



# Parish Magazine

February 2022



Frosted Spiders' Webs in the Water Meadows

Photo by Emma Love

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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.

Whilst it is now rather too late to say this, as it's the first issue of STaB in 2022 I think we are allowed - *Happy New Year!* The editorial team had a break over the Christmas period, but the February edition of the magazine is a lot of extra work - particularly for Sarah who co-ordinates our advertising - as it is the month when the majority of our advertisers renew. We are delighted that so many have chosen to do so, and also to welcome some new advertisers to STaB. Please do consider using them if you need any of the services they offer, and if you do, please let them know that you saw them here. It helps them to know that advertising in our Parish Magazine is worthwhile.

Thanks to our valued advertisers, and to Sarah who has worked so hard to contact and invoice them.



Frosty valley, Alvediston

Photo by Kate Pendleton

### ***A warm welcome to Bishopstone and Stratford Tony...***

Callum and Grace, who have moved into Chapel Lane in Bishopstone.

*Please let us know if you know of anyone who moves into the parish so we can offer them a welcome in STaB.*



## Hello from the Revd Canon Jenny Taylor



We are NEARLY back to normal!! Prayers continue to be said for all those suffering Covid-19 and for all those awaiting appointments and operations that have been pushed back because of the pandemic BUT we are beginning to see signs of hope – the omicron cases are beginning to drop, the days are definitely lengthening, there are discernible buds on daffodils and snowdrops and Easter is on the horizon!

Before Easter of course there is Lent which this year, begins on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. It is a time to reflect and refresh and dare I suggest we could use those six weeks to reset our energies? We have become so used to **not** making that extra effort to go out and meet people, to **not** go out and help each other, to just **not** go out that maybe we all need to help each other to get going again – a bit like when you need that extra push to restart exercise, a class, a hobby. Lent is the ideal time to do this – as well as perhaps, beginning or beginning again to deepen our understanding of the Christian faith. We might even begin to understand where God is working in our lives – if we give ourselves time and give God that little bit of attention!

The Chalke Valley Churches Lent project is in aid of the Women's Refuge in Salisbury – such a worthy cause and next month we will be able to tell you how you can donate to them and so change some lives for the better.

A prayer to get us on our way!

Dear God, I pray for energy today.  
I pray for everything I need so I can live out this day according to your will.  
In Jesus' name Amen.

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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

The January meeting of the Parish Council was cancelled because of the high number of Covid Omicron cases at that time. The next meeting of the council is proposed to take place on **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2022 in the Village Hall, following the Annual Parish Meeting.** Notices about this meeting, including the agenda, will be posted on the village noticeboards and on the village website.



Anyone from the parish may attend.

The Parish Council's project to acquire the redundant phone box opposite Pitts Lane and to convert it to house the second village public access defibrillator has been completed. The defibrillator is now ready for emergency use when needed. The training course in the use of defibrillators will be held in the Village Hall on **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 6.00pm**. There are still places available on this course. If you would like to attend please contact me ([bishopstoneclerk@btinternet.com](mailto:bishopstoneclerk@btinternet.com)).



The Parish Council would like to thank Michael Pratt for repairing the steps on the public footpath by Raglands.

Wiltshire Council granted planning permission in mid-January for the re-building of the two houses in Stanley Close which were destroyed by fire in June 2021, so hopefully work will begin soon.

Mike Ash  
Clerk

## BISHOPSTONE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 7.00pm.** This is separate from meetings of the Parish Council and can be used by anyone living in the village to raise local issue of current interest for discussion.

In recent years the APM has been used by village organisations to present reports on their activities and to hear about any current projects affecting the village. An agenda for the meeting will be published in the March edition of STaB and on the village website.



**Bishopstone will be planting trees to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee – and we need your help.**

*The Queen's Green Canopy* is a unique tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 which invites people from across the United Kingdom to **"Plant a Tree for the Jubilee"**. Tree planting will create a legacy for future generations to enjoy and help in the battle with climate change.

The Parish Council has secured a pack of 30 deciduous native trees from the Woodland Trust which it is proposed to plant in unused corners of the Recreation Field. We need help to organize this project and, most of all, to dig holes and plant the trees. It would be great if the young people in the village would come forward to assist with this project.

The trees will be arriving in March – so there is no time to lose.

**If you are prepared to help out please contact Cllr Simon Williams on 01722 780905.**

## Have YOU ever met the Queen?

Have you ever met Her Majesty the Queen? If so, would you be prepared to tell us about it? To celebrate the upcoming Platinum Jubilee, the editors of STaB would like to put together an article for the June edition of this magazine about residents of this parish meeting Queen Elizabeth. We feel sure that there will be some fascinating and possibly unusual or amusing stories that people will be able to tell! We look forward to hearing them.



If you would like to contribute, please either e.mail the editorial team on [teamstab2019@gmail.com](mailto:teamstab2019@gmail.com), or if you do not have access to e.mail then we are very happy to receive written accounts, delivered to Bramley Cottage, Harvest Lane.

