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Bishopstone Church Crib Scene Photo by Kate Pendlenton

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The Editorial Team would like to extend their thanks to Rachael Dew for organising the advertising in this magazine over the past 2 years. Rachael is stepping down due to work commitments, but we are so grateful for the time she put into this job, so vital to the success of STaB. We are delighted to welcome Sarah Brough to the team to take on the advertising role.

St John the Baptist Church, Bishopstone.



Covid Restrictions Permitting, on Christmas Eve at 5pm we will be holding a Family Friendly service of Communion around our Crib.

We hope you will feel able to join us as we celebrate Christmas and join together in hope for our future.

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





As I write this Christmas is four weeks away and we are in a complete state of unknowing. Will families be able to come together? Will we be able to worship together in church? Will we be able to sing carols? We simply do not know although I am hopeful that Church services will restart in time to celebrate Christmas together. It will be different, it may well seem odd but the meaning, the reason and the underlying joy that Christmas brings cannot be submerged under the swamp of restrictions. The deep truth that God gave unconditional love to his world in that tiny baby is a truth that has traversed centuries and continents to reach us in this 21st century in these villages in Wiltshire.

It is unbearably sad that there are thousands who have died since last Christmas and our hearts go out to their families and their friends and our prayer must be for them all. Our prayer that something of the truth of Christmas will bring them comfort and hope, for as we read in the Gospel of John (3:16) *God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.*

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

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Parish Council

A meeting of Bishopstone Parish Council took place on Thursday 12th November using Zoom Video Conferencing. Councillors Gibbon, Thorne, Barter, Brutton, Edwards and Tatner joined the meeting, as did Wiltshire Councillor Jose Green, Roger Stockton, Emergency Planning Officer, and two members of the public – Nick Legh and Harry Williams.

In the Public Forum section of the meeting Harry Williams asked the Parish Council to consider promoting a programme of tree planting in the parish. He said that there was much material available from the Woodland Trust on the benefits of increasing tree cover and on the species of trees that could be planted. It was pointed out that this would mainly be a matter of influencing landowners to undertake tree planting schemes. This matter would be brought forward for consideration at a future meeting.

Wiltshire Councillor Jose Green presented a report, which is included elsewhere in this edition of STaB.

The main agenda items discussed were:

Covid-19. The Chairman, Cllr John Gibbon, said that, despite optimistic claims about the availability of a vaccine, it is likely that restrictions on social and other activities will continue well into 2021. The work of the Emergency Planning Group in providing support for the community in Bishopstone had been widely recognised as exemplary and such support will continue to be required for some months yet. In order to better manage what could be a rapidly changing situation a more integrated approach was required to the consideration of when to restart activities in the village; to that end he had invited both the Parochial Church Council and the Village Hall Management Committee to nominate representatives to join the EPG.

Play Area. The Council considered options for additional equipment to be added to the Children's Play Area in the Recreation Field. This further investment would, in part, utilize funds that could only be used for that purpose. Consultations had been carried out with users of the Play Area and it was decided to install a Group Swing and a Clamber Stack. Priorities for maintenance of the existing facilities were also agreed.

Emergency Planning. Roger Stockton also referred to the situation on Covid 19, emphasizing that the Government guidelines were a minimum requirement and that account also needed to be taken of the large number of people in the village over the age of 60, or classified as clinically vulnerable or extremely vulnerable. This meant that whilst certain activities might be within the guidelines, it was not necessarily sensible for them to go ahead. On flooding he said that riparian owners needed to prepare now for the winter by clearing river channels, gullies and grips – see separate notice.

Finance. The Precept and Budget for 2021/22 were considered. Among the issues discussed was how best to use, for the benefit of the community, additional funding that had been received in the current year related to the Coronavirus pandemic. Part would be used in relation to the Children's Play Area (see above). For the rest it was concluded that the most equitable arrangement would be to reduce the level of the Precept (the amount of money the Parish Council receives as part of Council Tax) in 2021/22. That way every property in the village would receive some small financial benefit. It was agreed to set the Precept at half the level compared to this year, meaning that a Band D property will pay, as regards spending by Bishopstone Parish Council, about £17.00 next year compared with £34.00 in 2020/21.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is due to be held on **Thursday 14**th **January 2021 at 7.00pm**. Whether that meeting can take place in the normal way in the Village Hall or has to be held remotely by Zoom will be determined nearer to the time.

ROADWORKS ON PORTFIELD ROAD

Contractors for Wiltshire Council will be carrying out a carriageway repair works programme on Portfield Road, between the junction with the High Road, Bishopstone and Wilton, from **Wednesday 2nd December until Friday 4th December between 07.00 and 19.00**. Temporary road closures will be in place. The diversion route is via the Racecourse road.

BISHOPSTONE PRESCRIPTION COLLECTION ARRANGEMENTS OVER CHRISTMAS

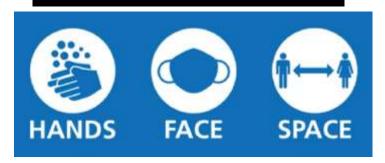
We have yet to be told which days the Sixpenny Handley Surgery/Dispensary will be open over the Christmas period. However, it is likely that the last day for the collection of prescriptions by our drivers will be Wednesday 23rd December, with collections resuming on Wednesday 30th December. There is also unlikely to be a collection on Friday 1st January.

If you have repeat prescriptions due at these times please make sure that you contact your Area Co-ordinator to arrange collection in advance (or afterwards if you have sufficient supplies).

WE NEED SOME ADDITIONAL DRIVERS TO COLLECT PRESCRIPTIONS – IF YOU THINK YOU CAN HELP PLEASE CONTACT CAROLINE ASH ON 01722 781044 TO DISCUSS.



