



# Parish Magazine

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May blossom on Faulston Down

Photo by Robert Pendleton

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The editors reserve the right to edit all contributions.

We have received a donation to STaB from Sheila Nell, who has given it 'in appreciation to all the volunteers who collected my prescriptions for me in the past few months'. Huge thanks to Sheila for thinking of STaB as a way to thank those who were involved with the prescription collection service.

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

*Ned and Alex Topping with their baby daughter who have moved into Flamstone Street.*

*We hope you will be very happy in your new home here in Bishopstone.*

*Please let us know if you know of anyone who moves into Bishopstone or Stratford Tony - or indeed if you yourself have recently moved in, do introduce yourselves! - so that we can offer them/you a welcome in STaB.*



## Hello from the Revd Canon Jenny Taylor



It is not too late to wish everyone a Happy Easter! Eastertide lasts for 40 days and is not over until Ascension Day (13<sup>th</sup> May) so I hope all that chocolate lasts! We will obviously still be in Lockdown but the day when all restrictions are lifted is growing ever closer!

In the Bible the number forty is used to represent a period of testing or judgment by God and is seen as the length of time necessary to accomplish some major part of God's plan in his dealings with his people. We of course, have now completed the forty days of Lent for 2021 and what a good Lent it was! Your generosity in donating to our Lent project, buying desks and chairs for the children in Cueibet Primary School South Sudan, was phenomenal and the Clergy team and I would like to thank all of you who gave so generously.

This time last year of course, our churches were locked and I wrote the following: *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 re-discovered these ancient places of blessings.*

This year our churches are open again but those "thin" places are ever present – please do spare some time to visit.

Our nation, which has gone through so much trauma over the last year, was visibly shaken again by the death of Prince Philip. His funeral was one of great sadness but magnificent ceremony and deep religion, full of dignity and respect. I think many of us were given the opportunity to mourn with the Queen and Royal Family and also to mourn jointly for all those whom we have lost from our villages and communities over the last months. As I write this we are nearing the Queen's 95<sup>th</sup> birthday – what a bitter sweet day it will be. It seems fitting to offer this prayer:

*Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding, surround the Queen and the Royal Family with your love, especially at this time of Her Majesty's birthday, that they may continue to be comforted in their grief and strengthened in their lives of service. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Risen Lord. Amen.*

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# Parish Council

## Parish Council Election

As the number of persons nominated for election to the Parish Council on 6<sup>th</sup> May was fewer than the number of seats available all those nominated are automatically elected without the need for a vote. In all there were six nominations, all current Parish Councillors. The new Council will therefore comprise:

Cllr Norman Barter  
Cllr Piers Edwards  
Cllr John Gibbon  
Cllr Anita Smith  
Cllr Michelle Tatner  
Cllr Ali Thorne

One seat on the Council remains vacant and can be filled by co-option. This presents an ideal opportunity for someone new to join the Council. If you are willing to be co-opted please contact the Parish Clerk Mike Ash ([bishopstoneclerk@btinternet.com](mailto:bishopstoneclerk@btinternet.com)).

## Meeting in May

The new Council will meet for the first time on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May following the Annual Parish Meeting – see separate notice. This will be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council when the Chairman and Vice Chairman are appointed and the accounts for 2020/21 approved.

## Children's Play Area

We had hoped that the work on the installation of the latest additions to the Children's Play Area in the Recreation Field – a clamber stack and a group swing – would have begun by now. However, delays in the delivery of parts from Sweden mean that installation is now likely in late May/early June.



## Bishopstone Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting is being held this year in May. This is separate from meetings of the Parish Council and can be used by anyone living in the village to raise local issue of current interest for discussion. In recent years the APM has been used by village organisations to present reports on their activities and to hear about any current projects affecting the village.

As the Government has not extended the relevant regulations that allow for virtual APMs this meeting will be an actual meeting and will take place in the **Village Hall at 7.00pm on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May**. However, steps are being taken to ensure the Covid safety of all those attending:

- If you wish to attend this meeting please send an email to the Parish Clerk ([bishopstoneclerk@btinternet.com](mailto:bishopstoneclerk@btinternet.com)) by **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May** stating how many people wish to attend in your party (maximum of two). Appropriately distanced seating will then be provided. Only those who have pre-registered will be allowed to attend the meeting.
- Those attending will be expected to wear masks and to observe Covid 19 related protocols in the hall – see Village Hall News page.
- Reports to be given at the meeting will be circulated to those attending in advance so that discussion at the meeting can focus mainly on questions and matters arising.

The APM will be followed by the May meeting of the Parish Council.

## Councillor George Brutton

One of the existing Parish Councillors who decided not to stand again this time was Councillor George Brutton. As many will know, George is now one of our Churchwardens and is Treasurer to the Parochial Church Council. Only reasonably, he felt that was enough for him to do! However, I could not miss this opportunity to thank him for his 10 years of service as one of our parish councillors. The council has benefitted greatly from the energy and enthusiasm with which he has sought to ensure the wellbeing of the residents of this village, particularly the elderly and vulnerable. Thank you George from the Parish Council.

*Cllr John Gibbon,  
Chairman, Bishopstone Parish Council*

## Coronavirus Update

FREE rapid lateral flow tests are now available for everyone.

Following the progress made with the vaccination programme, the Government is encouraging those without coronavirus symptoms to undertake regular rapid lateral flow testing. This is at the heart of its plans to reopen society and the economy, helping to suppress and control the spread of variants of the virus.

Anyone in England who does not have symptoms can now get regular rapid lateral flow test kits to check for coronavirus. The test involves rubbing a long cotton bud (swab) over your tonsils (or where they would have been!) and inside your nose. The tests can give you a result in 30 minutes. They use a device similar to a pregnancy test and do not need to be sent to a lab.

You can do a rapid test at home or at a rapid lateral flow test site. It is intended that you test twice weekly (3 or 4 days apart) and results can be logged online or by phone. If you test positive, you and anyone you live with will need to self-isolate.

You can collect up to 2 packs of 7 separate test kits from a local pharmacy or test site. Kits can also be ordered online to be delivered to your home, or by calling 119 between 7am and 11pm. More information is available at: [www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/) and click on "Testing".

