

# Parish Magazine

**June 2020** 



Poppies behind Faulston Barns, June 2019

Photo by Kate Pendlenton

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The editors reserve the right to edit all contributions.

#### In Remembrance

We would like to thank everyone for their kind cards and letters of condolence.

John was delighted to reach 90 and celebrated with his family at the White Hart, and reminisced with friends at his birthday tea-party afterwards.

He was proud to have lived in Bishopstone for his 90 years and thought there was nowhere like it.

Pat and Antony Draper

We are sad to report the passing of the following villagers during the past few weeks: Stephen Downs, Brian Wilde, John Draper and Margaret Furmston. Our condolences to their families.

#### A warm welcome to...

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



#### **Hello from the Revd Canon Jenny Taylor**



Every Sunday since Lockdown began I have celebrated Holy Communion at home – we have aimed to start at 10.00 every week but sometimes we are late and one time we were actually early! Waiting at home for a service is a very different experience to waiting in church! It has been an immense privilege to be able to do this and very week it is done for you, on behalf of you but most importantly, because of you. I am absolutely LONGING for the time when we can celebrate communion together in our churches – it will be different but the sheer fact that we can do it will be enough to carry us through the strangeness.

Clergy are now allowed into the churches for private prayer, the first step towards our churches being open again. St John the Baptist is fine if a little dusty, cobwebby and with rather too many droppings of some sort! The organ is also fine although tuning might be a priority once we can safely allow others in. As I have spent time in our church my prayers have as always turned to those who look after them - our Church Wardens, Sidesmen, Cleaners and Gardeners. We Need You! Do please give me a ring or an email to talk further and to save our church from becoming an unused, unloved building. Perhaps during these last weeks we have all realised how precious our church is and now is the time to step forward and offer your services. Please remember that the more people who volunteer the less onerous it will be!

There is so much good community spirit in our village and for those who have been wondering where God is in all this I would say that God is in every act of kindness, of charity, of care and compassion that is shown to one or to many in small ways or large.

May our prayers be for all who have struggled over these past weeks, for all who have been ill, for all who have died, especially our dear Margaret Furmston from our church congregation, and may they be full of thanksgiving for the blessings that we all receive.

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

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#### **Parish Council**

The Parish Council is unable to hold its normal meetings at the present time. It is hoped that it will be possible to resume meetings later in the year. In the meantime, it may be necessary to hold an internet based "virtual" meeting (probably using Zoom) in June to deal with urgent business. The arrangements will provide for members of the public to listen in to the discussion. Notice of any meeting will be given on the village website (<a href="www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk">www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk</a>) and on the village notice boards.

All residents should comply with the Government's guidance to maintain social distancing if venturing out for exercise or essential shopping. The Parish Council has set up the Bishopstone Emergency Planning Committee which has put in place special arrangements to provide support for those in the village who are self isolating or otherwise in need of help. These arrangements were set out in the blue leaflet, circulated to all households in March, but are also available on the village website. Updated information is set out elsewhere in this edition of STaB.

ALL RESIDENTS ARE URGED TO STUDY THE ADVICE AND GUIDANCE THAT HAS BEEN PROVIDED, STAY ALERT AND HELP DEFEAT THE VIRUS.

#### WHY NOT JOIN US ON THE BISHOPSTONE NETWORK?

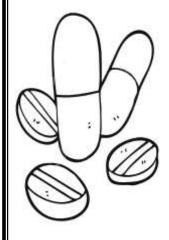


The Bishopstone Emergency Committee has established a WhatsApp group as a means of sharing information during these difficult times. WhatsApp operates via mobile phones and provides an instant messaging service. If you want to be able to receive up to date messages about support services being provided 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.

#### PRESCRIPTION COLLECTION ARRANGEMENTS



Despite the recent easing of lockdown guidelines, the vulnerable and over-70s should still not be picking up their own prescriptions from the surgery.

Now that people are gradually 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.

#### BISHOPSTONE PLAY AREA REMAINS CLOSED - PLEASE DO NOT USE IT



In order to comply with the Government's instruction on social distancing during the Covid 19 pandemic the children's play area on the Recreation Field is closed.

The rest of the Recreation Field remains open for use by anyone undertaking their daily exercise.

Bishopstone Parish Council

#### **BONFIRES**



A further reminder that Wiltshire Council has asked that residents **avoid** having Bonfires whilst the Coronavirus controls are in place. A lot of people at home are vulnerable and anyone close by might have respiratory issues or even be fighting the Coronavirus itself. During this difficult time please think of others before lighting any fires. You can stockpile green waste, create a compost area or simply let the job wait until the household recycling centres re-open to the public. Never burn garden waste that is still green or recently cut, or any other household waste.

Due to restrictions under the Coronavirus, the PCC have decided the postpone the 'Open Gardens' scheduled for July until next year. Sorry to disappoint everyone.

#### **Covid-19 Recovery Strategy - Update and Guidelines**

#### INTRODUCTION

On 11 May the Government set out its Covid-19 Recovery Strategy. This update considers the implications of that strategy for the community support arrangements that have already been put in place in Bishopstone and reminds our community of the need to continue to comply with the rules in the struggle to stay safe.

Any further updates will be available on the village website and through the Bishopstone Network WhatsApp link. Please check regularly.

#### **RETURN TO WORK**

One key area of change relates to employment, with those in certain types of employment now being encouraged, subject to adequate safeguards in the workplace, to return to work. This may have implications for some of our volunteers. We would be grateful if any volunteer who is unable to continue to contribute to the village's volunteering arrangements, whether through return to work or for any other reason, would make sure that they let the Parish Clerk know.

#### **UNDERSTANDING THE RULES**

Despite the move to ease the lockdown it is vital that everyone in the village continues to observe the rules on social distancing. There have been breaches in protocol which we view with extreme seriousness. It is pertinent to remember that only one human infectious disease (smallpox) has ever been eradicated.

