

Parish Magazine

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The editors reserve the right to edit all contributions.



Kate and Rob would like to offer their grateful thanks to Cally Edwards, who is stepping down from her role with STaB after 5 years on the editorial team.

Cally has provided ideas for content, created and found hundreds of puzzles for the magazine, and diligently proof-read every edition since we took over in 2019.

Thank you Cally for all your work on STaB.

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



Christmas seems to be upon us faster than usual (or is it my age?!) and the world seems ill prepared for it. We have experienced so much turbulence over the last 12 months – wars continuing in Ukraine and the Middle East, our own country's election and that of the United States of America. Our national institutions – the Church of England, the Prison Service, the Police Service, and the NHS (to name but four) have been under intense scrutiny with less than positive outcomes. So it is hard to visualise celebrations and good will...BUT that is exactly why we will and must celebrate! We celebrate all that is good in our own lives, the love and support of family and friends, the beauty and safety in which we live, the simple joys of life, our faith and our village churches because after all:

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. (John 3:16)

and of course

The light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it. (John 1:5)

I so hope you feel able to join us in church over the festive period, all our services are listed in this magazine and so together we can celebrate all that we have, all that we are and all that we might be.

The churches and congregations of Bishopstone and Stratford Tony wish all of you a blessed and peaceful Christmas that will bring hope to us all in 2025.





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Many of you will know the sad news of the death of Shirley Stephens. She lived in Bishopstone all her life and she will be sorely missed. We send our love and condolences to her husband Adrian, her children Christopher, Andrew and Andrea and all their families.

Friends of Bishopstone Church

A Big Thank You

At the start of our fund raising efforts to repair the North Transept roof in our church, we have had a very generous donation of £5,000 from Bishopstone Parish Council. We are most grateful for their support. The heritage of our community lies within the medieval building, and we are so grateful for any support in maintaining the fabric of the church.

We have also had kind offers from others in the community, who are willing to run some fund raising events next year.

The next fund raising event, the Antiques Evening on Friday 7 February 2025, will be held in the Village Hall. See separate poster.

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).

Anne Stutchbury Chairman, The Friends of Bishopstone Church



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THE FRIENDS OF BISHOPSTONE CHURCH (The Parish Church of St John the Baptist, Bishopstone)

An Antiques Evening run by Jeremy Lamond, Head of Valuations, Woolley and Wallis.

Jeremy will talk about Collecting Antiques, after which you have an opportunity to bring your family heirlooms for Jeremy to discuss. (one item per household, but no jewellery).



VENUE – BISHOPSTONE VILLAGE HALL

Friday 7th February

Doors open at 7.00pm for 7.30 start

Tickets £10, to include a glass of wine on arrival and a cheese supper in the interval.

Cash bar for further drinks.

Raffle

Book via :-

Anne Stutchbury – <u>annewheelwright@gmail.com</u> (780339) Norman Barter – <u>normanchalkefish@mac.com</u> (780471)

Christmas in Bishopstone & Stratford Tony

Stratford Tony Church Thursday 5th December, 6.00pm Carol Service

Bishopstone Village Hall Sunday 15th December, 11.00am Carols, Readings, Mulled Wine & Christmas Nibbles

Bishopstone Church Christmas Eve, 4.00pm Family Carols round the Crib

> Christmas Day, 9.30am Family Communion

Bishopstone Parish Council

The latest meeting of the Parish Council took place on Thursday 14th November 2024. Councillors Thorne, Edwards, Barter, Smith and Rigg were present, together with the Parish Clerk. Apologies had been received from ClIrs Tatner and Williams and from PCSO King. Wiltshire Councillor Nabil Najjar and nine members of the public were also present. The full minutes of the meeting are available on the village website (www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk).

Wiltshire Councillor Nabil Najjar presented a short report. He said he was pleased that agreement had finally been reached to reduce the speed limit on Broadchalke Road through the village from 40mph to 30mph. The next step was for Traffic Regulation Orders to be published. At a meeting the previous evening the Area Board had endorsed the work of Carer Support Wiltshire, which runs a monthly café event at the Broad Chalke Hub to provide peer support for those operating as volunteer carers within the community. He drew attention to the upcoming public consultation on a proposed development next to Whitlock Rise. He would not be commenting on this but would be interested in any views, for or against, from local residents. He acknowledged that there had been much disruption locally as roads were closed for surface maintenance, but this was essential work and he hoped that improvements had been noted. In discussion reference was made to the problem of increased collisions, and damage to vehicles, as drivers moved towards the centre of the road to avoid the deep trenches being created in the verge at the edge of the road surface.