Test kits are available for collection at:

- Tanday Pharmacy – Fisherton House, Fountains Way, Wilton Road, Salisbury SP2 7FD
- Bestway National Chemists – 17 Winchester Street, Salisbury SP1 1HB
- The Council House, Bourne Hill, Salisbury SP1 3UZ
- Beehive Park and Ride Test Site, Old Sarum, SP4 6BT (no need to book if you are simply picking up test kits – please book if you wish to have a test done on site).

## Lent Project

**Can You Stand Not Sitting** - our Chalke Valley Lent Appeal for benches and desks for the Church Primary School in Cueibet, South Sudan, has met with a marvellous response. With support from other contributors in Chalke Deanery, donations have surged past the target of £6,000 to an amazing £11,566. Gift Aid will bring the final total to almost £14,000. We can now 'upgrade' more benches to desks and provide the school with ever needed items such as text books. We have already transferred some funds to the Diocese of Cueibet as a special Easter gift. Heartfelt thanks for all your donations and prayers that have supported our 2021 Lent Project.

## Village Hall



**May 2021**

### **!! Village Hall Reopening !!**

The Trustees are delighted to announce that from 17<sup>th</sup> May it is possible to resume activities and events as shown below.

We shall be following government guidelines to keep the hall a Covid-19 safe venue, which are:

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

At least **until 21<sup>st</sup> June**, anyone entering the hall will be required to:

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

### **PLANT SALE**

**To be held in the Village Hall car park on Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May.**

Following the success of last year's event, this will be a Bring & Buy Sale in aid of Salisbury Hospice.

Bring along any spare plants or seedlings from 10.00am on Saturday and see if there is anything that catches your fancy. Donations for the Hospice can be made at the hall in cash (no change available) or via a credit card (using our card reader device) up to midday on the Saturday. At other times, donations (Cash or Cheques made out to Bishopstone Village Hall Management Committee) can be left in the Taylor's porch at 14 The Croft.

People can help themselves to plants at any time up to Sunday evening, after which anyone who brought plants should remove any remaining.

No cars will be allowed into the car park.

## **VILLAGE HALL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TUESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> MAY at 7.00PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

As we had to cancel last year's AGM you will have two years' worth of news to catch up on! Come along and find out about what we have done to improve the hall and hear about our plans for the future. One of our trustees will be standing down at the AGM so we are looking for a replacement as well as needing volunteers to help with events. Younger people are needed on the committee if events are to continue in the village hall.

## **HALL BOOKINGS FOR SOCIAL EVENTS AND WORKSHOPS**

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

## **BISHOPSTONE COMMUNITY CAFE**

Our fortnightly coffee mornings, allowing people to meet in an informal setting will resume on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30am until 12.00noon. Seating will be outside if the weather permits. This event is free of charge.

## **BISHOPSTONE COMMUNITY LUNCHESES**

Community lunches are not yet running.

## **MOVIOLA at Bishopstone**

The following films have been booked:-

### **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May – “23 Walks”**

*A British comedy-drama film written and directed by Paul Morrison. Starring Alison Steadman, Dave Johns and Graham Cole. A couple in their sixties get to know one another over the course of 23 dog walks. Set against the dramatic background of the changing seasons of one year.*

### **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June – “Little Women”**

### **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July – “The Secret Garden.” Preceded by a BBQ.**

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

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



## **BABY AND TODDLER PLAYGROUP**

For general information about the Baby and Toddler Group find their Facebook page *Bishopstone Playgroup*, or contact Kate Pendlenton on 01722 780655 or email: [kmpendlenton@hotmail.com](mailto:kmpendlenton@hotmail.com) .

We are delighted to announce that Playgroup will be restarting on Friday May 21st, at our usual time of 9:30-11am. Sadly, due to government guidelines, we will initially be limited to 15 adults so there will be a sign-up system in place until these restrictions are lifted. Please join our Facebook page, or e.mail me on the address above for further information. KP

## **“EXTEND” EXERCISE CLASSES**

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

## **PILATES AT BISHOPSTONE**

Contact Claudine on 07788 587937

## **YOGA WITH HANNAH**

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

## **SARUM SPINNERS AND WEAVERS**

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

## **Friends of Bishopstone Church**

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).



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

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

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

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

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

The hire charges include use of heating and electricity.

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

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

### **Broadband**

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

### **Large projection screen**

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

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

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

# Chalke Valley Community Support

## POLICE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



## Sixpenny Handley and Chalke Valley Practice

Doves Meadow Surgery, Broad Chalke: 01722 780282

**Broadchalke Surgery partially reopen for Prescription Collection**

Sixpenny Handley Surgery: 01725 552500

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



## MOBILE LIBRARY

The Mobile Library is back in action and will be calling at The Styles in Bishopstone between 1115-1135 on the following Thursdays:

13 May, 10 June, 8 July, 5 August, 2 September, 30 September



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

w: [www.chalkevalleystores.co.uk](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

## The Trussell Trust

My goodness, it's May already! Last month we had a very generous donation of £100.

At the moment they are particularly short of -

**Instant Mashed Potato**

**Razors**

**Men's Deodorant**

**Sponge Puddings**

**Toothpaste**

**Toilet Rolls**



BUT THEY HAVE PLENTY OF -

**Cereal**

**Tea**

**Baked Beans**

**Pasta and Pasta Sauces**

**Tinned Soup**

Please continue to leave your donations at either the Church, there is a box just inside the main doors or 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 contacted the Trussell Trust locally and they are now able to accept donations (with appointments) of **good quality goods** for resale but they are saying **NO BOOKS NO CDs and NO GLASSWARE** at the present time as they are inundated with these.

Also if you wouldn't pay to buy what you are offering then they request that you put it in the bin as they cannot afford to keep having to pay for unsaleable items to be taken away.

**But please telephone either of the numbers below to make an appointment as they are not accepting any donations without appointments.**

**01722 580188 Bemerton Heath or 01722 580196 Stephenson Road.**

I was also asked the other day if it is a fact that they pass food out to other areas. I have asked this question and it is only if they have a surfeit of a particular item that would otherwise have gone out of date had they kept it. So please don't worry that your items may be going elsewhere, just make sure that they are well inside their best before date.

