



Parish Magazine

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Bishopstone Poppies

Photo by Kate Pendleton

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The editors reserve the right to edit all contributions.



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Thanks to Pip Stockton for this beautiful colourful shot.

A warm welcome to lots of new arrivals in Bishopstone...

Peter and Rita O'Brien who have recently moved into Harvest Lane.

Mark and Crystal, just moved into Netton Street.

Laurie and Katherine Hale, in Bridge Road.

James and Bethany Turner, and their 2 young children, finally resident on Crouchston Drove after lengthy house-renovations!

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



As I write this we have just said farewell to our Village’s oldest resident. Molly Lovell- Butt died in April and her funeral was held in May. Numbers were still restricted but her friends turned out in force to line the path into church as her coffin was brought in. That has been a mark of our Community during this year of the Pandemic – care and compassion and a marking of the passing of a much loved friend. In some ways it is a returning to an earlier time when communities would line roads, doff hats, stand still and close curtains to show their respect for the passing of a life. Customs that give us all time to draw breath, reflect and give thanks for lives.

You will see in this magazine (*on page 13 - ed*) the two adverts concerning Coombe Bissett School - for a Clerk to the Governors and for an Eco Leader – do please spread the word about these posts – even better apply for them yourselves!! If neither of them appeals, you could always apply to be a Foundation Governor – we need those too!! Please get in touch if you would like to know any more details - you will be so, so welcome.

We are hoping of course, that this month sees the lifting of all Covid restrictions – I am longing to hear our church walls echo again with singing! Check our service rota and come and join us!

Chalke Valley Team Ministry - Parish of Bishopstone and Stratford Tony
Team Rector: The Revd Catherine Blundell 01722 780134
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The Friends of Bishopstone Church

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

Parish Council

A meeting of Bishopstone Parish Council took place on Tuesday 18th May in the Village Hall with Covid-19 safety precautions in place. Full minutes of the meeting, together with the papers considered, are available on the village website www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk.

Election. Following the election on 6th May, Councillors Gibbon, Thorne, Barter, Edwards, Smith and Tatner had been re-elected to the Council unopposed. This was the first meeting of the Council since the election. Cllr Gibbon was re-elected as Chairman and Cllr Thorne as Vice-Chairman. Consideration was also given to the co-option of an additional Councillor to fill the one vacancy unfilled at the election. Following publicity in May's edition of STaB two expressions of interest in being co-opted had been received. After discussion, Simon Williams, of Pitts Lane, was selected to join the Council.

The main other items discussed were:

(i) **Appointment of Emergency Planning Officer.** Roger Stockton had said that he wished to stand down as EPO after eight years of doing the job (see report of the Annual Parish Meeting). Cllr Piers Edwards had agreed to take on the role and his appointment was approved.

(ii) **Financial Matters.** Consideration was given to the Annual Governance and Accountability Return and the Budget for 2021/22. These were both approved. Details are on the village website.

(iii) **Small Works.** Cllr Gibbon said that there had been a problem for a number of years regarding works that needed doing in the village, such as the clearing of certain drainage ditches and the mowing of odd bits of land. These were cases where either Wiltshire Council was unwilling to do the work, or only did it to a limited extent, or where land ownership was unknown or in dispute and thus responsibility for action was unclear. He proposed that a budget and associated financial arrangements be set up to enable the Council to take timely action and to reimburse the costs incurred by volunteers, for example in hiring the necessary machinery, or of employing contractors to deal with these matters. It was agreed that detailed proposals should be brought forward for consideration at a future meeting. Meanwhile approval was given to the costs of removing material deposited along Church Lane by Wiltshire Council following ditch clearing operations.

(iv) **Stratford Tony.** Following communications between the Clerk and the Clerk to Stratford Tony Parish Meeting, it was agreed to work more closely in future on matters of common interest.

(v) **Children's Play Area.** A firm date had now been fixed of 31st May for the start of works to build the new play equipment in the Play Area. So, weather willing, this

should be available to use soon after you read this report.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Thursday 8th July at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.

Mike Ash, Clerk

Bishopstone Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting took place on Tuesday 18th May in the Village Hall. This was the first event in the Village Hall following the easing of lockdown. Including the Parish Council, 18 residents attended. Reports were presented on activities in the past year by Cllr John Gibbon (Parish Council), Rev Jenny Taylor (Rev Augustus Montgomery Coal Charity), Sarah Seal (PCC), Cllr Norman Barter (Village Hall), Roger Stockton (Emergency Planning) and Toby Mills (Broadband Project). Copies of the full reports are available, together with the minutes of the meeting, on the village website (www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk).

In his report on the Parish Council's year Cllr Gibbon highlighted the highly effective arrangements that had been put in place to provide support for residents during the Covid 19 pandemic. In particular he pointed out the extent to which younger people in the village had volunteered to co-ordinate and provide support in their local areas or as drivers to collect prescriptions. He said that many people in Bishopstone had come forward and helped in all sorts of ways, ensuring that life continued as safely and as comfortably as possible. In particular he thanked Mike Ash and Roger Stockton for all that they had done to set up and co-ordinate these arrangements.

Despite the pandemic some issues, such as the problem of speeding in the village, had not gone away and other work had continued, with further investment in the Children's Play Area, and to bring ultra fast broadband to the village (see separate report). However, with a reduced level of activity and with some special Covid related funding it had been possible to reduce everyone's Council Tax bill this year!

The Revd Jenny Taylor reported on the Augustus Montgomery Coal Trust, which provides charitable financial support for those in need in the parish. The funds were now being administered by the Parochial Church Council (PCC) but would continue to be allocated according to the charity's conditions. Only one request for help had been received this year and it was desirable to give greater publicity to the existence of this fund.

Sarah Seal reported on behalf of the PCC. She said that the Covid pandemic had a significant impact on all aspects of the day-to-day life of our Church in this village. It had affected the ability to worship, to provide pastoral support for the community, and to maintain financial stability. The clergy and members of the laity have contributed to the regular Sunday and other Special on-line "e-services" provided

by the Chalke Valley team. It was clear that people, especially those having to shield, had found these services very helpful, and we are all immensely grateful to those who have worked so hard to make this happen. The PCC were very grateful to the Parish Council for funding the updated guide to the church, which was hugely appreciated by visitors to the village.

She drew particular attention to the team producing STaB who had done a fantastic job, continuing to produce a magazine full of interest to amuse us during lockdown, but also helping to spread vital information throughout the community.