Coronavirus Update



On 31st October the Government announced a second "lockdown" to tackle the Coronavirus pandemic. This is due to expire on 2nd December. During that time everyone is required to stay at home, except for specific purposes, and avoid meeting people you do not live with. It is not known what restrictions will be put in place after 2nd December. The alert level remains **HIGH** because the number of confirmed Covid 19 cases in Wiltshire is still increasing.

Whilst important steps forward have been achieved in creating a vaccine, it is not yet know how effective it will be, or precisely when it will become available for people living in Bishopstone. What is clear is that pending mass immunization, and possibly for some time after that, it will remain important to continue observing the Government's guidance and to maintain safe practices – such as washing hands, covering faces and keeping a sensible distance from others.

Comprehensive guidance continues to be available on the Government's website https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus and via the village website.

If and when restrictions ease, it will also be important to learn the lessons from the last lockdown during the Summer. Then there was a natural inclination to re-start social and other activities. This led to the second wave of Covid 19. **WE THEREFORE NEED TO TAKE GREATER CARE AS RESTRICTIONS ARE EASED THIS TIME.**

To that end representatives of the Parochial Church Council and the Village Hall Management Committee have joined the EPG. This will help ensure that a more integrated approach is taken to dealing with the emergency in the village.

The EPG has sought, from the beginning, to emphasise that the guidelines set out by the Government are the <u>minimum</u> requirement and that these need to be applied sensibly reflecting local circumstances. It remains the case that people over 60 years of age, or those who are clinically vulnerable, are at higher risk of severe illness from coronavirus. Bishopstone has a population of around 620 residents, with over 40% aged over 60 years of age and with a large number classified as clinically or extremely vulnerable. **THIS PUTS A PARTICULAR RESPONSIBILITY ON US ALL TO PROTECT OURSELVES AND TO PROTECT OTHERS.**

IT WILL ALSO BE OF VITAL IMPORTANCE THAT EVERYONE TAKES THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE A VACCINATION WHEN IT IS OFFERED. Until then, and beyond, the Parish Council and the EPG will work to support the community in Bishopstone until the pandemic is over.

Emergency Planning Group

Report from Councillor Jose Green

Needless to say Covid 19 has had a huge impact on how Wiltshire Council is operating at present. Many are home working but committees are still working well through Microsoft Teams and Zoom. Planning decisions are made with the public able to contribute to the decision process as usual. Full Council also works well with the voting protocol being very efficient. Last week a live stream was online for anyone wanting to hear the latest on the pandemic in Wiltshire.

The mobile library service has ceased whilst we are in this second lockdown but the Household Recycling Centres are open, hopefully the bin collections will be reliably emptied but if staff need to self isolate alternative staff need to step in at the last minute so there could be delays. 8,000 Wiltshire businesses have been supported by discretionary grants and recently the Government sent a further £600k to help provide long-term accommodation for rough sleepers.

There are currently 12,500 people across Wiltshire on unemployment payment with 2,400 under 24 years old, we must do our utmost to reduce this number and we must all be aware of the mental health of all ages as these unprecedented weeks continue. Free school lunches are still available for children. £168k came down from Government to support those in self-isolation. The most recent figures on this is that there have been 180 applications but only 40 were eligible.

Wiltshire Council is encouraging parents with a child of 2 years on or before 31st December 2020 to apply for 15 hours of free childcare for 38 weeks of the year. Childcare, known as Better2gether Funding for parents on income support, ie. for parents on Universal Credit or a child who has an education, health and care plan.

Wiltshire Council has responded to the Government's white paper on 'Planning for the Future', it was debated fully; like many others there are concerns about maintaining democracy when planning applications are submitted. It is also proposed to increase the housing numbers from 42 thousand to 56 thousand in Wiltshire, although there are some 1 million houses across the UK that have permission but remain unbuilt, there should be some tougher pressure placed on those developers to commence building sooner rather than 'land banking' as some are inclined to do.

The SWW Area Board met on the 11th November where some priorities were beginning to be identified for Councillors to address over the next 3-5 years. These priorities very much influence what projects are supported by grant applications. I hope as many people as possible will respond to the emails that will be circulated to all PC's, businesses and organisations asking for their opinions.

Finally, there are 24 Support Groups in our Area and our sincere thanks go out to those volunteers who have given of their time during this exceptional situation. As it still continues please contact me if you need any further information for help.

We are all in this together!

Keep safe.

Best wishes, José.

Village Hall



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NOTE: All arrangements are provisional and are dependent on future Government guidance and local circumstances.

Please check with the organisers of the group or event before setting out.

OPEN FOR ADVANCE BOOKINGS

Both halls are available for hire for permitted activities, subject to the acceptance of the "Special Conditions of Hire during Covid-19" which are available from the bookings secretary (Margaret Barter 01722 780471) and the village website. These include the wearing of masks, hand sanitising and maintaining social distancing.

BISHOPSTONE COMMUNITY CAFE

Regrettably the Café will remain closed for the time being. It will re-open as soon as government guidelines allow and when it is safe to do so. Dates will be announced on the village noticeboards and web site.

BISHOPSTONE COMMUNITY LUNCHES

Unfortunately because of the continuing need for social distancing and risks associated with a large gathering, we are unable to hold the Christmas lunch this year.

We hope to resume lunches as soon as we can next year.

MOVIOLA at Bishopstone

Friday 29th January 2021.

We hope to have a Moviola evening on Jan 29th, film to be confirmed. The decision about whether to go ahead with the showing will be dependent on current government advice at that time.

Pre-booking will be essential and we would like payment in advance to avoid queueing at the door. Please phone Caroline Ash on 01722 781044 to book and for details of how to pay. (Online payment is preferred but cheques are acceptable and we will have a card payment device at the door. No loose cash please.)