Many thanks in advance.

## Village Hall



**February 2022**

### **LATEST COVID ADVICE:**

As the pandemic is still with us we ask everyone to adhere to current advice which is to wear face coverings except when eating, drinking, exercising or singing, 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 during the winter months. We shall endeavour to keep the Hall at a comfortable temperature 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 maybe carrying Covid, even if you are fully vaccinated.

### **THREE CIVILISATIONS – A programme of talks by Francis Taylor**

See poster on page 8 of STaB for details.

### **BISHOPSTONE COMMUNITY CAFE**

These are normally held on alternate Thursdays. The next coffee mornings will be on **Thursdays February 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> and March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10.30 am until 12.00noon.**

Everyone is welcome to look in for a coffee and chat.

There is presently no charge for refreshments.

### **BISHOPSTONE COMMUNITY LUNCHESES**

Times as usual: 12.00 noon for 12.30 pm.

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2022** – The guest speaker will be Sheila Crone talking about Victorian Inventions.

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2022** – The guest speaker will be from Wiltshire Air Ambulance (postponed from January)

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 25th February "Dream Horse,"** *The film tells the inspiring true story of Dream Alliance, an unlikely racehorse bred by small-town Welsh bartender, Jan Vokes (Academy Award nominee Toni Collette). With very little money and no experience, Jan convinces her neighbours to chip in their meagre earnings to help raise Dream in the hopes he can compete with the racing elites. The group's investment pays off as Dream rises through the ranks with grit and determination and goes on to race in the Welsh Grand National showing the heart of a champion.*

### **Future showings:**

**25th March** "Nowhere Special"

**22nd April** "Stillwater"

**Doors open at 7.00pm 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**

The playgroup meets on Friday mornings during term-time from 9:30-11am. Breastfeeding support is available at the group from Cally Edwards and trained peer-supporters. Due to ongoing Covid restrictions the playgroup is operating a booking system each week to limit numbers. Find further information on our Facebook page *Bishopstone Playgroup*, or contact Kate Pendleton on 01722 780655 or email [kmpendleton@hotmail.com](mailto:kmpendleton@hotmail.com)

## **"EXTEND" EXERCISE CLASSES**

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

## **PILATES AT BISHOPSTONE**

For further information about these classes contact Claudine on 07788 587937, email: [claudineblake@aol.com](mailto:claudineblake@aol.com)

## **YOGA WITH HANNAH**

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

## **SARUM SPINNERS AND WEAVERS**

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



# COME AND DISCOVER THREE ANCIENT CIVILISATIONS



(1) FRIDAY 18TH FEBRUARY – PETRA AND THE LOST KINGDOM OF THE NABATAEANS

(2) FRIDAY 11TH MARCH – DISCOVERING THE MAYA

(3) FRIDAY 1ST APRIL – ANGKOR WAT AND THE KHMER EMPIRE

Each illustrated talk will start at 7.30pm.

Doors, and the bar, open at 7.00pm

Venue : Bishopstone Village Hall, Netton Street,  
Bishopstone, Salisbury, SP5 4AA

Speaker: Francis Taylor

Cost per head for each talk - £5

For further information please call 01722 780316 or  
email [mail4taylors@gmail.com](mailto:mail4taylors@gmail.com)



## Bishopstone Christmas Card 2021

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

A donation of £350 will be made to the Wiltshire Air Ambulance.

Those who signed the card were:

Rob, Kate, Ted and Ralph Pendleton

Catherine, Martin, Isobel, Louisa and Mac Sharpless

Alix and Michael Ricketts

Francis and Sue Taylor

The Kings

Derek and Linda

Mary and Ross Colwill

Deric and Joy Bailey

Norman and Margaret Barter

Olive Moody

Dot and Mike Walker

Ian and Marilyn Smith

Caroline and Mike Ash

Paul and Jill Mildred

James and Ann Thompson

Shirley Cooke

Richard and Sarah Seal

Pat and Ron Abbott

Sally Leaver

Vera and Elaine Cummins

Audrey Jennings

Sue Porter

Virginia and Patricia

Catherine and Tom Medcalf

Cally, Piers, Giles and Caspar Edwards

All the Broughs

Heather and Des Adeley

Eileen and Susie from Stratford Tony





**Village Hall  
Christmas Fair 2021**



Photos by Marilyn Smith

## **Bishopstone Village Hall rates for private hire**

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

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

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

The hire charges include use of heating and electricity.

