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Grant's frosty valley (above Alvediston) on a very very cold morning

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Any articles for inclusion are to be submitted by 5pm on the 20th of the month to appear in the next issue - *unless the magazine is already full.*

The editors reserve the right to edit all contributions.

I'm sure that you have already admired the beautiful photograph on the front cover of the magazine, taken by talented photographer Andrew Wiltshire. Andrew has travelled widely with his camera, but loves taking photos in all seasons around his home in the Chalke Valley. I highly recommend a browse around his website:

www.countrysidephotography.org from which you can buy prints or downloads in exchange for a donation to the Wiltshire Air Ambulance.

This is the final edition of STaB for 2021, as well as the first of 2022! It also marks 3 whole years of the current editorial team producing STaB. We'll be back in February 2022.



Shaggy Ink Cap spotted in Bishopstone. Photo by Ron Abbott, another local photographer! Thanks Ron.

A warm welcome to Bishopstone and Stratford Tony...

Welcome to the Tyler Hills family who have recently moved into Harvest Lane. We hope you will be very happy here in Bishopstone.

Please let us know if you know of anyone who moves into Bishopstone or Stratford Tony - or indeed if you yourself have recently moved in, do introduce yourselves! - so that we can offer them/you a welcome in STaB.



Hello from the Revd Canon Jenny Taylor



This time last year we were wondering whether we would see our families at Christmas; whether we would sing our favourite carols; whether we would be able to socialise with friends and neighbours; whether we would be able to hear the Christmas story again in our churches – and of course we were not able to do many of those. This year, although things are still uncertain, Covid Vaccinations 1, 2 and 3 are rolling out well and we are certainly beginning to feel more at ease with the normal things of life. The Christmas

holidays were different last year and will probably be so again (although not like last year!) BUT the deep truth that God gave unconditional love to his world in that tiny baby we know as Jesus, is a truth that has traversed centuries and continents to reach us in this 21st century in these villages in Wiltshire and that has not and will not ever change! And this true essence of Christmas will never ever be cancelled!

I so hope you feel able to join us in church over the festive period, wear masks and sanitise your hands, but join us so together we can celebrate this eternal truth:

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 continue to bring hope to us all in 2022.

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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).

Parish Council

A meeting of Bishopstone Parish Council took place on Thursday 11th November in the Village Hall. Full minutes of the meeting, together with the papers considered, are available on the village website www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk. Councillors Gibbon, Thorne, Barter, Smith, Edwards, Tatner and Williams attended, together with ten members of the public and Wiltshire Councillor Nabil Najjar.

Cllr Najjar presented a short report. He said that he was very much enjoying representing Fovant and the Chalke Valley on Wiltshire Council and being a member of the South West Area Board. The Board's priorities were to tackle speeding in villages, rural crime, the environment and broadband connectivity. Representations had been made to the Police and Crime Commissioner for more police resources to be made available to assist. A rural crime survey was being carried out. He was grateful for the presentation Roger Stockton, Toby Mills and Mike Ash had made about Bishopstone's broadband project to a SWWAB webinar on connectivity.

The main issues discussed in the meeting were:

Speeding in the village. This is reported separately in this STaB.

Defibrillator. Work to install the new defibrillator in the ex-telephone kiosk opposite Pitts Lane was now underway. A further announcement about training has yet to be made. Any further requests to attend the training course should be sent to the Parish Clerk as soon as possible.

Children's Play Area. A quote for the provision of two "springers", with safety surfacing, submitted by Outdoor Play South West, was accepted. The new equipment will be installed once the ground dries out in the Spring.



Tree Planting. An application had been submitted to the Woodland Trust for a pack of 30 tree saplings to plant in the margins of the Recreation Field as part of the "Queen's Green Canopy" project to mark next year's Platinum Jubilee. If successful the trees will be received in March, when help will be needed with planting. If you are prepared to help, please contact Cllr Simon Williams (780905).

Village Website. The village website does not meet current standards in terms of accessibility by those with disabilities who use assistive technology. Under the regulations the website must be able to have its text enlarged and be sufficiently clear, have a good level of colour and contrast and a page layout and navigation that does not present barriers for users with disabilities. Proposals were

considered for engaging a contractor to migrate the website to a format and presentation that is compliant with the regulations. It was decided to seek a range of quotes for taking this forward.

Precept for 2022/23. It had been possible for the parish precept (the money the Parish Council receives from Wiltshire Council as part of Council Tax) in the current year to be set at a level 50% of that in 2020/21 as a result of Covid related grants. All households in the village had therefore paid less Council Tax. However, it was agreed that if the activities of the Parish Council to improve amenities in the village and to deal with problems was to be maintained it would be necessary to return to the level of the precept as it was in 2020/21. A precept of £10,000 for 2022/23 was therefore agreed. This will result in an annual charge for a Band D property of just over £35.00 – the same as in 2020/21.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Thursday 6th January at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.

Mike Ash

Clerk

Defibrillator Training

The village's second community access defibrillator is now being installed at the kiosk opposite Pitts Lane. As part of the project a short free training course in CPR and the use of defibrillators will be held in the Village Hall. This session will be arranged at the best time to suit those attending.

Community defibrillators are designed to be used by members of the public without any formal training (they talk to you!). However, training is desirable, particularly to create confidence in use of the equipment and to encourage the community to learn CPR.

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND THIS COURSE PLEASE CONTACT
MIKE ASH AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**

(bishopstoneclerk@btinternet.com on 01722 781044).

Those who attended the training course provided when the first village defibrillator was installed are welcome to attend for a refresher.

DO YOU WANT 20MPH SPEED LIMITS IN THE VILLAGE?

