

# **Parish Magazine**

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## Coombe Bissett CE VA Primary School

Soar on wings like eagles, Run and not grow weary,

Walk and not be faint' Isaiah 40:31

As you know several of the children who live in our village attend Coombe Bissett School and their parents and grandparents are very supportive of the school community. Part of that community is our Board of Governors and it would be marvellous to have solid Bishopstone representation on the Board. We have vacancies for two Foundation Governors (Foundation Governors are those who have a broadly Christian outlook, support the school's Christian values and support the church in their community). If you would like to know more please contact me by 'phone or email...I am looking forward to hearing from you!

Revd Canon Jenny Taylor (revjennytaylor@gmail.com 01722 503081)

#### A warm welcome to ...

Jenny and Tony Monds who are moving into Flamstone Street this month. We hope you enjoy living in the Sunday Times 'Best Street of Neighbours'!



#### Hello from the Revd Canon Jenny Taylor



A huge thank you to everyone who donated goods to our Harvest Festival this year – I know how appreciative the Trussell Trust was – their needs are so great right now.

The season of Remembrance is fast approaching – our service in Church is on Sunday 8th November at 11.00. It will obviously be a different sort of service this year but it is so important to mark this particular Sunday of our nation's history so do please join us – remembering the 3 basic rules of Hands. Face. Space.

Some of us find this time quite daunting normally let alone when we are in the grip of a pandemic! I think we are all feeling at best unsettled at worst very frightened and anxious. Planning at the moment for anything is incredibly frustrating because we just do not know what is going to happen next. So what to do? How to cope? The news-papers, magazines and social media are full of self-help guidance and there are television programmes and podcasts aplenty!

The Bible is full of self-help advice – simply look through the Book of Proverbs and you will be advised anything from speaking softly to turn away anger to having a better dinner of vegetables served with grace than a fatted ox cooked with hatred! Sometimes we just need to be still and quiet before the Lord – it is written in Isaiah (30:18) that "The Lord waits to be gracious to you." If, with all your thoughts swirling around and with all the turbulence around us all, that seems impossible this Celtic prayer may help:

l weave a silence onto my lips	I weave a silence into my mind
I weave a silence within my heart	I close my ears to distractions
I close my eyes to attractions	I close my heart to temptations.
Calm me, Lord, as you stilled the storm.	Still me, O Lord, keep me from harm
Let all the tumult within me cease	Enfold me Lord, in your peace.

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# Parish Council

A meeting of Bishopstone Parish Council will take place on Thursday 12th November at 7.00pm. As the Council is unable to meet in the traditional fashion, the meeting will take place via Zoom Video Conferencing.

Members of the public have a right to attend all Parish Council meetings and if you wish to join the Zoom broadcast please register your interest in advance by emailing the Clerk at *bishopstoneclerk@btinternet.com*. You will then be sent a link with instructions shortly before the meeting. The agenda for the meeting will be posted on the Village Notice Boards.

Future meetings will be announced on the village website and notice board and, where possible, in STaB.

# **Bishopstone Prescription Collections**

The Bishopstone COVID-19 Emergency Planning Committee will continue running the collection arrangements for the village whilst prescriptions are only available from the Sixpenny Handley Surgery. The Committee is extremely grateful for the dedication of our team of drivers who collect the prescriptions every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from the surgery and deliver them to patients in the village.

Remember, if you have a prescription due, please contact your Area Co-ordinator (list at the end of this STaB). If your AC is not available please contact one of the others, *do not leave a message*.

Whilst these arrangements continue to work well, there have been some instances where people have not been at home when the driver has tried to deliver. Please try to ensure that someone is at the address on the afternoon of the day of the delivery. If that is not possible for some reason please inform the AC, when making the request, of a secure place for the prescription package to be left.



### **Coronavirus Update**



A three-tier system of local restrictions to curb the transmission of COVID-19 has been introduced in England. Under the new system different parts of the country are placed under varying restrictions depending on their rates of infection. The good news is that Wiltshire is currently (20 October) in the medium (lowest) tier of the COVID-19 alert levels. We need to keep it that way. For details of what this means go to https:// www.gov.uk/guidance/ local-covid-alert-levelmedium. This link is on the village website.

#### 💔 Meeting friends and family

You can meet in a group of up to six people from multiple households. This includes children and applies indoors and outdoors, including private homes. There are exceptions, for example if your household or support bubble is larger than six. You could be fined for breaking these rules.

#### 🛄 Going to work

You should work at home if possible. If you have to return to your workplace your employer must make arrangements for you to work safely.

#### Schools and nurseries

Primary and secondary schools are open, as are nurseries and childcare. If a school has coronavirus cases, local health protection teams will advise what to do.

#### O Leisure time

Pubs, bars and restaurants must close at 22:00 BST. They are restricted to table service only. Face coverings must be worn, except when seated to eat or drink.

#### www Shopping

Shops can open with social distancing measures in place. Face coverings must be worn by customers and staff.

