



Parish Magazine

April 2025

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH

TIME IS SHORT - CAN YOU HELP?



This is the North Transept that we are trying to save

See inside pages for more details

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The editors reserve the right to edit all contributions.

VILLAGE HALL SPRING FAYRE - SATURDAY 17th MAY at 10 a.m. PLANT STALL

Springtime is coming, although it may not feel like it at the moment! Our Spring Fayre takes place on Saturday 17th May and will include a plant stall. This stall provides a wide variety of plants.

Please could you let us have any spare plants or seedlings of vegetables, herbs or any flowers. This provides a dual purpose of great value plants and generates an interest in gardening.

This year, could you give any donations of plants to me or bring them to the Village Hall on Friday 16th between 2 and 4 in the afternoon,

Thank you, Norman Barter.



A warm welcome to Bishopstone and Stratford Tony...

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



Hello from the Revd Canon Jenny Taylor



We have arrived at the Spring month of April and we still have 3 weeks to go before Easter Day!! So Lent continues and you are not too late to take part in our remaining events so have another look at our Lent leaflet and see what you can attend.

Huge thanks to everyone who have given so generously to our Lent Project "Save our School" this year – that is the Primary School in Cueibet, South Sudan – and especially to Tony and Jenny Monds who hosted our Coffee Morning last month! If you missed it, it is not too late to give!! All the details are in the Lent Leaflet.

So, as we approach the most holy season of our Church year, I do hope you can each find some time for reflection and thanksgiving as well as enjoying the company of friends and family. We are of course so fortunate that we live in freedom and safety and that we are able together to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ and to enjoy the company of our loved ones. May I wish you all, when it comes, a very Happy and Blessed Easter and of course hope to see you in Bishopstone Church at 9.30 on Easter Day!



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).

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Easter at St John the Baptist, Bishopstone 2025



Maundy Thursday
Thursday 17th April, 5.00pm
**Commemoration of the Last
Supper, Communion**



Good Friday
Friday 18th April 12 noon
A Good Friday Devotion
Led by Sally Leaver



Easter Day
Sunday 20th April, 9.30am
Parish Communion

The Reverend Augustus Montgomery Coal Charity

Some of you may have heard of the above and some of you may not. It is a fund, administered by the Parochial Church Council, to help those who might struggling with heating, food or electrical bills. You have to live in our Parish to qualify.

Just contact:

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All conversations and requests are treated with complete confidentiality.



DAVID HALLS
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC, SALISBURY CATHEDRAL
will be giving an
ORGAN RECITAL
at
St JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH, BISHOPSTONE
SATURDAY 10TH MAY 2025 6.30pm
to celebrate the renovation of the Conacher Organ



The recital will last approximately 1 hour
Celebratory glass of wine
Free entry with a Retiring Collection
In aid of The Friends of Bishopstone Church

Please let us know if you are coming:
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St John the Baptist Church, Bishopstone

Our Grade I listed medieval building has been a place of worship since the 13th century. We now face a serious problem and need your help.

The Scope of Works has been received from the Architect, which has clarified the problems we face:

- Some or possibly all roof trusses are failing
- The ceiling has dropped
- The roof is distorted
- Increased load on the North Gable wall

The current cost of repairs is estimated at £175,000.

We hope to start the work later this year to help minimise further damage.



Roof truss cracking



Cracking in gable wall

The PCC is currently applying for grants to help, and the Friends of Bishopstone Church are working hard to arrange various fund-raising events. We need to demonstrate to the grant giving bodies that the local people are in favour of the work proposed.

Do you want to continue to worship in our church?

Would you like your son or daughter to be married in Bishopstone church?

Would you like your child to be baptised here?

Do you want the church to be available for funerals for someone in your family?

Do you want to preserve the unique architectural and historical heritage, which is of national importance?

If the answer is yes, could you help us towards the money needed by giving a donation?

You can donate by:

- Cash in an envelope clearly marked Friends of Bishopstone Church Roof Appeal to Anne Stutchbury, Sarah Seal or any member of the PCC or the Friends of Bishopstone Church.
- Cheque made payable to Friends of Bishopstone Church Roof Appeal Account 88097160
- BACS to Friends of Bishopstone Church Roof Appeal. Account 88097160 Sort code 30-97-41

If you can, please help us to save this special place of worship for future generations.



Cracking in the gable wall around the North Window

Sarah Seal PCC 01722 780305

Anne Stutchbury Friends of Bishopstone Church 01722 780339

Bishopstone Parish Council

The latest meeting of the Parish Council took place on Thursday 13th March 2025. Councillors Thorne, Edwards, Barter, Smith, Tatner and Rigg were present, together with the Parish Clerk (Mike Ash). Wiltshire Councillor Nabil Najjar and ten members of the public also attended. The full minutes of the meeting are available on the village website (www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk).

The main subjects of discussion were the Parish Youth Project and Maintenance of the Recreation Field. The Youth Project is a joint programme involving Wiltshire Council's South West Board and Fovant, Broad Chalke and Bishopstone Parish Councils. The aims of the project are to establish what types of out of school activities are of interest to young people living in the villages; provide a pilot programme of activities for 2025/26 and encourage the development of a group of volunteers within the village to organise and deliver activities in the future.

Bishopstone's involvement in this project was agreed at the meeting in January. The Parish Council's contribution of £500 towards the cost, together with match funding from Wiltshire Council's South West Board (SWWAB), means there will be a budget of £1,000 for events/activities in the village. It was emphasized that the main responsibility for planning and organising any activities would have to rest with parents and carers. A number of them had already indicated a willingness to be involved. Anybody else who would like to help should contact Cllr Nicky Rigg (nickyheal@yahoo.co.uk). A meeting will be arranged in due course to set up an organising group to discuss how to take this project forward.

The SWWAB programme, of which this project forms a part, is mainly intended for 13 – 18 year olds. It was agreed that in Bishopstone we should look to include all children of secondary school age. If it is clear that there is a significant demand for organised activities in the village for even younger age groups the Parish Council could consider setting up something separate for them.

Mike Ash said that he had discussed with the SWWAB and the other villages a proposal that each village should have a major launch event to give publicity to the programme. All young people in the village will be invited to attend. This will be run by experienced youth workers and be used to engage those attending to find out what other activities might interest them. An initial flyer about the planned event in Bishopstone is included in this STaB. More details will be in the May edition. Broad Chalke and Fovant Parish Councils will both be running similar events which will be open to young people from Bishopstone.

