



# Parish Magazine

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Beeches above Faulston

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The editors reserve the right to edit all contributions.



STaB is a magazine for everyone in the parish of Stratford Tony and Bishopstone. However, we are very conscious that it often feels very centred on Bishopstone. Obviously Bishopstone is a much larger village, and all the editorial team live in it, but we would be delighted to receive any articles from, or about, Stratford Tony. Please e.mail us on the address above if you'd like to contribute.

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

*Colin and Taeko Lapsa who have moved into Faulston Barns, and also to Jane Wallace who is now resident in Chapel Lane.*

*We hope you will be very happy in your new homes here in Bishopstone.*



**Hello from the Revd Canon Jenny Taylor**



### **Happy Easter Everyone!**



This time last year our churches were closed and we were unable to worship together but social distancing, masks, thorough cleaning and Covid secure measures in place have all meant that we have been able to stay open all through this third Lockdown. So we can celebrate Easter together!! Join us on Maundy Thursday at 7.30 pm, on Good Friday at 12 noon and on Easter Sunday at 11.00pm.

As restrictions begin to lift there is such a temptation to break out isn't there? But we must remain vigilant and keep each other safe so our services will continue to be carefully monitored and planned according to the Church of England guidance. We are hopeful that we will be allowed to start singing again inside in the not too distant future!

As the trees and the flowers start to blossom and as the days become longer hope is all around us so fill your hearts and minds with these words from the Gospel of St John:

Christ Jesus said, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.'

**The Parish of Bishopstone and Stratford Tony  
ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING  
Sunday 25 April 2021, 11.45am  
in St John the Baptist Church, after the 11.00am Parish Communion**  
Please note that under the current restrictions, everyone attending a service or meeting in church is required to wear a mask and observe social distancing.

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

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## Parish Council

A meeting of Bishopstone Parish Council took place on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March using Zoom Video Conferencing. Councillors Gibbon, Thorne, Barter, Edwards, Smith and Tatner joined the meeting, as did Roger Stockton, Emergency Planning Officer, and three members of the public.

The main items discussed were:

- i) **Superfast Broadband.** Roger Stockton presented a short report on the project to bring Superfast Broadband services to the western end of the village. This is reported separately in this edition of STaB. The Parish Council agreed a budget of £250 for expenditure on establishing a Community Interest Company and any other incidental expenses to take this project forward.
- ii) **Covid-19 Support Arrangements in the Village.** Progress with vaccinations was noted. The Sixpenny Handley and Chalke Valley Practice had indicated that the surgery at Broad Chalke would reopen for the collection of prescriptions on two days a week from 13<sup>th</sup> April. The Council approved the Emergency Planning Group's recommendation that the Bishopstone Prescription Collection Service should be closed at the end of April, with emergency cover only after the collection on 9<sup>th</sup> April. A separate notice about this is included elsewhere in this edition of STaB. It was agreed that the matter should be kept under review in case there was any sign of resurgence of the virus. The Chairman thanked the organisers, Area Co-ordinators and Drivers who had been involved in operating this service over the past 12 months.
- iii) **Elections.** An update was provided on arrangements for the election on 6<sup>th</sup> May for membership of the Parish Council. A notice about the election had been included in the March edition of STaB but no enquiries had been received. The deadline for the submission of nominations is 8<sup>th</sup> April so there is still time for candidates to come forward.
- iv) **Meetings in May.** The Annual Parish Meeting had been postponed from March and would need to be held, at the latest, in May. Under the Government's plan for the lifting of Covid related restrictions it should be possible to hold actual meetings, with appropriate distancing etc measures, in the Village Hall from 17<sup>th</sup> May. It was agreed to proceed on the basis of an actual meeting, combined with the May meeting of the Parish Council (see below).

**The next meeting of the Parish Council will therefore take place on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May, following the Annual Parish Meeting which will begin at 7.00pm.** The meetings will take place in the Village Hall unless Covid restrictions are re-imposed in which case the meetings will be held using Zoom video conferencing. Final announcements about meeting arrangements will appear in the May edition of STaB.

Mike Ash

Clerk

## **Coronavirus Update**

Whilst many have now received a first vaccination the majority have yet to receive the jab, most will not get the second dose for some months yet. Even if you have been immunized, it is still possible to transmit the virus. Therefore, while the number of cases in Wiltshire is going down, the risks of spreading the infection remain high.

The Government's Covid-19 "roadmap" for the lifting of restrictions is on the village website – go to [www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk](http://www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk).



**PLEASE CONTINUE TO FOLLOW THE  
GOVERNMENT'S GUIDANCE.**

### **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).

## Prescription Collections - To Athens and Back!



Exactly a year ago the April 2020 edition of STaB reported on the emergency arrangements that were being put in place to support the village community during the developing pandemic. The Emergency Planning Group's blue leaflet, providing advice to all households, had been issued and the system of Area Co-ordinators had been set up. It was noted that Broad Chalke Surgery had closed, with all services operating from Sixpenny Handley. The STaB report said:

*"...if you are self isolating, social distancing or whatever and need help with collection of medication, shopping etc you telephone the Co-ordinator for your area. They will mobilise a volunteer to provide help".*

So far as prescription collection was concerned, a team of volunteer drivers was quickly established to make collections from Sixpenny Handley for everyone in the village. Initially this was on five days a week and later on three days a week.

**In the past year this service has collected prescriptions for 96 different people in the village. The trip to Sixpenny Handley has been made on more than 180 occasions – the equivalent distance of driving to Athens in Greece and back!**

The thanks of the whole village are due to the Area Co-ordinators (listed at the back of this STaB), who collected the requests for collection in their areas and to Michael Pratt and, from July, Caroline Ash who co-ordinated the whole operation – submitting consolidated village lists for each day to the surgery, organising the drivers rota and sorting out any problems.

