



# Parish Magazine

March 2019



Chalke Valley Sheep

Photo by Kate Pendleton

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Any articles for inclusion are to be submitted by 5pm on the 20th of the month to appear in the next issue. The editors reserve the right to edit all contributions.

### ***A note from the editors...***

Welcome to the second edition of the new-look STaB! Thank you for all the lovely feedback we have received so far; we were delighted by the positive messages we have received, and apologise for the text-slippage on the services page last month.

As ever, please do drop us an e.mail on the address above or pop a note into the letterbox on the fence of Bramley Cottage, Harvest Lane; we love to hear from you.

We remain keen to involve more people in the writing of STaB, so if you have any ideas for articles or regular features, please let us know. Thank you to those who have already volunteered. We welcome letters for publication, and local photographs for consideration as cover photos. This is *your* parish magazine, please do contribute towards it!

### ***A warm welcome to...***

This is belated for some, but now the final house in Faulston Barns is filled, we would like to officially welcome the residents to Bishopstone: Alan and Nicki Robinson, Chris and Gail Nicholls, Richard and Julia Wilson, Geoffrey and Lynne Davies, Vince and Angela Ryalls, and Tony and Jane Clarke.

*Do you know anyone who has moved into the parish recently who hasn't yet been officially welcomed in STaB? Please let us know if so.*



## Hello from the Revd Canon Jenny Taylor



I have heard nothing but praise for our new magazine format – thank you for all your support of our new team.

As March begins so too does Lent – those six weeks which lead to the glorious celebration of Easter. Six weeks that can be passed in gloom and doom as we forfeit chocolate, biscuits, cake or wine or it can be passed in a haze of excitement as we delve deeper into an aspect of our beliefs, our thoughts, our prayers and as we support the Chalke Valley Lent project which you have read all about in our Lent leaflet. There really is no contest! So we look forward to seeing you at the various services, talks and events that are going on in Bishopstone and the rest of the Valley – just look at the leaflet!

Sadly in February Bishopstone lost two of its long-time residents – Kathleen Wareham and David Leaver.

Kath was the mother of Allan and Robert and Mollie (who is Church Warden of St Michael and All Angels, Coombe Bissett). She was such a good friend to so many – the church was full for the celebration of her long life and she was buried, reunited with her husband Cecil, in our churchyard. She loved her garden and the countryside and it was so appropriate that the birds were singing clearly and sweetly as she was laid to rest.

David was a dear friend to our church (a Church Warden and Chairman of the Friends). He was a dear, gentle soul who was meticulous in his planning for whatever task he had taken on. There will be a longer tribute to him in April. Our love and condolences go to Sally, David's wife, and their family and to all the family of Kath Wareham.

May they both Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

Revd Canon Jenny Taylor

### **Chalke Valley Team Ministry - Parish of Bishopstone and Stratford Tony**

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### **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).



## **St John the Baptist Annual Parochial Church Meeting Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April, 11.45am in Church after the Morning Service**

The Church's AGM for everyone living in the parish! An opportunity to hear what has happened over the past year and future plans and to ask your questions.

### ***Preparation of new Church Electoral Roll for 2019***

*Every six years our church has to prepare a new Electoral Roll. This means that anyone wishing to be on the Roll, including those already on it, need to register again. Being on the Roll gives you a vote and voice in Bishopstone Church matters. Copies of the Roll Application Form are in the church and can be obtained from Anne Stutchbury our Electoral Roll Officer (01722 780339)*

As many of you will know, Salisbury has a special link with the Sudan, and our own Chalke Deanery is linked with the Diocese of Cueibet in South Sudan. Some of you will know of the death of Canon David Henley last December. David's vision as Rural Dean led to our deanery forming the Chalke-Cueibet Partnership in 2012. The following is an excerpt from the January 2019 newsletter from the Chalke-Cueibet Link:

### **Chalke Deanery Support in 2018**

The main focus of our support in 2018 has been on Education. We have continued to fund the attendance of two theology students, Charles Chol and John Luke, at Kajo Keji College and it is planned that a further four students will begin studying in 2019. Meanwhile, in Cueibet itself, there has been a huge expansion of the church primary school.

In 2015, there were four classes with 200 pupils, taught under the shade of trees and during the April to September rainy season, in the Cathedral. There is now a full range of Primary Classes 1–8 with over 960 pupils taught in separate Morning and Afternoon sessions. The free lunch provided is the only meal of the day for the majority of the pupils. An Accelerated Learning Programme (ALP) has started for older pupils who have come late to education and are considered to be better motivated. Teaching is from 14.00-17.00 and is condensed into 2 primary stages in 1 year. The second cohort of these students completed their course in December.

We have funded three brick built classrooms but two more are needed. The school is still relying upon 2 trained teachers and 10 volunteer assistants. Retention is a big challenge so we are continuing to assist with the payment of basic salaries.



### **Chalke-Cueibet Partnership Trust**

Registered Charity No: 1180313

c/o 27 Viking Way, Salisbury, SP2 8TA

Tel: 01722 503081 Email: [chalkecueibet@gmail.com](mailto:chalkecueibet@gmail.com)

900 pencils from the Chalke Valley!



# COFFEE MORNING

In aid of CRESS Lent Project 2019

**Stalls, Bring & Buy, Raffle, Coffee & Cake**

## **SATURDAY 16th MARCH**

**Bishopstone Village Hall**

### **10.45am to 12.15pm**

**Children's Activities - Families Welcome**

**Entry £2.50**



### **CRESS Lent Project 2019 - Why Life Matters!**

*For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works*

There are 1.6 million South Sudanese Refugees living in Northern Uganda - largely ignored by the world and with very limited support from NGOs.

