas giftings and towards the new Reflection Garden - currently under construction. This will be an exciting fresh start to September and we hope we can extend a welcome to all the CB community when the environment allows.

We are in the process of sorting out renewals soon for the next academic year so please keep a look out. If you have a standing order then this will continue running unless you advise me and your bank otherwise. If you would like to sign up to the 100 Club please find the new form opposite - either £12 annual or £1 monthly - or perhaps you would prefer to drop money to the school.

Thanks again for your ongoing support and we wish to a healthy and safe summer.

Best regards

Kirsten Webster (Admin of CB Primary 100 Club).
Websterfam8@gmail.com



Application Form (ANNUAL)

Please complete the attached Standing Order form, with your surname and initial as the payment reference and return it to the School along with this form by the end of September 2020. There is an option to pay £12 by cheque made payable to "Friends of Coombe Bissett School 100 Club", but payment by standing order is our preferred payment method.

I wish to become a member of the "100 club" from September 2020 to August 2021.

I am an existing member (Please tick) ☒ Yes ☐ No

Name

Address

.....

.....Postcode

Email address

Signature.....

I wish to pay by (Please tick) ☒ Cheque ☐ (attached)

Or- I have set up my own Standing Order ☐ (to start 01/12/2020 or Continue from previous)

☐ Or- I, give permission for the following **Standing Order** to be set up to **Friends of Coombe Bissett School 100 Club** - details are as follows:

NEW STANDING ORDER : Please pay from my account

BANK and BRANCH NAME

SORT CODE.

ACCOUNT NUMBER.

MY CONTACT TELEPHONE NO.

PLEASE PAY TO

FRIENDS OF COOMBE BISSETT SCHOOL 100 CLUB Lloyds BANK at SALISBURY

SORT CODE 30-97-41 ACCOUNT NUMBER 00105115

Payment ref (my surname)

First payment amount **£12**

First payment date 01/12/20 and at the same time **each year** until further notice.

I authorise you go debit my/our account in accordance with before mentioned details.

This request is addressed to the bank which holds my/our account,

Yours sincerely,

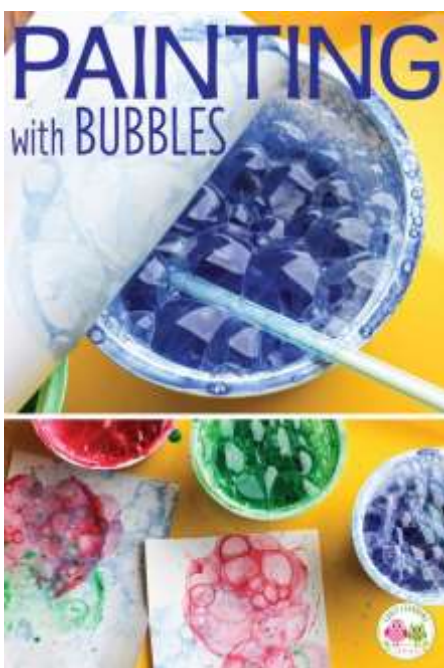
Signature Please print name

Friends of Coombe Bissett Primary 100 Club, Shutts Lane, Coombe Bissett, Salisbury SP5 4LU

The information provided will be used solely by the Friends of Coombe Bissett School for the purpose of administering the 100 club, and to communicate wins with you. You are free to withdraw from the 100 Club at any time (although payments will not be returned). To do so, please let the Friends of Coombe Bissett aware of this in writing. Letters can be posted or handed in to the Coombe Bissett Primary school office.



I love browsing Pinterest to find ideas for activities to do with my boys, aged 8 and 2. Here are some that I have either tried recently or would like to try over the Summer. KP



Do your children complain that they are 'BORED' during the long Summer break? Why not try creating your own Summer-Bingo game? Fill it with activities that you and your child will be excited to do together and enjoy crossing them off as the weeks progress. Why not let us know how you get on? Here is an example to give you some ideas.



Accident on Bishopstone High Road

A single vehicle collision took place on the High Road just west of Harvest Lane on 24 June which blocked the road for a considerable period. The driver was trapped in the vehicle for some time until the emergency services released her. Wiltshire Air Ambulance was called to the scene and parked their helicopter on an adjacent field. The response from residents was commendable and involved local medically trained villagers offering first aid and many people engaged in redirecting traffic. As Mill Lane is a single-track lane it was decided not to redirect traffic around the accident site but to get vehicles to turn around and return the way they had come. An investigation has been carried out by Wiltshire Police's Road Policing Unit to establish the cause of the incident, which left the female driver suffering with a broken arm and requiring hospital treatment. It is believed that the driver of the vehicle involved suffered a medical episode prior to colliding with a telegraph pole.