**Particular thanks are due to the drivers themselves**, who collected prescriptions from Sixpenny Handley and delivered them to addresses throughout the village in all weathers - giving up their time, energy and petrol to ensure that everyone in the village received their medication and stayed safe. So thanks to:

Alice Bennett

Dani Humphrey

Michael Pratt

Sarah Brough

Pippa Knight

Adrian Prior

Jane Clarke

Alice Lyons

Michelle Tatner

Cally Edwards

Jenny Monds

Diane Wilson

Helen Gibb

Jane Peasley

Olivia Wilson

The prescription collection service is ending this month (see notice below) – though it can be reintroduced should there be another surge in the virus. **It has been an amazingly successful operation and one of which the whole village can feel proud.**

## **THANK YOU TO ALL VOLUNTEERS ON BEHALF OF THE VILLAGE**

### **Prescription Collection - Future Arrangements**

The Sixpenny Handley and Chalke Valley Practice has announced that Broad Chalke surgery is to re-open from **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April**. It will be possible to collect prescribed medication on two days a week – Tuesday and Thursday between 9.30am and 1.00pm. As it will then be possible for most Bishopstone residents to collect their own prescriptions, or to arrange for this to be done by family or friends, the special arrangements put in place for the collection of prescriptions from Sixpenny Handley will be ending.

The last collection by our volunteer drivers under the special arrangements will be on **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> April** – please let your Area Co-ordinator know if you need a prescription collected on or before that day. It will then be possible for you to collect prescriptions from Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April from Broad Chalke.

**Repeat prescriptions** will be available from the Tuesday or Thursday before the repeat date on the pink slip. If you have **new medication** prescribed this will need to be ordered and will be available two working days later on either the Tuesday or Thursday.

As indicated, it is expected that most residents will be able to make arrangements for their own prescriptions to be collected. If this is not possible the **Chalke Valley Link Scheme** (telephone 01722 718780) will be available to make collections.

Transitional arrangements will apply **up until the end of April** with the Bishopstone Prescription Collections team available to provide help if necessary – just contact your Area Co-ordinator.

## Village Hall



**April 2021**

**The Village Hall remains completely closed due to the continuing pandemic and so, sadly, no events will be taking place during April.**

However, although the Hall is closed for activities, installation of improved lighting and re-decoration are both underway in preparation for reopening.

Just as soon as restrictions are lifted all the usual events will return!

### **HALL BOOKINGS FOR SOCIAL EVENTS AND WORKSHOPS**

Both halls will be available for hire once restrictions are lifted. To enquire or make an advance booking, please contact the bookings secretary Margaret Barter 01722 780471

### **BISHOPSTONE COMMUNITY CAFE**

A fortnightly coffee morning, allowing people to meet in an informal setting. Normally open between 10.30am until 12.00noon on alternate Thursdays.

### **BISHOPSTONE COMMUNITY LUNCHESES**

Home-cooked and delicious lunches served once a month, usually accompanied by a guest after-lunch speaker.

### **MOVIOLA at Bishopstone**

Monthly screenings of popular cinema releases.

### **BISHOPSTONE PLAYGROUP**

For general information about the Baby and Toddler Group find their Facebook page *Bishopstone Playgroup*, or contact Kate Pendleton on 01722 780655 or email: [kmpendleton@hotmail.com](mailto:kmpendleton@hotmail.com) . Sadly the group are not meeting at present; however we are hoping to restart, with limited numbers in compliance with government restrictions, after the Easter holidays. Please keep an eye on our Facebook page for up to date information about how this will happen.

## **“EXTEND” EXERCISE CLASSES**

For information about these exercise classes contact Jenny on 01722 780863, email: [jennyberwynjones@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jennyberwynjones@yahoo.co.uk)

## **PILATES AT BISHOPSTONE**

Contact Claudine on 07788 587937

## **YOGA WITH HANNAH**

For more details please contact Hannah Stocker on 0773 856 1888 or by email: [yoga\\_with\\_hannah@outlook.com](mailto:yoga_with_hannah@outlook.com).

## **SARUM SPINNERS AND WEAVERS**

For more detail about the group please contact Les Smith on 01722 780761.

# **Bishopstone Ultrafast Broadband News**



The project to bring Ultrafast (Gigabit) full-fibre broadband to Bishopstone is going well. If you have not signed up for it yet please contact Toby (details below). We will be closing the list at the end of March so don't delay because after that you will have to pay if you want it!

In April we will be contracting with Openreach to start the installation.

Our website is now live with loads of detail about the project:

# **[www.bishopstone-fftp.uk](http://www.bishopstone-fftp.uk)**

However, if you would like to talk about it then please contact:

Toby Mills – tel. 781168 | [toby.mills@bishopstone-fftp.uk](mailto:toby.mills@bishopstone-fftp.uk)

## **Avian Flu - Guidance for Bird Owners**

Taken from [www.gov.uk/guidance/avian-influenza-bird-flu#latest-situation](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/avian-influenza-bird-flu#latest-situation)

The risk of avian influenza to both wild and kept birds has reduced to 'medium'. The Avian Influenza Prevention Zone (covering the whole of England) requiring enhanced biosecurity will remain in force but Wednesday 31 March 2021 will be the last day poultry and other captive birds will need to be housed (housing restrictions end 23:59 31 March 2021). Bird gatherings are still prohibited. High standards of biosecurity remain essential as infection may still be present in the environment. A PDF is available on the website above with information about how to prepare for letting your free-range birds outside again.