With funds from this Lent Project CRESS hopes to fund:

**South Sudanese Refugees - 50 Water Filters - Learning for 250 women - 1000 Mosquito Nets**

## Parish Council

**The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March following the Annual Parish Meeting (which begins at 7.00pm).**

*The Council still has a vacancy for a new Councillor. Being a Councillor is not time consuming - the Parish Council meets six times a year and all you need is to have the best interests of the village community at heart*

### **What does the Parish Council do?**

Parish Councils have a vital role to play by acting on behalf of the communities they represent. In recent years Bishopstone Parish Council has played a major role in:

- securing mobile phone coverage in the village
- updating the children's play area and maintaining the Recreation Field
- putting in place proper emergency planning and response arrangements
- promoting action to reduce speeding through the village
- dealing with development proposals such as Faulston Barns
- providing new facilities, including public seating and a community defibrillator
- working with Wiltshire Council's Parish Steward to ensure road and drain maintenance
- securing and managing allotments for the use of villagers
- helping riparian landowners to properly maintain waterways through the village
- representing the village at meetings of Wiltshire Council groups such as the South West Wiltshire Area Board, Community Transport Group, Community Safety Group etc.

The Parish Council also provides financial support to village organisations such as the Parochial Church Council, STaB magazine and the Village Hall.

We live in a beautiful part of the country – we need to look after it. We have a community – some of whom need our support. If you are interested in joining the Parish Council and want to know more about what is involved please contact the Clerk, Mike Ash, on 781044 or by email to [bishopstoneclerk@btinternet.com](mailto:bishopstoneclerk@btinternet.com).

## BISHOPSTONE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The **Parish Meeting** will take place at 7.00pm on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2019 in the Village Hall. This is the annual opportunity for residents to raise, for general discussion, any issue affecting the village and to hear reports from various village organisations.

That meeting will be followed by a meeting of the **Parish Council**.

The agenda for these meetings will be available on the village website ([www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk](http://www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk)) a week before.

All are invited to attend. Coffee, tea and biscuits will be available from 6.45pm.



### WARNING!

There have been recent incidents of attempted break-ins and thefts from outbuildings in the village. Please ensure that your sheds and other outbuildings are secure.

Please report any incident, or anybody acting suspiciously, to the Police on 101.

### BISHOPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Councillors	Telephone
John Gibbon (Chairman)	01722 718551
Ali Thorne (Vice Chairman)	07768514133
Norman Barter	01722 780471
George Brutton	01722 718539
Anita Smith	01722 781213
Piers Edwards	01722 780079
<b>Parish Clerk</b>	
Mike Ash Lower Thatch Flamstone Street Bishopstone SP5 4BZ	01722 781044 <a href="mailto:bishopstoneclerk@btinternet.com">bishopstoneclerk@btinternet.com</a>
Further information in on the village website: <a href="http://www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk">www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk</a>	

## Village Hall



### WINTER - SPRING 2019 EVENTS

#### **MOVIOLA at Bishopstone**

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March                      The Children Act (12A)  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April                      First Man (12A)

Tickets for all films £6, available from <[bvhticketoffice@btinternet.com](mailto:bvhticketoffice@btinternet.com)>  
or from 01722 781044 or 780002.

Cash bar, snacks and ices available. Doors open 7pm.

#### **BISHOPSTONE COMMUNITY LUNCHESES WITH SPEAKER**

##### **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March**

Speaker Glyn Jones, Violin Maker

##### **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**

Speaker Francis Taylor, Orangutans and dragons of Indonesia

To book, please phone 781044 or 780002, letting us know if you have any specific dietary requirements or need transport. Lunches cost £7.50 including a glass of wine or soft drink. Home cooked lunch is served around 12.30pm.

#### **BISHOPSTONE COMMUNITY CAFE**

These are normally held on alternate Thursdays. The next coffee mornings will be on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> March. Held at slightly revised times this year, being 10.30am until 12.00noon. Everyone welcome to look in for a coffee and chat for just 50p.

#### **BABY AND TODDLER PLAYGROUP**

The playgroup meets on Friday mornings during term-time from 9.30 – 11.00am, Find our Facebook page *Bishopstone Playgroup*, or contact Kate Pendlenton on 01722 780655 or email <[kmpendlenton@hotmail.com](mailto:kmpendlenton@hotmail.com)> for more details.

#### **CANVAS AND CAMERAS**

For information on meetings, please contact Roger Stockton on 780346

#### **PILATES AT BISHOPSTONE**

Contact Claudine on 07788 587937.



## **“EXTEND” EXERCISE CLASSES      Friday afternoons, 2-3pm**

These seated exercise classes are aimed at people who would like a full body workout but prefer to feel stable. They give confidence to keep fit without fear of falling over, and are fun to do.

£5 per session, (apart from anyone's first free taster class).

Contact Jenny on 01722 780863, email < [jennyberwynjones@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jennyberwynjones@yahoo.co.uk) > or just turn up to any class to try it out. Jenny Berwyn-Jones is fully trained and insured.

## **BISHOPSTONE NEEDLES AND PINS CRAFT GROUP**

Next meetings will be on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of March.**

Bring any knitting, embroidery, quilting, tapestry or other hobby needlework, and enjoy a cup of tea and cake in Bishopstone Village Hall, only £2.50. Everyone is welcome. Call Caroline Ash on 781044 for information.

## **SPECIAL EVENTS**

**BRITAIN'S ANCIENT PAST: Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2019, 10am – c. 5pm, £30 per head. (£25 per head for CBA members)**

This is a study day run by Francis Taylor from The Council for British Archaeology and the Wessex Academy for Field Archaeology. It will cover the period from the arrival of the first hominids to the Roman invasion.

Coffee and tea and biscuits available, but bring your own packed lunch.

For further information contact Francis on 780316.

To book, phone 01722 780002 or 780316.

Bookings can also be made via the CBA Wessex web site <http://cba-wessex.org.uk/cba-events/britains-ancient-past/>

**IMPROMPTU SHAKESPEARE: “*Bursting with love, poetry, comedy, tragedy, soliloquies, power struggles, mistaken identity and the supernatural, Impromptu Shakespeare buckle on the Bard's britches to bring you an entirely new and improvised Shakespeare play, based on audience suggestions*”**

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April, Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start.** Tickets, Adults £10, Concessions £8, Children £5 from [bvhticketoffice@btinternet.com](mailto:bvhticketoffice@btinternet.com) or 01722 781044. An optional quiche and salad supper will be available after the show for £6.00 (booked in advance along with the event ticket).

## **BISHOPSTONE LADIES GROUP**

Ladies, please note that the March meeting on Wednesday 20th will be at 2.15 p.m. at Dairy Cottage, the home of Joy Bailey. We had the chance of booking Jenny Berwyn-Jones, an ex-Tiller Girl, providing we had her in daylight hours, and this was too good an opportunity to miss. I hope this will not inconvenience you.

