



Parish Magazine

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Bishopstone Church Easter Garden 2019

Photo by Kate Pendleton

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A Smile

Smiling is infectious,
You catch it like the flu.
When someone smiled at me
today
I started smiling too.

I passed around the corner
And someone saw my grin.
When he smiled, I realised
I'd passed it on to him.



I thought about my smile and then
I realised its worth.
A single smile like mine could
travel
Right around the earth.

If you feel a smile begin
Don't leave it undetected.
Let's start an epidemic quick
And get the world infected.

A warm welcome to...

Please let us know if you know of anyone who moves into Bishopstone or Stratford Tony so that we can offer them a welcome in STaB.



Hello from the Revd Canon Jenny Taylor



It feels like a very odd time as I write this ...we hear every day about new cases of the corona virus, new measures, new restrictions and please don't anyone mention toilet rolls! There is little doubt that we are in the waiting game and we honestly do not know what is going to happen but as in all good communities there are plans in place for us all to work together if things begin to escalate – they may well have done by the time you read this. Please ensure you have all the necessary “help” numbers to hand if so required.

There is little doubt that we are in the waiting game and we honestly do not know what is going to happen – those could have been the words of the disciples after Jesus had died. Wait they did until the first glorious Easter morning dawned and their waiting materialised into the greatest gift ever given – the gift of life through Jesus Christ.

I believe that we need to hold fast to the truth of Jesus Christ during these waiting days; these are the times when we need to connect with one another more than ever; these are the times when we must remember that we have to journey through Good Friday before we arrive at Easter. But arrive we will and there before us will be the truth that has never failed and that always gives hope:

“I am the resurrection and the life, “says the Lord. “Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.”
John 11: 25-26

*Dear God our Shield and our Defender,
guide and protect us all in this time of health emergency;
deliver all from all harm
and may your love and care ever grow in this Chalke Valley.
And may the blessing of Easter be with us all. Amen.*

Thank you to everyone who organised, came, contributed and enjoyed our Lent fund-raising Coffee Morning – we got it done just before the church had to start restricting catering. If you were unable to contribute to our Lent project you can still do so by BACS transfer (Chalke Valley Benefice Account 30-90-92 34167660, please quote Lent20 when making a BACS transfer)

Look after yourselves and each other and thank you to the Parish Council who have organised such a fitting plan to keep all of our village residents so well cared for.

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).

You will all know by now that all public worship has been suspended in our churches. This is quite a shattering move but our churches remain open as normal and are wonderful places to go and sit quietly. There is plenty of room so you can easily sit 2 metres away from anyone else.

EDIT - CHURCHES NOW ALL CLOSED

We have delivered prayer leaflets but if anyone else would like one just give me a ring and I will drop one by. I also have prayer leaflets for children so again ring or email me if you would like one.

However worship has not stopped in the Valley, your clergy are praying regularly in every church and will be celebrating Holy Communion on behalf of and for you all once a week.

And please do not hesitate in calling me if would like me to visit or phone you.

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy
in this time of uncertainty and distress.
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may rejoice in your comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

Revd Canon Jenny Taylor

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*Thanks to James Thompson
for the painting of the church*

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Prayers for this Time

Lord Jesus Christ,
you taught us to love our neighbour,
and to care for those in need
as if we were caring for you.
In this time of anxiety, give us strength
to comfort the fearful, to tend the sick,
and to assure the isolated
of our love, and your love,
for your name's sake.

Amen.

Merciful God,
we entrust to your tender care
those who are ill or in pain,
knowing that whenever danger threatens
your everlasting arms are there to
hold them safe.
Comfort and heal them,
and restore them to health and strength;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

We are not people of fear:
we are people of courage.
We are not people who protect our
own safety:
we are people who protect our
neighbours' safety.
We are not people of greed:
we are people of generosity.
We are your people God,
giving and loving,
wherever we are,
whatever it costs
For as long as it takes
wherever you call us.

God of compassion,
be close to those who are ill, afraid or
in isolation.
In their loneliness, be their consolation;
in their anxiety, be their hope;
in their darkness, be their light;
through him who suffered alone on the
cross,
but reigns with you in glory,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Gracious God,
give skill, sympathy and resilience
to all who are caring for the sick,
and your wisdom to those searching
for a cure.
Strengthen them with your Spirit,
that through their work many will be
restored to health;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

To Pray with Children:

Before the ending of the day,
Creator of the world, we pray
That you, with steadfast love, would
keep
Your watch around us while we sleep.

Tonight we pray especially for *(names family or friends who are affected by Coronavirus)* and the people of *(place which is affected by Coronavirus)*.
Please give skill and wisdom to all
who are caring for them.

Amen

Prayers taken from the Church of England website

Parish Council

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AND MEETING OF BISHOPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting took place on Thursday 12th March in the Village Hall. Altogether 23 residents of Bishopstone attended. Reports were presented on activities in the past year by Cllr John Gibbon (Parish Council), Rev Jenny Taylor (Rev Augustus Montgomery Coal Charity), Sarah Seal (PCC), Cllr Norman Barter (Village Hall), Kate Pendleton (Playgroup), Mike Ash (Village Website) and by Wiltshire Councillor Jose Green. Copies of these reports will be available with the full minutes of the meeting on the village website (www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk). Among the issues discussed was the campaign to increase volunteering in the village. There had been some positive responses to the appeal in the March edition of STaB, with help being offered in relation to churchyard maintenance and the village hall. However, it was agreed that the campaign needed to continue to persuade more younger members of the community to get involved in village affairs. *[NB Since the meeting there has been the massive response to the appeal for younger volunteers to help support neighbours through the Coronavirus pandemic – this is reported elsewhere in this STaB].*

Parish Council Meeting

The minutes of the meeting will be available on the village website.