Cllr Norman Barter, for the **Village Hall Management Committee**, said that there had been only 7 weeks when the hall was open in 2020. During the closure, 2 new windows and new lighting was fitted in the Memorial Room. Also most of the hall was re-decorated. It was now hoped to get back to normality and he thanked the Parish Council for its ongoing support.

Roger Stockton, **Emergency Planning Officer**, also referred to the Covid 19 pandemic response. The parish was fortunate in having an established Emergency Plan, with a chapter on dealing with a pandemic. For the plan to have succeeded the whole village owes a tremendous debt of gratitude to the few who supported the many. There have been some 8 or 9 Covid-19 cases within the village but no one who caught the disease and stayed out of hospital has suffered long-lasting effects. Sadly the few deaths that occurred were all from contracting the disease in hospital.

There had also been the threat of Avian Flu which had been dealt with, but, thankfully, the winter had passed with only minor flood warnings. Roger said that after some 8 years in the role of Emergency Planning Officer he was standing down to let someone a little younger takeover the role (see report of Parish Council meeting). Cllr Gibbon said that the village owed Roger a tremendous debt for all that he had done over the years as Emergency Planning Officer. The arrangements that had been so quickly established to deal with the pandemic were based on his emergency plan and had been held up by Wiltshire Council as an example to other parishes. He presented Roger with a, liquid, token of thanks from the village.

Toby Mills reported on the project to bring **Fibre to the Premises Broadband** to that part of the village where it is not already available. In all some 118 properties have indicated they would like to have FTTP and their addresses were submitted to Openreach on 12th April. A final cost for the project is awaited but whatever this is, it should be covered by the vouchers available to us from the Department of Culture, Media and Sport. Once the final offer is received it will be possible to start the process to contract with Openreach to enable the installation to proceed. A Community Interest Company is being set up for this purpose. Sadly Openreach seemed ill resourced to deal with all the projects that were coming forward and

even when the project proper begins it may take up to 12 months to be delivered.

Further information is available on the dedicated website - www.bishopstone-ftp.uk.

In an Open Forum discussion Mrs Pat Abbott expressed her thanks to the Parish Council and the Emergency Planning Group for all that they had done to keep the village safe and supported during the pandemic.

The next Annual Parish Meeting will be held on 10th March 2022 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.

Coronavirus Update

Although infection rates in Wiltshire continue to fall, it remains the case that it is important to get vaccinated, to carry out regular lateral flow tests (see May's STaB) and to continue to follow the Government's advice as lockdown eases.

As previously indicated, the prescription collection service has ended with the re-opening of the surgery at Broad Chalke on a Tuesday and Thursday. Support services more generally in the village have been organized throughout the pandemic by the Area Covid-Coordinators (see list at the end of this STaB). They have done magnificent work in helping to ensure that everyone stayed safe and received help when needed. However, it is time to give them a break from their formal role in the support network. Most have indicated a willingness to help again in the future should the need arise. This edition of STaB will therefore be the last to contain their contact details. You may wish to retain that page for future reference in case of emergency.



Village Hall



June 2021

We are pleased to confirm the following events as we hopefully move towards full opening later in the summer.

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 21st June**, 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, even when outdoors.)

MOVIOLA at Bishopstone

The following films have been booked:-

Friday 18th June – “Little Women”

‘Little Women’ is a coming of age period drama based on the novel by Louisa May Alcott. While the March sisters enter the threshold of womanhood, they go through many ups and downs in life and endeavour to make important decisions that can affect their future. It is written and directed by Greta Gerwig and has an impressive cast including Emma Watson, Saoirse Ronan, Meryl Streep and James Norton.

Friday 23rd July – “Love Sarah.” Preceded by a BBQ.

Films will start at 7.30pm with doors opening at 7.15pm. Prior booking by calling Caroline Ash on (01722) 781044 is essential so that appropriate seating can be set out for your safety. Tickets £6.00. Payment can be made in advance via BACS, or at the door via a card reader, cheques payable to Bishopstone Village Hall Management Committee or the correct cash in an envelope.

There will be no bar for the June film, but you are welcome to bring your own refreshments.

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 3rd June and Thursday 17th June 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: kmpendleton@hotmail.com. The group has now restarted, initially using a booking-in system to limit numbers. See our FB page, or e.mail Kate for details.

“EXTEND” EXERCISE CLASSES

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

PILATES AT BISHOPSTONE

Contact Claudine on 07788 587937

YOGA WITH HANNAH

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

SARUM SPINNERS AND WEAVERS

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



Friends of Bishopstone Church

This is notice that The Friends of Bishopstone Church will be holding the 2020 and 2021 AGMs on July 13 at 7.30pm in St. John the Baptist Church, Bishopstone.

Bishopstone Village Hall rates for private hire

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

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

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

The hire charges include use of heating and electricity.

The rates are currently:

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

Broadband

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

Large projection screen

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

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

For further information and bookings contact: Margaret Barter 01722 780471

Chalke Valley Community Support

POLICE

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

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

You can also contact local Police as follows:

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

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

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

PC Matt HOLLAND – Community Policing Co-Ordinator

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

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

Social media – for local policing updates follow us on Facebook

@salisbury police and Twitter **@SouthWiltsCPT**



Sixpenny Handley and Chalke Valley Practice

Doves Meadow Surgery, Broad Chalke: 01722 780282

Broadchalke Surgery partially reopen for Prescription Collection

Sixpenny Handley Surgery: 01725 552500

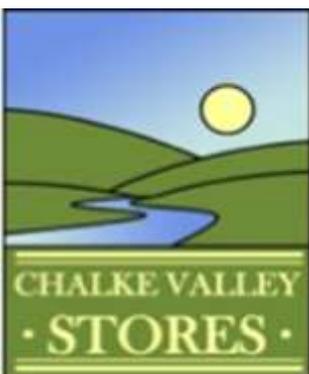
www.sixpennydocs.co.uk



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:

10 June, 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

e: info@chalkevalleystores.co.uk Tel: 01722 780998

OPENING HOURS

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

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

The Trussell Trust

Last month we had 3.75 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, tea and baked beans.

Donations have seen a downturn over the last few months as a few of our regular donors have moved away and maybe we are leaving our donations in the supermarket boxes; that is fine as it all goes to the same place. But for those of us who cannot do that then please continue to leave donations either at the Church or at The Old Post Office in Croucheston and I will see that they get to the Foodbank. If you cannot get to either place then please phone me on the number below and I will happily collect from you .

However you do it please continue to support the Foodbank who are doing such a good job for all those who have come upon hard times, mostly though no fault of their own.

Thank you again.

Best wishes

Judy Barrett (01722 780306)



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.



