



# Parish Magazine

March 2021



Signs of Spring

Photo by Kate Pendleton

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The editors reserve the right to edit all contributions.



Garden rose, photo by Francis Taylor.

The STaB team would like to extend their grateful thanks to Lizzie Williams who sadly is stepping down from the editorial team due to other commitments. Her cheerful support has been a huge help over the past 2 years, and we will very much miss having her at our magazine planning meetings! Thank you Lizzie

### ***A warm welcome to...***

*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



Lent is almost two weeks old already and it is almost exactly a year to the day since we entered Lockdown 1. That is rather an amazing statistic when you think of what we have all gone through in varying degrees during this past year. The last thing we have any urge to do is to give up yet more! The Archbishop of Canterbury has just said, "Lent isn't about punishing ourselves. It's about drawing closer to Christ and allowing him to share in our struggles."

In other words go very gently with yourselves.

One thing you may like to do is visit our church in Bishopstone and add a prayer to our Lent Prayer Tree (you will find it near the organ) or why not give to our Lent Project "Can You Stand not Sitting" - buying desks and chairs for the school in Cueibet, South Sudan (the diocese linked with the Chalke Valley). I really hope you can find the time and energy to do both but whatever you do take care of yourselves and those you love and remember if you want to talk to communicate with someone I would love to hear from you!

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

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### **The Friends of Bishopstone Church**

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



## Parish Council

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm and will take place via Zoom Video Conferencing. Members of the public have a right to attend meetings. If you wish to join this meeting please let me know ([bishopstoneclerk@btinternet.com](mailto:bishopstoneclerk@btinternet.com)) and a link will be sent to you.

The Annual Parish Meeting has been postponed until later in the year. A further announcement will be made in due course.

Mike Ash,  
Clerk



Over the last year many people in the village have shown they care by providing support for their neighbours and friends. That caring attitude is all you need to be a good Parish Councillor! The local elections in May present an opportunity for you to help look after our village, improve its amenities and services and deal with local issues that affect us all. If you think you could contribute, but need to know more about what is involved, contact the Parish Clerk, Mike Ash on 781044 or by emailing [bishopstoneclerk@btinternet.com](mailto:bishopstoneclerk@btinternet.com).

## Local Elections May 2021

The Government has confirmed that local elections will take place on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021. Wiltshire Council officers have inspected the Village Hall and it will still be used as our local polling station, with Covid 19 safeguards in place.

The election will be for our local Wiltshire Councillor, the Police and Crime Commissioner and all seven seats on Bishopstone Parish Council.

Elections for the Parish Council will only take place if more than seven candidates are nominated. Existing Councillors have to stand down and, if they wish, seek re-election.

To be able to stand as a candidate at a parish council election you must be at least 18 years old and a British, Commonwealth or EU citizen and either

- be an elector for the parish, or
- for the last 12 months have occupied land or premises in the parish, or
- work in the parish (principal or only place of work), or
- live within 3 miles of the parish boundary.

Nomination papers will need to be submitted by 4.00pm on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> April.

Guidance for candidates and nomination forms are available at [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/elections-town-parish](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/elections-town-parish) or by contacting the Parish Clerk (Mike Ash) at [bishopstoneclerk@btinternet.com](mailto:bishopstoneclerk@btinternet.com).

**If you wish to vote in these elections, but do not wish to attend the Village Hall**, it will be necessary for you to make arrangements for a postal vote. The form to make an application to vote by post is available on the Wiltshire Council site referred to above. Postal votes have to be submitted by 21<sup>st</sup> April.



## Important Notice

### BISHOPSTONE PRESCRIPTION COLLECTION SERVICE

Please make sure that, if you have ordered prescriptions to be collected from the Sixpenny Handley surgery, you are at home to receive delivery on the afternoon of the day in question.

There have been a number of occasions recently when that has not been the case. It is very unfair on our team of volunteer drivers for them to have to make more than one attempt at delivery. It is inappropriate to leave medication on the doorstep.

If it is not possible for you to be at home on the day of delivery please make suitable arrangements with your Area Co-ordinator when making the order.

**PLEASE HELP US TO HELP YOU**

## Coronavirus Update- Good News

Thanks to the highly efficient vaccination arrangements put in place by the General Practices in our area, and the NHS more widely, all over 70s should now have been offered the Covid-19 vaccine. Everyone who attended either Michael Herbert Hall in Wilton or City Hall in Salisbury were impressed by the friendly, safe and swift treatment received. It really doesn't hurt and adverse reactions have been rare.

**IF YOU THINK YOU HAVE MISSED OUT PLEASE CONTACT YOUR GP PRACTICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

**HOWEVER** – the majority have yet to receive the jab, most will not get the second dose for some months yet, and even if you have been immunised it is still possible to transmit the virus. Therefore, while the number of cases in Wiltshire are going down, the risks of spreading the infection remain high.

**SO PLEASE CONTINUE TO FOLLOW THE GOVERNMENT'S GUIDANCE.**

The village support arrangements remain in place – contact your Area Co-ordinator (list at end of this STaB) if you need help.

## National Census - 21st March 2021



Census Day is  
Sunday **21 March**

It's easy to take part. If you need help to fill in your form, we've got it covered.

-  We will send you a letter with an access code.
-  Visit our secure website and enter your access code to get started.

If you, or anyone you know, needs help, a wide range of support services are available.

If you need help, visit [www.census.gov.uk](http://www.census.gov.uk)

    
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Every ten years the National Census provides a fresh picture of the population - informing decisions on public services to meet the needs of our changing society.