Thank you again for your generosity.

Best wishes

Judy Barrett (01722 780306)

# The Big Bishopstone Book Swap

If, like many people over the various lockdowns, you have spent a lot of time reading, you may have accumulated quite a few books which you have read but which your overflowing bookshelves can no longer accommodate.

Rather than overwhelm the charity shops, why not let's share them with our friends and neighbours? We are suggesting that on a couple of Saturdays in May, from 0930am, everyone in the village who wishes to participate puts out on their driveways a box of books they are happy to give away. We are proposing Saturday 8 May and Saturday 15 May. Clearly the weather will be an issue so if the forecast is appalling, the dates may shift. Keep an eye on the weather forecast and the Bishopstone WhatsApp group (details on p54 of this edition) for updates.

*Rob Pendleton*



The Chalke Valley Link Scheme exists to provide transport and other good neighbour support in a local, personal and friendly way to members of the Chalke Valley community who need it.

If you live between Bishopstone and Bodenham or Britford and need help getting to your surgery/hospital appointments, local shopping, or to visit family members in hospital, please phone **01722 718780** to reach our Joint Transport Coordinators.

There is no charge but you are invited to make a donation towards our administrative costs. Our co-ordinators are all volunteers and there may be occasions when you will be asked to leave a message which will be answered as soon as possible. Our drivers are volunteers too, so please give as much notice as possible so that we can find a volunteer who is available.

## Coombe Bissett Stores - The Story So Far

I've been asked to write a brief overview of Coombe Bissett Stores, which will hopefully give you a few insights of where we came from, what we do and perhaps where we're going.

After working at Ringwood Brewery, back in 2000 I had just come back from a year driving overland to Australia (that story will have to wait until another day) and was walking around Salisbury looking for a job. Oddbins were advertising for a delivery driver, and it turned out to be perfect for me. I was able to engage directly with customers, both in the shop and while delivering, offer high standards of customer service, lots of learning about the wines, spirits and other products, and, most importantly, regular tasting sessions! However, with a set list of products we had to turn away customers who were looking for something a bit out of the ordinary, and we were unable to offer beers from any of the excellent local craft breweries, which as a real ale drinker and enthusiast I found very frustrating.

In 2003 I'd decided that I wanted to have my own business and the idea of a specialist beer shop and grocer was born. In September 2003 I opened Abbey Stores in Salt Lane Salisbury. We soon found ourselves busy with a wide range of specialist real ales and other beers (around 100 at any one time), draught cider, a range of interesting spirits and a selection of fine foods and gifts. We also sold sandwiches, groceries, milk and were probably one of the first shops to offer Ecover refills. We were a village shop in the centre of the city, trying hard not to be just another convenience store.

We were interested in expanding into a second shop, and our search was still on when one of our existing customers came in one Monday morning and after a brief chat, he explained that the village shop in Coombe Bissett would soon come on the market and would we be interested in running the business?

It didn't take long to decide that this was the perfect opportunity, it was an established business, close, but not too close to Salisbury and with parking. With the existing owner retiring the building had been purchased by a consortium of villagers who were determined not to lose their local shop. They had decided not to run it themselves as a "community shop" with volunteers and a paid manager, so in January 2008 I became the proud owner of Coombe Bissett Stores. A full internal refurbishment brought the interior up to date and I installed new refrigeration and computerised tills. The Post Office was also transferred onto the shop counter, meaning that any member of staff can work on either shop transactions or at the Post Office, occasionally at the same time!



Over the years we have built up the business and increased the stock lines and variety of products sold. The original Abbey Stores closed in 2011 when the lease on that building ran out.

In 2014 the shop was threatened with being flooded when groundwater rose to unprecedented levels all around us; thankfully, unlike several other properties close by, we were not flooded. The continuing challenge is from the inevitable rise of the supermarkets, who seem to be determined to suck the lifeblood out of the surrounding areas with their huge out of town megastores and home shopping delivery vans.



We have always offered a free delivery service in Coombe Bissett, nearby villages and Salisbury itself. We continue to diversify our offering, covering all the essentials such as bread, milk, cereal, eggs and the like alongside more interesting foods and products that cannot be found so easily elsewhere or in the supermarkets. I think that a village shop should offer a bit of everything from the ordinary to the exciting and we try extremely hard

to keep that in mind when sourcing new products.

When Covid came along last year all these elements came together when suddenly the supermarkets couldn't cope with the demands being placed on them from all directions. We were able to assist by ramping up our customer home deliveries, bringing in extra stock from new suppliers, dealing with orders for collection, coping with the extra mail volumes through the Post Office and, most importantly, keeping an eye on some of our more vulnerable customers in the community. I must pay tribute to my wonderful team: Alice, Bruce, Carol, Mary, Reece and Sam, who are the backbone of the business. Thank you all, it is a pleasure to work with you.

It is gratifying to see that many of our older customers are now receiving their first or even second vaccinations, a light on the horizon for all those struggling during this very tough time.

If you would like to see for yourself what we are all about, please visit in person or request a home delivery or collection order and we will do our best to help.

Coombe Bissett Stores and Post Office is open Monday to Friday 7am to 6pm and Saturday 7am to 1pm. Please email collection or delivery requests to [shop@coombebissettstores.co.uk](mailto:shop@coombebissettstores.co.uk) or phone 01722 718852. We look forward to hearing from you.

*Charles May, Owner*

## Nature Notes - Our Right to Roam

Amidst all the many negative aspects of the pandemic and the various lockdowns we have endured over the past year have been some small compensations. One of these has been the pleasure taken in getting to know our local area – particularly finding new walks, previously unexplored footpaths and new views over familiar landscapes. It has made me appreciate how lucky we are in to live in an area of such natural beauty which is so well cared for by our local landowners and which is so accessible through the network of public footpaths and bridleways. Anyone who has spent any time overseas will appreciate that we are unusually lucky in this respect.

