



Parish Magazine

October 2019



The Beeches in Autumn
Photo by Rob 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 - unless the magazine is already full.

The editors reserve the right to edit all contributions.



Bishopstone Harvest 2018 - Photo by Helga Soket

HARVEST FESTIVAL!



Bishopstone Church, 11am,
Sunday 6th October 2019.

**Please bring a tin or packet
of food for the
Trussell Trust**

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



It is Harvest time again!!

**Please join us in Bishopstone Church
at 11:00 on Sunday 6th October**

Donations of tins and packets of food will be collected for the Trussell Trust.

There will be Drinks and Nibbles after our service in which the Bishopstone Singers are leading our singing and the children our prayers, so we so hope that you can all join us at our services. Harvest is a time to celebrate the Harvest of our communities as well as our creation – all the good things that go on in our villages – the groups, societies and gatherings that bring so much life to those who live here.

Just a few days ago we officially commissioned Mr Berkeley Basinger-Adams as the Head Teacher of Coombe Bissett School. It is an absolute delight to welcome him into our community and it already feels as though he has been a part of our team for years!

Most of you will now know of the fraud case that befell the Chalke Valley Team and Britford Church. I want to reassure all of you that your generous giving to our church here in Bishopstone has been carefully looked after and, under the guidance of George Brutton our Treasurer, all our financial processes and procedures are secure. Thank you again for your generous giving to the work and mission of our church.

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).

Parish Council

The Parish Council met on Thursday 12th September. The minutes of the meeting will be available on the village website (www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk). The meeting was attended by Wiltshire Councillor Jose Green. Unfortunately, no members of the public were present.

In her report Councillor Jose Green drew attention to the steps being taken by Wiltshire Council to combat fly tipping. Considerable effort was going in to identifying both the “customer” and the contractor. Both were liable for fixed penalty fines. She urged customers to ensure that their contractor had a waste disposal license and, where fly tipping was discovered, to ensure that any material (letters, labels etc.) which identified either the customer or contractor was photographed at the scene as evidence. She also reported that the changes to rubbish collection arrangements, with all recyclable materials other than glass going into the blue lid wheelie bins, would become operational in February 2020.

Mike Ash reported that the “metro count” - which measures vehicle speeds - requested by the Parish Council on the High Road by Manor Farm, was being carried out at the time of the meeting.

The old Play Train in the Children’s Play Area had now been removed thanks to the hard work of Cllr Ali Thorne, Lee Curtis and Dan Down. The construction of the new Children’s Play Trail would begin in the week beginning 16th September. The “basket” seats on the junior swings were also being replaced and the frames would be repainted.



The Play Train is removed

The Play Trail is installed



Mike Ash reported that it was now unlikely that the project for Salisbury Ladies FC to play their home games and to train on Bishopstone Recreation Field would go ahead. The main problem was the difficulty the club have had in raising the finance for the temporary changing facilities. It is now clear that major changes were happening within the club and that the move to Bishopstone was no longer under consideration. A considerable amount of work had been undertaken by the Parish Council in the last year to prepare for this project and this was a very disappointing outcome. The project would have provided a proper use of the football pitch on the Recreation Field, opportunities for younger people in the village to join in training and other activities and would have provided business support for the White Hart.

Given that the SLFC project was not going ahead, consideration was given to what to do about the derelict toilets on the Recreation Field. It was agreed that these could, potentially, be useful in the longer term and it was agreed to secure quotes for making them secure and to remove any safety hazard. It was also agreed to relocate the goal posts to the other end of the football pitch to reduce the incidence of balls being kicked into the adjoining field.

Consideration was given to proposals from Wiltshire Council's South West Area Board to replace stiles with pedestrian gates in order to make footpaths more accessible. This would involve the Parish Council in meeting 50% of the cost. Some potential candidates for replacement had been identified but it was decided to do further work to determine what sort of gates to install given the need for any gate to be stock proof.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Thursday 14th November at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. All are welcome to attend.

The shooting season has just started, and walkers are respectfully requested to keep to designated footpaths and bridleways and keep dogs under close control. Mike Ash, Parish Clerk



DOG FOULING

The dog population of the village seems to be on the increase and with it an increase in the incidence of fouling. Dog walkers are reminded that it is an offence not to pick up any mess made by your dog on public footpaths or roads. So please –

CLEAN IT UP!

Village Hall



October 2019

MOVIOLA at Bishopstone

Friday October 25th 'Fisherman's Friends'

*Based on a true story about Port Isaac's **Fisherman's Friends**. A group of Cornish fishermen from Port Isaac are signed by Universal Records and achieve a top 10 hit with their debut album of traditional sea shanties. The film stars an ensemble cast headed by Daniel Mays, James Purefoy and Tuppence Middleton. It is hoped to have a surprise 'extra' on the evening!!*

Friday November 22nd 'Rocketman'

Rocketman is a 2019 biographical musical film based on the life of musician Elton John. Directed by Dexter Fletcher and written by Lee Hall, it stars Taron Egerton as John, with Jamie Bell as Bernie Taupin, Richard Madden as John Reid, and Bryce Dallas Howard as Sheila Eileen.

Tickets are £6.00 each. **Advance booking is strongly recommended.**

Tickets are available from <bvhticketoffice@btinternet.com> or from 01722 781044 or 780002.

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

BISHOPSTONE COMMUNITY LUNCHESES WITH SPEAKER

Monthly from October until April

A home-cooked lunch is served around 12.30pm.

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.

Wednesday 2nd October

Speaker: Rosemary Pemberton talking about General Pitt-Rivers and arts and entertainment at his Rushmore Estate.

Wednesday 6th November

Speaker: Steve Dunn will give a talk entitled 'Cathedral Graffiti'

Wednesday 4th December - Christmas lunch

BISHOPSTONE COMMUNITY CAFE

These are normally held on alternate Thursdays. The next coffee mornings will be on Thursday **October 10th and 24th** from 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 > for more details.

“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 > or just turn up to any class to try it out. Jenny Berwyn-Jones is fully trained and insured.

BISHOPSTONE NEEDLES AND PINS SEWING AND CRAFT GROUP

The Needles and Pins Craft Group will resume its informal fortnightly meetings for the autumn on **Thursday 17th October, 2-4pm.**

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. New members would be very welcome for the new season.

Call Caroline Ash on 01722 781044 for information.

PILATES AT BISHOPSTONE

Contact Claudine on 07788 587937.

SPECIAL EVENTS

FRIDAY 18th OCTOBER – the famous Bishopstone QUIZ returns led by quizmaster Francis Taylor. Tickets available at £10 from Caroline Ash on 01722 781044 or Pat Abbott on 01722 780002. Doors open at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start.

The ticket price includes a hot meal.

FRIDAY 15th NOVEMBER - The FB Pocket Orchestra. The FB Orchestra are a highly talented trio who play popular music from the late 19th and early 20th century, right up to the 1930s.