Mike Ash reported that the new snow and ice grit bin was now in place at the entrance to the resident's car park in Whitlock Rise. He was very grateful to Jerry Steedman for providing an initial supply of grit.

Roger Stockton reported on flooding in the village. The Environment Agency had issued an "Alert" in relation to flooding from groundwater. However, thankfully, there were few signs of springs emerging this year. Meetings were being held with the Environment Agency and the Cranborne Chase AONB to discuss use of the Lottery Grant received by the AONB and possible projects related to flooding and the River Ebble.

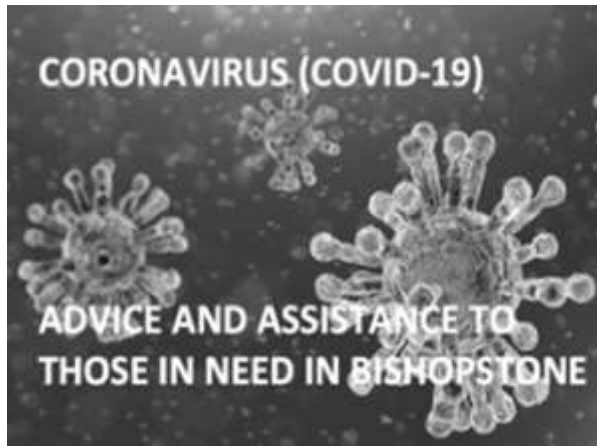
In relation to the Coronavirus pandemic, it was pointed out that the Bishopstone Emergency Plan has a section on dealing with pandemics, the first action being the establishment of an Emergency Committee to draw up arrangements for local action. It was agreed to begin this process *[see separate report on the action taken elsewhere in this STaB].*

It had been agreed at a previous meeting that the derelict toilets on the Recreation Field should be retained for the time being but made secure. Mike Ash reported that a quotation had been received from Wessex Contract Services of £438.50 for the erection of steel cladding. This expenditure was approved.

Mike Ash reported that a sum of £1310.26 had been successfully reclaimed from HMRC in respect of VAT paid in 2017/18, though some of this would need to be shared with Broad Chalke and Bowerchalke Parish Councils as it related to the joint purchase of the Speed Indicator Device.

At the time of writing it is unclear when the next meeting of the Parish Council will take place. The Government is considering, in the light of the Coronavirus pandemic, whether to suspend the legislation requiring meetings to be held in person. Please see future editions of STaB, the village website and notice boards for an announcement.

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)



It is particularly gratifying to see how the village community has rallied round to provide support for those who may be affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Following an initial discussion at the Annual Parish Meeting on 12th March an Emergency Committee was established and met on Saturday 14th March. It was decided to put in place the arrangements set out in the blue leaflet that was delivered to all households on 17/18th March.

Producing the leaflet involved a fairly frantic process of dividing the village into manageable areas, identifying and approaching potential co-ordinators for those areas, drafting the leaflet and recruiting the much longer list of volunteers for the co-ordinators to draw on. I am grateful to all concerned for the speed at which they responded to the large number of requests for contact details etc. We are particularly indebted to Alyn Smith at Spectrum Printers in Wilton who turned round the printing of the leaflet in a matter of a couple of hours on the Tuesday morning, to all those who quickly delivered the leaflets in the village and, most of all, to the members of the Emergency Committee who oversaw the whole operation with only limited sleep!

REMEMBER: 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 (see last page of the blue leaflet). They will mobilise a volunteer to provide help. Hopefully that will be a volunteer who is a near neighbor, but they may come from elsewhere in the village, depending on availability.

For obvious reasons we were looking for volunteers from outside the, considerable, 70+ age group. The response to this request for volunteers was overwhelming. There are now over 50 people in the village on the list of co-ordinators and volunteers. **WELL DONE BISHOPSTONE.**

At the time of writing the White Hart is putting in place arrangements for the collection of take away meals and the Queen's Head and The Hub in Broad Chalke will be doing something similar. Broad Chalke Doctor's Surgery is now closed with all services operating from Sixpenny Handley.

I hope that everyone stays safe and well.

Mike Ash, Bishopstone Parish Council

Covid-19 Assistance in Bishopstone

The Government has made clear that a key part of the nation's response to the pandemic is for communities to help themselves. In the Chalke Valley we are lucky to already have the "Link" scheme, which, primarily, provides transport for trips to the doctor etc.

Within Bishopstone we have an Emergency Plan (copy on the village website (www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk) which include the provision of assistance – for example collection of medication, food and other essential supplies - for those in need in the community in an emergency situation. The current pandemic will mean that there may be people in our community self-isolating because they have symptoms and the over 70s are likely to be staying at home or at least avoiding social contact.

Wherever possible households are expected to make their own arrangements for coping eg. through on-line shopping and support from relatives, friends and carers. However, for a few, additional arrangements may need to be made. **For this purpose we have divided the village into sub areas. For each of those areas we have recruited "Covid Co-ordinators" to act as contact points for any resident if they are in need. The co-ordinators will be able to call on a wider group who have volunteered to help.**

To deliver these arrangements we are mobilising voluntary effort. Much of the current voluntary work in the village is undertaken by retired residents. However, as this group has been identified as at greatest risk, and have been asked to distance themselves, we have sought the support of other members of our community in helping us all get through this pandemic.