Speed Limit Change

Mike Ash said that he had attended the latest meeting of Wiltshire Council's South West Wiltshire Area Board Local Highways and Footpaths Improvement Group (LHFIG). As a result, he was concerned about the timetable for the reduction in the speed limit on Broadchalke Road. Funding for local highway works is normally provided through the Group, which meets 75% of the cost of works, with the Parish Council providing 25%. Whilst the final cost of the legal processes and replacement signing had yet to be determined, it was expected to be around £8,000. The Group's budget for this year was fully committed and there were a large number of other projects already in the pipeline for funding in 2025/26. One option would be for the Parish Council to meet the full cost. This might help ensure early implementation, though this would still depend on the availability of the technical resources in Wiltshire Council. Wiltshire Cllr Najjar said that he did not think it would be necessary for the Parish Council to meet the full cost. He was confident that the LHFIG would be able to find their share of the costs in 2025/26.

Following the recent accident which had resulted in damage to North Cottages, proposals for improving the signage at the junction of Portfield Road and the High Road had now been submitted to the LHFIG. The first step would be to measure the speed of vehicles on Portfield Road.

Children's Play Area

Consideration was given to the latest ROSPA safety inspection of the Children's Play Area. This had not revealed any significant risks requiring immediate action, but had identified a few longer term maintenance issues. Action will be put in hand to deal with these.

Finance 2025/26

Spending in the current year is well within budget and there is likely to be a healthy balance of the accounts at the end of the year. A proposed budget for 2025/26 was considered. Two matters needed consideration in deciding the level of the Precept (the parish council's share of the Council Tax collected by Wiltshire Council) for next year. The first was the question, referred to above, of whether to budget to meet the full cost (around £8,000) of implementing the speed limit change. If the LHFIG is able to meet 75% of the cost, the Parish Council's share would be around £2,000. Following discussion, it was agreed to seek LHFIG funding but also ensure that sufficient funds are available to enable the speed limit change to be implemented as soon as possible, if necessary by meeting the cost in full.

The Clerk also drew attention to the recently revealed concerns about the fabric of the church. It was now clear that major works to the North Transept roof are needed and that these would be costly. Whilst applications for grant funding could be made, for example to the Heritage Lottery Fund, it was clear that a substantial local fund raising effort would also be required. Councillors agreed that it was important for the Parish Council to give a lead in fund raising and a grant of £5,000 was approved.

It was suggested that these additional expenditure pressures could be met in part by reducing reserves and in part by a small increase in the level of the Precept for next year. It was agreed to increase the Precept from \pounds 7,500 in 2024/25 to \pounds 10,000 in 2025/26, which will add less than \pounds 9.00 a year to Council Tax on a Band D property.

Other matters

Wiltshire Council has approved the grant for the Community Orchard and an order had been placed by the Tree Warden, Michael Pratt, for twelve trees. It was hoped that these will be available for planting in mid-December. Mike Ash also reported that discussions are taking place with a football club based in Salisbury regarding the potential use of our Recreation Field for training by their youth members for two hours on a Wednesday evening.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Thursday 9th January 2025 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Proposed Whitlock Development

Preliminary public consultation on the proposed development of land to the east of Whitlock Rise took place in the Village Hall on 22nd November. Cherrington Planning will be considering the feedback they received and will then submit a planning application. When that happens Wiltshire Council will consult widely, including with the Parish Council. Everyone will be able to respond to the consultation direct to Wiltshire Council, but it will also be important that all views are conveyed to the Parish Council. The proposals will be considered at an open meeting of the Council, either as part of a regular meeting or separately. I will publicise that meeting in STaB, if the timing fits, and on the WhatsApp Network and village website (www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk).

Mike Ash

Clerk, Bishopstone Parish Council



Bishopstone Emergency Stores

Many thanks to Michael Pratt for helping me to test the emergency equipment. We've checked all the pumps and the generator. The pumps pump water, the generator produces power and the lights illuminate.

We've also got a full store of sandbags, sand, gel bags, plastic sheeting and signs. If you are worried about flooding or any other emergency issue please reach out to the team, our two Flood Wardens (Michael Pratt and Nigel Peasley) and the Parish Council. All our contact details are in the back of every edition of STAB. *Piers Edwards*

Village Hall



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CHRISTMAS FAYRE Friday 6th December from 6.00pm until 7.00pm.