### **The rates are currently:**

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

### **Broadband**

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

### **Large projection screen**

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

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

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



# Chalke Valley Community Support

## POLICE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



## Sixpenny Handley and Chalke Valley Practice

Doves Meadow Surgery, Broad Chalke: 01722 780282

**Broadchalke Surgery partially reopen for Prescription Collection**

Sixpenny Handley Surgery: 01725 552500

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



## 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:

17 February, 17 March, 14 April, 12 May



**Coombe  
Bissett  
Stores**

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

[shop@coombebissettstores.co.uk](mailto:shop@coombebissettstores.co.uk) Tel: 01722 718852

**OPENING HOURS, SHOP AND POST OFFICE**

Mon-Fri: 7am-6pm, Sat: 7am-1pm

**Chalke  
Valley  
Stores  
Broadchalke**

w: [www.chalkevalleystores.co.uk](http://www.chalkevalleystores.co.uk)

e: [info@chalkevalleystores.co.uk](mailto:info@chalkevalleystores.co.uk) Tel: 01722 780998

**OPENING HOURS**

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

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





The 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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Queen's Award for Voluntary Service

## Staying in Touch

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

The village website – [www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk](http://www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk) is updated in real time and carries all the latest news on issues that affect the village.



The Bishopstone Network is a WhatsApp messaging service that has more than proved its worth during the pandemic. Information can be instantly shared to your mobile phone about support services being provided in the village and on a variety of other matters – everything from the length of electricity black outs to what is available from the White Hart take-away service! You will need to download the App to your phone and

then contact Piers Edwards ([piersgedwards@gmail.com](mailto:piersgedwards@gmail.com) or 01722 780079) or Kate Pendlenton ([kmpendlenton@hotmail.com](mailto:kmpendlenton@hotmail.com) or 07769202200) and ask to be added to the group.

## Salisbury Foodbank

This month we had 2.8kgs of donations, and in December we had 6.4 Kgs. 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:-

Small Bottles of Squash  
Mash Potato  
Tea bags (80)  
Angel Delight  
Tinned Fruit  
Shaving Foam  
Razors  
Men's Deodorant

Tinned Fish  
Dried Milk  
Sponge Pudding  
Tinned Potatoes  
Tinned Tomato  
Shampoo  
Toothbrushes

Now the colder weather is with us there will be more people struggling with the decision whether to keep warm or to eat, a decision which should not need to be made in this day and age. So the Foodbank will be seeing more people who need their help. Please continue supporting this worthwhile cause.

Thanking you in advance.

Best wishes,

Judy Barrett (01722 780306)





**CHALKE VALLEY**  
**SPORTS CENTRE**  
*sport for all*

**SPORTS  
SCENE**  
**February  
2022**

**January** saw the next phase of improvement works under the Sports Centre's 'Getting the Community Active Initiative' with the completion of the tennis post works and the installation of the new basketball area.

The **basketball** is available for all, to encourage families to take part, have fun and share time together. Two basketballs have been donated and these are left out for anyone to use...and to put back ready for the next family to enjoy.

We hope you might be encouraged to take up something new in 2022, keep fit and make new friends. The Sports Centre relies on Membership subscriptions, donations and applying for grants to keep facilities open and maintained.

There are so many things happening on your doorstep at the Sports Centre, why not try something new in 2022.

A new **Indoor Bowls** session starts in February, Thursday afternoon 2.00-4.00pm New members welcome. Come and see what it's all about. You would be most welcome in a warm and friendly environment - all ages and abilities invited.

Monday evenings at 7.30pm continue as normal.

**Tennis** sessions are on Thursday evenings from 6.00pm right through the winter under floodlights and on a Sunday morning from 11.00am.

**Table Tennis** is on a Sunday evening from 6.30pm. New and experienced players welcomed, and the **Football Club** have regular weekend matches.

**Petanque** is currently indoors on Friday evenings 6.30pm-8.00pm, with the Sports Bar.

**Pickleball** on Wednesday evenings from 6.00pm under floodlights.

**Cricket** will start up again in April/May and we have **yoga** and **pilates** sessions during the daytime throughout the year. Have a look at the Sports Centre website.

...we are planning our next facility development to start in March/April and be ready later in the spring. Watch this space.

**Party Time:** If you have a party or celebration in the year ahead or need a venue for an event, the Sports Centre Hall is a comfortable space with a linked kitchen and is available to hire. We have hosted some great children's parties and have contacts for party organisers if you want to take the stress out of the day and enjoy it with your children.

We are Licenced for the sale/supply of alcohol for 'Grown-up's' celebrations.

**Chalke Valley Sports Centre Contacts:**

Our website is [www.chalkevalleysportscentre.co.uk](http://www.chalkevalleysportscentre.co.uk).

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Chalke-Valley-Sports-Centre-110944004548798>

# Bishopstone Ultrafast Broadband Update



As you are aware our application under the Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme exceeded the financial target necessary for the scheme to progress on 19 November 2021 when Openreach issued a confirmation notice to your project team. Our submission had 89 properties and 6 businesses. A small number have since opted out of committing to the project but we still have more than sufficient numbers to enable the project to proceed.

## So now what for our project?

Our project has four distinct phases that are carried out by Openreach:

### Survey

Survey officers will check that the physical geography and plan lines up with what Openreach have on their systems. They will also identify if any traffic management or road closures will be required. You may have seen the team of Openreach engineers around the village and they have recently told us that this phase is now complete.