AREA CO-ORDINATORS

The list of areas and co-ordinators, with their contact details, is on the next page. **Please contact the co-ordinator for your area if you need help.** If there is no reply from your contact point please phone one of the others on the list or Mike Ash on 781044. If you have established arrangements for neighbour support please continue to use these.

VOLUNTEERS

Co-ordinators will have a list of the volunteers to call on to provide assistance. However, we envisage a large group of volunteers will be needed as there is likely to be much to do. If you are under 70 years old, have not already volunteered and are prepared to join the list please contact Mike Ash on 781044.

TYPES OF ASSISTANCE

Volunteers may be called on to:

- Phone vulnerable people to check they are alright
- Collect and deliver medication
- Collect and deliver food and other essential supplies
- Provide assistance with on-line ordering
- Assist in the event of household emergencies

Practical help is vital but it also can be depressing and lonely being on your own. Your Covid Co-ordinator or the Rev'd Canon Jenny Taylor (01722 503081) are just a phone call away so please give them a ring and know that you are not alone.

CONTACT PROTOCOL

To ensure that all involved are safeguarded we need to have agreed arrangements for any contacts in providing the assistance outlined above. It will not involve anything requiring direct physical contact. As with the general advice, the key to this will be in ensuring all parties keep their hands washed.

Those requiring help are asked to ensure that their hands are washed prior to handing over prescriptions, shopping lists and money to volunteers. Volunteers should ensure that they wash their hands (or use gel) before completing deliveries. Exchanges should be conducted on the doorstep with adequate distance being kept between the parties.

Please keep this information (and/or the blue leaflet). We hope you won't need these contacts, but they could be very important.

BISHOPSTONE COVID AREA CO-ORDINATORS

Croucheston	Rachael Dew	01722 780871
	Jane Stocker	07761805469
	Jane Peasley	07746573391
Flamstone Street	Amber Cotton	07515807251
	Dani Humphrey	01722 781056
Netton West (Netton St/ The Island)	Sarah Brough	01722 780684
Netton West (Butt Lane etc)	Cally Edwards	01722 780079
Netton East (The Croft/ Harvest Lane)	Kate Pendleton	01722 780655
	Cassie Penwarden	07876540764
Netton East (The Styles)	Kelly Newman	07444523178
Netton East (Pitts Lane)	Michelle Tatner	07968842525
Faulston (House, Barns and Mill Lane)	Sarah Blank	01722 780664
High Road North (Whitlock Rise/Meadow View)	Jan Goodfellow	01722 718045
	Pam Carnall	01722 780030
Windwhistle/Flamstone Farms	Ali Thorne	07768514133
Throope	Sally Crosse	01722 718767
Manor Farm (inc Manor Farm Cottages, Church Lane and Raglands)	Michael Pratt	07798607742
	Nicky Rigg	07786806914
Blandford Road	Amanda Griffiths	07733036843

Village Hall



April 2020

SPECIAL NOTICE

Following government advice and to help avoid the transmission of the Corona (Covid-19) virus, the Village Hall Trustees have decided to close the premises until further notice.

All Bishopstone Village Hall events, including Community lunches, the Community Café, Moviola and Rural Arts performances are therefore cancelled for the time being.

It is possible that the May Plant Sale may go ahead if it is feasible to hold this outdoors so please save any spare plants and seedlings of vegetables, flowers or fruit.

The AGM which was booked for 22nd May will probably be postponed.

A further update will be given in the May edition of Bishopstone Village Hall News.

Information will also be published on the Village web site www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk and on the village noticeboard.

We look forward to seeing everyone again when things have settled down and we have the official go ahead to re-open.

Stay safe and keep well. The Village Hall Trustees 17th March 2020

SATURDAY 16th MAY 10am – 12.00 noon VILLAGE HALL PLANT SALE

An update will be given in the May edition of STaB

BABY AND TODDLER PLAYGROUP

For general information about the Baby and Toddler Group find our Facebook page Bishopstone Playgroup, or contact Kate Pendlenton on 01722 780655 or email < kmpendlenton@hotmail.com >. (Group not running until further notice).

“EXTEND” EXERCISE CLASSES

For general information about these exercise classes contact Jenny on 01722 780863, email < jennyberwynjones@yahoo.co.uk >

PILATES AT BISHOPSTONE

Contact Claudine on 07788 587937.

YOGA WITH HANNAH

For general information about Yoga classes contact Hannah Stocker on 0773 856 1888 or by email: yoga_with_hannah@outlook.com



MAGIC LANTERN SOCIETY

We are sorry that meetings of the society have had to be postponed for the time being, but Shaun and his friends have everything under control so no need to panic!

We will be back once it is all over. Stay well.



The PCC are planning on having an 'Open Gardens' event next year on 12th July. If you feel that you could have the general public viewing your garden, and would like to take part, please ring Sally Leaver on 780447 or e.mail dauidsallyleaver22@btinternet.com

Hoping to hear from you!

Sally

BISHOPSTONE LADIES GROUP

The April meeting of the Ladies' Group has been cancelled. Please watch this space for information regarding the meetings in May and June.

For details about the group please contact Shirley Cooke on 780436.

GOOD-BYE NEEDLES AND PINS!

The Bishopstone Needles and Pins craft group will no longer meet.

