



Parish Magazine

July 2020



Bumble Bees on Knapweed

Photo by Francis Taylor

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Blue tit on garden feeder - Francis Taylor

The STaB editorial team and the PCC would like to extend their grateful thanks to Ina Kingstone and Rina Musselwhite of Broadchalke who have given our magazine a generous donation from the proceeds of their annual plant sale.

Whilst our publication is partially funded by advertising revenue, the donations we receive are invaluable for the continuation of the magazine which we hope is a useful resource for the entire parish.

A warm welcome to...

Emma and Robert Huxley who have moved into Faulston in Bishopstone.

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



Hello from the Revd Canon Jenny Taylor



This week saw some of our churches reopen for Private Prayer – what an absolute joy! Thank you so much to everyone who worked so hard last week to prepare our buildings to the safe, hygienic, COVID secure as possible, places that they now are. Spring Cleaning turned into Post Lockdown cleaning and “we are closed” notices became “we are OPEN”!

Timings can be found below but as things are rapidly changing and I believe soon we will be as open as we used to be although obviously taking every precaution to stay Covid free. Public Worship may well be allowed at the beginning of July but the guidance has not yet been published so please keep an eye on the Village website and FaceBook pages and please let others know who do not access social media. It is an absolute joy to be in our much loved churches again, the places where our worship has inspired so many down the centuries to live out their Christian faith.

Over the last 3 months we have continued to worship (in very new ways!), in all sorts of different places, we have found connections with God in those “thin places”, we have continued to live out our Christian faith in old ways and new... so some might say we don’t need a building. However I think we do, to connect with the past, to be separate from the present, to be inspired to go into the future: Psalm 84 verses 1-2 resonate very strongly with me at this time and I hope they do with you too:

How lovely are your dwelling places, O Lord of hosts! My soul longed and yearned for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Church Opening Times

- Bishopstone: Mondays and Wednesdays – 10-12 noon
- Stratford Tony: Closed
- Coombe Bissett: Tuesdays and Fridays – 10-12 noon
- Homington: Sundays and Wednesday: 2.00- 4.00pm
- Britford: Every day – 10-4.00

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Parish Council

A virtual meeting of Bishopstone Parish Council took place on Thursday 28th May using Zoom. Roger Stockton, our Emergency Planning Officer, also joined the meeting.

The Chairman, Cllr John Gibbon, put on record his thanks to all those providing support in the village during the Covid 19 pandemic. In particular he thanked Roger Stockton, Mike Ash and Michael and Pippa Pratt, who have done great work in running the prescription collection arrangements. Roger Stockton said that in general the rules on social distancing in the village were being observed though there were isolated incidents of certain people flouting the rules. The Emergency Planning Committee would continue to consider appropriate action.

The main business of the meeting was to approve the annual Governance and Accountability Return, covering the internal audit of the Council's accounts for 2019/20 and the various documents that the council is required to publish on spending during the year. The Council's expenditure in 2019/20 totalled just over £21,000, principally on provision of the new Children's Play Trail. Happily income was also enhanced through the use of developer contributions from previous years (Faulston Barns) and through the reclaim of VAT. The return is available for inspection by local residents and notices about this, and all the key documents, are published on the Recreation Field notice board and on the village website (www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk).

The problem of fly tipping was also discussed. Councillor Thorne reported that PC Matt Smith and Wiltshire Councils Fly Tipping Enforcement Officer had both visited the site in Mill Lane that had been the subject of two major fly tipping incidents. They had also inspected the CCTV pictures obtained at Faulston House. It had not been possible to identify the licence plate of the vehicle involved, though certain other possible leads were being investigated. He said that Fly Tipping was now the subject of a new operational initiative between the Police and Wiltshire Council.

The issue of the extensive growth of Hemlock Water Dropwort near the river was also discussed (see separate notice) and it was decided that warning signs should be posted.

As regards Covid-19: all residents should continue to comply with the Government's guidance to maintain social distancing if venturing out. Mike Ash has a supply of masks and gloves. Whilst these are primarily for the use of Area Co-ordinators and Volunteers in the village, if anyone else has urgent need of these items please call him on 781044. **ALL RESIDENTS ARE URGED TO STUDY THE ADVICE AND GUIDANCE THAT HAS BEEN PROVIDED, STAY ALERT AND HELP DEFEAT THE VIRUS.**

No date was set for the next meeting of the Parish Council given restrictions on public meetings at this time. Meetings will be held, remotely if necessary, as needed and will be advertised on the village website, in STaB when possible and on the village notice boards.