Separately, it is still the intention of Hotspire FC to use our Recreation Field for youth soccer training one night a week and they are keen to attract young people from the village to join in. Further announcements about this will be on the WhatsApp Network and village website.

The Council recognized that if the field is to see greater use it would be necessary to ensure that it is regularly mown. This task is something that has been carried out, on a voluntary basis and for many years, by the Thorne family. However, it is proving increasingly difficult to fit this in with farm activities. The Council thanked Ali Thorne for all that his family had done and approved letting a contract to idverde UK Limited, a landscape maintenance company, to mow and maintain both the main Recreation Field and the Children's Play Area. It is hope to start this contract on 1st April.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Thursday 15th May 2025 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.



Seeds4Success is a youth work charity based in Mere, which provides opportunities for personal and social development for young people living in South West Wiltshire. We enable

young people to access programmes that develop practical skills, enhance education, improve employability, provide recreational activities, conserve the natural environment and strengthen the local community.

We offer a wide range of positive leisure time opportunities for young people throughout the week as well as targeted, 1 to 1 support to individuals who are at risk of becoming or who already are Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET). Through engagement in our projects young people develop social and practical skills, form positive friendships and relationships with trusted adults and their peers, gain confidence, self-esteem and achieve qualifications and awards.

As a rural charity we understand the challenges of transport, so we provide a minibus or support with travel to the majority of our projects, when requested in advance.

Our Mission states "Through inclusive engagement of young people in social action and a range of positive activities, our aim is to develop confident, healthy, skilful, valued and empowered members of our local community, providing targeted support to those facing additional barriers"

"Young people are the heart of Seeds4Success. They are who the charity exists to support, and they are the people who ensure the charity continues to exist."

- Jaki Farrell, Charity Director

YOUTH POP UP



SATURDAY 14 JUNE 2025

3.00pm

Bishopstone Recreation Ground



Try out free zorb activities with
your friends



Ages 12 - 18 years



Free refreshments available



See May's edition of STaB and the village website:
www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk

In partnership with
Bishopstone Parish Council

Wiltshire Council

This is a free event for all those of secondary school age.



General Practice Merger

More than fifty people attended the Village Hall on 13th March to hear about the merger of the Sixpenny Handley and Chalke Valley Practice with Sarum Health Group from Salisbury. Dr Chet Sheth, Dr Gill Hawdon, and Advanced Nurse Practitioner Julia Hackforth gave a detailed presentation.



The new combined practice comes into being at the start of April. It will have surgeries at Sixpenny Handley, Broad Chalke, Millstream (by Central Car Park in Salisbury) and at Larkhill. The much larger team comprising not only doctors but a number of other allied health professionals, alongside a triage system that will direct patients to the best person able to help them, should help reduce waiting times and improve care. There will be a new system for booking appointments on-line through the practice website (SystmConnect), but it will continue to be possible to book or make inquiries by telephone, using existing numbers.

There was much re-assurance with regard to the future of Broad Chalke surgery. It is hoped to re-establish five day a week opening and, in due course, extend the building so that more and improved services can be provided. They said that the focus over the first six months will be on “integrating our teams and systems, enhancing patient access through SystmConnect, expanding specialist services and ensuring a smooth transition while maintaining high-quality care for all our patients”. The aim will be to continue providing services as normal during the transition, though there is likely to be some disruption during the first week of April. Major tasks, such as merging the two sets of patient records into one, will be taking place then. By the time you read this more information should be available on the practice website.

Village Hall



April 2025

The BISHOPSTONE COMMUNITY CAFÉ

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

Dates for the coming period are the **10th** and **24th** of **April** and the **8th** and **22nd** of **May**. **10.30am** until **12.00noon**.

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

MOVIOLA at Bishopstone

Friday 25th April 2025

The film for **April** will be **“Paddington in Peru”**. *When Paddington discovers his beloved aunt has gone missing from the Home for Retired Bears, he and the Brown family head to the jungles of Peru to find her. Starring Hugh Bonneville, Emily Mortimer, Ben Whishaw, Carla Tous, Olivia Colman and Julie Walters.*

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

Entry for the film is **£7.00**. A cash bar with ices and snacks will be available.

If possible, please book in advance with Caroline Ash on (01722) 781044, Nigel Peasley on 07761 463737 or Sue Taylor on 01722 780316.

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

The next film will be on **May 30th** and the title will be **‘A Complete Unknown’**.

BISHOPSTONE COMMUNITY LUNCHES

The last lunch of the season will be on **Wednesday 9th April** when the speaker will be from Wilton Men’s shed.

Times as usual: **12.00 noon** for **12.30 pm**. Advance booking is essential.

Please telephone Caroline Ash on (01722) 781044 and advise her of any dietary requirements. The cost is **£8.50** and includes a drink.

Monthly community lunches will resume in October.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Village Hall Annual General Meeting will be held on **Monday 12th May** at **7.00** for **7.30pm**. All welcome.

ANNUAL SPRING FAYRE

The ever-popular Spring Fayre will be held on **Saturday 17th May** from **10.00am** with all the usual attractions. The plant stall will be a key feature and Norman will very much appreciate donations of spare plants, seedlings of vegetables or flowers. The hall will be open the day before to receive them. More details nearer the event.

BOOKINGS FOR SOCIAL EVENTS AND WORKSHOPS

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

BISHOPSTONE PLAYGROUP

The playgroup meets on Friday mornings during term time from 9.30 – 11.00 am. Breastfeeding support is available from qualified breastfeeding counsellor Cally Edwards and trained peer supporters. Find further information on our Facebook page *Bishopstone Playgroup* or contact Cally callyedwards@me.com or 07968 797 168.

“EXTEND” EXERCISE CLASSES

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

PILATES AT BISHOPSTONE

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

YOGA WITH HANNAH

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

VILLAGE CRAFT GROUP

The Village Craft Group meets on the first Tuesday of the month from 7 – 9pm. Any crafters are welcome. For further details please contact Sue Porter on 01722 780459 or Jacqueline James on 01722 335866.

ART GROUP

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

Contact Russell at russellbignold@btinternet.com. Website www.russellbignoldartist.com.

Bishopstone Village Hall rates for private hire

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

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

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

The hire charges include use of heating and electricity.

The rates are currently:

	Villagers	Non Villagers
Hire of both rooms (With full use of the kitchen)	£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



Lay Pastoral Assistants (LPAs) are trained and authorised by the church to visit and or offer pastoral care to anyone in our parishes. Whether you are sick, recently bereaved, new to the area, or know someone who might like a visit from the church community, please contact the clergy (details on the Benefice services page) and we will ask one of our excellent LPAs to get in touch.

