



Parish Magazine

February 2025



Snow above Bishopstone

Photo by Rob Pendleton

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The editors reserve the right to edit all contributions.

You may notice that this edition of STaB is looking a little thinner than usual. This is the month when most of our advertisers renew, and inevitably we lose a few due to changes in circumstances. If you know of anyone local who might be interested in advertising with us, please direct them to the stabads e.mail above and we'd be happy to include them. With prices starting at only £40 for the year, we are very competitively priced compared to other local parish magazines, and STaB is delivered to over 300 homes.

Likewise, if anyone in the parish would like to write something for STaB, either as a one-off or a series, we would be happy to include it. Of course, we have our lovely regular 'ramblings' with Jazzie and James, but in the past we have had poetry, nature notes, articles with a local theme; could *you* contribute anything? Drop me an e.mail on the teamstab2019 address. (2019 was the year we took over this job, so 2025 will be our 7th year as editors - we would certainly welcome any new ideas for content!).

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



Happy New Year Everyone!

My goodness, we have had a cold start to January but the warmth generated by our full church services over Christmas still lives on! It was so lovely to see so many of you and your families at our Carol Services and the Crib and Christmas Communion services. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make our churches look beautiful and who contributed in any way to all these joyous occasions... we probably ought to have kept some mulled wine for January if this cold snap goes on much longer!!

Often no sooner have the Christmas decorations come down than it is time for Lent (although this the shops excelled themselves by getting their Easter Egg displays done and dusted as 2025 dawned!) but this year Lent doesn't begin until March 5th so plenty of time to get the date of our Lent Project Coffee Morning in your diaries!! **22nd March 10.30 at Kirkhams, Flamstone Street** (thank you Canon Tony and Jenny), the project is one very close to my heart – the school in Cueibet, South Sudan. Please join us on the 22nd and give to this cause as generously as you can.

I hope 2025 proves good to you all even though the world news sometimes fills us with horror. But sadness, fear and cold can be tempered by the warmth and love of our villages, our churches, and our friends – so hold the wonderful words from John's Gospel close to your hearts as we move through winter into spring.

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

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Bishopstone Parish Council

The latest meeting of the Parish Council took place on Tuesday 14th January 2025. Councillors Edwards, Barter, Smith, Williams and Rigg were present, together with the Parish Clerk (Mike Ash). Wiltshire Councillor Nabil Najjar and six 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 business of the meeting was to discuss an initiative by Wiltshire Council's South West Area Board to extend out of school youth activities in its area. Mike Ash explained that the Board currently supports Seeds4Success, a youth support charity based in Mere, which provides opportunities for personal and social development of young people through programmes that develop practical skills, provide recreational activities, conserve the natural environment and strengthen the local community. It is now proposed to undertake a pilot project to extend this approach over a wider area. The parishes of Fovant and Broad Chalke are already involved. The issue for discussion was whether Bishopstone should join this project, at a cost of £500 for the 2025/26 pilot programme.

The pilot would cover both a process of engagement with young people in the village, to better understand what might be needed, and some initial activities. It is clear that, to be a success, parents/carers would need to provide support for the youth worker professionals. Thanks to an initial approach by Cllr Nicky Rigg a number of parents had expressed support for the project and several attended the meeting. At the time of the 2021 Census there were 83 young people between the ages of 10 and 19 in the parish and it was felt that a project of this type is needed.

In discussion it was said that it would be important to ensure that contact is made with as many young people as possible and that activities were provided that could be reached without the need to travel. A number of questions remained to be resolved: such as how it is proposed to identify and engage with young people and establish what activities they are interested in, where activities will take place and how much input will be required from the Parish Council or local parents/carers. Nevertheless, the Parish Council agreed to support the project and to contribute £500 to the cost. Mike Ash said that he would be attending meetings for further discussions with the SWWAB and would circulate more information in due course.

In a related matter, Mike Ash confirmed that Hotspire FC (Salisbury) will be using Bishopstone's Recreation Field once a week for football training sessions for 12, 13 and 14 year olds. Hotspire wish to encourage young people from the village to join. A start date has yet to be finalized as some work is required to prepare the field. A further announcement will be made about this in STaB and through the Village

WhatsApp group.