The Census will be taking place on Sunday 21st March 2021. Everyone is required to take part by completing and returning a census questionnaire form.

Census 2021 will be “digital first” meaning that returns will, as far as possible, be made on-line. All households will receive a letter with an access code to use to download their questionnaire and to submit their return.

Arrangements are being made for those unable to use the on-line system. The letter you receive will either contain a paper copy of the questionnaire, to be returned by post, or contact details for how to obtain one. More information is available at [www.census.gov.uk](http://www.census.gov.uk).



## Trees - Plant a Few in '22!

The Parish Council has launched a campaign to get more trees planted in and around the village. Attending a recent meeting one of the younger members of our community, Harry Williams, said:

*“Our climate is warming due to the release of carbon dioxide by man made processes. This leads to climate change and an increase in flooding. Trees can absorb carbon dioxide and reduce flooding. As a community we should play our part and plant more trees”.*

Trees are an important part of the landscape of the Chalke Valley, whether it is the isolated woods of the downs or the small woodland belts, copses, scattered trees and hedgerows which mark the line of the river. Trees provide the setting for our village and add to its character and the enclosed feel of the valley.

There has been a loss of trees in the village as a result of infection (eg Ash die-back), and the fact that many trees have reached maturity and become dangerous. There have been half a dozen applications for the removal of trees in the Conservation Area over the last two years, with a number of other examples of tree removal outside that area. This is having an effect on the appearance of the village.

Everyone, whether estate owners, farmers or householders can help address this issue by planting trees, whether singly, in small groups or as new woodlands.

**It is already happening.** The Phillips family of Flamstone House are currently in the middle of planting 600 trees in their water meadow. The Parish Council is considering whether some additional tree planting can take place in the unused corner of the Recreation Field. Farmers in the village are preparing for the Government's new farm support schemes which will encourage planting to help achieve the target of 30,000 hectares of new woodland by 2025 to help combat climate change.

Grants are available to land owners from the Tree Council and the Woodland Trust for the planting of copses and small woodlands. Tree planting programmes usually begin in the Autumn each year, so now is the time to be planning.

**Can you contribute by planting a new tree, or trees, in your garden or on your land - particularly to replace any that have been removed?**

**Can you spare time to join with others to promote tree planting in the parish eg. to consider whether concerted action can be taken to secure grant support?**

If you are interested in taking this forward, please contact me at [bishopstoneclerk@btinternet.com](mailto:bishopstoneclerk@btinternet.com).

Mike Ash



PS. Sorry about the heading – when I joined the Department of the Environment one of the first projects was “Plant a Tree in 73”!

## Village Hall



## March 2021

**Sadly the Village Hall remains completely closed due to the continuing pandemic and no events will be taking place during March.**

Although the Hall is closed for activities, new lighting has been installed in the Memorial Room and both rooms will be decorated in preparation for reopening.

Just as soon as the situation improves, all the usual events will return!

### **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**

A fortnightly coffee morning, allowing people to meet in an informal setting. Normally open between 10.30am until 12.00noon on alternative Thursdays.

### **BISHOPSTONE COMMUNITY LUNCHESES**

Home-cooked and delicious lunches served once a month, usually accompanied by a guest after-lunch speaker.

### **MOVIOLA at Bishopstone**

Monthly screenings of popular cinema releases.

### **BABY AND TODDLER PLAYGROUP**

For general information about the Baby and Toddler Group find their Facebook page *Bishopstone Playgroup*, or contact Kate Pendleton on 01722 780655 or email: [kmpendlenton@hotmail.com](mailto:kmpendlenton@hotmail.com) . Sadly the group are not meeting at present.

### **“EXTEND” EXERCISE CLASSES**

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

### **PILATES AT BISHOPSTONE**

Contact Claudine on 07788 587937

### **YOGA WITH HANNAH**

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

### **SARUM SPINNERS AND WEAVERS**

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



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

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

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

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

The hire charges include use of heating and electricity.

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

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

### **Broadband**

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

### **Large projection screen**

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

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

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

# Chalke Valley Community Support

## POLICE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



## Sixpenny Handley and Chalke Valley Practice

Doves Meadow Surgery, Broad Chalke: 01722 780282

**BROAD CHALKE SURGERY CURRENTLY CLOSED**

*See pp16-17 for news from the Surgery.*

Sixpenny Handley Surgery: 01725 552500

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



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

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



**STAY HOME  
STAY SAFE**

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

**0300 003 4576**

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## The Trussell Trust

Donation received for Feb was 15.8 kgs .Thank you everyone.  
At the present time they are still asking in particular for:-

**Long Life Fruit Juice**  
**Instant Mashed Potato**  
**Sponge Puddings**  
**Bars of Chocolate**



If you can please provide any of these which they are very short of at the present time but really anything you feel you can offer will be so useful during this lockdown .

As usual, if you wish to donate money instead of food ( cash or a cheque made out to **Salisbury Foodbank** ) you can as normal leave it with me to take for you or you can go online and donate directly to the **Salisbury Foodbank** , either a one off or a regular payment which can also be Gift Aided if you are able.

Payments made to The Trussell Trust now go to the central office and can be sent anywhere in the country so please keep this local and make your payments to **Salisbury Foodbank** .

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

I have been asked where donations of clothes and furniture can be made, unfortunately they are not taking anything in any of their shops at this time as they are all closed due to lockdown. I will keep you updated on this situation.