The ever-popular Christmas Fayre will have all the usual stalls and refreshments, including a bar with mulled wine.

There will be a Tombola, Cakes and Produce, Local Crafts, Books and other stalls. Donations for the book, tombola and cake stalls will be welcomed.

The Hall will be open between 2.30pm and 3.30pm to receive donations. Books (not magazines or part-works please) can be collected by arrangement - contact Ian Smith on 780425. The Village Christmas Card this year will support the RNLI.

The **BISHOPSTONE** COMMUNITY CAFÉ

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

Special dates for the Christmas and New Year period are: **Thursday 12th December** and **Thursdays January 16th** and **30th**. **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 31st January 2025

The Moviola film for January will be **"Thelma"**. *Thelma Post is a 93-year-old grandmother who loses \$10,000 to a con artist on the phone. With help from a friend and his motorized scooter, she soon embarks on a treacherous journey across Los Angeles to reclaim what was taken from her.* Starring: June Squibb, Richard Roundtree and Malcolm McDowell. Doors open at **7.00pm** and the film will begin at **7.30pm**.

Entry for the film is **£6.00**. A cash bar with ices and snacks will be available. If possible, please book in advance with Caroline Ash on (01722) 781044, Nigel Peasley on 07761 463737 or Sue Taylor on 01722 780316. A trailer for the film can be seen in the <u>Events</u> section of the village website at <u>www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk</u>. The film on **February 28th** will be "The Critic".

BISHOPSTONE COMMUNITY LUNCHES

The special three-course Christmas lunch will be on Wednesday 6th December.

Times as usual: **12.00 noon** for **12.30 pm**. <u>Advance booking is essential</u>. Please telephone Caroline Ash on (01722) 781044 and advise her of any dietary requirements. The cost is **£8.50** and includes a drink.

The **January** lunch will be on the **8th**, when the speaker will be Leon Tadman talking about and demonstrating some traditional stringed instruments. The cost is **£8.50** for two courses and includes a drink.

On February 5th we have a speaker from the local charity Rise61.

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 <u>callyedwards@me.com</u> or 07968 797168.

"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: <u>claudineblake@aol.com</u>

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

Meets on the 3rd Thursday of every month between 7 and 9. For further details please contact Sue Porter on 01722 780459 or Jacqueline James on 01722 335866.

ART GROUP

A new Art Group led by Russell Bignold has started meeting every Thursday morning between 9.45 and 11.45. Drawing, painting and sculpture (clay) will be taught, covering all genres (portraiture, still life, figurative, landscapes, seascapes, floral, and pet portraiture). The group is restricted to 10 members. Cost £20 per session, tea and biscuits provided. Contact Russell at <u>russellbignold@btinternet.com</u>

BISHOPSTONE VILLAGE HALL



FRIDAY 6th DECEMBER 6.00pm till 7.00pm

Lots of stalls, including : TOMBOLA, LOCAL CRAFTS, CAKES & HOME PRODUCE PLUS OTHER STALLS.



Bar, tea, coffee & mince pies



Come and sign the village charity Christmas card. All donations in aid of the RNLI.

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:

l		Villagers	Non Villagers
	Hire of both rooms (With full use of the kitcher	£15 per hour າ)	£20 per hour
	Hire of both rooms (With tea making facilities	£10 per hour but no other elect	•
	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 \pounds 6 per hour with a maximum of \pounds 25 per day.

Large projection screen

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

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

For further information and bookings contact: Margaret Barter 01722 780471

Chalke Valley Community Support

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

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

To contact your Community Policing Team about a community-related matter, such as a school visit, then please email SalisburyAreaCPT@wiltshire.police.uk Please note that this mailbox is not monitored 24/7.