#### Other

Face coverings must be worn on public transport and indoor areas such as museums and cinemas. You can be fined £200 for breaking the rules.

Those aged 70 and older, and other groups classed as clinically vulnerable, are urged to continue to take special care and keep your social interactions as low as possible whilst maintaining social distancing and hand hygiene measures. If you need help – contact your Bishopstone Area Co-ordinator – see list at the end of this STaB.

#### **EVERYONE - PLEASE HELP TO KEEP THE RATE OF TRANSMISSION LOW**

## Village Hall



# November 2020

#### **OPEN FOR BOOKINGS**

Both halls are available for hire for permitted activities, subject to the acceptance of the "Special Conditions of Hire during Covid-19" which are available from the bookings secretary (Margaret Barter 01722 780471) and the village website.

These include the wearing of masks, hand sanitising stations and maintaining social distancing.

#### **BISHOPSTONE COMMUNITY CAFE**

These informal events have successfully resumed, being held on alternate Thursdays. Weather permitting there will be an option to sit outside.

The next café mornings will be on Thursday 12th and 26th of November and 10th of December. Open from 10.30am until 12.00noon. Everyone welcome to look in for a coffee and chat. There is no charge but voluntary donations are appreciated.

#### **BISHOPSTONE COMMUNITY LUNCHES**

Unfortunately the ever popular Community Lunches continue to be on hold, largely because of the need for social distancing.

The situation regarding a Christmas Lunch is still under review and will be confirmed in the December edition.

#### MOVIOLA at Bishopstone Friday 27th November : "Harriet"

Based on the thrilling and inspirational life of an iconic American freedom fighter, HARRIET tells the extraordinary tale of Harriet Tubman's escape from slavery and transformation into one of America's greatest heroes. Her courage, ingenuity, and tenacity freed hundreds of slaves and changed the course of history.

Tickets for all Moviola films cost £6.

Pre-booking is essential and we would like payment in advance to avoid queueing at the door. Please phone Caroline Ash on 01722 781044 to book and for details of how to pay. (On-line payment is preferred but cheques are acceptable and we will have a card payment device at the door. No loose cash please.) Only the main feature will be shown and the evenings will take place under the current government "safe practice" guidelines. This means you will need to wear a face covering (though this may be removed once seated whilst eating or drinking). There will be no bar or snack sales but guests are welcome to bring their own refreshments.

Doors open at 7.15pm for a 7.30pm showing.

#### 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. Sadly the group is not currently running.

#### **"EXTEND" EXERCISE CLASSES**

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

#### PILATES AT BISHOPSTONE

Contact Claudine on 07788 587937

#### YOGA WITH HANNAH

Classes have resumed and run every Thursday 6-7pm and 7:30-8:30pm For more details and to confirm a place contact Hannah Stocker on 0773 856 1888 or by email: yoga\_with\_hannah@outlook.com.

#### SARUM SPINNERS AND WEAVERS

During the recent lockdowns we have been unable to hold our monthly meetings at our usual venue and it is not clear when it will become available again. The Village Hall has stepped in and we can now return to our regular meetings which are held on the first Tuesday of the month, 3 November and 1 December, 7.00pm - 9.00pm.

We would like to invite any spinners or weavers in the area to join us. We would also like to welcome any ladies from Needles and Pins as we understand that you no longer have your regular meetings. Please phone Les Smith on 01722 780761 for details as we may have to make adjustments to meet the Covid requirements.

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Aug-20	O Moody	J Bailey	A Grumett			
Sep-20	M Colwell	Lord Head	L Purves			

# Village Hall 100 Club Winners

#### 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 kitcher	<b>£15 per hour</b> າ)	£20 per hour
Hire of both rooms (With tea making facilities	<b>£10 per hour</b> but no other elect	•
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  $\pounds$ 6 per hour with a maximum of  $\pounds$ 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

# REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 2020



**BISHOPSTONE** 

# **ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH**

# SUNDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER AT 11.00 HRS/ A.M.

# **CARRY-OUT CURRY AVAILABLE FROM THE WHITE HART INN FROM 1200 HRS**

(Call for Your Choice of Curry- £10 pp - 780244)

# **Chalke Valley Community Support**

**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:

POLICE

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

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

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

PC Matt HOLLAND – Community Policing Co-Ordinator

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

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

**Social media** – for local policing updates follow us on Facebook **@salisburypolice** and Twitter **@SouthWiltsCPT** 

#### **Sixpenny Handley and Chalke Valley Practice**

Doves Meadow Surgery, Broad Chalke: 01722 780282

## **BROAD CHALKE SURGERY CURRENTLY CLOSED**

Despite requests for this information we have no news as to when it will reopen.