Tickets cost £10 for adults, £8 for seniors & £5 for children and are available from Caroline Ash on 01722 781044 or Pat Abbott on 01722 780002

Bar open from 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start and an optional supper is available for an additional £5.

Advance booking is strongly recommended and is essential if supper is to be taken.

BISHOPSTONE LADIES GROUP

The meeting on Wednesday, 16th October will be at 4 The Croft, the home of Dot Walker, when past Captain of P&O Shipping, Malcolm Rushan, will be talking to us about his time at sea. All meetings start at 7:30pm.

For details about the group please contact Shirley Cooke on 780346

BISHOPSTONE VILLAGE HALL

QUIZ NIGHT



Friday 18th October

Doors open 7.00pm for 7.30pm start

Put together a table of four and get those grey cells working. (We can pair you up with others if you are not a full table.)

£40 for a table of four (or £10.00 each), to include a hot meal and a cash bar.

Book online via

bvhticketoffice@btinternet.com

or call Caroline on (01722) 781044

or Pat on (01722) 780002

BISHOPSTONE VILLAGE HALL

SP5 4AA

Proudly presents

THE FB POCKET ORCHESTRA



For an evening of jazz, blues, ragtime, songs and dances from the late 19th century up to the 1930s

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 15th
at 7.30pm

(Doors & Bar open at 7.00pm)

Tickets : Adult £10 : Concession £8 : Children £5

Optional Hot Supper £5

Book online at bvhticketoffice@btinternet.com

Or call Caroline on 01722 781044

Rural Arts Touring

BISHOPSTONE VILLAGE HALL

MAGIC LANTERN SOCIETY



Friday 4th October 2019

Can a girl from Little Rock find happiness with a mature French planter she got to know one enchanted evening away from the military hospital where she is a nurse? Or should she just wash that man out of her hair? Bloody Mary is the philosopher of the island and it's hard to believe she could be the mother of Liat who has captured the heart of Lt. Joseph Cable USMC. While waiting for action in the war in the South Pacific, sailors and nurses put on a musical comedy show. The war gets closer and the saga of Nellie Forbush and Emile de Becque becomes serious drama.



Friday 1st November 2019

Lt. John Dunbar is dubbed a hero after he accidentally leads Union troops to a victory during the Civil War. He requests a position on the western frontier, but finds it deserted. He soon finds out he is not alone, but meets a wolf he dubs "Two-socks" and a curious Indian tribe. Dunbar quickly makes friends with the tribe, and discovers a white woman who was raised by the Indians. He gradually earns the respect of these native people, and sheds his white-man's ways.



Friday 29th November 2019 (plus Supper)

In 1805 during the Napoleonic Wars, H.M.S. Surprise, a British frigate, is under the command of Captain Jack Aubrey. Their orders are to track and capture or destroy a French privateer named Acheron. This task will be a difficult one as the Acheron is a bigger and faster ship. Aubrey's single-mindedness in this seemingly impossible pursuit puts him at odds with the Surprise's doctor and naturalist, Stephen Maturin, who is also Aubrey's closest friend. Aubrey ultimately uses Maturin's scientific exploits to figure out a way to achieve his and the ship's seemingly impossible goal.

Doors open: 7.00pm. Film starts: 7.30pm
Phone 780346 or 781044 for membership.

MAGIC LANTERN AUTUMN SEASON

The Magic Lantern Autumn Season will start again on **Friday 4 October** with the classic musical “**South Pacific**”. We look forward to seeing you at this great movie.

Please note that although we normally have our annual supper at the October film, this year circumstances have meant that the supper evening is delayed until the last film of the season, “Master and Commander” showing on **Friday 29 November. This is a change to the programme.**

It is hoped to unveil a short list of films for 2020, our 7th season, at our October film.

All members will receive the usual email prior to the events. Non-members, who may attend as guests, are asked to contact Roger (780346) or Caroline (781044) in advance.



FRIDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2019 at 7.30pm in BISHOPSTONE VILLAGE HALL

Guests Welcome - £6.00. Full bar facilities.

Come along for an Enchanted Evening and to Wash that Brexit Right Out of Your Hair!

CORONATION 1953 DOMESDAY BOOK OF BISHOPSTONE

Does anyone in the village have a copy of this book recorded during the Coronation year of 1953? It lists all the houses that were in existence at that time, and it would be great to copy extracts from it and add it to the village archives.

If anyone can help, please contact Anne Stutchbury

annewheelwright@gmail.com

01722 780339

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):

	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

Remembrance Sunday 2019

Once again, we will gather at the Church by 1050 a.m. on Sunday 10th November for the service in Remembrance of the Fallen of two World Wars. This year is the centenary of the signing of the Treaty of Versailles after the Great War, when we lost 27 from Bishopstone and 5 from Stratford Tony. We also remember that it is 75 years since the D-Day Landings of Operation Overlord on the beaches of Normandy, and 80 years since the outbreak of the Second World War, after the Nazi German invasion of Poland. We have a lot to think about.

The silence for two minutes will be at 1100 hrs, along with the whole country and the Commonwealth. The service will be held by our own Revd Canon Jenny Taylor and will follow the usual running order. The Names of the Fallen from the memorial tablet and those buried in the graveyards of Bishopstone and Stratford Tony will be recited, the Remembrance Wreath will be laid, there will be readings and recitations suitable for the occasion led by ex-service members of our community, and rousing hymns and prayers.

After the service, a traditional military curry lunch with all the trimmings will be available at The White Hart at about 1230hrs. If you want to come and join the veterans and others, please ring Tom or Zara at the White Hart (780244), or me (780683), to reserve places. The cost will be £13 per head, and please remember to pay for the curry and any drinks before you leave!

We hope for an outstanding turnout of veterans and friends of all ages from the village, and even some serving personnel. We especially hope that the few veterans of the second World War in the village will join us in this special anniversary year. Everyone is welcome to both service and lunch, of whatever age. Veterans are asked to wear their medals, regimental or corps ties etc!

REMEMBER ... 1050 HRS AT CHURCH ... 1230 HRS FOR CURRY LUNCH

"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them."

Major James Thompson





Chalke - Cueibet Partnership

The 2019 Visit

We've done the planning, booked the flights and started collecting for the 2019 visit to our Chalke Deanery linked Diocese of Cueibet in South Sudan. Dr Sherwood Elcock from Nunton and the Revd Mark Hayter from the Nadder Valley will start their 3 flight journey on 21st October and return to UK on 1st November. While they are there, Mark will be teaching the clergy and Sherwood will be teaching on health issues for men and women. They will both be checking on the projects that we are supporting and discussing possible new projects.



Many in the Chalke Valley will remember supporting **'Bicycles for Cueibet'** in 2017 when we were able to deliver 40 bikes for the local clergy. Another area where Chalke Deanery has been able to make a huge impact is our support for the Church Primary School in Cueibet. We built the classrooms, are helping with the staff salaries and training and provide basic items such as pencils. There were many smiling faces when we handed over 900 pencils during the 2018 visit by Geoff Taylor and Archdeacon Alan Jeans. The pencils will have run out by now so Mark and Sherwood will need to take more alongside two other essential items.