Only the main feature will be shown and the evenings will take place under the current government "safe practice" guidelines. This means you will need to wear a face-covering (though this may be removed once seated whilst eating or drinking).

There will be no bar or snack sales but guests are welcome to bring their own refreshments.

Tickets for all Moviola films cost £6. Doors open at 7.15pm for a 7.30pm showing.

BABY AND TODDLER PLAYGROUP

For general information about the Baby and Toddler Group find their Facebook page Bishopstone Playgroup, or contact Kate Pendlenton on 01722 780655 or email: kmpendlenton@hotmail.com. Sadly the group cannot meet at present.

"EXTEND" EXERCISE CLASSES

For 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

Classes have resumed and run every Thursday 6:15-7:15pm and 7:30-8:30pm For more details and to confirm a place contact Hannah Stocker on 0773 856 1888 or by email: yoga with hannah@outlook.com.

SARUM SPINNERS AND WEAVERS

Because of the recent lockdown, we are unable to hold our monthly meeting on 1st December but instead, it is hoped to resume on Tuesday 8th December subject to regulations. 7.00pm - 9.00pm.

Any spinners or weavers in the area are very welcome to join us. We would also like to welcome any ladies from Needles and Pins as we understand that you no longer have your regular meetings.

Please check arrangements with Les Smith on 01722 780761.



The census is taking place in March 2021.

It's a survey that happens every 10 years and gives us a picture of all the people and households in England and Wales. It helps plan and fund public services, like transport, education and healthcare.







By taking part and encouraging others to do the same, you'll help make sure you and your community get the services you need. Nearer the time, you'll receive more information. There'll be plenty of help to take part for people who need it.

Find out more at www.census.gov.uk Follow the census



The Famous Village Christmas Card!

For several years the village hall trustees have organised a 'Village Christmas Card'.

Rather than send individual cards to friends in the village, some people opted to sign one large card during the Christmas Fayre at the hall and donated to a local charity when doing so.

Sadly none of the usual Christmas events will be happening this year but we are very aware that charities are suffering at the moment.



Although there will be no Christmas Fayre, we are going to arrange a *Virtual Christmas Card* to raise funds for the Stars Appeal. We are extremely fortunate to have such an excellent local hospital with friendly hardworking staff worthy of our support.

If you would like to make a donation via the *Virtual Christmas Card*, please send your details and any donations, small or large, to Francis Taylor, email frstaylor1@btinternet.com or phone 780316 for village hall BACS details.

Alternatively drop a cheque or cash into 14 The Croft, Bishopstone.



All proceeds will go directly to the **Salisbury District Hospital Stars Appeal**.

We will publish details of the amount we raised in the February edition of STaB.

Thank you and Happy Christmas to everyone from the Bishopstone Village Hall Trustees.

WHY NOT JOIN US ON THE BISHOPSTONE NETWORK?



Earlier this year the Bishopstone Emergency Committee established a WhatsApp group as a means of sharing information in our community. *This is not simply for times of crisis*, but provides a useful communication network for day to day questions and queries.

You will need to download the WhatsApp to your phone and then contact Piers Edwards (piersgedwards@gmail.com or 07920 475009), Michelle Tatner (mtatner@hotmail.co.uk or 07968 842525) or Kate Pendlenton (kmpendlenton@hotmail.com or 07769202200) and ask to be added to the group.

Bishopstone Village Hall rates for private hire

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

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

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

The hire charges include use of heating and electricity.

The rates are currently:

Villagers Non Villagers

Hire of both rooms £15 per hour £20 per hour

(With full use of the kitchen)

Hire of both rooms £10 per hour £15 per hour

(With tea making facilities but no other electrical kitchen equipment)

Full use of the kitchen £10 per hour £15 per hour

only

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

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

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

BROAD CHALKE SURGERY CURRENTLY CLOSED

Despite requests for this information we have no news as to when it will reopen.

Sixpenny Handley Surgery: 01725 552500

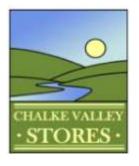
www.sixpennydocs.co.uk



STaB draws attention to the support being provided in the village by the Parish Council and the Emergency Planning Committee. But help is also available from Wiltshire Council.

If you are self-isolating due to coronavirus (COVID-19) and you need help you can call the helpline on: 0300 003 4576





Shop: Open weekdays 9am - 4pm (9am-2pm on Saturdays)

Coffee Shop: Currently closed.

Post Office: Open Mon, Tues & Thurs 9.30am –1.30pm:

w: www.chalkevalleystores.co.uk e: info@chalkevalleystores.co.uk

Tel: 01722-780998

SHOP LOCAL:

As we approach this busy time of year with every one thinking about Christmas, please continue to shop locally and support both the shop and the café. We need your support to continue to serve the community.

CHRISTMAS AT THE SHOP:

Order your show stopping Christmas centre piece from Manor Farm Meats through the shop. Whole or Crowns of barn or free-range Turkeys, Geese and Duck are all available. Check the prices and place your order in the shop.

A range of Luxury foods and wines will be available and small hampers can be purchased for you to create the Christmas Gift for the "person who has everything". Cheese Hampers can also be made up to order.

COFFEE SHOP:

The Coffee Shop was reopened successfully in late October. Sadly in light of the latest lockdown it has been forced to close again. However, a takeaway service of drinks and snacks continues to be available through the shop.

After 2 December, if regulations permit, our intention is to reopen the Coffee shop, with all the social distancing measures we have already put in place.

AWNING:

An awning has now been erected outside the shop to protect customers from the elements while queuing. Thank you to Nigel for helping us with this.

VOLUNTEERS:

Our thanks go to all the volunteers who give their time to ensure the Shop and Coffee shop are manned with such enthusiasm and cheerfulness. We are so pleased to see so many volunteers have returned since the summer.