As well as rights of way, in the Chalke Valley we also have patches of downland which is categorised as ‘open access’ land. I was curious about the background to this land and did some research on its history and some of the issues surrounding it. In 2000, the Countryside & Rights of Way (CROW) Act gave us a partial Right to Roam over about 8% of England. For the last two decades, we have had legal access to walk over certain landscapes (mountain, moor, commons and some downland, heath, and coastlines) without fear of trespassing. Curiously, after WW2, the government looked into granting a full Right to Roam in England. Full access to the countryside was proposed at the same time as the creation of the NHS, to offer the English a way to prevent illness! This idea was thought to be a step too far and rejected in favour of the creation of National Parks.

Granting a full Right to Roam over all land might seem a crazily radical notion but it is worth bearing in mind that it has always existed in Scotland. Clearly there are sensible exceptions and with the right comes strict responsibilities. As a keen hill-walker, I often wondered why Ordnance Survey maps didn’t show any public rights of way north of the border which made route finding difficult. Only fairly recently did I discover that the Right to Roam in Scotland makes rights of way redundant and unnecessary!

So how does the Right to Roam over open access land work in the Chalke Valley? Downland – the landscape of open chalk hills so characteristic of our valley - is covered by the CROW Act, but there's a problem. During WW2 much downland was ploughed up and used to grow crops. It lost its ‘downland’ designation as a consequence and what remains is a number of small fragments scattered up both sides of the valley.

There are a number of issues with these areas. They are generally unmarked on the ground – the only way to identify them is with the aid of a recent Ordnance Survey 1:25000 map. Once identified, access is rarely easy. Gates or styles may not be provided and where they are, access points are not marked. Some open access areas (Stratford Tony Down, Woodminton Down SW of Bowerchalke and



Homington Down for example) appear to have no public rights of way running near them so I presume can only be accessed by trespass. Others are accessible but once access is achieved, great care and good map reading skills are required to avoid straying out of the open access area and trespassing on land which looks identical but does not have open access status. Some local landowners may be sympathetic to the plight of the navigationally challenged lone walker but others are more aggressive. I was challenged by a local farmer recently. I self-righteously pointed out that I was on open access land but after momentarily seeming deflated by this news, he perked up when he realised that, unless I had parachuted in, I couldn't have reached the open access land without trespassing. I graciously conceded the point!

There are also fairly tight restrictions on what you can do on open access land. Essentially, you can walk, sightsee, bird-watch, climb and run. No cycling or riding of horses is allowed! Dogs are allowed but must be kept on leads from March to July.

Unsurprisingly, the whole issue of Right to Roam arouses strong passions. Landowners are wary of extending the geographical extent of Right to Roam or the range of activities allowable and all will have tales of damage done to fragile landscapes and livestock by inconsiderate users who are either ignorant of, or deliberately flout, the Countryside Code. Other pressure groups exist who want England to have the same Right to Roam over all land as in Scotland. This may still be a 'step too far' as it was after WW2 but there is probably some scope in expanding the downland open access areas to make them less fragmented and, at the very least, accessible from existing rights of way. An organisation called 'Right to Roam' is calling for an extension of the definition of downland to include semi-improved grassland, which could help connect these 'islands' to points of access. A recent DEFRA Landscapes Review, which reported in 2019, briefly touched on the subject of open access and Proposal 16 in the report is 'Consider expanding open access rights in national landscapes'. In the context of the report, this does not mean geographical expansion but increasing rights of access in existing open access areas. In a paragraph that may alarm some landowners, the report states:

*'The existing law and its application excludes many different user groups entirely, or favours walking on foot. We do not seek to undermine those rights.....But it feels wrong that many parts of our most beautiful places are off limits to horse riders, water users, cavers, wild campers and so on.'*

This is an interesting area which has a particular relevance for we residents of the Chalke Valley. It is an emotive subject and I'm sure many readers of STaB will have an opinion. Please feel free to write in with your views.

*Rob Pendleton*

## The White Hart

Tom, Zara and the team would like to thank everyone for your fantastic support over the past year. Takeaways have been a huge success in keeping us going during this very difficult time. We couldn't have done so without your tremendous support. We have been busy behind the scenes making lots of improvements including (finally!) getting rid of the old carpets and renovating the garden with a nice new decking area, heating, shelter & extra seating.

Since we have been in Bishopstone for 6 years we have now signed a new 5-year contract extension to stay in this wonderful place. We are continuing to adapt through all the restrictions and do our utmost to keep all our wonderful customers safe.

Our first week of opening has been fantastic and we are so happy to be back doing what we do best.

Takeaways will continue but as we are getting very busy at the weekend unfortunately our timings may vary.

If you would like to come out to dine please could we ask you to book in advance.  
01722 780244



Thank you all again.

Tom, Zara and all the team at the  
The White Hart

## Stonehenge Update

Stonehenge is in the news again. Indeed, some of us think that it is never actually out of the news.

If you read any newspaper or watch the news you will be aware that the Department of Transport announced that the scheme to construct a tunnel for the A303 under the Stonehenge landscape had been approved by Grant Shapps, the Transport Secretary. As the same time as this announcement, the report of the Examining Authority was released, although it had been issued to the Department of Transport in January 2020, but publication had been withheld until after the decision by the Transport Secretary.

In its report to the Transport Secretary, the Examining Authority recommended against proceeding with the scheme as they believed it would cause substantial harm to the World Heritage Site. The Inspectorate concluded that “the totality of the adverse impacts of the proposed development would strongly outweigh its overall benefits”. It is most unusual for a government department to set up a special advisory team of selected experts and then totally ignore their advice and this has inevitably led to a lot of press coverage including letters by some leading archaeologists, some supporting and some opposing the tunnel scheme.

The Approval order for the scheme was issued under the 2008 Planning Act, against which there is no right of appeal. However, the High Court has accepted a call for a judicial review which will be heard in June. If the Court rules that Mr Shapps’ decision was unlawful, he will have to rethink this hugely controversial road project.