Keep safe everyone.

Judy Barrett (01722 780306)



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

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

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

**OPENING HOURS**

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

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

**ECO FRIENDLY REFILLS**

We are introducing a "Refills Station", selling a range of eco-friendly products from Sesi. A full range of cleaning products will be available at really great prices. They will be sold in refillable bottles or fully recyclable packaging.

**ADDITIONAL NEW RANGES**

We are always seeking to expand our range of products and produce, to include more local suppliers and new lines. Some of our latest additions include:

- A new range from local supplier Provenance Meals of fresh and frozen ready meals, sauces and condiments.
- An expanded range of deli foods in the new refrigerator.
- An extended range of fine wines, spirits, beers & ales has also been introduced.

**FRUIT & VEG BOXES**

Fresh fruit and vegetable boxes and hampers are available to order. These can be delivered to your door or collected from the shop.

**THE COFFEE SHOP**

Takeaway coffee and cakes are currently available daily. It is our intention to re-open the Coffee Shop, just as soon as we are permitted by regulations to do so.

**HAVE YOUR SAY...**

Our new mission statement promises to stay in touch with our local community to ensure we're offering the best service possible. In next month's magazines you'll get a chance to have your say about the Chalke Valley Stores. Look out for a leaflet with this publication, in-store and on our website.

**THANK YOU**

We would like to thank all our volunteers for their invaluable support and hard work. We are warmly welcoming new volunteers, if you wish to help, please contact Tony at the Shop.





## Slow Broadband? **GOOD NEWS!**

### Bishopstone can have **Superfast Fibre Broadband**

Further to the article in last month's STAB, Openreach have agreed **Superfast Fibre Broadband** (up to 1Gb/s) could be available to every house in Bishopstone if we want it. This would:

- Allow everyone in your property to be online at the same time – supporting WFH, home schooling, fast media streaming and gaming
- Ensure no drop in broadband speed at peak times
- Increase the value of your property and efficiency of your business
- Cost very little more per month than you are paying already

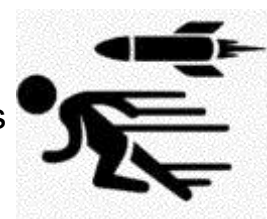
### **The Village Team is pursuing this dream for you now**

The formal quote has just been received from Openreach to start the process. **However, in order to receive the generous Government grants to pay Openreach (so that it will cost you nothing to bring it into the village), the Team now need you to sign up for it.**

The Government wants us to do this by setting up a village Community Interest Company consisting of members who want **Superfast Fibre Broadband**. Membership will cost just £1 per property/business.

Each property in Bishopstone will receive a membership application form with more details of the scheme. Once we have enough members, Openreach will agree to begin. Because they are so busy, the work to connect the village up to the fibre network could take up to a year.

Once installed in the village, you will need to upgrade your current broadband contract to a suitable superfast deal with your current provider or a new one. Most companies are offering superfast deals that are either the same cost as their regular broadband or just a few pounds more. There will be options for you to choose from.



More details of this scheme will be on the village website soon. However, if you would like to discuss it before then please contact:

Toby Mills – tel. 781168 | [toby@themillsfamily.org](mailto:toby@themillsfamily.org)

## Lent Appeal 2021 - "Can you Stand not Sitting"

The link between Chalke Deanery and the South Sudan Diocese of Cueibet was formed in 2013 when Canon David Henley was Rural Dean. During the last seven years, one of the areas where we have been able to make the biggest difference is the development of children's education.



Since our deanery's involvement, the church primary school in Cueibet has grown from four classes with over 200 pupils to approaching 900 pupils taught in separate sessions in the Morning and Afternoon. The school now covers all levels of primary education Years 1 to 8. The 'traditional' primary classes are taught 7.30am to 1.00pm after which the children are given a free lunch – often their only proper meal of the day. Older pupils who have come late to education follow the Accelerated Learning Programme (APL). They are considered to be better motivated and capable of learning faster. Teaching is from 2.00pm to 5.00pm and is concentrated, covering two years of the normal primary syllabus in one year.

When the small school was first formed, teaching took place in the shade of four large trees. At the beginning of each week, benches were carried out from the small cathedral by the children and returned on the Friday. During the rainy season, April to September, they were all taught in the cathedral.

Later, as a temporary measure, a tarpaulin covering was obtained from a United Nations relief agency. Finally the school got its first permanent building when, in 2018, two mud brick classrooms were built funded by Chalke Deanery, followed by a third in 2019. However, the benches are still carried in from the cathedral. Older children are

asked to bring in their own plastic chairs and the younger ones sit on the floor.

Our appeal aims to give the school its own chairs and desks. **£6,000** will fund **18 double desks and 69 benches** with each desk costing £110 and each bench £55.

The Chalke Valley Benefice punches above its weight in its support for the people of South Sudan through the work of CRESS with refugees in Uganda and Chalke Deanery's link with the Diocese of Cueibet. In 2017 we provided bicycles for its pastors and lay leaders. In 2021, we have the opportunity to deepen the link by supporting the church primary school and its children's education.

**Can we stand by while they can't sit?** With your help, these children can have what ours take for granted. The **Lent Leaflet** gives details of how **You can help!**

*Geoff Taylor*

## Learnt in Lockdown

As we hit an extraordinary 1 year milestone living with Covid-19, I wondered if, like me, you've discovered a new skill or passion for something that you'd always had a hankering to do or start again. So I thought that I'd start by sharing what I have learnt during lockdown. None of it has involved sourdough or banana bread!