Wiltshire Air Ambulance at the scene of the crash

Rob Pendleton

THANKS FROM THE EMERGENCY PLANNING TEAM

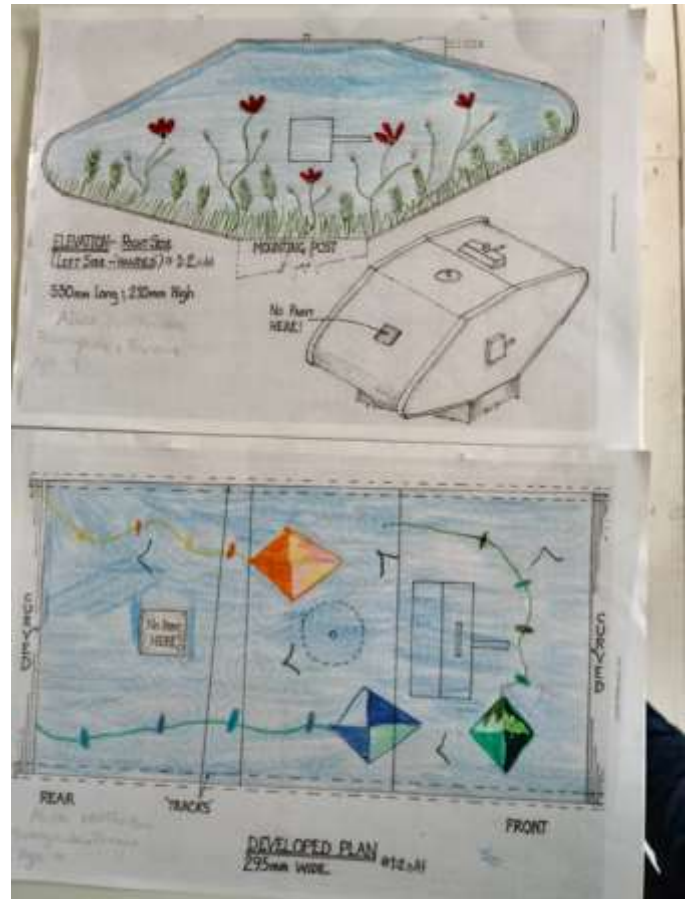
We would like to use this report to offer thanks and gratitude to all those involved in assisting with the traffic accident on the High Road. It really was a classic example of what community spirit is all about.

*Initial reporting of the incident, call out of key people, assisting with the emergency (in several cases BEFORE Emergency Services arrived on scene), directing traffic and assisting with the clear up all worked to maximum effect and is a great tribute to public-spiritedness in the village. **Thank you to everybody.***

John Gibbon, Mike Ash, Roger Stockton

Fovant Badges Society

The Fovant Badges Society's Coin-Drop at the A30 Lay-by was in need of a proper paint scheme after temporary paintwork applied in a rain storm at installation and a hard winter. So F.B.S. through their local magazine ran a children's competition during 'lockdown' to find a suitable scheme for re-painting the Tank for this summer, before a winter coat at Armistice Day.



Alice Oosthuizen won the 'summer scheme' competition with her design shown here.

Alice, who is 9 years old and lives in Fovant, is seen here applying the final touches to her work, and with the finished article.

It does look splendid! Stop and have a look next time you're passing the A30 Lay-by.

Leslie Brantingham, July 2020



Eagle-eyed passers-by may have noticed a temporary addition to the Fovant Badges recently... in tribute, but also in fun!

A. Pixie

More Rambling...?

It is now the 19th of July, and after the cold morning, I have spent the day inside, just rambling!! If it wasn't the wonderful online church service from Broad Chalke and Britford, hosted by Rev Catherine and Canon Jenny, or wandering in the garden or painting another bird, it was reading the papers!

Yet another month has passed partially 'locked-down'. With very mixed weather, which seems now to be trying to develop into summer again, perhaps for a warm and sunny holiday month. July has seen the veggie plot growing well, apart from the climbing beans which never seem to have really started this year. We have managed to pick about 6 today .. the first of the season!