Stonehenge has also been in the news for an entirely different reason. The main outer circle of stones at Stonehenge is constructed with sarsen stone from the Marlborough downs, but there is an inner ring on smaller stones, known as the bluestones, which had been sourced from quarries in Wales. In a recent BBC TV programme, a team of archaeologists and geologists were able to identify the specific quarries in the Preseli Hills, from which these stones had been sourced. They also demonstrated that the quarrying work had taken place about 500 years before the bluestones arrived at Stonehenge. This confirmed the belief that they had been used to form a local monument which had subsequently been dismantled. The ultimate proof was the identification of the remains of a circle, whose stones had been removed, at Waun Mawr, not far from the quarries. A few years ago, Dr Robin Lewis, Archdruid of the Welsh Gorsedd of Bards, wrote to the Daily Telegraph: "Since the Stone of Scone was returned to Scotland a few years since, and it is clearly only a matter of time until the Elgin Marbles are returned to Greece, may I express a request that Stonehenge be returned to Wales?" This recent TV programme has stirred the Welsh into action once more with the request “please can we have our stones back”.

*Francis Taylor*

## News from Coombe Bissett School

Dear Friends and Neighbours,

The beautiful surroundings of our school and its grounds, remind us all just what a privilege it is to be a part of the lovely countryside which surrounds us all. As the children fill our school once more, so the snowdrops and daffodils fill our hedgerows and gardens, a reminder to us all of both the inspiration and joy that nature brings. To celebrate the coming of spring, we asked the children to write their own poems and we hope you enjoy reading a chosen few.

With best wishes to you all, Berkeley Basinger-Adams

### **Spring**

On the fresh, crisp breeze,

An early buzzard lazily soared.

The sun crept slowly upward, a barest slither of gold,

Far below, trees stirred from their sleep.

Daffodils began to unfurl, flowers like trumpets;

The birdsong, a soft, trilling melody, a chorus.

As the sun rose, the grasses and flowers waved and nodded,

Greeting the spring.

*By Phoebe Richter, Ash Class*

### **Dog Walks**

Sun coloured trumpets on daffodils

Leading the marching band of nature,

A bee's extravagant pattern, streaks of

Golden sunshine, creeping out of blackness

Candy floss blossom as pink as a rose,

These are the things that I see with

My dog beside me.

*By Kit Palmer, Ash Class*

### **Sense of Spring**

The tantalizing swirl of yellow honey,

The beautiful sound of baby chicks tweeting,

A scrumptious, warm hot cross bun,

The lovely scent of a field of buttercups,

The tickle of butterflies landing on your arm.

*By Barney Tidmarsh, Fir Class*

## **Spring**

Snowdrops as white as blinding pearl,  
Poppies as red as a scorching hot fire,  
Rooks build their nests in the top of tress,  
In the fields the bees collect their honey,  
Now tulips burst out of the ground,  
Going to the fields to see the baby lambs  
*By Charlie Uden, Fir Class*

## **Spring Poem**

I can see great green grass growing in the wind,  
I can feel the nice burning hot sun streaming on my arm,  
I can hear beautiful grass swaying in the calm wind,  
I can taste the nice, fresh air washing in my mouth,  
I can smell the sweet taste of nectar up my nose.  
*By Toby Davis, Elm Class*

## **Spring**

I can see sheep,  
I can see yellow daffodils blowing,  
Pussy willows dangling across the stream,  
Sunshine high in the sky,  
Blossom like candy floss,  
Tulips lining up like Oak Class in a row.  
*By Edward Sartin, Oak Class*

## **Spring**

I can see green grass swooshing,  
I can see little leaves fluttering in the trees,  
Trees full of flowers,  
Little white flowers,  
Bowling tulips lining up.  
*By Daniel Hubbins-Wylie, Oak Class*

## Bishopstone Poetry

The Village Hall committee were recently contacted by Wiltshire Rural Arts who wanted to thank us for supporting the Rural Arts programme over many years. A local poet rang Sue and asked some questions about the village and the village hall and as a result we were sent these two poems which are worthy of printing in STAB. We also have videos of the poet reading his compositions.

*Francis Taylor*

### **A Poem for Bishopstone**

Once it was all farmers round these parts; now  
folk move here not to grow the endless rounds  
of crops, but, rather, simply just to grow old.

There's a gentle reassurance to a valley. It holds  
you close. And perhaps we find an echo of ourselves  
in the gentle doings of our local stream;

it's heady days of watercress and grinding mills  
now good and gone, it's waters filtered down  
through chalk, as we get filtered down through days.

We're now content to walk our dogs down Pit's Lane,  
up by Throope; to join our Ladies Groups and lose  
ourselves at the village film. To feel around us

the ever-present unseen arms that we choose  
to call community; to watch the blackthorn blossom  
burst, the children playing on the field; to hear the Ebbles  
talking softly to itself. To feel it all flow quietly on.

*Jonny Fluffypunk 2021*

## Poem for the Village Hall Committee

There's something in the water here;  
something potent in the babble of the Ebb  
the chalk has failed to filter out.

There's something going on;  
something that keeps us going strong  
in defiance of advancing years,

something that keeps the blood pumping  
through collective veins, that stops us  
reining in the urge to *make stuff happen*.

Perhaps it's simply just a strong collective heart;  
*someone* has to do these things, and though  
the parts that make up the sum seem not themselves  
so special, together we work wonders.

So rally yourselves, my tired braves-  
Let's feed them with lunches!  
Woo them with choirs!  
Romance them with  
the golden age of cinema!  
Stuff them full of haggis and whisky  
and dance them round the village hall!

And til that mythic day when Golden Youth  
rides on in to relieve us, we'll pick up phones  
and click on links, and we'll keep this little world turning.

*By Jonny Fluffypunk*

## Stolen Dogs

The past year has been the worst on record for dog theft. With months spent in lockdown many people decided that they would like to purchase a dog, prices went up and up, thus creating a perfect opportunity for criminals to cash in on this increased demand.