I am not particularly comfortable with technology; my work mainly involves people skills; listening, counselling, teaching, comforting and helping expectant and brand new parents as they commence their journeys as families. C-19 stopped me being able to work face to face. Not easy when you are discussing childbirth, homebirth, breastfeeding challenges etc. I was forced to adapt to Zoom (something I'd never heard of 12 months ago). When last March it became clear that as an NCT Antenatal teacher, I'd be unable to continue courses face to face, but over the now well known medium of Zoom, I don't mind admitting I went into free fall panic mode.

But here I now am, a year on and with Zoom; able to make PowerPoint slides, create polls using online presentation programmes, do online card sorts and interactive quizzes as well as managing over 30 WhatsApp Groups just for those parents I've taught. Whilst I did not choose to present my courses online, I've learnt a lot of creative ways which help me engage with my clients. I think they've all been as pleasantly surprised as me by the online experience. I can't wait to get back to face to face to courses but maybe, just maybe, I'll keep a few online courses ticking on in the background.

What skill have you learnt or picked up again?

*Cally Edwards*  
[www.callyedwards.com](http://www.callyedwards.com)

## Updates from the Surgery

Last month we asked if anyone would like to submit any queries to the surgery, as we know that there has been some concern about the lack of provision at the Broadchalke site. We had several messages and passed them on to the staff at the surgery who have responded to them:

*'I would like to say that I think Broadchalke surgery should be opened asap. as I have had to go over to Sixpenny Handley several times in the last month which is 11 miles each way. Even if the surgery was opened 2 or 3 days a week it would help.'*

*'No doubt you have had several similar queries to ours about when the Broad Chalke surgery will reopen. We would like to know if it would be possible to open it for at least one or two days a week. I have had to postpone a visit to S Handley this morning because of the weather, whereas I could easily have gone to Broad Chalke. The staff at SH are always very helpful and we appreciate they are very busy, but it would be an enormous help to have some access to B Chalke.'*

*'Could the surgery give us their reasons for closing the Broadchalke surgery and indicate what their criteria will be in considering when to re-open it?'*

*'When do you plan to re-open the Broadchalke surgery? I have no car and getting to Broadchalke was so easy on the bus. Getting to Sixpenny Handley is a nightmare for me and I am considering moving to a surgery in Wilton or Salisbury.'*

We understand the inconvenience the pandemic has caused to local primary care services from The Sixpenny Handley and Chalke Valley Practice, in particular to the population who usually travel to the Broad Chalke site for services. The criteria we have been using throughout the pandemic to decide when we will be able to reopen the site at Broad Chalke for usual services are based solely on the Covid-19 laws and government guidance at the time. If a member of our staff has to self-isolate and their job is impossible to do from home their shifts have to be covered by their colleagues. Like the rest of the population our staff too could have underlying health conditions requiring them to Shield during the Lockdowns and again if their job cannot be done from home, their shifts need to be covered. We are one practice, we do not have separate staff for each site and apart from our dispensary staff we all work at both sites.

We have invested in recruiting extra staff during the second wave of the pandemic so that when the government announces the easing of Lockdown, we are in a better position to consider opening up some usual services at Broad Chalke. Please understand it takes time to train new staff, usually six months.



Please also be aware that booking your Covid-19 vaccines requires a full time receptionist and administrator.

We hope you appreciate that the site at Broad Chalke continues to play a very important part of our work. It is the site at which we assess patients with suspected Covid-19 meaning that no one enters the site at Sixpenny Handley with any symptoms that could be Covid-19. This helps keep those of you needing to visit Sixpenny Handley as safe as possible.

Once the government announces their plans over the coming weeks and we are all confident the second wave of Covid-19 is under control we will be re-opening some sessions each week at Broad Chalke. We would anticipate this will be after Easter. We will need to maintain our service for assessing patients with suspected Covid-19 at Broad Chalke. The site there lends itself well to this given that we can use a one way system in the building.

We understand if you have considered moving to a surgery elsewhere. Please think before you do so that we are all living and working in exceptional times that will begin to normalise over the months ahead.

*'Given the long drive from Bishopstone to 6d Handley to collect prescriptions, will the surgery support online pharmacies who deliver to your door at no cost, such as Pharmacy2U? This would make life so much easier.'*

Again we appreciate the inconvenience the pandemic has caused and we are very grateful to all the volunteers who have supported you and the surgery over the past year but we do not support on line pharmacies. They take essential income away from the practice that would mean that when the pandemic is over and life returns towards normal, we will have to restrict our services. For many years we have been able to support lengthy opening hours of both our sites solely due to the income generated by dispensing medication to our patients. If we lose this income then services at Sixpenny Handley and Broad Chalke that are not compulsory for us to deliver as a GP practice will have to be cut back. This would include some phlebotomy services and how many sessions per week both sites are open. Rural GP surgeries are an important part of their communities and we will always strive to run a sustainable service.

*The editorial team of STaB would like to thank the staff members from the surgery who have facilitated this communication.*

## Cranborne Doves Way

The eagle-eyed walkers and runners among you may have spotted a new footpath sign that has appeared on a gatepost up the Beeches track, at the turn-off to Throop Bottom Cottages (barns), indicating the 'Cranborne Doves Way'. I had never seen this before, so after snapping a quick photo I went home to investigate.