Hemlock Water Dropwort



There is extensive growth of Hemlock Water Dropwort close to footpaths along the banks of the River Ebble this year. All parts of this plant are extremely poisonous to animals, including humans, dogs and livestock. It is considered to be one of the most poisonous of British plants.

Hemlock Water Dropwort flowers during June and July. It should not be confused with Cow Parsley, which flowers from April to June. It is a perennial growing to over a

metre high in shallow water like streams, ditches and rivers. Unfortunately, it is very difficult to eradicate. Digging up and handling the roots presents a hazard to the operator and plant material must be carefully disposed off, ideally by burning. It can be killed with glyphosate based weed killers, but this has to be used before the plant comes into flower and a special licence has to be obtained from the Environment Agency for the use of such chemicals near watercourses.

The Parish Council has consulted the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust who say: "Hemlock Water Dropwort is indeed a very poisonous plant. Ingestion of the plant, and in particular the roots, is life threatening whilst prolonged contact with the rest of the plant and sap can cause skin irritation. However the risk to people walking past the plant along footpaths is incredibly low and we don't usually recommend the removal of the plant unless local factors dictate otherwise".

In the circumstances the Parish Council has posted warning notices along footpaths urging walkers, and particularly those in charge of dogs, to take special care when passing these plants.

Bishopstone Parish Council

Village Hall 100-Club Winners

	£50	£20	£10
Apr-20	H Phillips	O Moody	A Rogers
May-20	M Ricketts	S Robinson	B Clarke
Jun-20	G Brutton	A Rogers	S Dunwell

Covid-19 Recovery Strategy - Update and Guidelines

Things are changing fast as regards what you can and can't do during the Coronavirus pandemic. This note was written on 20th June – please check regularly on www.gov.uk/coronavirus and the village website for the latest information.

The number of Covid-19 fatalities and infection rates across the country are thankfully falling and the government has set out its plan to return life to as near normal as possible. However, it has made clear that if, after lifting restrictions, it sees a rise in the infection rate, then it may have to re-impose some restrictions. It therefore remains important to stay alert, control the virus, and, in doing so, save lives.



All those in a support bubble will be able to spend time together inside each others homes, including overnight, without needing to stay 2 metres apart. They must be exclusive, so you can't change which household you join with. If anyone in the support bubble develops symptoms, everyone in the bubble needs to self-isolate. This does not apply to those who are shielding due to the

increased risk to this group, but the government is keeping advice for those who are shielding under constant review.

Many non-essential shops are reopening. Wiltshire Council has provided some answers to frequently asked questions on how these will operate – go to <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/public-health-coronavirus>.



It is now compulsory to wear face coverings while using public transport in England. Bus, coach, train, ferry and aircraft passengers must wear a face covering to help reduce the spread of COVID-19. Wherever possible people should continue to avoid public transport and walk, cycle or drive. Face coverings should also be worn indoors in shops etc if it is difficult to observe the 2 metre rule.

Extensive guidance on meeting families and friends, returning to school, going to the shops, going to work, visiting public places etc. can be found online at:

www.gov.uk/government/publications/staying-alert-and-safe-social-distancing/staying-alert-and-safe-social-distancing

You can also now:

- spend time outdoors, including in private gardens and other outdoor spaces, in groups of up to six people from different households, following social distancing guidelines
- go to work if you cannot work from home and your business has not been required to close by law
- attend a place of worship for individual prayer – details are elsewhere in this STaB.

Children in early years (age 0-5), reception, year 1 and year 6 can return to childcare or school in line with the arrangements made by their school.

However, the Government has made clear that some people, **including those aged 70 and over**, those with specific chronic pre-existing conditions and pregnant women, **remain at higher risk of severe illness from coronavirus**. As restrictions are eased, this group are still advised to stay at home as much as possible and, if you do go out, to take particular care to minimise contact with others outside your household.

