



Parish Magazine

October 2021



Poppy Field above Bishopstone

Photo by Beth Sainsbury, age 10 - winner of the STaB front cover competition

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Any articles for inclusion are to be submitted by 5pm on the 20th of the month to appear in the next issue - *unless the magazine is already full.*

The editors reserve the right to edit all contributions.

A reminder from the editorial team: We would prefer to receive articles, notes, etc, for STaB via the e.mail address above. However we fully appreciate that not everyone in the parish has access to e.mail. If that is the case then we are happy to accept submissions in writing, put into the letterbox of Bramley Cottage, Harvest Lane. We are happy to discuss things over the phone, but we are editors and not copywriters, and would much prefer it if *you* wrote what you would like to go into the magazine. Please also note the deadline of 5pm on the 20th of the preceding month. Late submissions are unlikely to be included. Many thanks.



Chalkhill Blue, photo by Francis Taylor

A warm welcome to Bishopstone and Stratford Tony...

Field Marshal Sir John and Lady Chapple (John and Annabel) who have moved into Bridge Road, and Tamara Johnson who is now living in The Croft.

We hope you will be very happy in Bishopstone.



Hello from the Revd Canon Jenny Taylor



It seems that October has come upon us in a real rush this year! We have already celebrated Harvest Festival and thank you all so much for all your generous giving.

We are now singing again in church and following our usual Orders of Services but do please check the monthly rotas as our services will be different from the pre-pandemic rota. This will enable our clergy team (now one short) to give each church our full attention without wearing ourselves out completely! As you know Catherine Blundell is our stipendiary Rector whilst Roger Leake and I continue to work as non-stipendiary priests – we learnt very quickly during these last eighteen months that we have to ensure we look after ourselves as well as all our parishes!

My main worry is how to encourage more of you to offer your time and talents in energising our church and community lives as well as caring for our lovely church building . The more who offer their services means that those services do not become too onerous...the same goes for being a School Governor – we have a small group at the moment who work so hard in Coombe Bissett School and would love to be able to share the load. Please get in touch with me if you can think of any way you could help contribute to your church and your community.

I pray that we all stay well these next couple of months, continuing to take care of ourselves and each other and we look forward to our celebrations at Christmas which we hope, will be as normal as possible after last year!

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The Friends of Bishopstone Church

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

Parish Council

A meeting of Bishopstone Parish Council took place on Thursday 9th September in the Village Hall. Full minutes of the meeting, together with the papers considered, are available on the village website www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk. Councillors Gibbon, Tatner, Williams and Barter attended together with one member of the public.

The main issues discussed were:

Speeding in the village. Cllr Gibbon welcomed the arrival of the new Speed Indicator Device (SID junior!) which was now operational. He said that whilst there was some hope that drivers would better understand their responsibilities as a result of having the sign there were still too many people driving at high speed through the village. Consideration was also given to the results of traffic surveys undertaken by Wiltshire Council on the village roads. This is reported separately in this STaB.

Tree Planting. The part that the Parish Council might play in planting more trees in the village was discussed. Cllr Williams volunteered to take forward proposals for planting trees in the margins of the Recreation Field. This is also the subject of a separate article in this STaB.

Children's Play Area. It had been agreed at the July meeting that, following the successful additional provision of play equipment for older children in the play area, there should now be some additional provision for the very youngest. It was agreed that any additional equipment needed to be appropriate to the pre-school/early years age group, different in nature from that already available in the play area. Following discussion it was agreed to pursue proposals for the provision of two "springers" (see illustration), together with an additional bench for parents/carers. A detailed estimate of cost would be obtained and a bid submitted for support from the South West Area Board of Wiltshire Council. A final decision on whether to go ahead would then be taken at a future meeting.



Hydrants. A total of 19 fire hydrants had now been identified in the village (there may be a few more) and a map of their location is being added to the village Emergency Plan.

Broadband. It was noted that the full list of premises to be included in the Fibre To The Premises (FTTP) project had been submitted to Openreach on 23rd August.

Defibrillator. A proposal was put forward for the village to have a second community defibrillator, to be housed in the soon to be defunct phone box opposite

Pitts Lane. This would be more accessible from the east end of the village compared to the current defibrillator at the Village Hall. This idea will be investigated for discussion at the next meeting.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Thursday 11th November at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.