It turns out that the Cranborne Doves Way is a small part of a new, much larger route linking the Dorset and Norfolk coasts (Lyme Regis to Hunstanton) known as the Great Chalk Way. This runs for 400 miles, following an ancient trading route along the chalk ridge. The path is thought to be one of England's oldest, having been used as a link between places of historic occupation for thousands of years. It therefore links many sites of archaeological interest across the south east of the country. One objective in the modern recreation of this route was to provide a southern alternative to Wainwright's Coast-to-Coast walk which runs from the Lake District to Yorkshire.

The Cranborne Doves way is the new name given to the section of the route that runs from Win Green to Salisbury because it makes use of the two ancient droves in the Cranborne Chase AONB, the Ox Drove and the Shaftesbury Drove.

The main paths that make up the Great Chalk Way are the Wessex Ridgeway, Cranborne Doves Way, Sarsen Way, White Horse Trail, Pewsey Avon Trail, Ridgeway National Trail, Icknield Way and the Peddars Way National Trail.

The entire route was planned to be finalised by the Summer of 2020, but this was delayed for obvious reasons. It is hoped that this will be completed by Summer of 2021. There is also a website for the route under development, which can be found at:



[greatchalkway.org.uk](http://greatchalkway.org.uk)

*Kate Pendleton*

## Fovant Youth Club Charity Need Your Help!

### WHAT IS HAPPENING NOW..... A RENOVATION PROJECT 2021.

We are starting a new chapter for the Club. In these difficult times, we recognise that we can widen the scope of assistance and support we can give to Fovant and the surrounding area by modernising the building on Fovant High Street. We have recently been successful in obtaining a grant, but to make best use of these funds ... WE ALSO NEED YOUR HELP... be it financial, personal, or in kind, such as building trades - please get in touch especially if you have lockdown time to kill!

Our intent is now to create an accessible and welcoming building for all local groups, and those further afield, who seek accommodation for their activities. The Charity's Purposes will now include, for example, the disadvantaged and vulnerable, after school clubs, home tutoring groups, over 55 clubs, as well as activities for children and young people from 0 to 24.

The main structure dates back to 1787 but has suffered from a drop in investment and income following a reduction in youth activities. The building, being of solid greenstone walls and newish PVC double glazed windows without vents, needs its ventilation improved significantly; accumulated salts in the walls exacerbate dampness and requires rendering and the external pointing needs to be addressed; plus some electrical and minor builder's work. However we are delighted that in January 2021 Wiltshire Council SWW Area Board gave our Charity their enthusiastic support and a grant of half our project's costs. We have had £500 in donations already from supporters but we need to secure another £4,000 to achieve the funds to complete the renovations necessary to allow the building to be better used.

We would love to include you in our project and as an affirmation of community spirit. Your help, in whatever way, will be very welcome, and we will gratefully acknowledge by email every contribution. We have set out below how you can contact us with offers of help and how you can make a donation. If you have the commitment and energy to help develop and sustain the Fovant Youth Club Charity in its new inclusive role and would like to join in and become a trustee or co-opted member, or in any other way, we would be doubly delighted to hear from you.

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*Leslie Brantingham*

## Slowly Rambling On

Another month on and still locked down. However, we manage to get out for a walk twice a week in company with two lovely little ladies, Roxy and Darcy. These tiny hounds live opposite and while the lady of the house is getting better after surgery, the little ladies come walkies with us. They are a bit small for us, and Zinnie did think they were a snack once or twice!!

My other small friend has been to view the 'Lego' soldiers in the window, much taken by St Patrick (the knitted monk) on his Cornish smack en route to Scotland or Ireland. We are not sure he knows which one, or where he is going!

The garden keeps me busy enough between showers, and there is still lots to do. We have sown some peas and sweet peas in the greenhouse, they are growing very well. I am also trying with French climbing beans to give us a longer tastier season this year. My weekly online painting meet with my U3A friends also gives me plenty to do and an immediate end-product. Not always up to scratch, but it is fun, and we all learn from each other's mistakes!



The snow came as a bit of light relief, as it never settled for long, but looked very pretty. The birds in the garden seemed to enjoy it and their tracks were to be seen all over the place! However, the rain is becoming a bit of a pain as it never seems to stop. Now the river is well up, flooding may be a new hazard to our lockdown life. I hope we all manage to stay dry, and the wellies are not needed.

My last brew is still settling, while the previous one tastes very good and hoppy, but is nearly finished. It's a lengthy process from start to finish, about 3 weeks, and you never know how good it will be until the first bottle is opened. Still, it passes the time while we wait for things to open up again. We enjoyed an excellent take-away from the pub this week. Highly recommended and easy to order and collect!

Keep well and Covid free. Get out when you can, as it is the best way to meet old friends again! Remember Lent and have a quiet time. Perhaps we can regain our church services again by Easter.

*James Thompson 20 Feb 2021*



## Reader Feedback

*Just before STaB went to press this month I received an e.mail from reader (not local) who wished to remain anonymous in print, but who was most interested in a STaB article published last year.*

Mike Ash's article [Feb 2020] on Mary and William Blackmore's Wedding will inspire me to visit Bishopstone Church when restrictions allow.

As with George Catlin before him, William Blackmore understood that the changing frontier was witnessing the demise of Native American tradition. Both men therefore set out to document these vanishing societies-Catlin with a paintbrush, and Blackmore with the art of portrait photography.