### Planning

Engineers will design our network based on the survey to give the best speeds possible. They will order equipment and create a detailed installation plan. We have been told that this phase should be complete by the end of January.

### Building the Network

Civil engineering work to install the fibre will use existing infrastructure (poles and underground conduits) where possible and install new infrastructure where required. The Openreach work ends at a Block Connector Terminal (BCT) up a pole or underground close to but not at your property.

### Test and Commissioning

'Light testing' the fibre network and completing final tests and physical audits.

## Work has started - When will it be completed?

Openreach works to a 12-month delivery schedule so in theory we will have FTTP by the end of November 2022 but your project team is hopeful it will be sooner than that. It is however a complex project and the village telephone infrastructure (conduits and poles) is old. Nevertheless, we will keep you updated on progress through the pages of STaB, the village and project websites and by email. Personal letters will not be sent out!



## What have I got to do?

If you have signed up to the project there is nothing for you to do at present - except to be patient!

Once the infrastructure installation and testing has been completed your project team will be told - though the alert will notice lots of men up poles or in the underground network! - and we will inform you. Those who signed up will then be able to ask their Internet Service Provider (ISP) of choice to upgrade them to FTTP (Ultrafast Broadband).

## Who should I choose as my ISP?

We are not able to give firm advice on this. The selection of an ISP is a matter of personal choice. We do know that some of the fringe suppliers will not offer a service, while the more established, like BT, will. A very useful website is [www.which.co.uk/switch-broadband](http://www.which.co.uk/switch-broadband). This helps compare the frequently changing deals on offer and is specific to your postcode. Do remember that if you look at it now it is NOT offering FTTP deals for the area of the village that is part of this project as the system is not yet installed.

## How does it get from the BCT to my property?

The final link into the system is provided by your selected ISP and will consist of a fibre optic cable running from the BCT to your property. In your property there will be a new box with all the essential connections. They vary in style from ISP to ISP but all do the same job.

If your existing link is overhead, we believe this will be repeated and if underground it will be installed in the same way. Underground may require some minor disturbance to lawns or flowerbeds. If you have any concerns, we can put you in touch with someone who has had this type of work done already and can reassure you that it only causes minor disturbance and lawns and flowerbeds quickly recover within days.

## What if I did not sign up to the broadband voucher scheme?

You will be able to sign up to FTTP but there may be an additional cost. Further information on this will be published later when we have a little more clarity.

## Want more information?

Visit our website: [www.bishopstone-ftp.uk](http://www.bishopstone-ftp.uk)

**If you can't find out there what you want to know there then please contact any of your willing project team:**

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

Roger Stockton: 780346 | Mike Ash: 781044 | Paul Mildred: 780361

## The Countryside Code for Dogs and Horses

Following a recent incident in the Valley involving an off-leash dog causing injury to a horse and rider, it seems relevant to remind ourselves of the Countryside Code in these circumstances:

### **Always keep dogs under control and in sight**

The countryside, parks and the coast are great places to exercise your dog but you need to consider other users and wildlife.

Keep your dog under effective control to make sure it stays away from wildlife, livestock, horses and other people unless invited. You should:

- always keep your dog on a lead or in sight.
- be confident your dog will return on command.
- make sure your dog does not stray from the path or area where you have right of access.

Always check local signs as there are situations when you must keep your dog on a lead for all or part of the year. Local areas may also ban dogs completely, except for assistance dogs. Signs will tell you about these local restrictions.

It is good practice wherever you are to keep your dog on a lead around livestock. On Open Access land and at the coast, you must put your dog on a lead around livestock. Between 1 March and 31 July, you must have your dog on a lead on Open Access land, even if there is no livestock on the land. These are legal requirements.

A farmer can shoot a dog that is attacking or chasing livestock. They may not be liable to compensate the dog's owner.

Let your dog off the lead if you feel threatened by livestock or horses. Do not risk getting hurt protecting your dog. Releasing your dog will make it easier for you both to reach safety.

### **Dog poo - bag it and bin it - any public waste bin will do**

Always clean up your dog's poo because it can cause illness in people, livestock and wildlife.

Never leave bags of dog poo around, even if you intend to pick them up later. Deodorised bags and containers can make bags of dog poo easier to carry. If you cannot find a public waste bin, you should take it home and use your own bin.

## **The *British Horse Society* has the following advice for riding in the countryside:**

Enjoy the countryside and respect its life and work with courtesy, care and consideration for others and for the land.

- Leave only hoofprints and guard against fire.
- Help others to see you: wear hi-viz aids, even off-road.
- Keep dogs under close control. This usually means on a short lead which is not possible from horseback so it may be best to leave dogs at home.
- Observe byelaws where displayed at the entrance to a site.
- Take the BHS Ride Safe training if you ride on roads.

### **Care for the land**

- Keep to the bridleway or byway unless on land with designated open access for horses. Check the Ordnance Survey map if there is doubt.
- Do not jump fences, hedges or walls – you may cause damage.
- Horses' hooves can damage surfaces after wet weather. Avoid routes where this happens if possible. Avoid areas with heritage or conservation value which may be very fragile.