Coombe Bissett CE VA Primary School

“Soar on wings like eagles, run and not grow weary, walk and not be faint” Isaiah 40:31

We are looking for a new Clerk to the Governors...could it be YOU?!!

Hours of work: 2 hours per week, 52 weeks per year

Contract type: Permanent

Interview date: TBC

Commencement date: 31st August 2021

Salary range From £10.21 per hour to £10.62 per hour

Additional information:

The Governors are seeking to appoint a Clerk to Governors to support our Governing Body.

The successful candidate will have an understanding of the governance and legislative requirements relevant to a school or educational establishment (or a willingness to develop);

Have experience of providing administrative support in an organisation (school specific training, can be provided).

Provide confidential administrative support to our full governing body; Have excellent organisational skills including planning, minute taking and record keeping.

Have excellent communication skills both written and oral.

The Governing Body meets approx 6 times a year (currently Remotely), in the evening usually. The meetings are planned well in advance. With the exception of the meetings, home working will be required for this role.

This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

All applicants will be subject to a Disclosure and Barring Service check before appointment is confirmed.

Please contact Mrs Allison Brown, School Business Manager at

finance@coombebissett.wilts.sch.uk

or Mrs Michelle Fiander at admin@coombebissett.wilts.sch.uk for further information.

We are hoping so much that you will want to join our Team of Volunteers as our Eco Advisor and Do-er! We have a School Eco-Council but we need someone to encourage, inspire and work with our children. This could include anything from gardening to arranging a litter pick.

Please contact the Revd Canon Jenny Taylor or the Head, Mr Berkeley Basinger- Adams if you are interested. We look forward to hearing from you!

revjennytaylor@gmail.com

admin@coombebissett.wilts.sch.uk





May 17th saw a return to indoor activities after the recent lockdown and we are hopeful of a full return for all Clubs and activities from 21 June.

The Club's AGM was held on 26 May. This was the first full Sports Centre meeting for 15 months, though still held across Zoom. Despite only limited opening possible for much of the year (mainly outdoor sports), there has been a great deal going on behind the scenes keeping the Centre maintained and ready to open as soon as allowed to do so and operating in a Covid safe manner.

PETANQUE OPEN EVENINGS: These were held in May to generate interest in this new facility at the Centre. A new Petanque Club is being formed for anyone that wishes to play regularly, visit other Petanque Clubs and generally have a bit of a social wrapped up around a 'competitive' game. This is part of the Keystone Brewery Petanque League.

Our aim is also to establish a regular social evening on a Friday throughout the summer, with a small bar and the possibility of adding other activities. Check the Centre website for more information but the next sessions will be Fridays May 28th, June 4th and 11th from 6.30pm.

The Petanque Terrain is available for hire and casual use by everyone in the Chalke Valley. Under 18's to be supervised by responsible adult. This operates on a 'Honesty Donation basis' at £5 an hour for a single rink (we have 3 rinks available) with own equipment. Full details are on the Centre website. We need to operate this way so that funds can continue to be raised to help maintain facilities, but it will be very much a trust basis with facility checks undertaken as part of the Centre's normal operating arrangements.

If you are interested in getting more involved contact Nigel: nandnt@btinternet.com

PICKLEBALL: If the weather is on our side, the 15 June is a big day for the Centre with another new facility being put in. We have been successful in securing grant funding from the GOGA Project (see later) and from the Wiltshire and Swindon Sports Partnership to put in two courts on the multi-use games area and to buy equipment and establish the Chalke Valley Sports Centre Moonrakers Pickleball Club. If you don't know what Pickleball is (it is one of the fastest growing sports in America) it's a racket sport played on a much smaller court with small 'paddles' and a hard plastic 'air' ball. It's a great activity for adults of any age to get involved in a racket sport and brilliant for older people to enjoy at a less frantic pace than tennis. For children, it is also the ideal starting point to be introduced to racket sports and progress on to tennis and squash. Dan Binns, our resident Tennis Coach, will be organising coaching sessions over the summer months (contact

binnsdan@hotmail.com), and Moonrakers Pickleball Club will start Club sessions in June once the courts are in place Full details will appear on our website when we have got all the arrangements in place.

For more information contact Val Dolan at valdolan@hotmail.co.uk

CRICKET: The Cricket Club have started matches again and a new game is the 100 ball Bash on a Tuesday evening. Come down and have a look...check our website for dates of matches.

Tennis Club: The weekly mix-ins are Thursdays 6.00-8.00pm and Sundays 11-1pm for members. A lot of new faces this season (and a number of old!). Coaching for juniors has started on court Monday from 3.30pm and adults by appointment at other times (contact our coach binnsdan@hotmail.com direct to arrange). The dates for the Salisbury Sarum and Shaftesbury League matches have now been set so do let us know (tennis@mdodd.net) if you would like to be considered to play for the club.

Table Tennis: Sunday practice evenings, junior 6.30 to 7.30pm adults 7.45 to 10pm. There will also be a summer league this year. thomasscard@gmail.com

Indoor Bowls: ESMBA are allowing club play to take place under 'safe bowls status rules'. Up to six players per mat but with playing restrictions. Anyone wishing to play before resuming normally from 21 June please contact Damon Johns at ivonhouse@hotmail.co.uk

Football: Now on their summer break, but if you are interested in finding out more contact Nigel Hayes at nmhayes@live.co.uk.

Pilates: Claudine's Pilates classes recommenced in May on a Monday at 9.15am & 2pm. For more information, please contact Claudine on 07788 587937 or email at claudineblake@aol.com All abilities are welcome.

Yoga: Jordana's regular Wednesday evening class has now moved back indoors Contact yogawithjordana@gmail.com for details.

Caroline's Tuesday morning yoga started up again in May at the usual time of 9.15 - 10.45am. All ages and abilities welcome. For further info contact Caroline on 01725 552209 or cj@wilkinsonyoga.co.uk

GOGA: The Go Out Get Active initiative is being run across the County and the Sports Centre is establishing partnership arrangements with the GOGA Team and the Wiltshire Centre for Independent Living to develop new activities to get people more active. More on this as things develop.

The Sports Centres normal timetable of use can be viewed under the Events Calendar on our website at www.chalkevalleysportscentre.co.uk

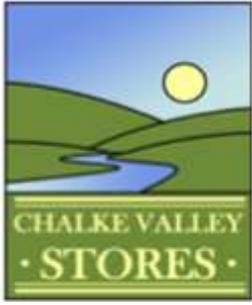
If you would like to get involved in helping to run the Centre, just contact one of the Committee.