Our thanks also go to Tony and the permanent staff for maintaining such a high level of service to us all in these difficult times.

WILTSHIRE LIFE:

The visit to the village by the Lord Lieutenant and the High Sheriff (our own Ashley Truluck) is well recorded in the latest edition of Wiltshire Life. Copies are available in the shop.

The Trussell Trust

Donations received over the last month - 8.4 Kgs

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

Long Life Fruit Juice

Tinned Fruit Tinned Meat Instant Mashed Potato Dried Milk Tinned Rice Shampoo

Sponge Pudding Deodorant

Shower Gel

If you can provide any of these, particularly Long Life Fruit Juice, they will be very grateful, but really anything you feel you can offer will be so useful at this time.

As usual, if you wish to donate money (cash or cheque) instead of food you can as normal leave it with me to take for you or you can go online and donate directly to the Salisbury Trussell Trust, either a one off or a regular payment which can also be Gift Aided if you are able.

When you are reading this report Christmas will be getting very close indeed. Please if you can, try to think of things to bring a bit of joy to those receiving and help to make Christmas a better time for those who have so little. If a person cannot afford to buy essentials then they really cannot buy the little treats that we all look forward to. Please help with whatever you can.

Suggestions for Christmas:- Colouring book, colouring pencils and felt tip pens, Tinned Ham, Christmas pudding, chocolates, tinned custard, special biscuits, chocolate selection box, crackers etc.

Christmas donations have to be with the Trussell Trust by **Dec 10**th, so please, if you can, let me have them by the **9**th so that I can then get them to the depot. Other items will be gratefully accepted up to the **18**th December, then they will be **closed over Christmas and New Year.**

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.

Thank you again for everything that you have done over the years and hopefully will continue to do for this very worth while cause.

Keep safe and healthy everyone and I wish you all a very merry Christmas and hopefully a new year that turns out to be better than 2020

Blessings,

Judy Barrett (01722 780306)

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).

Remembrance in 2020

On a foggy but dry morning, about thirty-four of us gathered in the churchyard on Sunday 8th November to remember the fallen from our villages. This year, after much consideration, the service was held in the churchyard, in accordance with the guidelines. Canon Jenny led our short service, Mike Bundy recited the Roll of Honour, and Alan Stutchbury gave the reading from the 15th chapter of St John's gospel.



After the short service, it was felt that it had been more poignant standing somewhat apart from each other in the open air. There was time to reflect and to think. Afterwards, about £150 was generously given for the RBL Poppy Appeal. The village also gave £414 from collections in the village hall, the Croft and Croucheston. This is much less than last year and entirely due to our not being



allowed to make door-to-door collections.
However, whatever we collect and send to the RBL will be most warmly welcomed for the benefit of servicemen and women in their hardship. Many thanks to the collectors for their enthusiasm and help. Without this we would hardly manage anything for the Poppy Appeal.

I would like to thank all those who helped to make the service and the collection possible this year, who decorated the church, despite all the problems and difficulties put in our way by Covid19.

We remembered with pride and honour our fallen villagers.

AT THE GOING DOWN OF THE SUN AND IN THE MORNING, WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

Major James Thompson MBE (Nov 2020)



Further Notes on Whitlock Rise

Mr Fred Whitlock (1863-1932)

He was born in Pitton and married Ann Maria Eales (1862-1937) at United Methodist Free Church, Milford Street, Salisbury in 1887. They had 10 children, 5 boys and 5 girls.

Fred was a Prudential Assurance Agent and his eldest son, William Frederick was sub post-master and shop keeper in Bishopstone by 1915. In the 1891 census the family were living as tenants at Vella House, by 1901 they had moved to Croucheston, and the last record in 1911 shows they lived at 'Pitts'. During Fred's time in Bishopstone, he was involved in many voluntary roles. From his funeral announcement in the Salisbury Journal dated Friday 13 May 1932 it reports that Fred was:

'Clerk to the Parish Council from 1896 to the time of his death, collector of taxes from 1912, secretary of the Wilts Agricultural Workers' Union, chairman of the local branch of the National Executive of the Union, secretary of the Chalke Valley branch of the Wilts Ratepayers' Association, Hon. Secretary of the Bishopstone Reading Room, and other village organisations, member and clerk of the Parochial Church Council, and for over 20 years a member of the church choir. This was a man who made friends wherever he went.'

He certainly kept busy with all his voluntary roles. There is no report of why the dairy between Whitlock Rise and Meadow View was called Whitlock Dairy, nor why the estate was so named.

Meanwhile, more about 20th century Whitlock Rise.

The estate was built by Holdaways of Westbury who built quite a few council houses. They were heated by a Rayburn in the kitchen and an open fire. The bungalows just had open fires. The gardens were separated with posts and wire as a boundary which did little to deter children from wandering from one garden to the next.

Some of the houses were initially offered to people from outside the village, so Mike Bundy wrote to the local MP Michael Hamilton, outlining the need to house villagers. He was successful in getting a house in 1965.

The estate was a great place for children to play safely. Cars weren't allowed to park on the road so the car park was in use for residents. One day Mike Bundy was unloading a sack of potatoes and parked on the road in front of his house. Before too long the local policeman came to the door to get Mike to move his car, 'otherwise I shall have to book you for it!' Once a house was purchased the owner wasn't allowed to use the car park, and was expected to use the driveway of the house.

In the 1980s the men of Whitlock Rise had to dig the road out when the snow had drifted to a great height, and no one could get out. The main road through the village was single lane only with huge snowdrifts making it very difficult to pass.

1977 The Queen's Silver Jubilee

The procession started at Croucheston and travelled through the village. The Bishopstone Young Wives Group had made a float on Les Rogers' lorry, and Mike Bundy, dressed as a Teddy Boy, drove it as part of the procession.