### **Courtesy to other users**

- Pass others at walk and slow down well before you reach them, they may be frightened of horses or uncertain how to act.
- Be able to stop in the distance that you can see ahead.
- Acknowledge courtesy shown by other users.
- Adopt 'Share the Trail': each encounter with another user is a chance to build cooperation – a smile and a short chat can work wonders!
- Encourage cyclists to call out when approaching horses. Many cyclists are unsure what to do around horses.

### **Consideration for farmers**

- Ride slowly past all livestock.
- Leave gates as you find them.
- Do not ride on crops or cultivated land (except on public rights of way), including stubble (which may be sown with a new crop) and young grass.
- Keep to walking pace; faster paces may damage the ground.

## Storm Arwen and the Faulston Beeches

"Society grows great when old men plant trees in whose shade they know they will never sit."

*Greek proverb*

In early December 2021 Storm Arwen took one of the village's great beech trees. The beech trees to the top of Faulston Drove are one of our local attributes and provide shade in summer, natural climbing frames and a place where past generations pledged their love.

The "Jubilee Tree", one of the line of beeches, has a carving in its trunk commemorating King George V's Jubilee in May 1935, so, assuming it was carved at the time, it indicates that these trees were all well developed nearly 80 years ago. Fortuitously it was **not** this tree that suffered the storm damage.

*RJS*



Photos (clockwise from top left) by Roger Stockton, Kate Pendleton, Barbara Turvey and Chris Sexton.





## New Year Rambling with Jazzie



Well, here we are again after a busy Christmas, and Jazzie has been out in all weathers and met so many new friends. She sees Purdey almost every day, whose daughter, Dora the Explorer, belongs to our daughter Katie and they see us often. The family came from Swindon on Christmas Day and then we all met at Dorchester a few days later for family birthdays.

It has been fun for Jazzie to meet Ecko and then Prune and Poppy, which became a bit overwhelming for her! She met the great Wilson and his friend and that was another experience!! She sees Darcy and Roxy daily, and barks at neighbour Pebble over the fence! It is good to go for proper walks again, as she grows up, and meets all sorts of new friends, both dog, cat and even human!

But as I write on 19<sup>th</sup> January, she has just had a very traumatic weekend. Her coat had been growing apace, getting very clogged with old fur under the adult growth. Despite our best efforts at grooming and combing, she went for a trim and groom on Saturday. She came out a new dog. I even wondered if she was the same old black, scruffy Jazzie we had left with the groomers. However, she is our Jazzie, barking, jumping, and chasing balls, squirrels, pigeons and finding hedgehogs at night, even though now a pale grey dog!! Compare the photos!!

Then, on Monday, she escaped the house, and after a good run round The Croft, ran into a car on the main road outside the Croft. Luckily, no damage apart from two small skin grazes and a very shaken but sympathetic car driver. After a visit to the vet, she is fine again and still loves her walks! A very lucky girl!

Village life seems to be getting back to normal. No-one seems to wear face-masks when outside, but we are careful about enclosed spaces. The reasonable weather has meant more folk out and about which Jazzie loves. She's met lots of children who have been very good with her. She met the dog with the thatchers at Faulston who are doing such a splendid job! Well done the Parish Council considering speeding in the village back roads, but we are not sure about all those extra reminder signs! Good luck and many thanks for their efforts on our behalf.



We wish you all a very happy New Year and hope we can fulfil some of our travel and family plans this time. Covid has cut us all off from the good things of life for too long. We must 'grasp the nettle' and get on with life as we always have done.

Happy walks, keep warm and healthy!

*James Thompson*

## In Our Night Sky - Venus

Venus, the Evening Star, is the brightest planet. With an orbit inside Earth's it appears in crescent phases, like the moon, but never seen full as it is eclipsed by the Sun or as in early January it moved across the face of the sun, with its dark face towards us, to emerge as the Morning Star. Considered as a twin to Earth, being neighbours and almost the same size, but enigmatic and unknown for many years due to its thick uniform cloud and failure of initial probes. It is only of more recent years that its true nature has been revealed.