## **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:**

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

### **Broadband**

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

### **Large projection screen**

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

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

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

## 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

**You can also contact local Police as follows:**

**PCSO Matthew SMITH** – matthew.smith@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk

**PCSO Simon WARD** - simon.ward@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk

**PC James BARRETT** - james.barrett@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk

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

**CPTSouthWiltshire@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk** (*e.mail address for general enquiries*)

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

**Social media** – for local policing updates follow us on Facebook

**@salisbury police** and Twitter **@SouthWiltsCPT**



### Sixpenny Handley and Chalke Valley Practice

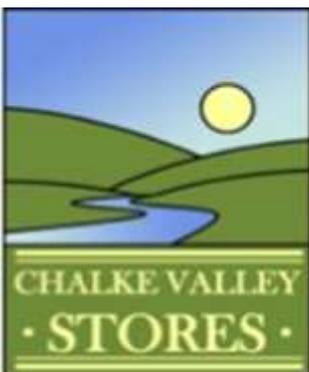
Doves Meadow Surgery, Broad Chalke: 01722 780282

#### **BROAD CHALKE SURGERY PARTIALLY REOPENING**

*See p7 for more details.*

Sixpenny Handley Surgery: 01725 552500

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



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e: [info@chalkevalleystores.co.uk](mailto: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

## The Trussell Trust

A cash donation of £20 was made last month which I forgot to list, sorry.

March donations are: cheque £50, cash £20, and goods totalling 19.2 kgs. Thank you everyone.

At the present time they are still asking in particular for:-

**Long Life Fruit Juice**

**Instant Mashed Potato**

**Sponge Puddings**

**Bars of Chocolate**



If you can please provide any of these which they are very short of at the present time but really anything you feel you can offer will be so useful during this lockdown .

Please continue to leave your donations at The Old Post Office, The Cross, either ring the doorbell or leave them on the step. If you cannot get them to me then please phone me and I will arrange for someone to collect at your convenience.

I have again been asked where donations of clothes and furniture can be made, unfortunately they are not taking anything in any of their shops at this time as they are all closed due to lock down. I will keep you updated on this situation.

Keep safe everyone, Judy Barrett (01722 780306)



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

If you live between Bishopstone and Bodenham or Britford and need help getting to your surgery/hospital appointments, local shopping, or to visit family members in hospital, please phone **01722 718780** to reach our Joint Transport Coordinators.

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

If you would like to be included in the Church Electoral Roll please contact Anne Stutchbury for further information - 01722 780339 [annewheelwright@gmail.com](mailto:annewheelwright@gmail.com)

**APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT ON THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL OF THE PARISH OF: Bishopstone and Stratford Tony**



Full name .....

Full Address .....

..... Postcode .....

I declare that

- 1. I am baptized and am aged 16 or over, (or, become 16\* on .....) )
- 2. (Tick one only of boxes 2A, B or C)

**A** I am a member of the Church of England (or of a Church in communion with the Church of England) and am resident in the parish.

Or

**B** I am a member of the Church of England (or of a Church in communion with the Church of England) and, not being resident in the parish, I have habitually attended public worship in the parish during the period of six months prior to enrolment.

Or

**C** I am a member in good standing of a Church (not in communion with the Church of England) which subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity and also declare myself to be a member of the Church of England and I have habitually attended public worship in the parish during the period of six months prior to enrolment.

I declare that the above answers are true and I apply for inclusion on the Church Electoral Roll of the parish.

Signed ..... Date .....

\* Those who become 16 during the next 12 months may complete the form, and become eligible to be entered on the Roll on their sixteenth birthday.

**Notes**

- 1. The only Churches at present in communion with the Church of England are other Anglican Churches and certain foreign Churches.
- 2. Membership of the electoral roll is also open to members in good standing of a Church not in communion with the Church of England which subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity where those members are also prepared to declare themselves to be members of the Church of England.
- 3. Every six years a new roll is prepared and those on the previous roll are informed so that they can re-apply. If you are not resident in the parish but were on the roll as an habitual worshipper and have been prevented by sickness or absence or other essential reason from worshipping for the past six months, you may write "would" before "have habitually attended" on the form and add " but was prevented from doing so because ....." and then state the reason.
- 4. If you have any problems over this form, please approach the clergy or lay people responsible for the parish, who will be pleased to help you.
- 5. In this form "parish" means ecclesiastical parish.

**Additional information (This is not part of the statutory application form) Consent Form**

By signing this section of the form you agree that the contact information you provide may also be used to keep you informed about news, events, activities and services in the parish, for example by your Parish Priest. Your personal data will not be used for any other purpose without your explicit consent.

Email address:

Telephone number:

Signed:

*You may withdraw your consent at any time by contacting The Revd Canon Jenny Taylor - 01722 503081*

## The Crystal Clear Ebble

*Precious chalk stream in Wiltshire given a boost thanks to £50,000 of funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund*

The River Ebble in Wiltshire, one of only around 200 chalk streams in the world, will be given the chance to sparkle again thanks to a £50,000 grant from the National Lottery Heritage Fund as part of the Chase & Chalke Landscape Partnership Scheme.

Channel modifications, pollution, climate change and the need for water have had a huge impact on chalk streams and the River Ebble is no exception. The Crystal Clear Ebble project will be dedicated to improving the health of this unique chalk stream and the wildlife that is dependent on it.

Working with local land managers and communities, a series of surveys and educational projects will be launched that will encourage local volunteers, land managers and school children to help improve our understanding, and ultimately the quality, of this special little river that wends its way through the Chalke Valley. Thanks to funding from The National Lottery Heritage Fund, a project partnership consisting of Wessex Rivers Trust, Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group (FWAG) South West and Wiltshire Wildlife Trust will manage this new project with the Chase & Chalke Landscape Partnership Scheme team at Cranborne Chase Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

The project aims to improve the health of 22km of the River Ebble, including 15km of bank improvements. It will support the conservation of 12 key chalk stream flora and fauna, including wild brown trout and water crowfoot, and the chance for the local community, farmers and land managers to be trained in survey techniques and advised on best practice river management.