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

You can follow us on:

Facebook - www.facebook.com/salisburypolice

Twitter - www.twitter.com/SouthWiltsCPT

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

Sixpenny Handley and Chalke Valley Practice

Doves Meadow Surgery, Broad Chalke: 01722 780282

Broadchalke Surgery is 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:



19 Dec, 16 Jan, 13 Feb, 13 March, 10 April, 8 May

Coombe	www.coombebissettstores.co.uk			
Bissett	shop@coombebissettstores.co.uk Tel: 01722 718852			
	OPENING HOURS, SHOP AND POST OFFICE			
Stores	Mon-Fri: 7am-6pm, Sat: 7am-1pm			
Chalke	w: www.chalkevalleystores.co.uk			
Valley	e: info@chalkevalleystores.co.uk Tel: 01722 780998			
Stores	OPENING HOURS			
	Shop: Weekdays 9am - 5pm (until 4pm on Saturdays)			
Broadchalke	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 – <u>www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk</u> 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 (<u>piersgedwards@gmail.com</u> or 07920 475009) or Kate Pendlenton (<u>kmpendlenton@hotmail.com</u> or 07769202200) and ask to be added to the group.

Salisbury Foodbank

A cash donation of £20 was received this last month, and also donations totalling 7.4kg, thank you all.

Please donate as much as you are able including any tinned food product, dried goods, long life drinks, personal hygiene products or baby items, anything will be gratefully accepted.

This will reach you in early December with just a couple of weeks before Christmas, so can I ask you again to include something which you would like to have at this festive time, be it chocolates, special biscuits, Christmas cake or pudding, trifle mix, special tinned ham or fish, mince pies, Christmas crackers or whatever you think is special.

So that the foodbank can process the donations anything including items particularly for Christmas need to reach them by 16th December, other items will be accepted up to 20th.

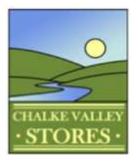
Thank you again for your continued support for this great cause.

May you all have a very happy, peaceful Christmas and may the New Year bring love and peace everywhere.

Judy Barrett

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





Shop at the heart of the Community Owned by YOU, Run by YOU, Here for YOU.

w: www.chalkevalleystores.co.uk | e: info@chalkevalleystores.co.uk | Tel: 01722 780998

OPENING HOURS

Shop: Weekdays 9.00am - 5pm (until 1pm on Saturdays) Coffee Shop: Weekdays 10am - 3.30pm (until Midday 12pm on Saturdays) Post Office: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 9.30am to 1pm



The King's Award for Voluntary Service

We are very proud to announce that Chalke Valley Community Hub has this week been awarded the Kings Award for Voluntary Service. This is given in order to celebrate the outstanding work of volunteers in local organisations and is granted to groups that are considered to be truly outstanding and who make a big difference to their local community. The award is equivalent to an MBE; it is the highest award given to local voluntary groups across the UK, and the award is for life. The award was created in 2002 by the late Queen, and His Majesty the King pledged to continue the Award to ensure that volunteers from across the UK are recognised for the services they provide within their communities. Nominations were made from across the UK, assessed locally, then nationally and finally, a shortlist was presented a few months ago to His Majesty the King for approval.

The granting of this award would not have been possible without the extraordinary work done by those who set up the Hub, by those who have volunteered in the past and by those who do so now, whether on the premises or behind the scenes.

We also have great news to tell you about our café; from Monday 11 November we have a new chef on board – Jay Baker, who comes to us with bags of experience and enthusiasm. We are once again able to offer hot food in the café and we hope that you will come and eat with us soon and sample the great food which Jay is already producing for us. As a new menu feature Jay will be offering cooked breakfasts in the café which are good value and will be delicious.

Dear Patients

We would like to inform you about some important developments at Sarum Health Group and Sixpenny Handley GP Practices.

We are in the early stages of planning a merger between our two practices, which will combine our strengths and enhance the services we provide to our communities.

As it stands, the merger is due to be completed on April 1st 2025, which will coincide with the planned retirement of Dr Mark Morgan from Sixpenny Handley.

This merger presents a unique opportunity to build a stronger, more resilient healthcare network. As healthcare needs evolve and NHS recruitment becomes more challenging, the merger will secure long-term stability for both practices and help us continue delivering high-quality care.

The process of merging GP practices is complex, and we are being supported by an experienced team from our Integrated Care Board. While there is still much to do, we will ensure that all patients have the opportunity to provide feedback during a public consultation before the merger goes ahead.

For the time being, we will continue to focus on your health and care needs, and we ask that any questions about the merger be held until the consultation process begins, so that we can continue to prioritise patient care.

We appreciate your patience and understanding, and we look forward to sharing further updates in the months ahead.

Dr Gill Hawdon, Dr Mark Morgan, Dr Chetal Sheth, Julia Hackforth, Matthew Burnett

Partners of Sixpenny Handley Practice and Sarum Health Group

Poppy Appeal 2024

The Poppy appeal is over for another year. Our village team of volunteers has finished pounding the pavements of Bishopstone and Stratford Tony, the cash has been counted and paid into the bank. An excellent total of £1195.30 has been raised for the Royal British Legion so thank you all for giving so generously this year.