The Parish Council wants to hear your views.

At the meeting on 11th November the Parish Council discussed the traffic speed surveys reported in October's edition of STaB and whether to put forward an application for 20mph speed limits in the village roads south of the High Road.

Wiltshire Councillor Nabil Najjar, who attended the meeting, said that road safety was a priority for the South West Area Board but an application for the introduction of 20mph speed limits would only be supported if the criteria for their introduction were met and **there was strong backing from the local community**. The Parish Council therefore needs to assess the degree of support for such a proposal.

The Parish Council is very concerned to ensure the safety of those using the village roads, whether as drivers, cyclists, horse riders or pedestrians, particularly considering the number of children that regularly have to walk along roads where there is no footpath. However, it is a more open question as to whether the introduction of 20mph speed limits would make a real difference. The traffic surveys have shown that the average speed of vehicles in the village is already at or below 20mph on all roads. At the top end of the range (85th percentile) only Harvest Lane has speeds well above 20mph (26mph).

Research carried out nationally indicates that when limits are introduced average speeds are reduced by 1–2 mph, but only by about 0.5 mph at the 85th percentile level. So whilst some reduction in speeding is achieved, faster drivers continued to behave much as before any speed limit was introduced. The police do not carry out enforcement in 20mph limit areas.

It would be necessary to erect speed limit signs at the Flamstone Street, Butt Lane, Harvest Lane and Church Lane entrances and around 15 smaller repeater signs (at 200m intervals) along the network. Roundels would also be painted on the road. The cost of this work, together with the making of the Traffic Orders required by law, would be about £8,500, of which the Parish Council would be liable for 25% (£2,125).

A number of local residents who attended the meeting expressed strong support for the introduction of speed limits. However, additional traffic surveys would be required on roads not covered by the earlier work before any application can be submitted. The Council therefore decided to request that this work be undertaken and, in the meantime, to seek the extent of support more widely in the village.

It is clear that the potential benefits of introducing speed limits in the village may be somewhat marginal. However, you may consider that any action that reduces the speed of vehicles using these roads is desirable. **The Parish Council would welcome your views – please email me at bishopstoneclerk@btinternet.com by 20th December.**

Mike Ash, Clerk

Bishopstone Ultrafast Broadband Update



We've Done It!

I am very pleased to be able to tell you that Openreach have told us that we have enough Government Vouchers activated for them to move the **project into "Build"**. **Thank you** for responding so quickly to the emails from the DCMS.

What Happens Next?

DCMS Emails: Some of you on the list have yet to receive an email from the DCMS – the Project Team is chasing this for you as we need you all to respond.

FTTP Installation: Openreach will begin surveying the infrastructure soon. We do not have a date for the work to begin yet, but we are in contact with Openreach and will know more at the end of January.

For more information, visit our website: www.bishopstone-ftp.uk

If you **can't find out what you want to know** there then please contact:

Toby Mills – tel. 781168 | toby.mills@bishopstone-ftp.uk

Christmas Waste and Recycling

Waste and recycling collection dates will not change over the Christmas and New Year period, as waste collection crews will be working as normal on Bank Holidays Monday 27, Tuesday 28 December 2021, and Monday 3 January 2022.

Garden waste collections will stop for two weeks over this period as normal. The last collections will take place on Friday 24 December and they will restart on Monday 10 January 2022.

Households with extra recyclable materials such as cans, cardboard and paper can place these in suitable alternative containers alongside their bin for collection. Flatten cardboard and wash and squash plastic bottles and cartons and put the lids back on as this will help make more room in your blue-lidded bin.

Village Hall



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LATEST COVID ADVICE:

As we enter the winter season we ask all to adhere to current advice to wear face coverings while moving about in the Hall, to use hand gel regularly and to sign in with the QR code if possible to help the NHS test and trace system.

There will be extra ventilation to reduce risks so do dress warmly. We shall endeavour to keep the Hall at a comfortable temperature during cold weather but will ventilate areas well beforehand and during any intervals.

We would also remind you not to come to the Hall if you are at all unwell and would recommend taking a lateral flow test before mixing with others if you have been in contact with someone who has or may be carrying Covid, even if you are fully vaccinated.

CHRISTMAS FAIR - Friday 3rd December at 6pm

We are looking forward to welcoming a good selection of independent craft stallholders along with:

Tombola: run by Francis Taylor, 14 The Croft 01722 780316.

Cakes and preserves: run by Margaret Barter, Vella House 01722 780471.

Donations gratefully received by Francis or Margaret or can be collected.

Come along and start your Christmas shopping!

Coffee/teas, mince pies and cider will be available.

(NOTE: NO bric-a-brac or bookstalls this year.)

The annual Village Christmas Card will be available at the Fair, with profits from this and 50% of Fair takings being donated to The Wiltshire Air Ambulance, who will be sending a speaker to our Community Lunch on January 5th, when they will be presented with a cheque.

BISHOPSTONE COMMUNITY CAFE

These are normally held on alternate Thursdays. The next coffee mornings will be on **Thursdays December 2nd, 16th and 30th and January 6th and 20th, 10.30 am until 12.00 noon**. Everyone is welcome to look in for a coffee and chat.

There is presently no charge for refreshments.

BISHOPSTONE COMMUNITY LUNCHES

Times as usual: 12.00 noon for 12.30 pm.

The Christmas lunch will be on **Wednesday 1st December**.

Wednesday 5th January 2022 – Guest speaker from the Wiltshire Air Ambulance

Wednesday 2nd February 2022 – The guest speaker will be Sheila Crone talking about Victorian Inventions.