Does anyone recognise any of the ladies on board the float?

Sheila Bundy is far right in the mini skirt!

Anne Stutchbury

YOU cannot prosper by discouraging thrift

YOU cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong

YOU cannot help the poor by destroying the rich.

YOU cannot establish sound security on borrowed money

YOU cannot keep out of trouble by spending more than you earn.

YOU cannot build character and courage by taking away man's initiative and independence

YOU cannot help men permanently by doing more for them than they can do for themselves.

From Abraham Lincoln's Fiscal Policy, 1865
Thanks to Shirley Cooke for submitting this.

GP Surgeries Support for Unpaid Carers

GP practices in Wiltshire that are providing the best support to unpaid carers have been recognised in the Wiltshire Investors in Carers GP Accreditation Scheme.

The awards recognise and celebrate those Wiltshire GP practices who have met a number of requirements, including maintaining an up-to-date carer register, having a carers' lead and providing clear information and flexible appointments for carers.

Among the surgeries receiving awards were:

Avon Valley Practice - Platinum

Barcroft Medical Centre - Platinum

Downton Surgery - Silver

Harcourt Medical Centre - Silver

Hindon Surgery – Platinum

Millstream Medical Centre - Silver

Salisbury Medical Practice – Platinum

Sixpenny Handley & Broadchalke – Platinum

The Orchard Partnership - Gold Plus

This is the eighth year that Carer Support Wiltshire has coordinated the awards, which were set up to ensure more consistency in the support carers receive within GP practices. The awards are funded by Wiltshire Council and the NHS Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Group.

Tracey Cox, Chief Executive, Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Group, said:

"A lot is often said about the immense value of carers and, while it's impossible to quantify just how important they are, we know that carers nationwide are able to save the country's economy more than £130 billion each year showing their immeasurable worth.

"It is so important to identify carers in our community and to provide them with the right support and help that they need. I am pleased that so many more GP practices across Wiltshire are providing this support and being recognised for their efforts through this great Accreditation Scheme."

Christmas Tree Collections

Love having a real tree at Christmas but hate the New Year clean up? Salisbury Hospice Charity have the answer. Following the huge success of last year's initiative during which approximately 1000 trees were collected and recycled, raising almost £13,000 of vital funds for the hospice, together with £1067 for local charity Love for Louis, we are once again running the scheme in conjunction with the charity Just Helping. This year we are hoping the initiative will again be well supported, as so many of our key events have been cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions. We will also make a donation of 10% (after costs) to the local charity Charlie's Star which provides breaks in Cornwall for bereaved parents of children under 19. The collection also helps the environment as all of the trees are chipped and recycled as animal bedding, or composted.



We would welcome a donation for the collection of your Christmas Tree

Our volunteers are collecting trees from postcodes

SP1, SP2, SP3, SP4, SP5, SP6 and SP9

Register your tree at www.charityxmastreecollection.com

register by midnight on 4th Jan 2021

All that we ask is for a donation in return for the collection and recycling of your tree by our wonderful volunteers between 8th and 10th January 2021. 2021 will be our 40th year of providing palliative care in Salisbury and the surrounding areas; we have many events planned to celebrate this throughout 2021, so look out for these.

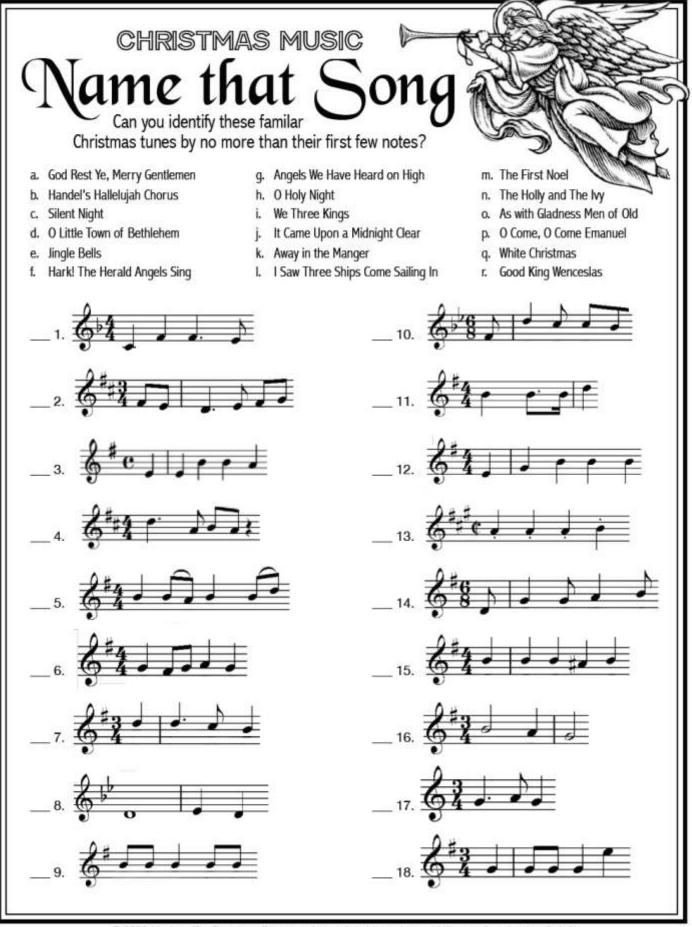
To have your tree collected and recycled after the festive season, register it at www.charityxmastreecoll ection.com

or call 01722 416353, by 4th January 2021.

After costs, 90% of the monies raised will go to the hospice and the remaining 10% to local charity Charlie's Star

Puzzles and Activities

By Cally Edwards and Kate Pendlenton





How many words can you make from the letters in

FATHER CHRISTMAS

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What do you call a snowman in the summer?

