



# Parish Magazine

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Faulston Hole

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Just a reminder to all our contributors and readers, the next edition of STaB is a joint one, for both August and September, so please think ahead if you have anything you wish to include for these months.

Thank you to Barbara Turvey for this shot of the beautiful yellow peonies in her garden.

### ***A warm welcome to lots of new arrivals 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



It is hard to believe we have hit July already! Restrictions are gradually being lifted and we are all beginning to remember what life was like pre-Covid. Let's hope we continue to move in the right direction – in church we are waiting to be given the go ahead to sing ahead – when that happens there will be much rejoicing!

The outpouring of generosity to Debby and Mia, Jamie and Dom and their family after the fire which devastated their houses was quite extraordinary. Nothing could possibly replace all that they have lost but I am sure they were touched to the core by all that has been done and given to them. What a brilliant community response it was, co-ordinated by Zara. It is not too late to add to the “Go Fund Me” donation pages – look for the pages “Help Jamie and Dom” and “Help Debbie and Mia”. We continue to hold both families in our prayers.

I would like to add my thanks (see later on in this edition) and good wishes to Mrs Alison Macauley as she retires from Coombe Bissett School later this month. So many have benefitted from her years of experience and devoted teaching. We will miss her hugely but wish her a long and happy retirement which no doubt will be packed with lots of exciting things!

As the rain has enlivened and nourished our gardens and surrounding countryside I am reminded of these words of Jesus from the Gospel of Luke which encourage us all to spend some time just pondering on the beauty around us.

*Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.*

### **Chalke Valley Team Ministry - Parish of Bishopstone and Stratford Tony**

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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 next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July at 7.00pm in the Village Hall**. We will be joined, for the first time, at this meeting by our new Wiltshire Councillor Nabil Najjar.

As the Government has announced that the period of Covid 19 restrictions will be extended until Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July this meeting will be conducted on the same basis as the one in May. This means:

- If you wish to attend the meeting please send an email to the Parish Clerk ([bishopstoneclerk@btinternet.com](mailto:bishopstoneclerk@btinternet.com)) by **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July** stating how many people wish to attend in your party (maximum of two). Appropriately distanced seating will then be provided. Only those who have pre-registered will be allowed to attend the meeting.
- Those attending will be expected to wear masks and to observe the Covid 19 related protocols set out for the hall.

## MyWilts Online Reporting system

### Changes To The Way Problems in the Village are Reported

It has been the practice, over many years, for villagers to contact the Parish Council to report problems such as potholes in the road, blocked drainage ditches or gullies, fly tipping, blocked footpaths and other rights of way, uncollected waste etc. However, responsibility for fixing the problem usually rests with Wiltshire Council – either because they have the statutory duty (eg highway maintenance) or the legal powers to require action by landowners.

In the past I would normally have contacted officers in the relevant Wiltshire Council department (Housing, Highways etc) and discussed the action required. However, a few years ago Wiltshire Council introduced the “MyWilts App” as a means of entering reports on-line for works that needed to be done or action taken. Following the upgrade of Wiltshire Council’s website last year, the App has been replaced by the “MyWilts on-line reporting system” and greatly extended. It is now expected that all reporting of issues will be submitted in that way. Indeed my own direct approaches to officers now often receive the response: “please submit a report on MyWilts”.



It is therefore increasingly the case that I am just acting as an intermediary post box and that it would be a lot simpler, and save time all round, if those raising an issue did so by submitting their own report on MyWilts. Some people in the village are already doing this.

Report It	Roads, pavements and footpaths
Abandoned vehicles >	Bus shelter (lighting)
Benefits	Bus shelter (other issues)
Empty homes	Flooding
Fraud	Materials on road
Parking >	Pavements or kerbs
Play areas	Pothole
<b>Roads, pavements and footpaths &gt;</b>	Public rights of way
Rubbish or recycling	Road drains or manholes
Street scene >	Road markings
Trading standards >	Road signs, bollards or railings
Trees, hedges and grass >	Street lighting
Unauthorised encampments	Traffic lights or crossings
Unlicensed scrap metal collector	
Unlicensed waste collector	
Weather emergencies >	

Submitting a report is pretty straightforward. Go to: [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywilts-online-reporting](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywilts-online-reporting). The web page explains what can be reported and how to do it. You can submit a report anonymously, without having an account – though if you do that you will not receive updates as your case progresses. You can set up an account – with your email address and a password – which allows a fully interactive use of the system. The system works on smart phones, tablets or computers.

It is a map based system. For highways you enter “Bishopstone” in the map search box and a drop down menu of local roads appears, click on the relevant road and a series of boxes pop up asking questions on the nature of the problem, exact location (outside number 9 or whatever) etc. For Rights of Way there is a RoW Map – click on the relevant path and enter details of the problem in the next box on the screen. It is possible to add attachments, such as photographs or relevant documents. The map shows you what current issues have already been reported – so a further report is unnecessary.

**The Parish Council would therefore be grateful if everyone with a problem to report does so themselves, in the first instance, using the MyWilts system.** If you do submit a report it would be helpful if you could let me know (by emailing me on [bishopstoneclerk@btinternet.com](mailto:bishopstoneclerk@btinternet.com)) so that the Council is aware of what issues have been raised. If it is not possible for you to use the on-line system, please contact me to discuss.

Mike Ash

Clerk, Bishopstone Parish Council

## Village Hall



## July 2021

We are pleased to confirm the following events as we move towards full opening. We shall continue to follow government guidelines to keep the hall a Covid-19 safe venue, which are:

Do not attend if you or anyone in your household has had Covid-19 symptoms within the previous 48 hours.

At least **until 19<sup>th</sup> July**, anyone entering the hall will be required to:

- Hand sanitise on entering and leaving the hall, and before and after using the toilets.
- Follow a one-way system as marked by arrows on the floor.
- Wear a mask. Masks can be removed when seated if eating or drinking.
- Maintain at least 2 metres distance between individuals or groups, which can be no more than six people or two households. (Once in a group, you cannot swap to another group). Outdoors, groups of 30 can now gather.