Thank you to all who have supported us during the last 10 years of sewing, knitting, tea and cakes in the Village Hall.

Bishopstone Village Hall rates for private hire

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

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

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

The hire charges include use of heating and electricity.

The rates are currently (January 2019):

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

Broadband.

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

Large projection screen

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

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

For further information and bookings contact: Margaret Barter 01722 780471

Chalke Valley Community Support



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

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

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

Registered Charity No 1076335

Queen's Award for Voluntary Service

POLICE

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

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

You can also contact local Police as follows:

PCSO Nicola CLARK – nicola.clark@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk

PC Matt HOLLAND – Community Policing Co-Ordinator

CPTSouthWiltshire@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk

Community Messaging – for emailed crime reports and local policing updates, sign up at www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk

Social media – for local policing updates follow us on Facebook **@salisburypolice** and Twitter **@SouthWiltsCPT**



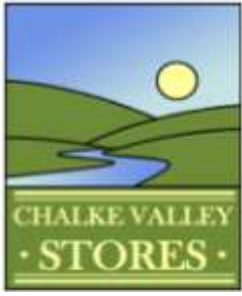
Sixpenny Handley and Chalke Valley Practice

Doves Meadow Surgery, Broad Chalke: 01722 780282

Sixpenny Handley Surgery: 01725 552500

www.sixpennydocs.co.uk





Shop: Open weekdays 8.30am - 6pm (4pm on Saturdays)
Coffee Shop: Open weekdays 9am - 4.30pm
(until 4pm on Saturdays for breakfast, lunch, tea and meetings)
Post Office: Open Mon, Tues & Thurs 9.30am –1.30pm:
w: www.chalkevalleystores.co.uk
e: info@chalkevalleystores.co.uk
Tel: 01722-780998

A Message from the CVHUB Chairman

Due to the Coronavirus and the current Government-advised restrictions designed to limit its spread, we took the decision to close the coffee shop for a temporary period from close of business on Tuesday 17th March. All coffee shop staff and non-vulnerable volunteers are being redeployed in the shop, which will continue to be open on the same days and for the same times as at present. All vulnerable volunteers, i.e. those over 70 and those with existing health issues, have been asked not to come in to work at the Hub until further notice for their own protection in accordance with Government advice.

The shop is expected to be busier than usual over the coming weeks as more people decide to shop locally in preference to visiting crowded supermarkets, many with depleted shelves. Additional stock has been ordered and is being regularly delivered with virtually all items readily available. Home deliveries are being offered to vulnerable and isolated people. The coffee shop staff and volunteers will be of great help in handling the extra workload, along with the many new volunteers who have already signed up to help. The Hub is very much proving its value to the local community at this time of temporary crisis, and it is vitally important that it can continue to thrive long in to the future.

Tony is implementing rigorous hygiene measures within the Hub to regularly disinfect surfaces, handles, stock etc. All staff and volunteers have been instructed to follow Government advice in respect of personal hygiene to safeguard themselves, colleagues and customers against the spread of the virus. All customers are also respectfully asked to comply with Government advice and directives regarding social distancing. Please be understanding if you are asked to queue outside the shop for a short time at busy periods in view of its restricted size. It will be in everyone's interest.

I and all my Management Committee colleagues are enormously grateful for the selfless and public-spirited way in which local people are responding to this unprecedented situation. We are fortunate in this Valley, and I know we will all continue to help and look out for each other to the best of our abilities through this temporary period and beyond.

Judith has sadly decided to leave the Hub from 8th April after many years of devoted service, recently as deputy manager. We are all hugely grateful for all she has done for the Hub, and we will miss her. Steps are in hand to appoint a suitable replacement.

A Broad Chalke and Bowerchalke Covid-19 Support Network notice has been put up on the home page of the Hub's website www.chalkevalleystores.co.uk. This has valuable information on the help which is available including local deliveries. It will be updated as necessary, so please refer to it for up-to-date information.

Keep safe and well and thank you. Will Hillary

The Trussell Trust

This last month I delivered three large carrier bags full of donations of all sorts. I could not get it weighed this time as there was no-one there but I can assure that they have received all of your donations.

This month they are asking particularly for:-

Rice

Tinned Ham

UHT long Life Milk

Long Life Fruit Juices

Sponge Puddings

Dried Milk

Chocolate products

With Easter fast approaching and schools now closed because of the Coronavirus meaning that families are going to be so badly stretched and affected trying to provide all these extra meals your generous donations will be needed even more.

Please, even if you can only donate one or two items, try to think about these needy people when you are doing your shopping. With so many items now extremely hard to get on a daily basis because of all the panic buying, if you see a useful item, please buy it and deliver it either to the church or here to me.

If you would like to know more please go to their web site www.trusselltrust.org it is absolutely full of interesting information as to what they do and what their aims are. Have a look.

As usual donations can be left in the box in the church porch where they are removed regularly or at The Old Post Office, The Cross, either ring the doorbell or leave them on the step. If you cannot get them to either drop off point then please phone me and I will arrange to collect at your convenience.

Regards,

Judy Barrett (01722 780306)



Chalke Valley Flower Club

Last month we held our AGM in Broad Chalke Village Hall. We were joined by Jane Gilbert. Jane is a Church Warden at BC Church and we were delighted to present her with a cheque for £200 towards the 'Pipeline Dream' to bring, just that, water up to the church.



We are sorry to tell you that, in line with most other things, our April meeting is cancelled. We will keep you informed about future meetings. Keep safe and well and we hope to see you again before too long.