Chalke Valley Sports Centre contacts:

Chris Rothwell, Secretary: chrisrothwell@hotmail.co.uk Tel 07552159369

Michaela Johns, Treasurer: ivonhouse@hotmail.co.uk Tel: 01722 780915

Edward Fry: Deputy Chairman: Edward.fry2@btinternet.co.uk



Coffee Shop Now Open

The freshly redecorated Coffee Shop reopened on 17th May. We suggest that reservations are made for lunch wherever possible, as regulations mean we can serve fewer tables. To reserve your table phone the Shop on 01722 780998.

Jayne and the team are offering a range of new dishes and the ever popular “All Day Breakfast” is still on the menu. We look forward to welcoming you all for coffee, lunch, or afternoon tea. Take away drinks, sandwiches and cakes are also still available.

Customer Survey: The replies to our Customer Survey have now been analysed. We shall be working on the points that have been made to help us improve the service the Hub provides. Our grateful thanks go to all who responded.

New Products: Our ever expanding range of products now includes; vegan chocolate, new soft drinks and an extensive range of summer wines, beers and ciders.

Covid Measures: Covid measures including masks and distancing are still required. Please help us to ensure your safety and that of our staff and volunteers, by adhering to the rules. Delivery and Collection of orders is still available; just call the shop on 01722 780998.

Deliveries to CVHF: Tony and the Shop personnel will be preparing and delivering breakfast foods and supplies to the armies of enactors and the many volunteers “resident” at the site at the CVHF site every morning during the Festival.

Coffee Shop Refurbishment: Be sure to visit the new look coffee shop with comfy sofas. Thank you to Ena Kingstone and Rina Musselwhite for their kind donation towards the refurbishment of the coffee shop. Thank you to Julia & Julian Thomas, Stephen & Katie Whitmore, Caroline & Olivia Dutson for their time and efforts decorating the Coffee Shop.

Volunteer News

We are sad to announce that Diana Field, Anna Watson, and Viv Thornton have decided to retire as volunteers. We would like to thank them all so much for the many years of excellent service they have given. They have been stalwarts of the Volunteer force since the early days of the shop and their important contribution will be much missed.

We would also like to thank all our current volunteers for all they do to help in keeping the Hub running. We would welcome more, especially as the coffee shop is now open. Please come and talk to Tony if you could volunteer a few hours.



Chalke Valley Flower Club

Dear All, we hope that you are fit and well

We are looking forward to the reopening of the

Chalke Valley Flower Club

We plan to re commence on Wednesday 23rd June at 7pm in Broad Chalke Village Hall with a demonstration by

Irene Hickson

'Fashion Trends'

Do come by 6.30pm when we can have a chat and a glass of wine or cordial

Also, please use the Church car park if you can as the History Festival will be using the road outside the Village Hall on a one way system

We look forward to seeing you all and anyone else who would like to join us; you may wish to bring a friend with you, all would be warmly welcomed, and entrance will be free.

Love from the Committee, Anne, Sam, Sue, Liz and Viv

<p>WOODFORD VALLEY GARDENS OPEN <u>SIX Gardens</u> ON SATURDAY 19th JUNE from 11am--5pm IN AID OF THE SALISBURY HOSPICE in Lower, Middle and Upper Woodford and Great Durnford. TEAS AND DELICIOUS CAKES in The Village Hall, Middle Woodford. Entry to include all gardens £6.00 gift aid envelopes available to enhance contributions by 25 %, for tax payers. Any enquiries: Daphne Ince daphneince@waitrose.com 01722 782532 All arrangements compliant with Covid rules</p>

Rights of Way - Be Nice, Say Hello

Did you know that “Be nice, say hello” is official government guidance? It is part of the recently re-vamped Countryside Code issued by the government as advice to all those enjoying the countryside. Of course, there is a lot more to it than just being nice, and a visit online (details at the end) to read the code is a good idea for all of us who enjoy walking in the countryside.

Here in the Chalke Valley we are very lucky to have an extensive network of public rights of way on our doorstep. Some of us, me included, have spent quite a lot of time over the past months getting to know our public paths again, not just to relieve the tedium of lockdown and to get some much-needed exercise, but also to re-discover what a joy it is to explore our glorious countryside.

Many public rights of way have existed for hundreds of years, some still follow the line of roads built by the Romans in the first three centuries AD, others are more recent. Some paths are only a few metres long, perhaps offering a shortcut across a corner, others go on for miles, and some form part of longer routes running through several counties. Public paths come in different forms – footpaths for walkers, bridleways for walkers, riders and cyclists, restricted byways for all forms of non-motorized traffic, and byways open to all traffic. Users of mobility scooters and powered wheelchairs have the right to use all public paths.

How do you find a public right of way? They are all clearly marked on the Ordnance Survey 1:25,000 Explorer series of maps (maps 130 and 118 cover our neck of the woods), but if you need more detail on a larger scale look on the Wiltshire County Council website for access to the “Definitive Map” which shows all current rights of way in the county and is the legal record of all public rights of way. Public paths are not always well signed on the ground, but where a right of way joins a metalled road the right of way should be sign-posted indicating its status (footpath, bridleway etc). Most public paths in and around the village are properly sign-posted, but not all.

Waymarks (usually an arrow on a disc) along the route of the path are helpful, particularly where a right of way diverges, for instance from a farm track. You may have spotted some new waymarks which have appeared on some of our public paths in the last couple of months, labelled Cranborne Drovers Way. Cranborne Drovers Way is a route which uses public paths running from Win Green where it links with Wessex Ridgeway to Salisbury where it links with the Sarsen Way; that route forms part of a network of paths running from the Dorset coast to the North coast of Norfolk. For the more energetic among us, I think.

With rights come responsibilities. Landowners who have public paths running over their land have responsibilities relating to those paths, as do those of us who use the paths and the local Highway Authority – Wiltshire County Council. Among the Council’s responsibilities are ensuring that public paths are free from obstruction, signposting and waymarking, maintenance of bridges over streams, and financial

assistance towards the cost to landowners of maintaining stiles and gates.

Landowners' responsibilities include maintenance of stiles and gates, cutting back overgrowing hedges, keeping paths clear of obstructions such as padlocked gates and electric fences, and re-instating paths crossing fields which have been ploughed. Unsurprisingly, some landowners take their responsibilities more seriously than others. Last summer I walked a path which runs across several large fields planted with crops; one landowner had cut the route of the path through the crops so that the path was clear and easy to follow; the same path continued onto the neighbouring farmer's land – where the path had not been restored and there was no clue on the ground as to its route through the field full of crops.