### **MOVIOLA at Bishopstone**

The last showing of the season on **FRIDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> JULY** will be preceded by the traditional, optional **BBQ, starting at 6.00pm** and costing an additional **£6.00**

**The film which will start at 7.30pm is “Love Sarah”**

*A young woman wishes to fulfil her mother's dream of opening her own bakery in Notting Hill, London. To do this, she enlists the help of an old friend and her grandma. Starring: Shelley Comm, Celia Imrie and Rupert Penry-Jones.*

Prior booking for both the film and the BBQ essential so that appropriate seating can be set out for your safety, based on advice at the time. Please state any dietary requirements when booking.

Tickets for the film are £6.00 and bookings can be made by calling Caroline Ash on (01722) 781044. Payment in advance by card is preferred but can be made via BACS, or at the door via a card reader. Cheques should be made payable to Bishopstone Village Hall Management Committee or the correct cash may be presented in an envelope.

There will be a bar available.

## HALL BOOKINGS FOR SOCIAL EVENTS AND WORKSHOPS

Both halls will be available for hire once restrictions are lifted. To enquire or make an advance booking, please contact the bookings secretary Margaret Barter 01722 780471

## BISHOPSTONE COMMUNITY CAFE

Our fortnightly coffee mornings, allowing people to meet in an informal setting will be held on Thursday **1st, 15th and 29<sup>th</sup> July** at 10.30am until 12.00noon. Seating will be outside if the weather permits. This event is free of charge.

## BISHOPSTONE COMMUNITY LUNCHESES

Community lunches are not yet running.

## BABY AND TODDLER PLAYGROUP

For general information about the Baby and Toddler Group find their Facebook page *Bishopstone Playgroup*, or contact Kate Pendleton on 01722 780655 or email: [kmpendlenton@hotmail.com](mailto:kmpendlenton@hotmail.com) . (See also p20 of this magazine for more detail about the group and how it is currently running).

## “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

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](mailto:yoga_with_hannah@outlook.com).

## SARUM SPINNERS AND WEAVERS

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

## Friends of Bishopstone Church



Due to the Covid restrictions being extended to July 19th we have had to move the 2 AGMs of The Friends of Bishopstone Church that were going to take place on July 13th to **July 27th at 7.30pm**, in the Church.

*Chris Sexton*

## **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:

8 July, 5 August, 2 September, 30 September



***Shop at the heart of the Community,  
Owned by YOU, Run by YOU, Here for YOU***

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



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

**SPORTS SCENE - July  
2021**

**The Chalke Valley Sports  
Centre – Facilities for all  
of the Chalke Valley**

It was disappointing that we could not open the Sports Centre fully on 21 June, but it has been an exciting few weeks at the Sports Centre with lots of new things happening.

**Chalke Valley Sports Centre Facebook Page** - Hit 'like' to follow us on our new Chalke Valley Sports Centre Facebook page where you can keep up to date with all our latest events, news & sports.

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

**Friday Night Petanque Socials** – We are still operating in a Covid-safe way, but Friday night Petanque has been an opportunity to get out, meet friends and try a new activity over a drink from the Sports Bar. A regular group of around 25 attended through June, meeting at 6.30pm-8.00pm (ish). We meet unless it is raining. Come and try it at no cost, all equipment is provided. If you enjoy the evening then all we ask is you spread the word and bring along the family and a friend on your next visit. A £2/session cost will apply if you become a regular. Under 16s FOC. If you want to play competitively, we have a team that compete in the local Keystone Brewery League.

Summer BBQs are also being planned to extend the evening along with other 'Garden Games'. We are looking for anyone that could donate a Garden Gas bottle as a reserve supply for the BBQ.

**New Picnic Benches:** We have invested in some specially branded Chalke Valley Sports Centre picnic benches to provide spectator and social areas for all the Centre's activities.

**Make Someone Welcome Campaign:** In partnership with the Go Out Get Active Project we have pledged to make everyone welcome at the Sports Centre. If you have ever considered coming and seeing what activities are available but then thought 'they are all going to be too good for me, I'll just feel out of place', then don't worry, all our Clubs and activities have pledged to make you welcome.

You can either turn up on a Club evening; email the sports centre general email; or email one of the Committee or Club reps and we will be in touch and make sure you don't feel out of place. All the information on activities and Club times are on our Facebook Page and Website. Come and join us, you will be made very welcome.

**Getting Our Community Active Again Project:** In recognition of the constraints we have been under as a consequence of Covid-19 and to encourage more people to get outdoors and take up a new sport or activity, we have developed a project to

deliver a number of new activities for everyone. In June we had great news of a number of successful grant applications to help us deliver these:

- Wiltshire Community Foundation: £2021 for basketball facilities.
- Go Out Get Active: £1000 for equipment and additional support facilities.
- Wiltshire and Swindon Sports Partnership: £2000 towards Pickleball courts.
- Broad Chalke Community Fund: £200 towards the bench seating.

We would like to thank all the organisations for their support and for the funding provided. This will help to bring more opportunities for all sections of our community to take part.

We have plans for more facilities and are working on further grant applications! Keep in touch by signing up to our FACEBOOK page.

**Pickleball:** Following receipt of the grants, we have now developed three outdoor Pickleball courts. This is a great sport for all ages and abilities, as well as it being played competitively. It's an ideal introduction to tennis and is played on a small court (about the size of a badminton court) with a bat called a 'paddle' (like a large table tennis bat) with an air ball the size of a tennis ball.

The Moonrakers Pickleball Club have become affiliated to the Sports Centre and had their first Wednesday evening Club session in June. New members are welcome, and if you are not sure what it is all about why not come along with family and friends to the **Come and Try It Open Evening:** on Wednesday July 7<sup>th</sup> between 6.00pm- 8.00pm. All equipment provided.