Can you Help by giving

HB Wooden Pencils, Spectacles or small Bars of Soap

You can leave them in the collection box in the Hub Café or give them to one of the clergy when they are travelling up and down the Valley

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

PC Matt HOLLAND – Community Policing Co-Ordinator

CPTSouthWiltshire@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk

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 **@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



Bishopstone Sheepdog Trials

Bishopstone Sheepdog trials have been running since 2006. Rob Hawke is a keen Sheepdog trainer and trialling, and with the kind permission of Lord and Lady Head, has been running this 2 day event which attracts handlers from all over the UK and even handlers from Europe and America.

50 Dogs compete on different courses each day. The event is open to the public, free of charge. There are light refreshments available.

The event starts at 8am on each day (5th and 6th October) and is signposted off the A354 (SP54LN), (course cannot be seen from the road on the Sunday - please follow the arrows!!) The event takes place whatever the weather (farmers and shepherds and their dogs still have to work whatever the weather!). Come along and enjoy "live" One Man and His Dog, whilst also supporting these causes. Any further details please contact Anna or Rob Hawke at hawke@ontel.com.

Over the past few years the event has raised in excess of £16,000, which have gone towards Chalke Valley playschool, Broadchalke School, Trafalgar School, Childlink, and Bishopstone Bish Bash (ably assisted by Ali Thorne and his ever hard working crew). This year we are again supporting the Bish Bash, and CMV Action. CMV Action is the only charity in the UK that works to raise awareness of Cytomegalovirus (CMV).

CMV is a common virus with 80% of the population having it before they are 40. To children and adults alike it is an innocuous virus that would present symptoms similar to the common cold (if at all). For unborn babies however, with no viable immune system, the virus can be devastating. CMV is the most prevalent cause of deafness in children and one of the most common causes of congenital disability in the UK. CMV Action offer advice and support for affected families, promote awareness of CMV nationally and specifically with front end medical professionals. They liaise with cutting-edge researchers working on a vaccine and they lobby the government for funding and to include education of CMV within the NICE guidelines.

Henry (who grew up in Bishopstone) and his wife Hannah will both be helping out on Saturday and representing the charity. They welcomed Orla in to this world on the 2nd July 2018. Orla contracted CMV while in the womb and this has left her deaf and with a degree of brain damage. The future is completely unknown at the moment; she could struggle with cerebral palsy, seizures, learning difficulties and/or behavioural problems to name but a few potential issues. Today she is a delightful little girl full of smiles and laughter but she is already showing signs of delay. A typical ten month old will be crawling and babbling by now but Orla is still unable to even sit up unaided and makes little sound other than her wonderful laugh.

CMV Action operates on a budget of £12,000 a year. The support offered by the this event will assist the charity in the excellent and tireless work they do. For more information please visit their website at www.cmvaction.org.uk

Henry & Hannah have embarked on their own fundraising initiative, full details of which and further information on their own experience with CMV can be found on their own website at www.orlaup.co.uk



Sheepdog and handler in action at the sheepdog trials

Bishopstone Singers

Dates for your Diary:

Friday 20th September, 7:30pm - Rehearsal

21 The Croft

Saturday 5th October, 4pm - Rehearsal

Bishopstone Church

Sunday 6th October, 10:15am - Rehearsal, followed by 11am Harvest Festival Service, both in Bishopstone Church.

Friday 13th December, 7:30pm - Rehearsal

21 The Croft

Friday 20th December, 7:30pm - Rehearsal

21 The Croft

Sunday 22nd December, 10am - Rehearsal, followed by 11am Carol Service, both in Bishopstone Church.

Olive Moody - 780446

WILTSHIRE MOBILE LIBRARY

The mobile library will be visiting **The Styles** in Bishopstone on the following dates, arriving at 1115 and departing at 1135:

Thursday 03 October 2019

Thursday 31 October 2019

Thursday 28 November 2019

Thursday 26 December 2019





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

AN IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM THE CHAIRMAN ABOUT THE POST OFFICE

Some of our customers have been in the habit of leaving mail and parcels in the Hub when the Post Office counter is closed, and our staff and volunteers have been happy to look after these until the Post Office reopens.

We are now advised that this is in breach of our contract with the Post Office. As you all know, Ed, our Postmaster, is keen to do everything he can to be helpful to our customers but, reluctantly, we are forced to discontinue this practice with immediate effect as both Ed and the Hub would be in breach of their contracts.

Post Office Limited carry out random spot checks on their Outreach Post Offices and, if we were found to be in breach of this part of our contract, we risk our Post Office and Ed's Tisbury PO being closed down and Ed's livelihood put in jeopardy. This is a risk we cannot take. Our staff and volunteers have therefore been instructed not to accept any letters or parcels for the PO when the PO counter is closed.

AN EXPANDED RANGE OF OLIVE'S KITCHEN PRODUCTS

Up until recently we have only stocked a couple of meals from the Olive's Kitchen range but due to their popularity we now have a dedicated freezer for their products. These include curried chicken, fish pie, coq au vin, lasagne, meat balls, steak and ale pie.

Olive's Kitchen is a local Dorset based family business run by Charlie and Nikki Allhusen. Their mantra is:

"Good food and good company are two of life's simplest yet greatest pleasures"

.....a philosophy which we fully subscribe to so we are delighted to be working more closely with them. Their website gives a good explanation of the history of the company and how it has grown. See them at www.olives-kitchen.co.uk

INTRODUCING BOOK & BUCKET, A NEW CHEESE SUPPLIER

Book & Bucket is a new cheese company that makes a wide range of artisan cheese. Again they are a local award-winning company who we are pleased to be working with. Their range is pretty extensive but to give you a "taste" here are a few to whet your appetite:

Shakespeare - to Brie or not to Brie.....!

Tennyson - a soft blue cheese

Matured feta - marinated in kalamata olive brine

Smoked Burns halloumi

DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

Thanks to Chris Rothwell seven of our staff and volunteers have now been trained in how to use a defibrillator. Villages throughout the Chalke Valley are installing this equipment and we are pleased to say that ours is situated in the telephone booth by the HUB. If anyone is interested in having similar training please ask Tony who can put you in touch with Chris.

A Message from Wiltshire Police



Have you signed up to Community Messaging?

Wiltshire Police use an email alert system called Community Messaging, also known as Neighbourhood Alert, across Wiltshire and Swindon to provide real time information to subscribing residents and businesses.

This is a free service and once subscribed you can choose what sort of alert to receive and how to receive them. This way the alerts will be tailored specifically to your interests and delivered by email, text or phone.

Community Messaging allows Wiltshire Police, and carefully selected partners, to help keep communities better informed about police and crime updates affecting their local area. The messages can even be sent to individual postcodes.