Matt Irvine, Project Officer for the Avon and Stour catchments at Wessex Rivers Trust who will manage this project over the three years, said:

“Our chalk streams are unique. There are only about 200 chalk streams in the world, and most of them are in the southern half of England. The River Ebble is a beautiful example and this is going to be a truly collaborative project that will be managed by our well-established project team here at the Trust, Wiltshire Wildlife Trust and FWAG South West, and we are keen to work with those who live and work along the length of the river.”

Alice Baker, Water Team Manager at Wiltshire Wildlife Trust, said:

“We are really looking forward to working together with Wessex Rivers Trust, FWAG SW and local communities and landowners along the Ebble to further understand and improve this beautiful chalk stream.”

Nicola Hopkins, FWAG SW Farm Environment Adviser, said:

“FWAG SW is looking forward to working with the long-established Chalke Valley cluster group of farmers and their advisers as well as other members of the community to improve the river Ebble as it runs through the valley.”

Roland Hughes, Ranger and Volunteer Coordinator at the Chase & Chalke Landscape Partnership Scheme, said:

“We’re looking for people to join our ‘blue’ community. We would love to hear from you, if you would like to get involved in surveys and practical management in and around the river. We offer free training to volunteers and River Wardens.

“This is one of the first projects we’re running as part of Chase & Chalke and we welcome anyone who would like to learn more about our rivers and to take part in a true research project that will have a direct impact on the health of this most precious chalk stream.”

The River Ebble runs from the village of Berwick St John in Wiltshire and joins the River Avon at Nunton, south of Salisbury.

Crystal Clear Ebble is one of 20 projects in the Chase and Chalke Landscape Partnership Scheme, funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund. If you or someone you know would like to get involved, or to find out more, please get in touch with Roland Hughes, Volunteer Coordinator:

*rolandhughes@cranbornechase.org.uk*

More information can also be found on the webpage: *cranbornechase.org.uk* and following the link to the Crystal Clear Ebble project.

## **Type 2 Diabetes Awareness**

The NHS are trying to increase awareness and access to the National Diabetes Prevention Programme (NDPP) for residents within the Wiltshire area with a free service for people who are at high risk of developing type 2 diabetes.

The Diabetes Prevention Programme is a behaviour change programme where people learn about, diet, physical activity and strategies to improve their overall health, all aimed at reducing their risk of developing Type 2 Diabetes.

Normally, people access the programme through their GP however, due to the pandemic and the subsequent pressure that our GP practices are facing, for a limited time we have enabled a self-referral option via the Diabetes UK ‘Know Your Risk Score’. The risk tool is online at: <https://riskscore.diabetes.org.uk/start>

The site asks you questions about your age, height, weight, waist measurement and any other risk factors you may have before giving you a final score, indicating your chances of developing type 2 diabetes. I was thankful to receive a score of zero (actually a 1 in 100 risk) but it was helpful to see what factors do increase one’s risk.

*Kate Pendlenton*

## The Chalke Valley Farmer Cluster



When walking in the Valley recently I spotted a sign on a gate stating that the farm was part of the 'Chalke Valley Farmer Cluster', described as a group of farmers who manage their farms to encourage wildlife.

My interest piqued, I went home and took a look at their website (which is incidentally slightly incorrect on the poster!).

The website describes the Cluster thus:

*The Chalke Valley Farmer Cluster was formed in 2016 with more than 20 farmers covering over 9000ha within and adjoining the Chalke Valley between Berwick St John and Coombe Bissett, south-west of Salisbury. The Cluster was set up following the desire of a number of farmers to work collaboratively to enhance the local landscape for wildlife. In the past, as elsewhere, much of the conservation activities carried out in the Chalke Valley has focussed on individual farms with very little consideration of what neighbouring farmers are doing. By working together and looking beyond farm boundaries we hope that our collective achievements will be greater than the sum of our parts. The Cluster gives us a platform to share knowledge, experience and ideas. We have access to our own, locally specific environmental advice, and greater economies of scale, with easier access to environmental funding and buying power. The basis for the group is that our objectives and activities have been developed by the farmers themselves, a bottom up approach which we believe is a more effective, sustainable way to deliver greater benefits for the Chalke Valley landscape.*

The website goes on to describe how the Cluster are working in the Chalke Valley to promote environmentally sound yet economically viable farming practices:

- They are protecting the River Ebble by removing invasive species and reducing run-off.
- They recognise the value of the chalk grassland environment and are enlarging and linking fragmented areas of grassland to allow wildlife to move freely between them, and are providing flower-rich habitats throughout the Valley for pollinators.
- This careful land management also provides breeding and feeding habitats for our farmland birds, many of which are in decline, such as the Corn Bunting and Lapwing.

- There are many historic and archaeological features in the Chalke Valley, from Neolithic burial mounds to the remnants of the water meadow management. The Cluster is working to ensure the long-term survival of these through activities such as scrub removal, sensitive grazing and protection of the built features associated with the water meadows.
- The Cluster recognises the importance of Game Shoots to the Chalke Valley economy and works to minimise the negative impact of intensive shoots, and promote the positive elements of game management.

As you can see, the Chalke Valley Farmer Cluster is working to enhance the huge diversity of the valley, for the benefit of the wildlife, and also the people who live and visit this beautiful area. It's great to see farmers working together to such positive effect in our valley.

The website - [chalkevalleyfarmercluster.org](http://chalkevalleyfarmercluster.org) - has a contact form for anyone who is interested in any more information about the group, or would like details of how they could get involved. You can also contact the Cluster Facilitator Simon Smart on [simon@blacksheepcm.co.uk](mailto:simon@blacksheepcm.co.uk) or 07748 155143.

I have been in touch with Simon myself, and he is keen to foster community links. He will hopefully be contributing to some future issues of STaB.

*Kate Pendlenton*

## New Walking Website

Are you fed-up with doing the same old walks?