Whilst some of our volunteers have returned to work, the village community support services remain in place, including the arrangements for the collection of prescriptions from Sixpenny Handley. In the two months 27 March - 29 May, our drivers collected and delivered 165 packages of prescriptions for 75 different patients. The village owes a big vote of thanks to all those who are helping others in our community, particularly the team of drivers who are collecting and delivering prescriptions and Michael Pratt, who is organising this service.

Remember: if you need help contact your Area Co-ordinator, and

“ONLY A FOOL BREAKS THE whatever METRE RULE it is now...”

Bishopstone Emergency Planning Committee

Doorstep Sellers - A Warning

During June Bishopstone was visited by a pair of doorstep sellers claiming to be ex-convicts earning money by selling household items. When residents politely declined to buy, one of the men got very abusive, responding with swear words and an aggressive attitude. The Police were called and the vehicle details were taken. A quick online search of ‘ex-convict door to door sales’ reveals many tales of how this is most likely to be some kind of scam, so residents are urged to be cautious.

Bishopstone Prescription Collection Service

Over the last few weeks there has been a reduction in the number of people wishing to use the medical prescription pickup service from the surgery in Sixpenny Handley. The Emergency Planning Committee is therefore considering reducing this service from the current 5 days a week to 3 days a week (Mon, Wed, Fri).

Whether this is practical depends on a number of issues (eg. whether this creates any problems for the surgery, whether the volume on those days is manageable for the drivers etc). In order to assess the impact of this change we would like to move to a transition period where as many people using the service as possible request pick-up on those days of the week.

We would therefore ask that you contact your Area Co-ordinator well before the date when your prescription is due and ask for it to be collected on either the Monday, Wednesday or Friday preceding the due date or immediately afterwards. For example, if your collection day falls on a Tuesday you should contact your AC and ask for it to be collected instead on the Monday (or on the Wednesday if you have sufficient supplies to see you through).

During this transition period we will maintain the availability of drivers on the “non” collection days in case a request has not been made in time to move to an earlier day or an emergency request arises.

As stated in the last issue of STaB, now that people are returning to work, and may be in their houses less of the time, please remember that if you are requesting a prescription for the following day you can contact **any** of the Area Coordinators if you cannot get hold of yours. We would request that you do not leave answerphone messages if the prescription is urgent, as it may not be picked up in time to be added to the list sent to the surgery for the next day’s collection.

A further announcement about changing the arrangements for the collection of prescriptions during the Covid 19 period will be made in due course. This will be communicated via the village website, the village WhatsApp Network or through your Area Co-ordinator, along with the normal update in the next edition of STaB.

Village Hall



July 2020

SPECIAL NOTICE

Because of the continuing risk of transmission of the Corona (Covid-19) virus, the Village Hall will stay closed for the present.

Therefore all Bishopstone Village Hall events, including Community lunches, the Community Café, Moviola and Rural Arts performances remain suspended for the time being.

Further updates, hopefully with an indication of dates for next season will be given as soon as possible in Bishopstone Village Hall News.

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

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

Stay safe and keep well. *Village Hall Trustees. June 2020.*

PLANT SALE

The annual Spring Fayre and Plant stall wasn't possible this year but a suitably distanced, walk-by sale of surplus plants raised an impressive total of £95 which has been sent as a donation to the Salisbury Hospice.

BABY AND TODDLER PLAYGROUP

For general information about the Baby and Toddler Group find our Facebook page *Bishopstone Playgroup*, or contact Kate Pendlenton on 01722 780655 or email < kmpendlenton@hotmail.com >. The group are not meeting at present.

“EXTEND” EXERCISE CLASSES

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

PILATES AT BISHOPSTONE

Contact Claudine on 07788 587937 to discuss on-line Pilates!

YOGA WITH HANNAH

While the Hall is closed, Hannah is offering 'Virtual Yoga' classes via Zoom on Thursdays at 6.30pm

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

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

PC Matt HOLLAND – Community Policing Co-Ordinator

CPTSouthWiltshire@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk

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

Social media – for local policing updates follow us on Facebook

@salisbury and Twitter **@SouthWiltsCPT**



Sixpenny Handley and Chalke Valley Practice

Doves Meadow Surgery, Broad Chalke: 01722 780282

BROAD CHALKE SURGERY CURRENTLY CLOSED

Sixpenny Handley Surgery: 01725 552500

www.sixpennydocs.co.uk



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

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



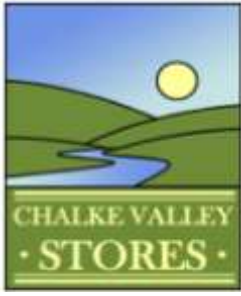
**STAY HOME
STAY SAFE**

**For vulnerable people
in need of support call**

0300 003 4576



Wiltshire Council



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

It has been lovely to welcome so many of you back into the Shop and Post Office, to see you browsing the shelves and to serve you face to face. If you are still a little unsure about venturing to the Shop, please be reassured that social distancing and hygiene measures are in place to keep you, our volunteers and staff as safe as possible.