Please make a note of the change of time in your diary - if you come at 7.30 p.m. you will have missed it!

*For more details about the group please contact Shirley Cooke on 780436*

## THE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairman - Norman Barter	780471
Treasurer - Francis Taylor	780316
Secretary - Ian R Smith	780425
Entertainments - Sue Taylor	780316
Event bookings - Caroline Ash	781044
Hall bookings - Margaret Barter	780471
Hall maintenance - Nigel Peasley	780713
Minute secretary - Virginia Middleton-Smith	780444
Member - Pat Abbott	780002

The Village Hall is an important resource and offers a venue for a wide variety of events for the benefit of all. The Hall is supported by a large group of dedicated local people in addition to the Committee. We hope you will support events whenever you can and if you would like to join the wider group of Friends of the Village Hall then please contact any member of the committee.

### Bishopstone Village Website

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

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

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

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

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

## BEER AND SKITTLES



Around seventy people packed in to the Village Hall for an evening of Beer and Skittles on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February. Organised by Ali Thorne, a total of £500 was raised in aid of Riding for the Disabled. With much beer, and even more cider, 14 teams battled it out! Chalke Valley Cricket Club "C" were the eventual victors. A great time was had by all!

## **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 (January 2019):**

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

### **Broadband.**

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

### **Large projection screen**

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

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

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

BISHOPSTONE VILLAGE HALL

MAGIC LANTERN SOCIETY



**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

Starring James Stewart and Kim Novak. An ex-police officer who suffers from an intense fear of heights is hired to prevent an old friend's wife from committing suicide, but all is not as it seems. Hitchcock's haunting, compelling masterpiece is uniquely revelatory about the director's own predilections and hang-ups and is widely considered to be one of his masterworks.

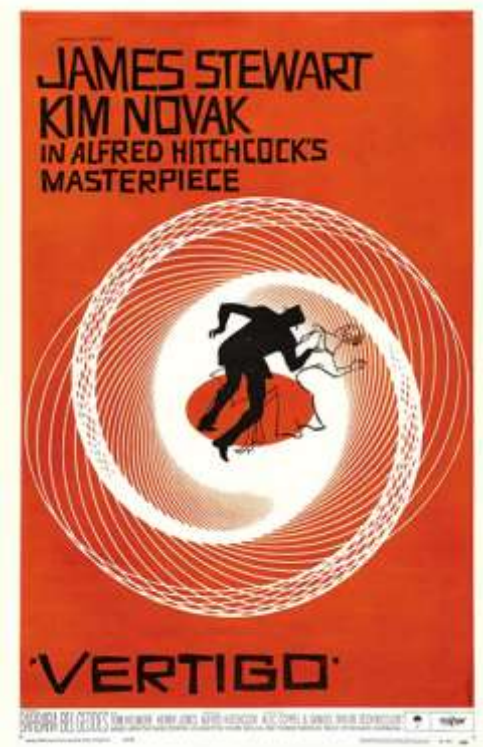


**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

Starring Tim Robbins and Morgan Freeman. Chronicles the experiences of a formerly successful banker as a prisoner in the gloomy jailhouse of Shawshank after being found guilty of a crime he did not commit. The film portrays the man's unique way of dealing with his new, torturous life; along the way he befriends a number of fellow prisoners, most notably a wise long-term inmate named Red.

## VERTIGO

**The Magic Lantern Society will be showing this film as a film that has been extensively digitally restored.**



Considered by many to be director Alfred Hitchcock's greatest achievement, *Vertigo* is set amongst San Francisco's renowned landmarks. It stars James Stewart as Scottie Ferguson, an acrophobic detective who is hired to shadow a friend's suicidal wife, Madeleine played by Kim Novak.

This is an evening for all classic film enthusiasts.

Non-members welcome as guests.

Doors open: 7.00pm. Film starts: 7.30pm

Phone 780346 or 781044 for membership



## **BISHOPSTONE RUGBY ENTHUSIASTS**



**We are running the televising of the 6 Nations ENGLAND rugby in the Village Hall again this year.**

We really would appreciate you turning up before kick off so you have sufficient time to buy food and drink **before** the game starts. We will be shutting the bar for the anthems this season.

So the schedule of matches is as below. Beer, Cider, Stout and Lager plus soft drinks, sausage or bacon butties plus optional onions will be on the menu as usual.

**PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE ATTENDING AS THIS ASSISTS  
WITH CATERING QUANTITIES, BY EMAILING US AT  
*rogerstockton@icloud.com***

### **MATCH SCHEDULE**

<b>Sat 9 Mar</b>	<b>ko 1645</b>	<b>England v Italy</b>
<b>Sat 16 Mar</b>	<b>ko 1700</b>	<b>England v Scotland</b>

**March is the month God created to show people who don't drink  
what a hangover is like.**

*Garrison Keillor*

Didn't Bishopstone look beautiful in February's snow? Hopefully everyone in the village managed to keep warm and safe during the freezing weather.



## Chalke Valley Community Support



The 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 volunteers too, so please give as much notice as possible so that we can find a volunteer who is available.

Registered Charity No 1076335

Queen's Award for Voluntary Service

### 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 Nicola CLARK** – [nicola.clark@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:nicola.clark@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk)

**PC Matt HOLLAND** – Community Policing Co-Ordinator

[CPTSouthWiltshire@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:CPTSouthWiltshire@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk)

**Community Messaging** – for emailed crime reports and local policing updates, sign up at [www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk](http://www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk)

**Social media** – for local policing updates follow us on Facebook **@salisburypolice** and Twitter **@SouthWiltsCPT**



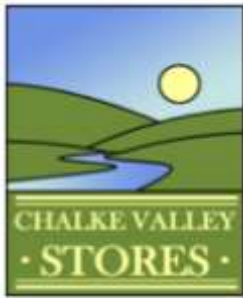
### Sixpenny Handley and Chalke Valley Practice

Doves Meadow Surgery, Broad Chalke: 01722 780282

Sixpenny Handley Surgery: 01725 552500

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





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)  
[www.chalkevalleystores.co.uk](http://www.chalkevalleystores.co.uk) / [info@chalkevalleystores.co.uk](mailto:info@chalkevalleystores.co.uk) /  
Tel: 01722-780998

## MARCH 2019

### Ellen

The news this month is dominated by the sad news that, after nearly six years of dedicated service to the Chalke Valley Community as manager of the HUB, Ellen has decided that it is time for her to move on to pastures new. It goes without saying how much all her hard work is appreciated. Without her energy and enthusiasm there is no doubt the HUB would not be enjoying the success it does today. Ellen's departure date has not yet been finalised as she has generously offered to be available for a handover period once her successor has been appointed. There will be further announcements about a leaving party when we will all have the opportunity to thank her publicly for everything she has done. In the meantime a search is well underway to find her replacement and although this will be difficult, there is, thanks to Ellen, a very positive platform for someone new to build on.