Many questions on what you can and cannot do now are answered on the government website at:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do

#### It remains the case that you cannot:

- visit friends and family in their homes, or entertain them in yours;
- use an outdoor playground the Children's Play Area remains closed because cleansing would be constantly required if it was in use;
- gather in a group of more than two (excluding members of your own household).

#### However:

- you can meet individual people from outside your household if you remain outdoors and remain 2 metres apart.
- there is now no limit on the frequency of outdoor exercise. This may be with members of your own household or with one person from another household, providing you comply with social distancing guidelines.
- some recreation facilities and garden centres are now available Salisbury & South Wilts Golf Club have opened their course to players, though strict rules are in force.
- face coverings should be worn in confined places.

Remember:

#### "ONLY A FOOL BREAKS THE TWO METRE RULE."

Any individual with coronavirus symptoms **must** isolate at home. Over 70s are a clinically vulnerable group and are advised to stay at home as much as possible and should take particular care to minimise contact.

#### **VULNERABLE PEOPLE**

We in Bishopstone like to consider ourselves as a caring village that is anxious to help as much as we can. In particular, it is desirable for us to maintain an oversight of those categorised as Clinically Extremely Vulnerable People (all in this group will have received communication from the NHS) or Clinically Vulnerable People, which includes all those over 70, people with liver disease or diabetes, pregnant women and any others that consider themselves at particular risk.

We would encourage you to let your local Area Co-ordinator or the EPC know if you are in one of these categories so that we are available to assist in any emergency situation. Obviously we need to take care of this information and do stress it is voluntary.

#### **RELAXATION OF RESTRICTIONS**

We all need to be aware that any relaxation of restrictions could be followed by a sudden tightening of these restrictions should there be a second (or third) peak in infections. No vaccine for Covid-19 has been developed yet and a potential cure may never be achieved.

With all of this in mind we need to realise we are living in difficult and potentially dangerous times. Sensible conformance to simple rules will reduce risk. The arrangements that we have put in place to provide support for those in need in the village, such as for the collection of prescriptions or essential supplies, remain in place.

Additionally if you need us, please reach out, especially now. We have trained communicators for listening and supporting within our community and we, they or your Area Co-ordinators are here to help. Revd Jenny is also happy to hear from anyone in need of emotional help.

We appreciate your support.

#### **Bishopstone Emergency Planning Committee**

Mike Ash - Parish Clerk
John Gibbon - Chairman, Bishopstone Parish Council
Roger Stockton - Emergency Planning Coordinator (EPC)
Kate Pendlenton - Editor STaB
Anita Smith - Parish Councillor
Piers Edwards - Parish Councillor
Dr Tony Clarke - Medical Advisor

20 May 2020

#### Village Hall



## **June 2020**

#### SPECIAL NOTICE

In order to follow government instructions to help avoid transmission of the Corona (Covid-19) virus, the Village Hall will stay closed until further notice.

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

#### VILLAGE HALL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Village Hall AGM scheduled for 22nd May was postponed until Autumn, date to be confirmed later.

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.

#### BABY AND TODDLER PLAYGROUP

For general information about the Baby and Toddler Group, incorporating a breastfeeding support group, find our Facebook page Bishopstone Playgroup, or contact Kate Pendlenton on 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 £15 per hour £20 per hour

(With full use of the kitchen)

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

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

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

only

Weddings – per event/day £150 £250

Parties – per event/day £100 £150

#### **Broadband**

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

#### Large projection screen

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

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

For further information and bookings contact: Margaret Barter 01722 780471



The special Bishopstone Village Hall "Lockdown" Plant Sale in May raised £80 for the Salisbury Hospice. The Village Hall Trustees would like to thank everybody who both brought and bought plants and were very generous with their donations.

#### **BISHOPSTONE LADIES GROUP**

As you will all realise, there will be no meetings now until we are allowed to mix with each other again and, as we never meet in July and August anyway, it is to be hoped that things will have reverted to normal by September. Please keep your eye on STaB for future information.

For details about the group please contact Shirley Cooke on 780436.

#### 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.

#### **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 **@salisburypolice** 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

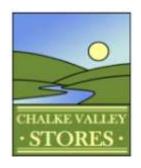
www.sixpennydocs.co.uk



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





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

#### "WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER"

It has been an extraordinary month for everyone in the country and the way everyone has come together in the Chalke Valley has shown what a united community we are. The best illustration of this is the way volunteers have stepped forward to help in so many ways, both in the shop and in delivering provisions to those unable to leave home.

Tony is particularly grateful for the support and encouragement shown towards him and his team and he, in turn, together with the management committee, wishes to thank all those who have so generously given up their time to offer their help. It has been a testing time but the saying "we are all in this together" has never been more true than it is here in the Chalke Valley and the response has been truly amazing, so thank you all.

#### The HUB is featured on BBC Wiltshire

Tony was interviewed by Marie Lennon on BBC Wiltshire radio on 14th May. To say that he was a natural would be an understatement and he successfully put across how much he appreciated the hard work of the HUB's new army of volunteers who have worked so hard to keep the HUB not just going, but extremely busy. This helped to generate an increase in orders for delivery by the volunteers plus an increase in phone-and-collect orders as well. Well done Tony!

#### Other shop news:

Take-away hot and cold drinks, cakes and savouries are now available and the take up is increasing as people are starting to get back to work.

Facemasks – both medical and non medical facemasks are now on sale. Made locally, a percentage of the sale price is going to NHS charities.

Tony has a supply of baking and bread making flour and also some yeast. This is good news as there is shortage of supply elsewhere.

#### Post Office news

The reduced hours of the PO operation will continue for the time being i.e. 9am to 10am, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. The HUB staff is making every attempt, where possible, to "fast-track" PO-only customers when there is a queue for the shop.

Our much-valued postmaster, Ed, has had to furlough all his staff. This means he is running the Post Offices at Tisbury and Broad Chalke single handed, both understandably, with reduced hours. Ed is doing a fantastic job for us and we are very fortunate that we have these three hours a week of his expertise and excellent customer service. Everyone in the Chalke Valley is very grateful to Ed for his commitment and hard work – thank you Ed!