The Sports Centre's regular **Programme of Club Activities** includes tennis, cricket, table tennis, short mat bowls, football, pilates and yoga. Full details on our website and Facebook page.

**Children's Parties:** In June we had our first covid secure children's party hire. If you are looking for a great venue with lots of outdoor space get in touch through our general email.

**The Laughing Aztecs:** As we put this newsletter together we are in discussions to bring this outdoor Mobile Mexican food take-away service to the Sport Centre on Sunday evenings. More info to follow through our Facebook page.

**Chalke Valley Sports Centre Contacts:**

**Chris Rothwell: Secretary:** [chrisrothwell@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:chrisrothwell@hotmail.co.uk) **Tel 07552159369**

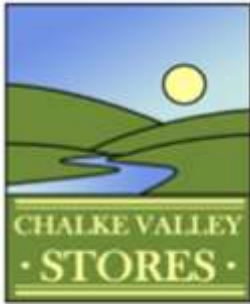
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**Sports Centre general email:** [Info@chalkevalleysportscentre.co.uk](mailto:Info@chalkevalleysportscentre.co.uk)

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

**Facebook:** Chalke Valley Sports Centre



### **Now FULLY Open:**

The shop, post office & coffee shop are now all fully open with regular opening times as shown above. We are very pleased to be fully open again as Covid restrictions have eased.

**Thank goodness for our village shop.** By Hilary Brown, Coffee Shop Volunteer.

*My nephew phoned at 9am one Saturday morning. He asked if they could come & spend the day with me. "Absolutely" I said, then I began to ponder, what shall I give 2 adults and 3 growing boys to eat for lunch at short notice?*

*Luckily my answer lay 5 minutes down the road at the shop. Crusty bread, ham, feta cheese, Lavender Blue stilton and red onion quiche, salads followed by fruit, ice cream and meringues. Plus a Lavender Blue orange and almond cake for tea. Every last crumb was consumed.*

*Thank goodness for the shop. My alternative would have been to hotfoot it to Salisbury, I might have made it back by tea time!*

**Thank you to Hilary for letting us know how much she values the local services at The Hub. Following on from her comments we thought we'd ask her a few questions about volunteering at The Hub.**

Hilary has been volunteering at the hub since 2013.

#### **Why do you volunteer at The Hub?**

*I like to meet different people from the local area, and further afield, we do get visitors from lots of interesting places!*

*I am retired and doing shifts at The Hub also gives me a sense of purpose and structures my weeks. I also love working with the other volunteers and paid staff, there is a great sense of comradeship.*

*I also value the local service provided by The Hub and want to see a shop stay in the community, so I like to play my part.*

#### **Volunteering at the hub**

We are on the lookout for more volunteers to join the friendly team at The Hub. Please come and talk to Tony if you could volunteer a few hours.

We would also like to thank all our current volunteers for all they do to help in keeping the Hub running.

## The Trussell Trust

Last month we had 10.6 kgs of donations

**At the moment they are particularly short of -**

**Sponge Puddings**

**Dog food**

**Instant mashed potatoes**

**Men's deodorants**

**UHT Milk**

**Dried Milk**

**Shampoo**

**Toothpaste**



**BUT THEY HAVE PLENTY OF -**

**Cereal**

**Pasta and Pasta Sauces**

**Tinned Fish**

**Baked Beans**

**Tea**

This month I saw the following on the Trussell Trust Facebook page and would like to share it with you.

> *Poverty and hunger are not inevitable.*

> *Together, we know it's possible to build a better, more just future.*

> *More than 100,000 people have already joined our movement for change.*

> *Will you sign up to help build a hunger free future?*

> *2.5 million. The number of emergency parcels provided to people in crisis in 2020/21*

> *128% increase in the need for food banks compared to the same time five years ago.*

> *Almost 1 million emergency food parcels provided for children on 2020/21*

Please, if you can, go onto their website **Trusselltrust.org** and read how we can all help. We should be ashamed to be living in a country where so many people are needing this kind of support every day.

Every little helps, but more needs to be done.

Thank you again for what you are doing.

Best wishes

Judy Barrett (01722 780306)

## Fire in Stanley Close

As many readers will already be aware, two homes in Stanley Close, Butt Lane, were affected by fire on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June. Happily nobody was injured but one house has been totally destroyed and the other badly damaged.

The alarm was raised at about 12.45pm, with the first fire appliances arriving thirty minutes later. By this time one house was well ablaze. Many appliances attended, including from Poole, Southampton, Shaftesbury, Tisbury, Downton, the Wallops, Salisbury and Wilton together with a Command Unit vehicle. There was some initial uncertainty as to the location of the nearest fire hydrant (see separate note). The Hydrant was identified by a contractor from Outdoor South West who had seen it on a previous visit to the village. This was in the verge on the north side of Broad Chalke Road and hidden by tall grass. The hose was laid across the road and Butt Lane was closed to traffic, so traffic management arrangements had to be put in place. The blaze was finally brought under control and one appliance stood watch over night damping down and making sure there was no re-ignition.

Thankfully the two families concerned were physically unhurt, but one has lost almost all their possessions and the other has been badly affected. Both families moved in temporarily with relatives elsewhere in Wiltshire, but, at the time of writing, their long term housing arrangements are unclear.

The one positive aspect of this was the way that the village rallied round to help. Thanks are due to those who raised the initial alarm. Thanks also to Lee Curtis and the team from Outdoor Play South West who were working on the Children's Play Area, and who assisted Piers Edwards and Roger Stockton (past and present Emergency Planning Officers) in dealing with the traffic management issues.

