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The editors reserve the right to edit all contributions.



Beautiful double-headed daffodils at the Barters'.

The PCC and the editorial team would like to thank Ron and Jean Bennett for their recent generous donation to STaB. This helps us to continue producing what we hope is a helpful and entertaining magazine each month.



Painted Bunting (from the USA) by James Thompson.

A warm welcome to...

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



Hello from the Revd Canon Jenny Taylor



Alleluia Christ is Risen – He is Risen indeed Alleluia!

Oh, I so missed hearing those words in our church on Easter Sunday as I am sure you all did; but my goodness I am determined that those words will ring out in glory when we all meet on the first Sunday after lockdown in our churches!

It is a real time of paradox isn't it – our hearts are wrung out at the suffering of others but filled with gratitude that we live in such a beautiful part of the world. We are overwhelmed by the generosity given in service by so many but distraught by the abandonment of our normal day-to-day experiences. We are frustrated by lockdown and yet cherishing having time and space in our lives. We have just celebrated, albeit in a totally unusual way, the greatest paradox of all time – the death on a cross and the miraculous resurrection to New Life.

In these paradoxical times, that miraculous resurrection of Jesus Christ to New Life is what gives us hope and joy and strength and peace. So may God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen us to walk with him in his risen life; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with us this day and for evermore. Amen.

As you walk you may well echo my gratitude that our churches sit in such beautiful surroundings and I hope during your daily exercise you have been able to visit our churchyards, Stratford Tony seemed to shimmer with gold from the primroses and Bishopstone's Easter Cross was a joy to behold. With our church buildings remaining closed we have all begun to realise what gems we have in our midst!

There is a thought that there are "thin places" in our world where the divine and the human come close together and I believe that our churchyards are such places. There is a serenity and beauty found in them and I hope that you too have rediscovered these ancient places of blessings.

As we pray for so many struggling with the tragedies that Covid-19 has produced, as we pray for all those workers who have kept our daily lives in some sort of order, we also give thanks for the many blessings by which we are surrounded.

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Parish Council

The Parish Council is unable to hold its normal meetings at the present time. It is hoped that it will be possible to resume meetings later in the year. If it becomes necessary to take urgent decisions in the meantime the Government has amended the legislation relating to Parish Councils to enable meetings to take place by video or phone remote access. These arrangements also provide for members of the public to listen in, or contribute to, the discussion if required. If it becomes necessary to hold such a meeting, notice will be given on the village website (www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk) or, if possible, in STaB.

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

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

WHY NOT JOIN US ON THE BISHOPSTONE NETWORK?



The Bishopstone Emergency Committee has established a WhatsApp group as a means of sharing information during these difficult times. WhatsApp operates via mobile phones and provides an instant messaging service. If you want to be able to receive up to date messages about support services being provided in the village, on local shopping and the pub take-away service or to send messages to others then join

The Bishopstone Network. The group already has more than 50 active participants.

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



BISHOPSTONE PLAY AREA IS CLOSED

PLEASE DO NOT USE IT

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

In his address to the Nation on 23 March the Prime Minister said that "to ensure compliance with the Government's instruction to stay at home, we will immediately close all shops selling non-essential goods....and other premises including libraries, playgrounds and outdoor gyms....". The rest of the Recreation Field remains open for use by anyone undertaking their one exercise of the day, **either alone or only with members of their own household.**

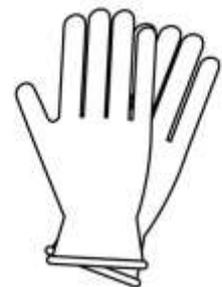
Bishopstone Parish Council



BONFIRES

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

The Parish Council would like to extend their thanks to Jerry Steedman, the Manager of Test Valley Packaging, who lives in Bishopstone, and has kindly donated to the village a supply of protective blue nitrile gloves. These are being used by our village volunteers and drivers when collecting shopping, prescriptions, etc. We are all very grateful.



If you are on Facebook, the Chalke Valley has its own Facebook page, with 3 Bishopstone mums as the Admin team. Do join **Chalke Valley Families** for local information, events and selling activity. *(This page is in no way affiliated with any of the Parish Councils in the valley).*

Covid-19 Assistance in Bishopstone

Within Bishopstone we have an Emergency Plan, a copy is on the village website (www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk). If you have never read it, now is a good time!

The plan includes the provision of assistance such as collection of medication, food and other essential supplies for those in need in our community. Though households are expected to make their own arrangements for coping - no one should feel alone, especially the elderly and infirm.

The village has been divided into sub areas with Area Co-ordinators acting as contact points for any resident who is in need. They, in turn, will be able to call upon a wider group of volunteers. If you are unsure which area you are in, please contact any of the Co-ordinators and they will sort things out. This information was in the blue leaflet delivered to houses in the village in March. However, much of it is reproduced below.

PRESCRIPTION PICKUP PROCESS

Hopefully you are aware the Chalke Valley Practice in Broad Chalke has closed and is now operating from Sixpenny Handley only.

The surgery has set up a system within the village whereby you should ring your Area Co-ordinator if you require your prescription to be collected. You will need to confirm the date for collection, your name, address and telephone number. Prescriptions will normally arrive by mid-afternoon on the requested day. **Please note: if you have a prescription that is repeated every 28 days you will need to re-order it each time with your Area Co-ordinator.**

The surgery are keen to ensure that residents over 70 years old do NOT drive to the surgery for individual prescription requirements.

LOCAL SHOPS

Our local shops have risen to the occasion. Here they give their order, collection and/or delivery details in their own words:

Chalke Valley Stores, Broad Chalke - 01722 780998

Here is what you do to arrange a delivery:

With your order and contact details at the ready ring the HUB shop. You are likely to speak to one of our team leaders but anyone on duty at the shop can take your order. You can also email us with your order at: info@chalkevalleystores.co.uk

We will then prepare your order and ring you when it's ready with the cost and to arrange delivery at a convenient time and to a specific drop off location at your house. You will be asked to leave either a cheque, (payable to the Chalke Valley Stores), or cash, in an envelope for the delivery driver to collect. Unfortunately we do not yet have the facility to pay by card over the phone.

Coombe Bissett Stores - 01722 718852

We are operating a pre-order service for those in isolation or wishing to avoid contact with others.

Please send your grocery list to shop@coombebissettstores.co.uk and we will assemble your order for collection or delivery. Please include your telephone number(s) so that we can take payment by phone and discuss any queries.

Volunteer drivers arranged through your Area Co-ordinator will pick up for you if you are isolating or vulnerable.

Ansty Farm Shop - 01747 829072

We are open Tuesday to Saturday 10.00am to 5pm and 10.00am to 4pm on Sunday.

Please email or phone your orders to us in advance if possible. We will call when we have boxed everything up, pay over the phone and then we place the box outside on the table when you arrive – zero contact with us.

Email: orders@anstypy.co.uk Website www.anstypy.co.uk

Use our NEW On-Line Order Form to help process your order more efficiently
You can download the editable order form (Word) from the website and it is also available as PDF for printing

Bird and Carter - 01722 744177

Bird and Carter are located at Chilhampton Farm, Warminster Road, Wilton. Online at www.birdandcarter.co.uk. They operate as a Order and Pick Up and have an extensive Prepaid Pick Up Shop online.

AREA CO-ORDINATORS ARE HERE TO HELP...