The church opened again for a service on the Glorious Twelfth to a good congregation of regulars, and we celebrated this special day at home! Flags also flew chez nous on 4th and 14th July for USA and France. My home-brew beer was a disaster, as all the bottles had to be opened in the sink and immediately erupted like volcanoes!! A new brew has been started, and I'll let you know how that goes next month!



Meteorites or iron ore?



Musket-balls or flints?

An interesting anomaly was raised last month by Harry Williams with his small piece of hard rock found in the garden. From the photo, it looks like a piece of iron ore often found in chalk. We have several examples at home found by Jo while beating. I used to collect them with prep school friends long ago on the beach and the Downs in Eastbourne. They are often called meteorites, but I think they occur naturally in the chalk.

Jo also finds all sorts of fossils and small round flints on her beating days. They are both easy to find in the ploughed fields as you walk.

The round stones look like musket balls, and here are some found by Jo. The fossils are mainly of plant leaves, although one seems to be an oyster shell and another, the 'Shepherd's Star', seems to be a sea urchin shell. They are intriguing and something to look out for while you scramble and can make an interesting collection when cleaned up.



Fossils or stones?

As you walk keep a look out for these odd stones. It might make the walk more fun and could encourage you to find other things of interest.

James Thompson

Holiday Activities from Wiltshire Council

Parents looking for summer activities for their 5 – 12 year olds can now find a wealth of opportunities all in one handy brochure - <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/downloads/23245>.

Wiltshire Council has asked local providers to send details of activities including charges, venues and dates to help parents plot how to keep children busy over the summer holidays. The activities are aimed at 5 – 12 year olds and are particularly to help those families with vulnerable children and children of key workers who need support over the summer.

The document is online and people are encouraged to check in regularly as the information will be constantly updated as new providers finalise details of their activities.

Wiltshire Council has also asked all providers to ensure they have the necessary protocols and checks in place including procedures that enable them to adhere to the latest government guidance on social distancing. Parents are reminded to always thoroughly research any childcare provision themselves before booking places for their children.

Cllr Laura Mayes, Cabinet Member for Children, Education and Skills said: “We know there are many families who will be looking for summer holiday activities for their children. This booklet is not an exhaustive list but it does provide a range of opportunities from across Wiltshire which we hope people will find useful.

Carer Support Wiltshire

Carer Support Wiltshire, the charity that supports unpaid carers in Wiltshire, has launched a ‘Time for Carers Appeal’ to raise money that will allow carers to take a break.

Carers often struggle to find time for themselves; for hobbies and to socialise with others. They may not be able to leave the person they look after on their own at home, or they feel guilty taking time to enjoy themselves. Many have been hit hard by the coronavirus pandemic as the closure of day centres and other groups have meant they are caring more than ever, in more difficult circumstances with little or no support.

Research shows that 40% of carers haven’t taken a day off from their caring role in over a year. Yet taking regular breaks has been shown to be the most effective way to reduce feelings of loneliness and isolation and promote good mental health.

Previous appeals have enabled all sorts of breaks, by providing cinema memberships, climbing sessions, spa days and counselling sessions. It has also been used to pay for respite care.

Carer Support Wiltshire are looking for individuals, businesses and local groups to help to raise funds for the appeal or to donate. More information can be found at carersupportwiltshire.co.uk/timeforcarers.

Gary's Climb



In the June edition of STaB one of our readers asked if anyone knew the provenance of the name of the section of steep footpath which climbs from Croucheston Drove to the Ox Drove. A wooden sign at the bottom announces that this is 'Gary's Climb'. A little research by the editorial team has revealed that this is in fact a tribute to local man, Gary Kelly who was tragically killed in an accident on the A354 just outside Coombe Bissett in 2014. A Harnham resident, Gary was a

keen mountain-biker, and would often cycle in this area. He was cycling along the road when a lorry knocked him off his bike, resulting in the injuries from which he would not recover.

Gary was well-loved in his local community and raised a lot of money for charity, including pushing his friend up Snowdon in a wheelchair to raise funds for Cancer Backup.

Naming the hill Gary's Climb seems like a lovely gesture of remembrance for someone who enjoyed our local countryside so much.

Kate Pendlenton

WHY NOT JOIN US ON THE BISHOPSTONE NETWORK?