As always, this money will go towards supporting the serving personnel and veterans of our Armed Forces, many of whom have made great sacrifices in the service of their country. Thank you for contributing.

I would like to offer my thanks to our team of volunteer collectors for their efforts this year. If anyone would like to help in this role next year, please let me know via the STAB editorial team. We would particularly love to have someone to cover Flamstone Street, as well as the Throope/Manor Farm/ Raglands area.



Rob Pendlenton

Churchyard Work Parties

Many thanks to Trevor Long, Ian Smith, Simon Williams, Rob Pendlenton, Sue Porter, Nigel Cuff, Will Frost, Sarah Seal and Mark Vincent who turned out to help with the churchyard maintenance work at Bishopstone and/or Stratford Tony during November. Thanks too to Anne Stutchbury and Mark Vincent for providing refreshments for the workers. Many thanks also to Michael Pratt who kindly cut all of the hedges at Bishopstone.

As a result of the work that's been done over the last few years Bishopstone churchyard is now looking much smarter than it did a little while ago, and whilst Stratford Tony remains work in progress we're slowly making improvements there as well.

We've now packed our tools away for the winter but look out for details of more work parties in the spring, and if you are able to spare a few hours to come along





and join us it would be very much appreciated. As the advert says... Every little helps! *Nick Gooch*



Coombe Bissett CE VA Primary School

"Soar on wings like eagles, run and not grow weary, walk and not be faint" Isaiah 40:31

Nativity rehearsals are underway and the Christmas Fayre elves are busy preparing so there is just enough time left in the term to let you all know about recent events at school.

Following on from the introduction of our new 'Curious City' curriculum, all of the children from Years 1 to 6 came together in the hall to talk about their recent **enquiry learning**. They explained to one another what they have been learning as scientists and what skills they need to use to be a good scientist. It was amazing to see the children articulately and confidently sharing their learning and making links between the things they have been learning



and those that have been learnt in other classes. They took such pride in their learning and enjoyed showing one another their books. Our first 'Sharing Our Learning' session was a great success and we are looking forward to later this term when we will be sharing how the children have been historians and geographers.

Harvest Festival was celebrated in school this year. The school community gave thanks for our good fortune and generously donated to the Trussell Trust.

Between them, the children also ran or cycled an amazing 1625 circuits in their Pudsey Run in aid of Children in Need. Together, we can make a positive difference to the lives of others.





Many children regularly participate in **clubs and activities** outside their classrooms. Currently, Mad Science, Lego, choir, art and football clubs are all proving popular and our **wraparound care** is absolutely thriving. Teams have also represented the school in tri-golf and hockey.

Picture by Jemima



As has become a proud Ash class tradition, the children marked Remembrance at the village memorial. Recalling the names of those villagers lost in the World Wars, they recited 'In Flanders Fields' by John McCrae and reflected on the courage of all those who have served.

Would you like to help make a positive contribution to children's education? Could you use your workplace skills in partnership with our head teacher to promote the continuous improvement in the performance of the school? Then the Governing Body of Coombe Bissett Primary School would love to hear from you.

The role of a governor is a strategic one, they work as part of a team setting the aims and objectives of the school, setting the policies and targets to meet these aims, monitor and evaluate the progress the school is making towards achieving its aims and objectives and providing a source of challenge and support to the head teacher.

We are looking for a foundation governor to join our team. These governors represent the interests of the Diocese of Salisbury by supporting and promoting the Christian foundations our school is built upon. Please see the Diocesan website for more information.

If you would like to apply, please email the Clerk to Governors at <u>clerk@coombebissett.wilts.sch.uk</u>.

And as we wish you and all you hold dear a very happy Christmas, we leave you with the thoughts of Toby from Year 2:

'Friendship isn't something you can see or hold. You can't catch it or put in a recipe. It's something you do and feel.'

Village Memories

Before she went on holiday to Australia Jilly Ford gave me a document that she discovered when clearing up her father-in-law's house. It is a programme from a pantomime that was produced in September 1965 by the then flourishing Bishopstone Youth Fellowship.