White Hart Takeaways



*Delivery may be possible -
please ring to enquire!*

Take Away

**Available Monday - Saturday 6pm - 9pm
Sunday 5pm - 8pm**

Collection Only - 01722 780244

**White Hart Southern Fried Chicken Strips served with
Coleslaw & Fries - £8.75**

**Curry of the Day served with Basmati Rice &
Naan Bread or Poppadom - £8.25**

Beer Battered Fish & Chunky Chips - £8.50

**6oz Beef Burger & Fries - £8.25
(Additional Toppings 50p each - Cheddar, Bacon, Stilton, Scorchers &
Jalapenos, Guinness BBQ)**

Thai Vegan Burger & Fries - £8.25

**7oz Chicken, Lettuce & Mayo Burger & Fries - £8.75
(Breaded or Plain)**

Hot & Spicy Breaded Chicken Wing and Fries - £7.95

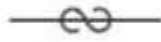
Chilli Con Carne on Basmati Rice or Chips topped with Cheese - £8.50

**Sunday Roast served with Seasonal Vegetables, Roast Potatoes, Yorkshire
Pudding & Gravy**

Beef £12.25, Lamb £12.95, Chicken £11.95, Pork £11.95

Sunday Only order by 11am to collect for 12pm

Homemade 10 - 12" Rustic Thin Crust Pizza



Indian Pizza (Large Naan Bread topped with Spicy Smoked Sauce, Mozzarella, Chicken Tikka, Onion Bahji, Peppadew Peppers, Mango, Red Onion & Coriander)
£13.95

Margherita (Tomato Sauce, Mozzarella, Sliced Tomato & Oregano)
£9.95

Vegetarian (Tomato Sauce, Mozzarella, Spinach, Caramelised Red Onion, Peppers, Mushrooms & Sweetcorn)
£11.95

Pepperoni (Tomato Sauce, Mozzarella & Sliced Pepperoni)
£12.95

Black & Blue (Tomato Sauce, Mozzarella, Sliced Rump Steak, Red Onion, Chilli Peppers & Stilton)
£12.95

Meat Feast (BBQ Sauce, Mozzarella Pepperoni, Meatballs, Bacon, Serrano Ham & Sliced Chicken)
£13.95

Seafood (Tomato Sauce, Mozzarella, Spinach, King Prawns, Crayfish, Anchovies & Parmesan)
£13.95

**Chip (Chunky/Fries) £3.50, Peri Peri Fries £3.50,
Cheesy Chips £3.50, Sweet Potato Fries £4.50
Garlic Bread £3.50, Cheesy Garlic Bread £4.00**

Please support our village pub...

Use it or lose it! Now, more than ever.

For our readers in Stratford Tony, the Fox and Goose will deliver to you.



TAKE AWAY MENU

The following meals are available for delivery or collection from the Fox and Goose.

MAINS £ 7.00

Beef Lasagna and salad

Fish and Chips

Scampi and Chips

Beef Sausages with Mash and Gravy

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In these uncertain times the milk machines are a great place to get your milk - no human contact necessary!



Village Memories - Ron and Jean Bennett



EARLIEST MEMORIES

I was born on 25th November 1930 in Brighton. My elder brother was in the Royal Navy, and I remember coming home from school one day to find a note on the table from my parents. It read that they had travelled to London to find out news about my brother, whose ship had been sunk in the Atlantic during the war. He was subsequently rescued by the US Navy and spent R & R in North Carolina. Half the crew were lost. He returned to active service in UK and survived the war.

CHILDHOOD

I lived in Brighton through WW2. At school I spent hours in damp air raid shelters in Brighton. The beaches were closed because of anticipated German invasion, and they were full of mines and barbed wire. Both Brighton piers had large holes in them to prevent German troops from landing. I represented both primary and grammar school at swimming. Sometimes the papers weren't delivered from London because of the bombing, so I then had to do my paper round in the afternoon after school.

WORK

Leaving school after my School Certificate I joined the Merchant Navy. During my service I travelled to South America four times. We were told that we would have to stay until the age of 26 to escape National Service. I then decided that I would do National Service in the RAF. Jean lost her mum when she was 14 years old, so she had to leave school to help with her younger siblings. Her dad was in the Merchant Navy and he encouraged Jean to continue her education at night school. My Building Society career started with the Alliance BS in Brighton. Moving to Liverpool I left to become Manager for Hastings and Thanet BS. Promotion to Regional Manager took me to Bexhill-on-Sea. Thence to Salisbury when we chose to live in Bishopstone. Jean had worked briefly in Brighton before the family arrived.

MOVE TO BISHOPSTONE

We moved to Teacher's House next to the school. When it was no longer required by the school, it had been sold to Dom Shirley, and we were the second owners in 1976. About a year after we moved, the village school closed and was sold by auction.

When we moved here the village was completely different. There were lots of activities in the Village Hall – the annual football and cricket dances were very

popular. The Croft was fairly new. Two football teams played in the Salisbury league and the cricket team in the Hampshire league. The White Hart was well supported at the time when Dusty and Sylvia Miller were hosts. I played a lot of sport for the village and spent many hours rolling the cricket square and maintaining the field. Jean was a member of the ladies' darts team. Following retirement I became Assistant Secretary at South Wilts Golf Club, Committee Member and finally President. I remain a social member.

HOW DID YOU MEET YOUR WIFE?