**Thank you Ellen from us all for your enormous contribution to the HUB. You will be sorely missed but we wish you every success in whatever you decide to do next.**

### OTHER NEWS

**A new supplier.** We will now be stocking Premium Organic Beer from a new larger-based brewery in the Wylde Valley called **Blonde Brothers**. The ethos of the Brewery is to combine the highest organic and environmental standards with the latest technology and brewing techniques. Their beers are gluten-free and vegan friendly. The barley is grown on the family farm and brewed with water from their own bore hole.

Blonde Brothers describe their beers as *"clean tasting and balanced.....a contemporary fresh flavour for everyday patrons of honest beer"*.

### Organic milk

Due to popular demand we are going to start stocking organic milk again starting with 2 litre semi skimmed cartons and add other sizes as required.

### Fresh flowers

Also we are going to start selling fresh flowers again. These will be delivered each Friday. A typical price for a bunch of seasonal flowers will be about £5.

### Pancake Day – 5<sup>th</sup> March- Shrove Tuesday

Pancake Day comes from the old English custom of using up all the fattening ingredients in the house so that people were ready to fast before Lent. The fattening ingredients that most people had in their houses in those days were eggs and milk. A simple recipe to use up these ingredients was to combine them with some flour and make pancakes!

To maintain this custom pancakes will definitely be on sale in the Coffee Shop on Shrove Tuesday!

### Mothering Sunday -31<sup>st</sup> March

Once observed as a day on which people would visit their "mother" church, it has become an occasion for honouring the mothers of children and giving them presents. On this particular day it is most fitting that the HUB is located in a church and that, at the same time, we are able to stock a selection of suitable gifts and cards to show appreciation for all that mothers do for their families.

**The Annual Members' meeting** will be held in the Broadchalke Village Hall on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March starting at 7.30pm. A formal notice will be issued nearer the time.

### Kitchen refurbishment

Remember that the Coffee Shop will be closed from Friday 22 February and all being well, will open again on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March.





**A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY  
TO MANAGE AND DEVELOP THE AWARD WINNING  
CHALKE VALLEY COMMUNITY SHOP, COFFEE SHOP AND POST OFFICE;  
KNOWN LOCALLY AS THE “HUB”**

A vacancy has arisen for the position of General Manager at this community owned, busy general store, post office and coffee shop at the centre of the beautiful Chalke Valley, which serves not only Broad Chalke but all the surrounding villages from Bishopstone to Berwick St John

The HUB provides a welcoming and convenient place for the residents of the Chalke Valley and its many visitors, to shop, eat, socialize and relax in a friendly and safe environment. This is made possible by the combination of its professional management together with over 70 supportive volunteers who give their time freely and help create the atmosphere for which the HUB has become well known since it opened nearly six years ago.

**The successful candidate must have:-**

**Management and leadership experience**

**Strong interpersonal skills**

**Results driven mindset**

**Competent negotiating ability**

**Commercial skills**

**Retail and customer service experience**

**Good organisation skills**

Up to 40 hours pw, paid holiday, pension Scheme

If you have the capability and enthusiasm to make your mark in this thriving community please visit:

<http://www.chalkevalleystores.co.uk/hub-manager-application/>

for more information about the HUB and where you will be able to download an application form together with a more detailed job specification.

**Closing date for applications is March 11<sup>th</sup> 2019**

## The Trussell Trust

February total was 12.7 kgs so again I thank those of you who continue to support this charity. As I said last month the need for support is greater now than it has ever been, as you will have seen in the news recently the change to Universal Credit has not been the cure all it was meant to be and has not gone as planned, leaving more people struggling and in need of help.

So please, help in any way you can, just one item added to you weekly shop would help so much.

Their main concern at the present time is a shortage of **Long Life Fruit Juices** and **Milk** , so if you could include these in your donations they would be very grateful.

**Tinned meat** and **tinned vegetables** are also badly needed as are **personal hygiene products**. **Chocolate and chocolate biscuits** are good treats for families who have little. **Granulated Sugar**, **Tinned puddings** and **tinned fruit** are also always welcome.

Thank you again to the anonymous donors who have left items on my doorstep.

As usual donations can be left in the box in the church porch or at The Old Post Office, The Cross, either ring the doorbell or leave them on the step. If you cannot get them to either drop off point then please phone me and I will arrange to collect at your convenience.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Regards

Judy Barrett



## History of the Trussell Trust

Today they support over 1,200 food bank centres across the UK and provide emergency food and support to people locked in poverty, while also campaigning for change to end the need for foodbanks.

### When, why and how was it founded?

Carol and Paddy Henderson founded the Trussell Trust in 1997 based on a legacy left by Carol's mother, Betty Trussell.

The Trussell Trust's initial Bulgaria projects focused on improving conditions for the 60+ children sleeping at Central railway Station in Bulgaria.

In 2000, Paddy received a call from a mother in Salisbury saying “ My children are going to bed hungry tonight – what are you going to do about it?”

Paddy investigated data on poverty and deprivation in the UK and found that significant numbers of people faced going hungry as a result of a sudden crisis. So Paddy started **Salisbury Foodbank** in his garden shed and garage, providing three days of emergency food to local people in crisis.

To be continued .....