Sixpenny Handley Surgery: 01725 552500

www.sixpennydocs.co.uk

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

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







Shop: Open weekdays 9am - 4pm (9am-2pm on Saturdays)
 Coffee Shop: Currently closed.
 Post Office: Open Mon, Tues & Thurs 9.30am –1.30pm:
 w: www.chalkevalleystores.co.uk
 e: info@chalkevalleystores.co.uk
 Tel: 01722-780998

The HUB Coffee Shop is reopening from Wednesday 21 October 2020

Weekdays: 10.00 to 14.00 for Hot food and Lunches

10.00 to 15.30 for Coffee and Cakes

Saturday: 10.00 to 14.00 Coffee and Cakes, with a reduced menu for Lunches

Take away food and drink will also continue to be available during these opening hours.

- We have rethought and reworked our coffee shop operations. Extensive health and safety guidelines have been prepared and implemented and our teams have been trained, so we can get back to welcoming you into the coffee shop again. We ask for your understanding and adherence to our new procedures:
- Entry and Exit to the coffee shop will be at the rear of the building only.
- It is mandatory to wear a face covering. Your face covering can only be removed when seated at your table and must be put back on when using the toilets.
- Hand sanitising stations will be provided at the entrances and in the coffee shop for you to use. We politely ask you use these before entering the HUB.
- Tables should be booked in advance by calling 01722 780998. We will only be able to serve those without reservations if there is a table available.
- We will be asking you to provide your contact details to support the NHS track and trace programme. These details will be filed securely retained for 21 days, after which they will be destroyed.
- The NHS Test and Trace QR code will be displayed for those who wish to use this service.
- To maintain the social distancing guidelines, we will be offering table service only. There will be no service at the bar.
- We will be using eco-friendly disposable plates and cups in order to reduce risk and maintain staff safety in the preparation areas.
- If customers wish to visit the shop, we require that you leave the Coffee Shop by the rear door and join any queue there might be at the front of the building. There will be no access directly from the Coffee Shop.

We look forward to being able, once again, to offer our Community this service, which we know has been missed.

Please see the Chalke Valley Stores website for the full version of this newsletter.

# The Trussell Trust

Donations received over the last month - 32 kgs of food and hygiene items plus a cheque for £100 and a sealed gift aided donation. Thank you to all who contributed.

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. Do please have a look.

At the present time they are asking in particular for:-

Long Life Fruit Juice Tinned Fruit Instant Mashed Potato Tinned Rice Sponge Pudding Shower Gel

Tinned Meat Dried Milk Shampoo Deodorant



If you can provide any of these, particularly Long Life Fruit Juice, they will be very grateful, but really anything you feel you can offer will be so useful at this time.

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

As we look towards the end of the year with Christmas coming anything that you can think of that would make Christmas a better time for those who have so little. If a person cannot afford to buy essentials then they really cannot buy the little treats that we all look forward to. Please help with whatever you can.

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

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

Keep safe and healthy everyone.

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).

#### The War Memorial Trust

As Remembrance Sunday draws near the bright red poppies serve as a reminder of the sacrifice made by so many in times of conflict. In 1998 I heard of a fledgling charity being set up when it became apparent that there was no one officially responsible for the care of war memorials. Sadly many had already been lost, desecrated or destroyed. Originally called Friends of War Memorials they were looking for volunteers to be their eyes and ears throughout the U.K in their quest to preserve all war memorials. I joined as a Volunteer Supporter.

Later renamed, The War Memorial Trust grew out of the desire to combat this desecration and loss, to monitor the condition of the estimated 100,000 plus remaining memorials and to protect them for the future. They give grants to help in many ways: from total renovation of stonework to small grants to clean and replace lettering of names that have been obliterated by ravages of time or graffiti.

A war memorial is any physical object created, erected or installed to commemorate those involved or affected by a war or conflict. These may be sited in churches or centrally within towns and cities, villages or stand alone in the countryside: all shapes and sizes - in railways stations, on bridges, stained glass windows, Rolls of Honour, schools etc. All are equally important and each one is unique, acting as a touchstone linking past to present and a permanent reminder of the sacrifice of those who gave their lives.

Over the years I have spent many happy times with a stand displaying photos and information at shows and events, helping out as varied as The Royal Tournament, Crufts Dog Show, Country Fairs etc, my task being to spread awareness of the aims and achievements of War Memorial Trust. I carry out condition surveys within my area and have discovered memorials in unusual places including several for horses and even one for a carrier pigeon.

It would be easy to feel 'compassion fatigue' but I hope that these memorials will be cared for and preserved long into the future. If anyone would like more information please get in touch with me or with War Memorials Trust on:

www.warmemorials.org - e.mail: info@warmemorials.org *Deirdre Nicol* - deirdrenicol@hotmail.com

> In Flanders field the poppies blow Between the crosses, row on row, That mark our place; and in the sky The larks, still bravely singing, fly Scarce heard amongst the guns below. John McCrae 'In Flanders Field' (1915)

## The Diamonds of Bishopstone - 60 Years since Whitlock Rise was built!



The first families to move into Whitlock Rise in 1960, whose relatives still live there today –

Audrey Rogers	Vera Cummins
Philip Dimmer	Audrey Jennings
Jenny Shearing	Pete Jarman
Steve Walsh	Mark Everett

The land was originally used as an orchard and for allotments, where Philip Dimmer remembers digging. Just to the east was Whitlock Dairy, run by Reg Thorne, who used it in addition to the one he had at Manor Farm. The land was owned by the Pembroke Estate, then passed to the Abergavenny Estate and finally to the Duke of Newcastle Estates. Possibly the development was named after a Mr Whitlock. Mr Fred Whitlock (1863-1932), who was a Prudential Assurance Agent, served on the Parish Council from 1896 to 1932. He and his wife Ann (née Eales) had 5 sons and 5 daughters, so I am assuming that the estate is named after one of his sons in the 1960s.