Not surprisingly, we have seen a big drop in telephone orders over the last week or so. This service has been hugely successful and only possible with the help from the army of volunteers and staff picking, packing, scanning and delivering. This service is still available for those self isolating, shielding or housebound. A reminder of how to order is set out below.

As we move towards opening the Shop for longer hours, we may need to make some further changes to the delivery service but please rest assured, if you are in these categories, we will continue to provide a telephone order and home delivery service for as long as you need it. Whether you are coming to the Shop or ordering from home, we are very grateful for your continued support. Thank you.

A REMINDER ABOUT OUR HOME DELIVERY SERVICE

With your order and contact details at the ready:

Ring the HUB shop on 01722-780998. You are likely to speak to one of our team leaders but anyone on duty at the shop can take your order, or email us with your order at: info@chalkevalleystores.co.uk

We will then prepare your order and ring you when it's ready with the cost and to arrange delivery at a convenient time to a specific drop off location at your house.

VOLUNTEERS

We have been very fortunate in the number of people who have stepped forward to volunteer during the last three months. We remain hugely grateful to you all for providing what, in many cases, has proved to be an essential service. This is community spirit at its best.

At the same time it has give those new to volunteering a chance to experience how worthwhile it is to take part in a community enterprise like the HUB. Inevitably some of this group will not be able to continue as they go back to work so, looking long-term we need to encourage those who are able to join us as volunteers on a regular basis as things gradually return to normal . Even if you are only able to offer a few hours a week this can make all the difference to maintaining the standards of service which are so important to the HUB's success. Please contact Tony to find out more.

INTRODUCING ABIGAIL FRY

As from July, Abigail will join the management committee with specific responsibility for Communications, PR and Marketing. She is currently the marketing executive for a hotel group and is well-versed in modern forms of communication particularly the effective use of social media. Welcome to Abigail and farewell and thanks to Andrew Boys who is stepping down from this role.

The Trussell Trust

This last month I have delivered 29 kg of food, well done in these difficult times but I have also given them £90 in donations! Thank you all so much.

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

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

For food donations they are particularly asking for:-

Tinned Meat	Long Life Fruit Juice
Tinned Potatoes	Tinned Rice pudding
Tinned carrots	Tinned Fruit
Tinned Peas	Jam
Sponge Pudding	Shampoo, Shower Gel
Instant Mash Potato	Dried Milk

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

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

Keep safe and healthy everyone.

Regards,

Judy Barrett (01722 780306)



The Friends of Bishopstone Church

If you would like to help the Friends of Bishopstone Church with their work of preserving the fabric of this beautiful building, please contact the Treasurer Norman Barter (01722 780471).

Bowerchalke, Broadchalke & Bishopstone Virtual Flower Show

As we don't know yet if any Flower Shows can take place this year, we thought "let's have a virtual event!" The scarecrows were a great success so let's use the same model.

Classes

1. Garden in a grow bag
2. Garden in the most unusual container
3. Garden in a bucket (children under 10 years only)

Classes 1 to 3 can be flowers, herbs, vegetables or all three

4. Best herbaceous border (photos must be from 2020 only!)
5. If you cannot make it to a garden centre or you don't have green fingers decorate your wheelie bin instead!

This is open to all residents in Bishopstone, Bowerchalke and Broad Chalke and is completely free.

Send all of your photos to the link on the Chalke Valley Stores website www.chalkevalleystores.co.uk in the week commencing 25th July for viewing on August 1st. If you are unable to take a photo we can arrange someone to come round and photograph for you.

We hope as many of you as possible will be able to display your containers and buckets outside of your houses so we can produce a map which people can follow to walk or cycle around to admire them.