Advance booking is essential. Please telephone Caroline Ash on (01722) 781044 and advise her of any dietary requirements. The cost is £7.50 for a two-course lunch and a drink.

MOVIOLA at Bishopstone

Friday 28th January - "The Courier". *The true story of a British businessman unwittingly recruited into one of the greatest international conflicts in history. Forming an unlikely partnership with a Soviet officer hoping to prevent a nuclear confrontation, the two men work together to provide the crucial intelligence used to defuse the Cuban Missile Crisis. Starring Benedict Cumberbatch and Rachel Brosnahan.*

Doors open at 7pm with the film commencing at 7.30pm

Advance booking is essential. Tickets are **£6.00** and are available from Caroline Ash on (01722) 781044.

A cash bar with snacks and ices will be available.

HALL BOOKINGS FOR SOCIAL EVENTS AND WORKSHOPS

Both halls are available for hire subject to any restrictions in place at the time.

To enquire or make a booking, please contact the bookings secretary Margaret Barter (01722) 780471

BISHOPSTONE PLAYGROUP

For general information about the Bishopstone Playgroup, find their Facebook page *Bishopstone Playgroup*, or contact Kate Pendlenton on 01722 780655 or email: kmpendlenton@hotmail.com .

“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

For more details please contact Hannah Stocker on 0773 856 1888 or by email: yoga_with_hannah@outlook.com.

SARUM SPINNERS AND WEAVERS

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

IT'S BACK!!!

The Christmas Fayre, on FRIDAY December 3rd at 6pm.

There will be an interesting variety of stalls run by villagers; a tombola, coffee, mince pies, a cider bar and a 'Goodies' stall!

If you feel able to contribute to the 'Goodies' stall we would love:

Cakes, buns, scones, biscuits, sweets, mince pies, jams, chutneys...

Any donation will be gratefully received at the Village Hall from 2:30 that afternoon, or contact Margaret Barter (Tel 780471)

Help Needed

General house cleaning assistance required in Bishopstone.

A minimum of 2hours weekly.

Contact Margaret on 01722780831

Gardening assistance required in Bishopstone to include weeding, pruning and grass cutting.

Contact James on 01722 780831

STaB Selling Spot

For Sale: Soundcraft 6 channel mixer deck with 2 matching XLR speakers.

Also 6 pairs of bi-wirable speakers, both large and small, various amps and wide bit streaming equipment.

Contact James on 01722 780831

Bishopstone Village Hall rates for private hire

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

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

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

The hire charges include use of heating and electricity.

The rates are currently:

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

Broadband

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

Large projection screen

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

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

For further information and bookings contact: Margaret Barter 01722 780471

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

@salisbury police and Twitter **@SouthWiltsCPT**



Sixpenny Handley and Chalke Valley Practice

Doves Meadow Surgery, Broad Chalke: 01722 780282

Broadchalke Surgery partially reopen for Prescription Collection

Sixpenny Handley Surgery: 01725 552500

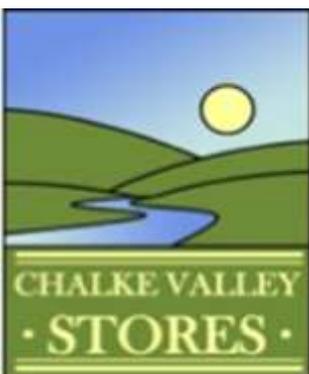
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MOBILE LIBRARY

The Mobile Library is back in action and will be calling at The Styles in Bishopstone between 1115-1135 on the following Thursdays:

23 December, 20 January, 17 February, 17 March, 14 April, 12 May



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Shop: Weekdays 9am - 5pm (until 4pm on Saturdays)

Post Office: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 9:30am- 1:30pm



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

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

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

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Staying in Touch

STaB magazine is a vital source of communication in the village, keeping everyone informed as to what is happening locally. However, the Covid-19 pandemic has highlighted the fact that the situation can change very rapidly. To keep up to date with what is going on there are two other important sources of information in Bishopstone - the village website and our own WhatsApp network.

The village website – www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk is updated in real time and carries all the latest news on issues that affect the village.



The Bishopstone Network is a WhatsApp messaging service that has more than proved its worth during the pandemic. Information can be instantly shared to your mobile phone about support services being provided in the village and on a variety of other matters – everything from the length of electricity black outs to what is available from the White Hart take-away service! You will need to download the App to your phone and then contact Piers Edwards (piersgedwards@gmail.com or 01722 780079) or Kate Pendleton (kmpendlenton@hotmail.com or 07769202200) and ask to be added to the group.

Bishopstone Ladies Group

Unfortunately our group has not been able to meet since February last year because of the pandemic. Although we hope to be able to get together in the future, sadly, due to the ongoing situation, the committee feel it inappropriate to meet for the time being. There will, therefore, be no meetings for the rest of 2021. We shall monitor the situation and let you know when we feel it is safe to restart.

Salisbury Foodbank

This month we had 3.6 kgs of donations. Thank you all.

As I mentioned sometime earlier in the year although our Foodbank is still part of The Trussell Trust, if you want to donate specifically to Salisbury by cheque or standing order your donation must be made out to *SALISBURY FOODBANK* or it will go into the Trussell Trust Head Office pot and be sent to wherever is in most need.

Please continue to support this very worthy cause. You can donate food at most of the supermarkets now but I am still happy to take along anything that is brought to me here at home, or left in our lovely church.