Name	Part of village	Telephone Numbers	E-mail
Rachel Dew Will Dew	Croucheston	01722 780871 07944 760376	rvwilliams50@gmail.com
Jane Peasley	Croucheston	07746 573391	janelp@hotmail.co.uk
Jane Stocker Andrew Stocker	Croucheston	07761 805469	jane_stocker@me.com
Amber Cotton	Flamstone	07515 807251	ambercotton@btinternet.com
Danielle (Dani) Humphrey	Flamstone	01722 781056 07811 117453	dani.humphrey@icloud.com
Sarah Brough	Netton: Netton Street, Netton Island	01722 780684 07825 442110	sarahpicol@hotmail.com

Cally Edwards Piers Edwards	Netton West: Butt Lane, Stanley Close	01722 780079 07968 797168 07920 475009	callyedwards@me.com piersgedwards@gmail.com
Kate Pendlenton	Netton East: Croft, Harvest Lane	01722 780655 07769 202200	kmpendlenton@hotmail.com
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Olivia Wilson	Blandford Road	07773 844825	olivia-wilson18@hotmail.co.uk
Ali Thorne	Windwhistle	07768 514133	ali.thorne@btinternet.com

Practical help is vital, but it can also be depressing and lonely being on your own. Your Area Coordinator or the Rev'd Canon Jenny Taylor (01722 503081) are just a phone call away, so please give them a call and know that you are not alone.

Bishopstone - Covid-19

PLEASE REMEMBER:

The basic rules - you should only leave the house for very limited purposes such as:

- shopping for basic necessities, as infrequently as possible
- one form of exercise a day, alone or with members of your household
- any medical need, or to provide care or to help a vulnerable person
- travelling for work purposes, but only when you cannot work from home

Do:

- observe social distancing - stay 2 metres (6ft) away from other people at all times if you do go out
- call your Area Co-ordinator (list elsewhere in this STaB) if you are self isolating or vulnerable, and need help with the collection of prescriptions, or essential shopping
- keep an eye on vulnerable neighbours, let's make sure everyone is OK
- talk to others – by phone, it's good to chat and make others feel less isolated

Don't:

- mingle with others – you or they can spread the virus even if you/they don't have symptoms
- invite others, including friends or relatives, into your home
- let holiday accommodation
- use the Children's Play Area on the Recreation Field
- light bonfires
- ignore symptoms – phone 111.

Village Hall



May 2020

SPECIAL NOTICE

In order to follow government instructions to help avoid transmission of Covid19 the Village Hall will stay closed until further notice. Therefore all Bishopstone Village Hall events, including Community lunches, the Community Café, Moviola and Rural Arts performances remain suspended for the time being.

VILLAGE HALL PLANT SALE - SATURDAY 16th and SUNDAY 17th MAY

The usual Bishopstone Village Hall Spring Fair and Plant Sale will not take place this year. However, we know there are gardeners unable to get plants and we also know there are gardeners in the village who have a surplus of seedlings which will be destroyed.

To save wasting viable plants, on **Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th May**, between the hours of **10am to 4pm**, anyone in the village who is out taking exercise and has spare seedlings or small bedding plants, can leave them spaced out along the southern edge of the village hall car park, or on the gravel. Any walkers passing through the car park on the public footpath can carry away anything they need, free of charge.

If you would like to make a small voluntary donation to Salisbury Hospice, put it in an envelope and leave it in the Taylors' porch, 14 The Croft. A BACS transfer of any monies will go straight to the Hospice, and will be reported in the next STaB.

PLEASE NOTE: In order to comply with government regulations, you **MUST** strictly adhere to distancing rules and absolutely avoid gatherings of more than 2 people at a time (unless from the same household).

NO CARS ALLOWED INTO THE CAR PARK.

To avoid unwanted plants being left, anyone who brings plants **MUST ALSO REMOVE ANY REMAINING** from the car park by Sunday evening.

VILLAGE HALL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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

A further update, hopefully with an indication of dates for re-opening will be given in the June edition of Bishopstone Village Hall News. Information will also be published on the Village web site www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk and on the village noticeboard.

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

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

Bishopstone Village Hall rates for private hire

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

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

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

The hire charges include use of heating and electricity.

The rates are currently:

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

Broadband

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

Large projection screen

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

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

For further information and bookings contact: Margaret Barter 01722 780471

Chalke Valley Community Support

POLICE

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

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

You can also contact local Police as follows:

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

PC Matt HOLLAND – Community Policing Co-Ordinator

CPTSouthWiltshire@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk

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

Social media – for local policing updates follow us on Facebook

@salisburypolice and Twitter **@SouthWiltsCPT**



Sixpenny Handley and Chalke Valley Practice

Doves Meadow Surgery, Broad Chalke: 01722 780282

BROAD CHALKE SURGERY CURRENTLY CLOSED

Sixpenny Handley Surgery: 01725 552500

www.sixpennydocs.co.uk



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

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



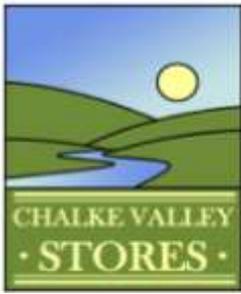
**STAY HOME
STAY SAFE**

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

0300 003 4576



Wiltshire Council



Shop: Open weekdays 8.30am - 6pm (4pm on Saturdays)
Coffee Shop: Open weekdays 9am - 4.30pm
(until 4pm on Saturdays for breakfast, lunch, tea and meetings)
Post Office: Open Mon, Tues & Thurs 9.30am –1.30pm:
w: www.chalkevalleystores.co.uk
e: info@chalkevalleystores.co.uk
Tel: 01722-780998

For details of how to order from us, please see p6 of this magazine. Please do not hesitate to take advantage of this service. Our core value here at the HUB has always been that, as a community project, our purpose is to serve you at all times both good and bad.

FLOUR has been in short supply in many supermarkets but I am pleased to say that thanks to a local team effort the HUB has kept up with demand. Wheat has been donated from the Syke's farm in Alvediston which has then been milled at Alderholt Mill, by an old contact of Tony's. As a result thirty six kilos of flour were sold in the HUB in one day.

Despite the very considerable extra workload we are managing to keep up with demand. Our role in the community has never been more important and we are delighted to be playing our part. Thank you again to all our customers, staff and volunteers who like so many around the country are doing such a wonderful job.

Make a Splash of Yellow along our Valley with The Giant Sunflower Challenge

To bring a smile and a little brightness into our lives at this difficult time, the three parishes of Bishopstone, Broad Chalke and Bowerchalke, as part of the Covid-19 Network, are encouraging households to take part in the Giant Sunflower Challenge. This will run between April and July.

It's a family activity for all ages, young to not so young, to get everyone involved in planting seeds and looking after the flower, and as a symbol that our communities are growing together.

Grow the sunflowers where everyone can see them (where possible) and help bring a little more brightness into everyone's day.

Although the official date for entry for the competition element of this challenge has now passed, it's not too late to plant your own sunflower seeds and add a splash of colour to your local area!



If you'd like to take part in this event, please submit a digital photo of your scarecrow to the CV Stores website (www.chalkevalleystores.co.uk).

The photos will be available to view on the same site after Friday 8th May.

White Hart Takeaways



Take Away

Available Tuesday- Saturday 6pm - 9pm

Order from 12 noon each day

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

Collection Only - 01722 780244

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

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

Beer Battered Fish & Chunky Chips - £8.50

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

Thai Vegan Burger & Fries - £8.25

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

Hot & Spicy Breaded Chicken Wing and Fries - £7.95

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

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

Homemade 10 - 12" Rustic Thin Crust Pizza



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Please support our village pub...

Use it or lose it! Now, more than ever.

The Trussell Trust

This last month I delivered 2.5 kgs of goodies plus 2 cheque donations totalling £60. Thank you so very much.