Walking in Wiltshire [www.walkinginengland.co.uk/wiltshire](http://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/wiltshire) is the website for you!

With hundreds of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, contact details for all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John said 'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Wiltshire (part of the Walking in England suite of websites ([www.walkinginengland.co.uk](http://www.walkinginengland.co.uk)) – one for each county in England) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

*John Harris*

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## Rambling As Ever

Taking the wee doggies for walks is becoming quite exhausting! They know us now and how far we can walk. They would prefer to go further, so a bit of tugging is needed to get them home. A half biscuit helps!

The garden is now going great guns as things start to grow, and seeds need sowing and plants need planting or potting-on.. The beds are just about raked and ready now, but the borders need more anti-weed attention .. all hands and knees stuff!



I came back from Sixpenny Handley on Friday via the long Bowerchalke route. It was lovely passing the woods just beyond Sixpenny, and then approaching Bowerchalke the borders of the road were covered with daffodils for about a mile which continued through the village. It was a truly beautiful sight, and no wonder



Wm Wordsworth got so hot under the collar about them! The daffs with the cherry blossom and the forsythia and blackthorn blossom made a singularly pretty drive home. Incidentally, we can now collect our prescriptions from Broad Chalke Surgery, so I put my name down too!

My painting efforts continue as my local project of houses and buildings proceeds, with about 15 works already done. It is great fun discovering all our ancient buildings, and some wonderful views, studying them all from a new point of view. My aim is to produce a small collection of paintings of our older houses and buildings for a possible exhibition. It has been



most instructive to paint them and to try some new styles as well. Here are some examples of these images.



It is very encouraging that the covid virus seems to be on the back-foot now, as the inoculations are being taken up. We are both waiting for the second one, very soon. We get ours from the Michael Herbert Hall in Wilton, and cannot thank the staff and medics of the Sixpenny

Handley and Broad Chalke surgery enough for their excellent organisation and help. With their volunteer helpers, we have all enjoyed wonderful service. Thank you ... and keep it up!

We hope to see more of the village as the church, the pub and we all open up again as Covid 19 retreats!

*James Thompson*



## Chalke Valley Cottage Postcard



Anne Stutchbury has been trying to find out the provenance of the Chalke Valley Cottage postcard found on eBay by a STaB reader, and mentioned in last month's magazine. We think that the photograph was taken for a WI Wiltshire calendar, and is of a house in Coombe Bissett.

The cottage was once the Post Office, with William Brooks as the receiver of post from 1855 through

1867. By 1889 the Post Office was run by William Kimber - but either here or at Bridge House. By 1915 a Mrs Emma Scammell ran the Post Office which was at Bridge House, with an adjoining shop. It moved again to Brines Cottage by the time of the last war, until the present shop was built.

Anne has been in touch with Noreen Roberts who lives nearby but she does not know the background to the photo. Thank you for your researches Anne!

## Salisbury Cathedral Peregrines

The bird enthusiasts among you will be excited to hear that a pair of Peregrine Falcons have once again made Salisbury Cathedral Tower their home and begun laying eggs. Last year a pair laid 4 eggs, all of which hatched and fledged successfully. Hopefully the same will be true this year.



As usual, the Cathedral has set up a webcam so that you can watch the live action from the nest in the tower. Last year this proved extremely popular, with the webcam views peaking at 15,500 in one day! See the Cathedral website for more details, and to watch the peregrines yourself:

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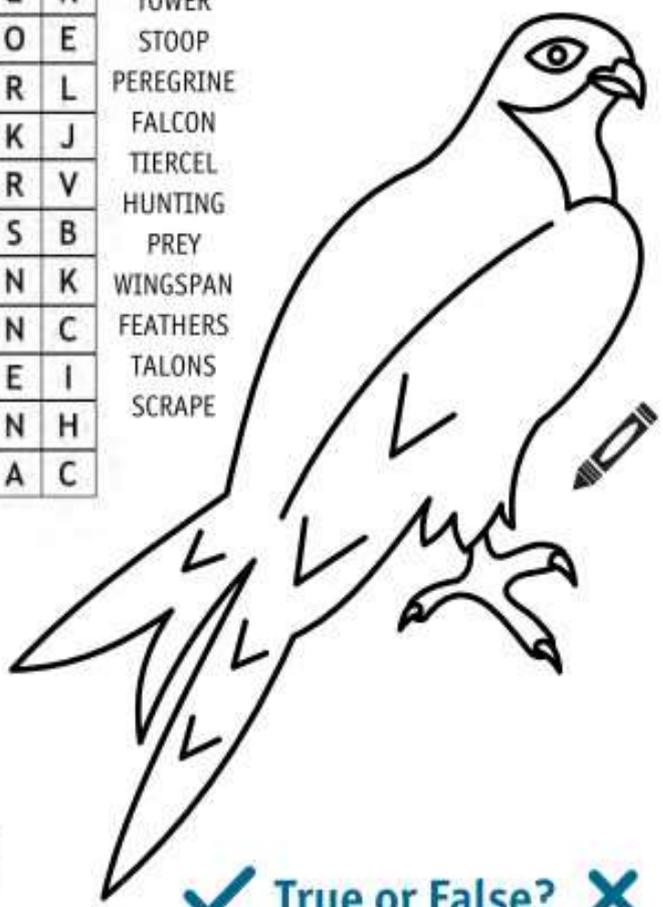
# Puzzles and Activities

By Cally Edwards & Kate Pendleton

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- CATHEDRAL
- CHICK
- FASTEST
- TOWER
- STOOP
- PEREGRINE
- FALCON
- TIERCEL
- HUNTING
- PREY
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- FEATHERS
- TALONS
- SCRAPE

Peregrinus means 'wanderer'



When the chicks are born, they are covered in fluffy white down. It takes at least 3 weeks before they get feathers.

### Don't forget

You can keep up to date with all the latest information on the peregrines at Salisbury Cathedral and even watch them on the live webcam!