The images that Blackmore was eventually to accumulate, comprised portraits from a vast geographical area: The Pawnee people in Nebraska; the Utes in Colorado; the Osage and Santee from the Great Plains; the Apache from New Mexico and Arizona; and the Ojibwa from the Mid West. The photographs and negatives that have survived are represented in both The British Museum and The Smithsonian.

Blackmore had travelled across the Plains in 1868 with The Kansas Pacific Railroad, and this may have been a catalyst for his interest. He did not publish his account of the 'North American Indians' until 1877, some five years after Mary's death. His conclusions pointed out the enormous and unacceptable waste of the Buffalo herds, an ecological position that was ahead of its time.

The portrait of him standing beside Chief Red Cloud of The Oglala Dakota Nation speaks volumes. Two years previously, Red Cloud had met with President Grant on June 9th, 1870, arguing against the forced settlement of his people on the Missouri River; he appears very uncomfortable in this photo.

The loss of Mary in July 1872 may have precipitated much that subsequently went wrong for William Blackmore; his mental health looks increasingly more fragile after his return from Mount Blackmore. But for his diligent work, however, our knowledge of Native American ethnography, would be very much the poorer.

I found the Parish Magazine online, as am fascinated by the William Blackmore story. I did not know whereabouts he was married though, so was delighted to find out this piece of the puzzle. Chief Red Cloud, who is illustrated in Mr Ash's article, is discussed at great length in Dee Brown's 'Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee' and is as important to this moment of Native American History as Sitting Bull, Geronimo or Chief Joseph of The Nez Perce. The Mary and William Blackmore story is rare as most UK travellers on the Frontier, either were settling in the US, and/or didn't have the funds to collect Native American Culture. Mary's memorial and window are a significant part of this story, therefore!

*JH*

## The 'Knigtons Ashe' Mystery!

Over the past month The Queen's Head pub in Broadchalke have been trying to solve a mystery. This is a bit of the map of Wiltshire by Saxton & Kip dated 1607, a facsimile of which is displayed in the pub. The owners noticed that a large tree is marked on it, labelled as Knigtons ash (modern spelling applied).



A query about this was put out on their Facebook page, as well as e.mailed out to everyone on their mailing list. The most plausible explanation was e.mailed back by an anonymous 'Local Historian':

*"It was the convention to mark prominent landmarks for navigational purposes, as in the case of Knigton Ash, which was not thought to have been unusually large, or tall, but stood out because of its high position and lack of other features on the ridge.*

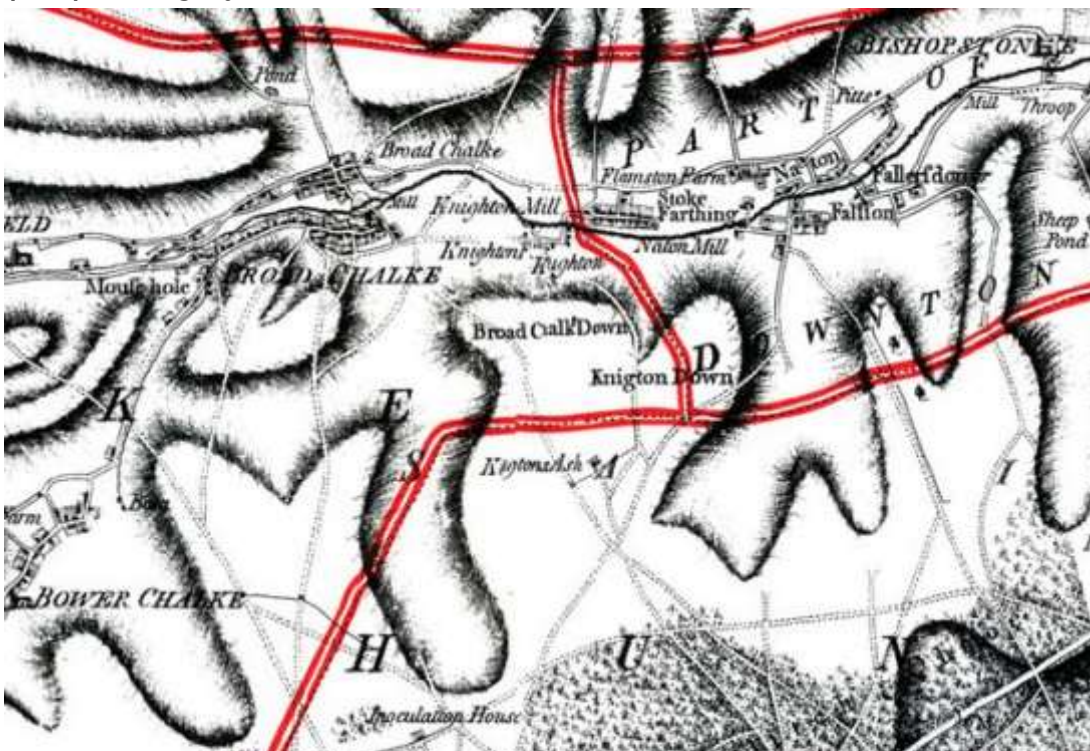


*It should be remembered that the Chalke Valley was a soggy back-water to be avoided by travellers with the two major routes being the Ox Drove to the south running Salisbury to Blandford (preceding the turnpike road now the A354) and the Shaftesbury Drove running parallel on the northern ridge.*

*From both those important highways Knighton Ash was a very visible feature, as was the windmill on Windmill Hill shown east of Alvediston on your map.*

*I have seen several Tudor and Jacobean maps where clumps of trees in similar positions are marked. Unfortunately, the map makers of the time were rarely "locals" and were thoroughly inaccurate in the positioning of one village in relation to another and often perpetuated such errors through plagiarism- just like Google!*

*In the period mentioned, the pubs were largely on the droves (the "Huts"- as in Hut & Lodge Farm and Fovant Hut, Bigley Hut etc), rather than in the villages where people largely brewed their own beer and cider".*



The Andrews' & Drury's map of Wiltshire, 1773. It looks like whatever 'Knightons Ash' was it was just over halfway up Church Bottom on the left.