At this current difficult time for everyone the need for food donations is very high but knowing that it is difficult to get out to buy these items you can if you wish make a money donation instead. They are extremely grateful for anything you can spare, cash or cheque and these can be either dropped off to me at home or sent direct to the Trust at :-

Unit 6b, Ashfield Trading Estate, Ashfield Road, Salisbury, SP2 7HL

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

As the Church is now closed due to the Coronavirus any donations need to be left at The Old Post Office, The Cross, either ring the doorbell or leave them on the step. If you cannot get them to me then please phone me and I will arrange for someone to collect at your convenience.

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

Keep safe and healthy everyone.

Regards,

Judy Barrett (01722 780306)



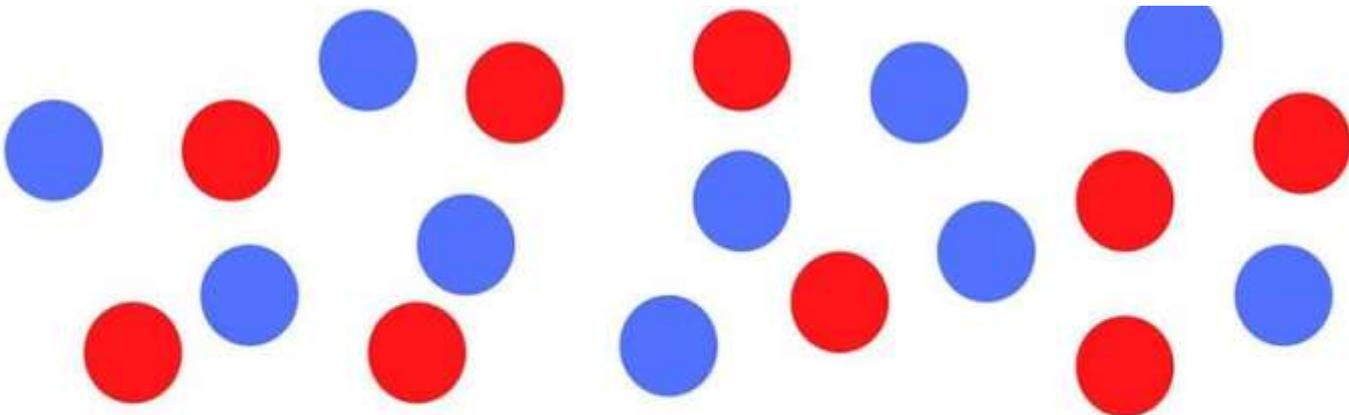
The Friends of Bishopstone Church

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

BISHOPSTONE LADIES GROUP

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

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



VE Day 75th Anniversary Celebrations

STAY AT HOME STREET PARTY!

Friday 8th May 2020

**Commemorate the end of WW2 by celebrating with
your family & neighbours.**

**Decorate your house in red, white & blue and
enjoy a picnic in your front garden.**



Life during the Pandemic

Some reflections from Bishopstone Villagers over the past month about how they are finding life in these strange times.

WOW! I wake up every morning and think how lucky we are to live in this village. Apart from the obvious glorious countryside I am in awe of how the whole village is united to help one another.

I am really, really finding it hard to accept help. I suppose because I enjoy helping others. However pressure from the children has made me now to be sensible. Apart from a daily dog walk and collecting our weekly takeaway from our wonderful pub I have stayed at home. I accept gratefully offers of shopping from one particular family, they know who they are.

So, so many younger people have stepped up and do shopping, collect prescriptions etc. People you pass on walks smile, children have been painting rainbows to put in their windows and look so happy when out for their exercise. So many olds like me feel the village is looking out for us.

THANK YOU!

Alix R

Sleepy Croucheston potters along as normal, doing our gardens, walking dogs and watching dozens of new walkers ambling or speed-walking past.

It's nice seeing different people from other areas taking exercise and saying a quick hello, many of whom would normally be at work. Beautiful spring flowers and sunshine have made staying home much easier.

The martins are back contemplating our eaves for nests.

The highlight of March 31st was Molly Lovell-Butt's 100th Birthday. A small team of villagers organised by Alix gathered at double-broom distance to sing "Happy Birthday" outside, which was lovely, followed by a speedy dispersal in case The Law happened to pass by...

We are so fortunate to live here among so many caring helpful friends and neighbours.

Pat A



Enjoy these lovely apple blossom photos (from Pip Stockton and Pat Abbott) in full colour by logging onto the village website to read the online version of the magazine!



Bizarrely, some aspects of the lockdown have been enjoyable! Since some of this period has coincided with the Easter school holidays (I'm a teacher) I have enjoyed the chance to get out in the garden, do lots of reading without feeling guilty and cook proper meals for everyone, from scratch, rather than dashing in about 7pm to stare forlornly at the fridge in hope of inspiration. I've met lots of new village folk on my daily dog walk, enjoying the chance to chat albeit at a safe distance. The weather has been tremendous, like an early summer, almost as a compensation after so much rain this winter. The weekly food shop has been a chance to venture past the village boundaries. Petrol consumption, usually a tank a week commuting to school, has drastically reduced (hooray!) but the downside of having grown-up children home from uni/jobs has been a massive hike in shopping bills because they seem to have hollow legs! I have avoided the ridiculously lengthy zig-zag of well-ordered shoppers outside Waitrose in favour of the 5-10 minute wait at Sainsbury's above the central car park. In fact, the queue to pick up our Easter meat at Manor Farm Butchers took 20 minutes but, as with Reeves open twice a week, it's been great to be able to shop locally for many items.

What am I looking forward to when all this is over? Teaching my lovely year 5 class face-to-face rather than via Zoom, catching up with friends and family, going to a proper church service and being able to buy Lapsang Souchong tea without resorting to the internet.

Wendy P

Whilst many parents I know were horrified at the prospect of the schools closing, I was actually secretly rather pleased - I have always been tempted by the idea of home-schooling, but having found a local school that we loved I was happy to send my son there. This however has been a great chance to give home education a try! And my verdict so far? Well, I've learnt a lot... mainly that I need to lower my expectations! I had plans of teaching 3 'lessons' a day, but that simply hasn't happened. We've settled into a routine of a bit of Maths each day, lots of reading (which thankfully he loves) and a little writing (harder to coax out of a 7 year old!). He also gets fresh air, exercise and plenty of imaginative free play every day (never have I been more thankful to live somewhere with a garden and countryside on the doorstep). Screen-time is usually limited to an hour or so in the late afternoon, apart from watching the weekly Collective Worship from Jenny on YouTube! He's doing more chores around the house, regular piano practice (Margaret will be pleased to hear!) and there's more time simply to chat, not least because the 4 of us now eat lunch together every day.

It's not all been easy by any means; whilst I have little trouble controlling my own class of 30 children when I am teaching, my own child seems less willing to do as I ask... not to mention the fact that the 2 year old often sabotages what we are doing! But creating our little home-school routine has certainly helped us get through the otherwise rather formless days.

Kate P

Well, it has been a rather sad month, as we are all closed down at home. Nonetheless, the advice and support from the Parish Council and their Area Wardens has been superb. I have not used the system yet but have only heard good reports of its efficacy when needed. Thanks again to John Gibbon, Roger Stockton, the PC and their Team for all they have done for us in Bishopstone. I hear that our neighbouring villages have had to call on Roger's advice to get similar systems up and running there. Well done our Team for being so on the ball from the start in March.

We have been out for gentle strolls in the village during the recent sunny if cold weather, and it was wonderful to meet so many others also enjoying the fresh air. It is good to get some fresh air in the old lungs from time to time. We are so very lucky here, as we all have a garden in which we can take personal and quiet exercise, away from others and viruses. We enjoy ours a lot, growing all sorts and it is coming on well. All ready for the Open Gardens in September?!