When the houses were complete a 'Hallowing Service' took place, led by the Rector of Bishopstone, the Revd Humphrey Hall and the Methodist Minister, the Revd A M Hale, to bless the new properties. As everyone stood in the mud and driving rain, the Salisbury Salvation Army Band played and the Bishopstone Church Choir sang. After the Service, tea was laid on at the Village Hall.



Newspaper cutting from Audrey Jennings about the 'Hallowing Service'



Vera and Ivor Cummins had their house blessed, and Vera still has a certificate from the occasion

Audrey Rogers and her family were the first to move in on 5th November 1960 to Number 17, and with their two children they were there on their own. The following day another couple moved next door, and for a further fortnight they were the only two families there.

Audrey says that there were lots of young children, who had a safe and secure place to play. 'It's been a happy little estate, and we have lovely views.' Many families have remained on the estate, but now, with a number of older residents, there are fewer children.

Audrey Jennings moved into Number 19 on 19th November 1960, and in the last few years has lived in one of the bungalows facing the valley road. The view from her house is stunning. She also says that 'It's a very happy place to live. I have wonderful neighbours and I'm so lucky.' It was Audrey's idea to mark the 60 years since Whitlock Rise was built. So thank you Audrey.



Everyone knows the house with the windmills!



Lou has made it easier for Tesco deliveries.

I am still researching the Whitlock family, so if anyone has anything to fill in the gaps it would be helpful for the village archives.

Anne Stutchbury 01722 780339



## The Home of a Seagoing Chair and Travels in the Empire

Let me introduce myself. I am Alan Robinson and my wife and I moved into Faulston Barns in May 2017. STAB has been a wonderful way to introduce us to this friendly village. The recent departure of Hester Kirkham back to the USA has given me the chance to contribute to the magazine's breadth of local articles, whilst hopefully not boring you into a deep slumber!

I have to precis my early career in the late 1960s to make sense of the remaining article, so try to stay with me for the next few lines. In my early twenties I worked in a wonderful shipping company known to most of you as P&O, one of todays leading cruise lines. As a navigator and long before the introduction of GPS, I had the absolute pleasure of circling the globe with a simple sextant. The various ship's companies that I worked with were a highly motivated bunch of men and women, responsible for taking professionals, families, sportsmen, and adventurers to far flung outposts of the British Empire. These experiences were memorable. Very few people could afford to travel by air, which meant the majority of UK expatriates had to travel by sea. For instance the £10 Pom going to Australia only paid the £10 of the fare with the Australian Gov't paying the remainder. The same subsidy applied to all his family. So P&O ships such as Canberra and Oriana ran very tight schedules to the hour and day out to Sydney across the Indian Ocean and back to the UK again via the Pacific and the US. These ships were invariably full of excited parents and children taking up a new life in such other places as India, Malaya, Singapore, Hong Kong, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands. Cruising as we know it today was in its infancy and only available to the rich and famous. Main line voyages were the stock in trade for these famous liners and the passengers ranged from the new Governor, the doctor, the nurse and the plumber starting a new phase in their lives. But before you get carried away with all this luxury for £10, cabins in tourist class were for 4, 6 or 8, salt water showers were a trek down the corridor and entertainment was provided solely by the amateur ships company (Old Time Music Hall, Casino Night, South Sea Island Night complete with grass skirts) and such outdoor activities as Deck Cricket. This pitted the crew against the Australian Touring Team coming to the UK for the Ashes and the MCC going the other way. The crew and passengers lived an unforgettable 6 weeks

But what about the chair, I hear you cry?

In the spring of this year, I got a call from Roger Stockton explaining that Hester Kirkham was having a clear out of old possessions before moving back to the US. Would I be interested of being the beneficiary of her late husbands inherited chair which had the P&O insignia on its back. I met with the lovely Hester and was introduced to the chair. Immediate professional memories came flooding back, although I had left P&O many years previously. The faded chair needed the care that it deserved (see attached photo) and I gave Hester the following undertakings:

- I would restore the chair to its former glory (it was probably a first class dining chair from late Victorian times circa 1900)
- I would attempt to discover its ship history (13 such chairs had been recently discovered in a Calcutta dockside warehouse and perfectly restored) see restored chair photo (not P&O, probably the liner Mauretania)
- I would donate to a charity a sum of money to cover the purchase of the chair and in memory of John Kirkham





The chair in its unrestored state.