Wiltshire Councillor Nabil Najjar gave a short report. He said the main issues Wiltshire Council are dealing with at the moment are the Government's proposals for a £6m cut in funding to the Council and for greater devolution. The former has triggered a review of spending with the aim of avoiding an increase in Council Tax, though that may prove impossible. The devolution proposals might see a combined strategic authority for Wiltshire, Dorset and Somerset. Under such an arrangement Wiltshire would retain its autonomy and continue to deliver services, but there would be a more co-ordinated approach to the promotion of overall economic development and strategic planning. He was asked whether the Government's reforms of the planning system would see a free for all in development in our area? Cllr Najjar said that whilst some of the more detailed constraints on development might be eased, Wiltshire's Local Plan, currently being updated, remained the determining factor in where development would be allowed. The landscape designations in our area (Cranborne Chase National Landscape) would continue to act as a restraint on development.

In other matters, Mike Ash said that the next steps on the project to reduce the speed limit on Broad Chalke Road to 30mph would be discussed at a meeting of the Local Highways and Footpaths Improvement Group in February. Hopefully this will see a commitment from the SWWAB to fund implementation after April.

The new Bishopstone Community Orchard has now been planted next to the Children's Play Area by Michael Pratt (Tree Warden) and a group of hardy volunteers. The Parish Council thanked them. Further details are elsewhere in this edition of STaB.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is due to take place on Thursday 13th March. However, the planning application for the proposed Whitlocks development is due to be submitted at the end of January. It is therefore likely that any meeting in March will need to consider the Parish Council's response to that application. When any meeting needs to be held (and whether that is a normal Parish Council meeting or a Special meeting) will depend on how quickly Wiltshire register the application and begin public consultation. Further announcements will be made in STaB, through WhatsApp and the village website.

Village Hall



February 2025

QUIZ NIGHT

The ever-popular Quiz Night will return on **Saturday, February 22nd**.

Doors open at **7pm** for prompt start at **7.30pm**.

Tickets are **£12.50 each** or teams of **4 for £50** and this includes supper.

A bar will be available.

Booking is essential.

Call Caroline Ash on (01722) 781044 advising her of any dietary requirements.

The BISHOPSTONE COMMUNITY CAFÉ

The Village Hall Café is normally open on alternate **Thursdays** throughout the year. Dates for the late winter period are: **Thursday the 30th of January, the 13th and 27th of February** and the **13th and 27th of March**. **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 28th February 2025

The Moviola film for January will be "The Critic". Sir Ian McKellen stars as a powerful theatre critic who lures a struggling actress into a blackmail scheme with deadly consequences. A suspenseful thriller co-starring Gemma Arterton, Mark Strong and Lesley Manville.

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 film on March 28th will be "Conclave" and on April 25th, "Paddington in Peru".

BISHOPSTONE COMMUNITY LUNCHES

The **February** lunch will be on **Wednesday 5th** and the speaker will be from the charity Rise61. 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.

The **March** lunch will be on the **5th** when the speaker will be Linda Nunn from Cranbourne Chase National Landscapes. For the **April** lunch, there will be a speaker from Wilton Men's Shed on the **9th**.

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 callyedwards@me.com 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: 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 every 1st Tuesday of the month from 7 – 9pm. Any crafters 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 9.45 and 11.45. 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.

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.

Bishopstone Village Christmas Card 2024



Many thanks to all those who gave a donation and signed the Bishopstone Village Christmas Card in the Village Hall wishing their friends and neighbours a **Very Happy Christmas.**

As a result of your contributions a donation of £250 has been made to the RNLI. Those who signed the card were:

Ann and Graham Dimmer

James, Ann, Jo and Jazzie Thompson

Norman and Margaret

Audrey Jennings

Elaine Witt

John and Judy Atkinson

Roger and Pip Stockton

Sally Leaver

Sue Porter

Anne and Sam Webb

Tamara Johnson

Jill and Paul

Michael and Alex Ricketts

Jane and Nigel Peasley

Nicky, Ed, Annie, John and Florence
Rigg

Mary and Ross Colwill

Kate, Rob, Ralph and Ted Pendleton

Sue and David Dunwell

Suzanne and Nick Williamson

Shirley Cooke

Dot and Mike Walker

Keith and Judy Johnson

Sue and Francis Taylor

Jayne and Richard

Sarah Seal

Marilyn and Ian Smith

Heather and Des Adeley

Joy and Deric Bailey

Mike and Caroline Ash

Jenny and Geoff Taylor

Bethany, James, Anyah and Malachi
Turner

All the Broughs

Gill, Hollie, Winona and Audrey

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



Upcoming Events

New Set Menu

2 x Courses £18

Available Tue – Sat Lunch & Evening

Valentines Day 14th Feb

Fish Evening Set Menu

Wed 19th Feb

Six Nations Rugby

Starts 30th January

All Games Live

Book Now

01722 780244

Bishopstone Community Orchard



The Parish Council is very pleased to announce that we now have the early stages of a Community Orchard around the playground area of the recreation ground. The Orchard has been funded with a Wiltshire Council grant in conjunction with the National Tree Council initiative for a greater awareness of the importance of trees. Grants have been made available to commemorate the coronation of King Charles III, and a monolith will be erected to celebrate the event. We are fortunate to be able to take advantage of the desire to have more healthy trees in our local environment supported by our tree warden Michael Pratt.

Our orchard consists of apple, plum and pear trees and was planted on a very windy day in mid-December, with the able assistance of Nigel and Jane, George, Piers and Pippa (see photographs). The layout and positioning of the trees can be viewed on the Parish website and they will all be labelled in their planted positions allowing the community to observe the blossoming at different times of the Spring and Summer.

Over the next couple of years, it will be necessary to water and monitor the development of our three-year-old trees. Pruning days will be organised and announced over the proceeding years and the first essential job of that process is to determine the shape (training) of the fruit trees that our village desires – preferably not too tall and a good spread of branches for accessible fruit harvesting. Therefore the involvement of local families, schools and those with experience of fruit cultivation will be an important part of the success of our community orchard.

It is hoped that within three to four years the village residents will be able to enjoy the fruits of their labour (or maybe homemade apple pie in the White Hart).



Friends of Bishopstone Church

The Parish Church of St John the Baptist, Bishopstone



The committee is busy fundraising towards the huge repair job of replacing the North Transept roof in the Church. As yet the cost of repair hasn't been finalised, but it is anticipated that it will be in the region of £130,000. The PCC will be applying for grant donations, and The Friends of Bishopstone Church are supporting this initiative. Our first fund raising event will be the Antiques Evening on **Friday 7 February 2025** in the Village Hall, hosted by Jeremy Lamond of Woolley and Wallis (see poster in STaB).

Tickets are selling fast so make sure you don't miss out!

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We have two more fund raising events planned for the summer -

Saturday 10 May 2025 David Halls will be giving an Organ Recital to celebrate the restoration of the church organ. Details still being arranged.

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

Anne Stutchbury
Chair

Committee Members:

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

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 – annewheelwright@gmail.com (780339)

Norman Barter – normanchalkefish@mac.com (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

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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:

13 Feb, 13 March, 10 April, 8 May, 5 June, 3 July



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Broadchalke**

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

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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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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

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SPORTS SCENE

FEBRUARY 2025

RACE NIGHT- SATURDAY 8 FEBRUARY- 7.00pm

Last few tickets. Email Michaela. £18 including meal. Bar, Raffle and prizes.

A 'STARRY, STARRY NIGHT'

FRIDAY 28TH FEBRUARY AT THE SPORT CENTRE - 6.15pm-8.30pm

STAR GAZING EVENING WITH THE FRIENDS OF BROAD CHALKE SCHOOL

The Friends of Broad Chalke School (FoBS) presents a Stargazing Evening, welcoming astronomers from the 'Chasing Stars' team to educate us on our beautiful International Dark Sky Reserve and its celestial activity.

£8ppn or £30 for a family of 4, inclusive of hot dog and hot drink.

Limited spaces available- Pre booking essential.

For more information email: FOBS@broadchalke.dsat.org.uk

PETANQUE NEWS.