The Blue Cross have issued guidelines for dog owners to keep their dogs safe:

- \* Think twice before leaving your dog tied up outside a shop. You will make them a vulnerable and tempting target for opportunist thieves.
- \* Don't leave your dog alone in the car, even for a few minutes. Thieves can easily break into your car to steal your precious pet.
- \* Make sure your dog is microchipped and that you keep your contact details up-to-date, especially if you move house or change your telephone number. Dogs and puppies in the UK must be microchipped by eight weeks old, by law.
- \* Your dog should always wear a collar and ID tag with your name and address on it. This is a legal requirement when your dog is in a public place. A mobile number is also a good idea, but avoid putting your dog's name on the disc.
- \* Take clear photographs of your dog from various angles, and update them regularly. Make a note of any distinguishing features.
- \* Have lots of photographs of yourself with your dog, to help you to prove ownership if needed. Train your dog to come back when called, and never let them off the lead if you are not sure they will come back to you. If in doubt, use an extending lead, especially if you are in an unfamiliar area where your dog may get lost more easily.
- \* At home, make sure your garden is secure and fit a bell to the gate so you hear if anyone opens it.
- \* Keep your dog in view in the garden, don't just leave him outside unsupervised.
- \* Beware of strangers asking you questions about your dog.
- \* Vary your times of walks and routes; some dogs are actually targeted and snatched during walks.





If your dog is lost or suspected stolen, it is important to act quickly:

- \* Report the loss to your local council's dog warden and those in all other neighbouring local authorities
- \* Visit places where dog walkers go such as local parks and public places and talk to people, asking them to keep an eye open for your dog
- \* If you believe your pet has been stolen, report it to the police and insist it is recorded as a theft and not a lost animal. Ask for a crime reference number.
- \* Report the loss/theft to the microchip database, this will ensure that if anyone tries to re-register the chip number, you will be informed
- \* Make posters and display them in areas local to your home and also in relevant places such as vets, local parks etc. The poster should include a clear photograph and details of the circumstances.
- \* Make sure local vets are aware in case someone takes your dog in for treatment.
- \* Report the loss on as many as possible of the missing animals websites – there is no single national missing animals database, so you will have to place the same information on all of them to ensure a widespread appeal.
- \* Contact local animal shelters and rescue charities and send them posters to display.

Tragically a family dog was stolen last year in the Chalke Valley. I am sure that you will have seen some of the many posters that the family put up. Their search continues, months later. If you have any information about Beetle, please contact her owner Victoria Brown on:

01722 781235, 07970 518190, or [victoriabrown456@gmail.com](mailto:victoriabrown456@gmail.com)

*“Beetle our beloved black Cavapoo was stolen on the August Bank holiday, Monday 31st August 2020 at about 5.00pm. I was in a field in front of our house when Beetle spotted a pheasant which she chased after, heading in the direction of the road out of Alvediston towards Ebbesbourne Wake. We searched frantically for her but it was if she had vanished into thin air. We then found her collar unclipped beside the road in the direction we had seen her heading. This led us and the local police to believe that she had been stolen. We immediately launched a massive campaign to find her but very sadly as yet have had no good news. Beetle was a huge part of our family and we are absolutely devastated that she is missing.”*



## Rambling On... with Jazzie!

What a mix of weather we've had in the last month from hot to freezing. But the garden and the blossoms, daffs and tulips just keep coming along despite it all. It perhaps bodes well for a colourful summer.



We have both had our second inoculations now and feel more confident to face the world, so went into Salisbury on 12th April to see a much busier and open city, despite so many closed premises. My brewing ability goes on and I am now enjoying a fine home brewed bitter, with sound flavour and colour!

We have been walking our wee friends from across the Croft, but may have to reduce this pleasure, as we collected our new puppy on Friday 16th April! She is black, small and called Jazzie or Jasmine, being of Jack Russell/Cairn/Poodle stock. She seems to have settled in very well, exploring the garden hard, and escaped through our small dividing fence immediately! She is almost too big to do it again!!

Many of us have taken up all sorts of new skills and hobbies during Lockdown. I have been painting in watercolours, as you know, but have also been upholstering and rebuilding broken chairs and seats. I am sure other arts and crafts have been taken up, and so perhaps we could hold a Lockdown Arts/Hobbies Exhibition in the Village Hall in September. What do you think? If interested, please let me know what you might like to display, and perhaps we could get something organised over a weekend in September. Good luck to all and keep in touch and busy.

Enjoy the good weather, sowing and planting, or when walking look out for Jazzie! Perhaps life can start to become more normal and friendly again. The pub awaits our visits, the church is open again, so we hope to meet soon. It was so good to join a fuller church last Sunday and to take part again. We have yet to sing, perhaps in May. We offer our sympathy to the family of Mollie Lovell -Butt on her demise at the great age of 101 years. She was well known to so many and will be missed.



The Nation has lost a great man in the passing of the Duke of Edinburgh. He was an example to us all in service, devotion, and duty. His funeral was a true example of all that is best in Britain. Well done to all the military personnel who took part. Our church wardens are to be congratulated on the splendid tribute to him placed on the nave altar. The choice of photographs indeed saluted the life of a great man. His presence beside the Queen and the Royal Family will be missed. We will remember him.

*James Thompson*

### PLANTING HOPE AT LONGFORD CASTLE

#### Stunning private estate to welcome visitors this June in support of national charity Horatio's Garden

Longford Castle, the private ancestral seat of the Radnor family for over 300 years, built by Elizabeth I's chief lady-in-waiting, will be opening its spectacular gardens to the public on **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June from 2pm – 5pm in support of national charity, Horatio's Garden.**



The charity's patron, the Countess of Radnor, generously offered to host the annual Horatio's Garden Plant Sale at her home in order to help the charity raise the vital funds required to support their beautiful, accessible garden projects in NHS spinal injury centres across the UK. Each stunning sanctuary offers a calm and comforting haven to help the physical health and psychological wellbeing of patients with spinal injuries, their families and the NHS staff who care for them.

Visitors will be invited to tour Longford Castle's private, spectacular formal gardens whilst absorbing the remarkable architecture and atmosphere of this historic estate and may also explore the old garden alongside the River Avon.

There will be plenty of unusual plants available for purchase, including plants donated from Sam Owen's RHS Chelsea Flower Show Garden. Tea and delicious homemade cakes will be available all afternoon in a marquee overlooking the Castle.

The charity's gorgeous, bespoke merchandise will also be for sale, alongside handcrafted goods created by volunteers.