Household Recycling Centres Open

We're **now accepting bookings** for visits to household recycling centres

BOOK ONLINE



IF YOU HAVE NOT PRE-BOOKED YOU WILL BE DENIED ACCESS

Find out more:

www.wiltshire.gov.uk/household-recycling-centres

Wiltshire Council

Book online before visiting a household recycling centre

Don't forget you now need to book a slot before visiting a household recycling centre (HRC) in Wiltshire. You can book up to three days in advance and visit any HRC.

Please arrive on time and bring ID with you to confirm your booking and in the vehicle with the registration number the slot has been booked for.

WHY NOT JOIN US ON THE BISHOPSTONE NETWORK?



The Bishopstone Emergency Committee has established a WhatsApp group as a means of sharing information in our community. This is not simply for times of crisis, but provides a useful communication network for day to day questions and queries. WhatsApp operates via mobile phones and provides an instant messaging service. If you want to be able to receive up to date messages about support services being provided in the village, on local shopping and the pub take-away service or to send messages to others then join The Bishopstone Network. The group already has more than 50 active participants.

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

Chalk Celebration Week (online!)

Join us in July when we'll be presenting a week filled with free online talks, workshops and demonstrations that explore Wiltshire's chalk landscape and the wildlife within it.

Topics include wildlife gardening, botanical illustration, the future of farming, nature photography and more to be announced soon!

For more information contact
CBDProject@wiltshirewildlife.org

Our thanks to the National Lottery Heritage Fund for making these events possible.



Just Rambling!

So, as we emerge from the 3 months of quarantine imposed by the awful Covid 19 virus, it is good to see more folk about and the church open again. It was refreshing to visit on Wednesday and find the ladies cleaning and restoring the woodwork. Our Benefice Team clergy have been very busy all this time providing comfort at home and online services up and down the Valley. Many thanks to them.

We owe a huge debt of thanks to all those volunteers who have been looking after the needs of those who had to 'shut down' because of age and/or ill health. We thank the Emergency Planning Team and the Parish Council who kept us well informed on the website and by e-mails of all advice available concerning the 'lockdown'. We must also remember all the delivery teams from supermarkets, or online shopping and those who deliver our daily paper and milk. Also, the fuel and recycling and household waste teams

who have never let up, and always arrive so cheerfully to do their duty. Thank you. Our family helped us with weekly shopping and occasional visits in the garden. We have been lucky, and must think of all those who had to face this time alone. Thank you to all the family members and neighbours who just visited to refresh the day for housebound members. We have rather a lot here in Bishopstone!!



My potager enjoying the rain, growing well!!

Otherwise we hope to see the White Hart open again soon, and I am sure Tom and Zara are only too ready to open and see old friends again. With the pub and the church open we will be well on the way to normality soon. I am looking forward to being able to meet again in freedom, maybe behind a mask for a few weeks more.

Nonetheless, cheers to one and all, and hopes for another lovely summer!!

James T



Our Cathedral, June 2020

Puzzles and Activities

Connect 4a

The table contains four groups of four words. Find the groups and say why they are related

Grumpy	Beaker	Limit	Telescope
Contact	Camera	Happy	Trap
Sneeze	Bunsen Burner	Microscope	Bump
Test Tube	Binocular	Test	Clamp

Connect 4b

The table contains four groups of four words. Find the groups and say why they are related

Bake	Whet	Episode	Action
Rolling	Programme	Mix	Grind
Season	Take Two	Mill	Cut
On Your Mark	Sprinkle	Series	Precious

Connect 4c

The table contains four groups of four words. Find the groups and say why they are related

King Lear	Village	United	Peacock Feather
Albion	Break A Leg	Hamlet	Cymbeline
Ghost Light	Coriolanus	Athletic	Macbeth
Town	Wanderers	Othello	City

Answers on p27

Summer Word Search

S F L I P F L O P S I S L E P
S U N S C R E E N A N U O S I
A U N G U E S T H D O N V W C
B N E G J O C E A N F S S I N
A P O O L J U R Y S U H O M I
R U G U S A T A E U N I H S C
B M G C R E S A M A S N I U S
E E N U F O N S U M M E R I P
C M A A S T O H E T H I N T R
U V A C A T I O N S R H L A I
E R O B I L K R X J O I O U N
I I N S E F I T S F U N P T K
C A R E L A X S U L Y L O L L
E J U N E A C F A M I L Y S E
I C E P O P A H O T S R E L R