Further discussion revolved around the Windmill pictured at Alvediston on the 1607 map. Apparently one was recorded in *A History of the County of Wiltshire, Volume 13*, as part of Alvediston manor in 1331 and 1360. The one illustrated on the 1607 map was probably a later one which was reported as part of Norrington manor in 1576. It was still there in 1664. There is also a second old windmill site appearing on an Ordnance Survey map spotted by one of the pub customers where the road going south out of Ebbesborne meets the Ox Drove. Are there any vestiges of the mill left on Windmill Hill? Has anyone come across the remnants of the one on the Ox drove?

If anyone reading STaB has any further information, either about Knighton's Ash or the windmills up the valley, the Queen's Head would love to hear about it. Drop in when the pub reopens, or e.mail [candy@queensheadbroadchalke.co.uk](mailto:candy@queensheadbroadchalke.co.uk)

# Puzzles and Activities

By Cally Edwards





# Mother's Day Word Search

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Can you work out the names of the Nursery Rhymes from the Emoji clues?

Answers below.



**Answers:** 1. Baa Baa Black Sheep, 2. Old Macdonald had a Farm, 3. Rub a dub dub, 3 Men in a Tub, 4. 5 Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed, 5. Hickory Dickory Dock, 6. One Two Buckle my Shoe, 7. 3 Little Kittens, 8. Ring a Ring of Roses, 9. Hey Diddle Diddle, 10. Are you Sleeping? Are you Sleeping? (Frere Jacques) 11. Rain Rain Go Away, 12. Row Row Row Your Boat, 13. Insey Winsey Spider, 14. Little Red Hen.

## Nature Notes - Egrets and Red Kites

Local birdwatchers over the last few years have been seen two new arrivals which have totally different back stories.

If you walk around Bishopstone today you will almost certainly spot a Little Egret, a small member of the heron family. They can be seen on the banks of the Ebble, usually in ones or twos but sometimes in quite large flocks. Although they may seem to a relatively common bird, their arrival here is quite recent. My first sighting was a few years ago, during an afternoon walk on Christmas Day. We spotted this pure white bird by the river which we thought at first was a small albino heron but then realised that it was a Little Egret having seen flocks of them on the Nile during a holiday in Egypt. I looked it up in our rather elderly bird book where it was described as “a rare summer visitor”. Rare summer visitor indeed! This was Christmas Day. Clearly this bird had not read my bird book.



As a result of global warming, Little Egrets had been moving north through Europe and eventually reached Britain in significant numbers in 1989, initially in Alderney and then on the Hampshire and Dorset coasts. They were first reported breeding on Brownsea Island in 1996 and they are now resident along the whole of the south coast and also on the east coast as far north as The Wash. During the winter large numbers flock here from the Continent and they can be seen as far north as the Outer Hebrides. This is quite some progress for what was once “a rare summer visitor”.

The other bird that we now see regularly around the village is not a newcomer but a returnee.



In Shakespearean times Red Kites were a common bird, especially in London where they fed on scraps and had a reputation for stealing hung-out washing for nest-building materials. Unfortunately, they were persecuted in England, and by the end of the nineteenth century they had been driven to extinction. A small breeding population survived in Wales, but it was too small to be used as the basis to repopulate England. Between 1989 and 1994, red kites were imported from Spain and released in the Chilterns by the RSPB and English Nature

and they were reported to be breeding there by 1992. Since 1999 chicks have been taken from the Chilterns to reintroduce this magnificent and graceful bird to other parts of the country. Today there are more than 10,000 red kites across Britain which is probably 10% of the world population. The red kite reintroduction has proved to be one of the greatest conservation success stories of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

*Francis Taylor*

## Recipe of the Month - Indian Carrot Soup

*By Cally Edwards*

serves 4

This soup is a current favourite in the cold months. A little Indian spice adds a whole new dimension to a standard carrot soup.

### Ingredients

1 tbsp olive oil

1 onion, finely chopped and diced

500g (4-5 large) peeled carrots, finely chopped and diced

½ tsp coriander seeds

½ tsp cumin seeds

1-1½ litres chicken or vegetable stock (the more you use the thinner the soup)

a handful of fresh coriander

optional small dollop of plain greek yoghurt onto soup before serving.

### Method

Place a large saucepan with a lid on a fairly low heat and add the oil. When hot, add the onion and carrots and cook gently, stirring frequently for 15 minutes. You don't want the onion to turn brown, merely sweat and soften.

Meanwhile, dry fry the spices in a frying pan for 1-2 minutes until just fragrant - they can scorch quickly so keep an eye. Once done, tip into a pestle and mortar and grind to a fine powder.

Add the ground spices to the pan of onion and carrots, then pour in the hot stock. Bring it all to a simmer and cook for 15 minutes until the carrots are really tender. Remove from the heat, add the fresh coriander and then blend until smooth.

Serve with crusty bread.