If you might be interested in exploring this ministry yourself and would like to find out more, do get in touch with Maggie on revmaggiem@gmail.com or have a chat with any of the team.

Friends of Bishopstone Church



DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 6 July 2025 - an afternoon of Open Gardens in Bishopstone – a chance to visit other gardens in the village. More details later.

Anne Stutchbury
Chairman

Committee Members:

Margaret Barter, Norman Barter, Richard Brett, George Brutton, Tony Clarke, Jilly Ford, Sarah Seal, Alan Stutchbury



Upcoming Events

**New Lunch Set Menu
2 x Courses £18
Available Tue, Wed & Thur Lunch**

**Mothering Sunday 30th March
Food served 12-6**

Easter Sunday 20th April

**Bank Holiday Monday 21st April
Open all day**

**Caribbean Night
Saturday 26th April**

**Book Now
01722 780244**

Chalke Valley Community Support

POLICE

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

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

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

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

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

You can follow us on:

Facebook - www.facebook.com/salisburypolice

Twitter - www.twitter.com/SouthWiltsCPT

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

Sixpenny Handley and Chalke Valley Practice

Doves Meadow Surgery, Broad Chalke: 01722 780282

Broadchalke Surgery is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays

Sixpenny Handley Surgery: 01725 552500

www.sixpennydocs.co.uk



MOBILE LIBRARY

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

10 April, 8 May, 5 June, 3 July



Coombe Bissett Stores

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OPENING HOURS, SHOP AND POST OFFICE

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Chalke Valley Stores Broadchalke

w: www.chalkevalleystores.co.uk

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

OPENING HOURS

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

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

CHALKE VALLEY LINK SCHEME

This scheme exists to provide transport and other good neighbour support in a local, personal and friendly way to members of the Chalke Valley community who need it.

If you live between Bishopstone and Bodenham or Britford and need help getting to your surgery/hospital appointments/local shopping or to visit family members in hospital, **please phone 01722 718780 to reach our Joint Transport Coordinators (Anna Mynott, Debby Underhill or Roger Brown) who will be on duty in rotation.**

There is no charge, but you are invited to make a donation towards our administrative costs. Our co-ordinators are all volunteers and there may be occasions when you will be asked to leave a message which will be answered as soon as possible. Our drivers are all volunteers too, so please give us as much notice as possible so that we may find a volunteer who is available.

We are always looking for Volunteer Drivers to enable us to continue to provide a useful service for our community. If you feel you can help - you won't be committed to any particular date or time, only when you are free - please contact any of the above for further information.

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Queen's Award for Voluntary Service

Staying in Touch

STaB magazine is a vital source of communication in the village, keeping everyone informed as to what is happening locally. However, the Covid-19 pandemic has highlighted the fact that situations can change very rapidly. To keep up to date with what is going on there are two other important sources of information in Bishopstone - the village website and our own WhatsApp network.

The village website – www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk is updated in real time and carries all the latest news on issues that affect the village.



The Bishopstone Network is a WhatsApp messaging service that has more than proved its worth during the pandemic, and more recently during the storms when residents were able to report fallen trees and blocked roads to the Emergency Planning Officer. Information can be instantly shared to your mobile phone about support services being provided in the village and on a variety of other matters – everything from the length of electricity black-outs to what is available from the White Hart take-away service! You will need to download the App to your phone and then contact Piers Edwards (piersgedwards@gmail.com or 07920 475009) or Kate Pendlenton (kmpendlenton@hotmail.com or 07769202200) and ask to be added to the group.



CHALKE VALLEY
SPORTS CENTRE
sport for all

Facilities for all the Chalke Valley
SPORTS SCENE
APRIL 2025

FUNDRAISING- We are very pleased to have received additional grant funds of £2,500 from **Empower Salisbury** towards the upgrading of the multi-use games area.

Sports Centre Management – Initial discussions have taken place with Broad Chalke Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee about more coordination and outsourcing of some finance, administrative and facility management activities required by both facilities, and how this might support the dwindling number of volunteers if the Parish Council was able to fund the costs through the Parish Precept.

Grounds Maintenance – We are delighted to be able to announce the appointment of *idverde* as our main sports field maintenance contractor. We have negotiated this in partnership with Bishopstone Parish Council to achieve economies of scale. With replacement of the old equipment, we had been using likely to cost over £35,000, there was little option but to seek a new way of delivering this essential part of the Sports Centre operations. A huge thank you must be extended to Nigel Hayes for his dedicated service in maintaining the Sports Centre grounds for many years.

Climbing Wall Event. A provisional date of 1 June has been set for the visit of a mobile climbing facility to the sports centre. This is a joint initiative with Broad Chalke, Bishopstone and Fovant parish councils. It is specifically aimed at aged 12–18-year-olds and part of three events (one in each village) to attract this age group to provide an opportunity to talk with professional youth workers to identify young people's needs and priorities. A grant of £2,500 has been secured from Wiltshire Council towards this initiative.

Chalke Valley Fete and Produce Show – This takes place at the Sports Centre on Saturday 16 August 2025 from 1.00pm-4.00pm. Volunteers required!

The hall is available for private hire so if you have a family celebration in the coming weeks, why not see what we can offer?

All our sports activities are promoted through the website, see below.

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

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

Salisbury Foodbank

This last month I took a total of 8.4 kgs of food and a £20 cash donation to the warehouse, thank you everyone.

Whenever I open my phone these days I see reports saying that Universal Credit is not sufficient to cover the essentials for people who find themselves in hardship and now we are hearing that more benefits are likely to be tightened up. There are some people who play the system and I agree, these deserve to be filtered out, but there are so many others who often through no fault of their own, just due to unfortunate circumstances, find themselves in hardship, these people need our help. Please give as generously as you are able.

They are particularly short of:-

Long life fruit juice
Long life milk
Tinned veg
Meat/ vegetarian meals (tinned curry, chilli, ham, etc)
Tinned fruit
Packet and sponge puddings
Shampoo/Conditioner/2 in 1
Baby products
Toilet rolls
Biscuits



We have plenty of Pasta but need more food
also please make sure any donations are within date.

Easter will soon be upon us, if you are able to give chocolate eggs, chocolates or other delicious items to help families have a treat over this special time please bring them to me early in the month or donate in supermarket boxes.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Judy Barrett

Please leave donations either in the box in the Church, by my front door, at the Old Post Office, The Cross, Crouchston, or phone me on 01722780306 if you would like me to collect.