Items they are short of and asking for at the moment:-

Long Life Fruit Juice

500g Rice

Dried Milk

Stuffing Mix

Packet Pudding, Angel Delight

Tinned Fruit

Tinned Veg

Women's Deodorant

Shaving Gel

Conditioner

Christmas specific goodies

Small Bottles of Squash

UHT Milk

Gravy Granules

Sponge Pudding

Chocolate Bars

Jam

Toothpaste

Men's Deodorant

Shampoo

Dog Food, tinned and dry

By the time you read this we will be in December with Christmas the next cause for many people to feel anxious, especially those with families. It should be a time of happiness for us all so please, think of those who are less fortunate and help to make theirs a Happy Christmas too. **Any Christmas donations must be at the warehouse by 10th December to make sure they get delivered in the Christmas boxes**, so please if you have Christmas specific goods let me have them by Thursday 9th. **MINCE PIES** and **CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS** would be particularly well received.

Thanking you in advance.

A Happy Christmas to you all.

Best wishes, Judy Barrett (01722 780306)



Bishopstone's Heritage



In last June's edition of STaB you may have read about the Faulston Tower Dovecote. Of course, Bishopstone is an historic settlement and the tower is but one of some 23 structures in the village "listed" as being of architectural or historic interest. The core of the western part of the village is also a designated Conservation Area.

Conservation Areas are created to manage and protect the features that make them unique. Every local authority in England has at least one conservation area and there are around 10,000 in England.



The formal description of Bishopstone's Conservation Area says that it "reflects the pattern of the historic settlement of the village, the architectural and historic quality of the village's buildings (including the use of traditional building materials and local vernacular styles), the rural landscape setting, the trees, hedgerows and historic boundary and dividing walls". A detailed description of the Conservation Area is on the village website – go to www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk/conservation-and-listed-buildings

Planning controls are more restrictive within conservation areas. It may be necessary to apply for planning permission for some building works that would normally not need it. Trees also contribute to the character of the Conservation Area. **If it is intended to undertake work to trees within the Conservation Area it is necessary to notify Wiltshire Council six weeks before work begins.** The authority will then consider the contribution the tree makes and whether the work can go ahead.

Individual properties may also be protected by being included on Historic England's list of buildings of "special architectural or historic interest". Work to such buildings requires special permission, alongside any necessary planning permission, so that the character of the building is protected for future generations. The older a building is, and the fewer the surviving examples of its kind, the more likely it is to be listed. Listed buildings are graded according to their importance – Grade I, Grade II etc. Listing status covers the entire building, internal and external, and so works which require consent might, depending on the precise status of the building, include internal alterations.



Listed Buildings in the village include the Grade I church of St. John the Baptist (built during the 12th century); the old rectory (Grade II), now called Bishopstone House, built about 1815; Faulston House (Grade II), which dates from the 17th century but was largely rebuilt in the 18th century and Netton Old Farmhouse, built in 1637.

More modest cottages and many non-residential structures are also covered. The latter include one of the monuments in the churchyard, a Granary and various bridges over the River Ebble as well as the Dovecote. For example, the bridge and bollards in The Alley and the footbridge over the Ebble in Church Lane are "Listed Buildings" – these are pictured with their "listing" descriptions. The list also includes an eighteenth century milestone alongside the A354, probably provided when the Salisbury to Blandford road was turnpiked in 1754. Unfortunately I have been unable to find this milestone and it may now be lost.



"Footbridge over River Ebble with two pairs of bollards. Early C19 bridge, bollards probably late C19. Limestone ashlar segmental arched bridge with plain parapet with half-round coping. Vehicular access across bridge blocked by two pairs of cast-iron cylindrical bollards with moulded angles and scalloped cappings".

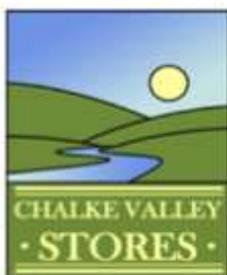


“Clapper bridge, probably seventeenth or eighteenth century, consisting of three large limestone slabs supported on four low rectangular piers, with projections to west with grooves for hatches. A good unaltered example of this type of bridge”.

The full schedule of Listed Buildings in Bishopstone, together with the features that make them of particular interest, is included on the village website page mentioned above.

Mike Ash

Chalke Valley Stores Newsletter



Christmas is coming...

Christmas Meat & vegetables can now be ordered in the shop, we highly advise early reservation. Check with Hub for details of costs and to place your order.

The Coffee Shop menu now includes special Christmas dishes. Drop in to find out more!

Wine & Cheese Evening

On 10th November we hosted a Cheese & Wine evening to support Afghanaid. Thank you to everyone who attended this event, £250 was raised, which will be match-funded by a sponsor.

Christmas

Everyone at the Hub sends warm Christmas wishes to our extended community. We thank those who have continued to support The Hub during 2021. A special thanks to all the volunteers who keep both the shop & cafe running year-round.

Wanted: Volunteers

We will be welcoming new volunteers in the new year. Please speak to Tony to find out more.

Remembrance Sunday 2021

What a difference it has made being able to meet on the doorstep of so many houses this year, and inside the church to remember the fallen of our little village.

Once again, we made door-to-door collections around the Village, and it was so encouraging and good to meet so many new faces and to see so many old friends, while collecting for the Poppy Appeal. Our total collection in cash amounted to £1467.65, of which £530.00 was gift-aided, which will return to the RBL an additional £132.50 from HMRT. So, our full donation to the Poppy Appeal this year will be £1600.15.

I would like to thank all the collectors, Mark, Anne, Francis, Dot, Piers, Pat and Ron for the crosses on the graves, and of course Zara in the pub. What a great effort this year after the restricted giving of 2020. Many thanks to all the donors for your generosity and help. The RBL will be most grateful.