We were both at Leighton Buzzard in the RAF. Jean was working as secretary to a Squadron Leader. We became engaged and my parents came to visit to 'inspect' Jean and she passed muster! Jean was then to be posted to the Middle East but I said 'As we're engaged, you're not going' so we got married in Brighton! We started our married life in two rooms above the garage at my parents' house, where my grandparents also lived. My grandfather was a fine gentleman if a little eccentric, and he always raised his Homberg hat to people indoors! We have four sons: Andy in Warminster, Graeme in Lingfield, Neil in Liverpool and Alan in Sixpenny Handley. Now we have 3 grandsons, and 3 great-grandchildren, one of whom is a girl – at last a girl in the family! Now I enjoy watching their sports matches.

WHAT ARE YOUR HOBBIES?

Most sports, having played football, cricket, golf, athletics to a decent standard. Now it's spectating. I finished on a high as goalkeeper for Bishopstone 2nds aged 50! Jean is a very keen gardener.

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVOURITE HOLIDAY?

The most enjoyment has been taking grandchildren away, mainly around Great Britain. Jean and I have also been to Australia, South Africa and America where we found a family connection.

FAVOURITE BOOK?

The Master Mariner by Nicholas Monsarrat which was made into the film The Cruel Sea. Jean reads Catherine Cookson novels.

FAVOURITE MUSIC?

Eclectic choice: Big Bands, Trad Jazz, Gilbert & Sullivan. While living in Liverpool I worked near The Cavern so was very aware of The Beatles. Jean likes orchestral music.

ANY REGRETS IN LIFE?

I regret not talking more to my father and my grandfather about what they did during the wars, and also about family history.

For Jean, the fact she couldn't say goodbye to her mum. She was at school and was expecting her mum to arrive home by ambulance. When Jean arrived home she received a telegram to say that her mum had died in hospital.

IMPORTANT THINGS LEARNED IN LIFE

Play fair, be more tolerant (difficult!)

For Jean, Be kind to others as you would expect them to be kind to you.

Puzzles and Activities

GCHQ Puzzles

Odd one out: Firm, helm, soak, wash

Clue: Can you see the wood for the trees?

Initial Letters

Whose works include:

1. H, M, AWTEW, RAJ
2. M, DD, TMOTF, SM
3. PAP, E, SAS, P
4. FFTMC, TROTN, TMOC, JTO

Answers on
page 51

Village Picture Hunt - from Sarah Brough

There was a lovely post on social media recently, asking children to paint or colour a small rainbow and put it in their window, so that other children could see them and spot them whilst we are all keeping a safe distance from one another. You may have seen some of these going up on windows already in Bishopstone.

We think this is a great idea – but we could actually take it a step further for all of us - not just the children - as it would be great to have some new things for all of us to look out for over the coming months as we get out in the fresh air... So how about joining in a weekly picture hunt?

Below is a list of things to draw or paint each week. If you don't have the things you need for drawing or painting, you could find a picture in a magazine or online and cut it out. You could just do one for your house, or several (I am planning on at

least 3 of us drawing each week). I have intentionally left it quite vague so that people can make them as different as they want.

The more of us that join in, the more there will be to look out for – so please do join in if you can. And enjoy spotting them as you walk around our village!

Week Beginning	A Picture of...
30th March	Spring Flowers
6th April	Easter - maybe use this colouring? →
13th April	Favourite Food
20th April	My Pet (or one I would like!)
4th May	Self-Portrait
11th May	Birds
18th May	Vehicles
25th May	Insects



Easter Word Search

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What do you get if you pour hot water down a rabbit hole?
Hot cross bunnies!

Recipe of the Month - Mini Egg Cookie Bars

From Kate Pendlenton

Ingredients

275 g Plain Flour
1 tsp Bicarbonate of Soda
1/2 tsp Salt
1 tbsp Cornflour
115g Butter/Stork
55g Granulated Sugar
135g Soft Light Brown Sugar
1 Medium Egg
1 tsp Vanilla Extract
150g Mini Eggs, slightly broken/chopped
100g Milk Chocolate Chips



Method

Preheat your oven to 190C/170C fan and line a 9x9inch square tin with parchment paper (or grease well).

Mix the flour, bicarb, salt and cornflour together so it's evenly distributed and leave to one side.

In a larger bowl (that will later hold all the dough), melt the butter. Add in the two sugars, and whisk for about 2 minutes so the sugar starts to dissolve and the mixture is smooth. Add in the egg and vanilla, and whisk again briefly until smooth. (I used an electric whisk)

Add the dry ingredients to the wet, add the Mini Eggs (apart from a handful), and the chocolate chips and mix with a spatula until a thick cookie dough is formed.

Press the mixture into the bottom of the tin and press in the handful of Mini Eggs into the top for decoration. Bake the traybake in the oven for 20-25 minutes, until the top of the cookie bake looks 'dry'! The middle should still be a little squidgy, but if cooked for a little longer the bars will be less soft and more crunchy.

Leave the cookie bake to cool for about 10 minutes, then leave to cool fully on a wire rack. Cut the bake into 4x4 or 5x5 depending on preference. .

Correction: Last month's Spring Fruit Crumble was attributed to Alice Lyons, when in fact it came from Alice Bennett. Apologies to both!