A puddle!

What do elves learn in school?

The elf-abet.

Rambling Again

Another month has passed, and we have remembered our Fallen with honour and great support this year. The new lockdown from early November meant a quick change to our service, which Rev Jenny covered with her usual aplomb and humour! Our gathering in the churchyard was terrific and means a lot to the Fallen. More on that in a separate piece.



The weather has become more wintery, not surprisingly, and so less rambling, but we still meet many dogs passing the house, and manage a chat with them .. and with their walkers. As the leaves fall and are blown into other gardens, we receive those from our neighbours. The splendid bin service has been working almost overtime to gather all our fortnightly offerings.

Which cottage in Bishopstone?

I continue to paint and to sketch to keep busy, and help daughter Jo with her Advent calendars. She constructs them in wood with 25 spaces for the days of Advent and colours them silver or gold. She also makes lovely little gnomes from clay in all sorts of colours!

The efficient drive-through flu inoculation centre which our GP practice set up in Broad Chalke school, must be an example for everyone. It was so simple and easy to follow, we were through and out in no time, and hardly noticed the jab! Well done to them for this splendid piece of planning and execution. I hope that they follow the same system when the anti-Covid 19 jab comes available. Many thanks to them for keeping going through all the trials of lockdown.

It really is time to hunker down at home now and try to plan for Christmas as best we can, with all the necessary restrictions on movement and meetings. It is amusing to see on my last two trips into town, that all the benches in the Cathedral Close are occupied by people meeting with a thermos of coffee for a social chat! Maybe we should do more of that on our village benches?



Marlborough College Chapel

A very happy Christmas to all readers of STAB, especially if you have got this far!! And our heartfelt thanks to the STAB Editorial team for all their hard work this year.

James Thompson

Recipe of the Month - Vanillekipferl

(vanilla and almond crescent biscuits)

This is a typical German Christmas bake and is great for children to have a go. They're ridiculously more-ish and make a lovely gift if they last that long. Makes about 50!

Ingredients

Dough

175g softened butter 75g caster sugar

2 vanilla pods, scraped for seeds / 2 teaspoons of vanilla bean paste

2 medium egg yolks 150g ground almonds 250g plain flour

Vanilla Sugar and Icing Sugar to cover 100g caster sugar

1 vanilla pod, scraped for seeds

Icing sugar to sprinkle over once cooled

Recipe

For the vanilla sugar

Mix 100g caster sugar and the seeds from 1 vanilla pod in a food processor until fine, to make sure the vanilla is evenly distributed. Put to one side until the end.

For the dough

In a food processor, combine the caster sugar and vanilla pods or paste to form a stiff paste. Separate the egg and pulse in the egg yolks, (saving the whites for another recipe) followed by the ground almonds and plain flour. Once all mixed, tip out into a bowl and squeeze together to make a dough. Once you've pulled it together in 1 lump, wrap it up in clingfilm and put in the fridge for 1 hour.

Preheat the oven to 180 degrees C (160 degrees fan). Line 3 baking sheets with baking paper. Break off a walnut sized piece of dough and squeeze into a slightly tapered sausage shape, bending into a crescent moon shape and keeping fairly flat - you can press down with your finger tips to help flatten. Repeat this with all the dough, laying out each crescent shape onto the prepared baking sheets, 2 cm apart.

Bake for 12-15 minutes. The biscuits should be lightly golden, pale and firm rather than browned. Whilst the biscuits are still warm, toss them in the vanilla sugar. Once cooled, gently shake the icing sugar through a sieve on top of the biscuits to give them a good snow-covered dusting.

Cally Edwards

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Sarah's Festive Gardening Tips



- 1. Cheer up your garden entrance with some outdoor lights around a bush
- 2. Decorate your front door with a wreath or some holly.
- 3. Start pruning fruit trees and roses.
- 4. Leave faded hydrangea heads on until spring to protect the new buds from frost.
- 5. Check climbers are securely attached to their supports with ties.
- 6. Take hardwood cuttings from suitable trees and shrubs.
- 7. Dig a trench for next year's beans, fill it with compostable kitchen waste and re-cover with soil. It will rot down and improve the next harvest.
- 8. Wash and disinfect bird feeders and clean out the bird bath

It is like the seed put in the soil-the more one sows, the greater the harvest.

Orison Swett Marden



Question: What are the 3 main types of real Christmas Tree? (Answer on p51)

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Bishopstone Emergency Planning Update

Last year I published a picture of the sign on the Flood Cottages in Shrewton to act as a timely reminder. You may remember that the cottages were built from money raised by public collections in the year after the Great Flood.

This year I go back a little further and quote from The Age of Chivalry, The Story of England by Arthur Bryant to bring things in line with our current pandemic, though our situation is much improved on 1348.

"Despite every precaution by the port authorities the plague crossed the Channel. Some time in August 1348 it broke out in the little Dorset town of Melcombe Regis, now Weymouth, "depriving it almost of inhabitants."

During that autumn the plague struck down southern shire after shire, Poole was so depopulated that it did not recover for more than a century.

In some villages like Bishopstone, near Salisbury in Wiltshire, scarcely a soul survived, and when life was renewed after the plague the site was left deserted."

BISHOPSTONE'S EMERGENCY PLAN FOR FLOODING 2020

This is a reminder to all property owners deemed at risk to ensure they are adequately prepared for the coming winter.

First and foremost all details are contained in Bishopstone's Community Emergency Plan. A copy of this is available on the village website. Just click on Emergency Planning on the side bar and download the pdf copy of the document. Anyone considering themselves at risk who is unable to obtain a version of the plan this way should contact me by phone and I will give you a copy.