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

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

We need to give notice that there will be some work carried out on the drains serving the building which will take a couple of weeks. The exact start date and time frame is not known at this stage but will be very soon. We hope that we will not need to close the Hub but there will be a temporary reduction in parking spaces which will be needed by contractors. The area to the east of the Hub used to access the back door to the building will not be accessible until the work is complete. Once the work is done, we are confident that the problems we have had with the drains for some years will be a thing of the past.

Many of you have been wondering which two lucky people from the Hub will, following the Kings Award for Voluntary Service announcement, represent the Hub at a garden party at Buckingham Palace. We decided that the first ticket should go to Tony Patel who gives so much time, effort and funds to the Hub. We held a ballot with names of volunteers for the second ticket, and the winning name which came out of the hat was Karen Hitchings who volunteers in the shop on a regular basis and has done for several years. We wish it were possible for all volunteers to enjoy this huge privilege but sadly it is not possible. We look forward to hearing all about the event which will take place in May.

We have two events to announce which will be held at the Hub:

Wine tasting – we are holding another of our popular wine tasting evenings at the Hub on **25th April at 6.00pm**. As before, the evening will be a light-hearted test of your wine knowledge and your palate; whilst tasting, you will be given three different descriptions of the wine from our panel of three people, and the challenge will be to identify which description is correct. There will be some delicious cheeses to try provided by the Salisbury-based Diligent Frog Company. Amongst other wines, we will feature wines which have recently been labelled for us which will soon be on sale at the Hub. There will be special offers for orders taken for purchases during the evening. Tickets now available at £20 per person from the Hub. Our wine tasting evenings have been very popular in the past so buy your tickets whilst they are available.

Story telling morning - Our second event is a story telling morning for adults which should be entertaining. Storyteller Hannah Moore will be at the Hub on **Thursday 10 April between 12.00pm and 1.00pm** when she will be offering an hour of enchanting folk tales and captivating stories for all ages. This is a free event; no need to book, just turn up. The café will be open as usual.



Coombe Bissett CE VA Primary School

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

Isaiah 40:31

It has been another busy term at the school...



The children have been busy with their enquiries. In Oak, the children have asked the question: **Where can we go?** As geographers and artists, they have created labelled maps and drawn, painted and made spring flowers.



For Elm, asking **How are schools the same?** has found them naming the continents and geographical features, as well as comparing our school with another in Brunei. They have learned that similarity is more than just how something looks.

Having begun this term exploring **What is creativity?**, the historians of Fir class are now discovering the chronology of our local area in response to **Who has stood here before us?** They will focus on how we know and the sources we use as proof.

Having honed their engineering skills making pizzas, Ash class will delve deeper into their culinary expertise as they celebrate seasonality as part of their **Where does our food really come from? enquiry.**



Outside the classrooms, there have been other fantastic opportunities:



The talented singers of Elm class visited the Cathedral as part of 'Voices Inspire'. They joined other schools to perform a lunchtime concert and everyone who attended was blown away by their confidence and enthusiasm. They were also fortunate enough to have a tour of the cathedral, going on a musical treasure hunt to seek examples of music around the building. The highlight for many was listening to the organ being played whilst watch what the organist was doing on a large screen!

For parents, there has been a reading, spelling and phonics workshop as well as spring parents' meetings.

We all joined Rev Jenny and members of the congregation for a service at the church to mark Ash Wednesday....



... and have been celebrating our love of books with a book swap, book fair and the chance to read with a special adult which saw the school filled with siblings, parents and grandparents.

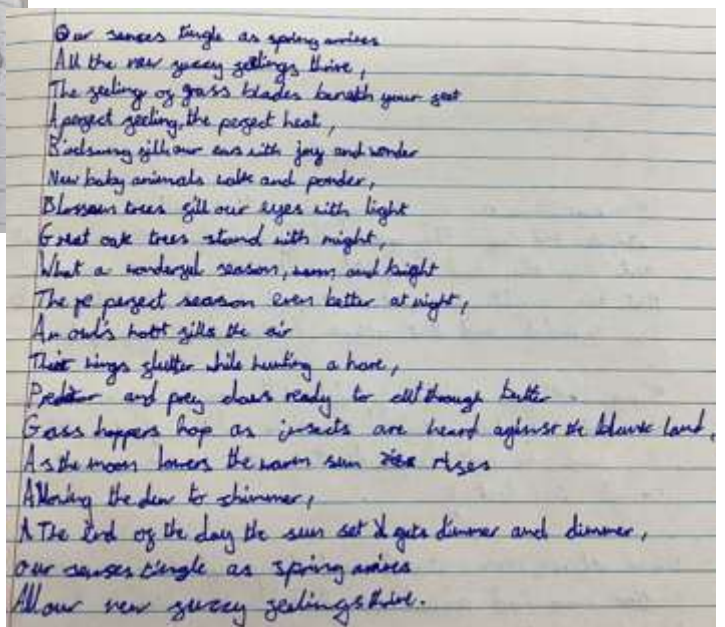
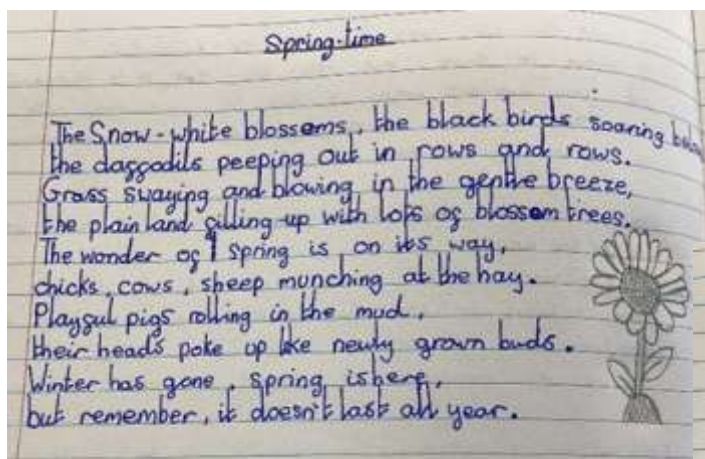
Since September, Oak and Elm classes have been part of the Big Brush Club which promotes the importance of oral hygiene. To check its implementation, we had a surprise audit and are very proud to announce that they were INCREDIBLY impressed by what they saw and heard. In fact, so impressed that they gave Mrs Bowers and the team a 100% pass rate and we have been asked to be a model school for the county!