## CHALKE VALLEY FLOWER CLUB

*Come and join us – we'd love to welcome more people from STaB*



We should re-introduce our club to this new format of your local magazine. When the Flower Club was formed almost fifty years ago it focussed on the valley and a small group of people interested in flower arranging. Now our members come from afar, Blandford to Codford to Barford to Britford, although more than half are from the valley. We have also grown to embrace the wider field of gardening and flora whilst holding true to our appreciation of flower arranging. So to attract the top floral designers to our meetings we are members of NAFAS, The National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies.

Our meetings are normally at Broadchalke Village Hall on the fourth Wednesday of the month starting at 7.00pm and finishing at about 9.30pm.

Pip Bensley will be opening our new programme by giving an illustrated talk which she has intriguingly called "Chelsea Secrets" on Wednesday 27th March. Not surprising when we discover that Pip has won three Chelsea Gold Medals as an individual and been involved in producing over twenty Chelsea Gold Medal winning exhibits as part of the Hillier Nurseries Staging Team. She also wrote The Hillier Gardeners' Guide to Climbers and Wall Plants, is a Floral Judge judging nurseries and florists in the main pavilion at Chelsea and other RHS shows throughout the year, is a tutor at the top online gardening school Learning With Experts and is a regular expert on local radio gardening programmes. Her photos are pretty special too!

Hilliers will come up again in October when we shall be visiting the two acre private garden of Andy McIndoe who was managing director of the country's leading nursery and garden centre chain. October 16th for your diary. Other outings that will have special interest are Keyneston Mill on June 26th and Bowood House on July 24th; google either for more details about them.

Most months will have a floral demonstrator presenting a show of unique artistic displays. Do come along to one of our meetings and try us out. Entrance as a guest is only £6 and we provide refreshments giving you an excellent opportunity to meet and greet. The professional demonstrators add some fun so don't imagine that it's all serious stuff. Above all we are a truly local club welcoming everyone for a get-together each month.

In Bishopstone contact Anne and Sam Webb 718417 or Liz Long 780448.

## Chalke Valley Watercress

Once considered a weed, watercress was cultivated in the U.K. in the 1800s, and was being commercially grown in Bishopstone in the 1880s. The historical popularity of watercress can be seen due to the steam train networks that sped the watercress from the growing regions up to Covent Garden.

Watercress grows wild in the Ebbles that flow through Bishopstone and can be harvested at any time of year. However, foraging for watercress comes with warnings of misidentification of the plants as well as parasitic liver fluke infestation and so with any foraging, it should only be undertaken after careful research.

Although watercress is no longer produced in Bishopstone, it is still grown and sold in Broadchalke by the Hitchings family. They have been growing and selling watercress in the Chalke Valley for five generations, keeping the tradition of watercress production in the valley alive and providing the local population with a delicious, readily available and locally sourced food.

### Ten Watercress Facts

- (1) Watercress contains more Vitamin C than an orange, calcium than milk, more iron than spinach and more folate than bananas!
- (2) Watercress was first cultivated in Germany in the 1600s.
- (3) James Cook used watercress to prevent scurvy in his sailors and so allowed him to circumnavigate the globe three times.
- (4) Watercress was recorded as one of the items on the menu of the first Thanksgiving.
- (5) Hippocrates used watercress to treat blood disorders.
- (6) In Crete, it is believed by the islanders to be an aphrodisiac.
- (7) Watercress is a member of the mustard family.
- (8) Roman emperors ate watercress to help them make "bold decisions".
- (9) Watercress is native to Europe and Asia and was introduced to America in the 18th Century.
- (10) Watercress soup became popular when it was claimed to cleanse the blood.





## Recipe of the Month

### Watercress Soup

To mark the renewal of watercress sales from our local producer after their short Winter break, our recipe this month is for watercress soup.

It is hard to exaggerate the wholesome qualities of watercress. It ranks number one on the US Centre for Disease Control's Powerhouse Fruits and Vegetables list! A 100-gram serving of watercress only contains 11 calories, but is very rich in vitamin K (good for bone health) as well as containing significant amounts of vitamin A, vitamin C, riboflavin, vitamin B6, calcium, and manganese.

It is believed to be beneficial in the prevention of a range of conditions, including diabetes, cancer, heart disease and various eye conditions.

As it's grown locally, it is also good for the planet. This recipe comes from the website of Chalke Valley Watercress in Broadchalke. You can buy your watercress directly from them for 75p for a 100g bunch.

1 onion chopped

25g butter

250g potatoes diced

600ml chicken stock

2 bags or bunches  
watercress, chopped

50ml cream

A little milk if needed

Seasoning



In a large pan, sweat the onion in the butter until soft but not browned.

Add the potato and stock, cook until the potatoes are soft (approx. 15 – 20 minutes).

When potatoes are almost cooked, add the watercress (try to allow no longer than 5 minutes cooking time for the watercress).

Liquidise, add cream. Use a little extra milk if the soup seems too thick.

Season with salt and black pepper and serve hot.

## Tales from the Time Capsule

In April 2018 George Brutton, one of our churchwardens, discovered a Smiths Crisps tin box carefully wrapped in a plastic sheet and fastened with wire to a roof timber in Bishopstone Church. The box turned out to be a time-capsule, created we think in 1963 (some items date back to 1954), with other things added from various years up until the 1980s. Each month in STaB we will be showing you a few pieces of interest from this fascinating time capsule.



These photos are from the 1963 Youth Club Concert. Does anyone know who these young performers are? Please let us know if so!

On the reverse of each photograph it simply says  
'Youth Club Concert 1963'.

**Bishopstone School.** On 7th March the School collecting box for the Church of England Children's Society was opened and we were able to send the sum of £7-14-0, to the Organising Secretary for the West, Mrs. Tomlinson. She writes, "Thank you and the children so much for the really amazing amount of your cheque. I am really curious to know how such a splendid amount was raised this time". Well, it was raised by last year's Lent Collection, our Nativity Play collection and by small sums the children give from time to time out of their own pocket money. It is a grand cause to which to give, and I say, "Thank you" for encouraging our children to help those less fortunate than themselves.

W. Seager.

A lovely snippet from the South Wilts Church Magazine, April 1955, that gives us an insight into what the children of Bishopstone School were doing 64 years ago this month.



These unlabelled photographs show a gentleman playing the organ in Bishopstone Church, we assume in the early 1960s. It's interesting to see the previous stained-glass window above the Montgomery Tomb, now replaced.