Visit: [www.salisburycathedral.org.uk](http://www.salisburycathedral.org.uk)

Peregrines usually catch their prey whilst flying in the air!

### Fancy making your own peregrine flyer or puppet?



For instructions go to the RSPB website and search 'Aren't birds of prey brilliant!'



### ✓ True or False? ✗

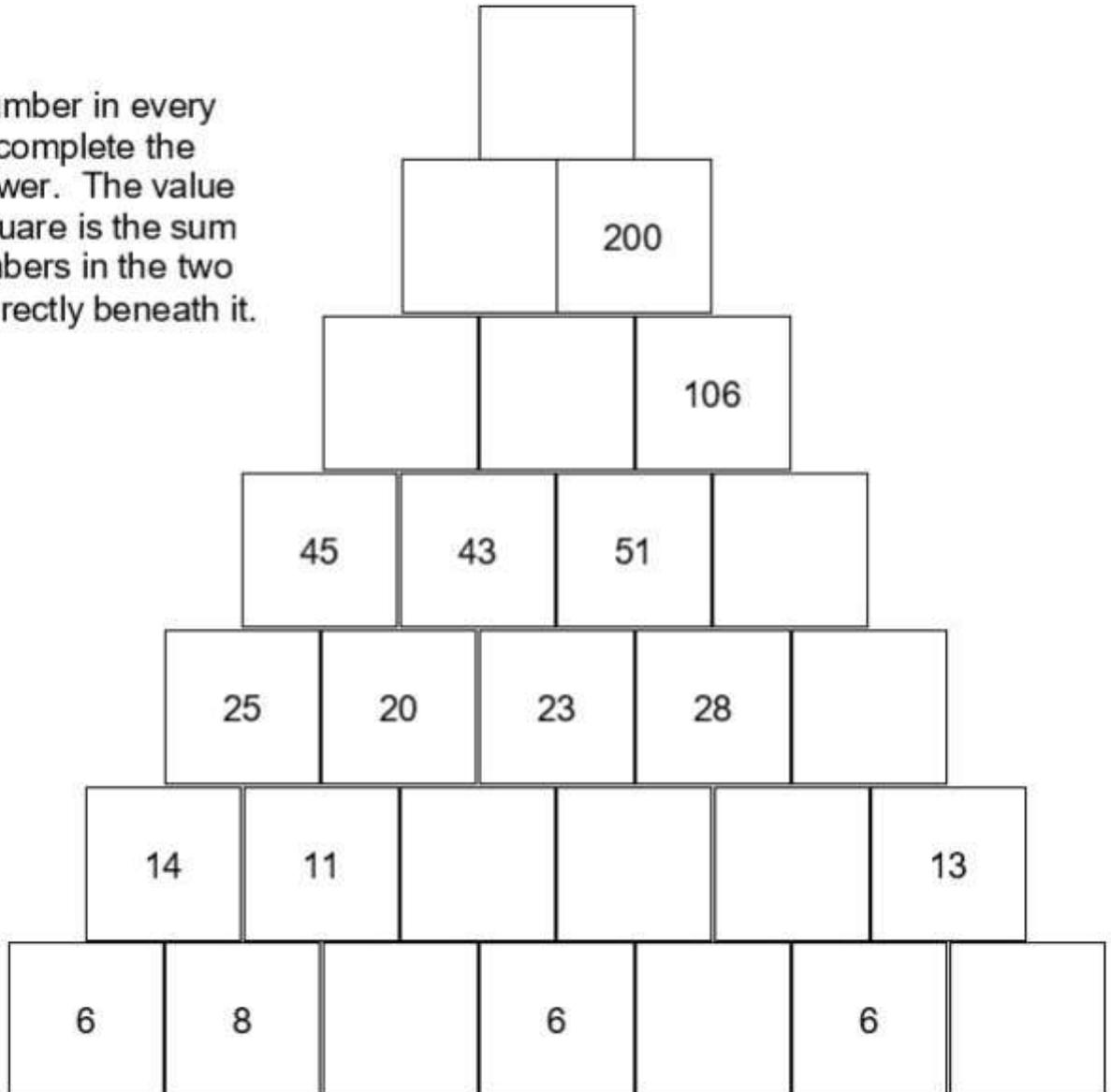
1. The female is called the falcon and the male is known as the tiercel.
2. The female is smaller than the male.
3. The stoop is when a peregrine dives down to catch its prey
4. Peregrines have been known to reach speeds of up to 200mph
5. Peregrines usually lay about 8 eggs

Answers on p21

Please share your peregrine pictures and creations on social media using [#SalisburyPeregrines](https://twitter.com/SalisburyPeregrines)

## Number Tower

Place a number in every square to complete the number tower. The value in each square is the sum of the numbers in the two squares directly beneath it.



### True or false questions:

- 1: True- The female is called a falcon and the male is known as the tiercel. What is more- newly hatched peregrine chicks are called 'eyases'.
2. False- The male is smaller than the female, which is quite common for birds of prey.
3. True- Peregrines usually catch their prey during flight and when they dive it is called a 'stoop'.
4. True- The average speed of a peregrine in flight is between 40 and 60mph- however during a stoop they can reach an incredible 200mph!
- 5- False- Peregrines usually lay between 2-4 eggs which take about a month to hatch.

## Ebble Notes - Where have the Nightingales gone?

Some time ago someone asked me if there were nightingales at Martin Down. Well, 20 years ago there were, but not anymore. Several potential explanations have been mooted for the reduction in UK nightingale numbers based on countryside changes, including changes in coppicing regimes and the loss of low bushes in the New Forest, but not much has changed at Martin Down. However, on Martin Down over the same time period there has also been a similar significant reduction in the number of turtle doves, cuckoos and garden warblers.