In the Croft, we have met for the last 3 weeks on Sunday (the last on Thursday instead) to celebrate a birthday. A time is arranged, we all gather on the edge of the green, and shout at each other while we raise a toast to the lucky member! We are now planning another for next week.

The laptop has been getting a bashing, as we keep in touch with all manner of friends, here in the village, in the Cathedral guiding team, in my art group, in the Salisbury Military History Society and even at Marlborough College! Lots of writing and so the battery is getting quite hot! We have also found WhatsApp and can contact our family every day to chat. We are now trying to get Zoom and Skype to work, so we have another means to see each other.

I miss my proper old walks, but can't go out for too long, as I am considered 'at risk'. I have had wonderful advice from the NHS, from the surgery and from the respiratory nurse. I heed it all and take care. So, until we can get out and see and touch each other... Keep inside... Keep warm... Keep Healthy!

Faugh a Ballagh!

James Thompson (17th April)

I have had fun with some "creative cooking" and Norman is still well and happy!! Belgian buns, hot cross buns, bread muffins for breakfasts, and I won't be buying muffins any more! Enjoyed doing it and having some time to experiment.

Margaret B

I'm happy and sad at the same time about not going to school. I'm happy because it means I don't have to get up so early and I don't have to wear school uniform, and I don't need to work *that* hard! I'm sad because I can't see my friends.

Ted P



All-natural handmade herbal soaps
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My boys and I started making “Virus Killer Soaps” to help the people around us. It has also become such a great opportunity to spend time together and learn something as a family.

My grannie used to make her own soaps using natural lye and different animal fats. I never saw my grannie’s soaps during the production process as she didn’t let us near lye, but I remember her soaps were massive and beautiful. She used them for bath, hand washing and even for the laundry.

I thought about soap making myself 10 years ago after my first son Max was born; I even looked into starting a homemade soap business. However life was so busy with a toddler, so it was slowly forgotten. But my interest and love of natural soaps has been always there.

Now, during this pandemic it felt almost obvious that I could do something about this sleeping hobby so I thought we could give it a try. The boys loved the idea and we started out with the simple melt & pour process using some left-over soap. They turned out well and our little Lego shaped bars quickly became popular in the village. The feedback was so positive that we thought we would carry on, using the kind donations people left. Some of my friends suggested I could do it as a business so I thought we might give it a try and see if people would be interested in some lovely natural full size soap bars.

In the last couple of weeks we’ve created our first traditional ‘cold process’ soaps using carefully measured, plant based fats and oils such as Olive oil, Sweet Almond oil, Castor oil, Coconut oil and Shea butter. We use natural additives including pure essential oils and lots of organic herbs from our garden and kitchen. The combination of all this natural goodness make our soaps extremely hydrating, beautifully cleansing and they smell sensational!

The children are not allowed to go near lye but they are always happy to help with other tasks like scent combinations, herbs and fruit preparations, cutting and wrapping. Max also signed up to be my delivery man in Bishopstone!

Our soaps are 100% natural and require approx 4-6 weeks curing time before they are ready to go. Our first few batches of “real” soaps are in the curing stage right now and will be ready around mid May:

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Helga and the boys

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Max Soket (Helga's and Peter's eldest son from Bishopstone) has a great love for cooking and baking. His all-time favourite is Gordon Ramsay and he watches so many cooking shows and programmes to learn more. Max (of course) loves cookies and he's practised for years to create the best cookie possible. His secret recipe became so good that everyone asked for it. He decided to start baking for the village and take orders. If you live in Bishopstone, you might have received his sample already! He's working so hard to deliver a sample to every house in the village, starting with friends and the people he knows. Personally I think it's a lovely idea, especially because he wants to donate some of his cookie money to a charity to support our hospital in Salisbury. Such a great way to spend his time during lockdown.

Hope you will try his gorgeous cookies before the school starts again :) With all my love, Helga (Max's mum)

Reflections from a Local GP

Video in the GP consultation has arrived!

It's been waiting in the wings, but this pandemic has brought it centre stage. It's proving hugely useful, reducing the need for some direct patient contact, and bringing a degree of amusement I'd not expected.

The technology is simplicity itself- GP sends instruction to your mobile, you press the screen three times and...hey presto... you're talking to the GP on-line with good quality video. Of course real life's not that simple, so confusions occur with echoes, sound quality, and crackly video. But on the whole it's fine and has been the opportunity for the partner of the patient to discover their inner cameraman, with much zooming in and out, and gyrating with balletic balance to ensure views of the victim are taken from every conceivable angle.

I learn a little every day. Men are keener to strip on video than in the consulting room. Some women record the scene of their partner's semi-nakedness with such excitement and attention to detail, that you'd think they'd discovered a new species. And perhaps they have.

Dr Ron Call

Easter Sunday under Covid19 Restrictions

Hester Kirkham of Flamstone Street had a brilliant idea this Easter - to order some 'take away' roast Sunday lunches from the White Hart in Bishopstone. She wanted to thank friends who had helped her during the last few months.

So on Easter Sunday morning at 12:15, Zara appeared by car from the White Hart with a load of lunches already cooked from the pub. We gathered outside Hester's driveway – 2 metres apart – and we toasted the meal, before taking home our individual dishes.

A novel way to celebrate Easter, but everything is novel at the moment.



The hostess ready with pots of mint sauce.



The residents wait with eager anticipation.

Hester takes charge when Zara has delivered the meals.



Bishopstone Birthdays during the Pandemic



March 31st was a very special day here in Bishopstone because it marked the 100th birthday of our oldest resident, Molly Lovell -Butt. Molly's planned party had had to be cancelled, but we couldn't let such a momentous occasion pass without marking it. Lead by Alix (armed with a broomstick to maintain our 2m distance!), a small choir gathered in Molly's garden, and sang a rousing chorus of Happy Birthday to her as she watched from her door.

Born in 1920, Molly married Frank, an Army officer, in 1946. They travelled the world on various postings, and had 4 children. She and Frank moved into Old Rafters, Croucheston, in 1982. She has lived on her own since Frank passed away in 1998. We think that this is the only 100th birthday that we have had in Bishopstone!



The Croft has also seen some birthday celebrations during the past month. Ross Colwill and Shirley Cooke turned 87 in the same week! Both were treated to their neighbours singing a 'socially distanced' Happy Birthday. Shirley also enjoyed an online chat with her family in Warwickshire and Australia to mark the occasion.



Third Time Lucky?

Some of you may be aware that my husband Steve and I have been working on a personal challenge – cycling approximately 315 miles from London to Paris. We had undertaken this challenge back in 2015 raising funds for The Alzheimer's Society in memory of my father who had died of this terrible disease the year before. However, during the cycle I became unwell and was unable to complete the full ride. This had festered in me somewhat and I found I had no choice but to attempt the challenge again!

At the beginning of the process the most difficult decision is who to raise money for. There are so many worthy causes but for me, after experiencing a period of poor mental health myself and being shocked at the lack of support available, we both decided to raise much needed funds and awareness for the charity MIND.

Who would have guessed the real challenge was going to be starting the ride rather than actually completing the ride itself!

Attempt no. 1. 2018 - We originally planned to do the cycle in July 2018 but sadly, a few weeks before the challenge was due to start, the company who were managing the challenge cancelled the ride and we were unable to join another group in time. Never mind, we said, there is always next year, we said...