Mike Ash

Clerk



In June's edition of STaB there was an article about encouraging more tree planting in the village and on the project "*The Queen's Green Canopy*" to promote the planting of trees to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022. Trees need to be planted as part of the strategy for combatting climate change and to replace the many trees now being lost, eg through Ash Die-back.

It is for every landowner in the village to consider what more they can do – from planting individual trees to small woodlands. At its meeting on 9th September the Parish Council considered what more it can do as regards the land it owns in the village. It was decided to go ahead with a project to plant young trees in the spaces available at the north east and north west corners of the Recreation Field. An application has now been submitted to the Woodland Trust for one of their free packs of 30 saplings. If successful this pack will be delivered in March 2022.

Councillor Simon Williams agreed to take on responsibility for overseeing this project and he is looking for other volunteers to join him. When the time comes we need to involve the whole community, particularly young people, in planting the trees and ensuring that they thrive. The project team will also endeavour to help other landowners with their tree planting schemes.

If you would be prepared to help Simon take this forward please contact him on 01722 780905.

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

Village Hall



October 2021

LATEST COVID ADVICE: Under current government advice the wearing of face coverings is no longer essential but is recommended when moving around in a crowded hall. Please use hand sanitiser on entering the building.

BISHOPSTONE COMMUNITY CAFE

These are normally held on alternate Thursdays. The next coffee mornings will be on Thursdays October 7th and 21st and November 4th 10.30am until 12.00noon. Everyone welcome to look in for a coffee and chat. There is presently no charge for refreshments.

BISHOPSTONE COMMUNITY LUNCHES

We are delighted to be able to resume Community Lunches the first of which will be on **Wednesday 6th October**. This will be a social event without an after lunch speaker.

Times as usual: 12.00 noon for 12.30pm.

The following dates for lunches are:

Wednesday 3rd November when Dr Alastair Lack will be talking about “**Cholera in Salisbury – A pandemic of the past?**”

The Christmas lunch which will be on **Wednesday 1st December**.

Advance booking is essential. Please telephone Caroline Ash on (01722) 781044 and advise her of any dietary requirements. The cost is £7.50 for a two course lunch and a drink.

MOVIOLA at Bishopstone

October 22nd – ‘The Last Bus’ Starring Timothy Spall and Phyllis Logan.

“An old man whose wife has just passed away uses his free local bus pass to travel to the other end of the UK, on a nostalgic trip but also carrying his wife's ashes ‘taking her back’ and in doing so he meets local people. By the end of his trip he's a celebrity”.

Doors open 7pm with the film commencing at 7.30pm

Advance booking is essential. Tickets are **£6.00** and are available from Caroline Ash on (01722) 781044.

A cash bar will be available.

Next month: **November 26th** – ‘The Father’

QUIZ NIGHT

The return of the popular Quiz Night will be on **Saturday 30th October**.

7.00pm for a 7.30pm start. Teams of four.

£10 per head (£40 per team) to include supper. A bar will be available.

Profits will be shared with the mental health charity "Mind".

Booking essential. Call Caroline Ash on (01722) 781044

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Save the date: - **Friday December 3rd at 6pm**

HALL BOOKINGS FOR SOCIAL EVENTS AND WORKSHOPS

Both halls are available for hire subject to any restrictions in place at the time.

To enquire or make an advance booking, please contact the bookings secretary

Margaret Barter (01722) 780471

BISHOPSTONE PLAYGROUP

(Formerly known as the Baby & Toddler Playgroup)

For general information about the Bishopstone Playgroup, find their Facebook page *Bishopstone Playgroup*, or contact Kate Pendlenton on 01722 780655 or email: kmpendlenton@hotmail.com .

“EXTEND” EXERCISE CLASSES

For information about these exercise classes contact Jenny on 01722 780863,

email: jennyberwynjones@yahoo.co.uk

PILATES AT BISHOPSTONE

Contact Claudine on 07788 587937

YOGA WITH HANNAH

For more details please contact Hannah Stocker on 0773 856 1888 or by email:

yoga_with_hannah@outlook.com.