Most particularly, thanks go to Zara Goodier and the staff at The White Hart, for looking after the families, and for setting up the appeal, through the Bishopstone WhatsApp Network, for clothing, bedding and other necessities for the families. The pub then acted as the central collection point for the numerous donations received. Two gofund.me sites were also set up to provide support for both families, to which many in the village have contributed. Rescued possessions were taken to the Village Hall and then to safe storage using boxes donated by Test Valley Packaging the company run by village resident Jerry Steedman.

It remains to be seen whether the two families are able to return to the village in due course. In the meantime we all wish them well and hope that they can make a full recovery from this terrible incident.

## The Grand Bishopstone Hydrant Hunt

Are you aware of where the nearest fire hydrant is to your property and is the marker board plainly visible?

One issue that arose with the fire in Stanley Close was that both the indicator sign and the hydrant cover were in the verge of Broad Chalke Road and were obscured by long grass – see photograph.

Hydrant marker boards are yellow, with a black **H**, and show the size of the water main and the distance to it. Modern signs show these measurements in millimetres and metres, whereas older signs use inches and feet – both types of sign are in use in the village.



The Parish Council has been trying to obtain a map of hydrant locations so that it can ensure that they are kept clear. Unfortunately, this information is not made public. We therefore intend to keep our own record – as part of the Bishopstone Emergency Plan. We have so far located eight hydrants, but would like to check that there are no others.

So we are launching the “Grand Hydrant Hunt”! If you are aware of a hydrant near your house, or spot one when you are out for a walk with your dog, or want something to keep the children occupied – just record the location and call me on 781044 or email [bishopstoneclerk@btinternet.com](mailto:bishopstoneclerk@btinternet.com). The person with the most reports will get a big thank you in a future STaB! If you see a hydrant marker that is obstructed – please clear the obstruction (and don’t park your car or put your bins in front of them).

Incidents such as that in Stanley Close should make us all more “fire aware” – make sure we have working smoke detectors, that minimum electrical appliances are left on when we go out, that washing is kept away from wood burners, that cooking is not left unattended etc... preventing the fire in the first place is the key, and we should modify our behaviours to help with that.

Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service offer “Safe & Well” visits to all householders. It is a completely free service – providing smoke alarms and an inspection of your home to identify fire risks. For more information go to: [www.dwfire.org.uk/safe-and-well-visits](http://www.dwfire.org.uk/safe-and-well-visits) or call 0800 038 2323.

Mike Ash

Bishopstone Parish Council

## Improving the Bus Service

Wiltshire Council has asked for suggestions for improving bus services in the county.

On 15 March this year the government published "Bus Back Better" a national bus strategy for England. The aim of the strategy is to deliver better bus services for passengers across England, through reform of how services are planned and delivered. Some £3bn has been set aside to be spent in this parliament to implement the strategy.



As a prelude to this strategy the Government has granted Wiltshire £671,000 as revenue support to help to improve the provision of local bus services in our area in one or more of the following ways:

- improve current local bus services - for instance increasing evening or weekend frequencies, or supporting additional seasonal services in tourist areas;
- restore lost bus routes where most needed to ensure people have access to public transport services;
- support new bus services, or extensions to current services, to access e.g. new housing, employment opportunities, healthcare facilities etc.

Wiltshire Council did conduct a previous consultation on this but is re-opening the process for further ideas. At the moment they are only asking for suggestions for new services or changes/additions to existing services. As the National Bus Strategy is implemented, they will be asking for suggestions of improvements that would make significantly more people use public transport. This will be the subject of a further consultation in due course.

Any suggestions for improvements to the bus service along the valley need to be sent to the Bus Network Manager at [buses@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:buses@wiltshire.gov.uk) by **Wednesday 14th July 2021**.

## Chalke Valley Challenge

Lace up your trainers, because the Chalke Valley Challenge (10k and 3k races) is back on this year! It will be held on Saturday 17th October at 10:30am, starting at Broadchalke Sports Centre. Further details to follow.



## Bishopstone Ultrafast Broadband Update



The project to bring Ultrafast (Gigabit) full-fibre broadband to Bishopstone is ongoing. We submitted our request to Openreach some weeks ago and received a response with few questions. We answered those and have since been waiting for the final costs and contract details. We had an apology from them on 16<sup>th</sup> June and a promise that they would get this to us very soon. We are hopeful that we will be in contract within a few weeks.

For more information, please 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:

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## Date for your Diary - Knighton Manor Open Garden

Knighton Manor will once again be opening its beautiful gardens to raise valuable funds for the charity CRESS. CRESS is supporting the South Sudanese refugees living in northern Uganda. The garden will be open over the weekend of 11th-12th September, from 2-5pm, and visitors will be able to enjoy afternoon tea in the cutting flower gardens, as well as browse local craft stalls.

Further details to follow in the next edition of STaB.



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.

## Hemlock Water Dropwort

Once again this year there is extensive growth of Hemlock Water Dropwort close to footpaths along the banks of the River Ebble and in some nearby roads. All parts of this plant are 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 and alongside 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 which says:

“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

## Road Closure

Portfield Road – the road down to Wilton – will be closed to traffic on Thursday 15th July for one day for road surface dressing. This is one of 16 road closures in and around Salisbury during July. A link to full details is on the village website ([www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk](http://www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk)).

## Notice of Restricted Access to Public Footpath

Access along the public footpath between Flamstone Street and Croucheston may be disrupted for a few hours during the week commencing 26 July 2021. This is to allow for essential pollarding works to take place on the tall willow trees beside the footpath and on other overhanging trees in the vicinity of the Old Dairy water meadow.

The tree surgeon contractors will do their best to keep the path open, but in order to prevent danger to users from the overhead works and falling branches, there will be times during the affected days when the path should not be used and barriers will be placed across both ends of the path while work is being carried out.