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR CONTUINUED SUPPORT FOR THE HUB. THIS WILL ENSURE THAT WE GET THROUGHT THIS DIFFICULT TIME TOGETHER AND WITH OUR FUTURE SECURE.

#### The Trussell Trust

This last month I have delivered 9.75 kg of food, well done in these difficult times but I have also given them £290 in donations! This is amazing and so welcome to them.

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 <a href="www.trusselltrust.org">www.trusselltrust.org</a> 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 Potatoes Tinned Rice pudding

Tinned carrots Tinned Fruit

Tinned Peas Jam

Sponge Pudding Shampoo, Shower Gel

Instant Mash Potato Dried Milk

As the Church is now closed due to the Coronavirus any donations need to be left 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)



#### A Perennial Problem...

It has been mentioned by many people that the problem of dog-fouling in our village has become noticeably worse during lockdown. What can be done? We've tried polite notices, we've tried 'hard-hitting' articles in this magazine, there are some very clear signs around the village clearly erected by residents who are heartily sick of the issue, yet still the problem persists. I'm quite sure the majority of dogowners (who \*do\* pick up their dogs' poo) are annoyed that the irresponsible few are giving them a bad name. If anyone has any ideas about how this could be tackled, please do let us know on the STaB e.mail (on p2).



#### **White Hart Takeaways**



#### Take Away

Available Tuesday- Saturday 6pm - 9pm

Order from 12 noon each day

Sunday 12 noon - 2:30pm (Call to order from 10am)

Collection Only - 01722 780244

White Hart Southern Fried Chicken Strips served with Coleslaw & Fries - £8.75

Curry of the Day served with Basmati Rice & Naan Bread or Poppadom - £8.25

Beer Battered Fish & Chunky Chips - £8.50

6oz Beef Burger & Fries - £8.25 (Additional Toppings 50p each – Cheddar, Bacon, Stilton, Scorcher & Jalapenos, Guinness BBQ)

Thai Vegan Burger & Fries - £8.25

7oz Chicken, Lettuce & Mayo Burger & Fries - £8.75 (Breaded or Plain)

Hot & Spicy Breaded Chicken Wing and Fries - £7.95

Chilli Con Carne on Basmati Rice or Chips topped with Cheese - £8.50

Sunday Roast served with Seasonal Vegetables, Roast Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy Beef £12.25, Lamb £12.95, Chicken£11.95, Pork £11.95

### Homemade 10 - 12" Rustic Thin Crust Pizza

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Indian Pizza (Large Naan Bread topped with Spicy Smoked Sauce, Mozzarella, Chicken Tikka, Onion Bahji, Peppadew Peppers, Mango, Red Onion & Coriander) £13.95

Margherita (Tomato Sauce, Mozzarella, Sliced Tomato & Oregano) £9.95

Vegetarian (Tomato Sauce, Mozzarella, Spinach, Caramelised Red Onion, Peppers, Mushrooms & Sweetcorn) £11.95

Pepperoni (Tomato Sauce, Mozzarella & Sliced Pepperoni) £12.95

Black & Blue (Tomato Sauce, Mozzarella, Sliced Rump Steak, Red Onion, Chilli Peppers & Stilton) £12.95

Meat Feast (BBQ Sauce, Mozzarella Pepperoni, Meatballs, Bacon, Serrano Ham & Sliced Chicken) £13.95

Seafood (Tomato Sauce, Mozzarella, Spinach, King Prawns, Crayfish, Anchovies & Parmesan) £13.95

Chip (Chunky/Fries) £3.50, Peri Peri Fries £3.50, Cheesy Chips £3.50, Sweet Potato Fries £4.50 Garlic Bread £3.50, Cheesy Garlic Bread £4.00

Please check the White Hart Facebook page for regular specials.





WINE £ 10 BOTTLE
3 REDS
3 WHITES
telephone for list

## THE QUEEN'S HEAD INN

1 NORTH STREET, BROAD CHALKE, SP5 5EN, 01722 780344

# Takeaway Meals & Beverages

Wednesday:
Homemade

STEAK AND ALE PIE or
SMOKED FISH AND
KING PRAWN PIE
mashed potato, honey
roast root vegetables

Thursday:

LARGE CUMBERLAND

SAUSAGE HOTDOG

with crispy onions or

PROPER BEEF BURGER

with bacon jam

both with chips

Friday:
FISH & CHIPS
order early
- so popular
they can
run out!

Saturday:

LAMB CURRY

not hot - just tasty

with fragrant rice,
samosa, naan bread,
mango chutney

#### Vegan meals any night Wednesday to Sunday:

VEGAN CURRY, not hot -just tasty with fragrant rice, vegetable samosa, naan bread, mango chutney.

FALAFEL & SPINACH BURGER, smoked vegan cheese, watercress, tomato, chips.

SASSANIAN AUBERGINE, fragrant rice, pistachio, pomegranate, vegan crème fraîche, coriander.

Weekly Specials! Check our Facebook page for details: The Queen's Head Broad Chalke or ring 780344

ALL ABOVE MAIN COURSES £6.95 except fish pie which is £7.95. Order by phone before 3pm for collection that evening. 780344

#### Sunday Roasts:

ROAST SIRLOIN OF BEEF or SLOW ROASTED PORK BELLY, polenta roast potatoes,

Yorkshire pudding, braised red cabbage, seasonal vegetables, cauliflower cheese, gravy.

Senior sized meal £7.50 / Regular sized meal £14

Order by phone the day before or by 11am for a collection slot between 12.30 -2.00pm

BOURBON PECAN PIE / BANOFFEE PIE / VEGAN CHOC & SALTED CARAMEL TORTE all £4 these may change from week to week and come with clotted cream / vegan cream.