Attempt No. 2. 2019 - After investing many hours in finding a new company to facilitate the challenge, Steve and I were all set for our second attempt in July 2019. Happy days! Bikes serviced and training plan was well underway when Steve developed a heart problem requiring surgery and much needed recovery time. Never mind, we said, we can do it next year, we said. (Ummmm , is there a theme developing here?)

Attempt No.3. 2020 - Who would have guessed? Coronavirus! Say no more!

Needless to say the challenge set to take place in July 2020 has been postponed and whilst we have been offered the opportunity to go in September 2020 in my mind there is still a lot of uncertainty going forward as to when we might return to anything which might look like a normal life. We have some thinking to do.

So far we have raised £2,981.90 mainly generated from local fund raising events, donations and the collection boxes on the bar at the White Hart. Our fund-raising plan has been to raise money by providing some form of entertainment rather than asking for donations (though we have had some donations and they are very welcome, thank you!). Many people of been kind enough to come to our charity quiz nights and bingo nights held at the White Hart in Bishopstone. Tom and Zara have been amazingly supportive and have allowed us to use their pub free of charge. Many people have donated raffle prizes and those people attending the events have been incredibly generous.

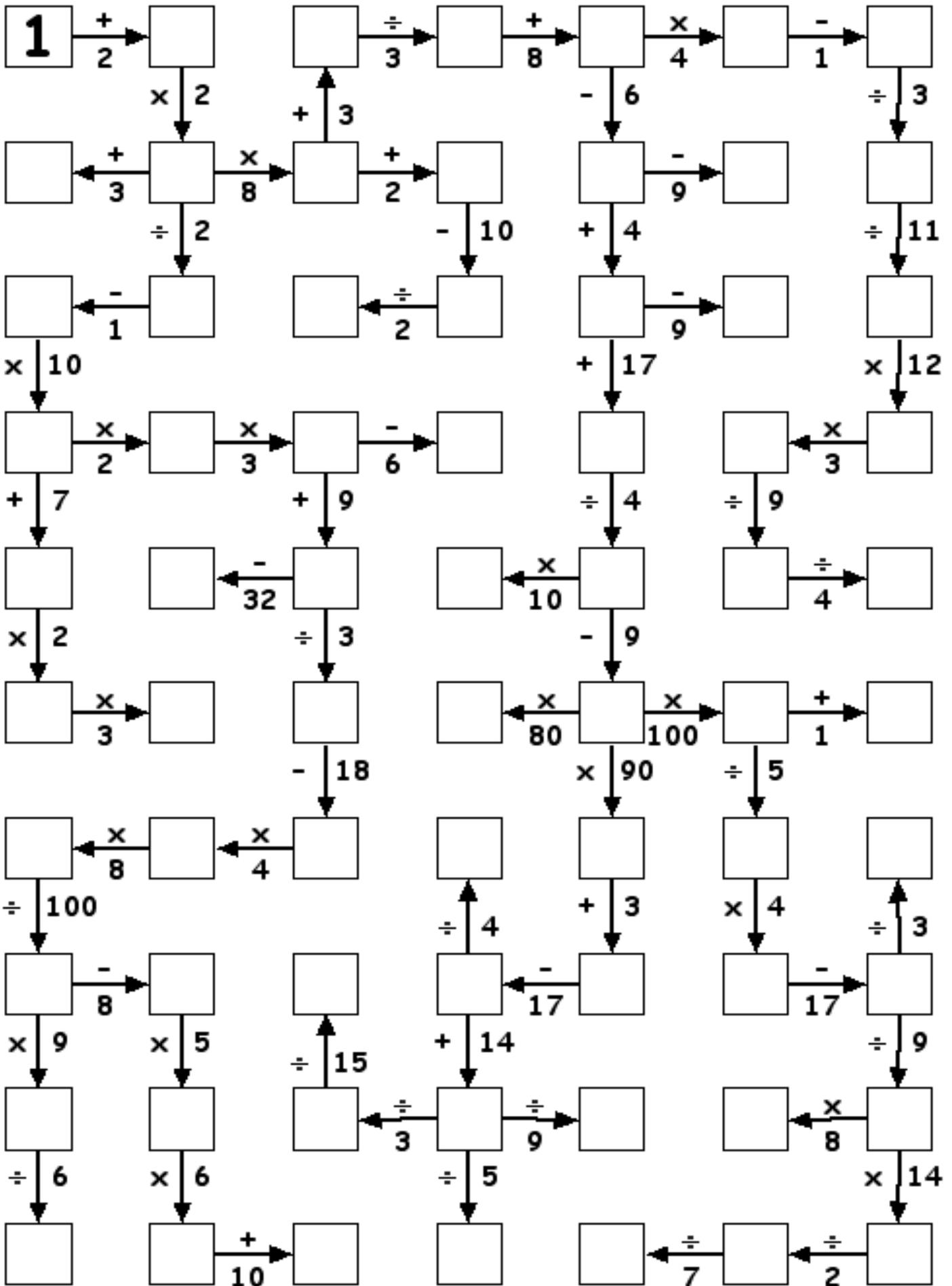
A massive heartfelt thank you to everyone who has played a part in this journey so far.

So, third time lucky? Perhaps not!