Thanks to Jade Scaffolding and Chalke Valley Roofing we now have a very snazzy new roof on our shed and our refurbishment is complete! Thanks to Steve Garsden for donating the fridge, Paul Lanham for the electrics, Ted Barnes for digging the trench for the electrics, Alan Burt for building the benches and helping line the shed out & also the shed painters in the rain, Terry, Charlotte and Steve, and to our local benefactor who made the whole refurbishment project possible.

Hopefully we will have a few gatherings before starting again in earnest in April. Keep checking Chalke Valley Pétanque Club Facebook page for more information.

Contact chalkevalleypetanqueclub@gmail.com

CHALKE VALLEY FETE AND PRODUCE SHOW

The Sports Centre will again be hosting the Fete on Saturday 16 August 1.00pm-4.00pm. Put the date in your diary and look out for more information in the village magazines and on the Chalke Valley Fete website. If you would like to volunteer to help on the day email: treasurer.cvfete@gmail.com

TENNIS CLUB NEWS

Tuesday evening Intermediate floodlit Club night 7.00pm- 8.00pm.

Thursday evening and Sunday morning Tennis mix-ins.

Saturday morning 9.30am Ladies Tennis.

Contact the Tennis Club for more Information

Tennis Coaching: If you are interested, please contact the Tennis Club via our website contact.

Cricket Club: The new season starts in April.

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

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

Salisbury Foodbank

The totals for Dec and Jan were 6.4kg and 15.5kg respectively, thank you everyone.

Very hard times are with us again. Cold weather and the increase in electricity charges add to people's misery making it even more difficult to make the pounds stretch. Please give generously.

They are particularly short of:

Long life fruit juice

Tinned veg

Meat and vegetarian meals (e.g. tinned curry, chilli, ham)

Tinned fruit

Packet and sponge puddings

Shampoo/conditioner/2-in-1

They have plenty of pasta but need more food, please. Also please do make sure that any donations are within date.

Thank you all for your support.

Judy Barrett

Please leave donations either in the box in the Church or 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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Coffee Shop: Weekdays 10am - 3.30pm (until Midday 12pm on Saturdays)

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

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

We would like to say a huge and heart-felt thank you to one of our volunteers and local resident **Susie Hatt-Cook** who has been with us through thick and thin from the date the Hub opened for business in 2013. It has been an absolute pleasure to work alongside her and we are very grateful to her for giving so much of her time to the Hub over the last eleven years. Her positive and sunny attitude and dedication to working with us has been invaluable. Susie has decided to hang up her apron to concentrate on other things and we wish her well.

After many years of service to our Hub management committee, **Terry Jolly** is looking to step down as Secretary. Terry has contributed a huge amount of work and we would like to thank him for his tireless efforts on behalf of the Hub. We wish Terry well in the future. We are looking for someone to fill his role.

This requires someone who would work to ensure the smooth running of our organisation, in particular, preparing compliance documents for filing online, preparing agendas and minutes of meetings, processing share applications, maintaining the share register, dealing with insurance and ensuring compliance with our Rules. Terry is happy to be involved in providing some training. We're looking for someone who is happy to work on a voluntary basis as part of a team, share knowledge and help to arrive at consensus decisions. Please contact Derek Brown (derek.brown45@btinternet.com) if you are interested or contact Terry Jolly (terry.jolly23@gmail.com) if you wish to know more.

Moving on to shop news, please come and see our extended range of own label products which have just arrived on the shelves. We are excited about the variety of items on offer – biscuits, chocolates, sweets, cakes, jams, and pickles to name just a few. A new range of wines labelled for us will be in stock soon. Come and take a look.

NB There is a Trussell Trust Collection Point in the Hub for any donations of foodstuffs you may wish to make. Your generosity will help those most in need.

Village Memories



Following on from the programme from the 1965 Bishopstone Youth Fellowship pantomime which we printed in the last edition, we have been sent a photograph of the cast of the show. Thank you to Audrey Jennings and Sally Leaver.