Can anyone identify the mystery organist?

**Indoors or out, no one relaxes in March, that month of wind and taxes,  
the wind will presently disappear, the taxes last us all the year.**

*Ogden Nash*

## Village Memories - Anne Webb



*A love of flowers from an early age!*

### **EARLIEST MEMORIES**

I moved from Coombe Bissett to Throope, Bishopstone around 1946/47. My earliest memories are winter and deep snow. The family always walked on Sundays, and I remember stepping over barbed wire fences in the snow. Our playground was the farm. Using my doll's pram as a trolley we used it down the cinder tracks. Before I went to school I had to learn to ride a bike to get there. It wasn't easy learning on the grass, over mole hills. We had to clear mud from the mudguards and the wheels with a stick. I can still see the old milk churn stand at the end of the track, between tall elms (which were later cut down with Dutch Elm disease).

In the early 1950s the American tanks at Throope used to zigzag through the hedges on the farm. I remember finding opened baked beans tins left behind by the soldiers.

When I was 13 years old I sold all my dolls, prams, doll's house and trains to buy my first racing bike. On Saturdays we would cycle to Salisbury to do shopping.

### **SCHOOL/WORK**

I started school at Bishopstone, where we learned to write in a sand tray practising the letters. Then I went on to Wilton Secondary Modern where I was really happy. At age 7 I had an operation on my eye, which had prevented me from reading clearly, so after that it was wonderful.

Jenny Bundy (nee Thorne) taught me to ride, and horses became a huge thing in my life. I left school at 16 years as Head Girl and also remember learning to use a telephone at school in the Headmaster's office, as we didn't have a phone at home. I was a member of the Wilton Hunt Pony Club and was permitted to miss some school to take part in Pony Club rallies. From the age of 8 years I rode Lord Head's horses.



I worked at Throope, calf rearing a herd of Red Polls, and reared several bulls for showing at Shows. I still look after 1 pony at Throope today so have spent a lifetime with horses. I also worked for Caroline Lamb at Knighton, but as the horses went, gardening took over my time.

I worked for 6 months at Lambourn, working with race horses, and that is one of the few times I lived away from Bishopstone.

For 19 years I drove the mini buses for schools at Harnham and Coombe Bissett.

### **WHAT ARE YOUR HOBBIES OR PASTIMES?**

Flower arranging, photography (sticking the photos in albums, not kept on the computer), jigsaw puzzles. I really enjoy flying in helicopters. I used to do gliding from Compton Abbas airfield.

After I was 16 years I made all my own clothes. I had an auntie who was a milliner so she would make hats for me.

I'm the treasurer of the Chalke Valley Flower Club, and also belong to 3 other clubs - Salisbury, Fordingbridge and Flora Mundi Clubs.

### **WHAT WAS YOUR FAVOURITE HOLIDAY?**

I love Canada and have visited 3 times – St Lawrence River, the Great Lakes and the Falls. The favourite has to be Bear Paw Lodge in Calgary for New Year.

### **YOUR FAVOURITE BOOK**

Black Beauty by Anna Sewell as a child, which I read and re-read. It would make me cry.

### **FAVOURITE MUSIC**

I enjoy all music.

### **BUCKET LIST**

Hot air balloon trip – preferably along the Chalke Valley.

### **IMPORTANT THINGS YOU'VE LEARNED IN LIFE**

Don't put off until tomorrow what you can do today.

### **REGRETS IN YOUR LIFE?**

Overall I have had a charmed life – a happy time. Despite things sometimes going wrong, something always turns up right.

I never get bored with nothing to do.

**It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade.**

*Charles Dickens*

## **Bishopstone Community Support**

The Bishopstone Community Emergency Plan has recently been revised and is on the village website. It contains suggested actions in the event of emergency events within the village.

We publish the details below for you to pull out of this magazine and keep as a useful link to services that you may require in an emergency.

### **LOCAL NUMBERS FOR CONTACT DURING AN EMERGENCY SITUATION (FLOODING)**

FLOODLINE **0345 988 1188** when prompted dial 1.

Environment Agency (Local Office) 01258 483326  
Blandford (This is the Incident Control Room for Bishopstone)

Environment Agency (Emergency) 0800 807060

Wiltshire Council 01225 713000 (May need to request the Incident Control Room)

Wiltshire Council, Salisbury 01722 336272 (working hours)  
01722 411676 (out of hours)

### **EMERGENCY NUMBERS**

Police/Fire/Ambulance 999 if danger to life

### **OTHER USEFUL NUMBERS**

Local Police – non emergency 101

**Bishopstone Village Hall 780907**

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Chalke Valley Surgery

- Broad Chalke 01722 780282
- Sixpenny Handley 01725 522500 In an emergency ring this number

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Customer Services 0345 6004600

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Scottish and Southern 08000 727282

Highways – Wiltshire Council 0800 232323

Clarence 01225 777234 and/or [clarence@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:clarence@wiltshire.gov.uk)

BT 0800 800150

## Other Agencies offering assistance

Samaritans 0345 7909090  
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The Citizen's Advice Bureau 01264 365534  
Road problems 0800 232323

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Wessex Water [customer.services@wessexwater.co.uk](mailto:customer.services@wessexwater.co.uk)

## Wiltshire Council Contacts

Mike Hewitt Flood Group Salisbury, Wiltshire Council  
Danny Everett Drains, Wiltshire Council  
Renate Moulton Projects Officer, Wiltshire Council

## Equipment Hire

See local directories.



Horatio's Garden, the national charity started in Bishopstone, creates and nurtures stunning gardens in NHS spinal injury centres for all those facing the realities of paralysis and long stays in hospital.

The charity was founded as legacy to our eldest son, Horatio. Horatio loved the beauty of the Chalke Valley and really appreciated the benefits of the natural environment. His inspiration, following his time volunteering in the Salisbury Spinal Injury Centre, forms the founding principles of the charity – to make lives better for everyone affected by spinal injury.

Following the success of the garden in Salisbury which opened in 2012, a year after Horatio had died, we have opened gardens in Glasgow and Stoke Mandeville and our fourth garden in the Midlands will open this summer.