Then, on Remembrance Sunday we enjoyed a full church again for a complete Remembrance service starting with the Roll of Honour and the Silence around our lovely brass memorial plaque. We thank the Revd Canon Tony Monds for his excellent service and interesting and thought-provoking sermon, and all those who participated in the service, to make it a real village effort: Mike Bundy for the Roll of Honour, Ted Pendleton for the wreath laying, Toby Mills for Bunyon's memorable stanza, Rob Pendleton for the epitaph, and Geoff Taylor for the intercessions. It was a memorable occasion, suitably solemn but uplifting, aided by the wonderful organ under Richard Seal's careful hands. Thanks too, to the ever supportive advice and help of our Church Wardens, Sarah Seal and George Brutton, without whose presence much would be lost. It was good of the military personnel to wear uniform, a reminder of who we are remembering.

Thank you all for your support and help. I am now looking for successors to organise the Poppy Appeal in the Village, and to coordinate the military input to the service. I have done both for 15 years, and am getting on, so need to pass these jobs on. Any takers please give me a call soon, and we can discuss the future.



Major James Thompson MBE (Retd – Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, Irish Rangers, Irish Regiment!)

In Our Night Sky - Jupiter

Jupiter, the fourth brightest object in the sky (Venus is third) follows the path of the sun and moon and at the moment is highest in early evening, clearly visible as a white disk with binoculars and with up to 4 moons visible as points of light in a straight line with a small telescope. However looked at the following night, these clearly will have moved significantly.

When Galileo saw this in 1610, it was clear evidence in support of Copernicus' idea of a heliocentric system, but this was heretical to the Catholic hierarchy of the time and it later led to his demise, although a sun based system had been proposed by Aristarchus of Samos somewhat earlier in 270BC.

Jupiter is huge. At 1/10 the diameter of the Sun it has played a pivotal role in the formation of the Solar System yet still controls movements today, at the same time offering some protection from intra and inter galactic objects. (They get drawn in and swallowed.) Like the Sun it is primarily composed of hydrogen and helium, but on Jupiter helium is only about 10% of the total. As such it is called a gas giant, but whilst on earth these are light very light with boiling points below -250 deg.C, in the core of Jupiter despite temperatures above 20,000 deg.C, under the immense pressure of the outer layers they are liquid.

In chemistry at school one learns the periodic table, where hydrogen is above lithium and helium is above neon as an inert gas, but in the core on Jupiter, they are both liquids and metallic, with helium acting as an alkaline earth. Under the stress of the planets rotation, less than 10hours, the core is churned up, which leads to a large magnetic field, 20,000 times that of earth and as on earth the aurora, but hugely more spectacular.

The rapid rotation also gives rise to the banded appearance to the surface clouds and the long-lived storm system visible as the famous red spot, over 10,000 miles across. In the absence of a solid surface, this may be a form of gaseous volcanism, allowing heat to escape from the core and allowing pressure release, like a pressure valve. Observations have shown that the spot is very slowly reducing in size, but that others may be forming.

Truly an Emperor of the sky, but treated by Holst as "the Bringer of Jollity".



Jupiter and its 4 Galilean Moons

More Rambling with Jazzie

We have had so many new rambles over the last month, enjoying the good weather and warm time of year. Jazzie is now 9 months old, and about as big as she will get .. we hope! She remains a shaggy beast but great fun, despite cutting my skin



easily with her sharp claws. We tried to go for a trim in September, but she got so upset in the parlour that we had to retire before we were hurt!! She is now being trimmed and groomed at home, with varying luck!

It has been great fun doing so much door-to-door collecting for the Poppy Appeal this month, and I have met many new families and people I did not know. It was a good chance for a doorstep gossip with so many old friends. You will see what we collected this year in a separate article.

The village trees have been blooming much later than usual, and only now in late November are the beeches on the Avenue down into Wilton turning to such magnificent hues of gold and brown and yellow. They really do resemble the nave of our Cathedral! We are still cutting our grass and gathering the leaves. What a superb compost mix that makes for next year. I now have three heaps going, this year, last year (for use next year) and 2019 which is nearly all spread over the garden. It is amazing how much compost can make from a garden.

Jazzie has also enjoyed meeting many new friends on our walks, as well as some of her old favourites, Purdey, Darcy and Roxy, Wilson, Monty, Willow and Coco, Tich, and so many others. She remains very friendly and generally quite good! Perhaps better than me! We always pick up after her deposits, minute as they may be, but I do wish whoever deposits on my front lawn from time to time would also pick up afterwards!



Sadly, we lost Alan Bebbington last month, who was for many years Church Warden and treasurer and a stalwart of the church and the village. We all miss a fine old gentleman.

Good walking but prepare for worser weather and more cold this winter! Happy Christmas!

James Thompson

Local Charity News and Events

CRESS at Christmas



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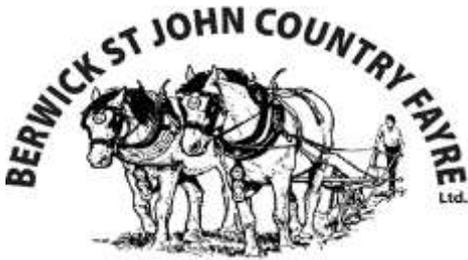
The children we support with CATT (Children's Accelerated Trauma Therapy) really do have nothing. They are refugees whose families travelled with the bare essentials to Uganda and have found there a safer environment, but also unemployment and difficulties with small food rations and dispersed families.

The children who are supported through our CATT programme are recommended through the Mothers' Union, church and family networks. Many will just have one meal a day of beans or maize.

This Christmas we would love to share joy with them by giving them a football, skipping rope or equivalent.

We would also like to fund a Christmas meal for our CRESS family in Uganda as we have in previous years.