The pantomime, Cinderella, was written by the members of the fellowship with, I imagine, much help from Ruby Thorne, who also produced the show. Ruby had a knack of writing for the stage, she compiled an amazing pageant for Cue One, our drama group in the village for over 20 years. The fellowship show was dedicated to the Rector, Humphrey Hall, whether it was for his birthday or retirement I do not know but I am sure someone in Bishopstone does.

With a cast of 56 this must have been a splendid performance. How everyone fitted on to the somewhat small stage that was in use at the time is amazing. Reading the cast list there are very familiar names which many of you would recognise. At least 10 of them went on to perform with Cue One for several years.

As with youth clubs the members grow older or move away and the club eventually closed. Why Mr Ford had kept the programme for so many years is a mystery. Should anyone wish to see it pop round to 22 The Croft.

The Demon King	Chris Fennell.
The Woodland Fairy	Elizabeth Scott.
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Sally Leaver

Parish War Grave

This month we have received the following e.mail, many thanks Kevin:



My name is Kevin Down originally from Bishopstone now in Salisbury. My mum is Anita Down who was in contact with STAB last year ref Arthur Greasey who lived with Florence (Dimmer) at Stratford Tony before going to war in France 1914-1918.

Arthur was my great-great grandfather, pictured here with my grandfather, and I thought you may be interested in a few photos of his war grave in Bouchoir, France. I have just returned from a 8

month European tour which included his war grave at the new British war cemetery in Bouchoir, before we moved on to Ypres then to visit Dunkirk where my grandfather was one of the lucky ones to be evacuated during the expeditionary force retreat in 1940.

I too have served with the Defence Fire Service for 33 years including 2 tours to Kosovo & 2 tours to Iraq before taking voluntary redundancy.







Rambling with Jazzie



Poor Jazzie has had much reduced rambling in November, after my fall in the garden on the 3rd! I gashed my lower leg badly on some cut branches and now need careful treatment to repair the damage. So Jazzie sits on my knee helping, and Jo takes her out in the evening after her gardening work is over.

Despite the rain, we had been out regularly to meet the horses at Croucheston and the calves at Faulston. The river seems to be very high, but is under control, I hope, with the new defences and wardens!

We missed the meetings about the proposed housing development on the High Road, which surely caused some interesting discussions, and will all come to a happy conclusion in time.

The village network has been very busy as I follow it all with much interest. So many good folk sending clothes to Ukraine, and offering all sorts of useful kit for free. We all have far too many things, and charity is a good way of getting rid of them easily and with a good conscience. We have bags full of clothes and books ready for the charity shops in Salisbury. Catherine Street is the place to go to offer about 8



bags to 8 different charity shops! They all seem delighted to take them.

The hedgehogs are fine although their feeding has been reduced while we deal with a plague of rats. They are fine and healthy, but too many, so need culling. The ratcatcher is on his way to help! Actually, I quite enjoy watching them, and Jazzie enjoys chasing and killing them. But we do need help now!

So I am sitting at home, with my leg up, feeling tired from all the analgesics and antibiotics I have to take, with Jazzie looking imploringly at me. However, as the plastics surgeon said, I should take some exercise, so we now take a stroll around the Croft in the afternoon. My word it all looked very snowy at about 3 am when I looked out this morning. We had a slight fall of snow, and now it is just frozen! Very pretty!



Jazzie will be out and about with Jo from time to time, and even in the pub. She is no good at buying her round, but does enjoy a little ear-scratch from friends!

Looking forward to getting out again soon. Keep walking, and a very happy Christmas to one and all, and a peaceful and happy New Year!

Police Bulletin

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



As part of a new campaign launched by my office, I'm urging young people, their families and friends to become educated on spotting the signs of child criminal exploitation, including going missing, unexplained gifts, being secretive and glued to their phone, and becoming friends with older groups of people.

Tackling serious violence has been identified as a priority by both myself and Wiltshire Police Chief Constable Catherine Roper in recognition of the serious harm it causes victims, their families and the wider communities where it occurs.

Child criminal exploitation is often an unnoticed crime, which is what makes it so dangerous with potentially devastating consequences. Criminals tend to prey on young children, taking advantage of their innocence for their own benefit whilst putting them in very dangerous situations.

It is so important that we educate young people so they can become street wise when it comes to recognising signs of exploitative behaviour, whether it's happening to them directly or a friend and they know where to get help.

This type of crime has a devastating impact on the young people involved, their families and the wider community and what we then see is that trauma being carried forward and becoming a precursor to further offences in our communities.