ALL TO BE COLLECTED FROM THE KITCHEN DOOR AT THE REAR OF THE PUB

Check our Facebook page for pictures of meals and news, The Queen's Head Broad Chalke

#### **Nadder Oil-Buying Club**

A reminder for some of you and an outline of what we do for those of you who may be new to the area and to oil fired hot water and heating.

The club comprises 900 or so members in the area around Salisbury and Shaftesbury. It exists to make the purchase of Domestic heating oil as easy and as cheap as possible. In 2019, we purchased on behalf of members, 1.4M litres of oil and were consistently very competitive

Twice a month we email members and ask if they need oil. Those who don't, click on opt out so that they don't get reminders. Those who do need oil, enter the number of litres needed. After ten days or so we aggregate the total number of litres needed for that half of the month and approach the suppliers for the best bid. Deliveries are made in the following two weeks.

The last two months have been a revelation, partly because of Covid 19 and partly because of the Saudis and Russia. At the beginning of March oil became quite expensive at around 45p per litre plus 5% VAT. This week it had halved to 22.5ppl. The higher prices were caused by one of the three refineries which produce kerosene, the name for Domestic heating oil, having to shut down its production when its staff were badly affected by Covid-19. This reduced supplies into the market by 30%

As this supply glitch was resolving itself, the Russians and the Saudis decided to see who could pump most oil just as world markets were beginning to experience a significant reduction in demand caused by the worldwide Covid 19 lock downs.

Its not possible to predict where prices will move from here but there is a glut of oil at the moment, so we might expect prices this summer to continue in the low 20ppl range.

To join the Nadder Oil Buying Club, log on to <a href="www.nadder.oilbuyingclub.com">www.nadder.oilbuyingclub.com</a> and follow the links to sign on. I will then press the accept button. If you have any queries, please do email me at richard.willan@me.com

One tip which I try to emphasise as much as possible is 'Keep your tank topped up' This is particularly important in the winter months when a supply glitch or cold weather can suddenly see your tank level dropping more quickly than normal. Suppliers, not surprisingly, charge much more for emergency short notice deliveries.

Have a good summer

Richard Willan

richard.willan@me.com

#### **Household Recycling Centres Open**

All of Wiltshire's household recycling centres (HRCs) are now open with an easy to use postcode entry system to help limit the number of people on site at any time and ensure social distancing.

You can visit any Wiltshire site you choose, so while you are limited by the days you can attend, you can attend any Wiltshire household recycling centre on these days, though please be sure to check the latest opening times before you set off, as many sites will need to operate very differently to previous arrangements. You may be asked to provide proof of address in order to use the centre, so please bring one with you.

The following guidelines will apply at all HRCs:

- Visitors must keep at least two metres from others at all times.
- One person per car.
- No entry for trailers or large vans over 3.5 tonnes.
- Vehicles allowed on site on a 'one in, one out' basis.
- No pedestrian access.
- HRCs cannot accept soil, rubble, plasterboard, textiles or asbestos during this initial reopening phase.
- Don't bring recyclable materials that can be collected through the council's kerbside recycling collection service.



We're operating a postcode system for entry to our household recycling centres. Depending on your postcode, you can only access sites on certain days.

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#### **Just Rambling!**

Well, that is another month done at home, but refreshed by all the good weather. We have been blessed with so much sun, and the garden is benefitting from it enormously. However, that heavy frost we had a couple of weeks ago did for all my beans, but not the peas nor the lettuces! Nature is strange. I have sowed new climbing beans and now hope for the best!

Things long forgotten are being repaired, and repainted and we can use them again. It saves quite a bit of cash and time. As I have COPD (excessively enthusiastic smoking while serving the country!), I must do 12 weeks in quarantine. Why do thy call it 'isolation' or 'lockdown' when we all went in to 'quarantine' while we had measles or mumps as children? We have a perfect word for this condition already!!



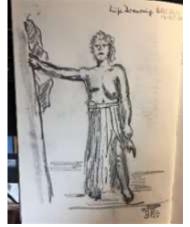
Our short ceremony to remember VE Day 75th Anniversary at the church was a great success. A laurel and poppy wreath was laid at the church door, by Roger Stockton and me, supported by about 15 villagers. Thank you to all who came to support. We plan to do a similar ceremony in August for VJ Day, but perhaps inside the church.

Watercolour painting keeps me very happily contented as I strive for better images

and colours. I am now struggling to mix the prefect mauve to paint our iris. Watching the Life Drawing Class on BBC Four recently, I tried to get the image from the screen. Not easy, but passingly satisfactory, perhaps.

Anyway, not long to go until we are free again to get out a bit. We now look forward to greeting friends properly and seeing about a new Labrador. Best wishes to all, keep well and keep apart... for the time being!