New Year Rambling with Jazzie



Well after so long at home while my leg mended, it is a relief to be able to get out for walks again. Jazzie is normally delighted, but if too cold or too wet she asks very firmly to go home after we have reached Faulston House! So not much exercise for either of us.

My leg is well on the mend, and it is nearly three months to get it properly healing on all parts of the gash. My word it was impressive, with plenty of blood .. hanging skin .. pieces of muscle, and very sore! Grandson Joe, in final year of medicine at Barts, was most impressed, and quite pleased with A&E at Odstock!

We had a great walk recently to visit the Crouchston horses and their foals, but my word the mud is deep in their field. Even Jazzie found it a bit much! I am not sure she is too happy in the cold. I think her tootsies get a bit too cold and damp!!

It seems all is well in the village, and the Network is as busy as ever. It is fun seeing what folk have to offer for sale for swap, and some of the responses too!! Thanks for help today with the plumbing offers.

We had a great Christmas with daughter Katie and her family in Swindon (Old Town!), and saw the grandchildren and even others of the Bennett family. Jazzie had a busy time with Dora the Explorer, a daughter of Purdey on the Croft! They got on well, and J was not too overawed by Dora's enthusiasm and boisterous behaviour.

I am still painting with my U3A group on Monday mornings, out at Alderbury. We have fun doing what we are told, or do our own thing. Here is one of Hughenden Manor out on the Southampton Road at Petersfinger.



Since then, we have had a new walk-in shower installed instead of the "bath with shower over". It is so much easier to get into than the leg-over-the-bath-rim!.

Tim Saunders, listed in STAB, did a very good job for us, and has left us warm and comfortable, and so clean. Today (20th Jan) we have had the plumbers in to unblock the kitchen sink drain. As so often the case, it led to removal of all sorts of pipes and complete relaying from sink to drain! A much bigger job than planned. Abbotts came to do it, after a call in the morning, and after a full 3 hours on the job, we now have good free-flowing drain again!

What a life we lead, and Jazzie has to meet all these tradesmen as they come and go, which means a lot of time on the lead with Ann, while I hover and watch the work in progress. But isn't that what we all did in the Army? We hovered and supervised the work!!

Anyway, a very Happy New Year to one and all, and J and I look forward to seeing you again on our walks!

James Thompson

MEDITATION

A Meditation Hour is held every 2nd Wednesday of the month at
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We have a short, introductory talk followed by 30 mins.
of silence (with tea and chat afterwards if you would
like to stay on).

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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

Cranborne Chase National Landscape

Have you ever explored the Cranborne Chase website? It can be found at: cranbornechase.org.uk and contains a wealth of information about this beautiful area in which we live.

Did you know that....?

- National Landscapes are equal in landscape status to National Parks.
- There are ½ million people within thirty minutes drive of Cranborne Chase National Landscape in surrounding market towns and the Bournemouth and Poole conurbations.
- Cranborne Chase covers an area of 983 square kilometres or 380 square miles of countryside overlapping the boundaries of Wiltshire, Dorset, Hampshire and Somerset.
- The National Landscape has an extensive network of Rights of Way, the combined length of over 1,500 km (927 miles) would take you from Southampton to Edinburgh and back again.
- The long distance footpaths of the Wessex Ridgeway, Jubilee Trail and the Monarch's Way all criss-cross the National Landscape.
- There are a myriad of ancient droves and track-ways bristling with history waiting to be explored.
- There are at least 550 Scheduled Ancient Monuments and more than 50 Sites of Special Scientific Interest (important areas for nature) within Cranborne Chase National Landscape.
- Farming is by far the biggest land use with more than 89% of the AONB classed as farmland.
- Almost 14% of the UK's important chalk grassland is found here.
- The National Landscape abounds with many ancient woodlands.
- There are over 350kms (220 miles) of chalk rivers.

We have over 33,000 residents within the National Landscape, which is one of the lowest population densities in the South West.

The 'Explore the Landscape' section of the website has a fabulous selection of short, medium and long walks, all with downloadable OS maps and descriptions. Do take a look!