Michelle Tatner

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Puzzles and Activities





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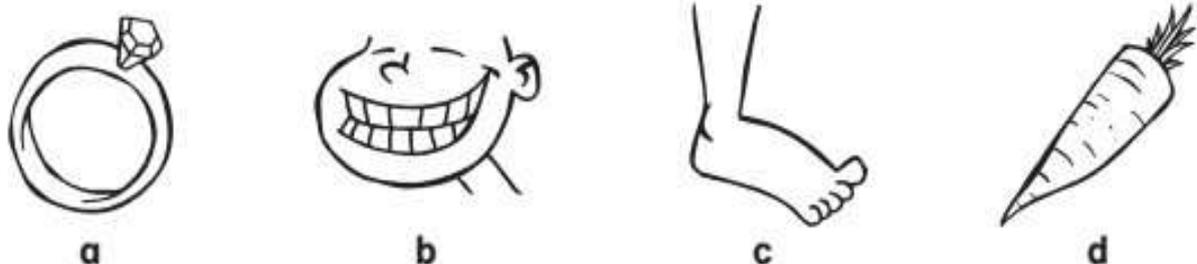
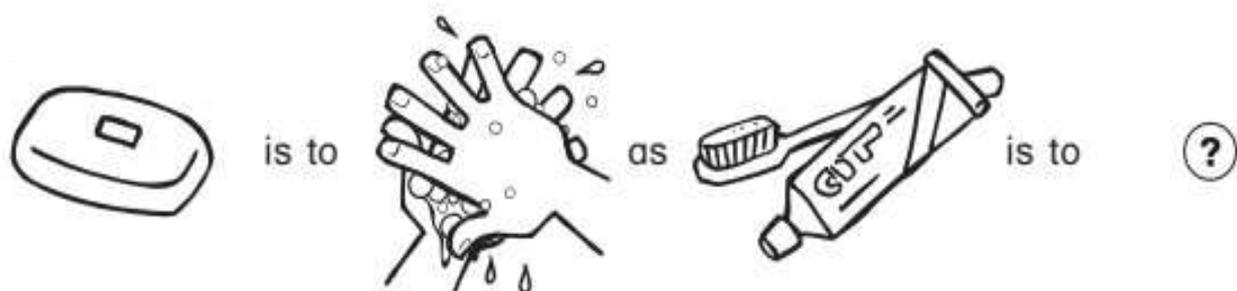
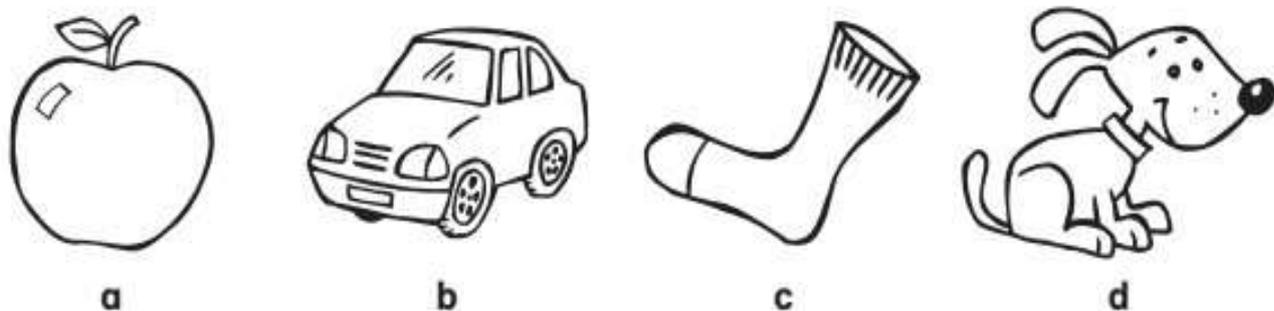
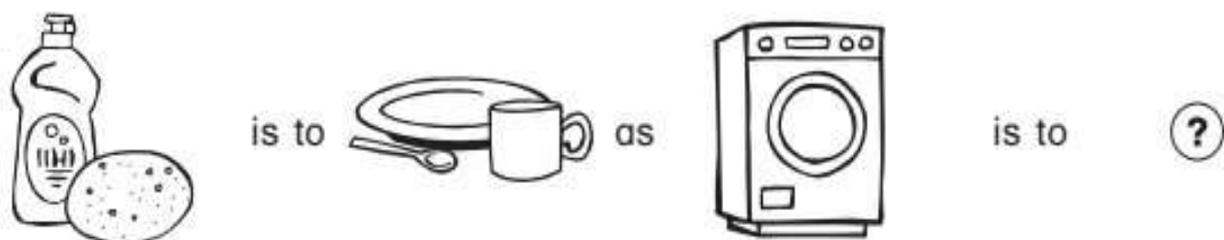
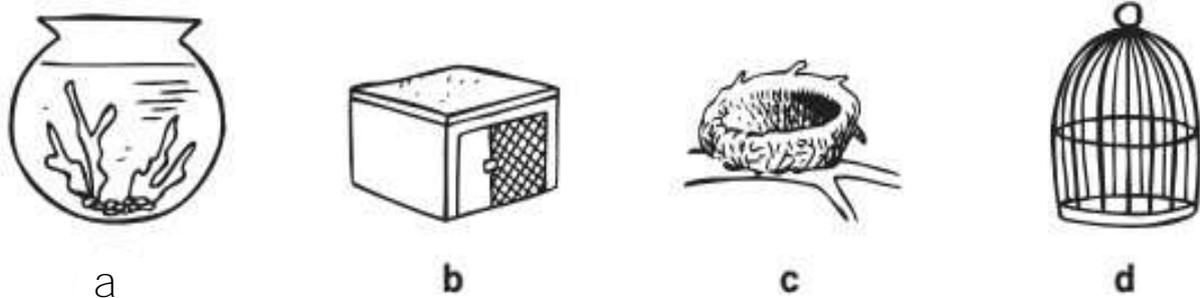
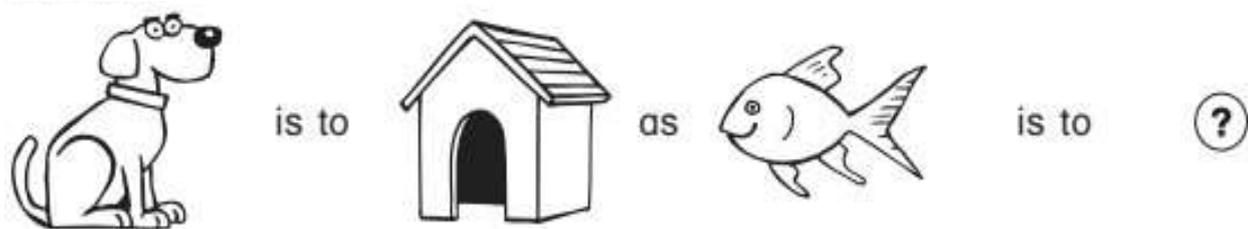
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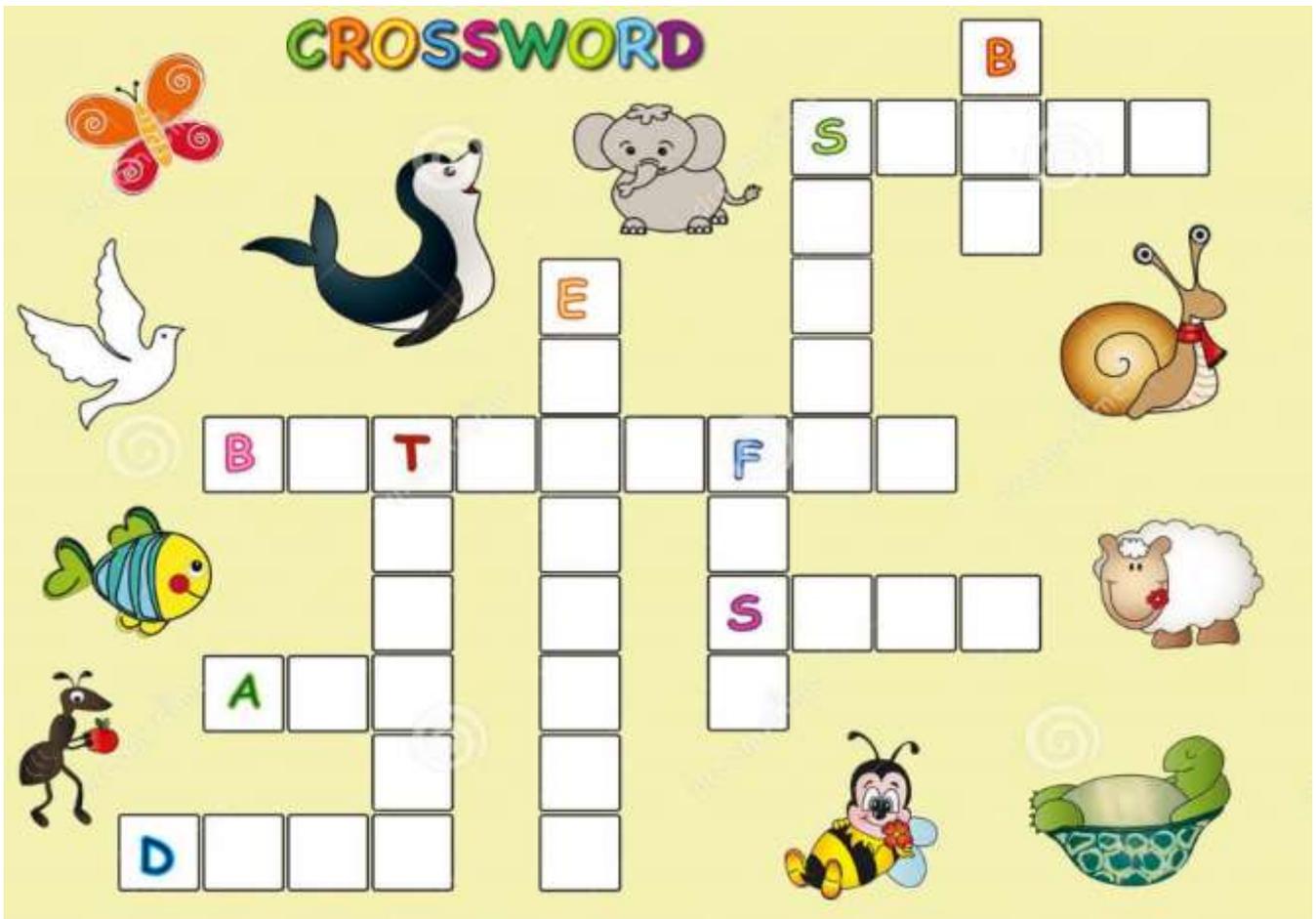
AMAZING!