AUGUST
BARBECUE
BEACH
FAMILY
FLIP FLOPS
FUN
HOT
ICE CREAM

ICE POP
JULY
JUNE
OCEAN
PICNIC
POOL
RELAX
SHORTS

SPRINKLER
SUMMER
SUNGLASSES
SUNSCREEN
SUNSHINE
SWIMSUIT
VACATION

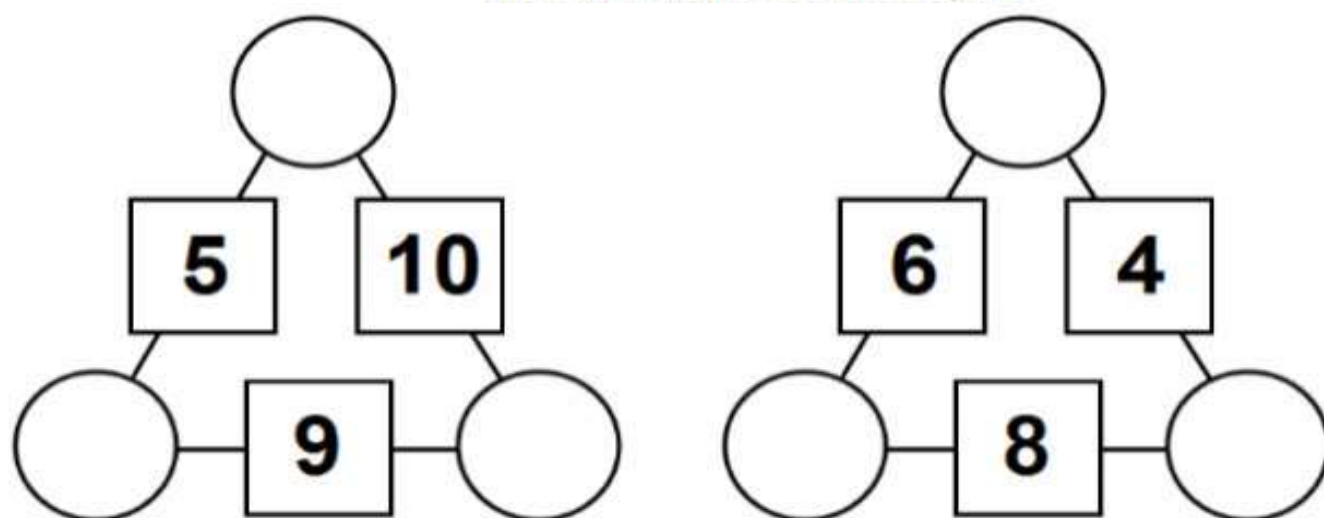


Summer Word Scramble

Summer is one of the four seasons and comes after Spring and before Autumn. It is the hottest season of the year. The Eiffel Tower grows in summer. On a hot day the iron from which it is constructed expands so much that the tower can rise by 17cm!!

swmi _____
synun _____
rsntku _____
lnsweforu _____
niusnseh _____
ohdliay _____
duhntre _____
utwesit _____
mstuswii _____
snahut _____

This Summer themed Word Scramble features **10** Summer themed words which have been scrambled. See if you can unscramble them to see what they are.



The aim of an arithmagon is to work out which numbers go in the empty circles. The numbers in the square boxes are made by adding together the numbers in the circles either side. For example, if the number in the square box was 10 you could try 6 and 4, but the numbers must also add up on the other edges, making this more difficult than it first appears.



Keeping Academic Skills Ticking Over

Some of our children are now back in school whilst those of keyworkers have been in place ever since the Covid crisis began, even throughout the Easter and half term holidays. Every school has approached this strange time in a different way. Some families have been able to access work in resource packs or online from their schools but if you've felt a bit adrift, here are some ideas to keep the brains of primary school aged children ticking over for the rest of the summer.

Maths Skills

•Money: I teach Year 5 and 6 at my school and know that many children don't have access to coins like we used to do when growing up thanks to the advent of contactless payments or on-line food deliveries. Maybe they still have something under their pillow from the tooth fairy or a piggy bank for odd-job money but not all handle the coins that are in circulation. But they still need to recognise the coins, understand giving change and totalling up items on a shopping list. Why not have a pretend shop or use the hand-outs at supermarkets like Aldi and Lidl to make some shopping word problems? Can you dig out those plastic coins that the Early Learning Centre used to sell (showing my age!).