And to start the process of the chair's ownership, Hester made considerable efforts to fill in the background of John's family tree and give possible answers as to who and how the chair had come into Hester's late husband's ownership.

John (Dudlley Galtry) Kirkham's grandfather was Albert Sidney Galtry, born in Scarborough, Yorkshire in 1878. He became a journalist and at the start of the 1900s, he went to India, to edit the weekly sporting newspaper, working for the Times of India. Galtry writes in his biography (the Memoirs of a Racing Journalist) that despite the 'evil climate' in Bombay, it was all so well worthwhile. In those days India was a grand country for the poor sahib with a taste for sport. He would get it for next to nothing'!!. He writes about joining the sahibs volunteer corps, the Bombay Light Horse and partaking in semi serious soldiering, doing mounted escort in the blazing heat to Government House with the likes of Lord Kitchener. He hunted with hounds twice a week for the jackal, and played polo which was not an exclusive sport to the rich. He wintered in St Moritz for the winter cooling and curling. There he met race horse owners, trainers and jockeys taking a break from the flat racing season. And of course his travel back and forth to Europe would have been predominately with P&O from Bombay. He was becoming a P&O regular passenger.

But sadly his time in India was bought to an end by ill health 'It (the climate) beat me in the end to the extent of sending me home very sick and with what looked like a bright career broken. It nearly beat me altogether'.

But this was not before Galtry of the Indian Sporting Times and McGregor of the Bombay Gazette got Indian and English agreement to send the first ethnically mixed Indian Cricket team of Hindus, Muslims and Parsis to tour England during the summer of 1904. This would be a first in the cricketing calendar, but would require significant fund raising from India's nobility (such as the Aga Khan) and the Indian cricket loving community. This bought Galtry into friendship with the powerful Indian and English patrons of cricket, whom were in the main the rulers of India and the British governors of significant proportions of the subcontinent. Places for the Indian squad were reserved and paid for on the P&O steamer, ss Caledonia, due to sail from Bombay in April 1904. But, alas, as in many instances of Indian life, agreement of the final team selection could not be achieved by the different ethnic groups and talks between the management and players broke down. Final plans collapsed in disarray and the tour was cancelled shortly before the allotted sailing time. However Sidney Galtry had established himself with many influential sporting friends and allies which would serve him well in his future life. So India had not been a mis spent time in his life.

Sadly the 1st World War interrupted the hard working journalist's rise in his profession, and long before Steven Spielberg brought fame and fortune of War Horse to the silver screen, Galtry had written a fascinating book entitled 'The Horse and The War'. It is a complete insight into the role of the horse, the mule, and the donkey in the British Army at war. Galtry became a Captain in the Remount Service, and argues forcibly that the Army would have been immobile and impotent without these animals. Lord Haig writes the preface to the book in glowing terms of the recruitment and organization that bought these horses to war.

And once war is over Sidney Galtry goes back to what he loves most. He becomes special sporting correspondent of the Daily Telegraph and Hotspur, the Telegraph's racing correspondent. In the sport of kings he is now mixing with the top race horse owners, trainers and jockeys. And when the flat racing takes its winter break he travels abroad to extend his knowledge of race courses, facilities, and form of the highly rated thoroughbreds. A chapter in his book is entitled 'racing and travel in many lands'. But there is no room in this account to plough through these adventures which are many and informative.

But what of the chair I hear you cry? Which of the many ships that carried him to far outposts of the Empire was the donator of this classic antique? My task is nowhere near done and I have no proof to offer. But I have a feel for the likely answer. In the early 1930s he writes 'ft was time to go to sea again'. He continues.....'it was decided for me by the P&O company when they set aside their crack passenger ship the 'ViceRoy of India' recently completed in 1929. This ship was scheduled to be one of the forerunners to the cruising business. In just under 50 days passengers were taken to Madeira, Cape Verde Islands, Barbados, Bahia and Rio de Janeiro, Sierra Leone, the Canary Islands and Gibraltar. The lowest cost for this

luxury voyage was a mere 90 Guineas! And nearly every port had a significant racecourse!! On the cruise he completed his memoirs and noted that

'They were lazy days and lively nights when the Southern Cross pales only in the bright light of the moon'.

I suspect that the chair that now sits in my shed was given to Sidney Galtry as a farewell present from P&O. Sadly he died in 1935. I will keep searching for the answer and return to STaB with a report on its restoration and an update on the ship from which it came. But I hope you have enjoyed this clipped history of a lover of ships, travel, cricket and the sport of kings. And of course we must not forget the kindness of Hester for leaving all of us a memorable gift of times gone by.



My template for restoring the chair.



#### Harvest Festival 2020

It was a small congregation but a most enjoyable service we had on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October to celebrate harvest in 2020. There were displays of fresh garden produce, including beer, jam and bread made at home, with lots of varied tins and packets for the Trussell Trust collection. Flowers were everywhere in the church on all the windowsills and niches and the church looked really joyful and lovely.