The plan contains procedures for a full range of potential emergencies including those arising from Flooding, Snow and Ice and Power Failures. In addition there are details of:"

The way the plan operates

Resources and Emergency Equipment available in the village

What to do

Who your local area representative is

Contact Details

Useful Websites

In this month's copy of STaB is included a page of Local Numbers for Contact during an Emergency

COMMONSENSE ACTIONS

If you consider yourself at risk from flooding:

Do you know who your Flood Warden is and his contact details?

Do you know who your area representative is and his/her contact details?

Do you have a Personal Flood Plan?

Do you have your own personal emergency equipment? We recommend torches and batteries, waterproof clothing, blankets, camping stove for hot drinks, battery-powered radio. Those at greatest risk should have pumping equipment and gel bags.

The Emergency Planning Group comprising Flood Wardens, members of the Parish Council and Area Representatives will help but their priority is to the older or vulnerable members of our community. Please remember it is a property owner's responsibility to prepare and protect their own property - it is not the role of the Emergency Planning Group. In a nutshell - if you consider yourself at risk... then prepare!

OTHER ACTIONS

The normal request at this time of year is to landowners and riparian owners:

Riparian owners are requested to ensure that river flow is not impeded by debris.

Landowners should ensure ditches are cleared of mud and weeds.

Landowners should ensure grips are cleared to allow excess water flow from roads into ditches.

In many cases the simple act of kicking some debris out of the way is often sufficient to unblock a grip or drain so please be watchful if you are out for a walk. More serious problems should be reported via the My Wilts App.

DEFIBRILLATOR

The village does have a defibrillator that is located on the Western (Butt Lane) side of the Village Hall. Full instructions for its use are with the equipment.

BE AWARE AND BE PREPARED - IT MAKES SENSE!

The following pages are a useful summary of important numbers, which you may wish to pull out and keep somewhere easily accessible.

ROGER STOCKTON EMERGENCY PLANNING COORDINATOR 780346

Bishopstone Community Emergency Plan

USEFUL NUMBERS TO PULL OUT AND KEEP

The Bishopstone Community Emergency Plan is on the village website. It contains suggested actions in the event of emergency events within the village. We publish the details below for you to keep as a useful link to services that you may require in an emergency.

LOCAL NUMBERS FOR CONTACT DURING AN EMERGENCY SITUATION (FLOODING)

FLOODLINE 0345 988 1188 when prompted dial 1.

Environment Agency (Local Office) 01258 483326 Blandford (This is the Incident Control Room for Bishopstone)

Environment Agency (Emergency) 0800 807060

Wiltshire Council 01225 713000 (May need to request the

Incident Control Room)

Wiltshire Council, Salisbury 01722 336272 (working hours)

01722 411676 (out of hours)

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Police/Fire/Ambulance 999 if danger to life

OTHER USEFUL NUMBERS

Local Police – non emergency 101

Bishopstone Village Hall 780907

Emergency Services

Fire Service 01380 723601
Police 01380 722341
Ambulance 01249 443939

Chalke Valley Surgery

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Sixpenny Handley 01725 522500 (In an emergency ring this number)

Utility Emergencies

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Customer Services 0345 6004600

Electrical -

Scottish and Southern 08000 727282 Highways – Wiltshire Council 0800 232323

Clarence 01225 777234 and/or clarence@wiltshire.gov.uk

BT 0800 800150

Other Agencies offering assistance

 Samaritans
 0345 7909090

 Salvation Army
 01489 566800

 St John's Ambulance
 01305 751169

 National Flood Forum
 01299 403055

 The Citizen's Advice Bureau
 01264 365534

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 0800 232323

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Useful email addresses

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Wiltshire Council Contacts

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Danny Everett Drains, Wiltshire Council

Renate Moulton Projects Officer, Wiltshire Council

Equipment Hire

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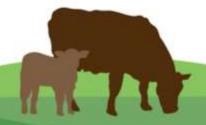
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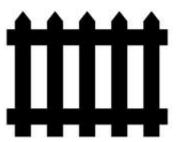
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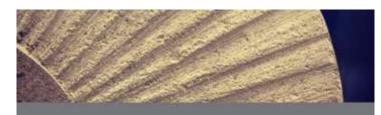
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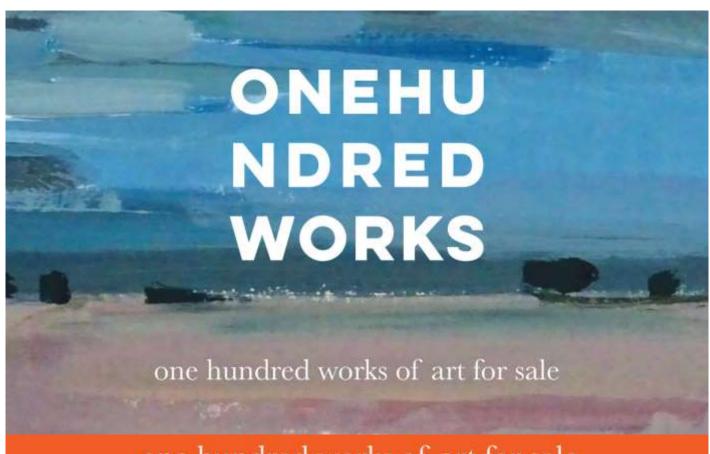






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Monday	13:45	Pilates	Broadchalke Sports Hall
Monday	16:30	Pilates	Sixpenny Handley Village Hall
Monday	19:00	Better Backs	Bishopstone Village Hall
Tuesday	09:15	Pilates	Coombe Bissett Village Hall
Tuesday	14:00	Pilates	Radnor Hall
Tuesday	18:00	Fitness Pilates	Britford Memorial Hall
Tuesday	19:00	Pilates	Britford Memorial Hall
Wednesday	09:30	Better Backs	Bishopstone Village Hall
Wednesday	18:00	Pilates	Bishopstone Village Hall
Wednesday	19:00	HIIT	Bishopstone Village Hall
Wednesday	19:30	Pilates	Bishopstone Village Hall
Friday	09:15	Fitness Pilates	Broadchalke Sports Hall
Friday	11:00	Pilates	Bowerchalke Village Hall