The Bishopstone Emergency Committee has established a WhatsApp group as a means of sharing information in our community. *This is not simply for times of crisis*, but provides a useful communication network for day to day questions and queries. WhatsApp operates via mobile phones and provides an instant messaging service. If you want to be able to receive up to date messages about support services

being provided in the village, on local shopping and the pub take-away service or to send messages to others then join The Bishopstone Network. The group already has more than 50 active participants.

You will need to download the App to your phone and then contact Piers Edwards (piersgedwards@gmail.com or 07920 475009), Michelle Tatner (mtatner@hotmail.co.uk or 07968 842525) or Kate Pendlenton (kmpendlenton@hotmail.com or 07769202200) and ask to be added to the group.

Recipes of the Month - To use a Glut of Vegetables

Marrow and Ginger Jam

4 Unwaxed Lemons

1.8kg Marrow, peeled and cut to the size of a sugar cube

1.8kg of Jam sugar (with pectin)

85g of fresh ginger, peeled and shredded.

1. Pare the zest from the lemons with a peeler, then juice them, keeping the juice, shells and any pips.
2. Tie the shells and pips into a muslin bag.
3. Put the marrow into a preserving pan with 2 tbsp of the lemon juice, then cook on a medium heat, stirring often, until the pieces are turning translucent and soft but not mushy.
4. Bubble off any juices before stirring in the sugar, the rest of the juice, the zest, ginger and the muslin bag. Stir until the sugar dissolves.
5. Bring to the boil, then simmer for about 10-15 mins or until the marrow has softened completely and the jam has reached setting point.
6. Pot the jam into warm jars. The flavour of the jam will mature and intensify over the next few months, so tuck it away in a dark, cool place.

Lemony Courgette Linguine (Jamie Oliver) - serves 2

150 g dried linguine

2 courgettes

½ a bunch of fresh mint (15g)

30 g Parmesan cheese

1 lemon

1. Cook the pasta in a pan of boiling salted water according to the packet instructions, then drain, reserving a mugful of cooking water.
2. Meanwhile, slice the courgettes lengthways, then again into long matchsticks with good knife skills or using the julienne cutter on a mandolin or a spiralizer.
3. Place a large non-stick frying pan on a medium-high heat with 1 tablespoon of olive oil, then add the courgettes.
4. Cook for 4 minutes, stirring, whilst finely slicing the mint leaves.
5. Toss the drained pasta and sliced mint into the courgette pan with a splash of reserved cooking water.
6. Finely grate in most of the Parmesan and a little lemon zest, squeeze in all the juice, toss well, then taste and season to perfection with sea salt and black pepper.
7. Dish up, finely grate over the remaining Parmesan and drizzle with 1 teaspoon of extra virgin olive oil before tucking in.

Fresh Tomato Spaghetti

Summer seasonal recipe taking from the book “The Kitchen Revolution” by Rosie Sykes, Polly Russell and Zoe Heron.

Takes 20 mins, serves 4 people.

350g-450g spaghetti (depending how hungry you are)

500g of fresh ripe tomatoes.

75ml of olive oil.

2 handfuls of fresh basil, chopped roughly

50g-75g parmesan

½ lemon

300g cottage cheese

80g-100g Rocket

Salt and pepper

1. Start to cook Spaghetti as per instructions.
2. Prepare the sauce by chopping tomatoes into 1cm chunks and drain them in a colander to remove excess fluid while you chop the rest. Once all of the tomatoes are cut, put into a bowl.
3. Combine the tomatoes with most of the oil (reserve 1 tablespoon of oil), squeeze in the lemon juice and add the basil, 1 teaspoon of salt and pepper to taste, set aside at room temp to infuse.
4. Grate parmesan into a serving bowl.
5. Just before spaghetti is cooked add cottage cheese to tomato sauce, combine well and season for taste.
6. Drain spaghetti and add tomato mixture to it, divide between 4 bowls.
7. Make rocket salad, by tossing rocket in the remaining olive oil, with a squeeze of lemon and salt and pepper seasoning.
8. Serve tomato spaghetti with rocket salad and parmesan to taste.