The 22 members of the congregation enjoyed the

simple service of holy communion, and were delighted when Richard Seal played three verses of the hymns 'All creatures of our God and King' and at the end 'To Thee, O Lord, our hearts we raise'. I am sure I was not the only one singing along softly, behind my mask!

It was a real joy to be back in church again, with a congregation to enjoy the communion, hear the hymns and listen to Canon Jenny's encouraging words. Thank you to all who arranged the service, especially our church wardens Sarah Seal and George Brutton, and to Rev Jenny for leading us at such a joyful time in this period of general gloom.



James Thompson

# **Puzzles and Activities**

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Cally Edwards



In Flanders fields the poppies blow Between the crosses, row on row, That mark our place; and in the sky The larks, still bravely singing, fly Scarce heard amid the guns below.

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# Remembrance 2020 - A Reminder



This year our Remembrance Sunday will be a change from the norm, to follow the advice and regulations concerning protection from Covid-19. We are advised to keep our distance, to wear a face cover and to wash our hands!

The RBL has forbidden us to make any door-to-door collections for the Earl Haig Fund Poppy Appeal this year, to reduce the chance of contact or being too close. Therefore, poppies and pins will be ONLY available in the pub, from our house in The Croft and in the village hall and the church, when they are open, for your donations. Otherwise, I must ask you to buy your poppy in the town. Most of the large supermarkets will have a table with poppies and pins on them for your donation. Please use these sources, but also ours in the village if you can.

There will be a Service of Remembrance on Sunday 8th November in the church at 1100 o'clock am, led by Rev Canon Jenny Taylor. We welcome attendance, but access and seating may be limited to ensure minimal contact inside the church. There will be plenty of room in the churchyard if overflow is needed. We hope all the military personnel will attend, with medals, to remember both VE and VJ Day in their 75th anniversary.

There will not be a curry lunch in the pub afterwards, because of space and distance, but take-away orders for curry can be made by telephone to Tom or Zara on 780244.

Please take a 'carry-oot-curry' to help them and our pub survive this very difficult time, and for the RBL.

#### **REMEMBER:**

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James Thompson

# Still Rambling... Only Just!

Another month and we are now in the time of Remembrance for All Saints and for those who fell for the country in war. In this peculiar time of the pandemic we also remember and thank the NHS and all its staff and workers for their diligence and hard work in keeping us well and the medical services open.



We took another ramble this month to Stourhead Gardens, to enjoy all the wonderful autumn colours among the trees and shrubs and lakes. They are looking marvellous and very varied and pretty. The walk took longer than planned, as I stopped twice to make sketches of the trees and the splendid little follies around the lakes. There was another artist there working in oils and making a really lovely and colourful painting.

The gardeners were trimming the low laurel bushes as we passed, and reminded me, with their helmets and dark overalls, visible only to the waist surrounded by deep green foliage, of the gorillas in the jungle meeting David Attenborough! However, he wasn't there!

The garden is causing less work as it settles down for the winter, and the leaves have yet to fall in abundance. We had a good harvest from our plot this year, which is encouraging for next year. The harvest festival in church was a great success, and much enjoyed by those present.

Congratulations to the surgery in Sixpenny Handley for the very efficient and easy system they arranged for the flu vaccination at the school in Broad Chalke. It was an excellent example of proper planning and execution. It was good to see the staff again who remained so helpful despite a cold day! Well done and thank you. We had no problems getting the jab, and it is sad to read about the problems in some other places.

I have been painting again but no more upholstery as we have run out of chairs needing repair!!

Poppies for the RBL Poppy Appeal will have to be found in town this year, as we are not allowed to collect from homes, on advice from the RBL. We will collect in the pub, the village hall and in church, and you can even come to our house in The Croft and buy from the front door. It will be difficult this year, but anything collected will be gratefully received.



Enjoy the rest of the autumn, and keep well, keep walking and keep apart!

# **Recipe of the Month - Chestnuts**

Based on Alys Fowlers book "The Thrifty Forager"

#### The Sweet Chestnut Tree (Castanea Sativa)

The sweet Chestnut Tree is believed to have been introduced to the British Isles by the Romans. It is native to Southern Europe, Western Asia and North Africa. It is a very large tree which often grows up to 35 meters tall and can commonly live for up to 700 years. The oldest Chestnut tree is believed to live on Mount Etna in Sicily and is thought to be 2000 – 4000 years old. The trees distinctive bark has a spiralled and split look. The leaves can be up to 30 cm long with a spiny edge; they are shiny and hairless on top and hairy underneath. The male and female trees both produce a yellow catkin, which is a source of pollen for bees and insects. Their delicious nut is hidden beneath an extremely prickly, almost hedgehog-like outer shell and is a firm favourite of the red squirrel.