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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)

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Bishopstone Area Covid Co-ordinators

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Services in Chalke Valley Benefice - December 2020



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Pattern of services for the re-opening of our churches for public worship. Please note that if the Covid 19 situation changes, these service details might also change. Please check your church noticeboard and weekly e-bulletin

6 December 2 nd Sunday of Advent	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Parish Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Family Communion (CW) Family Communion (CW) Morning Service	Broad Chalke Britford Ebbesbourne Wake Coombe Bissett Odstock	Catherine Blundell Jenny Taylor Catherine Blundell Jenny Taylor Anna-Claar T-Rosingh
13 December 3 rd Sunday of Advent	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am	Family Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Morning Prayer (BCP) Family Communion (CW) All Age Service Service for Advent Season	Nunton Bowerchalke Charlton All Saints Coombe Bissett Alvediston Fifield Bavant	Anna-Claar T-Rosingh Roger Leake Anna-Claar T-Rosingh Jenny Taylor Biddy Trahair Biddy Trahair
20 December 4 th Sunday of Advent	9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Morning Prayer (BCP) Parish Communion (CW) Crib Service	Bowerchalke Odstock Bishopstone Berwick St John Ebbesbourne Wake Homington Nunton	Roger Leake Anna-Claar T-Rosingh Jenny Taylor Catherine Blundell Biddy Trahair Jenny Taylor Anna-Claar T-Rosingh
23 December	6.00pm	Nativity Procession and Carols by Firelight	Alvediston	Catherine Blundell
24 December CHRISTMAS EVE	6.30pm	Communion round the Crib Crib Service Family Communion	Bishopstone Homington Nunton	Jenny Taylor Jenny Taylor Anna-Claar T-Rosingh
25 December CHRISTMAS DAY	9.30am 9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am	Family Communion (CW) Family Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Family Communion (CW) Family Communion (CW)	Bowerchalke Broad Chalke Britford Odstock Charlton All Saints Berwick St John Coombe Bissett Ebbesbourne Wake	Roger Leake Catherine Blundell Jenny Taylor Anna-Claar T-Rosingh Anna-Claar T-Rosingh Roger Leake Jenny Taylor Catherine Blundell
27 December 1 st Sunday of Christmas	10.00am	Short Benefice Communion (CW)	Bishopstone	Catherine Blundell
3 January 2021 THE EPIPHANY	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Parish Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Family Communion (CW) Family Communion (CW) Morning Service	Broad Chalke Britford Ebbesbourne Wake Coombe Bissett Odstock	Roger Leake Jenny Taylor Roger Leake Jenny Taylor Anna-Claar T-Rosingh

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10 January BAPTISM OF CHRIST	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am	Family Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Morning Prayer (BCP) Family Communion (CW) All Age Service Evening Prayer (BCP)	Nunton Bowerchalke Charlton All Saints Coombe Bissett Alvediston Fifield Bavant	Anna-Claar T-Rosingh Catherine Blundell Anna-Claar T-Rosingh Jenny Taylor Biddy Trahair Biddy Trahair	
17 January 2 nd Sunday of Epiphany	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Parish Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Morning Prayer (BCP) Parish Communion (CW)	Odstock Bishopstone Berwick St John Ebbesbourne Wake Homington	Anna-Claar T-Rosingh Jenny Taylor Catherine Blundell Roger Leake Jenny Taylor	
24 January 3 rd Sunday of Epiphany	9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Commnion (BCP) Parish Communion (CW) Family Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Family Service Holy Communion (BCP) Morning Prayer (BCP) Evening Prayer	Berwick St John Charlton All Saints Broad Chalke Bishopstone Nunton Alvediston Coombe Bissett Bowerchalke	Roger Leake Anna-Claar T-Rosingh Catherine Blundell Jenny Taylor Adrian Taylor Catherine Blundell Roger Leake Lay Led	
31 January CANDLEMAS		Benefice Communion (CW) Benefice Communion (CW)	Ebbesbourne Wake Homington	Catherine Blundell Anna-Claar T-Rosingh	
7 February 2 nd Sunday before Lent	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Parish Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Family Communion (CW) Family Communion (CW) Morning Service	Broad Chalke Britford Ebbesbourne Wake Coombe Bissett Odstock	Catherine Blundell Jenny Taylor Catherine Blundell Jenny Taylor Anna-Claar T-Rosingh	

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Letters to the Editor

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Sally Leaver has kindly given to the church this lovely bench in the churchyard in memory of David. I would have sat for a while but it was drizzling. However Twigs was more than happy!

Alix Ricketts



I'm sure I speak on behalf of all our village when I want to thank Sarah Brough so very much for stepping to do the advertising for our wonderful magazine.

Alix Ricketts

Christmas Windows

As mentioned in the last edition of STaB, Sarah Blank has had the lovely idea for as many of us as possible to decorate our street-facing windows for Christmas. Helen Clarke has been rallying the residents of Pitts Lane, and many of the local mums have also expressed enthusiasm about taking part with their children. It's great to see so many people hoping to join in! Anyone looking for inspiration might like to look at the Window Wanderland website, or simply browse Pinterest for ideas.





If you don't feel personally able to decorate a window, you can be part of the whole experience by taking a walk around the village, perhaps at dusk one evening for a 'Winter Wander', to admire people's creativity.

Hopefully this will be a fun way of getting into the festive mood in

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this strangest of years.