The Wiltshire Serious Violence Duty Strategic Needs Assessment (SNA) – a multiagency initiative which aims to better understand serious violence in Wiltshire and why it happens – highlights a 2023 schools survey which demonstrated that only 3% of young people admitted to having carried a knife.

However, most young people estimated that around 19% of their peers carried a knife, demonstrating the significant difference between the perceived threat of youth knife carriers versus the reality perpetuating a culture of fear amongst young people. The campaign will also challenge these perceptions.

The police cannot tackle this issue alone, and my office will continue working with the police, partners and the right organisations including young people themselves to ensure this type of crime is being recognised, reported and that those directly affected are protected.

To find out more, please visit <u>https://bit.ly/CriminalChildExploitation</u>

Puzzles and Activities

By Cally Edwards

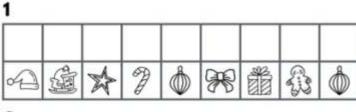


CODE BREAKER

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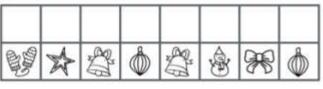
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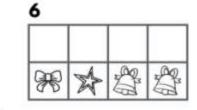
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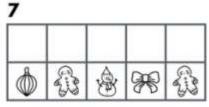
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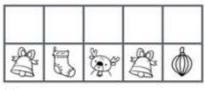
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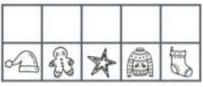




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Complete the Linguistic Equations

e.g. 12 M in a Y = 12 Months in a Year

Answers on p31

7 D of the W	
24 H in a D	
12 S of the Z	
13 L in a BD	
26 L of the A	
7 C in a R	
12 N on a C	
29 D in F in a LY	
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Notes from a Nutritionist by Amber Cotton Nutrition

My recipe this month is a fabulous chicken tagine that is great for easy entertaining over Christmas and the New Year. Served with spiced Brussels sprouts and pomegranate seeds, it makes the whole dish look very festive. Rather than a photo of the dish itself, this month I feature three locals who were happy to try out the dish at the end of October and pronounced it delicious! Wishing you a very happy Christmas and New Year. Amber

Festive Chicken Tagine with Spiced Brussels Sprouts



Ingredients (serves 4)

For the Chicken Tagine:

- 4 large or 8 small chicken thighs (bone-in, skin-on)
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 1 large onion, finely chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1 tsp ground cumin
- 1 tsp ground coriander
- 1 tsp smoked paprika
- 1/2 tsp ground turmeric

For the Spiced Brussels Sprouts:

- 300g Brussels sprouts, halved
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 1 tsp smoked paprika
- 1 tsp ground cumin
- Salt and pepper to taste

- 1/2 tsp cayenne pepper (optional)
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 400g can chopped tomatoes
 - 300ml chicken stock
- 100g dried apricots, halved if large
- 100g toasted almonds
- Zest and juice of 1 lemon
- Fresh coriander, chopped, for garnish
- 100g sliced almonds (toasted for extra flavour)
- Pomegranate seeds (optional, for garnish)

Instructions

Prepare the Chicken Tagine:

- Heat the olive oil in a large, heavy-bottomed pan or tagine over medium heat.
- Season the chicken thighs with salt and pepper, then brown them in the pan for about 5-7 minutes on each side until golden. Remove the chicken and set aside.
- In the same pan, add the chopped onion and sauté for 5 minutes until softened.
 Add the garlic and cook for another minute until fragrant.
- Stir in the cinnamon, cumin, coriander, smoked paprika, turmeric, and cayenne pepper (if using). Cook for 1-2 minutes to toast the spices.
- Add the chopped tomatoes, chicken stock, dried apricots, and browned chicken thighs back to the pan. Bring to a simmer, cover, and cook for 40-45 minutes, or until the chicken is cooked through and tender.

Prepare the Spiced Brussels Sprouts:

- While the tagine is cooking, preheat your oven to 200°C (fan oven 180°C) or 400°F.
- In a bowl, toss the halved Brussels sprouts with olive oil, smoked paprika, cumin, salt, and pepper until evenly coated.
- Spread the Brussels sprouts on a baking tray and roast for 20-25 minutes until golden and crispy, shaking the tray halfway through for even cooking.