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Which picture completes the second pair in the same way as the first pair?
Circle the letter.





Village Picture Hunt

Huge thanks to everyone who has put Rainbow pictures in their windows! We hope you like the collage on the back of the magazine; apologies to anyone whose rainbow I may have missed on my travels! There was an impressive number.

Thanks too to those who have joined in with the Village Picture Hunt suggested in the last edition of the magazine. If you'd like to take part, here are the suggested picture categories for May:

Week Beginning	A Picture of...
4th May	Self-Portrait
11th May	Birds
18th May	Vehicles
25th May	Insects

It's also been lovely to see several houses with teddy bears in the windows! My toddler especially has loved spotting them as we go on our daily exercise, walking or cycling around Bishopstone.



Village Memories - Christopher Sexton



With 'Prince' in the Chalke Valley



As MC for 'The Good Old Days'

EARLIEST MEMORIES

On the 26th November 1943 I was born in Salisbury, the middle son of three boys. Childhood holidays were often spent with my paternal Grandfather. After losing a lung from mustard gas in the Battle of Passchendaele he had been awarded a 44 acre Somerset farm, and was also the village Policeman. I vividly remember taking a three mile journey on his horse and cart to Castle Cary Market, and having to learn sign language so that we could speak to his youngest son, my uncle Des, who had lost his hearing to meningitis.

CHILDHOOD

We continued to live in Salisbury, and in 1951 I went to the Cathedral School. Here started my love of sport: becoming Vice Captain of the 1st Rugby XV, and representing the school in Boxing, Cricket and Swimming. From there I went on to Wellington School, Somerset, where I also played for the 1st XV Rugby, as well as continuing with Swimming and Athletics. School mates were Lord (Jeffrey) Archer and Keith Floyd, and David Suchet, as my fag, cleaned my shoes and made my bed.

WORK

I dropped out of school during my A levels, and then went as a five year apprentice with Smith Industries. After the first year I was promoted to one of 18 Student Apprentices. This gave me access to day release enabling me to achieve an HNC in Mechanical Engineering with Distinction. We all lived in a big house together and, at a 21st birthday of one of my house mates, I met my wife-to-be Josephine. I was still also playing rugby for Harrow on Saturdays and Wellington Old Boys on Sundays, how did I fit it all in?

After leaving Smiths I went to join my Father and older brother in the Family Business - Auto and General Electrical Services.

MOVE TO BISHOPSTONE

In 1966 Jo and I were married and in 1967 we moved into 7 The Croft, where we lived for 13 years, and our three daughters Natashya, Francesca and Antoinette were born. Then in 1979 I put my hand up at an Auction and bought Kings Old Rectory in Broad Chalke, where we lived for a further twenty two years. I retired in 2001 and we moved back to Bishopstone into Lower Mill. After nearly 50 years of marriage, and thirteen grandchildren, Jo sadly died. Lower Mill was a lonely place on my own, but fortunately I was recently joined by my new partner Jacqueline, so happily continue to live on in this beautiful setting.

Over the years I was on the Village Hall committee for 9 years, served on the Parish Council, and currently continue, after 9 years, as Chairman of The Friends of Bishopstone Church.

HOBBIES

Well I love rugby, with a bit more rugby, and maybe a lot of squash. I played Rugby for Salisbury until I was 38, the last eight years in the Bustards Veteran XV. Then Squash until I was 59, when the court seemed to get bigger and my legs get shorter! I was also an enthusiastic horseman, and loved riding my horse 'Prince' in the local countryside, and for the past 36 years I have been a keen bee keeper, usually with 3 or 4 hives on the go. Some people will also recall my appearances as MC for the 'Good Old Days' and in various events put on by Cue One, drama group, in the Village Hall, and for many years in the guise of the Bishopstone Father Christmas.

HOLIDAYS

I loved family holidays when my daughters were tiny, and we would rent villas with friends and enjoy the sunshine.

FAVOURITE BOOK

The Gun by C S Forester, which I have loved since I read it for my 'O' level English Literature, and have reread it so many times I've lost count.

FAVOURITE MUSIC

Loved all the '60s music, and also Musical Theatre, and with age have grown into Opera and the challenges of Modern composers like Rutter and Britten.

REGRETS

I probably spent too much time working, which meant I missed seeing my girls growing up.

IMPORTANT THINGS LEARNED IN LIFE

Getting along with who you can, loving my family come what may, and enjoying every moment of the life I have left.

Recipes of the Month - 3 Ingredient Baking

Hot Chocolate Cubes

(Adapted by Harry Williams from Sarah Rainey's book "Three Ingredient Baking")

Ingredients:

150g of good quality chocolate, 1 tablespoon cinnamon, 1 tablespoon olive oil, 150g double cream. Sarah used one tablespoon of chili oil instead of cinnamon and olive oil, but this wasn't to a 10 year old's taste!

Silicone ice cube tray, wooden lolly sticks (we only had tooth picks)

Method:

1. Chop chocolate and mix with cinnamon and oil in a heatproof bowl.
2. Heat cream until it starts to bubble.
3. Pour over the chocolate and whisk quickly until the chocolate has melted.
4. Fill the ice cube tray with the melted chocolate mixture.
5. Put in the fridge for an hour to chill and then add the lolly sticks, before it becomes too solid.
6. Put in the freezer and leave for 2 hours, until needed.
7. Warm up a cup of full fat milk in a pan and whisk it until frothy, add cube to the milk, stir a few times, enjoy!



Honey Cake

(from Sarah Rainey's book "Three Ingredient Baking")

Ingredients: 4 eggs, 5 tablespoons of honey, 150g flaked almonds.

Oven 190oC/170 Fan, grease and line 20 cm cake tin.

Method:

1. Separate eggs, whisk the whites to stiff peaks, in a different bowl mix together the yolks and 4 tablespoons of honey.
2. Blitz 125g of the flaked almonds to ground almonds. Put the remaining 25g onto a baking sheet and toast them for 5 -10 mins in the oven until they are light brown.
3. Mix the ground almonds with the egg yolk and honey mixture and then, using a metal spoon fold this gently into the stiff egg white.
4. Transfer gently into the cake tin, bake for 15 mins and then reduce temperature to 180oC/160 for the last 10 mins.
5. Allow the cake to cool completely in the tin, before turning onto a wire rack and then drizzling with the final tablespoon of honey and the toasted almonds.



Nature Notes

It was 6 o'clock in the evening on the 5th April. The sun was shining in a clear blue sky and we were watching the Ebble burbling its way downstream. Then we saw a brown .. ? Was it a bird? It was about the size of a small bird, but was flitting like a bat over the water. It had a brown back, black face and pale underparts. After watching for 10 minutes or so, we were convinced that it was a bat.

It appears to have been a Serotine bat. This was very early in the year for any bat to be out, but it is likely that the high temperature (low twenties) had disturbed hibernation. However Serotines do come out sometimes in daylight. They roost and hibernate mainly in buildings with high gables and cavity walls. Their body length is 58-80mm, comparable to a wren.