James Thompson



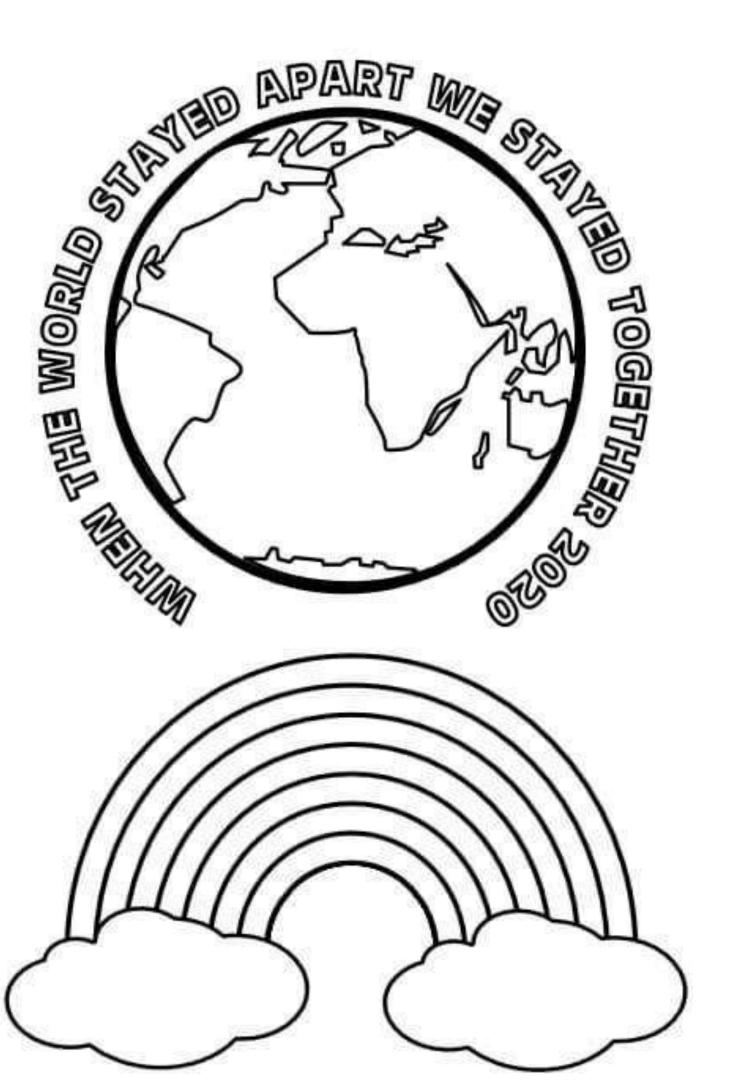
#### **Essential Worker Thanks**

It's so lovely to hear the weekly support for the NHS in the village during the 'Clap for Carers' on a Thursday at 8pm. While we clap for the NHS, let's also remember the other essential workers on the 'front line'. There are those who live in our village working to collect our bins every fortnight, and those working in supermarkets, often without the PPE that might make them feel safer. Thank you all, from us all.

## **Puzzles and Activities**

Complete these Linguistic Equations. Answers on p51.

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| 24 H in a D        |  |
| 12 S of the Z      |  |
| 13 L in a BD       |  |
| 26 L of the A      |  |
| 7 C in a R         |  |
| 12 N on a C        |  |
| 29 D in F in a LY  |  |
| 90 D in a R A      |  |
| 9 P in the S S     |  |
| 100 P in a P       |  |
| 14 P in a S        |  |
| 14 L in a S S      |  |
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| 12 E in a D        |  |
| 10 C               |  |



#### 6 Things You Should Do After You Are 61 and 3/4

With Apologies to the National Trust!

Once you retire life should be more of a challenge on the excitement level. I didn't fully retire until I was 72 but 61 felt like a good time to start.

**The first challenge** was winning a raffle prize of a sky dive at the army base at Netherhampton.

On a chilly April day, accompanied by my husband and three friends, we arrived at the camp with our passports as confirmation of our identities. I was told to wear something loose and trainers, I would be given a suit to put on (mis-information). Firmly strapped, and I mean firmly, to my diving partner we waddled into the plane. The other occupants of the aircraft were the Royal Navy sky diving squad, no competition there!! We flew to and fro looking for a gap in the cloud with the door open, freezing cold. When at last it was our turn I had to sit on the edge of the opening and on the word 'go' banana myself and off we went. Instructions as we floated above the ground were to bring my feet up to my knees before we landed. My feet weighed a ton and would not obey but we hit the ground running and all was well. I loved it and would do it again.

**Challenge number two** was on a visit to our son in Oman where he was stationed. What a beautiful country. As sons do he decided that my husband and I should learn to scuba dive. He had enrolled us on a PADI course.

Warm this time and enjoying the water of the swimming pool I looked round to find that the remainder of the class were in their late teens or early twenties. 'Do you have many pupils in their sixties?' I asked. 'No' came the reply. We put masks off and on under water (hopeless), learnt the hand signals and duly after a couple of days went out to sea. I am not a confident swimmer and was pretty frightened. On go the wet suits and the oxygen tanks. I could not stand up with the weight on my back. How I got into the water I shall never know but I did not do the professional tip over the side, more like a crawl and scrabble. Once we were down I forgot my fears as I watched the fish and looked at the sea creatures around me. Then I remembered how deep I was and panic set in, hand signals and we were on the surface again. I tried to persevere but this was not my idea of fun.

I have always enjoyed walking and have had some good holidays rambling around Cornwall and Devon. Go on a pilgrimage was *the next challenge*.

The Cathedral Strollers had an idea that they would like to walk to Santiago de Compostela. After several weekends practising long walks in Devon and Wales sixteen of us set off to walk along the northern route in Spain starting at Villa Franca. Fortunately our luggage went before us and we only had to carry day

sacks to accommodate wet weather gear and our lunches. Each day one person was delegated to buy the bread and others to purchase cheese or some other filling for sandwiches. Evening meals were a problem as the Spanish tend to eat very late in the evening and by the time we had finished walking, about 6.00pm. we were famished and ready for something to eat and early to bed. Why was it that each day seemed to end with our destination being on the top of a hill?? Stops to have a time to read or a short service as we had the precentor walking with us. The elation when we arrived at our final destination, we walked down the street to the cathedral singing with joy. Tiring but very memorable, a chance to get to know yourself.

Our son was in China and we had intended to visit him there when he was suddenly sent to Australia. The family wanted to meet up so a halfway house was chosen – Borneo. *Challenge number four*.