Tales from the Time Capsule

In April 2018 George Brutton, one of our churchwardens, discovered a Smiths Crisps tin box carefully wrapped in a plastic sheet and fastened with wire to a roof timber in Bishopstone Church. The box turned out to be a time-capsule, created we think in 1963 (some items date back to 1954), with other things added from various years up until the 1980s. Each month in STaB we will be showing you a few pieces of interest from this fascinating time capsule.



This month's contributions are taken from a Portsmouth Football club programme of March 1963.

Eyebrows might nowadays be raised at the idea of giving one's wife a piece of kitchen equipment in exchange for 'permission' to watch the football!

I'm giving  my wife a

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Pussy Willow

According to an old Polish legend, while chasing butterflies some tiny kittens fell into a river. The mother cat was crying on the bank of the river in which her kittens were drowning.

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Each springtime since, so the legend has it, the willow branches sprout tiny fur-like buds at their tips where the kittens once clung.

Could you be a Side by Side volunteer?

Do you have some spare time to get involved in a volunteering opportunity with Alzheimer's Society? The charity is looking for local people ready to take up a fun, friendly, super-flexible volunteering opportunity, with its Side by Side service. Volunteers will be paired with someone with dementia, so they can help them keep on doing the things they love – and try new things too whether it's going for a swim or catching the latest movie. And you'll receive expert training and support to develop the role.



Side by Side really is a two-way street. Of course, there's the feel-good factor of knowing that you're changing someone's life. But our volunteers are also constantly amazed by how much they learn from the people they support. As with any relationship, it's a shared journey made up of unique moments. Loneliness is a real problem for people with dementia, yet one of the most important things for those affected is to remain part of their community.

'Side by Side has increased my confidence, improved my social skills and made me grow as a person. I just love it in every way!' Side by Side volunteer

To find out how to get involved call Clare Lucas, Alzheimer's Society's Volunteering Officer, on 01249 443469 or email her at clare.lucas@alzheimers.org.uk.

alzheimers.org.uk/sidebyside

Rambling with...?

Sadly, I have not managed a ramble with anyone for about a month now. I miss the walks and the idle chat with my canine companion.

I saw the film '1917' in February, and was much impressed by the whole adventure. The historical attire was correct, as was the attitude of men and officers. Whatever the film-critics say, runners were the main form of communication at that time, and a Lt Col under extreme pressure might well have told a lost-looking soldier to 'F*** off!' They were not saints! When I joined my first platoon in the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers in our Victorian barracks in Gravesend in 1963, the first two men introduced to me were my batman, Fus Orr, and my runner, Fus Anderson!

The PCC meeting went smoothly as usual and we laid great plans for the rest of the year. Sadly, these have been all cancelled or postponed, but the little sheet of prayers and contact from Jenny was a very kind thought. The church remains open, so why don't we go for a walk there and back?

I attended the Parish Council Annual Meeting and was most impressed by the excellent chairmanship and enthusiasm of the councillors. John, Mike, Roger and the team are to be congratulated on the speed with which they have caught up with planning for all events during this COVID19 emergency. The blue leaflet which landed on the mat on Monday included all the advice needed for the housebound and the worried families. Well done to the whole PC and Emergency Committee for all their hard work in preparation and over the weekend to produce such really helpful advice. I am sure the leaflet is the envy of the whole Valley.

So now we must hunker down, and folk like me with COPD take extra care to keep warm, wash hands and avoid others. No more coughing in public, and like Zinnie, have a sleep! Walking is OK and fresh air is always good for us!

Good luck to everyone and keep healthy! James Thompson (20.03.20)

P.S. (Thank you everyone who sent us notes, cards and messages of sympathy on Zinnie's demise. They meant a great deal, but we are now looking for new labbie!)

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Nature Notes - how to help nesting birds in Spring

April is here and Spring has well and truly sprung. This means our garden birds are getting busy preparing for the breeding season and you may have spotted them flitting to and fro with nest material as they prepare for family life.

This is the start of an exhausting time for birds as they struggle to feed their chicks. Usually both the male and female will expend a great deal of energy flying to and from the nest. One blue tit chick will happily finish off 100 caterpillars a day.

So what can we do to help? The RSPB publish some useful guidance on the subject. Here is their top 5:

1. **Put out the right food.** At this time of year, they advise live mealworms, dried mealworms, high-energy sprinkles, and buggy nibbles. Avoid leaving choking hazards like whole peanuts on bird tables, and remember not to put out too much at one time or it may go stale.
2. **Keep it clean.** To prevent birds picking up and passing on diseases to their young, try to clean your feeders every two weeks.
3. **Don't forget the water.** It's also helpful to leave out fresh water, especially on hotter days. Make sure water dishes are cleaned and refilled regularly.
4. **Help feather their nests.** In April, many birds will still be building their nests. Leave out natural nesting material like pet fur or scraps of wool (not the artificial stuff, though). Tie bundles of it up with string and deposit it around the garden.
5. **Go carefully with the hedge cutters.** Try not to do too much intensive pruning of your hedges, ivy and shrubbery at this time of year, when birds may be nesting unseen beneath the foliage and relying on it for cover.

Follow this guidance and your garden will soon become a haven.

Rob Pendleton



Sarah's Gardening Tips

1. Choose plants with a long season of interest to brighten a border. The perennial wallflower *Erysimum* 'Bowles's Mauve' can bloom nearly all year and the orange *Geum* 'Totally Tangerine' can bloom for several months.
2. Right plant, right place. When you buy plants, check the labels to make sure they will suit your soil type and aspect (light levels). This can prevent expensive mistakes.
3. Avoid dominant plants in small borders as they can take over. Mint, Japanese Anemones (Esp the pink one!), *Acanthus* (Bears breeches) to name a few.
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. Ferns. Cut last years foliage to ground level but take care not to damage the new unfurling leaves from the centre of the plant.
7. Hedges often provide nesting sites for garden birds so leave pruning until late summer
8. Hydrangeas benefit from a dose of high potash feed this month. This will encourage strong healthy growth..