And in the last week, many of our Year 6 have completed their Bikeability training before heading to London for sun-drenched visits to the Tate Modern and Houses of Parliament.

As the end of term approaches, we look forward to our traditional Easter Experience – a whole school journey from Palm Sunday to the Resurrection – and wish you and your loved ones a very Happy Easter.

(Poems by Emilia and Joe)



Chalke History Festival - bringing together the most passionate minds in historical investigation and debate from 23rd to 29th June 2025



The line-up for this summer's Chalke History Festival (23rd to 29th June) already boasts a stellar list of world-renowned historians, the very best living history experts in the land and household names to make your mouth water. In a fresh approach for 2025, the festival will look and maybe feel a little different, with a stunning new site layout, bigger tents and some newly created areas to engage the crowd and get people talking about history in a more informal way. Supported by lead partner **Evelyn Partners**, the festival will undoubtedly be one of the must-attend attractions of the summer season, bringing together passionate thought-leaders and the most informed living historians around, happy to share their extraordinary and unique knowledge with curious visitors and students eager to learn more.

Twilight Talks on the Monday and Tuesday evenings will kick-start the festival with a series of lively discussions, including events on revolution, republic and the end of liberal democracy, all the King's men at the court of James I (to tie in with the anniversary of his death in 1625) and the legacy of *Wolf Hall* creator Hilary Mantel. With a new and improved ticketing system – with entry tickets now including access to all festival talks at no extra charge – buying a ticket to listen to these incredible talks could not be easier. All under 16s will be free and early bird prices are available until 13th April.

An exciting new **After Dark area** is also being created for the first time to encourage historical fireside chat, with a relaxed atmosphere for exchanging ideas and a fire pit to keep festival goers warm after sundown. With a convenient pop-up bar for those looking for a last nightcap, there will be a different programme of music, readings and storytelling every evening, giving fellow history enthusiasts a chance to bond under the stars. The line-up for this area will be announced in due course.

Chalke is famous for attracting a host of famous faces and highly respected names, and this June is no exception. To mark the 10th anniversary of his international bestselling *The Silk Roads*, **Peter Frankopan** returns to discuss this landmark work and to assess how the world has changed ten years on. **Helen Carr**, described by Sathnam Sanghera as 'one of the most talented and compelling historians of her generation', will be discussing her new book *Sceptred Isle: A New History of the Fourteenth Century*. Journalist and former Secretary of State for Education **Michael Gove** will be looking back at his time in UK politics, and co-host of the hugely popular podcast 'The Rest is History' and bestselling author **Tom Holland** will be presenting his masterful new translation of Suetonius' renowned biography of the Caesars. Plus, **Anne Sebba** will be sharing her harrowing and powerful account of *The Women's Orchestra of Auschwitz*.

2025 also sees the 20th anniversary of the no:1 bestselling phenomenon *Labyrinth* by **Kate Mosse** who will be retelling the story through the lens of the Albigensian 'Crusade'. British designer, writer and broadcaster **Kevin McCloud** makes his debut festival appearance, talking about his twenty-five years of presenting Channel 4's *Grand Designs*, and also about the importance of saving our national heritage. Former Home Secretary and Shadow Chancellor **Alan Johnson** makes a welcome return to talk about Harold Wilson who served as the UK's Prime Minister twice in the 1960s and 70s. And British investigative journalist **John Sweeney** will be back to talk about his explosive account of how Putin poisoned Alexei Navalny in his latest book *Murder in the Gulag*.

On the Friday evening, it will be time to get in touch with your inner Freddie Mercury as one of the UK's premier tribute bands, **Supersonic Queen**, takes to the stage. Known for its uniquely dynamic recreation of Queen's iconic music festival performances, this totally live 5-piece band will deliver a night to remember. So, dust off those leather trousers, dig out that old skinny white vest, start grooming that moustache, and start practising your 'Radio Ga Ga', as live music is coming to Chalke like you've never seen it before.

Visitors will be transported back to the Elizabethan period as the On Cue Theatre Company brings **Shakespeare** to Chalke throughout the festival week for the first time, with workshops and lively and dynamic performances of **Henry V**.

Performance lovers will discover how the Elizabethan players originally performed with minimal rehearsal, no director, and working from cue scripts. In addition, the **Rattlebox Theatre** returns, this time bringing the legends of Robin Hood to life through dynamic puppetry, colourful acting, and live music on medieval instruments.

The **Chalke History Festival for Schools** has welcomed over 21,000 children since its launch and is a hugely popular event in the calendar for both students and teachers. With three days of history, featuring a wide range of curriculum-based subjects, it makes a major contribution to history education and each year brings history alive in new and exciting ways. The dates for 2025 have been announced: Monday 23rd June for primary schools (Years 6, 7, 8, and 9), Tuesday 24th June



for secondary schools (Years 10, 11, and 12), and Wednesday 25th June is a SEND day, which is open to all ages and which provides a programme that is less structured and takes place in a quieter environment. Topics and themes for this year include VE Day, the Neolithic and Bronze Ages, the History of Medicine, Iron Age building methods, and Empire.

School children dressing up at Chalke – photo credit: Martin Cook

Elsewhere at the festival, the Remaking History team will be exploring the gruesome history of execution as they attempt to recreate an **eighteenth-century guillotine**, and at the **thirteenth-century cutler's workshop**, Tom Timbrell of Heritage Blades and Emma Harrison of Bog Born Crafts will be smelting and refining iron to produce cutlery. And Kate Vigurs will be regaling the crowds with extraordinary facts about the **SOE's missing agents**.

The Chalke History Festival will take place at Church Bottom, Broad Chalke, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP5 5DP. For more details about the festival, please visit our website at www.chalkefestival.com Follow all the news on X at @ChalkeFestival, on Instagram at @chalkehistoryfestival and on Facebook.

About the Chalke History Festival

Attracting the finest and most distinguished historians, academics, leading thinkers, and writers from the UK and abroad, the Chalke History Festival is now firmly established as one of the must-attend events of the festival summer. Taking place on a 70-acre farm, in the heart of the Wessex countryside just outside Salisbury in Wiltshire, it blends inspiring literary talks, discussions and panels with eye-catching and entertaining living history and historical experiences.

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STOP PRESS! Bishopstone in Print



A great-grandmother, and eighty years old, but Mrs. Warman, of Bishopstone, near Salisbury, rides like this behind her son on his motor-cycle. He takes her in this way two miles to church every Sunday.

The newspaper archives provide a wealth of information about the lives of those who lived in our village. This is the first of an occasional series.