Wiltshire Council employs Rights of Way wardens whose job includes seeing to it that responsibilities relating to rights of way are met. However, if you think there is a problem with a public right of way, such as an obstruction, you may find it easier to contact the parish council first (contact details at the back of STaB). Our parish clerk responds quickly and can often sort out problems without referral to Wiltshire County Council.

What about our responsibilities as walkers and riders? Here is a short list of dos and don'ts: leave gates as you find them, do not drop litter – take it all home, keep dogs under control and keep them on leads near livestock, and please, please bag and bin your dog's poo! Above all, be nice, say hello and enjoy our wonderful countryside.

Paul Mildred

Countryside code: www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-countryside-code

Definitive map: www.wiltshire.gov.uk then click on Recreation, Rights of Way, Public rights of way maps.

The village website www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk/maps-and-walks also has this information and some suggested walks!

Throope Nature Walk

There will be a conducted walk on Throope Down SSSI on Friday 18th June to examine the wild flowers and butterflies. Meet at Throope Manor at 10.00 a.m. and please bring 4x4's if possible. A walking stick and stout boots are also advisable as the terrain is quite steep. The event will last about 1 1/2 hours.

Please email Richard Head at: head@throope.co.uk if you would like to come.

Faulston Tower



*Woodcut of Faulston Tower by local artist
Howard Phipps.*

howardhipps.co.uk

One of the most distinctive architectural features of Bishopstone is the round tower, 40 feet high and built of stone and flint, which stands in the garden of Faulston House. It is described as a dovecote on the current OS map and has been used as one in the past, when it was popular amongst Lords of the Manor to enjoy pigeon fattened on other people's crops. However, its history is clearly much longer and more interesting than that!

Faulston was one of six Manors around which the village of Bishopstone grew. In 1372 the estate was inherited by Nicholas Benton (1358-1412) The Bentons (now normally spelt Bayntun) were minor landowners who occasionally achieved the status of knighthood.

In 1376, Nicholas obtained, at the request of William Montacute, Earl of Salisbury, licence from King Edward III (of Crecy fame) to crenellate the walls of his houses in the manor of Fallardestone, co. Wilts. Presumably, Nicholas, who was only 18, was the ward of the Earl, which would explain why the Earl acted on his behalf. The exact nature of the fortifications is not known, though John Aubrey, who lived in Broad Chalke in the 17th century, described Faulston House as 'a noble old fashioned house, with a mote about it and a drawbridge and strong high walls embattled, and they did consist of a layer of freestone and a layer of flint and squared and headed; two towers faced the south, one the east and the other the west end'.

We don't know why Nicholas felt the need to fortify his manor, though there may be

a link to the Hundred Years War which was raging at this time. A licence to crenellate, particularly during the fourteenth century, was frequently granted by the crown as a reward for loyal service, especially in the field. The war was also a profitable enterprise for the landed classes of England and funded many building projects during the period. Perhaps the most important reason for the construction of fortified manor houses was the violent tenor of life.

Examples from Leicestershire show that the seignorial classes built fortified manors and added moats and palisades to their farmsteads as a defence against their own kind. Quarrels, disputes, feuds and vendettas that erupted into spectacular violence were commonplace during the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries, a period when all sections of society were obliged by statute to possess arms and to train in their use.

Lords were also at risk from the lower orders. The Black Death had arrived in England only 20 or so years before and was responsible for the death of nearly half the population. This scarcity of labour gave the surviving peasants potential bargaining power and they had become increasingly angry that they were still serfs under the feudal system introduced by the Normans. The Great Rumour was a movement that emerged in south-east and south-west England during 1377. Rural workers organised themselves into protest groups and refused to work for their lords. Matters came to a head in the violent Peasants' Revolt of 1381 led by Wat Tyler.

By the early 15th century the fortified manor house had run its course. The more settled conditions of the period meant that defence was no longer the highest priority, and more time and energy was spent creating structures with comfort in mind.

During the Civil War in the mid 17th century, Cromwell commandeered Faulston, which was at the time occupied by a Royalist, Sir Thomas Vaughan, who subsequently fled to the Cathedral Close in Salisbury. The Coat of Arms of the Vaughans can be seen in the North Transept of Bishopstone Church.

Whilst in Cromwell's possession, the house was occupied by Parliamentary troops, and became the HQ of the Wiltshire Committee for Parliament. It became a centre for collecting fines imposed on Royalist landowners.

John Aubrey indicated that after the garrison had departed in about 1650, 'the mote was filled up and the high wall pulled down and one of the towers'. (Natural History of Wiltshire.) According to Elizabeth Gallup's history of Bishopstone, 'Edmund Clarke's lease of 1666 describes Faulston House, with most of its fortifications gone, only one tower left, used as a dovecot'. Apparently, the remains of the moat were to be seen until 1933 when they were filled up in the making of a lawn-tennis court.

The remaining tower is made of alternate layers of stone and flint. Inside it is

pigeonholed. On the outside there are several windows, but one of these cannot be seen from inside. This is because there is an inner wall with a narrow passageway between it and the outer wall. This was possibly a hiding place built in case the defences were overrun. There is a tradition that there is also a secret tunnel leading from the tower to a field some distance away and large slabs of stone were previously discovered under what is now the lawn. According to an article originally published in 1969 by Richard Capstick, a previous occupier of the house says that one night he heard a rumbling noise which he believes was the tunnel caving in.

A filled-in aperture which was an access to the south wall-walk can be seen and gives an idea of the height of the wall.

Anne Stutchbury has provided a couple of charming old photographs of the tower. The first shows the roof being repaired and a swarm of bees being rescued at the same time! The second is a photo taken by long-time resident of Faulston House, Freya Watkinson, and is believed to be of her mother.



Rob Pendlenton

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News from Coombe Bissett School

Supporting Mental Health Through Music – sponsored by the Wylve Arts Society and the Friends of Coombe Bissett School

Body Percussion Workshop “The Beat Goes On!” with Ollie Tunmer, former member of STOMP.

‘I just loved all of it; I didn’t have a best bit, because I loved it all.’

So said one of the older children from Coombe Bissett Primary School, of their day of music making.

I went to observe the afternoon sessions, as representative for Wylve Arts Society, who sponsored this event. I quickly got the idea that just watching was not an option! Wow, what energy and engagement with the children Ollie had.

Using voice, foot tapping and stamping, hands and body, the children very quickly made amazing coordinated sounds, having plenty of opportunity to move and express themselves without worrying about social distancing or mask encumbrance. He taught them so much in a subtle way about Italian musical terms and musical cultures from around the globe. The final group made up a dance with a rumba rhythm. This, of course, was instantly popular with the children, and was a brilliant and somewhat noisy finale, to the day’s activities.