Nine of us convened in Singapore and flew to the island. Off one plane and a quick walk through the airport and on to another to get us to where we were staying. Days of cruising in a boat along the rivers seeing the wild life. Proboscis monkeys, orangutangs, pygmy elephants and much more, amazing! Sadly too much forest has been cleared to make way for palm oil plantations. A hairy trip in a very, very fast boat to stay on a small island where we saw turtles laying their eggs. It was about this time that some of the party began to feel not too well. On for a few days to laze by the sea at Kinabalu. The plan was for my son, daughter and son-in-law to climb the mountain, 4,095 metres, pre booked as numbers are limited and you stay one night in a hostel near the summit. On the eve of the climb my daughter came down with the tummy bug which had beset some of us (not me). What is it about sons. 'Come on Mum, you can go instead, can't waste the booking' We duly set off. We had two guides, one to lead us and one to carry our bags. The bag carrier was a lady who must have been my age and she was with me all the way. I felt awful that she had the weight on her back but she did not seem in the least worried. It was uphill all the way, no level bits or a little downward incline. As the air got thinner so did I, it was hard going. The flora and fauna was interesting when you were able to stop and look. We arrived at the lodge, had a meal and dossed down in a four bed dormitory. At 5.00am the men got up to climb to the top to see the sunrise but I chickened out, climbing in the dark was not for me. I saw the sunrise above the clouds, it was magic. Now came the task of getting down! Our guide was keen to set off - 'We have to get Mama home' he said. If I thought going up was hard going down was ten times harder. By the time we arrived at the bottom my legs were like jelly and the guide was holding me up. I wouldn't have missed it for the world. (It turned out it was not a tummy bug but the malaria tablets we were taking).

Back to walking for *challenge number 5*... Why not raise some money for charity. A friend and I decided to walk the Macmillan Way South. Starting at Macmillan's house in Castle Carey and making our way to Barnstaple. We did it in short bursts with my husband ferrying us to the start point and picking us up at the end of each day. It took a while as we were both working part time so we did it over weekends. We ploughed our way through floods at Langport, lost our way in fog on Exmoor, very scary, and saw some beautiful scenery. One evening, we were staying overnight having walked over the Quantocks, too far for drop off and pick up, we borrowed a wind up torch from our landlady to see our way to the pub for a meal. It was intensely dark, a man's voice suddenly spoke from nowhere, we clung together only to find that the torch was also a radio and I had turned it on by mistake. We met some kind and interesting people and soon got over the blisters.

My last challenge was to raise money for Salisbury Hospice and I opted to join their Abseil Down the Spinnaker. In order to get my own back I enrolled my son as well. Decked out in our Hospice t-shirts we motored to Portsmouth on a windy day. We were given helmets with cameras on the front in order that we could film our descent and the views. Harnessed up the two of us stepped out onto a single plank platform, I was nearest the sea. The idea is to bounce off the side of the building but every time I tried the wind blew me about so I crept downwards with my camera filming the nervous hands in front of it. My son was on the leeward side so did not experience the buffeting. We made it to the ground without mishap and when I looked up and saw where I had come from I could not believe it. Give it a go.

If you can incorporate sponsorship with any challenge you do it is a great feeling when you get to the finish and know it has been worthwhile. Be daring, step out of your comfort zone!

Sally Leaver

#### **Bishopstone Birthdays during the Pandemic**



In last month's edition of STaB we reported on some birthdays celebrated during lockdown. This month we were amused to see how Norman and Margaret Barter were celebrating their birthdays, both in May. They had planned for all their family to come for lunch, but when this was cancelled they set out their own lunch party, replacing family members with toys!



#### **Nature Notes**

#### Feeding Garden Birds in Spring and Summer

Many of us are probably quite diligent about putting out feed for birds during the Winter but not so much during the Summer, on the assumption that there is plenty of natural food out there. It is certainly true that Winter feeding benefits birds most, but food shortages can occur at any time of year. Cold or wet weather restricts the number of insects and very dry weather causes hard soil which restricts the availability of earthworms for ground feeding birds such as blackbirds and thrushes. If such conditions occur during the breeding season, there is a real risk to birds and their chicks.

The RSPB offers useful advice on what foods are best to put out during the Summer. They suggest high protein foods such as black sunflower seeds, pinhead oatmeal, soaked sultanas, raisins and currants, mild grated cheese, mealworms, waxworms, mixes for insectivorous birds, good seed mixtures without loose peanuts. Soft apples and pears cut in half, bananas and grapes are also good. Good hygiene is vital, or feeding may do more harm than good.

During nesting time they recommend avoiding the use of peanuts, fat and bread, since these can be harmful if adult birds feed them to their nestlings. If you are putting out peanuts, only do so in suitable mesh feeders that will not



Goldfinch spotted in the garden of Bramley Cottage

allow sizeable pieces of peanuts to be taken, reducing the choking risk to chicks.

The latest research from the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) shows the impact that garden feeding has had on the variety of birds visiting gardens. In the 1970s, garden bird feeders were dominated by only two species, the House Sparrow and Common Starling. Today, a much broader range of species is seen taking advantage of the growing variety of food on offer. Changes were particularly marked for Goldfinch and Woodpigeon; fewer than 20 per cent of Garden Bird Feeding Survey participants reported these species on their feeders in 1973, but this number has since jumped to more than 80 per cent. If you have spotted anything unusual in your garden then do let us know.

#### **Hemlock Water Dropwort**

We published an article about this plant last year, but just a reminder that this is the most toxic plant in the UK, and is common alongside the river in this village. Please take care not to pick it, or even touch it as every part of it is poisonous.

#### **Village Memories - Sally Leaver**



Sally as Ermengarde in 'Sarah Crewe', a TV production



Sally front right in 'Life with Father' at Oxford Playhouse 1957 Father played by Joss Ackland



Bishopstone

#### **EARLIEST MEMORIES**

I was born opposite Wembley Stadium, and I remember the atmosphere at home when war was declared on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 1939. The tension in the room was palpable when we heard the news on the radio. Because of the war we moved back to Buckinghamshire where I spent a lot of my early life on my uncle's farm. It was an idyllic childhood, making camps – the estate was next to Chequers. I also remember waiting for the doodlebugs to land while we were in the garden – more tension.

#### **CHILDHOOD**

From our home in Amersham, at the age of 10, I travelled to school on my own by train to a Theatre School in London. There I was involved in a lot of acting, dancing and singing work. I performed at the first pantomime at the London Palladium after the war, 'Cinderella', with Tommy Trinder and Evelyn Laye. I was involved in many shows such as singing with the Ovaltinies which was broadcast to children on Radio Luxembourg to promote the drink. A contemporary of mine was Judy Dench. During these shows I also had to continue with studying for my School Certificate.