Combine and Serve:

- Once the chicken is cooked, remove it from the pan and let it rest for a few minutes.
- Stir in the lemon zest and juice and adjust seasoning if needed.
- Serve the chicken tagine on a large platter, garnished with chopped fresh coriander and toasted sliced almonds.
- Plate the spiced Brussels sprouts on the side, topped with additional toasted almonds and pomegranate seeds for an extra festive touch.

Tips for Extra Flavour:

For added depth, consider adding a pinch of saffron to the tagine while it simmers. Serve with warm couscous or crusty bread to soak up the delicious sauce.

Nutritional Benefits

This recipe combines a variety of nutrient-dense ingredients, providing a balanced meal rich in protein, healthy fats, vitamins, and minerals. The inclusion of vegetables and nuts boosts fibre content, aiding in digestion and promoting satiety.

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Linguistic Equations answers

7 D of the W	7 days of the week
24 H in a D	24 hours in a day
12 S of the Z	12 signs of the zodiac
13 L in a BD	13 loaves in a baker's dozen
26 L of the A	26 letters of the alphabet
7 C in a R	7 colours in a rainbow
12 N on a C	12 numbers on a clock
29 D in F in a LY	29 days in February in a leap year
90 D in a R A	90 degrees in a right angle
9 P in the S S	9 planets in the solar system
100 P in a P	100 pennies in a pound
14 P in a S	14 pounds in a stone
14 L in a S S	14 lines in a Shakespearean sonnet
360 D in a C	360 degrees in a circle
5 L in the A are V	5 letters in the alphabet are vowels
7 W of the W	7 wonders of the world
88 PK	88 piano keys
57 H V	57 Heinz varieties
11 P on a F T	11 players in a football team
A P is worth a T W	A picture is worth a thousand words
1001 A N	1001 Arabian nights
76 T in the B P	76 trombones in the big parade
7 B for 7 B	7 brides for 7 brothers
12 E in a D	12 eggs in a dozen
10 C	10 Commandments



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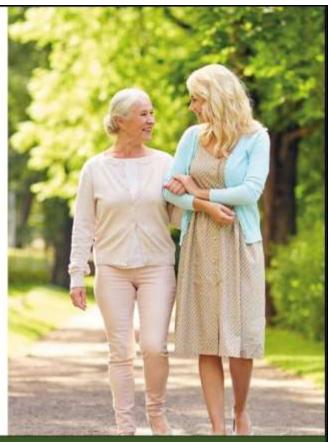
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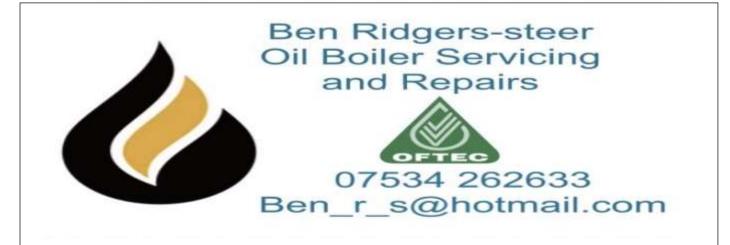
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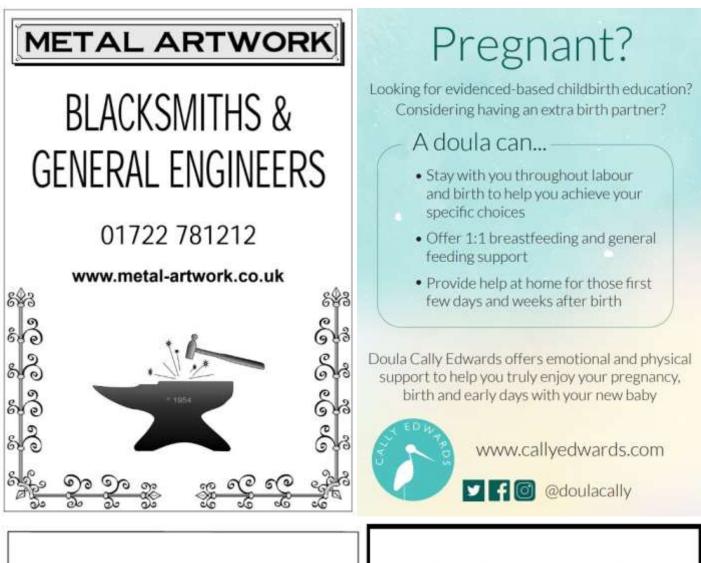


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With thanks to Simon and Alfred

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Bishopstone Village Website

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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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