Kate Pendleton

HOME > EXPLORE THE LANDSCAPE > MEDIUM WALKS (4 - 6 MILES)

Medium Walks (4 - 6 miles)



Charity News and Events

Alabaré



At the start of a new year we at Alabaré would like to say a huge thank you to our local communities for all the support we have received over the past few months. Every gift, hour of volunteer time and prayer helps us to bring more people out of the crisis of homelessness and into independent, fulfilling lives.

More and more people are coming to us needing support and predictions indicate that this is likely to continue.

One memorable way that you can support us is by joining our annual sponsored BIG Sleep at Salisbury Cathedral on Friday 28th March. It is an incredibly moving event which gives participants a glimpse into what it would be like to have no home of their own by spending one night sleeping on the cloisters' cold, hard floor.

Anyone from the age of 14 to 94 is welcome! You can find more details and sign up on our website as above.

Thank you so much for any help you are able to give and with very best wishes for a Happy and Healthy 2025.

Helen Inglis (Church and Community Engagement Officer) h.inglis@alabare.co.uk



Berwick St John Country Fayre raises record-breaking total for the Stars Appeal

The 2024 Berwick St John Country Fayre has raised a record-breaking amount for the Stars Appeal, Salisbury Hospital's Charity.

The whopping total of £96,983.99 was announced during a special presentation held on Sunday, December 1 at a packed West

Barn Lodge in Fovant with nearly 300 people in attendance. After the big sum was revealed, further donations from guests at the event bumped the total up to an incredible £100,000 – the largest amount raised in the Fayre's 32 year history.

The 2024 event, which took place on Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th September, attracted thousands of visitors and featured an array of activities from displays of steam engines, vintage tractors, heavy horses and classic cars as well as a dog show, rural crafts, fairground rides, and entertainment. Ahead of the main fayre event, visitors enjoyed an evening of live music on Friday, September 13th.

The biennial event is run entirely by a dedicated committee of volunteers, with wide support from the local community and village residents.

Puzzles and Activities



WORD SCRAMBLE
DIRECTIONS:
Unscramble each set of letters to discover a vocabulary word relating to the wintry month of February.

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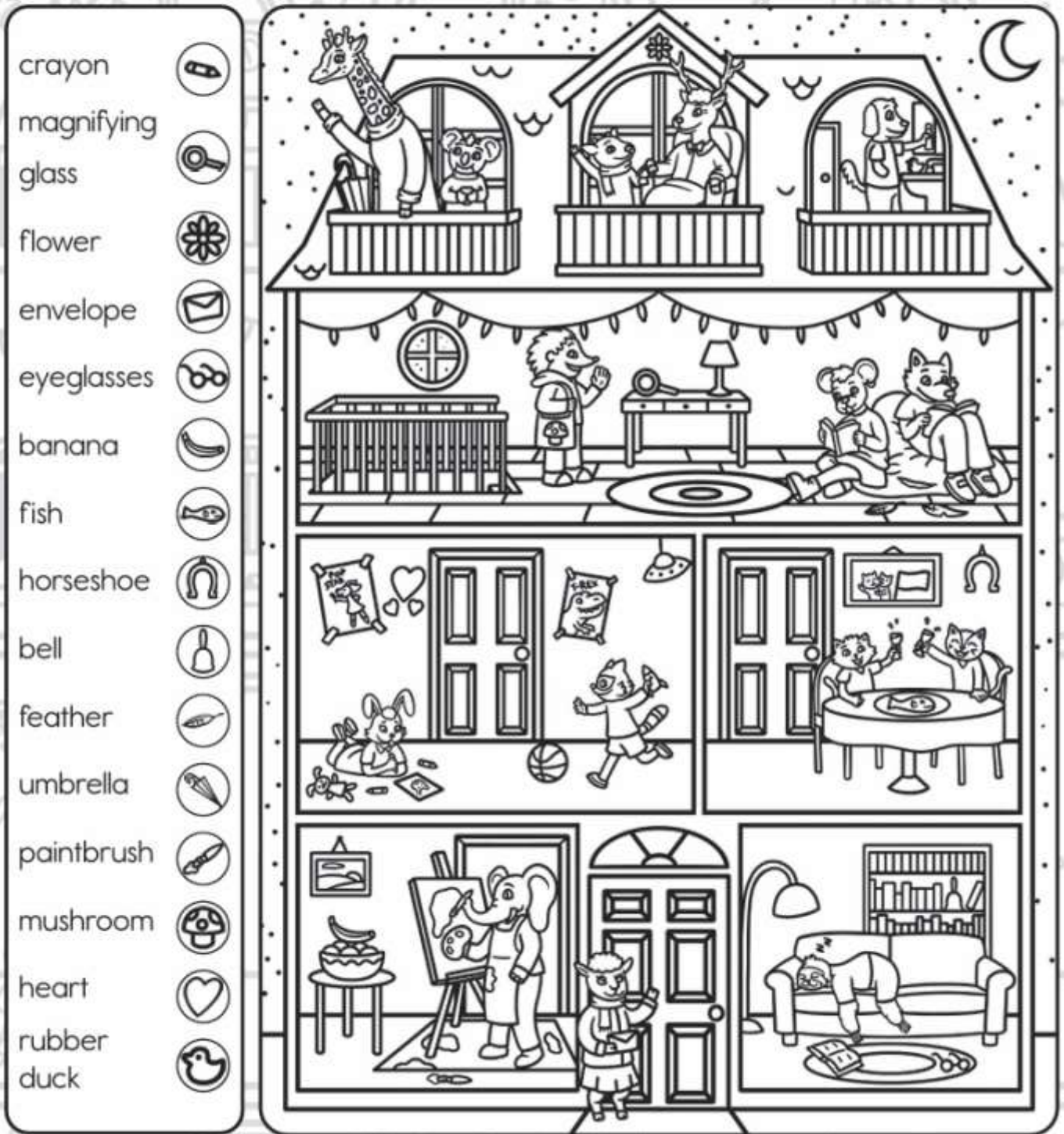
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Solution on page 40.