We hope that this will not cause undue inconvenience but if you have any questions please contact Edward Schruers on 01722 7804

## 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.

## News from Coombe Bissett School

After 19 years of teaching at Coombe Bissett School, Alison Macaulay is retiring. There is a farewell picnic happening on the final afternoon of term, Friday 23rd July, from 2pm, for anyone who would like to say goodbye. If you knew Mrs Macaulay, a wonderful website has been set up by a school parent: [www.19years.co.uk](http://www.19years.co.uk) where you can RSVP to the picnic, make a donation towards a leaving present, upload photos and submit your memories of Mrs Macaulay for the Memory Book that will be gifted to her.

## Bishopstone Playgroup Reopens



After over a year of enforced closure - a year in which babies were born, babies became toddlers, and toddlers became preschoolers - many Playgroups are slowly beginning to restart.

At the end of May, Bishopstone Playgroup tentatively threw open its doors once again, and I am delighted to say that it has proved to be a huge success. We are of course following all the Village Hall and government guidelines in doing so, and are in fact being more cautious than the rules allow, limiting our numbers to a maximum of 20 adults (when 30 are actually allowed) because we want everyone to be safe and to feel comfortable within the group.

We have an Eventbrite link each week for parents to sign up (details on our Facebook page). Both Mums and Dads are more than welcome of course, but at the moment we are requesting only one adult per family, due to number constraints.

It has been a joy to see the children playing happily, enjoying the wonderful space that the Hall provides, and see the toys, so long neglected, being played with once again. Of course we all know that these groups exist as much for the parents as they do for the children! It's been great to reconnect with Playgroup friends from last year (and marvel at how much their children have grown since we last saw them!) but also to meet several new mums, some who have moved into Bishopstone in the last year, some who lived here already but have only recently become parents, and those who come to the group from further afield. The group really is a thriving and supportive community. If you have a baby or pre-school child, please do come along and join us. You can be guaranteed a warm welcome - plus unlimited tea, great coffee and lots of snacks!

Cally ([www.callyedwards.com](http://www.callyedwards.com)) is hoping to be back with the group in the Autumn to provide the breastfeeding support that is so valuable to so many mums. Cally is currently running free breastfeeding support groups on Zoom; see @doulacally, or the Salisbury Breastfeeding Support Group on Facebook for details.

*Kate Pendlenton*

## Rambling with Jazzie

We have now had three rambles with Jazzie, and she really enjoys them, trying the extendable lead recently and was much happier with the new freedom. Starting to walk on the lead was a problem, as she wanted to either roll over or chew it. She now realises the lead means walkies!! She has grown considerably and is now 4 months old. We are not sure what size she will end up!



Another month of mixed weather, but the early June burst of sun and warmth has given both garden and lawn the boost they needed. Mowing is easier on a higher setting this year and the veggies are coming along at last, but about a month later than last year. Our lupins were a great success, but have not lasted, just like our irises in front of the house. They

bloomed in June, a month later than last year, and only survived about a week. They are all gone now, sadly. However, I have a crop of poppies in my veggie patch that would make your specialist farmer in Helmand province very jealous!

The Cathedral is almost back to normal, and we get busier each week, mainly with families but very few foreigners. The Chapter and Staff did sterling work to support the inoculation centre so well, and by all accounts the organ music was very much appreciated as 'jabbees' waited to leave!

Another excellent Queen's Birthday Parade was executed by the Household Division in the confines of Windsor Castle, on grass again. It was stirring to see Her Majesty enjoying the spectacle and the music. Makes you proud to be British, Eh?



The Village seems almost back to normal, with the Hall getting busier and we will be able to sing again in church soon! Good to see so many new villagers welcomed in STAB. What a nice way of arriving in a new village, and we hope they all enjoy living among us. We are proud of being such a friendly village!

Congrats too to the Editorial Team at STaB for getting so many more correspondents and letters in the magazine. It becomes more and more fun to read every month. There is always something new and interesting to enjoy. Thanks to you all, and please keep it up.

So best wishes to all our friends in the Village, for more sun and more work in the garden, while we all enjoy another good summer. Happy hols, and keep healthy, masked when necessary and well apart too!!

***Those who are interested in the proposed Arts and Crafts Exhibition in September, please see the separate notice, and let me know what you want to show. The details are in the Notice.***