Barbara Turvey



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The Angry Garden/Silvered Night - Michael Stimpson



On June 4th a new CD/download is released of two works of mine that were written in Bishopstone. *The Angry Garden* for soli, choir, and orchestra features the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and City of London Choir conducted by Hilary Davan Wetton. *Silvered Night* for piano and orchestra features the RPO with one of the UK's most outstanding pianists, Mark Bebbington.

The Angry Garden is concerned with themes of environmental degradation, and following the CD/download there will be a vinyl release timed to tie in with the COP conference in Glasgow in November. *Silvered Night* had its foundation in a solo piano work for the 100th anniversary of the end of World War One, and is now developed to form a new piece which is closely related to the traditional concerto form.

The Angry Garden was actually written and premiered way back in 2002 at St. John's Smith Square in London in support of the World Wildlife Fund, when public and political awareness of climate issues was minimal. I collaborated on the work with poet and author Simon Rae and the result was a libretto which these many years on, I still feel is a wonderful piece of writing, one which allowed me as composer to express in music what I wanted to say. And that was my concern for climate change and global warming. Why? Well apart from the obvious, my roots and connection in science go way back; after an archaic London University degree in Botany and Zoology, I ended up sitting in front of the environmentalist David Bellamy in about 1972 to interview for a place on the MSc. course at Durham. Although I was offered a place, I changed to music that summer.

The two hot topics then I recall were conservation and genetics, but as my career morphed into composition, I never forgot my scientific background, and so this was how the climate became the focus for this choral work. I have to add that I have always felt strongly about connecting my work/classical music with contemporary issues where possible, and although I would most definitely say that *The Angry Garden* made little or no difference then to the recognition of a problem already firmly established, perhaps it can make a contribution now.

Of the piece itself, I recognised straightaway that if climate issues were to be the focus, they had to be the climax, and hence they really only emerge towards the end of the fourth movement, and control the fifth and final one. So Simon and I

decided to build from 'nothing', the first words being 'silence, stillness, darkness, emptiness', in other words before the creation of the universe. The second movement, Eden, with its high violins in octaves, has more the feeling of a virgin Earth or dripping rain forest, while the heavy orchestration of the third movement encounters the age of the dinosaur. The fourth begins to show the influence of Man; 'more mouths, more meat, turn up the heat', which led me on to the real impact in the fifth - 'the signs of change', 'now the ice is wearing thin', and the gentle choral singing of 'and so the prophecies have come to pass'.

The solo piano piece (*Variations on Papaver Rhoeas*) that gave rise to *Silvered Night* was written in the shape of the poppy, four variations (petals) which surrounded the bulk of the piece, the central black core. It was this core that was mostly used in *Silvered Night*, based on a short, almost machine-gun like rattle that is the main motif for the piece as a whole. One of the main issues for me was to move the work away from its World War One origins as it is all too easy to make too close an association. I did this with new material, elegiac rather than memorialising, and a climax to the piece which much better reflects the power and contrast of a concerto.

We recorded at Henry Wood Hall in London which has a beautifully warm and clear acoustic. I had used it before with two CDs with the Philharmonia Orchestra - one, *Age of Wonders*, again took me back to that scientific background, this time to mark the 200th anniversary of the birth of Charles Darwin, with a collection that evolved from violin and piano, through string quartet and string orchestra, to complete as a work for full orchestra, commissioned and premiered by the Darwin Symphony Orchestra in Australia.

The CD, *The Angry Garden/Silvered Night*, will be available from June 4th on Amazon and digitally from all the usual outlets, iTunes, Apple Music, etc., and both CD and download from www.michaelstimpson.co.uk.



Coombe Bissett Show

The annual Coombe Bissett Show is being held on the 17th July. The Show brochure is available to download in PDF form from the Coombe Bissett Show website (<https://cbandhshow.wordpress.com/>) or can be picked up in paper form from Coombe Bissett Stores.

The show's theme is '4th July' because that was the date on which it was scheduled for 2020... then obviously had to be cancelled, but the show brochures are being reused this year.

Ebble Notes - Pheasants: Benefit or Curse?

Over winter we have at least one pheasant in our garden every day, they are beautiful birds and do brighten the countryside and support a popular valley pastime.

Pheasants are not native to UK. They were imported from the continent probably in the 11th century, although some claim it was the Romans. Red-legged partridges were imported later, said to be by Charles II in the 17th century.

Their commercial growing did not increase dramatically until the 1970s, when only 3-4 million were released, but the latest figure from the RSPB quotes 57 million non-native gamebirds released each year, with 20 million shot. So some 65% are lost each year. Many are killed on roads, causing damage to some cars. We have hit 2 in the past 3 years, one occasioning £200+ damage, but most of the others provide food for corvids, foxes and raptors. The British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) data, between 1970 and 2016 reveals that whilst most bird species numbers have gone down, magpie and carrion crow numbers have doubled and jackdaws gone up by 2.5 times, while Britain's buzzard population increased five-fold. All have been linked with pheasant growing.

The Game Bird and Wildlife Conservation Trust guidelines recommend a feeding regime of 8 tons of feed per annum for every 1,000 birds released, with a feeding hopper for every 10 birds, where this is applied, there is a positive impact on some woodland songbird numbers and on the woodland environment. However, a recent RSPB study shows an overall negative impact in most areas.

These birds consume hedgerow vegetation and a wide range of invertebrates on a vast scale, which should also be a major food for other bird species and mammals. They have also been known to predate ground nesting birds. Hedgerows, together with their natural flora and fauna, are nationally recognised as hugely ecologically important and all farmers require planning permission to remove them.

The reduction of 59% in song thrush numbers and of other birds between 1970 and 1998 has been associated with these hedgerow effects, but the loss of wetland areas has been thought to contribute. The RSPB, the Woodland Trust and other

wildlife trusts request that trees not be planted on open wet areas, to reduce adverse effects on birds, as well as negating carbon storage.

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Photograph by Kate Pendleton

Rambling Anew with Jazzie!

Well, she is now about 3 months old, has had both inoculations and is ready to start walkies. However, we have to train Jazzie to wear a collar and walk on the lead. That is our next challenge, as well as still 'doing' indoors from time to time and nibbling just a bit too much. Oh, the Joys of a Puppy!! Here she is at 8 weeks and then this week! Maybe all this rain has just kept us in when we should have been out training.