Each garden has been carefully developed into a stunning oasis by a leading garden designer, including Cleve West, James Alexander-Sinclair, Joe Swift, and Bunny Guinness.

Celebrated garden designer Tom Stuart-Smith has given his expertise to design the next garden in London and Sarah Price will be designing the sixth garden in Cardiff.

We have always aspired to create spaces which are the antithesis of the ward; places that offer both tranquility and community to patients and their families.



This would be simply impossible without the help of our remarkable volunteers, who maintain the gardens throughout the year with the guidance of a Head Gardener. They also support patients with gentle garden and art therapy sessions and they are always on-hand in the gardens and garden rooms to offer tea and cake to patients and visitors, providing them with the warmth and normality that can sometimes be absent from a clinical environment.

We rely solely on the generosity of our donors and supporters to bring these beautiful sanctuaries to people throughout the UK. In the future, we hope to have a Horatio's Garden at each of the nation's eleven spinal centres.

This summer we are launching a Horatio's Garden Fabulous Summer Tea Party – supported by Joanna Lumley – as a national fundraising initiative from 3 - 9<sup>th</sup> June.

If you would like to get involved in supporting the Salisbury garden by hosting a tea party or coming to one of our other events please do take a look at our website:

[www.horatiosgarden.org.uk](http://www.horatiosgarden.org.uk)

Equally if you have some time and would like to volunteer in the garden or help in the office we would love to hear from you.

Gardens have the power to heal – they can be immensely uplifting, rewarding and transformative places that, above all else, represent hope and renewal.

Dr. Olivia Chapple

[info@horatiosgarden.org.uk](mailto:info@horatiosgarden.org.uk)

01722 326834

## Nature Notes

### Lazy Birds!



Some of the more observant amongst you may have noticed large numbers of buzzards sitting in the arable fields to the North of the High Road between Bishopstone and Broadchalke. I have counted up to a dozen at one time, regularly spaced across the field like beaters during a shoot. I wondered what they were up to. Apparently this is normal behaviour for buzzards, especially after heavy rain. They are lazy birds and find it easier at this time of year to sit and wait for worms to come to the surface than expend energy hunting for relatively scarce prey.

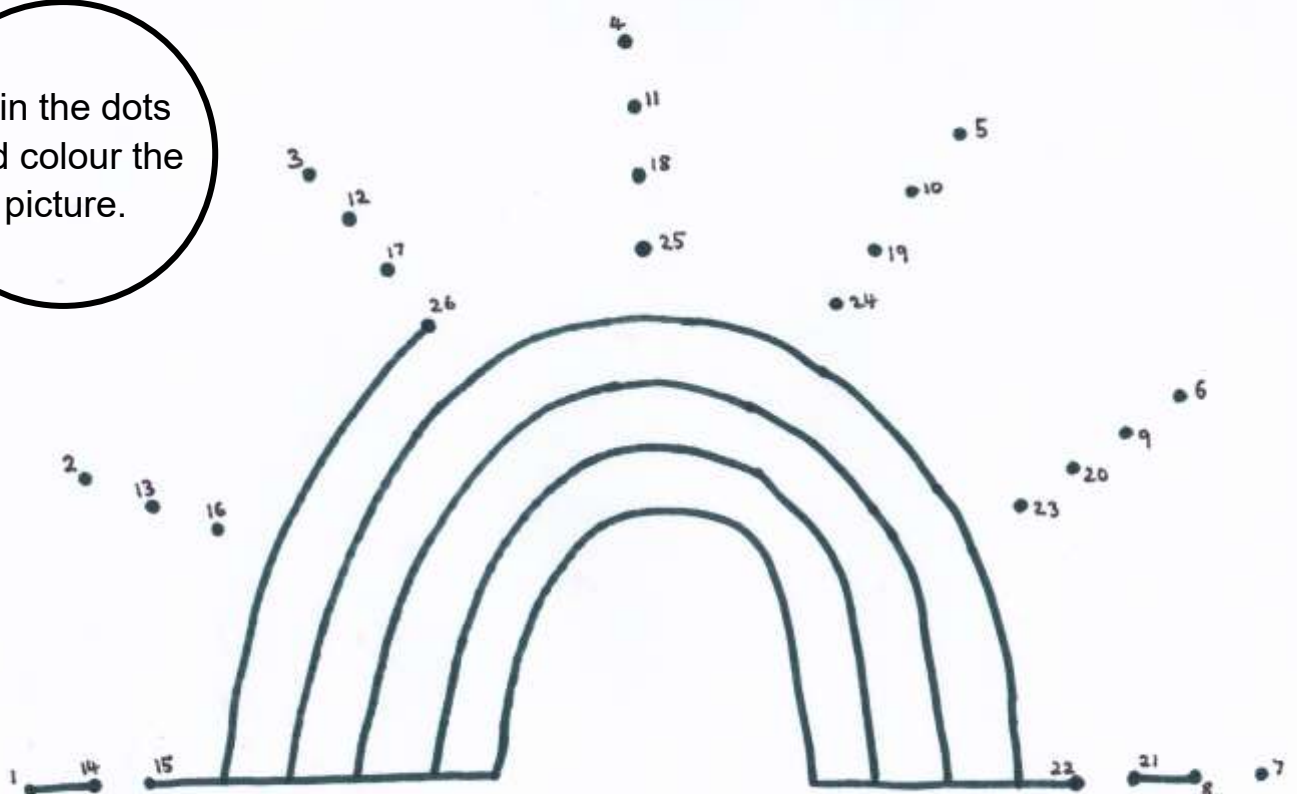


# Puzzle Pages

## Sudoku

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Join the dots  
and colour the  
picture.



## Spring Treasure Hunt!

Take a walk around the village and see if you can spot some signs of Spring. Tick them off if you see them - and maybe you can add a few more?

Snowdrops

Primroses

Crocus

Catkins

Ash buds

Lambs

Blackthorn blossom

Marsh Marigolds

Dandelions

Speedwell

Celandines

A tractor working

Swans nesting

## WORD LADDER

Change only 1 letter each time to make a new word, before arriving at the final word.

**CROCUS**

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**flower**

Word Ladder answer: crocus, crocks, clocks, clonks, clones, cloves, gloves, Glover, flower

Did you know that the Valley has its own Facebook page?