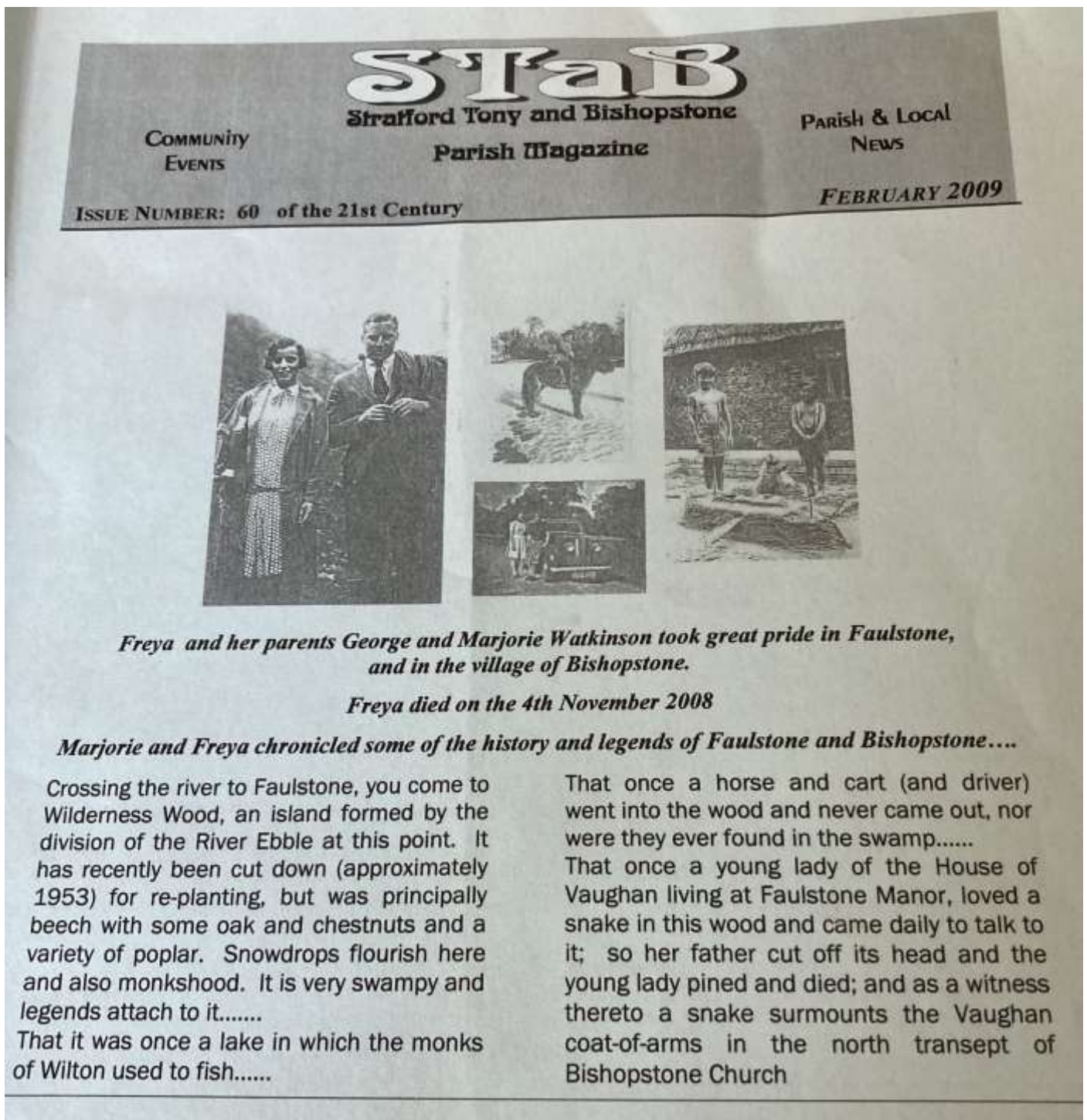
*James Thompson*

## Village History and Legends

Pat Abbott found a copy of STaB from February 2009 when she was clearing out recently, and e.mailed us a photo of this page. It's fascinating to read of the legends surrounding the 'Wilderness Wood' that we look out onto from our house in Harvest Lane! I'll be searching out the snakey coat of arms in the church next time I'm down there.

If you unearth a historical copy of STaB in your house, please feel free to pass it on to the editorial team if you no longer want it.

*Kate Pendleton*



## An Alternative Point of View



Hi everyone, Freddie Pheasant here.

Well I never - having seen a copy of STaB last month I really must say that I do feel a bit down in the dumps and unwanted.

At a stroke of ChalkeyD's pen I seem to have been branded the local nasty! I can tell you as a foreigner- I usually come from France - I am being blamed for damaging cars, being a dietary supplement for corvids, foxes and raptors and therefore singularly responsible for increasing their population.

At the same time I am also, supposedly, responsible for the mass extermination of invertebrates and woodland songbirds - I mean, come on!!

I can tell you that in reality my extended family is also a snack for mink, rats, stoats and weasels, badgers - oh and cats - but there is no comment on the increase of these delightful killers.

As for reducing hedgerows - not me guvner - most farmers are more than happy to plant hedgerows - its a nice little earner they tell me!

In the meantime there are grey legged partridges in the area, along with their continental cousins with red legs but they do not seem to get any blame whatsoever, and let's not make any comment on the menace of crop-eating pigeons that poop on cars.

What I and my family try to do is assist the rural economy - your valley from here to Ebbesbourne Wake is one of this county's great areas for game-shooting - and that's me! It is a hazardous occupation I can tell you. So instead of blaming me for everything - give me a cheery wave at the end of January each year - as it means I HAVE SURVIVED!

Freddie

## Stars Appeal News

*Stars Appeal funds equipment to speed up diagnosis and treatment for lung cancer and other respiratory patients*

Thanks to diagnostic equipment funded by the Stars Appeal, lung cancer and other respiratory patients at Salisbury Hospital can be diagnosed more quickly and no longer have to travel to bigger specialist hospitals.

The charity has funded £170,000 worth of advanced equipment in the Respiratory Department that has enabled the introduction of two new procedures, endo-bronchial ultrasound (EBUS) and thoracoscopy.

EBUS is a diagnostic technique that's especially useful for suspected lung cancer and related conditions. It uses a camera attached to an ultrasound machine that goes into the patient's lungs. The doctor can look at tubing in the lungs and nearby lymph glands on screen. As part of the procedure the doctor also takes a sample from the lungs. EBUS allows detailed analysis which helps the respiratory team design and deliver more targeted treatments.

Thoracoscopy enables the examination of the space between the lung and chest wall. It uses a specialist camera to let doctors look at the pleura (lining of the lung) and the area surrounding the lungs and is an important diagnostic and therapeutic intervention for lung cancer patients. It allows fluid to be drained from the pleural space, the pleura to be biopsied and treatment to be given to the lining of the lung to prevent more fluid from building up, all in one procedure.

The new equipment means patients now get results in as little as 72 hours. Previously patients had to travel to Southampton for tests, and the process of diagnosis and starting treatment could take 3-4 weeks. So patients can now get a diagnosis more quickly and start their treatment as soon as possible

Dr Richard Harrison, Respiratory Consultant said: "Thanks to the generous people who support our Stars Appeal we have revolutionised our approach to the early diagnosis of lung cancer and other respiratory conditions. This is undoubtedly improving the outlook for our patients. It's already helping hundreds of people a year and that will only increase. This is speeding up diagnosis, stopping unnecessary slower tests and giving us more information from one test. Because we can diagnose and stage lung cancer together we can create a treatment plan more quickly at what is a very distressing time for patients and their families, and ensure they continue to see the Salisbury medical team they've already got to know."