## Sarah's Gardening Tips for March

1. Prune late flowering clematis (group 3) then feed them.
2. Cut back cornus (dogwood) and willow to benefit from colourful stems in winter.
3. Plant early potatoes and onion sets as soon as the soil warms up.
4. Start off broad beans under cover in a greenhouse or cold frame.
5. Lift and divide border perennials, e.g. hostas, daylilies and red-hot pokers.
6. Sow summer bedding seeds such as cosmos, verbena, zinnia etc.
7. Plant summer flowering bulbs.
8. Prepare seed beds ready for direct sowing of flowers and vegetables.

*When weeding , the best way to make sure you are removing a weed and not a valuable plant is to pull on it. If it comes out of the ground easily, it is a valuable plant!*

*Anon*



**Question:** True or false? An epiphyte is a plant which grows on another plant.

(Answer on p48)

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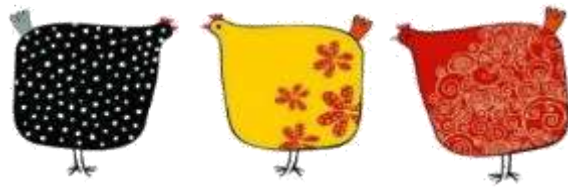
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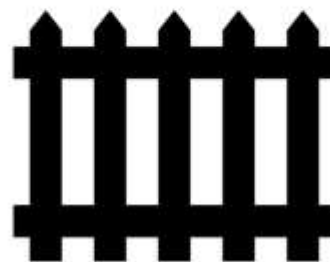
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- Introducing the Crystal Clear Ebble, with the Wessex Rivers Trust. Monday 15th March, 7:30-8:30pm. *We would like to welcome you to a presentation about the River Ebble, a little chalk stream that runs through Wiltshire's beautiful Chalke Valley. Join Alex and Matt as they explore the unique importance of the River Ebble and find out how you can volunteer to receive training to help undertake surveys, become a River Warden and help us enhance and conserve the special habitats along the river. The presentation will introduce you to the river, taking you on a journey through time, winding our way downstream and showcasing why chalk streams are such rare and important habitats.*

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### Bishopstone Village Website

[www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk](http://www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk)

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

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

Mike Ash ([bishopstoneclerk@btinternet.com](mailto:bishopstoneclerk@btinternet.com))

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## Staying in Touch

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

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

The Bishopstone Network is a WhatsApp messaging service that has more than proved its worth during the pandemic. Information can be instantly shared to your mobile phone about support services being provided in the village and on a variety of other matters – everything from the length of electricity black outs to what is available from the White Hart take-away service! You will need to download the App to your phone and then contact Piers Edwards ([piersgedwards@gmail.com](mailto:piersgedwards@gmail.com) or 01722 780079) or Kate Pendlenton ([kmpendlenton@hotmail.com](mailto:kmpendlenton@hotmail.com) or 07769202200) and ask to be added to the group.

## Letters to the Editor

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## Services in Chalke Valley Benefice - March 2021


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



### Pattern of services during Lockdown restrictions.

Please follow all the safety rules in church. If the Covid 19 situation changes, services may be cancelled at short notice. Churches will normally be open for private prayer.

Please check your church noticeboard and weekly e-bulletin.

<b>7 March 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>	9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Parish Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Family Communion (CW) Family Communion (CW)	Broad Chalke Britford Ebbesbourne Wake Coombe Bissett	Catherine Blundell Jenny Taylor Catherine Blundell Jenny Taylor
<b>14 March MOTHERING SUNDAY</b>	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 3.00pm	Parish Communion (CW) Family Communion (CW) All Age Service Mothering Sunday Service Evening Prayer (BCP)	Bowerchalke Coombe Bissett Alvediston Berwick St John Fifield Bavant	Catherine Blundell Jenny Taylor Biddy Trahair Roger Leake Biddy Trahair
<b>21 March 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Morning Prayer (BCP) Parish Communion (CW)	Bowerchalke Bishopstone Berwick St John Ebbesbourne Wake Homington	Catherine Blundell Jenny Taylor Roger Leake Biddy Trahair Jenny Taylor
<b>28 MARCH PALM SUNDAY  Clocks go forward</b>	9.00am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Family Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Holy Communion (BCP) Family Communion (CW) Evening Prayer (BCP)	Berwick St John Broad Chalke Bishopstone Alvediston Coombe Bissett Bowerchalke	Roger Leake Catherine Blundell Catherine Blundell Roger Leake Jenny Taylor Lay Led
<b>1 April MAUNDY THURSDAY</b>	4.00pm 7.30pm	Short Communion (CW) Short Communion (CW)	Broad Chalke Bishopstone	Catherine Blundell Jenny Taylor
<b>2 April GOOD FRIDAY</b>	11.00am 12 noon 1.00pm	Passion Reading & Music Devotional Service Devotional Service	Alvediston Bishopstone Bowerchalke	Lay Led Jenny Taylor C Blundell / R Leake
<b>3 April EASTER EVE</b>	6.00pm 8.00pm	Easter Fire Service Easter Fire Service	Homington Fifield Bavant	Jenny Taylor Roger Leake
<b>4 April EASTER DAY</b> 	9.30am 9.30am 9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) Family Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Family Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Family Communion (CW)	Alvediston Broad Chalke Bowerchalke Britford Bishopstone Coombe Bissett Berwick St John Ebbesbourne Wake	Roger Leake Catherine Blundell K R Smith / D Blundell Jenny Taylor Archdeacon of Sarum Jenny Taylor Catherine Blundell Roger Leake

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