Country Fayre Update



Berwick St John Country Fayre present over £31,000 to the Stars Appeal

The organisers of the Berwick St John Country Fayre presented £31,204.27 at a special presentation afternoon on Sunday (7th November) at Berwick St John Village Hall.

The colossal sum is the result of a special one day country fayre called the Berwick Bash, which took place in September, attracting thousands of people. The event featured the now famous traditional tea tent, the Fayre Inn, exhibits of vintage tractors, cars and commercial vehicles, full size and miniature steam engines, stationary engines, heavy horses and cart rides, as well as displays and demonstrations of rural crafts and collections, trailer rides, live music, and fairground rides. There was an extensive choice of food outlets, trade stalls and the raffle. Entry to the event was free but attendees were asked to make a donation. In addition, money was raised from a raffle, profits from the tea and beer tent and the sale of concession to traders.

The Stars Appeal is the NHS charity for Salisbury District Hospital. The charity aims to raise over £1million each year to fund projects which offer direct, practical support to patients, their loved ones and the hospital's staff. These projects include advanced diagnostic and treatment equipment, creating new buildings and spaces in which care can be delivered in a bright, modern and patient focused environment and additional services such as free wifi and a Staff Counsellor.

Dr Richard Harrison, Respiratory Consultant and Stars Appeal Ambassador said: "The Berwick Bash was a fabulous event which all of us involved with the Stars Appeal feel hugely privileged to be the beneficiaries of. To have raised this staggering sum of money in just one day is incredible and true testament to the hard work and commitment of everyone who does so much to make these events possible. The money raised will make a life-changing difference to local people in hospital, from newborn babies to the oldest in our community, and support the NHS staff that care for them, by helping us continue funding a wide range of Stars Appeal projects across the hospital.'

The Berwick St John Country Fayre will return next year as a two day event on 17th and 18th September 2022. More details can be found at www.berwickstjohncountryfayre.co.uk and on the event's Facebook page.

For further information contact Louise Hall, Fayre Secretary on 07775 982415

Thank you!

To all the generous people in the valley and beyond, we want to say a huge thank you for your support and hard work at the Bowerchalke Market, the Afghan Talk and the Cheese and Wine evening. And thank you too, to those who pressed cash into our hands and pushed donations through our door, all to support the work of Afghanaid. We have been overwhelmed by your generosity.

The money raised was: £1435 from Bowerchalke Market

£2176 from the talk,

£250 from the Cheese and Wine evening

Total £3861

The money from the last two events is eligible for match funding which will double it to **£4852**

The grand total therefore comes to **£6287**

The people of Afghanistan will continue to need our help. With your support perhaps we can organise more events in 2022. Any ideas, let us know!

Sharon and John Ibbotson 780708

Saturday 18th December 3.00pm 'A Celebration of Christmas'

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Join us as we celebrate the wonderful joys of Christ's birth and the season of togetherness, with Christmas songs, carols and readings.

This will be an all inclusive service for everyone whether they are church goers or not. Children will be especially welcome.

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PLEASE COME AND JOIN US

NEW YEAR'S DAY LUNCH 12.30 FOR 1.00pm The United Reformed Church Broad Chalke

Feeling a bit low since the Christmas Festivities? Then why not come and join us for a light lunch (soup, pudding and coffee/tea)?

We are happy to announce that we shall be bringing back our New Year's Day lunch for everyone who would like a bit of cheer and fun to start the New Year.

Please bring along any poetry, stories or anything of interest relating to the start of a New Year.

This event is open to everyone, but since numbers will be limited, please would you let Rina Musselwhite know on 01722781264 if you wish to attend and whether you have any special dietary requirements or allergies, by Thursday December 30th.

We look forward to welcoming you.

'Recipe' of the Month - Reindeer Brownies

Less a 'recipe' than a fun suggestion this month - reindeer brownies with pretzel antlers, perfect for making with children!

Use your favourite brownie or chocolate cake recipe (or a box-mix of brownies - keep it simple!) and bake in a round or square/rectangular tin, depending on which design you're going for.

Use buttercream to stick on edible eyes (widely available in the baking section of supermarkets) and red M&Ms. Last time I made these I had to buy 2 bags of M&Ms to make sure I got enough red ones for the noses... but it wasn't hard work to eat up the other colours!

Either break the pretzels in half, or insert whole into the tops of the brownies, depending on which look you prefer.

These are so easy and fun to make, and taste great too!

Kate Pendleton



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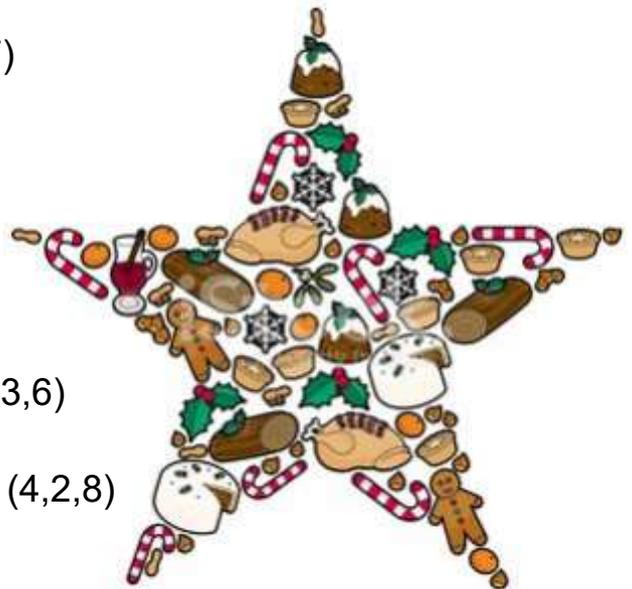
Puzzles and Activities

By Cally Edwards

Cryptic Christmas Food and Drink

Can you name the Christmas related foods and drink suggested by the following clues? (Answers on the following page).