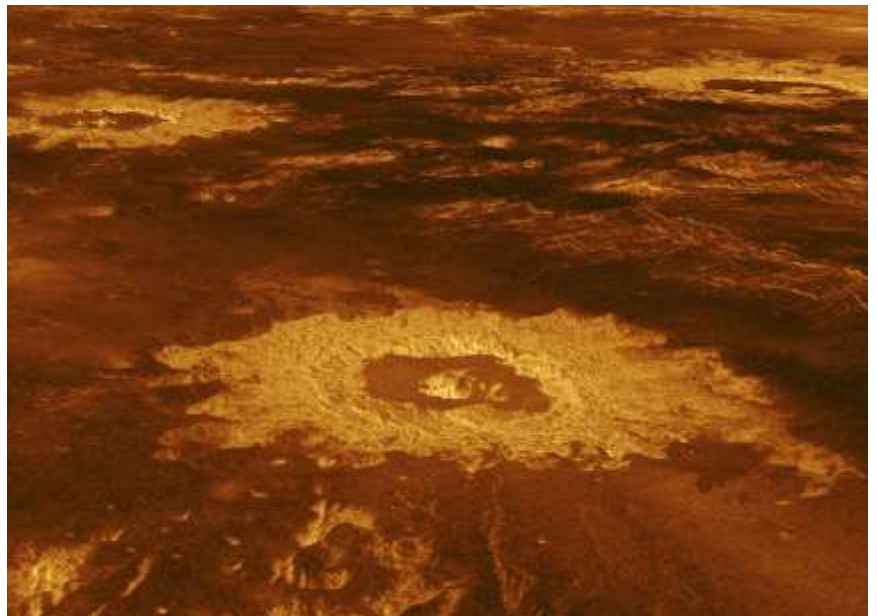
The probes failed due to the high surface temperature of 427 deg.C, the highest in the Solar System, enough to melt lead, with a surface pressure 90 times that on Earth and an atmosphere of 96 % carbon dioxide, 3.5% nitrogen with small amounts of carbon monoxide, argon, sulphur dioxide, and water vapour. Even worse is the sulphuric acid rain which evaporates before it reaches the ground.

The planet has a very similar composition to Earth, but it is thought that to have the same layered structure as when it was formed starting 4,540 million years ago. The consequence of that is that it has a negligible magnetic field, which means in turn that it does not have its own magnetosphere to protect it from solar wind, so was unable to keep any substantial amounts of water.

The layered core also prevents circulation below the mantle, which on Earth leads to plate tectonics and stratovolcanoes. However, as on Earth the centre was very hot and there have been many shield (broad flat) volcanoes (like Kilauea on Hawaii). So the surface is covered in volcanoes, mountains, volcanic and impact craters, big lava plains and dunes, with no small impact craters due to destructive effects on incoming projectiles of the thick atmosphere. Whether the planet is still volcanically active is disputed.

In all, the planet is truly inhospitable, quite the opposite of the Roman Venus of love, beauty, and desire.

*Chalkey D*



*Impact craters – Venus,  
reconstructed from radar data*



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## White Hart News

### Dates for your diary....

*Keep an eye out for special offers/menus*

\* Chinese New Year Tuesday 1st February

\* National Pizza day 9th February



\* Valentine's day falls on a Monday this year so Tom and I have decided (for the first time in our 12 year relationship) that we are going to stay closed and celebrate it ourselves. However, we will have a Valentine's menu on over the weekend beforehand 11th&12th February

\* Great British Pie Week Tuesday 4th-10th March



\* Mothering Sunday 27th March.

*Book early to avoid disappointment*

## Local Charity News and Events

**'A Year and a Day in the Chalke Valley' - Saturday 19th March, 7pm  
Ebbesbourne Wake Village Hall**

Libby Dineley of Berwick St. John will be showing her beautiful slides of our countryside through the seasons and Richard Trahair will read extracts from her entertaining journal 'A Year and a Day'. Tickets £7.50 (adults), £3.50 (under 16s) and donations for drinks, in aid of St. Mary's Church, Alvediston. Please book with Bidy Trahair (780666 / [biddytrahair@gmail.com](mailto:biddytrahair@gmail.com)) and pay at the door. All welcome. Copies of Libby's journal and some of her postcards will be available to buy.



## Recipe of the Month - Carrot, Grape and Rice Salad

At this time of year we may be trying to eat healthily to balance out our festive excesses, but it's really not the weather for cold salad or small portions. This hearty vegetarian rice salad has certainly ticked the boxes in our house this month.

Serves 4 (or 2 with some lovely leftovers for lunch the following day)

### Ingredients

200g brown rice

200g carrots (baby carrots are lovely, but regular carrots chopped into batons are fine)

200g red seedless grapes

1 tbsp olive oil

200g green beans

100g pecan nuts (lightly toasted if preferred, otherwise raw)

2 handfuls of salad leaves (rocket, watercress, spinach, etc)

200g pack feta cheese, crumbled into chunks (optional - this is vegan if omitted)

### For the dressing:

2 tbsp maple syrup

3 tbsp balsamic vinegar

Juice of half a lemon

2 tbsp extra virgin olive oil

### Method

Cook the rice following pack instructions.

Meanwhile heat the oven to 180C, place the carrots on a baking tray, drizzle with oil and season, then roast for 10 minutes. After 10 minutes add the grapes and return to the oven for a further 10 minutes.

Bring a saucepan of water to the boil then add the green beans. Cook for 3 minutes until tender but still with a crunch. Drain and set aside.

In a large bowl whisk together the dressing ingredients with salt and pepper to taste. Add the rice, carrots, grapes, beans, pecans, salad leaves and half the feta and mix together.

Transfer to a serving plate and scatter over the rest of the feta. Drizzle over any juices from the baking tray, and serve.