To forget how to dig the earth and to tend the soil is to forget ourselves.

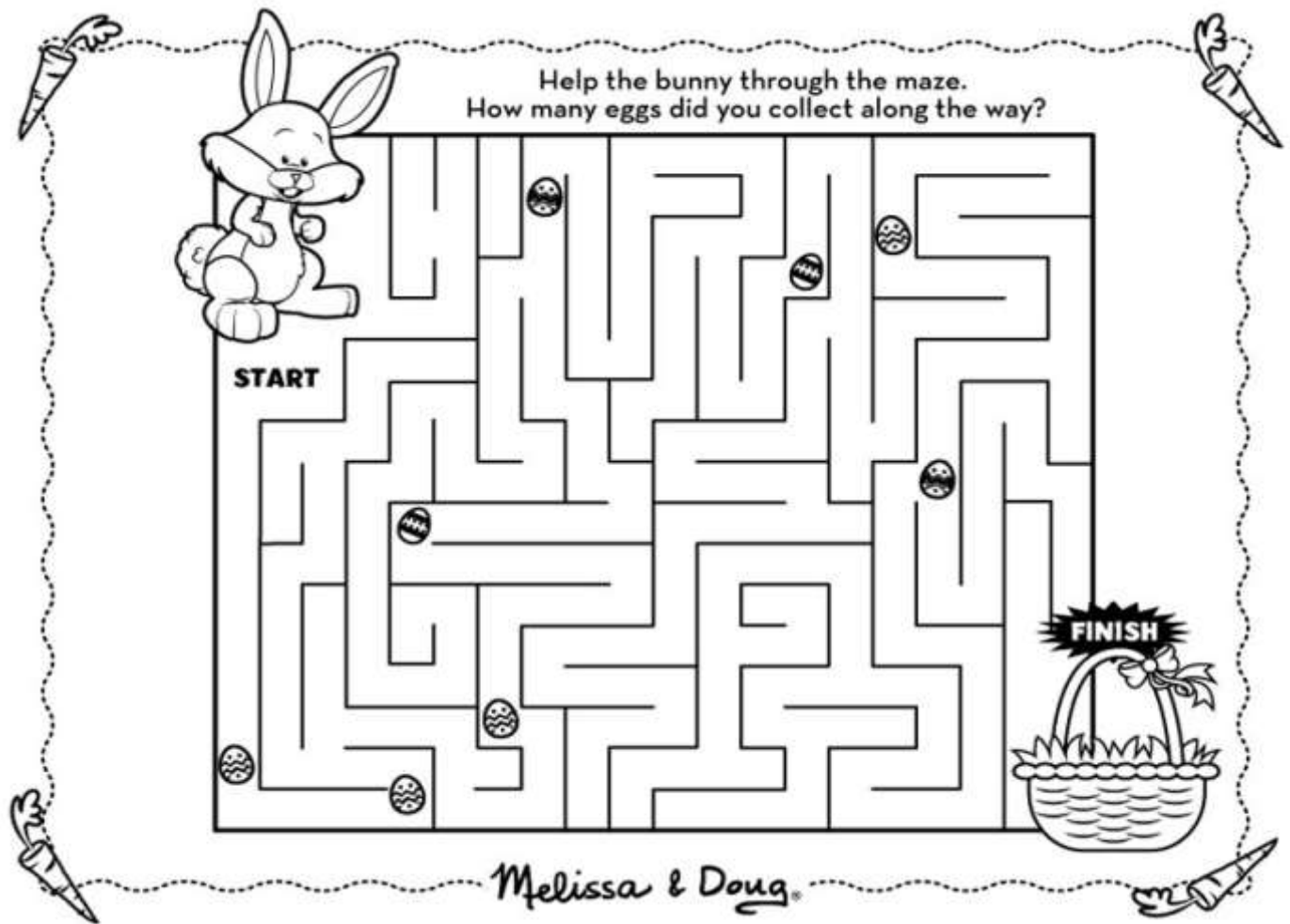
Mahatma Gandhi

Question: What colour are the petals of the Star-of Bethlehem flower (*Ornithogalum umbellatum*)? (Answer on p49)

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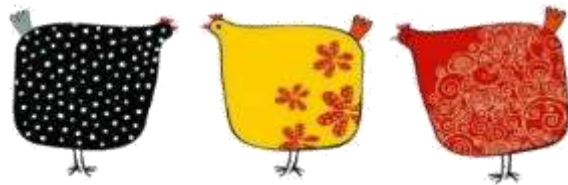
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Answer to the question in Sarah's Gardening Tips: White

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

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

We have received no letters this month, and as we have sadly had to remove the church services from our back page we have decided to use the space for some seasonal nature photographs from the editors' archive! While the world might seem chaotic right now, let's take time to appreciate the beauty in nature around us, and how fortunate we are to live in such a lovely area.



GCHQ Puzzle Answers:

FIRM is the odd one out - Each word contains a 3-letter tree (FIRm, hELM,sOAK, wASH), but firm is the only one which has the tree at the beginning of the word.

Initial Letters:

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