#### **HOW DID YOU MEET YOUR HUSBAND?**

My father was a Mason and persuaded me to attend a Dinner Dance with him. As I didn't want to spend the evening with all his friends, a meeting was set up earlier with David, who also attended the event with a friend. So that was how we met. By this time I was teaching Drama and Dancing at Felixtowe College, Suffolk and then after that at Lillesden, in Hawkhurst, Kent.

#### **HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN BISHOPSTONE?**

David moved in the day our younger son, Nigel, was born 53 years ago in 1967. We were the first occupants in our new house in The Croft and have lived there ever since.

#### **MEMORIES OF BISHOPSTONE**

I could say that I knew everyone when we first lived in Bishopstone. The children had a wonderful childhood, all playing together around The Croft. Freda at the Three Horseshoes would let the kids in to the pub to play pool and give them lemonade. At the White Hart you would have to dodge the dart board as you entered the building.

The children would go swimming in the Ebble. There were 2 shops, 2 pubs and a school at that time in the mid-1960s.

Cue One was a big part of my life when I settled into the village, and for 20 years I produced most of the amateur dramatics productions. I was involved with the Young Wives Group (now called the Ladies Group) and Chairman for a time. David and Rev Peter Lewis, Rector of St John the Baptist Church, Bishopstone, together set up the village magazine STaB in the 1960s. The idea was to distribute it free to everybody in the village, and it has continued to this day. The church has always been an important part of my life, and still is.

#### **FAMILY LIFE**

David and I had a very happy 56 years of married life. We never argued as he wouldn't. I did try sometimes but he just wouldn't, but Nigel and I have good arguments/discussions.

We have 3 children, Nigel, an accountant now working in England, Jane a vet living in Norfolk, and Ian a driving instructor living near Old Sarum. Our 3 grandchildren are all a great delight, and I love them all to bits.

My sister, Susan, was born when I was 11 years. We are very close, and because of the age difference I helped to bring her up when she was young.

#### WHAT ARE YOUR HOBBIES OR INTEREST?

Gardening, anything to do with plants, especially orchids.

Singing – I belonged to 4 choirs: Salisbury Festival Chorus, Salisbury Musical Society, St John Singers and Bishopstone Singers. Now only St John Singers.

Flower arranging particularly at Salisbury Cathedral – although that is on hold during the Corona Virus lockdown.

Watercolour painting which I have recently taken up.

Walking and horse riding.

I used to play Badminton at Coombe Bissett. I am not a sporty person.

#### WHAT WAS YOUR FAVOURITE HOLIDAY?

Safari in Botswana, Tanzania, Kenya.

We were also fortunate to visit places such as Thailand, long before they became touristy. As our son Nigel worked there and subsequently married a Thai girl, we visited a lot.

#### YOUR FAVOURITE BOOK

My favourite authors are Bill Bryson, Erica James and I love biographies.

#### **FAVOURITE MUSIC**

Fauré, Beethoven, Rutter, and Rodgers and Hammerstein musicals, which were so much part of my past.

#### ANY THINGS ON YOUR BUCKET LIST?

I would like to sky walk.

#### **ANY REGRETS IN LIFE?**

That I wasn't Judy Dench!

#### IMPORTANT THINGS YOU'VE LEARNED IN LIFE

Could have been kinder to people. I have learned to become more patient. In life you should think of others before yourself. The NHS is showing us at the moment how they put others before themselves.

I consider myself a lucky lady having had a lovely life. I'm very happy, even though I'm now on my own, and accept that good health makes a difference.

#### Recipe of the Month - Lockdown Birthday Chocolate Cake

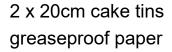
By Cally Edwards

#### Ingredients

200g unsalted softened butter
200g caster sugar
4 eggs
150g self-raising flour
50g cocoa powder
½ tsp baking powder

#### To decorate and fill

Nutella
3 packs of chocolate fingers
M&Ms, Maltesers, favourite sweets





Preheat oven 180 degrees C, 160 fan, gas mark 4. Grease and line the cake tins with greaseproof paper.

Use the all in one method to make your sponge, then pour all of the ingredients into a large mixing bowl and whisk with an electric hand whisk until combined.

Once combined, pour into the cake tins, making sure that the quantities are as even as possible.

Bake in the oven for 20-25 mins until springy to touch.

Once baked, turn the cakes out onto a wire rack and leave to cool.

Put the base cake onto a serving plate (turned upside down if that side is flatter). Spread Nutella over the top of the base cake then place the top cake onto to sandwich the two cakes together.

#### To decorate:

Spread Nutella evenly over the top of the cake using a spatula and spread evenly, letting it drip or spatula it evenly down the sides. Wipe any excess chocolate off the plate with a warm damp cloth, turning the plate as you go.

Begin to stick the chocolate fingers around the outside of the cake, pressing firmly in the middle of each chocolate finger so it sticks to the cake. The trick is to let the bottom of the chocolate finger rest on the plate and the middle to stick to the cake.

Leave the cake to one side so that the chocolate fingers can stick.

Meanwhile, decide which sweets you want to use to fill it.

Scatter the small chocolates or sweets over the top of the cake, piling them up.

Store this cake in the fridge until it's ready to be served.

#### **Recipe of the Month - Raspberry Cookie Slice**

#### By Alix Ricketts

#### Ingredients

1/2 cup light brown sugar

1 cup plain flour

1/4 teaspoon baking powder

1/2 teaspoon salt

1 cup rolled oats

1/2 cup softened butter

3/4 cup raspberry jam

#### **Method**

Preheat the over to 175

Combine sugar, flour, baking powder salt oats.



and

Rub in the butter using your hands.

Press 2 cups of mixture into bottom of 8 inch lined square tin.

Spread jam to within 1/4 inch of edge.

Sprinkle remaining crumb mixture over top and lightly press onto the jam.

Bake for 35 to 40 mins.

These are American cups (a cup is 250ml). You can obviously use any flavour jam.