•Measuring: In all year groups, they learn about converting units of measurements (g to kg, cm to m etc) so why not get out the tape measure at home and see who is tallest in the family? Can you rank the family in height order from tallest to smallest? Can you measure everyone's feet in cm? Who can grow the tallest sunflower? Can you help with some baking and use the scales?

•Time: With digital faces becoming common place, many children find reading clocks with hands more difficult. Maybe they could make their own clock with moveable hands using a split pin? Have you got a kitchen timer or stopwatch? Can they time activities like getting dressed or brushing teeth and get used to counting seconds or minutes?



English Skills

- Reading, reading and reading! This really is the most important life skill that they will learn because they use it in every area of school life, even Maths! Maybe your older child could read to their younger siblings? If they are reluctant readers, then try them on non-fiction. Many children prefer facts, especially gruesome ones about Science and History, to fiction. Why not download an audio book? Some of our most talented actors have made recordings of fiction that is more accessible to them in this medium. If they are hearing amazing words and exciting narrative, then it will help feed their imagination and widen their vocabulary. And don't forget to read TO your child yourself, even if they are perfectly capable of reading themselves. Sharing a book is a great bonding exercise and can be a great starting point for discussions. The Library Summer Reading Challenge is now online (see below).
- Diary: that old chestnut! Write a summer diary, encourage them to illustrate it.
- Penpals: Rather than text or message, is there a friend in the village that they can write to? Start an old-fashioned dialogue, ride your bike round and drop it off then wait to see if you get a response the next day? Are you moving up from y6 to "big school"? Could someone in the village help answer your questions and concerns about what school life will be like moving from a lovely village primary to a large secondary school?
- Blurbs: Can you write a new blurb for a book you've just enjoyed? What about designing a different cover page?

Also, check out the BBC's amazing resources which are fun and informative via their website,

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/dailylessons>

Wendy Prior



Recipe of the Month - Crunchy Courgette Pickle

Based on a recipe on BBC Good Food, adapted by Kate Pendleton

This is a great way to use up a glut of homegrown courgettes, but can also be made using cucumbers. Eat alongside cold meats and quiches, or as a topping for a burger, these are a really useful condiment to have in the fridge.

Ingredients

500g courgettes

3 shallots or 1 onion, sliced

2 tbsp salt (preferably non-iodised)

500ml cider vinegar

140g sugar

1 tsp mustard powder

1tsp mustard seeds

1/2 tsp dried chilli flakes or a whole red chilli (optional)

1 tsp ground turmeric

Method

Thinly slice the courgettes; it's quickest to do this in a food processor, but can be done with a mandolin or sharp knife. Put them in a bowl with the sliced shallots/ onion and sprinkle over the salt. Cover with cold water, stir to dissolve the salt, and leave for an hour. Then drain thoroughly and pat dry with a clean tea towel.

Put the rest of the ingredients into a pan and bring to a simmer. Let it bubble for 3 minutes, making sure the sugar has dissolved, then leave to cool until warm. Then add the courgettes and shallots/onions and stir.

Scoop the mixture into 2x 500ml sterilised jars. Seal and leave for a few days in the fridge before eating. Kept chilled these keep well for at least 3 months.



Support Local Entrepreneurs

Earlier this year we heard from Max Soket who has set up his own cookie-baking business during lockdown (see Max's Cookie Factory on Facebook, orders and enquiries to max.soket@icloud.com).

Now another Bishopstone resident, 11 year old Kenzy Clissold, has started producing his own homemade caramel fudge.

As one of his first paying customers I can confirm that this is a delicious product, with a perfect crumbly texture. It would make a great gift for someone - or maybe just treat yourself!



Nature Notes - Owls



Barn owl - photo Kate Pendlenton

The owl population of Bishopstone is more often heard than seen. If you hear an eerie screeching and hissing noise then there is a barn owl in the vicinity. The hooting sound we tend to associate with owls is most likely a tawny. I have heard both in Bishopstone at night but only seen a barn owl. The rough field at the bottom of Harvest Lane is a good hunting ground and very occasionally one will swoop silently at dusk causing great excitement.