Sarah's Gardening Tips

1. A fun plant to show kids is the Selaginella Lepidophylla or resurrection plant. It comes as a dried, brown, scrunched-up ball but turns green and unfurls when placed in a dish of water (see picture below).
2. Repot bulbs in pots into fresh compost during August to give them fresh nutrients.
3. To control slugs try Nemaslug or organic ferric phosphate pellets.
4. Apply a thick mulch around plants to combat drought. Garden compost, bark, gravel or even cardboard can be used.
5. Keep feeding plants through the late summer with liquid seaweed or make a comfrey feed.
6. Collect seeds (especially from annuals) for sowing next year. Store in a cool dry place in a paper bag or envelope.
7. Look out for earwigs which will nibble dahlias. Trap them in a straw-filled up-turned pot and rehome them in a fruit tree where they will control other pests.
8. Keep picking runner beans , blanche and freeze them if you have a glut, or make chutney!

Who loves a garden loves a greenhouse too.

William Cowper



Question: Which gardener (and his wife) wrote The Jewel Garden?
(Answer on p49)

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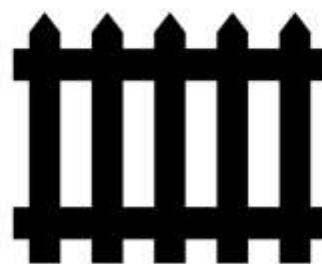
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If you want to have any information included on the website please contact either

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Letters to the Editor

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

This month we have been sent photos of some of the incredible sunflowers that are being grown around the village this Summer. Thanks to Alix Ricketts (sunflower shown with local children for comparison!) and the Thomas Family (sunflower measuring 8 foot 9 inches!) for your wonderful photos.



A rather less appealing photo next... It appears that one village resident has had enough of the appalling amount of dog mess around the roads, paths and pavements of Bishopstone, and is highlighting it for all to see. It is certainly shocking to note how many 'deposits' are left around the village for unsuspecting walkers to find. And on a similar note, throwing these deposits into the Ebbles is *not* the correct way to deal with it (spotted recently on the bridge near Faulston), this introduces disease to our beautiful river. Just bag it and bin it please.



Thanks to James Thompson who regularly sends us examples of his lovely watercolours. He has been enjoying the chance to spend more time painting during lockdown and hopes to hold a show of his work later this year.

We look forward to it James!



Services in Chalke Valley Benefice August – September 2020



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

**Pattern of services for the re-opening of our churches for public worship.
Please note that if the Covid 19 situation changes, these service details might
also change. Please check your church noticeboard and weekly e-bulletin**

2 August 8th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Parish Communion (CW) Morning Prayer (BCP) Parish Communion (CW) Family Communion (CW)	Britford Broad Chalke Berwick St John Coombe Bissett	Jenny Taylor Roger Leake Catherine Blundell Jenny Taylor
9 August 9th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am	Parish Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Morning Prayer (BCP) Holy Communion (BCP)	Charlton All Saints Homington Ebbesbourne Wake Alvediston	Jenny Taylor Jenny Taylor Roger Leake Catherine Blundell
16 August 10th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am 9.30am 11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP) Parish Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW)	Odstock Bishopstone Berwick St John	Roger Leake Catherine Blundell Catherine Blundell
23 August 11th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Parish Communion (CW) Family Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Morning Prayer (BCP)	Charlton All Saints Broad Chalke Bishopstone Alvediston	Anna-Claar T-Rosingh Catherine Blundell Anna-Claar T-Rosingh Roger Leake
30 August 12th Sunday after Trinity	10.00am 10.00am	Benefice Communion by by Extension (CW) Benefice Communion (CW)	Broad Chalke Charlton All Saints	Roger Leake Anna-Claar T-Rosingh
6 September 13th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Parish Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Family Communion (CW)	Broad Chalke Britford Ebbesbourne Wake Coombe Bissett	Catherine Blundell Anna-Claar T-Rosingh Catherine Blundell Anna-Claar T-Rosingh
13 September 14th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 6.00pm	Family Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Holy Communion (BCP) Evening Prayer (BCP)	Nunton Bowerchalke Alvediston Homington	Anna-Claar T-Rosingh Catherine Blundell Catherine Blundell Jenny Taylor
20 September 15th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am 9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Parish Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Morning Prayer (BCP) Parish Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW)	Odstock Bishopstone Broad Chalke Homington Berwick St John	Anna-Claar T-Rosingh Jenny Taylor Roger Leake Jenny Taylor Catherine Blundell
27 September 16th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Parish Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW)	Charlton All Saints Bowerchalke Bishopstone Berwick St John	Anna-Claar T-Rosingh Roger Leake Jenny Taylor Catherine Blundell

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