To help fund more projects like this, The Stars Appeal are asking people to take in their 'Walk for Wards Wherever You Are' sponsored walk on Sunday July 4th. Details of this, and the projects the charity is currently fundraising for, can be found at [www.starsappeal.org](http://www.starsappeal.org)





## LOCKDOWN ARTS AND CRAFTS EXHIBITION

- SAT 25 SEP 2021

It is proposed to hold an Open Bishopstone and Stratford Tony Arts and Crafts Exhibition in the Village Hall on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2021.



The aim is to allow STaB based painters, sketchers, photographers, writers, embroiderers, tapestry makers, quilters, knitters, carpenters, cabinet makers, potters, wood turners and upholsterers, musicians and singers, and all who use hand and eye and imagination to create something new, to show what they have produced during the past 18 months of Covid Lockdown.



We will set up from 09.00 am and will open to the public from 1100 am until 5.00 pm.



It is hoped some items will be for sale, but we can only deal in cash or cheques. Sales are the responsibility of the exhibitor.



Each Exhibitor will be allocated one '6-foot (1m88) table, hall, village' to exhibit, but personal easels and supports can be used as well.



There will be NO charge to exhibit, nor for public admittance. We hope to sell teas and coffees during the day.



Please contact me, James Thompson ASAP if you wish to take part, on one of the following:

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# Puzzles and Activities

By Cally Edwards & Kate Pendleton

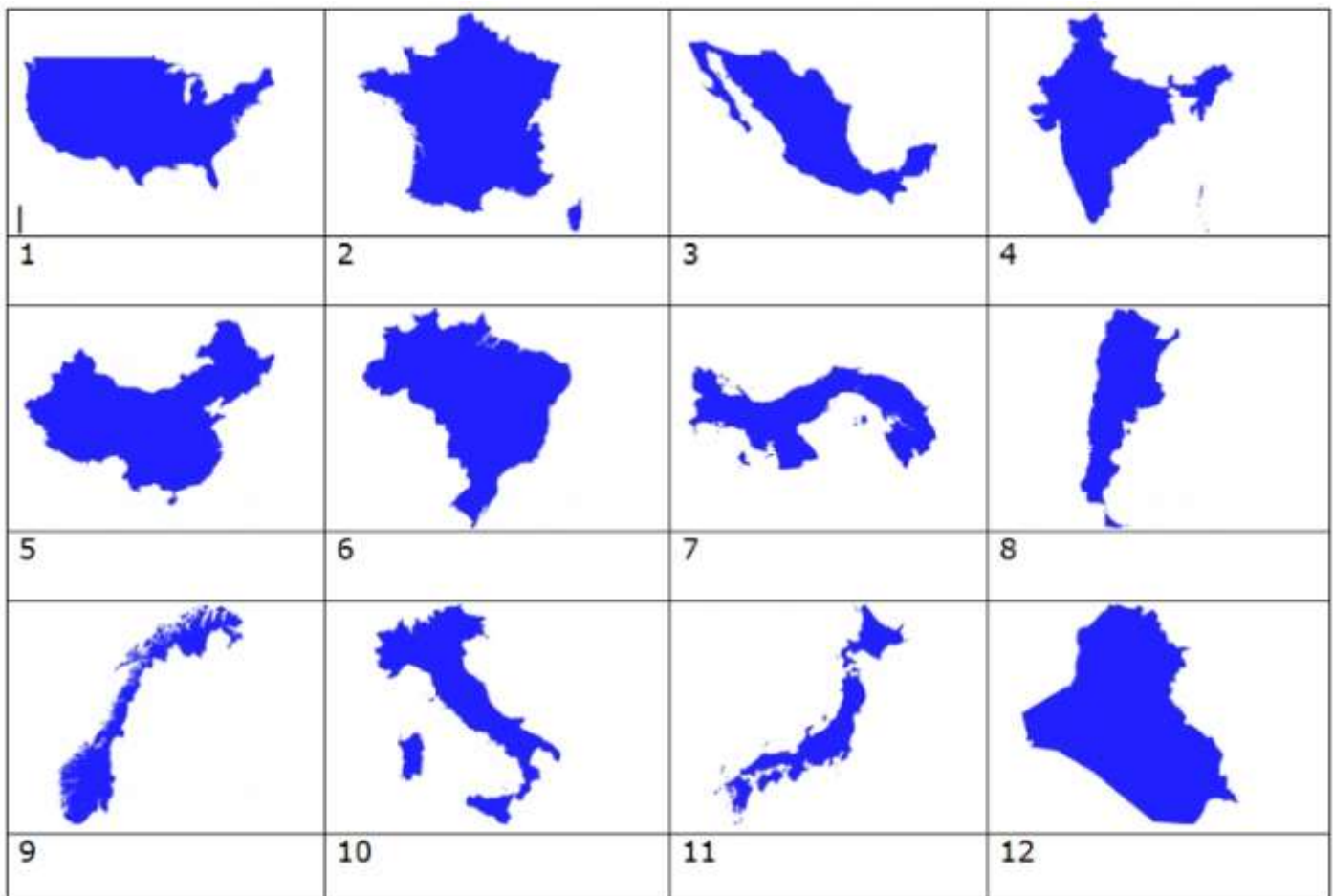
## Add a Letter

Rearrange the letters and add a letter to each word to fit the clues. The added letters, read in order will spell out a word. Answers on p27.

1	<b>READ</b>	1 Hair on a man's chin
2	<b>SEND</b>	2 Sarcastic, nasty (remark)
3	<b>DEAN</b>	3 American saloon car
4	<b>RIFT</b>	4 Scottish inlet
5	<b>CHAP</b>	5 Steal Game
6	<b>SOYA</b>	6 Full of lather

## Identify the Countries

Not to scale, but all the right way up. Answers on p27.