The garden goes from strength to strength in the veggie patch, despite Jazzie's attempts at weeding, which displaces all my nice, neat rows of seeds. We will have carrots and parsnips and beetroot all mixed, with a bit of spinach for good measure. She has left the shallots alone! However, the pigeons have attacked our plum tree and gobbled up all the new shoots and most of the blossom.

An 8 week old ...

I had my first lunch out this week with two very old and senior regimental friends. We could just remember who we were, and how to get to the V&A. It was very exhilarating to get out to a pub lunch once more.

I am still hoping to go ahead with our exhibition in the Village Hall in September for all the artists, artisans, photographers, upholsterers and tapestry makers to show off their skills during the last year. I hope it will be an opportunity for fun and showing off! Perhaps some things may even be for sale! I continue to paint most weeks and have recently sold a painting from the SGA exhibition in the hospital. There is hope for all!!



..... and now at 3 months old!

My beer continues to brew, while I make our bread .. in a machine, I must admit! We are to start guiding again in the Cathedral on 21st May after a long time away since before Christmas.

So, we hope to see some of you about, as we tangle with Jazzie on walkies over the next few weeks!!

Keep going, keep planting and mowing, and keep well. Mask up if necessary!!

James Thompson



In March's STaB the case was set out for encouraging more tree planting in the village. A major initiative: "*The Queen's Green Canopy*" has now been launched to promote the planting of trees to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022.

Everyone will be encouraged to get involved – from individuals planting a tree in their garden through to community groups, schools and local authorities. The Woodland Trust is a partner of the QGC. They have free tree packs for community schemes where there is public access and packs at a subsidised cost for elsewhere. Across 2021 and 2022 they have over three million saplings in tree packs, available on a first come first served basis. Information on how to apply for these will be available through the Woodland Trust website from June 2021.

The Parish Council will be considering what commemorative planting it might undertake in the margins of the Recreation Field at its meeting in July. However, it would be great if all landowners in the village could also consider how they might get involved in this initiative. You can even obtain an official plaque to mark the occasion!

More information about the QGC project, including advice on which trees to plant, where to do it, when to do it and how to look after them is available on the website: www.queensgreencanopy.org.

Bag2School Collection

I have organised a Bag2School collection to raise funds for Coombe Bissett Primary School. The company collects clothes to be reused, and pays the school by weight of what is collected. If you have had a clear-out and would like to help, the school will be storing donations from Thursday 1st July, ready for the collection on the morning of Monday 5th. Alternatively I may be able to collect items from you at the end of June/ beginning of July.

The following good quality items are accepted for reuse: men's, ladies' and children's clothing, paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around), handbags, hats, bags, scarves and ties, jewellery, lingerie, socks, belts, soft toys, household linen, curtains, towels, bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers).

A full list of acceptable/unacceptable items can be found on the Bag2School website.

Many thanks, Kate Pendleton (01722 780655)



Recipe of the Month - Sticky Rhubarb Pudding

The rhubarb in our garden is growing well, so we've been on the lookout for some new recipes in which to use it. This one, spotted in a magazine (from a Leon cook-book) was delicious. It's a rhubarb-studded cake with a topping that cooks into a sticky sauce. Serves 6-8.

Ingredients

100g dark muscovado sugar

175g self-raising flour

1 egg, beaten

125ml milk

50g butter, melted, plus extra for greasing

Grated zest of one orange

1tsp vanilla extract

50g rhubarb, trimmed and cut into 1cm pieces

For the topping:

150g dark muscovado sugar

25g butter, diced

Juice of one orange

300ml boiling water



Method

Heat the oven to 190C/375F/gas 3.

In a large bowl, mix the sugar and flour together. In a separate bowl beat together the egg, milk and melted butter. Add the vanilla and orange zest. Pour the egg mixture into the flour and whisk to make a smooth batter.

Fold half the rhubarb into the batter and place the other half into a large buttered pudding bowl or deep dish. Pour the batter over the top.

To make the topping, sprinkle the sugar and diced butter over the batter. Mix the orange juice with the boiling water and pour over the top of the pudding.

Bake for 45-55 minutes or until browned on top and firm to the touch. Serve with cream or custard.