This is a complex problem, but global warming appears to be the prime factor. Part of the answer for some species loss appears to be timing of exits from Africa being out of sync with availability of food in their northern breeding locations at the right time in their cycle, but after studying tracking data the reduction in numbers appears to be more related to the reduction in winter habitat in sub-Saharan Africa.

Climate change has been going on forever. While only 4,000 years ago, Britain was very warm, almost sub-tropical and the “fertile crescent” from what is now southern Israel to southern Iraq was in its prime and the Babylonian Empire was about to start, but desert areas of the Sahara were already well established and growing. The difference is that today’s is man-made and more rapid.

Over the past 65 years the Sahara has extended further south by close to 1 mile per year, and the scrubby Sahel has moved the same distance. It is thought that this is gradually reducing the sub-tropical lands below, putting more pressure on the human population, which is also increasing at the same time, with more intensive farming, rainforest loss and less winter survival of our birds.

*Chalkey D*



Nightingale in song.

## Attack of the Pheasants!

Over the past month a very tame cock pheasant had taken up residence in the village playground. Initially this was very exciting for the children who were able to get quite close to it - although the accompanying parents were always rather more concerned about the children inadvertently scaring it onto the road, with potentially messy results! However, it soon became quite aggressive and started jumping up and pecking at the children, which was obviously quite frightening. Apparently it's not uncommon for cock pheasants to become aggressive and territorial as breeding season approaches (as it is now).

Sadly - although probably inevitably - the cock pheasant concerned has now met his end on the road by the playground.

The incident reminded me of a time, when we had first moved to Bishopstone, when a rogue Reeves Pheasant terrorised villagers up near the Beeches. My husband was one of the many people that it attacked, although he scared it off with a few well-aimed stones! I hadn't realised that it had made the national news at the time.

*Kate Pendleton*



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### Rogue pheasant attacks villagers

**A rogue pheasant is believed to be behind a series of attacks on unsuspecting walkers in Wiltshire.**

Residents of Bishopstone, near Salisbury, have reported six assaults by the fowl over the past six months.



The pheasant is thought to have escaped from a private menagerie

The bird is thought to be a Reeves Pheasant, a rare Chinese variety that was probably hatched in captivity.

Farmer Edward Draper said he had spoken to fellow villagers who had come across the bird, and heard stories of attacks first hand.

"Normally they are very placid birds, this one seems to come from some distance away and attack people and peck at you," he said.

Mr Draper, an independent member of Salisbury District Council for the Chalke Valley ward, added: "It only seems to be in this village, I've heard of nobody else in my ward who has had this problem with pheasants."

Reeves Pheasants' feathers, which can be up to 6ft long, are occasionally collected after they fall out and used for costumes in Chinese Opera.

Simon Mayes, of the World Pheasant Association, said: "This is an endangered species, its natural country of origin is China and this particular bird probably escaped from a private collection or zoo."

## Recipe of the Month - Wild Garlic Pasta

*By Kate Pendlenton*

I always get excited when I see the first shoots of wild garlic bursting out of the ground, it's a real sign of Spring for me. This year it's felt rather strange as I spent most of Lockdown 1 baking Cheese and Wild Garlic Scones for our lunches (I believe I put the recipe in STaB) so when I made my first batch of this year it brought back lots of memories, and a little sadness that a year later we are still in this situation.

Anyway, in the spirit of Cally's 'Learnt in Lockdown' article last month, my new lockdown skill has been making pasta! I love pasta, but had never thought to make it myself. But I spotted this recipe for Wild Garlic Pasta and decided to give it a try. It was delicious! Obviously it's more work than simply buying dried pasta but it was good fun to make, and you can definitely taste the difference. I served it fairly plain, with Parmesan and crispy anchovy breadcrumbs so that I could taste the pasta.

### **Ingredients:**

20g wild garlic

1 egg

1 egg yolk

150g OO flour

### **Method:**

Wash and dry the wild garlic then finely chop.

Place the egg, egg yolk and wild garlic in a food processor and blitz to combine (though you can also do this by hand in a bowl).

Add the flour then blend/mix until the dough comes together in rough breadcrumbs.

Tip out onto a floured surface and knead the dough for 10–12 minutes to work the gluten for a nice strong, elastic dough. This is an important step, as it will give a nice bite to your pasta. Don't worry if the dough is very stiff and tough to work with at first; it will soften and become more malleable with kneading.

When it's ready it will be smooth and green, with flecks of wild garlic running through it. Wrap the ball of dough in clingfilm and leave to rest for at least an hour.

Once rested, unwrap the dough and roll it out (I had to flour the surface to stop it sticking). At this stage you can either roll it thin and cut it into strips (which is what I did), or pass it through a pasta machine.

Plunge the pasta into heavily salted boiling water and cook for 2 minutes, before draining and serving. *Serves 2.*



## Sarah's Gardening Tips for April

1. Protect fruit blossom from late frosts.
2. Tie in climbing and rambling roses.
3. Start to feed citrus plants.
4. Sow beans directly or in individual pots. Runner beans don't like root disturbance so don't pot them on, get them into the ground.
5. April is the last chance to cut dead stems from fuchsias as the new ones grow.
6. Prune fig trees
7. Feed hungry shrubs and roses.
8. Hedges often provide nesting sites for garden birds so leave pruning until late summer
9. Sow hardy annuals and wild flowers outdoors as the ground is warmer now.