Although Wiltshire Police is the main source of information the system is also used by Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue, Wiltshire and Swindon Neighbourhood Watch, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, Gas Emergency Service and Action Fraud (the national centre for fraud and cybercrime). All these partners provide relevant information to help keep you safe and secure.

You can respond directly to messages and rate the value/relevance of alerts on a scale of 1-5. Your feedback can be most useful to provide first hand intelligence relating to alerts but also to allow us to assess the effectiveness of the system so we keep messages and alerts relevant.

The relevance of alerts is controlled by users through the selection of specific schemes on the system; Neighbourhood watch is one popular choice but there are also groups for Community Speed Watch, Youth Clubs and Groups, Church Watch, Horse Watch, Farm Watch and many others. All can be selected or deselected as required and all have the ability for you to feed intelligence to crime prevention partners.

It should be emphasised that Community Messaging is not a way of reporting crimes - always call 999 in an emergency or 101 in a non-emergency situation. Community Messaging doesn't replace the social media activity that the force uses to reach out to communities but works alongside it to make sure that messages are received in a timely way. With changes to the algorithms that the leading social media platforms use to distribute information you are possibly seeing far fewer of the posts issued than you did five years ago. By signing up to Community Messaging you will be sure to receive the information directly.

Sign up at: www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk

News from the Fovant Badges

For those of you who travel the A30 and who may stop at the Fovant A30 lay-by on occasion I hope that you notice the majority of the Fovant Badges are looking crisper and better defined.

The Riflemen of 5 Rifles B Company based in Bulford came and helped set the 'profile drift' to rights in early August. Years of maintenance had resulted in a certain movement, such that several letters and features had become an approximation of the Badge itself and of the original design representation as created on the hill.

Over the first weekend of August the Badges profiles were assessed and road-spray painted to indicate what should actually be 'green' and what 'white'. For the essential reference data and photographs of the Badges in older times F.B.S. are indebted to the the Fovant History Interest Group (FHIG) and their archive; it was invaluable.

The annual maintenance work on the Badges is always interesting, and this was no exception. Apart from the stunning landscape and wonderful views north and west, the grassland was a profusion of wild flowers and a huge number of butterflies danced in the sunshine, which contrary to forecast, stayed with us until close of play. All around we saw rain clouds and the grey curtains sweeping across the landscape to the north, but we were spared. Several hares had made nesting scrapes around the Badges and bolted at amazing speed across what the soldiers themselves said was, (and I paraphrase), 'demanding terrain'.

But the most gratifying of all our small discoveries and sights came at the very end, working on the Devonshire Badge, the western most of the 10. The central feature had morphed into a squarish block. It was intended to represent a castle, whose central Tower was by false perspective higher than the two at the edge, to indicate corner rampart and two walls between the three towers. Tentatively we cleared turf and debris in what, by a scaled Drone photograph, we believed was the original, intended, and true representation of the actual cap badge.

There was no precise photographic evidence available to say that the old images we had were not an original design approximation of the 'castle'. It was with some trepidation but much delight we discovered two steel setting out pins, driven deep into the chalk where we had heuristically marked the central tower with our spray paint. (Banksy, eat your heart out!). The three distinct Towers were part of the cap badge, and had been part of the design set out and then executed by the Devonshires many years ago, and now are so again.



In the first week of August 5 Rifles spent a very full day bringing the Badge profiles closer to the original Badges as created. B Coy (Company) of 5 Rifles got straight to work. 8 of our 10 Badges were dealt with. After a profound thank you from the Fovant Badges Society, the company left for barracks and we are very grateful for their help in the midst of their hectic schedule.



We have been busy improving our reach via social media, starting with Twitter and have looked at a couple of the badges in more detail. We will be adding this to the website soon (and you can see the Tweets via a link on our website), but in the meantime, have a look at our Twitter pages @fovantbadges – you do not need to have a Twitter account to view, but follow us if you can to stay completely up to date with news.

Fovant Badges Society would very much like to encourage involvement and ownership of these renowned Badges. We want to take a more ‘hands on’ approach in the future by establishing a group of volunteers in the area who would be prepared help us maintain the Badges. I can’t think of better words than those of Mr George Butters, Head of Historic Properties, English Heritage, when, speaking of the new footbridge at Tintagel Castle on the 7th of August 2019 he said “What we are trying to do is get people to care about heritage. We want people to really engage with their heritage, because if you don’t care and you don’t engage, who is going to look after this in a 100 years time?”

We are looking to encourage local involvement with these magnificent landscape memorials with working picnics, beginning this Autumn. So please keep an eye out in these pages. You can also visit our web site for further information:

>> www.fovantbadges.com <<

and send your details to >> FovantBadgesHelp@gmail.com <<

Leslie Brantingham .

Conservation Officer F.B.S.

The Trussell Trust

August's total was 31 kg, and September 15.9kg.

Tinned meat and tinned vegetables (but no baked beans as they are inundated with these) are always needed as are **personal hygiene products**. **Chocolate and chocolate biscuits** are good treats for families who have little. **Granulated Sugar, tinned puddings, packet puddings and tinned fruit** are also always welcome.

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

The Trussell Trust are still trying to convince the government to reduce the 5 weeks wait when people are put onto Universal Credit as they have seen such an increase in people having to use the foodbanks while waiting for benefit, if you want to know more have a look on the website www.trusselltrust.org.

As usual donations can be left in the box in the church porch where they are removed regularly 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

01722 780306



More Musings from Zinnie...

My word the blackberries have been prolific this year. Every time Zinnie and I go for a walk, we notice more and bigger ones. Zinnie enjoys them fresh from the bramble as I do. So far, we've picked about 2 kg (4 Lbs) which will make some lovely jelly, or crumble!

Our poor church is again full of scaffolding as the floor of the ringing chamber in the tower is replaced. Many of the joists and floorboards have rotted over the years. But after perhaps 800 years, it is hardly surprising. Services continue as usual, despite the poles, and we are in good company, as the Cathedral is suffering just the same, while the organ is being reinstalled.

Finally, at risk of being a bore, can I ask dog-walkers to pick up the mess after their dogs, and take it home? Please help to keep the village pleasant. However, thanks are due to the horse rider whose animal left a large deposit on the path from the Croft to the village hall car park. It almost blocked the way, but the next day, most had been removed and the remains neatly covered with earth. Thank you, but I believe that this path is a footpath, not a bridleway!

Enjoy the autumn, and it is good to be back again.

James T

Join us for a fascinating evening and to raise funds for Broad Chalke Village Hall



A Long Way Home

An illustrated talk by Charlie Walker

In 2010 Charlie set off from the Chalke Valley by bicycle and returned 4.5 years later with 43,000 miles behind him.

His journey included walking 1000 miles across the Gobi desert, horse-trekking 600 miles through the Mongolian steppe and descending a little known tributary of the Congo river by dugout canoe.