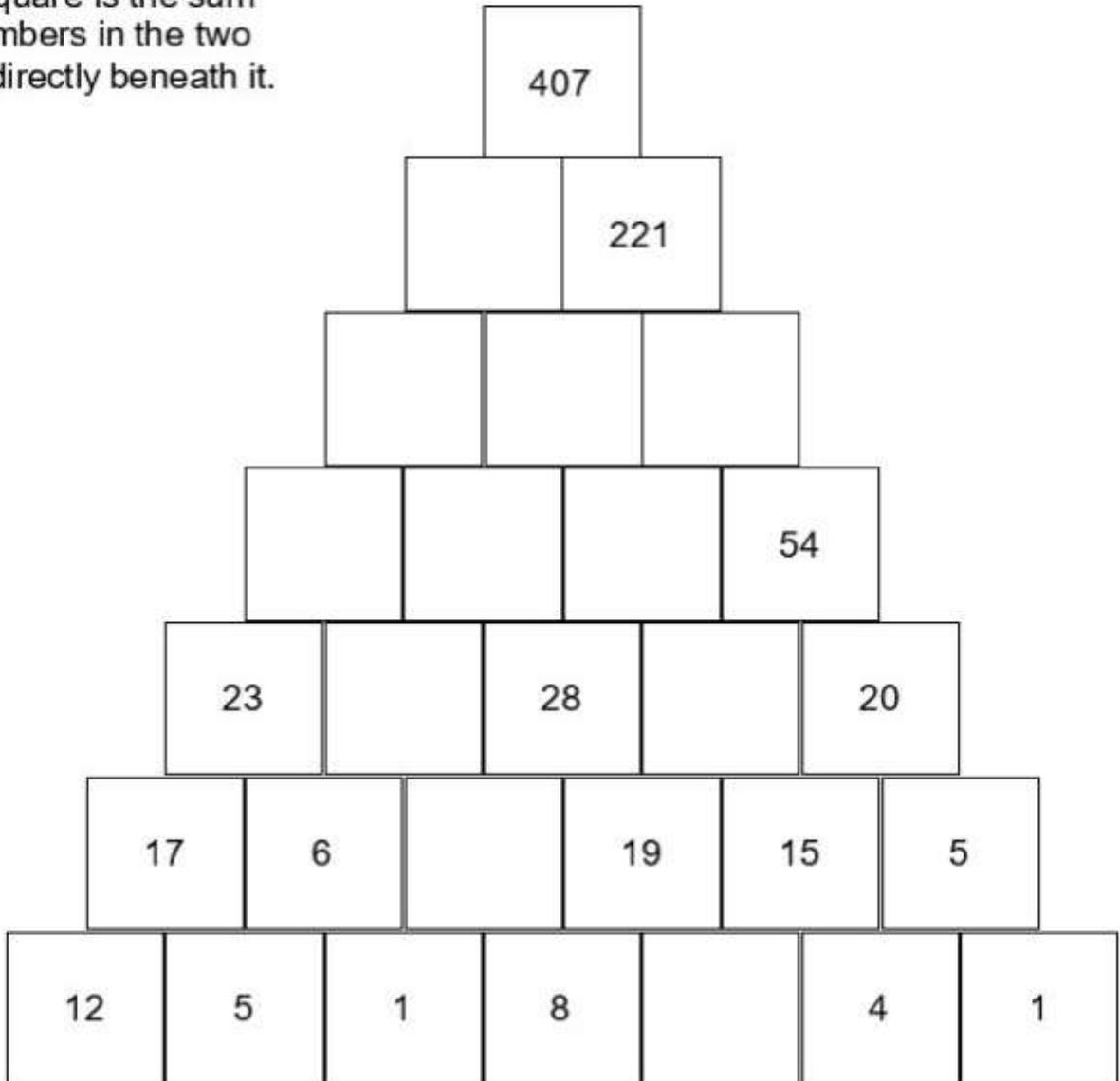
Kate Pendlenton

Puzzles and Activities

By Cally Edwards & Kate Pendleton

Place a number in every square to complete the number tower. The value in each square is the sum of the numbers in the two squares directly beneath it.

Number Tower



Code Riddles

Read these instructions very carefully!

Each letter of these items of clothing has been replaced by the letter before it in the alphabet, so A becomes Z, B becomes A and so on. Can you break the code?

BOPSBL =

USPVTFTST =

DBSEJHBO =

Answers on p31



Inky Insects

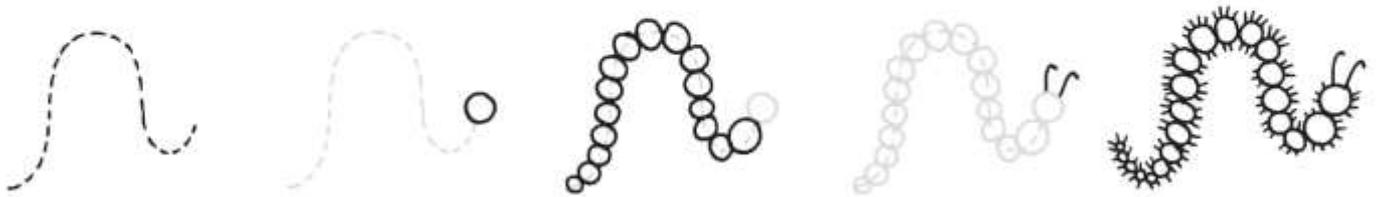
I love hiding little surprises like ladybugs and dragonflies in my drawings. Practice these inky insects on some paper, then hide them in your pictures.



1 → 2 → 3 → 4 → 5



Tip: Start by sketching this central line, then build your bug around it.



Sarah's Gardening Tips for June

1. Pinch out the tips of Fuchsias to encourage bushy growth.
2. Start to pick sweet peas as soon as they bloom to encourage more.
3. Harvest salad crops and resow every 2 weeks to get a constant supply
4. Protect carrots from carrot fly by covering with horticultural fleece.
5. Start to prune plum and cherry trees from now.
6. Prune overcrowded or dead stems of evergreen clematis once they have finished flowering to maintain a good shape.
7. Dead head and cut back oriental poppies after flowering to encourage a second flush.
8. Clip evergreen hedges such as privet, box and yew, while they are in active growth.
9. Turn your compost in compost bins to keep it well aerated, add moisture if too dry.

*A garden must combine the poetic and be mysterious
with a feeling of serenity and joy.*

Luis Barragan



Question: To what genus of plants do the Dogwoods belong?

(Answer on p52)

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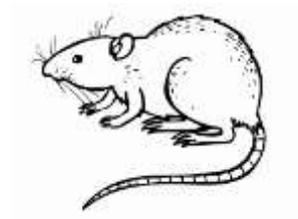
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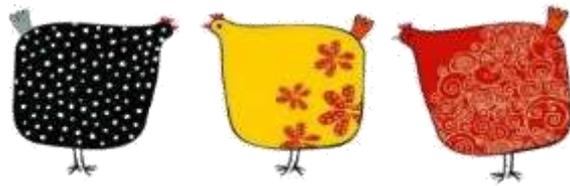
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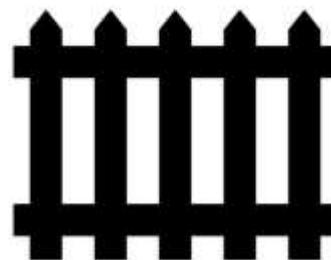
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If you want to have any information included on the website please contact either

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

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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 have so enjoyed seeing the sheep with their lambs in the field on the main road opposite the church. Every time the church needs overflow parking Ali Thorne moves all the sheep out so cars can go in. From us all Ali many, many thanks.

Alix Ricketts

In April long-time resident of Bishopstone Vera Cummins had a short stay in hospital. She is a regular customer at Coombe Bissett Stores, and Charles and the staff wanted to raise her spirits, so they asked if people would like to send her a birthday card which they could deliver with her shopping. As you can see she received a wonderful number and thanks everyone who was kind enough to send one.



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Pat Abbott has sent us this amazing photo of a fascinating (if a little sinister-looking) white spider. She writes:

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	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Britford	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Berwick St John	Lay Led
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Ebbesbourne Wake	Catherine Blundell
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Coombe Bissett	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	Morning Service (CW)	Odstock	Anna-Claar T-Rosingh
13 June 2nd Sunday after Trinity	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bowerchalke	Catherine Blundell
	9.30am	Family Communion (CW)	Nunton	Anna-Claar T-Rosingh
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	11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Charlton All Saints	Rhoderick Voremberg
	3.00pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)	Fifield Bavant	Biddy Trahair
20 June 3rd Sunday after Trinity	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Bowerchalke	Catherine Blundell
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bishopstone	Jenny Taylor
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	11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Homington	Jenny Taylor
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27 June 4th Sunday after Trinity	9.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Berwick St John	Roger Leake
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	11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Charlton All Saints	Anthony Hawley
	11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bishopstone	Ann Philp
	11.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Alvediston	Roger Leake
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)	Bowerchalke	Lay Led
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4 July 5th Sunday after Trinity	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
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