If you are on FB do join  
**Chalke Valley Families.**

## Sarah's Gardening Tips

*Seasonal hints and tips to keep your garden looking its best*

1. If you want to put new bulbs in your pots every year replant the old ones in your borders. You'll get a free display!
2. Ivy is good for wildlife, it offers pollen when it flowers and nesting sites for birds.
3. Divide and thin out Grape Hyacinths if they stop flowering. Add some bonemeal in the planting hole then add tomato feed the following year when they start to come up.
4. Plant a Daphne in your garden for lovely foliage and gorgeous scent They suit well drained soil and are frost hardy.
5. Use your patio for pots and short term colour which can be changed throughout the year. Use walls to create height and colour with climbers.
6. Visit other gardens large and small to get inspiration for your own. This could be Kew, the NGS (National Garden Scheme) or your next door neighbour!

*Who so ever plants a tree winks at immortality.*

*John Dennis*

**Question:** In heraldry, the fleur-de-lis is a charge consisting of a stylised representation of which flower? (Answer on page 51)



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Tuesday	18:00	Fitness Pilates	Britford Memorial Hall
Tuesday	19:00	Pilates	Britford Memorial Hall
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Wednesday	18:00	Pilates	Bishopstone Village Hall
Wednesday	19:00	HIIT	Bishopstone Village Hall
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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 Council.*

Dear Madam Editor,

What a delight it was to receive the first copy of the new style STaB a few days early! It arrived before the start of February, and was an eye-opening delight to read.

May I offer congratulations at the new shape and style and layout of the magazine, and the increase in contents. Nonetheless, you still manage to include the essentials from the Parish Council and Wiltshire Council, and all the Village Hall details too. Well done and thank you.

I now wonder if your special correspondent, Ephraim Sandcastle will return with more vital news from the Front? Can we hope to hear from his assistant, Miss Victoria Sponge? Their reports give a whole new insights to the village.

Anyway, many thanks for all your new ideas and hard work.

Yours ever, James Thompson



And I thought we might actually get through an issue of STaB without mentioning dog poo... sadly not! The problem was brought home to me once again yesterday when my 1 year old, who has just learnt to walk, trod in a huge pile of fresh dog faeces right by the bridge near Faulston House. This is a popular area for children to play by the river, so leaving it here is really just as bad as leaving it on a pavement. I can't fathom what is going through the mind of a dog owner who lets their dog foul in a public place and then decides to leave it there. **Bag it and bin it**, why wouldn't you?! In fact, I have recently noticed the addition of a new bin along Mill Lane, so there really is NO excuse! Kate Pendleton

Answer to the question in Sarah's Gardening Tips: Iris



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## Services in Chalke Valley Benefice – March 2019

BCP = Book of Common Prayer (Traditional Language), CW = Common Worship  
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**Every Wednesday at 12.15pm, there is a short service of Holy Communion. In Lent, they will be at:**  
**March – 13<sup>th</sup> Alvediston, 20<sup>th</sup> Nunton, 27<sup>th</sup> Fifield Bavant      April – 3<sup>rd</sup> Homington, 10<sup>th</sup> Bowerchalke**

<b>3 March Sunday next before Lent</b>	9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Parish Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Family Communion (CW) Mattins (BCP) Morning Service Family Communion (CW) Family Service Evensong (BCP)	Britford Broad Chalke Ebbesbourne Wake Berwick St John Bishopstone Coombe Bissett Nunton Homington	Jenny Taylor Catherine Blundell Anna-Claar T-Rosingh Lay Led Sally Leaver Jenny Taylor Adrian Taylor Anna-Claar T-Rosingh
<b>6 March ASH WEDNESDAY</b>	12.15pm 7.00pm	Holy Communion with Ashing Holy Communion with Ashing	Broad Chalke Coombe Bissett	Catherine Blundell Jenny Taylor
<b>10 March 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>	8.00am 9.30am 9.30am 10.30am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 3.00pm 6.00pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion plus APCM Parish Communion (CW) URC Morning Worship Morning Service Choral Mattins (BCP) Family Service Evensong (BCP) Evensong (BCP)	Broad Chalke Bowerchalke Odstock Broad Chalke Chapel Alvediston Charlton All Saints Coombe Bissett Fifield Bavant Berwick St John	Catherine Blundell Catherine Blundell Anna-Claar T-Rosingh J Smith & R Musselwhite Biddy Trahair Michael Chandler Don Morgan Biddy Trahair Lay Led
<b>17 March 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>	8.00am 9.30am 9.30am 9.30am 10.30am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) R3vive URC Communion Service Parish Communion plus APCM Parish Communion (CW) Mattins (BCP)	Bowerchalke Bishopstone Nunton Broad Chalke School Broad Chalke Chapel Berwick St John Homington Ebbesbourne Wake	Kate Rosslyn Smith Anna-Claar T-Rosingh Jenny Taylor Lay Led Jackie Lowe Catherine Blundell Jenny Taylor Biddy Trahair
<b>24 March 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>	8.00am 9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Family Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Family Service Holy Communion (BCP) Choral Mattins (BCP) Parish Communion (CW) Evening Prayer (BCP)	Berwick St John Broad Chalke Charlton All Saints Odstock Alvediston Coombe Bissett Bishopstone Bowerchalke	Kate Rosslyn Smith Catherine Blundell Anna-Claar T-Rosingh Catherine Blundell Ann Philp Anna-Claar T-Rosingh Jenny Taylor Lay Led
<b>31 March MOTHERING SUNDAY</b>	9.30am 11.00am	Benefice Communion (BCP) Benefice Communion (CW)	Fifield Bavant Coombe Bissett	Catherine Blundell Rt Revd Andrew Rumsey, Bishop of Ramsbury
<b>7 April 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>	9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Parish Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Family Communion (CW) Mattins (BCP) Morning Service plus APCM Family Communion (CW) Family Service Evensong (BCP)	Britford Broad Chalke Ebbesbourne Wake Berwick St John Bishopstone Coombe Bissett Nunton Homington	Catherine Blundell Jenny Taylor Ann Philp Lay Led Jenny Taylor Catherine Blundell Adrian Taylor David Blundell