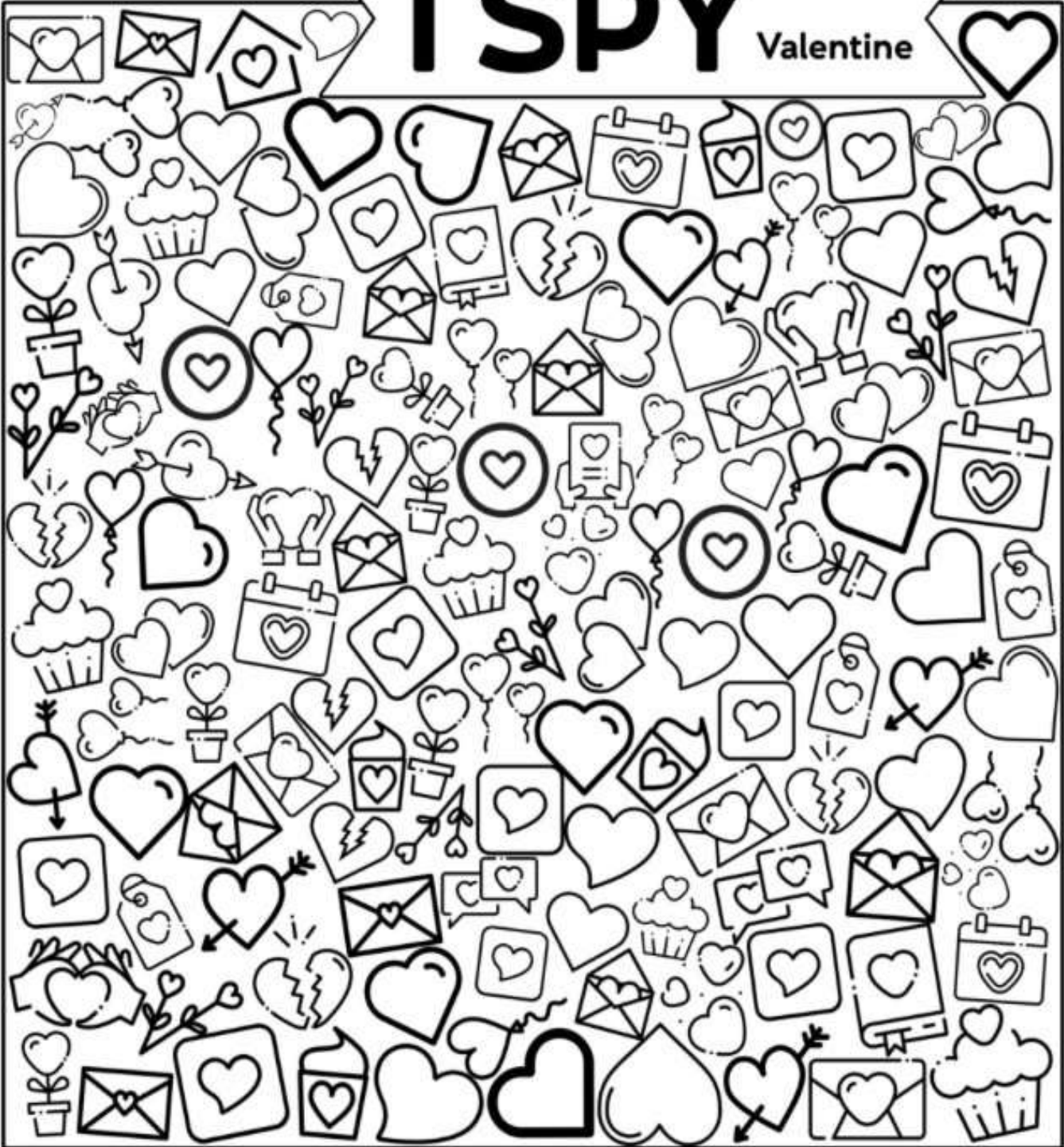
*Kate Pendleton*



# Puzzles and Activities

By Cally Edwards

## I SPY Valentine



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## Sudoku

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## Valentine's Day Trivia

**The earliest surviving Valentine was written by a prisoner in the Tower of London.**

In 1415 the French Duke of Orleans was imprisoned in the Tower of London having been captured at the Battle of Agincourt. In a letter to his wife he wrote, "Je suis desja d'amour tanné, Ma tres douce Valentinée..." This translates as "I am already sick of love, my very gentle Valentine..."

**Victorians used to send each other 'Vinegar Valentines'.**

Sending Valentine's Day cards anonymously became popular in the Victorian era, but there was a dark side to the tradition. Just as people used to send romantic (and often racy) messages to their loved ones, they would send rude or insulting cards to anyone they didn't like.

**In Japan, only women buy gifts on Valentine's Day.**

This is because of a translation error made by a chocolate company in 1936, when Valentine's Day was first introduced to Japan. It's traditional for single women to reveal who they fancy on Valentine's Day by giving them a small chocolate gift.