# STaB FRONT COVER COMPETITION



*Want your drawing or photo on the front cover  
of the October issue of STaB?*

**Rules:** Take a photo or draw something in the village or a  
view of the village

**Closing Date:** 15 September 2021

**Email entries to:** teamstab2019@gmail.com

or pop your entries into the  
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**Identify the Country answers:**  
1. USA 2. France 3. Mexico 4. India 5. China 6. Brazil 7. Panama  
8. Argentina 9. Norway 10. Italy 11. Japan 12. Iraq

**Add a Letter Answers:**  
1. Beard 2. Snide 3. Sedan 4. Fifth 5. Poach 6. Soapy  
Spelling **BISHOP**

## Recipes of the Month - Using Elderflower Cordial

*By Kate Pendlenton*

I'm sure that many of us will have made a batch of Elderflower Cordial this Summer. It's so easy to do, and so satisfying to make use of what is easily foraged from the hedgerows. It makes a delicious drink of course, but I thought it might be useful to explore some other ways it can be used:

### **Elderflower and Lemon Syllabub**

Whip 300ml double cream into soft peaks, then gently fold in 2 tbsp elderflower cordial, and 1 tbsp lemon juice. Serve in glasses (serves 2-3).

### **Elderflower Icing**

Add a couple of tsp of elderflower cordial to sifted icing sugar, plus enough water to make a thick spreadable icing. Use to decorate biscuits or fairy cakes.

### **Elderflower G&T**

Add a measure (or to taste) of elderflower cordial to your regular gin and tonic.

### **Elderflower Spritz**

Mix a measure of cordial, a measure of vodka, a few mint leaves and a squeeze of fresh lime juice in a glass, then top up with prosecco.

### **Elderflower and Strawberry Sorbet**

Put 550g hulled strawberries into a blender or food processor. Add 100ml water, 200ml elderflower cordial and the juice of half a lemon, and whizz for 2-3 minutes until smooth. Sieve into a bowl and chill for 2 hours. Pour the chilled puree into an ice-cream machine and churn until frozen.

### **Elderflower Thins**

100g salted butter, softened

100g caster sugar

1 medium egg

1 tbsp elderflower cordial

200g plain flour, sifted

1 tsp baking powder, sifted.

Mix all ingredients into a soft dough. Shape into a cylinder, about 4cm in diameter, wrap in baking paper and chill for 2 hours.

Preheat oven to 190/fan 10/gas 5. Unwrap the dough and cut into about 50 thin slices. Bake on lined trays for 10-12 minutes until golden.

### **Freezing Cordial**

Don't forget that elderflower cordial can also be frozen (in plastic containers - and leave room for expansion when it freezes) so you can enjoy the taste of Summer all year long. The amount of sugar in the cordial prevents it from freezing too solid, so it can easily be scooped from the tub straight into a glass to make a chilled drink.

## Sarah's Gardening Tips for July

1. As your penstemon flowers fade, cut them back to just above a bud to encourage more flowers.
2. Cut back delphiniums after the first flush to encourage new growth and more blooms.
3. Divide bearded iris so they have time to recover for next year.
4. Harvest garlic when the tops bend over and go yellow.
5. Pick, dry and freeze herbs for use over the winter.
6. Stop harvesting rhubarb. Leave the stems in place; this will encourage the plant to build up reserves for next year.
7. Earth up potato plants to stop the tubers going green or put grass clippings around them as a mulch.
8. Feed citrus fruit trees through the summer with special citrus fertiliser.
9. Check gooseberry bushes for sawfly larvae, which can strip the leaves in a matter of days. Jet them off with water or pick off by hand.

*It pleases me to take amateur photographs of my garden, and it pleases my garden to make my photographs look professional.*

*Robert Brault*



**Question:** The wood of which tree is traditionally used to make black piano keys?

(Answer on p49)

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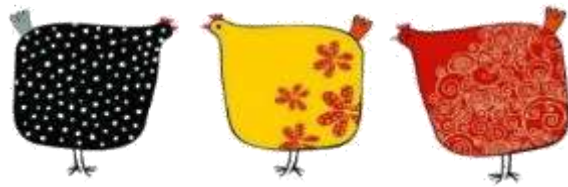
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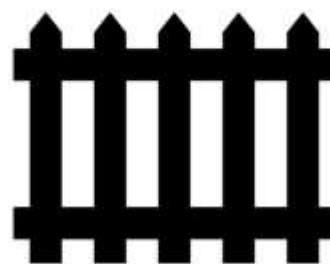
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## Letters to the Editor

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

I wish to thank those people in our village who kindly sent me cards, flowers and gifts after my recent op in Southampton Hospital. With special thanks to Bridget, Debbie, Sandra and Laura for all their help.

Thank you all so much,

Pat B



I'm sure that many of us have made the trek up the hill over the past weeks to see the incredible poppy field above Bishopstone.

Thank you to Roger Stockton for this beautiful image, with the village in the background.

A pair of Barn Owls has been spotted hunting in the fields around Faulston. Hopefully this means they are feeding a brood of chicks. It is really wonderful to see this protected species living in our valley. Thanks to Sarah Hicks for letting us know they're active in the village again this year.

Overleaf: Orchids and more at Coombe Bissett Down. KP



## Services in Chalke Valley Benefice - July 2021

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



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<b>4 July 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b>	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Broad Chalke	Jenny Taylor
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Britford	Anna-Claar T-Rosingh
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Ebbesbourne Wake	Tony Monds
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Coombe Bissett	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	Morning Service (CW)	Odstock – Riverside	Anna-Claar T-Rosingh
	11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Berwick St John	Lay Led
<b>11 July 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b>	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bowerchalke	Jenny Taylor
	9.30am	Family Communion (CW) <i>(Anna-Claar's last service)</i>	Nunton	Anna-Claar T-Rosingh
	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
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	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bishopstone	Jenny Taylor
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Odstock	Catherine Blundell
	11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Ebbesbourne Wake	Biddy Trahair
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