**To ensure everyone's safety, pre-booking for the Horatio's Garden Plant Sale is essential. Tickets are available online now at [www.horatiogarden.org.uk/plantsale](http://www.horatiogarden.org.uk/plantsale). Accessible car parking will be free and unlimited. The majority of the garden is accessible to wheelchairs.**

## Cranborne Chase - Celebration in Silk

Flags have long been an important way for people to express their identity, and now we're bringing the idea to the Chase & Chalke Landscape Partnership, working with communities to create colourful, beautiful silk flags, led by artist Nicola Davis.

Nicola wants you to tell her – via the Cranborne Chase Instagram or Facebook pages – what Cranborne Chase means to you, and will be using your ideas to create the first of ten vibrant silk flags that reflect the heritage, landscape, biodiversity, people and stories of the Chase & Chalke area.

At the same time, we ask schools and community groups to get in contact if you want to be part of further flag creation, guided by Nicola through online workshops.

These flags will be used throughout the life of the Landscape Partnership at a range of activities and events, and beyond. The flags will be seen in their full glory at the events surrounding the *ChalkEscape Walking Festival*.

We have opportunities for volunteers to help with this project, and also offer local artists a chance for free training in silk batik techniques working alongside the lead artist.

### **So, to sum up, we have four opportunities here:**

- ideas on what Cranborne Chase means to them from the whole community;
- groups wanting to create their own gorgeous flag;
- Volunteers;
- trainee artists.

A link to a video about the project can be found on the Cranborne Chase AONB website at:

<https://cranbornechase.org.uk/landscape-partnership-scheme/celebration-in-silk>

Nicola can also be contacted via e.mail on [nicola-davis@live.co.uk](mailto:nicola-davis@live.co.uk)



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## Recipe of the Month - Wild Garlic Paneer

*By Kate Pendleton*

I'm always keen to make as much use as I can of wild garlic during the short season that it's available for foraging. I recently tried using it in place of spinach in a Saag Paneer dish, and it worked really well.

### Ingredients

- 1 tbsp veg oil
- 1/2 tsp turmeric
- 1/2 tsp chilli powder
- 200g (or similar packet size) paneer, cut into cubes
- Large handful of wild garlic leaves.
- 1 small onion, finely chopped
- 1 garlic clove
- thumb-sized piece of ginger
- 1 green chilli, roughly chopped, (include seeds for extra spice if wanted)
- 1/2 tsp garam masala
- ½ lemon, juiced, to serve



### Method

Mix the oil in with the turmeric and chilli powder, then add the cubed paneer and toss well. Set aside.

Place wild garlic leaves in a colander, pour over boiling water, drain and cool, then put in a tea towel and squeeze out most of the water. Roughly chop.

Finely chop the onion with the garlic, ginger and green chilli.

Cook the paneer in a large non-stick frying pan over medium heat for around 8 mins, tossing the pan so they become golden all over. Remove and set aside on a plate, leaving spices behind in the pan.

Tip the onion mix into the pan, add a pinch of salt and turn the heat down. Fry until caramel coloured, around 10 mins, adding a splash of water if it looks a little dry. Add the garam masala, stir to coat the onion mix, fry for 2 mins.

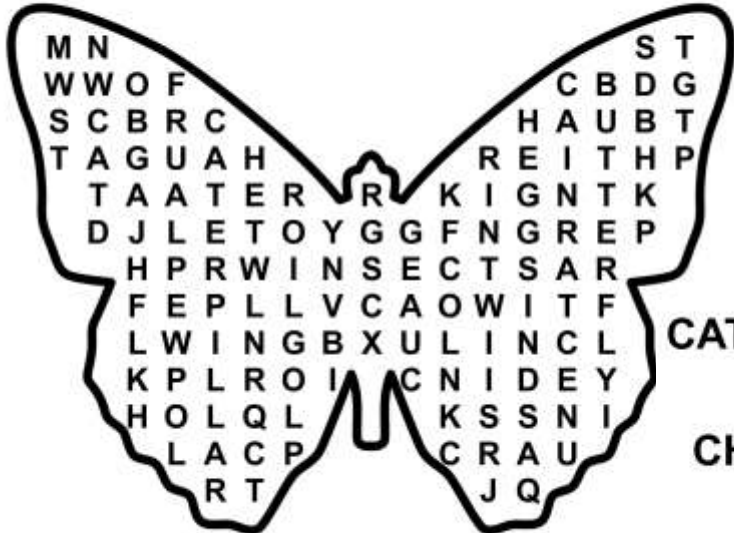
Add the wild garlic leaves and cook for a further 2-3 mins, adding a splash of water to release all the flavours from the bottom of the pan. Add the paneer and cook for 2-3 mins to heat through. Spoon into bowls and squeeze over a little lemon juice, to serve.