1. It's not what it seems and it sounds like it hurts. (9)
2. And I trust fun is sorted! (5,3,4)
3. So bring some right now. (5,7)
4. December 25th, December 27th and January 1st. (5)
5. Only half a board game? (6)
6. Shoots from Van Damme's home town (7,7)
7. I'm not for life, just for Christmas. (6)
8. Cockney eyes? (5,4)
9. Confused g..g..gone. (3,3)
10. This can be found in Paddington Bear. (8)
11. That's an odd sort of hit!! (3,5)
12. Comes before bumps and berries. (5)
13. Is this the sound of a mouse drowning? (6,3,6)
14. A nutter. (9)
15. Unpopular policemen snuggled up in bed? (4,2,8)
16. Considered a whinge? (6,4)
17. Has it been pinched? (7)
18. Sounds like mother's electronic fryer. (8)
19. Not moving with twenty hundredweight behind. (7)
20. Your daily cheek. (5,5)



Answers to the Christmas Riddles for Kids (p27)

1. Elves
2. Christmas lights
3. Advent Calendar
4. Christmas Tree
5. Christmas Stocking
6. Mistletoe
7. Gingerbread House
8. A Wreath
9. Snow
10. The Three Wise Men

Christmas riddles for kids

(Answers on p26)

1. These are found in the Harry Potter books and in Lord of The Rings too. They help make Christmas gifts that Father Christmas brings. What are they?
2. I come with a lot of colours, so lovely and bright. I turn so many houses into a beautiful sight. What am I?
3. Open me every day for something that can't be beat. Behind each of the doors, you will discover a tasty treat. What am I?
4. You place a skirt around my bottom once I've been chopped. On the other end, a star or an angel is how I get topped. What am I?
5. Although it might look like I belong on your toes, I'm actually hung up for gifts as every child knows. What am I?
6. I am a plant seen every Christmas which people hang up above and then they stand beneath me and kiss someone they love. What am I?
7. You might make me this Christmas so that you can stuff me your face. A cake, icing, candy, and an edible dwelling place. What am I?
8. I can be made from evergreens, pine cones, berries, and I am round. On the front door of someone's house, at Christmas time I am found. What am I?
9. I drop from the sky far more beautiful than rain. There are no two pieces that'll ever look the same. What am I?
10. We traveled from the East, following a bright star, bringing gifts to the newborn King. Who were we?



Answers to Cryptic Christmas Food and Drink (p26)

1. Champagne
2. Fruit and Nuts
3. Figgy Pudding
4. Dates
5. Gammom
6. Brussel Sprouts
7. Turkey
8. Mince Pie
9. Egg nog
10. Stuffing
11. Rum Punch
12. Goose
13. Bubble and Squeak
14. Fruitcake
15. Pigs in Blankets
16. Mulled Wine
17. Stollen
18. Marzipan (Ma's e pan)
19. Stilton
20. Bread Sauce





Christmas Drawing Game



Have your guests close their eyes and draw the following:

- Draw Santa's Sleigh in the middle of your paper.
- To the Left of your sleigh, draw a pine tree.
- It's snowing, draw snowflakes in the sky.



Put some ornaments on your pine tree, now it's a Christmas Tree!

- Draw Santa on your sleigh.



- Santa is very generous, draw some presents on your sleigh



Santa likes the sound of merry jingles, draw bells on the sleigh.



Santa works at night, put a moon in the sky.

Calculate the Points Below:

the person with the most points wins!

- 10 points – If the sleigh is in the middle of the paper.
- 10 points – If your tree is to the left of the sleigh and not touching it.
- 15 points – If you drew more than 3 snowflakes.
- 25 points – If you drew a star on the top of your tree.
- 20 points – If you have 2 or more ornaments ACTUALLY on your tree.
- 20 points – If Santa is in the sleigh and not in the snow.
- 20 points – If you have 3 or more presents on your sleigh.
- 15 points – If you have drawn more than 2 bells.
- 10 points - If Santa has a hat.
- 10 points - If Santa has a beard.
- 20 points - If your moon is to the right of the paper.
- 10 points – If your moon is to the left of the paper.
- 15 points – If your moon is in the middle of the paper.



Sarah's Gardening Tips for December

1. Winter prune wisteria cutting back summer side shoots to 2-3 buds.
2. Leave faded heads of hydrangeas on until spring, to protect new buds from the frost.
3. Harvest holly with berries for making Christmas wreaths and garlands.
4. Take root cuttings of ornamental poppies and grow them on in cold frames.
5. Spread fresh gravel or grit around alpine plants.
6. Dig over empty borders and pile manure on top. Let the worms and frosts break up the clods of soil.
7. Prune fruit trees to maintain an open balanced structure. Leave plums and cherries until the summer.
8. Protect the tips of fig trees from frost using fleece. They will carry the fruits for next year and are susceptible to frost.

I don't like formal gardens. I like wild nature. It's just the wilderness instinct in me, I guess.

Walt Disney



Question: Musselburgh, Toledo and Atlanta are varieties of which vegetable?