Watch out for some rather American answers!

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It was named after Februalia, the Roman festival of purification, which was a month-long festival of purification and atonement that took place this time of year.

While February is the second month in our Gregorian calendar today, it was originally the very last month added to the Roman calendar (c. 713 BC).

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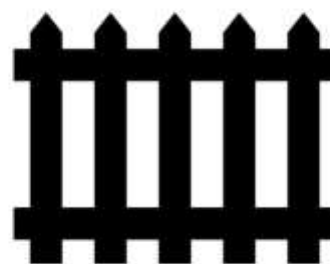
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2 February CANDLEMAS	9.30am Family Communion (CW) 9.30am Parish Communion (CW) 9.30am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.00am Morning Prayer (BCP) 11.00am Parish Communion (CW) 11.00am Family Service 11.00am Morning Service	Broad Chalke Britford Berwick St John Ebbesbourne Wake Coombe Bissett Odstock Bishopstone	Kate Woolven Ruth H-S Alison Waterhouse Biddy Trahair Jenny Taylor Adrian Taylor Sally Leaver
9 February 4th Sunday before Lent	9.30am Parish Communion (CW) 9.30am Family Communion (CW) 10.30am Worship Together 11.00am Morning Prayer (BCP) 11.00am Parish Communion (CW) 11.00am All Age Service 3.00pm Evening Prayer	Bowerchalke Nunton Broad Chalke Hub Charlton All Saints Homington Alvediston Fifield Bavant	Kate Woolvern Ruth H-S Lay Led Rhoddy Voremberg Jenny Taylor Biddy Trahair Biddy Trahair
16 February 3rd Sunday before Lent	9.30am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am Parish Communion (CW) 9.30am Parish Communion (CW) 11.00am Family Communion (CW) 11.00am Parish Communion (CW) 11.00am Parish Communion (CW)	Bowerchalke Bishopstone Odstock Ebbesbourne Wake Coombe Bissett Berwick St John	Alison Waterhouse Jenny Taylor Ruth H-S Alison Waterhouse Ruth H-S Maggie Metcalfe
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2 March Sunday Next before 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	Broad Chalke Britford Berwick St John Ebbesbourne Wake Coombe Bissett Odstock	Ruth H-S Jenny Taylor Alison Waterhouse Biddy Trahair Jenny Taylor Adrian Taylor

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