His talk recounts some of the highlights and challenges of his adventure that saw him arrested, suspected of espionage, chased by elephants, lost in blizzards, beaten by a village mob, and struck down by malaria.

Please note: this is an entirely different presentation to Charlie's Congo talk at the CVHF



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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.

BISHOPSTONE

E. Gallop

Bishopstone has not changed so very much from the time when the internal combustion engine was taking its first gasping breath until the present day; the population is almost the same, many of the houses are outwardly unchanged, and during the early years of motor car development, the school and hall were built and the watercress beds were just starting. It was a farming community as it is now, but much more self-sufficient, with the thatcher, wheelwright, blacksmith, baker, bootmaker, tailor and brewer all living in the village.

The parish stretches right across this valley and up to the hill ridges to the north and south. The Celts used these hill paths and made their settlements on the uplands. Then the Romans marched over the downs and through the uninhabited marshy valley on their way from Dorchester to Old Sarum; later the Saxon warriors made another path further west. But the valley itself was not used until the Saxons began to harness rivers and cultivate the land, dividing each region into manors. Flamstone, Crouchston, Faulston, Netton and Throope—these are the colourful names of our manors, which, although they have developed individually are still clearly defined areas of Bishopstone. The village has been deeply influenced by its position on the river Ebble; the two mills may well have been there in Saxon times, the water-meadows were created during King John's reign to regulate the flooding of the river with a system of stone hatches. Springs appear in many of the fields to make a very fertile farming region, and these filter springs from the chalk hills are vital to the growing of watercress.

Originally called Ebbesbourne Episcopi, the name was changed to Bishops-ton or farm. The manors belonged to the Bishop of Winchester until after the civil war when it became part of the Wilton Estate. The Duke of Newcastle now owns much of Bishopstone and has taken great care only to allow development which will enhance the character and appearance of the village.

Visitors must wonder why the village is so thinly sprinkled along the river; it is two winding miles from Church to Post Office by the old roads, crossing seven bridges on the way. Until the 17th Century the village was grouped around the Church and rectory (now Bishopstone House) at the eastern end of the parish, and on the road back to Salisbury you may notice an uneven field which was the site of the old cottages. When the black death swept through the country—possibly brought to Salisbury by the King and his court as they fled from London—the local families burnt their infected houses, and rebuilt them in the Flamstone manor two miles to the west. A lane known as the Pitts is supposed to be the burial place of the plague victims.

Bishopstone may not catch your interest at first glance, but hidden away are some remarkable features. Faulston House is dwarfed

by the giant dovecot standing in the garden, a round tower 40 feet high built of stone and flint. It was once part of heavy fortifications which the 14th Century owner felt were necessary to protect his property; moat, drawbridge, castellations, a high wall and four towers. Later the Parliamentary troops established headquarters there, having seized the house from the Royalist land-owner. Gradually the fortifications have disappeared and the one remaining tower was converted into a dovecot; it was popular among the Lords of the Manor to enjoy pigeon fattened on other people's crops.

In contrast to the huge dovecot we have a miniature cloister—the unsolved mystery of Bishopstone—which stands only six feet high, against the south wall of the Church, no-one has been able to explain its presence. The 13th Century Church has been extended, decorated and furnished by a succession of enlightened rectors; the vaulting, window tracery and stone carvings are outstanding, and the lovely little stone porch over the priest's door and the carved Spanish pulpit are well worth a visit.

Another curiosity is an extravagant plaster ceiling in the low upper room of a local cottage; roses, thistles, mythological and pre-historic beasts decorate it. Still known as King John's hunting lodge, this little house was in the thickly wooded hunting grounds favoured by Royalty, and the ceiling is said to commemorate a visit by King Charles II.

At one time a local man grew and malted his own barley, brewed his own beer and sold it through a hole in the malt-house wall; this malt-house is now part of a range of farm buildings. There was also a boot factory, the machines in the upstairs rooms of a 15th Century house, making boots of all kinds until after the first World War.

We are fortunate here in having a well mixed community—agricultural, artistic, professional—and two industries within the parish, closely associated with the country. The watercress beds have been in the Barter family for three generations; the business is thriving and modern transport takes the crop all over the country, but the tools and methods of watercress growing have hardly changed since the industry started in 1890. Only pure water from underground springs enters the beds, which are seeded in rotation to provide a continuous supply of watercress; recently seed has been harvested and sold as a profitable sideline. Croucheston Mill, once a thatched water-mill, was burnt down in 1944 and has been rebuilt and enlarged to house grain silos and modern machinery. Owned and run by Mr. Pratt, the mill specialises in the production of high quality dairy nuts and competes successfully with the commercial giants; it offers an indispensable service to the local farmers, buying and processing their grain, and supplying all kinds of agricultural merchandise.

We hope your visit today will give you an appetite to come again, to explore, and to discover more about Bishopstone and the Chalke Valley.

This month's Time Capsule piece comes from the Bishopstone Fete programme from July 1970; an interesting article about the history of the village.

Puzzle Pages

Well done to all those who completed the STaB Summer Quiz! Lots of fun was had. Here are the answers:

1. Which two animals guard a gate leading into one of the houses on Pitts Lane?
Cats
2. What colours are on the village pub logo? **Green and black**
3. What sits under the cherry tree at the entrance to The Styles? **A bench**
4. How many doors lead into the church? **4 (although one is not in use)**
5. What is on the weather-vane on top of the buildings opposite Faulston House? **A horse and foal**
6. How many carriages does the train in the playground have? **2**
7. How many thatched houses are there on Flamstone Street? **2**
8. What time does the morning post go from the red box outside The Old Post Office in Crouchston? **9am**
9. What year does the plaque on the village hall say it was built? **1885**
10. What purple flowers grow outside the house on The Alley called Bankside?
Lavender

Here are some of the Bishopstone facts that the children collected:

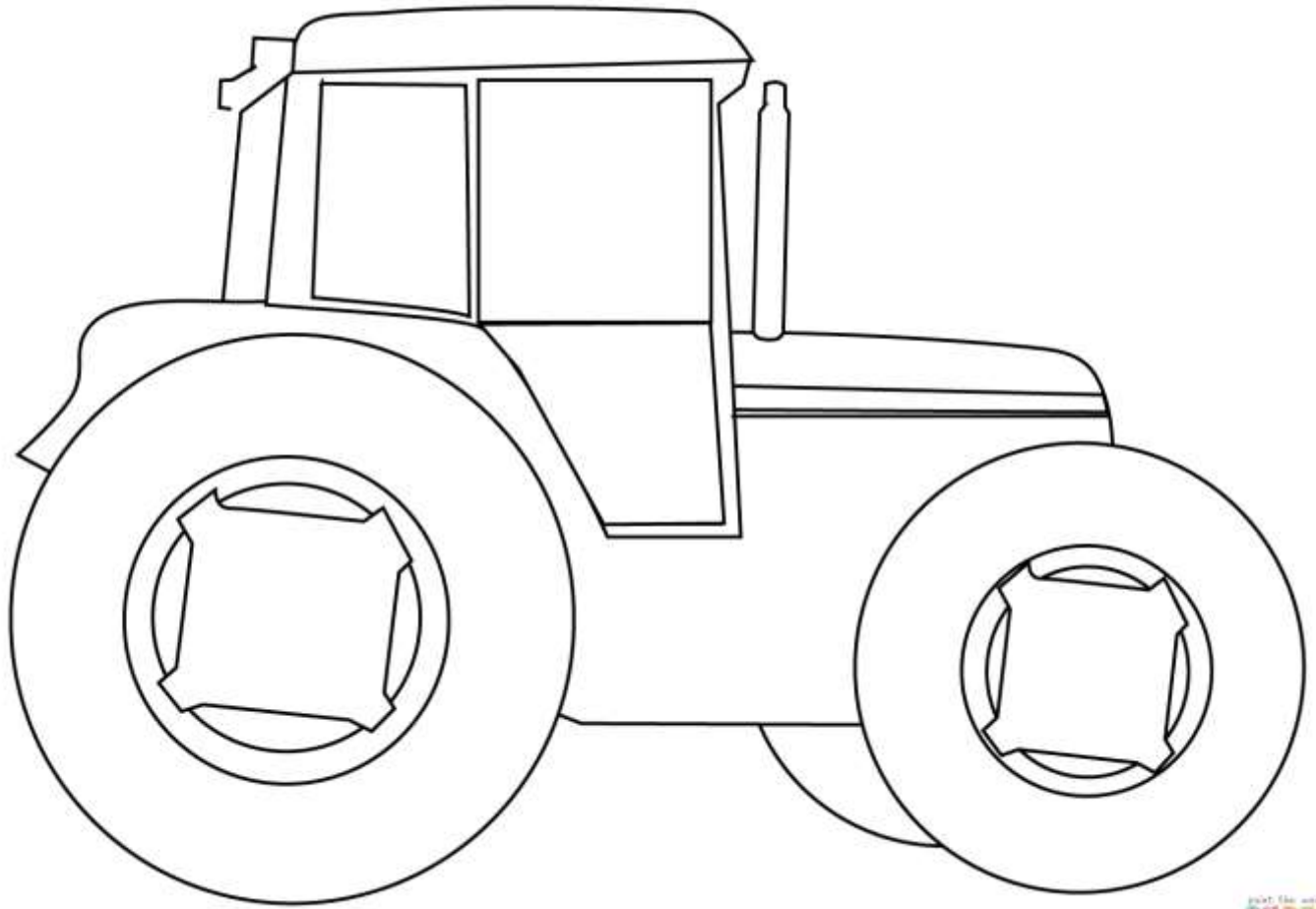
The Church has 3 bells.

There are bullet holes from the Civil War in one of the church doors.

Bishopstone is made up of 6 hamlets, Crouchston, Faulston, Netton, Flamstone, Throope and Bishopstone.

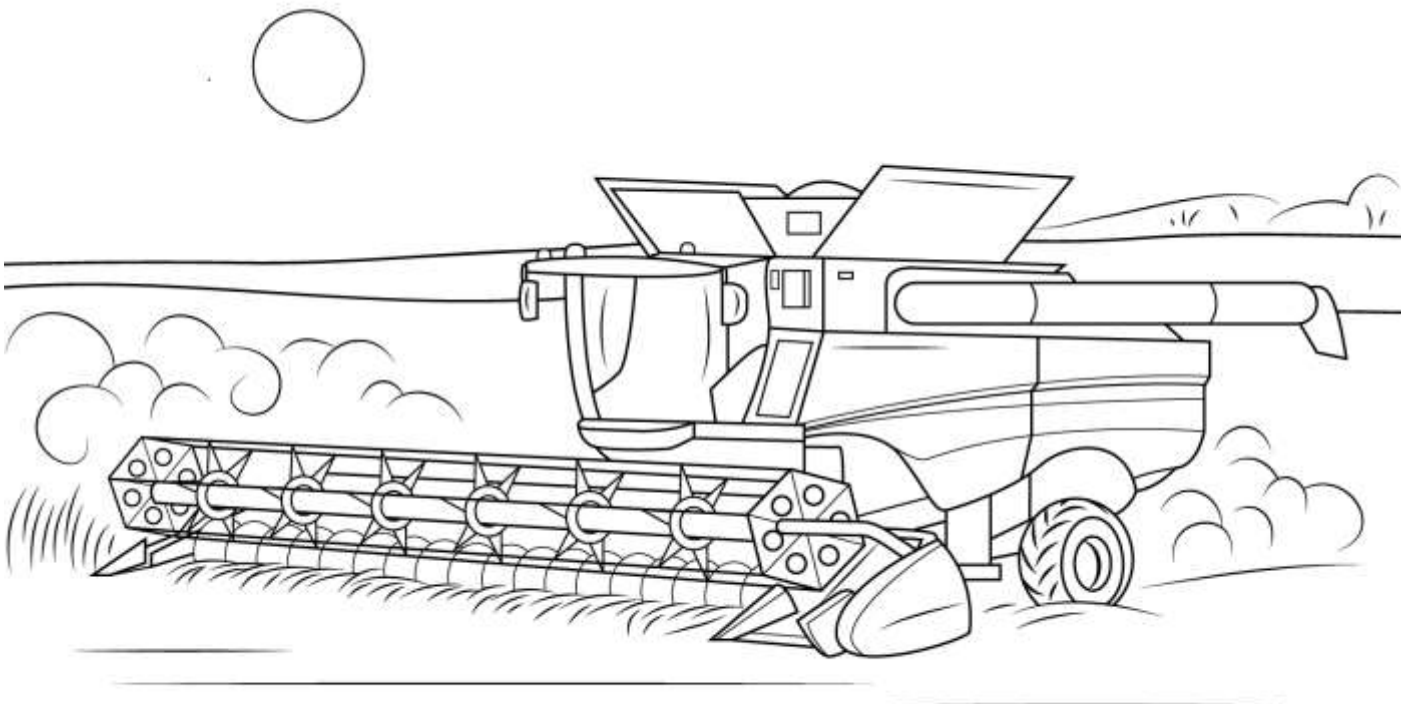


Now that Autumn is upon us why not try this fun craft activity with some fallen leaves? All you need is some brown paper or card cut into a hedgehog shape, a black marker to draw the face, some Autumn leaves and some glue to stick them on. Send us a photo of your leafy creations!