**The saying 'wear your heart on your sleeve' comes from an old Valentine's Day tradition.**

In the Middle Ages schoolboys would draw the names of girls out of a hat, to find out who would be their Valentine. They'd wear the name pinned on their sleeve for the rest of the week.

**In Finland, they celebrate Friend's Day (Ystävänpäivä) instead of Valentine's Day.**

The 14 February celebrates friendship instead of romance in Finland, and people buy cards and gifts for their pals.

**Saint Valentine was executed for illegally performing weddings.**

Roman soldiers were forbidden from marrying, as the Emperor Claudius thought that married men made poor soldiers. Valentine, who was a priest, disagreed with the ban and performed weddings in secret. He was eventually discovered, thrown in prison and executed on the 14 February. Legend says that before his death he wrote one final letter to the woman he loved, signing it "From your Valentine."

**Valentine's Day was once banned in the UK.**

Oliver Cromwell banned Valentine's Day celebrations (as well as Christmas) when he became Lord Protector in 1653. The holiday wasn't restored until 1660, when the monarchy was reinstated and Charles II took the throne.

Happy  
Valentine's  
Day



## Sarah's Gardening Tips for February

1. Prepare seed beds. As long as the ground isn't frozen you can prepare and warm the ground with cloches and polythene.
2. Take mint root cuttings to grow on indoors for tasty early leaves.
3. There is still time to prune Rhododendrons as they are still dormant.
4. Plant chilli and tomato seeds, use a sunny windowsill or propagator.
5. Prune any group 2 clematis before the end of the month.
6. Prune over-wintered fuchsias back to 1 or 2 buds on each shoot.
7. Cut back winter jasmine after flowering to encourage new growth for next year.
8. Mulch perennial vegetables such as asparagus and artichoke with well-rotted manure or compost.
9. Prune blackcurrant, gooseberry and redcurrant bushes to maintain framework.

*Trees and plants always look like the people they live with, somehow*

*Zora Neale Hurston*



**Question:** What is the common name given to the frothy mass on plants produced by the insect known as frog hopper?

(Answer on p51)

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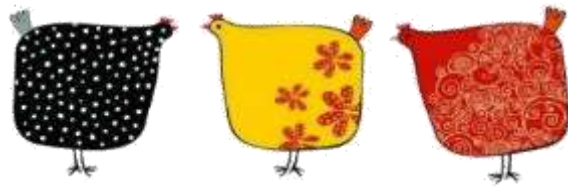
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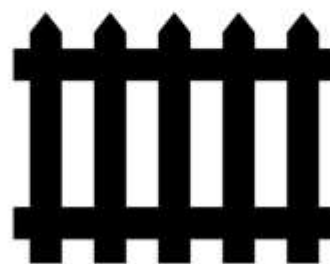
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If you want to have any information included on the website please contact either

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# Letters to the Editor

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



Gail Nichols has sent us these lovely photos of the little dog that has often been present during the thatching work at Faulston this winter. His sweet face has I'm sure raised many a smile from those walking past!

Thanks to James Thompson for this painting of Falaise, in Normandy. I'm sure many of us are dreaming of the days when we can travel abroad again, without the anxiety of Covid tests and masses of extra paperwork. Hopefully that time will come again soon.



**STaB Selling Spot** posts are now free of charge for those who live in the Parish. Let us know if you have anything to sell!

## Mystery Object!

We had no responses to our query about the Mystery Object in the previous issue (see picture on the right), and as we don't actually know what it is ourselves, we can't tell you the answer! Do let us know if you have any ideas as to what it might be.



However, here is a new one (and I do actually know what this one is!). It was discovered in the field next to Bramley Cottage, when I gave a friend permission to use her metal detector there. It's rusted metal, and the scale is clear from the picture. We look forward to hearing your thoughts...

Answer to the question in Sarah's Gardening Tips: Cuckoo Spit



## Services in Chalke Valley Benefice – February 2022

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



### Pattern of services during Covid 19 restrictions.

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

<b>6 February 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Lent</b>	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Broad Chalke ( <i>tbc</i> )	Catherine Blundell( <i>tbc</i> )
	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
	11.00am	Family Service (CW)	Odstock	Adrian Taylor
	11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Berwick St John	Lay Led
<b>13 February 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Lent</b>	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 Communion (CW)	Coombe Bissett	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	All Age Service	Alvediston	Biddy Trahair
	3.00pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)	Fifield Bavant	Biddy Trahair
<b>20 February 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent</b>	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
<b>27 February Sunday next before Lent</b>	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	Bishop of Ramsbury
	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	Roger Leake
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)	Bowerchalke	Lay Led
<b>2 March ASH WEDNESDAY</b>	12.15pm	Communion with Ashing (CW)	Broad Chalke	Catherine Blundell
	7.00pm	Communion with Ashing (CW)	Coombe Bissett	Jenny Taylor
<b>6 March 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Broad Chalke	Catherine Blundell
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Britford	Jenny Taylor
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