This photograph, from the Daily Mirror in 1936, has a caption which reads:

“A great-grandmother, and eighty years old, but Mrs Warman of Bishopstone, near Salisbury, rides like this behind her son on his motor-cycle. He takes her in this way two miles to church every Sunday.”

Frances Warman lived in Flamstone Street.

Of course, if she went to church the Vicar might not be there! This is from a local paper in July 1952.

RECTOR AS POSTMAN
The Rev. Phillip Hall, Rector of Bishopstone, near Salisbury, will be postman for two weeks to the village of Stratford Toney (Wilts) when the regular postman goes on holiday.

Horatio's Garden Concert, featuring Bishopstone Composer

UK premiere of music inspired by life-changing illness by acclaimed composer, Michael Stimpson

Celebrating Creativity in Hospitals – a concert in aid of Horatio's Garden

"A composer who stands shoulder to shoulder with some of the greatest who have put pen to staved paper." The Whole Note



A three-movement work inspired by an acclaimed British composer's experience of paralysis will make its UK performance debut at Smith Square Hall this May as part of a concert in aid of Horatio's Garden charity.

Aged 29, Michael Stimpson was left unconscious and paralysed in intensive care for four and a half months after contracting the rare neurological condition Guillain-Barré Syndrome. He recalls the trauma of experiencing vivid hallucinations from the morphine and the frustration of only being able to communicate by blinking at a spoken alphabet. A lengthy recovery followed but Michael has been registered blind ever since, changing the course of his life as a classical

musician.

Tales from The 15th Floor is a piece for cello and piano reflecting this time in ICU at Charing Cross Hospital. Included in a box set released to mark the composer's 75th birthday in 2023, it will now be played in its entirety for the first time in concert in the UK this May to benefit Horatio's Garden and to thank NHS staff and volunteers whose reduced price tickets are available at £5.

Michael Stimpson said: "The long-lasting effects of this illness has played a fundamental role in my musical career and left me with a profound admiration for the NHS. I have a deep understanding of the benefit of Horatio's Garden for others experiencing life-changing spinal injury and facing months in hospital."

Dr Olivia Chapple OBE, founder of Horatio's Garden said: "Michael's remarkable story of resilience, hope and motivation as he faced life changing illness is incredibly powerful. We are so grateful that this concert will benefit Horatio's Garden to help others experiencing paralysis to find hope again in our beautiful, restorative gardens in the heart of NHS hospitals."

Tales from The 15th Floor is in three short movements. The first conveys the dramatic visions he experienced, the quiet and gentle middle movement reflects the period when his heart was failing and the third movement takes the opening rhythm of a Frank Sinatra song as its theme, inspired by an intense hallucination involving the singer.

The renowned musicians Emily Davis, Karen Stephenson, and Sophia Rahman of the Woburn Piano Trio will also present two favourite piano trios, Beethoven Opus 1 No.1 and Mendelssohn Opus 49 No.1 in D minor.

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Rambling with Jazzie in the Sun

The sun shine is back, but what a cold wind. Perhaps the ruskies are trying to freeze us out too! Walks with Jazzie have become a bit of a hit or miss affair recently. She did not like all that cold wind in March, and so walks were shortened...



as far as the other side of the Croft green or Faulston bridge, then straight home! I must say I was glad to return to the warmth of the home fire again too! She is now well overdue a groom, shower and trim, and the dog groomers are busy, so we have tried ourselves, but she is not happy with the scissors!

Recently, as the sun has come out and the air is getting warmer, we have managed proper walks to see the horses again and Crouchston mill. It is good to see the sun again, and the greenhouse is warming up well. We have sown many seeds optimistically, hoping for flowers and veg later this year. A peacock butterfly has just settled outside on the daffs. Lovely to them back, and now there's a brimstone about too.

No sign of the hedgehogs yet, and I fear they may have moved somewhere else. But I am sure they will return in due course. We miss them, but winter is not a good time for seeing them anyway. We've managed the first two mows this year, and the grass needed a cut badly. The lawns look so much better for it, but all the moss is now apparent. The pigeons are as noisy as ever, chasing around trying to determine who is a girl and who a boy. My word they do go on, and make quite a noise on the flat roof over the kitchen.

All seems set fair for the future of the surgery at Broad Chalke. I attended the very full and enthusiastic meeting in the Village Hall, and was reassured by the confidence and energy of the team from Sarum Health and our own Sixpenny Handley and BC Team. It all looks positive for the foreseeable future. I think we owe the medics and our own PC our thanks for their interest and energy in ensuring we all know as much about the project as possible.



Two small points for thought, and action? After the VH meeting, it was noticeable that most of those reordering the chairs and the hall were elderly, many over 80. Could some of you younger chaps render help sooner, please?

Similarly, there still remain too many huge dog deposits near too many footpaths. Remember to pick up after your dog has deposited.

Otherwise, we wish you all a very happy Easter, and do take part in some of the pre-Easter activities in the Village and the Valley. Look in STAB or the church for details! See you soon and happy walkies in more sunshine!

James Thompson (20.03.25)



People often ask us what they should do when they see a homeless person on the street. **There isn't a simple answer, but here are some suggestions:**

Approach with compassion

- Say hello and ask if they would like any help, avoiding assumptions about their situation, but listening to their story.
- Offer essentials like food, water or warm clothing, especially in cold weather.
- Retail vouchers or care packs with socks, gloves, and hygiene items are also thoughtful options.

Refer them to support partners

- Let them know about Alabaré. We have a drop-in service in Salisbury and our website, alabare.co.uk/need-help/ offers useful links.
- Encourage them to contact the Local Authority, Rough Sleeper or Homelessness Team or refer them to [StreetLink.org.uk](https://streetlink.org.uk)
- Call 999 if they are in immediate danger, need medical assistance, are vulnerable or appear to be under 18 years of age.

Other methods of support

- Donate to Alabaré and help ensure we can provide vital services and life-skills programmes.
- Volunteer with Alabaré and provide direct help. We have options and locations to suit everyone.
- Spread Awareness: Host a talk through your group or workplace by contacting supportercare@alabare.co.uk.
- Join one of our events such as the BIG Sleep at Salisbury Cathedral on 28th March. Details at <https://alabare.co.uk/events/big-sleep-at-salisbury-cathedral/>

Local charity Alabaré provides support and accommodation for people who are vulnerable, homeless or at risk of becoming homeless across Wiltshire and the South West but together we can all respond to the homelessness crisis. To find out more about our work please visit <https://alabare.co.uk>

MEDITATION

A Meditation Hour is held every 2nd Wednesday of the month at Lodge Farmhouse, Broad Chalke, at 2.30pm



We have a short, introductory talk followed by 30 mins. of silence (with tea and chat afterwards if you would like to stay on).