This silent flight is one of many features which makes barn owls very well suited to hunting prey. Feathers are very soft and the foremost wing feather also has a row of tiny hooks that help to deaden the sound of air hitting the wings' leading edge. They also have very keen hearing and

eyesight which works well in low light conditions and which is particularly good at detecting movement.

Barn Owls have a very low wing loading (large wings supporting a lightweight body). This means they are able to fly very slowly without stalling and hover in only the slightest lift giving the birds ample time to locate and pinpoint prey on the ground below.

Unfortunately all these skills are of little use when confronted with one of the perils of modern life - large areas of glass, as the photo on the right shows. Hopefully the owl in question was merely stunned but otherwise unhurt!



*Owl splat! The imprint of an owl on our bifold door
- photo Kate Pendlenton*

Rob Pendlenton

Fly-Tipping Incident in Mill Lane



*Fly-tipped rubbish in Mill Lane
- photo by Rob Pendleton*

As indicated in the notes from the Parish Council, fly-tippers struck in Bishopstone in May. First came a load of builders rubble dumped just off Mill Lane on the night of 21 May with a second load of assorted rubbish at the same spot in early hours of 27 May. The police and council were informed and both loads have now been cleared.

So what should you do if you discover fly-tipping? If you are present when rubbish is being dumped, please contact the police with as much information as possible including descriptions of the people, vehicles involved and registration numbers.

Photographs and videos can also be very useful, but only if it is possible to obtain them safely. The more information you are able to provide, the better the chances of an investigation succeeding.

Wiltshire Council have launched a new campaign to encourage you to report fly-tippers. If you spot someone fly-tipping, report the offender to them, and as a reward you'll get a gift voucher of up to £200 following the payment of a Fixed Penalty Notice or a successful prosecution.

If you come across freshly tipped waste, **do not try to rummage through the waste yourself or disturb the waste**, as this could affect the scene and potential formal action. This may also put you in danger as there could be hazardous or sharp items hidden among the waste. Council staff will carry out a thorough examination of the waste as part of their investigation.

Reports of fly-tipping should be made via the council website at:

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywiltshire-online-reporting> or via the MyWiltshire app.

Rob Pendleton

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Sarah's Gardening Tips

1. Look out for blackened leaves on potatoes, indicating blight. If caught early you can cut off the leaves and still eat the crop.
2. Train in the canes of cultivated blackberries and loganberries.
3. Harvest blueberries, only picking the bluest fruit as they won't continue to ripen off the plant.
4. Pull out stems of willowherb before they set seed
5. Keep areas around newly planted trees and shrubs weed-free and well-watered
6. Prune rambling roses that have finished flowering
7. Remove algae from ponds as it will spoil the appearance of it and take over.
8. Check roses for pests and diseases like black spot fungus, aphids and sawfly. Encourage natural predators like birds, ladybirds and lacewings to help deal with pests.

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Luther Burbank



Question: Which gardener created Barnsdale Gardens for BBC's Gardeners' World? (Answer on p49)

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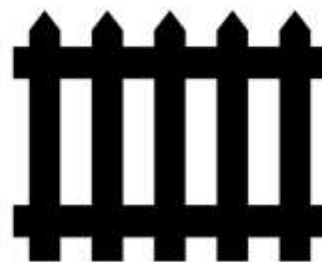
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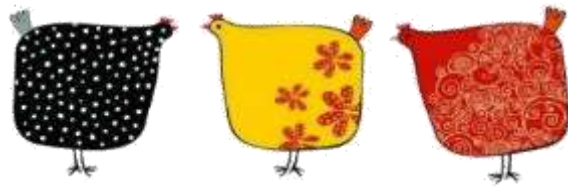
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Answer to the question in Sarah's Gardening Tips: Geoff Hamilton

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Bishopstone Village Website

www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk

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

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

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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.



Young archaeologist Harry Williams has discovered a mystery object in his garden. It's made from metal and is approximately 2cm in length. Can anyone identify what it could be?

Let us know via the STaB email address.



As STaB went to press we received some information about the reason this Bishopstone hill is named Gary's Climb. Further details to follow in the next issue.



A huge thank you to the people in the village who kindly sent me cards and flowers after the loss of my Chow-Chow Andy. He was 13 and three quarters and had been a wonderful companion to me.

Pat B



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