*The garden, by design, is concerned with both the interior and the land beyond it.*

*Stephen Gardiner*



**Question:** Which plant was named after Adam Lonicer, a German botanist and professor of mathematics?

(Answer on p44)

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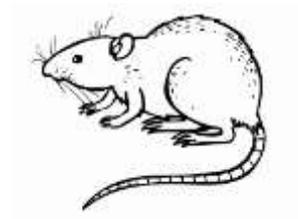
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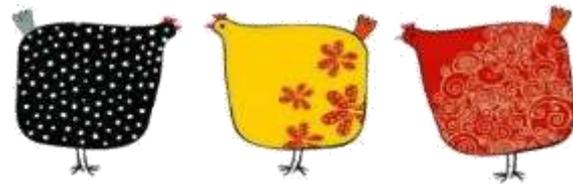
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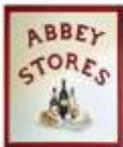
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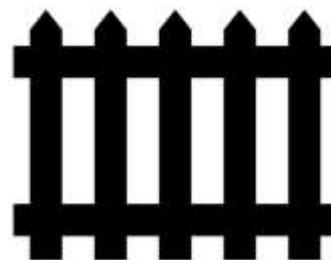
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*If you use any of the services advertised here in STaB please do let them know that you found them/their details here in the magazine. This helps them to know that their advertising is working, and helps us to continue to receive revenue from advertising fees.*

*And in this difficult time, please do try to support small businesses.*

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### How to place your ad in STaB

1. Make a .pdf, .jpeg, or Word file of your ad, making sure it is the correct dimensions for publication (see table of sizes and prices above) and that it will reproduce well in black and white.
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Answer to the question in Sarah's Gardening Tips: Loncera (Honeysuckle)

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Further information is on the village website: <a href="http://www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk">www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk</a>	

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### Bishopstone Village Website

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

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

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

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

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

## Bishopstone Area Covid Co-ordinators

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Jane Stocker		07761 805469
Dani Humphrey	Flamstone Street	07811 117453 01722 781056
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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 the situation 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](http://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. 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](mailto:piersgedwards@gmail.com) or 01722 780079) or Kate Pendlenton ([kmpendlenton@hotmail.com](mailto:kmpendlenton@hotmail.com) or 07769202200) and ask to be added to the group.

## Letters to the Editor

*Letters to STaB are very welcome, but the views expressed may not be those of the editorial team or the Parish Church Council.*

### **Regarding Mike Ash's article in STaB on Trees**

Whilst I agree that planting trees is in principle a good thing and that trees have been taken down in local Conservation Areas which need not have been, the question is where to put them and to what benefit.

Planting of trees in a water meadow is of questionable benefit. On one hand they would damage the meadow and its positive effects by helping dry it out in summer, on the other, there have been studies which indicate that water meadows themselves hold as much carbon as woodland and that one of the aims of atmospheric carbon reduction schemes is to promote water meadows to do just that.

However locally, the other major benefit is to create more biodiversity and give the benefit to us in having more variety of wildlife in the village. There have been many campaigns to stop the loss of water meadows and restore others on BBC's "Countryfile" and other places.

Whilst we need to do our bit in combatting climate change, we are struggling against countries which are burning millions of tons of coal each day, thereby adding at least double that in carbon dioxide to the air. Surely it is much more of benefit locally to improve and promote diversity in our own water meadows?

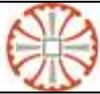
David Dunwell

### **Calling all Cooks!**

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Many thanks to Ron Abbott who has been out around Bishopstone with his camera recently and captured these interesting cloud conditions.





## Services in Chalke Valley Benefice - April 2021

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



### Pattern of services during Lockdown restrictions.

**Please follow all the safety rules in church. If the Covid 19 situation changes, services may be cancelled at short notice. Churches will normally be open for private prayer.**

**Please check your church noticeboard and weekly e-bulletin.**

<b>1 April MAUNDY THURSDAY</b>	4.00pm 7.30pm	Short Communion (CW) Short Communion (CW)	Broad Chalke Bishopstone	Catherine Blundell Jenny Taylor
<b>2 April GOOD FRIDAY</b>	10.00am 11.00am 12 noon 1.00pm	Outdoor Stations of the Cross Passion Reading & Music Devotional Service Devotional Service	Nunton Alvediston Bishopstone Bowerchalke	Anna-Claar T-Rosingh Lay Led Jenny Taylor C Blundell / R Leake
<b>3 April EASTER EVE</b>	6.00pm 8.00pm	Easter Fire Service Easter Fire Service	Homington Fifield Bavant	Jenny Taylor Roger Leake
<b>4 April EASTER DAY</b> 	9.30am 9.30am 9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) Family Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Family Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Family Communion (CW) Outdoor Service	Alvediston Broad Chalke Bowerchalke Britford Bishopstone Coombe Bissett Berwick St John Ebbesbourne Wake Nunton	Roger Leake Catherine Blundell K R Smith / D Blundell Jenny Taylor Archdeacon of Sarum Jenny Taylor Catherine Blundell Roger Leake Anna-Claar T-Rosingh
<b>11 April 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 3.00pm	Parish Communion (CW) Family Service All Age Service Evening Prayer (BCP)	Bowerchalke Coombe Bissett Alvediston Fifield Bavant	Catherine Blundell Jenny Taylor Biddy Trahair Biddy Trahair
<b>18 April 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Morning Prayer (BCP) Parish Communion (CW)	Bowerchalke Bishopstone Berwick St John Ebbesbourne Wake Homington	Roger Leake Jenny Taylor Roger Leake Biddy Trahair Jenny Taylor
<b>25 April 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	9.00am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 12 noon 6.00pm 6.00pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Family Communion + APCM Parish Communion + APCM Holy Communion (BCP) APCM Evening Prayer (BCP) Evening Prayer (BCP)	Berwick St John Broad Chalke Bishopstone Alvediston Ebbesbourne Wake Bowerchalke Homington	Roger Leake Catherine Blundell Jenny Taylor Roger Leake Catherine Blundell Lay Led Jenny Taylor
<b>2 May 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Parish Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Family Communion (CW) Family Communion (CW)	Broad Chalke Britford Ebbesbourne Wake Coombe Bissett	Catherine Blundell Jenny Taylor Catherine Blundell Jenny Taylor

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