They feed on flies, moths and flying beetles like cockchafers and is one of the less common of our 18 species of bat in UK. It is restricted to the south of England and has been in decline, thought to be as a result of fewer roosting sites (older buildings). *Chalkey D*



On the 29th of March this year, just into the start of Lockdown, I spotted a little furry face sticking out of a drainage pipe on the opposite bank of the River Ebble downstream from the little bridge near my house. A water vole I thought initially. The grassy bank on my side of the river is peppered with water vole holes and I am fortunate enough to see them on a regular basis all around my garden. On closer inspection I wasn't sure.... maybe a very large rat?

Slowly the creature emerged and the body and then the tail just kept on coming. Could it be ... yes an otter!

I have lived at The Bridges for 20 years and had heard that otters had been spotted in the Ebble but I had never seen one. Sadly despite looking every day at different times of the day I haven't seen one since.

The otter had a long slender body, short legs and a long tail. The face was fattish with small ears. Unfortunately I did not have a camera with me.

An otter is largely nocturnal. During the day they lie up in holts underground or hovers above ground. They eat small fish and occasionally other vertebrates eg water birds, water voles, rats and invertebrates eg crayfish, crabs, worms and insects.

So keep a look out for the otter. Let's hope one of you spots another one soon!

Di Wass

Sarah's Gardening Tips

1. Check containers daily for moisture levels as they dry out much quicker than borders. You can add water retaining granules.
2. Tackle pond weed. Take out duck weed and blanket weed but leave it on the side for a few hours so any creatures can climb back in.
3. Harden off tender shrubs for summer outside, e.g. Fuchsias, Heliotrope, Citrus and other tender exotics.
4. Prune frost damage from evergreens, cutting back to healthy growth.
5. Prune trained pyracanthas - keep them close to the wall and shorten side shoots
6. Check the lawn for weeds and dig out or treat with a lawn weedkiller.
7. Sow herb seeds outdoors or in pots on a window sill.
8. Earth up potato plants to protect from frost and encourage a bigger crop.

*It was such a pleasure to sink one's hands into the warm earth,
to feel at one's fingertips the possibilities of a new season.*

Kate Morton



Question: Which London park contains the Serpentine, Rotten Row and Speakers' Corner?

(Answer on p53)

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The Computer Swallowed Grandma

by Valerie Waite

*The computer swallowed grandma.
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And disappeared from view.*

*It devoured her completely,
The thought just makes me squirm.
She must have caught a virus
Or been eaten by a worm.*

*I've searched through the recycle bin
And files of every kind;
I've even used the Internet,
But nothing did I find.*

*In desperation, I asked Jeeves
My searches to refine.
The reply from him was negative,
Not a thing was found 'online.'*

*So, if inside your 'Inbox,'
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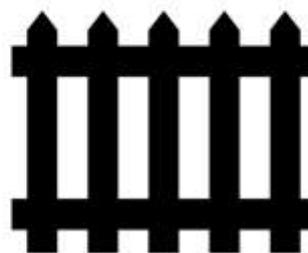
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Tuesday	19:00	Pilates	Britford Memorial Hall
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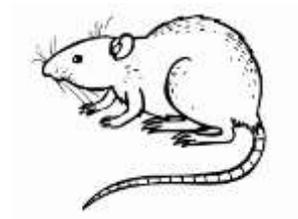
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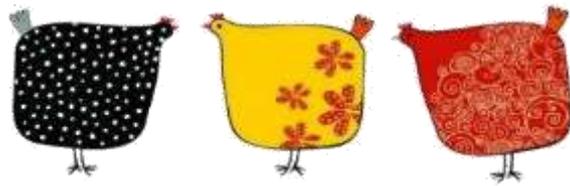
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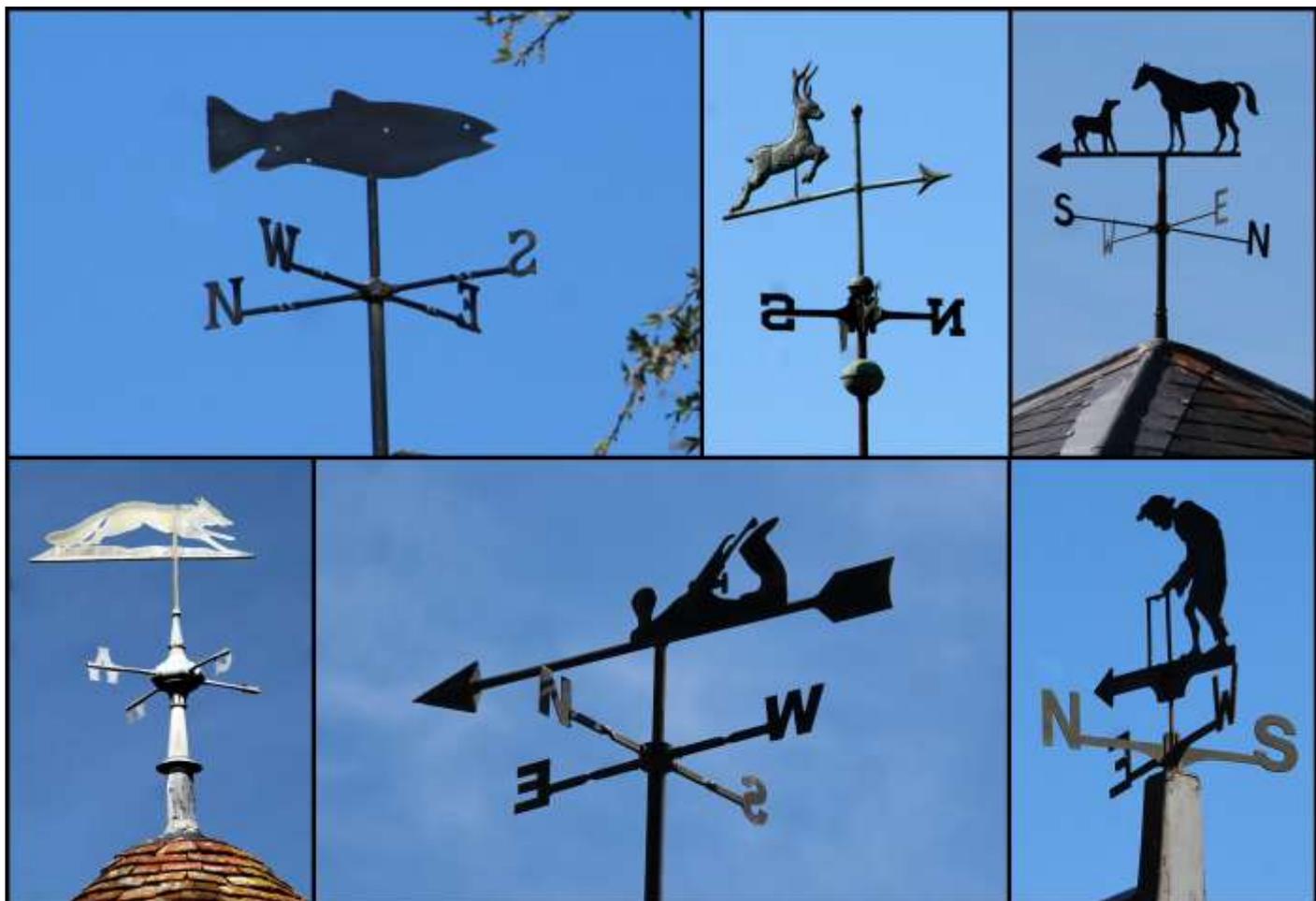
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Mike Ash (bishopstoneclerk@btinternet.com)

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