(Answer on p50)

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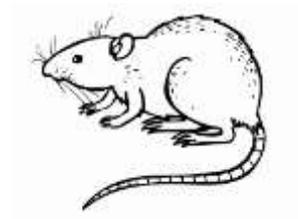
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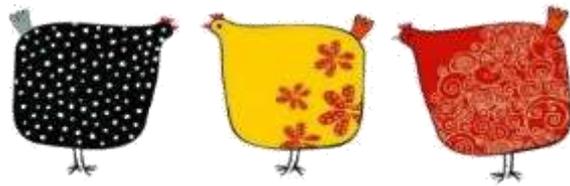
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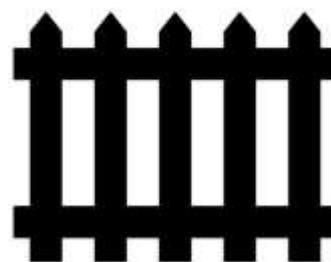
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www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk

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If you want to have any information included on the website please contact either
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Services in Chalke Valley Benefice December 2021 – January 2022



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

Pattern of services during Lockdown restrictions.

Please follow all the safety rules in church. If the Covid 19 situation changes, services may be cancelled at short notice. Please check your church noticeboard and weekly e-bulletin.

5 December 2nd Sunday of Advent	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Broad Chalke	Roger Leake
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Britford	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Ebbesbourne Wake	Roger Leake
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Coombe Bissett	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	Family Service (CW)	Odstock	Adrian Taylor
	11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Berwick St John	Lay Led
12 December 3rd Sunday of Advent	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bowerchalke	Catherine Blundell
	9.30am	Family Communion (CW)	Nunton	Roger Leake
	11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Charlton All Saints	Rhoderick Voremberg
	11.00am	Family Service	Coombe Bissett	Don Morgan
	11.00am	All Age Service	Alvediston	Biddy Trahair
	3.00pm	Service for Advent Season	Fifield Bavant	Biddy Trahair
	5.00pm	Carol Service	Bishopstone	Jenny Taylor
19 December 4th Sunday of Advent	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Bowerchalke	Catherine Blundell
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bishopstone	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Ebbesbourne Wake	Biddy Trahair
	11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Homington	Roger Leake
	5.00pm	Carol Service	Odstock	Roger Leake
	6.00pm	Carol Service	Coombe Bissett	Jenny Taylor
	6.00pm	Carol Service	Berwick St John	Kate Rosslyn Smith
24 December CHRISTMAS EVE	4.00pm	Carols round the Crib	Bishopstone	Jenny Taylor
	5.00pm	Carols and Communion (CW)	Broad Chalke	Catherine Blundell
	6.00pm	Carol Service	Homington	Jenny Taylor
	6.00pm	Carols and Communion (CW)	Charlton All Saints	Roger Leake
25 December CHRISTMAS DAY 	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Homington	Jenny Taylor
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bowerchalke	Catherine Blundell
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bshopstone	Ann Philp
	9.30am	Family Christmas Service	Broad Chalke	Janet Roe
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Britford	Roger Leake
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Ebbesbourne Wake	David Blundell
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Coombe Bissett	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Nunton	Roger Leake
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Berwick St John	Catherine Blundell
26 December 1st Sunday of Christmas	10.00am	Short Benefice Communion	Fifield Bavant	Catherine Blundell
2 January EPIPHANY	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Broad Chalke	Catherine Blundell
	11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Odstock	Catherine Blundell
	11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Ebbesbourne Wake	Kate Rosslyn Smith
9 January BAPTISM OF CHRIST	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bowerchalke	Jenny Taylor
	9.30am	Family Communion (CW)	Nunton	Roger Leake
	11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Charlton All Saints	Rhoderick Voremberg
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Coombe Bissett	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	All Age Service	Alvediston	Biddy Trahair
	3.00pm	Evening Prayer	Fifield Bavant	Biddy Trahair
16 January 2nd Sunday of Epiphany	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Bowerchalke	Catherine Blundell
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bishopstone	Jenny Taylor
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Odstock	Roger Leake
	11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Ebbesbourne Wake	Biddy Trahair
	11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Homington	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Berwick St John	Catherine Blundell

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

23 January 3rd Sunday of Epiphany	9.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Berwick St John	Kate Rosslyn Smith
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Charlton All Saints	Roger Leake
	9.30am	Family Communion (CW)	Broad Chalke	Catherine Blundell
	11.00am	Family Service	Nunton	Adrian Taylor
	11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bishopstone	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Alvediston	Catherine Blundell
	11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Homington	David Blundell
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)	Bowerchalke	Lay Led
30 January 4th Sunday of Epiphany	10.00am	Benefice Communion (CW)	Bowerchalke	Catherine Blundell
	10.00am	Benefice Communion (CW)	Nunton	Roger Leake
6 February 4th Sunday before Lent	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Broad Chalke	Catherine Blundell
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Britford	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Ebbesbourne Wake	Catherine Blundell
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Coombe Bissett	Jenny Taylor
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Jill Bebbington and family would like to thank everyone who has written and called in with messages of support and offers of help after the death of Alan. And also to all those who came to the funeral to send him on his way. Your kind words and prayers are very much appreciated .

Mystery Object!



Can anyone identify this mystery object, discovered in a Broad Chalke garden. It is 9.5cm long, the 'head' is 4.5cm wide with a pattern of concentric circles on the back and a polished fascia on the front. Hollow 'stem', no moving parts. Weight 280g/10oz. Answers on a postcard... (or more practically to the STaB e.mail address!). We genuinely don't know what it is, so would be delighted to find out. Answers in the next issue...

Do you have any mystery objects that you would like the readers of STaB to attempt to identify? Send us a photo and we might include it.

Thanks to Catherine Sharpless for this one.



Christmas at Bishopstone Church

Sunday 12th December

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24th December, Christmas Eve

4.00pm - Carols round the Crib

25th December, Christmas Day

9.30am - Parish Communion



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