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Village Memories - The Ford Family

The Ford Family: Douglas, Bet, Dennis & Lorraine; recounted by Dennis



Dennis with a 20lb cod in Norway

MEMORIES OF BISHOPSTONE

At the age of 14 my father Douglas started working on Jack Tozer's Farm in Homington. Then he worked at Tenantry Farm, Rockbourne. He met Bett, who lived in Wilton and they were married there in the Italianate Church in 1952. It was in 1957 that the Fords moved to Bishopstone when I was 4 years old. We first lived at the top of Pitts Lane when my father worked for John Wort at Crouchston Farm. Then we moved to No. 7 Manor Farm Cottages and my father worked for Reg Thorne at Manor Farm. Lorraine was born in 1958. My parents have now clocked up 67 years of marriage.

SCHOOL DAYS

Memories of school days at Bishopstone School are vivid and there I met my lifelong friend – Richard Penton. To get to school I had to walk along High Road which was busy only with push bikes in those days! There were so many other friends and we played endless games of Cowboys and Indians, fishing for trout in the river Ebble, and in the fields behind the Manor House we built a fort. Reg and Ruby's AGA provided a source of ash – which we put into paper bags and threw them at each other as we attacked or defended the fort. We always arrived home looking filthy! At the age of 11 I managed to fall out of a tree and break my wrist. At about the same age in the summer holidays I started to work on Manor Farm and did thistle cutting and bale cart.

WORKING LIFE

In 1968 I started my working life on Flamstone Farm for Don Thorne – driving tractors and combine harvesters, and it was a great life! By the Nineties life had moved on and I started working part-time for Graham Dimmer Motors doing Recovery Driving. By 1998 I left farming altogether and worked for Graham full-time. I was also a part-time gamekeeper for Graham at that time. Then my last move was to R D Avery Ltd in 2002, where I still work, but now part-time.

HOW DID YOU MEET YOUR WIFE?

I met Jilly at a Disco at the Alexandra Rooms in Salisbury. Our first date was at the Fair and I remember Jilly would always trip over the electric cable on the ground! We got married in 1977 and moved into a tied cottage at the top of Flamstone Street. We bought our present house, 1914 Cottages, in 1981. It was a bit of a wreck and I did a lot of work on extending the property, having been to night school to learn brickworking etc. We have 2 children – Caroline, who lives in Shoreham with her husband Adam and 2 precious grandsons, and Geoffrey who now lives in Queensland, Australia, with his wife Abi and they are now expecting a baby in November. My sister Lorraine lived at No. 5 Manor Farm Cottages with her husband, Richard, and they were married in the same year that we were. They have 2 boys – Matthew who lives in this area, and Ben who now lives in Canada. Richard sadly died in May 2008 and Lorraine now lives in Wilton.

WHAT ARE YOUR HOBBIES OR PASTIMES?

Fishing! In the 1970/1980s I went out on charter boats from Weymouth to go wreck fishing at least once a month. I also fished a lot at Steeple Langford Lakes and there made another lifelong friend – Dave Mitchell who sadly died in 2014. I now have my own fishing boat which travels down to Falmouth on holidays, and I also go to Norway to fish.

YOUR FAVOURITE BOOK?

Anglers Mail!

YOUR FAVOURITE MUSIC?

Abba, Queen, Status Quo, Elkie Brooks, The Shadows

ANY REGRETS IN YOUR LIFE?

I've been happy with the way things are

ANYTHING YOU HAVE ON YOUR BUCKET LIST?

To catch a 400lb Halibut in Norway!

IMPORTANT THINGS YOU'VE LEARNED IN LIFE

It's not all about what you do, but who you do it with. Friendship is very important.

Recipes of the Month

*Thanks to those who responded to our request for some Autumnal recipes.
We are delighted to include them here.*

PUMPKIN OR SQUASH SOUP

Serves four people

Pumpkin makes a very creamy, velvety-textured soup with a subtle flavour. Don't worry if the pumpkin flesh looks fibrous and old, it will be transformed in the cooking.

1 ½ lbs. (700 g) pumpkin

1 oz. (25 g) butter

1 medium onion (finely chopped)

1 level teaspoon Madras curry powder.

1 oz. (25 g) flour

1 pint (570 ml.) chicken stock

1 rounded dessertspoon tomato puree

½ pint (275 ml) milk

Salt and freshly milled black pepper

1 sprig parsley (chopped)

Peel the pumpkin, discard the seeds and surrounding fibres and dice the flesh into small cubes. Then melt the butter in a large (5 pint or 3 litre) saucepan, add the chopped onion and cook this over a low heat until the onion is soft, about 10 minutes.

Now raise the heat to medium, stir in the curry powder and cook for another minute. After that stir in the flour and cook for a further minute. Then stir in the stock a little at a time, followed by the tomato puree and the diced pumpkin.

Bring everything to the boil, stirring continuously, then lower the heat and simmer very gently, stirring occasionally, until the pumpkin is soft (this can be anything from 15 to 40 minutes).

Finally, sieve or liquidise the mixture and return to the saucepan, add the milk and reheat gently, seasoning with salt and freshly-milled black pepper. If the soup is too thick you can add a little more milk.

Garnish with chopped parsley.

From Shirley Cooke

October is crisp days and cool nights, a time to curl up around the dancing flames and sink into a good book.

John Sinor

AU PAIR'S CAKE

A very appley dessert with the fruit encased in an eggy batter. Absolutely delicious!

500g dessert or Granny Smith apples, peeled and chopped
(*editor's note: Bramleys also work well!*)

75g self-raising flour

1tsp baking powder

110g caster sugar

6 tbsp milk

4 tbsp sunflower oil

2 eggs

Place apple pieces into a well-greased, loose-bottomed 20cm tin (the base of the tin must be a good fit otherwise the batter will run out - a springform tin is best).

Mix all remaining ingredients to a smooth batter and pour over the apples.

Cook at 170 degrees C for 45 minutes.

Stage 2!

Mix together 75g unsalted butter (softened), 80g caster sugar and 1 tsp vanilla essence. Pour or dot this mixture over the cake, then cook for a further 30 minutes, Dust with icing sugar and serve warm or cold with crème fraiche.

From Barbara Turvey

THE VERY BEST SHORTBREAD

225g plain flour

100g semolina

225g butter

100g caster sugar

50g flaked almonds (optional)

25g demerara sugar (for dusting)

Mix together flour and semolina. Add the butter and sugar and rub together until the mixture is just beginning to come together, then knead lightly until it's a smooth dough.

Press the dough into a lightly greased tin (23/30cm, or 9x12in) and level with a spatula. Prick all over with a fork then sprinkle with almonds (if using) and chill until firm.

Bake in a preheated oven at 160 degrees C for about 35 minutes or until a very pale golden brown. Sprinkle with demerara sugar and leave to cool in the tray for a few minutes, then cut into 30 fingers. Lift the fingers carefully out using a palette knife and finish cooling on a wire rack.

From Alf Williams

Nature Notes - Mainly Birds

For the first time in 12 years or so, I understand that swans have successfully raised young on the lake. Unfortunately we have only seen one cygnet.

The lake has been a haven for herons, the delightful tufted ducks and little grebes. Earlier this year snipe, gadwall, greylag goose and even a marsh harrier have been seen.