SARUM SPINNERS AND WEAVERS

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

BISHOPSTONE VILLAGE HALL

QUIZ NIGHT



Saturday 30th October

Doors open 7.00pm for 7.30pm start

Put together a table of four and get those grey cells working. (We can pair you up with others if you are not a full table.)

£40 for a table of four (or £10.00 each), to include a hot meal and a cash bar.

Book online via

bvhticketoffice@btinternet.com

or call Caroline on (01722) 781044

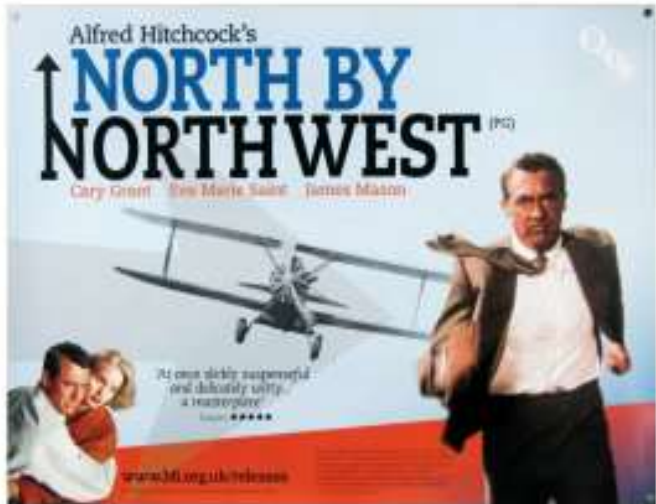
BISHOPSTONE VILLAGE HALL

MAGIC LANTERN SOCIETY



Friday 8th October

Taking place during the rise of the "talkies", Don Lockwood and Lina Lamont have risen to stardom during the silent-film era of Hollywood, the two combine to make a great on-screen pair. The introduction of talking pictures poses a threat to the powerful duo, however, when it is discovered by audiences that Lina has an excruciatingly shrill voice. Enter young studio singer Kathy Selden. Can Don and Lina find a solution to Lina's voice and salvage their careers?



Friday 5th November

Madison Avenue advertising man Roger Thornhill is thrust into the world of espionage when he is mistaken for a man by the name of George Kaplan. Foreign spies try to eliminate him but when Thornhill tries to make sense of the case, he is framed for murder. Now on the run from the police, he meets a beautiful blond, Eve Kendall, who helps him to evade the authorities. His world is turned upside down yet again when he learns that Eve isn't the innocent bystander he thought she was. Not all is as it seems however, leading to a dramatic finale at the top of Mt. Rushmore.



Friday 10th December

In this film-noir classic, hard-boiled San Francisco private eye Sam Spade is a man with questionable morals but who is unquestionably good at what he does. One day, Spade is approached by Miss Wonderly, a woman who offers him considerable money in exchange for the protection of her safety from a man named Floyd Thursby. What follows is a series of murders, corruption and uncertainty all tied up in a classic web of mystery and deceit and leading to a prized Maltese falcon statuette.

Doors open: 7.00pm. Film starts: 7.30pm
Phone 780346 or 781044 for membership.

First Friday Fun!

Join us in the Village Hall on the first Friday of every month from 3:30-4:30 for tea, cake, games and chat!

Friday 3rd September saw our inaugural 'First Friday Fun'. This was set up to encourage the different generations within the village to meet and make friends over tea, cake and games.

Those of us who attended had a brilliant time! There were lots of fabulous homemade cakes and biscuits, so many lovely games to play together, and lots of fun and chat. A huge thanks for those who came to support the event.

However, we would love to see a few more people from the village coming along to join in. Most of us mums and children already know each other and, whilst we always enjoy the opportunity to get together, we'd love to welcome along some new faces so that we can all get to know some of our fellow villagers.

There is no charge, but we would be delighted if you could make a donation towards the cost of the hall hire.

Please join us at our next session - **Friday 1st October** - 3:30-4:30.

For further information please contact Sarah Brough on 07825 442110, or Kate Pendleton on 01722 780655.



Bishopstone Village Hall rates for private hire

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

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

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

The hire charges include use of heating and electricity.