#### **Speedy Raspberry Jam**

A Nigella Lawson-inspired recipe

Take equal weights of raspberries and granulated sugar, 250g of each will make one jar.

Preheat the oven to 180 degrees C.

Put the fruit and the sugar into separate oven-proof dishes (it's best if the raspberries are spread out rather than piled up), then put both dishes into the oven for about 20 minutes until they are really hot.

Take them out of the oven carefully and add the sugar to the raspberries.

Pour the mix into a clean jar; fasten it and leave to cool before storing in the fridge, where it will keep for a few weeks - but use it fast, maybe in the recipe above?

#### **Sarah's Gardening Tips**

- 1. Cut back Rudbeckias and Heleniums to stimulate extra but late flowers
- 2. Keep pond water topped up and remove blanket weed.
- 3. Plant out ornamental bananas and Cannas now the risk of frost has passed.
- 4. Edge the lawn this will instantly make the garden look better.
- 5. Keep deadheading roses to encourage repeat blooms
- 6. Sow more broad beans to harvest at the end of summer.
- 7. Keep an eye out for Solomon's Seal sawfly. The caterpillar-like larvae will strip the leaves completely. Pick them off and leave them on the bird table.
- 8. Feed courgette plants with a tomato feed every 2 weeks after the flowers have formed and don't let them dry out, they are thirsty plants.

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

**Zora Neale Hurston** 





**Question:** Mophead, Lacecap, Snowball and Paniculata are all types of which shrub?

(Answer on p49)

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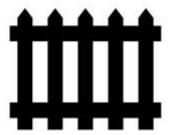
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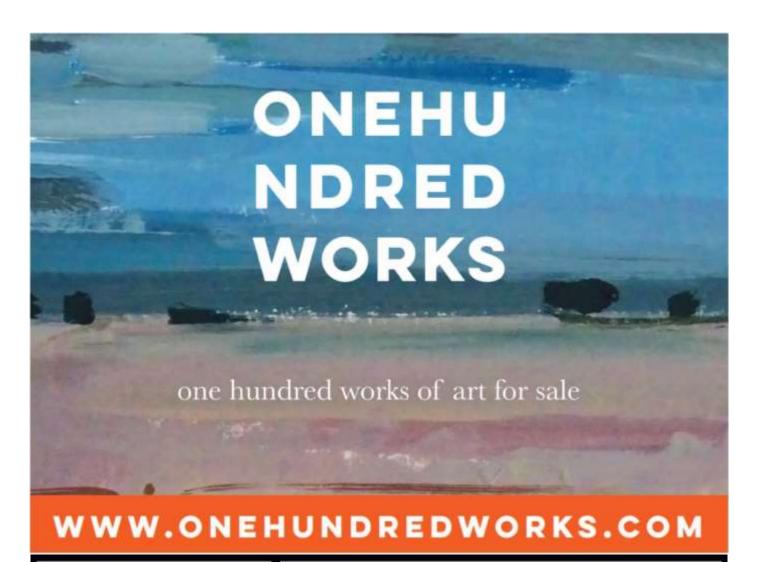
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| Monday    | 10:15 | HIIT            | Broadchalke Sports Hall       |
| Monday    | 13:45 | Pilates         | Broadchalke Sports Hall       |
| Monday    | 16:30 | Pilates         | Sixpenny Handley Village Hall |
| Monday    | 19:00 | Better Backs    | Bishopstone Village Hall      |
| Tuesday   | 09:15 | Pilates         | Coombe Bissett Village Hall   |
| Tuesday   | 14:00 | Pilates         | Radnor Hall                   |
| Tuesday   | 18:00 | Fitness Pilates | Britford Memorial Hall        |
| Tuesday   | 19:00 | Pilates         | Britford Memorial Hall        |
| Wednesday | 09:30 | Better Backs    | Bishopstone Village Hall      |
| Wednesday | 18:00 | Pilates         | Bishopstone Village Hall      |
| Wednesday | 19:00 | HIIT            | Bishopstone Village Hall      |
| Wednesday | 19:30 | Pilates         | Bishopstone Village Hall      |
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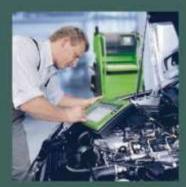
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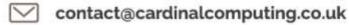












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## **Bishopstone Village Website**

www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk

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

Mike Ash (bishopstoneclerk@btinternet.com)

Or Roger Stockton (rogerstockton@icloud.com)

#### 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.



We are all doing a lot more walking in the local countryside at the moment so I have a question for the readers of STaB: If you walk up Croucheston Drove track you eventually come to a steep section that takes you up to the Roman road on the ridge. At the foot of the steep section is a wooden board stating that this is 'Gary's Climb'. Who is or was Gary and why does he have this particular section of the track named after him?

Francis Taylor (and if you know the answer please e.mail the editorial team! KP)

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24 hours in a day

12 signs of the zodiac

13 loaves in a baker's dozen

26 letters of the alphabet

7 colours in a rainbow

12 numbers on a clock

29 days in February in a leap year

90 degrees in a right angle

9 planets in the solar system

100 pennies in a pound

14 pounds in a stone

14 lines in a Shakespearean sonnet

360 degrees in a circle

5 letters in the alphabet are vowels

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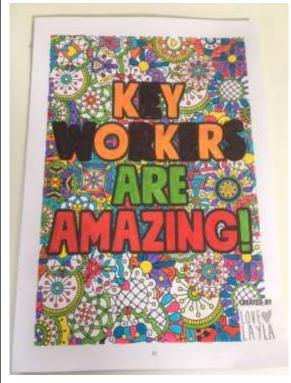
7 brides for 7 brothers

12 eggs in a dozen

10 Commandments

Walkers in the village will have noticed that quite a few of the footpaths have been strimmed by people cutting back nettles, etc, in their area. Whoever has been doing this, it is very much appreciated. Thank you.

Pat Abbott



We love to see our puzzle pages and colourings being enjoyed. Well done to Alix, aged nearly 74, for this!





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