#### **Sweet Chestnuts**

Some of the trees produce one to two nuts per case, which are good for eating and other trees produce three to four much smaller, flatter nuts which are not good for eating. To get to the nuts, lay the shell on the ground and gently stand on the spikey case to pop out the nuts. The nuts themselves are a rich source of vitamins C and B and minerals magnesium, potassium and Iron. They also contain more starch than a potato.

**Eating Raw:** Once both the prickly outer shell and the brownish white skin has been removed the nuts can be eaten raw.

**Cooked:** The best result comes from roasting chestnuts. Roasted either over an open fire or cooked in the oven at 200 degrees C for 10 mins. Once cooled the

outer brown skin can be removed. If you wish to add to recipes then to boil for a further 10-15 mins.

**Flour:** Chestnut flour can be made by roasting the nuts and then letting them dry for a couple of days and then grinding. Chestnut flour is a speciality of the Umbrian region of Italy and is used both in biscuits, cakes and pasta. It can be kept in an airtight tin for a few months. It should smell like roasting chestnuts when the tin is opened. If is smells rancid then it has gone off.

Lizzie Williams



## Nature Notes - Bishopstone, a Frost Hollow

We know that our plants are about one week later coming out than other parts of the village including The Croft and that prompted the checking of night time temperatures here vs. Flamstone Weather Station (https://flamstone.com/wd/ ww.php) on the hill above Bishopstone. Daytime temperatures are more difficult to measure, the sun causing big local variations.

On the night of 28th September we had our first autumnal frost across the valley floor, with a temperature of 0.7 deg. C, whilst the minimum at Flamstone WS was 5.2. Then the following day under cloudy skies, at midday we saw 20 here, but only 15.8 at Flamstone WS.

Data over 2 months from March to April this year has shown similar morning differences (with wind speeds of 5 mph or less and air pressures over 1000 mbar). A greater difference than the expected one deg. C drop for every 100m in altitude. Over past years, minus 9 here has not been uncommon; much lower than our family see in the countryside around Leeds where they have snow on the ground every year. It seems that Bishopstone has some of the coldest nights in the South of England.

Bishopstone is on the edge of Salisbury Plain and under still conditions, the colder air produced at night falls to the lowest point and some falls into the Ebble valley. At Bishopstone the valley is still relatively narrow and hence the low temperatures; while lower down it widens and the effect is dissipated. (During the day, the situation is reversed and high pressure acts as a lid on a pressure cooker.)

This temperature behaviour has been known for over a thousand years. Many towns and villages around the Mediterranean are built on hills, mainly to keep the houses cooler during the day. *Chalkey D* 

# Fungi Focus

If you go for a walk in the woods this autumn, look up and you may see one or more of these. They are very common in this area. Fungi do a vital job in our ecosystem so remember; Look and take photos but don't disturb them. Sarah Robson

Birch Polypore (Piptoporus betulinus)

Type: Bracket; Size: 10-20 cm across

Habitat: Common and widespread and grows exclusively on birch tree trunks.

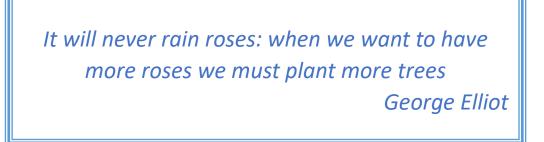
Months seen: All months but especially autumn

Characteristics: Hoof-shaped flattened bracket, white and turning brown with age. White pores underneath. Flesh white and firm



## Sarah's Gardening Tips

- 1. Plant tulips this month for a spring display
- 2. Clear the veg plot and cover it with well-rotted manure or organic matter for the winter
- 3. Prune roses to prevent wind-rock.
- 4. Plant out winter bedding plants. E.g. Pansies and Violas.
- 5. Insulate outdoor containers from frost-bubblewrap works well.
- 6. Raise containers onto pot feet to prevent water-logging.
- 7. Put out bird food to encourage winter birds.
- 8. Sit with a cup of tea and a seed catalogue to choose what to grow next year!





**Question:** In which county is Tatton Park, one of the RHS's recommended gardens? (Answer on p48)

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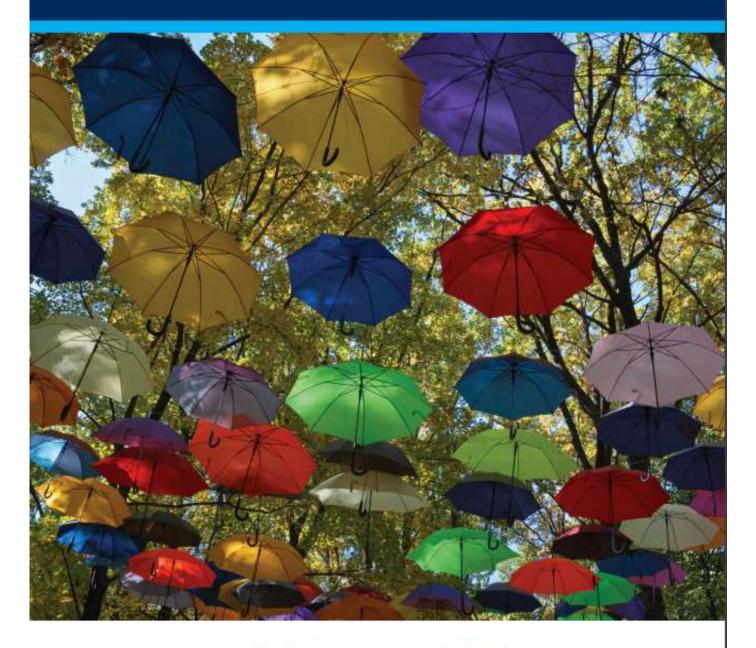
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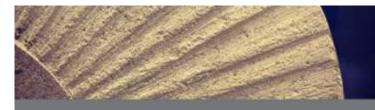