Contact: Janet Roe: 01725 519242 jhroe99@gmail.com

Dates for 2025

Jan 8th Feb 12th March 12th April 9th
May 14th June 11th July 9th August 13th
Sept 10th Oct 8th Nov 12th Dec 10th

QUIET DAYS

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10am – 4pm

(You are welcome to drop in just for the odd hour)



at Lodge Farmhouse (SP56 SLU). There will be materials to use and refreshments available, but if staying all day, please bring a packed lunch.

Dying Matters Awareness Week 5-11th May 2025

The culture of dying matters.



The aim of the week is to open conversations around all aspects of death and dying.

We will be holding various events in and around Salisbury during this week, including a Death Cafe on Friday 9th, 10.30am at Salisbury Playhouse.

More information about additional events will follow, or for more details email Henry or Tam Gray on pelsalisbury@gmail.com.

Dying Matters Awareness Week, supported by The Positive End of Life Network Group

Happy Easter Word Scramble

The Easter Bunny decorated some of his eggs with words, but when he delivered them, they got a little scrambled. Can you unscramble the words and find the answer to his favorite riddle?



1. _ _ _ 1 2 _ _

2. _ _ 3 4 _ _ 5

3. _ 6 _ _ _ _

4. _ _ _ 7 _ 8

5. _ _ 9 _ _ _

6. _ 10 11 _ _ _ _

What do you call a rabbit who tells good jokes?

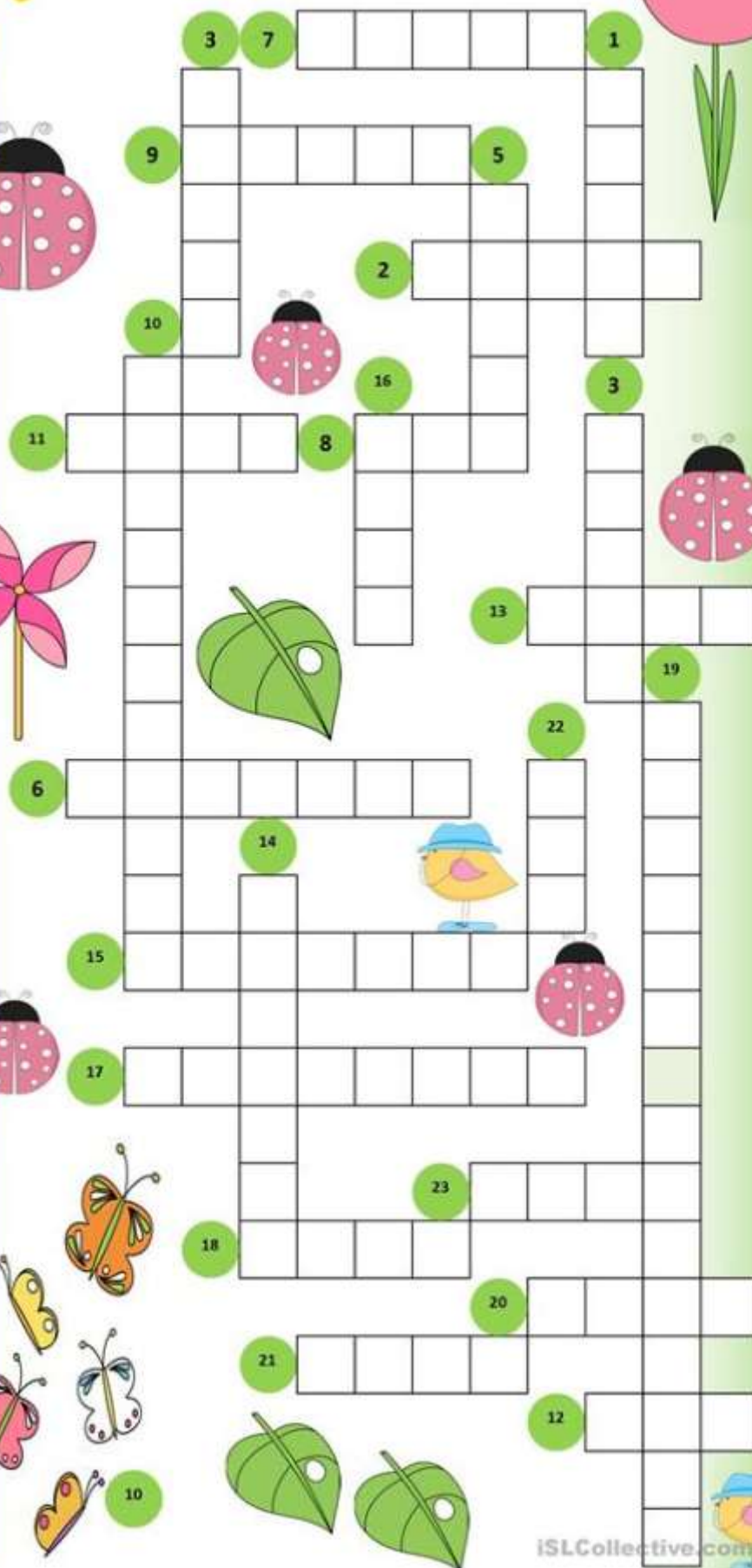
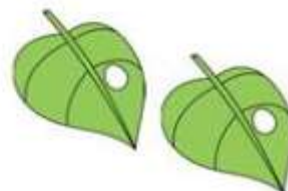
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SPRING



1. A spring month.
2. A spring flower.
3. The young of a chicken.
4. A colour of spring.
5. A young rabbit.
6. A flower especially of a fruit tree.
7. Plants that have narrow green leaves, that are eaten by cows, sheep, horses etc.
8. The fifth month of the year.
9. To come out of an egg.
10. See picture.
11. A rounded part of a plant that is under the ground and that grows into a new plant during the growing season.
12. A baby goat.
13. The place where a bird lays its eggs.
14. See picture.
15. Spring, winter, summer, fall!
16. What snow does in spring.
17. When the sun shines.
18. A long, thin animal that has a soft body with no legs or bones. It lives in the ground.
19. An indoor or outdoor spring activity.
20. To stop being frozen.
21. A baby sheep.
22. A small part that grows on a plant and develops into a flower, leaf, or new branch.
23. A baby horse.