**Serves 2**

# Puzzles and Activities

*By Cally Edwards & Kate Pendleton*

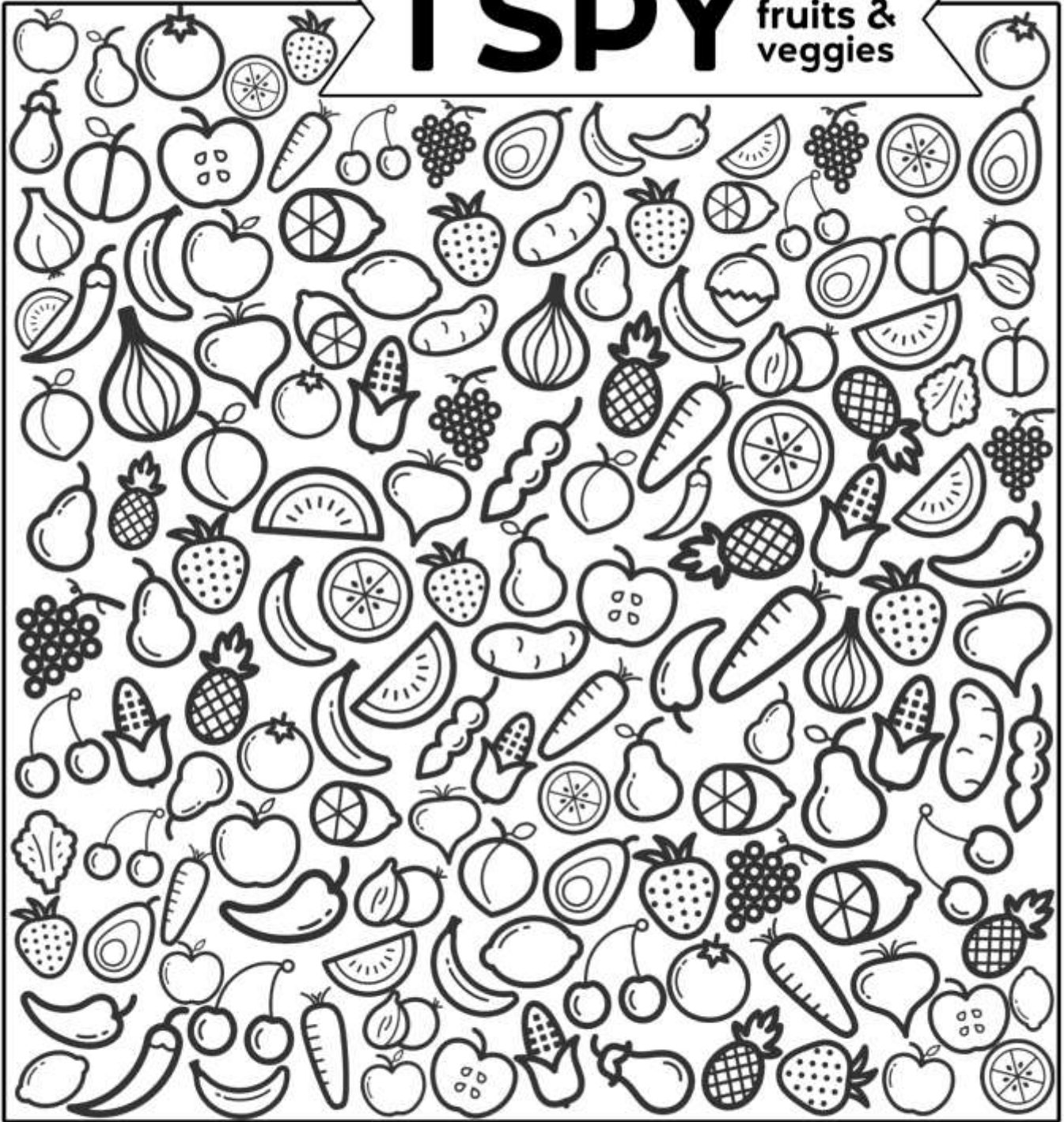
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Do you have any particular favourite kinds of puzzles that you'd like to see in STaB? We try to include a variety that might appeal to adults and children of a variety of ages, but are always very happy for anyone to submit their own! Feel free to drop us an e.mail if you'd like to send something in.

## Sarah's Gardening Tips for May

1. Remember to open greenhouse doors and vents on warm days
2. Check containers daily for moisture levels as they dry out much quicker than borders. You can add water retaining granules.
3. 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.
4. Harden off tender shrubs for summer outside. E.g. Fuchsias, Heliotrope. Citrus and other tender exotics.
5. Plant summer hanging baskets, adding good quality compost and feed granules to keep plants in good condition.
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.
9. Divide established clumps of hostas as they come into growth.

*There is no gardening without humility. Nature is constantly sending even the oldest scholars to the bottom of the class for some egregious blunder.*

*Alfred Austin*



**Question:** The pods of which plant are used to thicken the spicy soup known as gumbo?

(Answer on p52)

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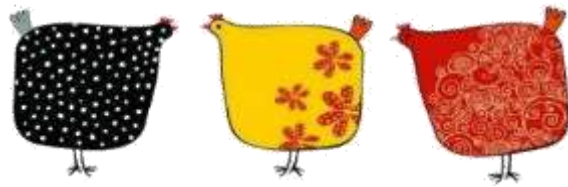
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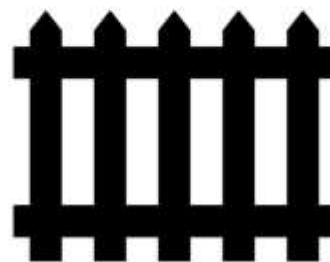
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The village website – [www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk](http://www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk) is updated in real time and carries all the latest news on issues that affect the village.

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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### The Mystery of the Lost Shoes!

Found in the Village Hall car park on March 19th. Probably fit a child aged from 6 to 8, nearly new. Contact Mrs. M Barter on 780471.



Signs of Spring on Easter day.

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*Photo taken on Molly's 100th birthday in March 2020 when a group of villagers gathered (socially distanced) in her garden to sing Happy Birthday.*



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



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<b>9 May 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 3.00pm	Parish Communion (CW) Family Service All Age Service Morning Prayer (BCP) Evening Prayer (BCP)	Bowerchalke Coombe Bissett Alvediston Berwick St John Fifield Bavant	Catherine Blundell Jenny Taylor Biddy Trahair Roger Leake Biddy Trahair
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<b>16 May Sunday after Ascension Day</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 Catherine Blundell Biddy Trahair Jenny Taylor
<b>23 May PENTECOST WHIT SUNDAY</b>	9.00am 9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm 6.00pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Family Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Family Service (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Holy Communion (BCP) Evening Prayer (BCP) Evening Prayer (BCP)	Berwick St John Broad Chalke Charlton All Saints Nunton Bishopstone Alvediston Bowerchalke Homington	Roger Leake Catherine Blundell Anna-Claar T-Rosingh Anna-Claar T-Rosingh Jenny Taylor Roger Leake Lay Led Jenny Taylor
<b>30 May TRINITY SUNDAY</b>	10.00am 10.00am	Benefice Communion (CW) Benefice Communion (CW)	Bowerchalke Nunton	Catherine Blundell Anna-Claar T-Rosingh
<b>6 June 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b>	9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am	Parish Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Family Communion (CW) Family Communion (CW) Morning Service (CW)	Broad Chalke Britford Ebbesbourne Wake Coombe Bissett Odstock	Catherine Blundell Jenny Taylor Catherine Blundell Jenny Taylor Anna-Claar T-Rosingh

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