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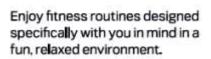
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Answer to the question in Sarah's Gardening Tips: Cheshire

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#### THE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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The Village Hall is an important resource and offers a venue for a wide variety of events for the benefit of all. The Hall is supported by a large group of dedicated local people in addition to the Committee. We hope you will support events whenever you can and if you would like to join the wider group of Friends of the Village Hall then please contact any member of the committee.

#### **Bishopstone Village Website**

www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk

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

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

Mike Ash (bishopstoneclerk@btinternet.com)

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### **Bishopstone Area Covid Co-ordinators**

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#### Let's Spread some Christmas Cheer!



As the evenings grow darker sooner and some of us are struggling to reconfigure our holiday plans, traditions and gatherings to accommodate the latest round of COVID measures, we thought it might be fun to add a bit of old fashioned sparkle and magic back into the mix.

Come December join us in decorating one (or more) of your street facing windows with a winter holiday theme. Create a festive fairy light display, a string of baubles and one of tinsel, some colourful bunting,

cut-out snowflakes, or a "stained glass" tissue paper design. A quick

search online of festive winter/holiday window decorations will render some fun ideas. Get everyone in the family involved! Maybe think particularly about how they might look in the darkness - an evening walk around the village to see them all alight could be a lovely festive activity.

Just a little something to make a passer-by smile and remind them of the wonder and delight of this time of year.

Happy Holidays!

Sarah Blank









Pattern of services for the re-opening of our churches for public worship. Please note that if the Covid 19 situation changes, these service details might also change. Please check your church noticeboard and weekly e-bulletin

	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Broad Chalke	Catherine Blundell
1 November		Parish Communion (CW)	Britford	Jenny Taylor
ALL SAINTS		Parish Communion (CW)	Ebbesbourne Wake	Catherine Blundell
DAY		Family Communion (CW)	Coombe Bissett	Jenny Taylor
		Morning Service	Odstock	Anna-Claar T-Rosingh
	10.00am	Remembrance Service	Coombe Bissett	Jenny Taylor
8 November		Remembrance Service	Bowerchalke	Roger Leake
REMEMBRANCE		Remembrance Service	Broad Chalke	Catherine Blundell
SUNDAY	10.50am	Remembrance Service	Berwick St John	Lay Worship Leader
		Remembrance Service	Bishopstone	Jenny Taylor
A. Art		Remembrance Service	Charlton All Saints	Anna-Claar T-Rosingh
		Remembrance Service	Ebbesbourne Wake	David Blundell
TROMP.	12.00am	Short Communion Service	Broad Chalke	Catherine Blundell
		Parish Communion (CW)	Odstock	Anna-Claar T-Rosingh
15 November	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bishopstone	Jenny Taylor
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday		Parish Communion (CW)	Bowerchalke	Roger Leake
before Advent		Parish Communion (CW)	Berwick St John	Catherine Blundell
before Advent		Morning Prayer (BCP)	Ebbesbourne Wake	Roger Leake
	11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Homington	Jenny Taylor
		Holy Communion (BCP)	Berwick St John	Roger Leake
		Parish Communion (CW)	Charlton All Saints	Anna-Claar T-Rosingh
22 November		Family Communion (CW)	Broad Chalke	Catherine Blundell
CHRIST		Morning Prayer (BCP)	Coombe Bissett	Roger Leake
THE KING		Family Service (CW)	Nunton	Anna-Claar T-Rosingh
		Holy Communion (BCP)	Alvediston	Catherine Blundell
	11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bishopstone	Jenny Taylor
29 November	10.00am	Benefice Communion (CW)	Bowerchalke	Roger Leake
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent	10.00am	Benefice Communion (CW)	Nunton	Anna-Claar T-Rosingh

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Items listed are suitable for Home Audio and have had very little use.

A pair of Q Acoustics white bookshelf speakers, square, approx 20cms

A pair of KEF T101 white bookshelf speakers, oblong shape, approx 12x30cms

A pair of Meridian black free-standing speakers, approx 30x50cms high

Also a PA system amp: Meridian HA 104M

If interested please make an offer. The money will go to Bishopstone Church.

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