Police Bulletin

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



Over the past few years, the issues surrounding shoplifting have become more prevalent in the news as shoplifting has become more organised and more brazen, with offenders often working in groups, seemingly not worried about being seen.

I've been told by shop managers that their staff have been assaulted when they've tried to intervene, and they are writing off thousands of pounds in stock.

My new Police and Crime Plan focuses on retail crime, and how we tackle the underlying causes and associated anti-social behaviour. This can make our main shopping centres, which should feel relaxed and inviting, less attractive and for some people, intimidating.

We also have to look at the financial costs to retail owners. For small and medium businesses, the disruption caused by shoplifting can be crippling. Whilst I know there are some people who'll say that the larger stores can afford to absorb the loss, but according to the Centre for Retail Research, shoplifting adds £133 to the cost of the average UK shopping bill each year.

In Salisbury, we have piloted a Business and Retail Crime Reduction Partnership, which links businesses with the police and local authorities, so we can build on the existing relationships we have, and foster new, stronger ties with the businesses and retailers in the city. We're now in the process of expanding the partnerships to other towns in the county.

We are also looking at ways to make it easier for businesses to report crimes to Wiltshire Police, so that a more intelligence rich picture can be built of where the shoplifting gangs are operating and the tactics they are using.

We have also funded anti-social behaviour (ASB) wardens to be a visible presence in our largest town and city centres, and ASB hotspot funding will continue for a further year, which means there will be extra police officer and PCSO patrols in the areas deemed to be most affected by anti-social behaviour.

By taking these measures and tackling the root causes of the anti-social behaviour which blights our commercial centres, I believe we are taking positive steps to making Wiltshire and Swindon a safer place to live and work.



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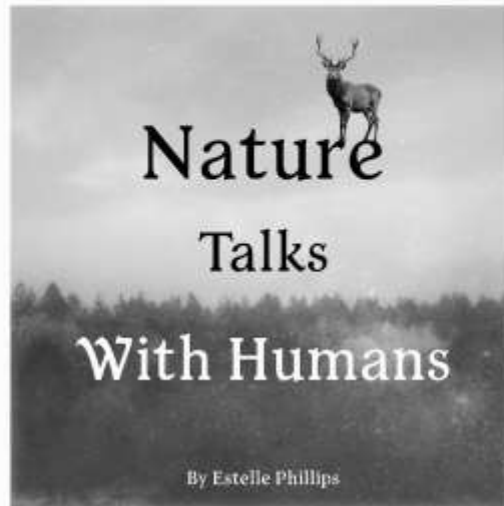
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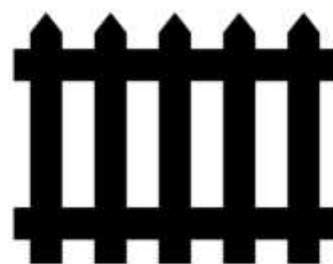
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Date for the diary:



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Services in Chalke Valley Benefice – April 2025

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



6 April 5th Sunday of Lent	9.30am Family Communion (CW) 9.30am Parish Communion (CW) 9.30am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.00am Morning Prayer (BCP) 11.00am Parish Communion (CW) 11.00am Family Service 11.00am Morning Service	Broad Chalke Britford Berwick St John Ebbesbourne Wake Coombe Bissett Odstock Bishopstone	Ruth H-S Jenny Taylor Alison Waterhouse Biddy Trahair Ruth H-S Adrian Taylor Sally Leaver
13 April PALM SUNDAY 	9.30am Parish Communion (CW) 9.30am Family Communion (CW) 10.30am Worship Together 11.00am Parish Communion (CW) 11.00am All Age Service 3.00pm Evening Prayer 3.00pm Procession & Sing Hosanna!	Bowerchalke Nunton Broad Chalke Hub Homington Alvediston Fifield Bavant Charlton All Saints	Kate Woolven Ruth H-S Lay Led Jenny Taylor Biddy Trahair Biddy Trahair Ruth H-S
14, 15, 16 April	8.00pm Holy Week Compline	Coombe Bissett	Clergy
17 April MAUNDY THURSDAY	5.00pm Commemoration of the Last Supper (CW) 7.00pm Passover Supper 7.00pm Agape Meal 10.00pm Night Vigil	Bishopstone Bodenham Radnor Hall Broad Chalke Hub Nunton	Jenny Taylor Ruth H-S Alison Waterhouse Ruth H-S
18 April GOOD FRIDAY 	11.00am St John's Passion 12 noon Words of the Cross 12 noon The Passion Devotions 1.00pm Reflections on Good Friday 2.00pm The Passion Devotions	Alvediston Berwick St John Bishopstone Broad Chalke Odstock	Lay Led Alison Waterhouse Lay Led Lay Led Maggie Metcalfe
19 April EASTER EVE	6.00pm Easter Fire & Communion 7.00pm Easter Eve Service	Homington Charlton All Saints	Jenny Taylor Ruth H-S
20 April EASTER DAY 	6.00am Dawn Communion (CW) 9.30am Parish Communion (CW) 9.30am Parish Communion (CW) 9.30am Parish Communion (CW) 9.30am Parish Communion (CW) 11.00am Parish Communion (CW) 11.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.00am Parish Communion (CW) 11.00am Family Communion (CW)	Lodge Farmhouse Broad Chalke Bowerchalke Bishopstone Britford Coombe Bissett Berwick St John Ebbesbourne Wake Nunton	Ruth H-S Alison Waterhouse Kate Woolven Jenny Taylor Ruth H-S Jenny Taylor Alison Waterhouse Kate Woolven Maggie Metcalfe
27 April 2nd Sunday of Easter	9.30am Parish Communion (CW) 9.30am Parish Communion (CW) 11.00am Family Service 11.00am Parish Communion (CW) 11.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.00am Morning Prayer (BCP) 6.00pm Evening Prayer (BCP)	Charlton All Saints Broad Chalke Nunton Bishopstone Alvediston Berwick St John Homington	Jenny Taylor Ruth H-S Adrian Taylor Jenny Taylor Alison Waterhouse Lay Led Rhoddy Voremberg
4 May 3rd Sunday of Easter	9.30am Family Communion (CW) 9.30am Parish Communion (CW) 9.30am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.00am Morning Prayer (BCP) 11.00am Parish Communion (CW) 11.00am Family Service	Broad Chalke Britford Berwick St John Ebbesbourne Wake Coombe Bissett Odstock	Maggie Metcalfe Jenny Taylor Alison Waterhouse Biddy Trahair Jenny Taylor Adrian Taylor

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