As a recorder for the British Trust for Ornithology; some 5 years or so ago, an abrupt decrease of 50-70% was noted in bird numbers in our garden. At the same time the decrease in species was even more dramatic with linnet, siskin, redpoll, tree sparrows and reed bunting not seen at all in the past 3 years. We also no longer see hedgehogs or deer and Tawny owls are now almost never heard any more. This may in turn have allowed a surge in numbers of house sparrows over the past 2 years, which were not seen at all before.

A contributory factor in this decline may be changes in land use in the local area. The loss of long established hedgerows and wild flowers has been identified as a major cause of reduction in wildlife.

House martin numbers are on the decrease in the UK and in our locality house sparrows are helping assist their decline. They are very aggressive towards house martins and at least 4 of their nests on our house have been taken over. However, by restricting access by strings and removing guttering , we have enabled at least 4 pairs of martins to successfully raise young.

Chalkey D

*Sparrows nest inside
House Martin's*



Green Corner - Eco Issues

There are many places locally that one can leave and pick up second hand books. We have already featured an article about the Book Bunker in Wilton (which is also a recycling collection point) but due to space issues this is currently running a one-out-one-in policy on books. Sadly many local charity shops are also unable to accept books due to an excess of stock.

Closer to home is of course our very own Bishopstone Village Hall! Have a browse next time you are there, and of course do bring along any unwanted books of your own to add to the shelves. The very reasonable pricing (50p per book and 3 for £1) provides some welcome extra income for the Hall; and the more it's used, the more people will want to use it as new books will be coming in regularly.



Just down the valley in Coombe Bissett there is also ample opportunity to donate and buy books. Every Wednesday morning from 10:30-12 there is 'Coffee and Books' in Coombe Bissett Church.

If you have - or need - any children's books, do also check out the repurposed red telephone box on the footpath behind the wall, just to the left of Coombe Bissett Stores. This is children's books only, but a real treasure-trove for children to rummage through, and donate their own old books for someone else to enjoy.



Sarah's Gardening Tips

Seasonal hints and tips to keep your garden looking its best

1. In Autumn lift and divide perennials to make more plants, they will grow healthier next spring as a result. E.g. Geranium, Astringia, Day Lily.
2. Plant spring cabbages, greens and other brassicas now for a crop next spring. You'll be able to pick tender greens in March
3. Harvest and dry chillies for storage alternatively you can freeze them whole or chopped and use as required.
4. Make chutney with all those gluts of home grown veg like courgette, runner beans, tomatoes then you can enjoy them all year with no wastage.
5. Feed lawns with autumn specific fertiliser.
6. Mulch the soil to improve structure. Bark will act as weed suppresser whereas compost will improve structure.

Land then is not merely soil; it is a fountain of energy flowing through a circuit of soils, plants and animals

Aldo Leopold



Question: What is another name for the amaryllis, the trumpet-shaped indoor flower?

(Answer on page 34)

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Answer to the question in Sarah's Gardening Tips: Belladonna Lily

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Monday	19:00	Better Backs	Bishopstone Village Hall
Tuesday	09:15	Pilates	Coombe Bissett Village Hall
Tuesday	14:00	Pilates	Radnor Hall
Tuesday	18:00	Fitness Pilates	Britford Memorial Hall
Tuesday	19:00	Pilates	Britford Memorial Hall
Wednesday	09:30	Better Backs	Bishopstone Village Hall
Wednesday	18:00	Pilates	Bishopstone Village Hall
Wednesday	19:00	HIIT	Bishopstone Village Hall
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Sarah Guillory

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The trees are in their autumn beauty,
The woodland paths are dry,
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William Butler Yeats

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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

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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 Editor

I was pleased to see (August/September STaB) the praise from James Thompson for the repairs that have been undertaken to the street name board in Netton Street. He wondered who had done such a “proper job”. He goes on to criticise Wiltshire Council for destroying such signs. He may, therefore, be surprised to learn that the repairs to the sign in Netton Street, and to a similar sign in Flamstone Street, were undertaken by.....Wiltshire Council! My thanks to them.

Regards, Mike Ash



On behalf of all the parents of young - and not so young - children in the village, we bid a fond farewell to the much-loved Play Train. I'm sure I'm not the only mum, dad, or other carer, who has spent many happy hours sitting on this train happily pretending to be transported to the beach, or wherever our child's imagination takes us. The train has sadly reached the end of the rails, but we are all very excited to see the new Play Trail appearing in its place. Thanks to all the Parish Council and village volunteers who have worked to make this happen and provide this new facility for our children.

And on the subject of thanks, I'm sure all the runners and walkers in the village are very grateful to whoever has cleared the footpath up Bishopstone Hollow to Knighton Hill. It's now a lovely path to walk or jog up, and I know all users of the countryside really appreciate the landowners who maintain these rights of way. KP

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6 October 16th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am	Harvest Festival Comm	Britford	Jenny Taylor
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	11.00am	Harvest Festival Comm	Ebbesbourne Wake	Catherine Blundell
	11.00am	Mattins (BCP)	Berwick St John	Lay Led
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Coombe Bissett	Anna-Claar T-Rosingh
	11.00am	Harvest Festival	Nunton	Adrian Taylor
	11.00am	Harvest Festival	Bishopstone	Jenny Taylor
	6.00pm	Harvest Festival	Homington	Jenny Taylor
13 October 17th Sunday after Trinity	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Broad Chalke	Catherine Blundell
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Odstock	Anna-Claar T-Rosingh
	10.30am	URC Morning Worship	Broad Chalke Chapel	Tom Grant
	11.00am	Harvest Festival Comm	Knowle Farm Barn	C Blundell/R Leake
	11.00am	Harvest Festival	Alvediston	Biddy Trahair
	11.00am	Choral Mattins (BCP)	Charlton All Saints	Anna-Claar T-Rosingh
	11.00am	Harvest Festival	Coombe Bissett	Jenny Taylor
	3.00pm	Harvest Festival	Fifield Bavant	Biddy Trahair
20 October 18th Sunday after Trinity	6.00pm	Harvest Festival	Berwick St John	Roger Leake
	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Bowerchalke	K Rosslyn Smith/R Leake
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bishopstone	Jenny Taylor
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	10.30am	URC Communion Service	Broad Chalke Chapel	Jackie Lowe
	11.00am	R3vive	Broad Chalke V Hall	Anna-Claar T-Rosingh
	11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Berwick St John	Ann Philp/Roger Leake
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27 October Bible Sunday BRITISH SUMMER TIME ENDS	11.00am	Mattins (BCP)	Ebbesbourne Wake	Biddy Trahair
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3 November ALL SAINTS	6.00pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)	Bowerchalke	Roger Leake
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Britford	Ann Philp
	9.30am	Patronal Festival (CW)	Broad Chalke	Catherine Blundell
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	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Coombe Bissett	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	Family Service	Nunton	Adrian Taylor
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