The rates are currently:

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

Broadband

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

Large projection screen

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

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

For further information and bookings contact: Margaret Barter 01722 780471

Chalke Valley Community Support

POLICE

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

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

You can also contact local Police as follows:

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

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

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

PC Matt HOLLAND – Community Policing Co-Ordinator

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

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

Social media – for local policing updates follow us on Facebook

@salisbury police and Twitter **@SouthWiltsCPT**



Sixpenny Handley and Chalke Valley Practice

Doves Meadow Surgery, Broad Chalke: 01722 780282

Broadchalke Surgery partially reopen for Prescription Collection

Sixpenny Handley Surgery: 01725 552500

www.sixpennydocs.co.uk



MOBILE LIBRARY

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

28 October, 25 November, 23 December, 20 January



***Shop at the heart of the Community,
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w: www.chalkevalleystores.co.uk

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

OPENING HOURS

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

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



The 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.

Registered Charity No 1076335

Queen's Award for Voluntary Service

Staying in Touch

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

The village website – www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk 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 or 01722 780079) or Kate Pendleton (kmpendlenton@hotmail.com or 07769202200) and ask to be added to the group.

Bishopstone Ladies Group

Unfortunately our group has not been able to meet since February last year because of the pandemic. Although we hope to be able to get together in the future, sadly, due to the ongoing situation, the committee feel it inappropriate to meet for the time being. There will, therefore, be no meetings for the rest of 2021. We shall monitor the situation and let you know when we feel it is safe to restart.

The Trussell Trust

This month I have no donations to report and so I am copying something from their Facebook page for your information.

“In Salisbury today there are families and individuals struggling to put food on the table. For many a sudden crisis, redundancy, benefit delay or even an unexpected bill – can mean going hungry. Salisbury foodbank provides emergency food and support for local people in crisis.

All food is donated by the public and is non-perishable and in-date. Food is then sorted by volunteers.

Frontline care professionals such as doctors and social workers identify people in crisis and can issue food vouchers. Clients receive three days of nutritionally balanced, non-perishable food in exchange for their food voucher.

At the foodbank centre, volunteers meet clients face to face and offer a listening ear over a cup of tea and a free hot meal as well as giving emergency food. Foodbank centre volunteers signpost people to other professional services to help tackle the root cause of the crisis. Local agencies also provide additional services such as CV clinics, healthy eating courses and housing support advice.”

If you can, please continue to support this very worthy cause. You can donate food at most of the supermarkets now but I am still happy to take along anything that is brought to me here at home, or left in our lovely church.

Christmas will be the next cause for many people to feel anxious, especially those with families. It should be a time of happiness for us all so please, think of those who are less fortunate and help to make theirs a Happy Christmas too.

Thanking you in advance.

Best wishes

Judy Barrett (01722 780306)



Sixpenny Handley and Chalke Valley Practice Flu Clinics 2021

DRIVE-THRU at

Broad Chalke Primary School, SP5 5DS

Saturday 30th September – all day

Saturday 2nd October – all day

Saturday 9th October – all day

Saturday 16th October – all day

Sunday 24th October – Morning only

Please book by phoning our flu team on 01725 553220 between 9-11am Monday to Friday. One person from each vehicle to book the appointments.

Children's Flu Clinics 2021

Sixpenny Handley Surgery

Tuesday 28th September - morning appointments only

Friday 8th October- afternoon appointments only

Broad Chalke Surgery

Thursday 30th September- morning appointments only

Thursday 7th October - afternoon appointments only

Please phone between 2pm and 6pm to make an appointment on
01725 552500

NOTE - For children aged 2 and 3 on the 31st August 2021 only (and all those under 18 who would normally be eligible for a flu vaccine due to a medical condition).

Speeding in the Village

Concerns have regularly been expressed about the speed of vehicles using local roads in the village (Harvest Lane, Butt Lane, etc) with requests for speed limits to be introduced. The Parish Council therefore asked Wiltshire Council to conduct traffic surveys to determine the actual volume and speed of vehicles using these roads. The timing of the surveys was delayed until after the pandemic lock-down periods and they finally took place over the week beginning 12 July 2021. The counts were undertaken in five locations. The results are set out in the following table.



Location	Total vehicle movements (both directions combined).	Average speed of vehicles (both directions combined - mph)	85 th percentile (both directions combined - mph)
Flamstone St	530	15.7	21.1
Butt Lane	2390	18.2	23.0
Harvest Lane	1786	20.7	26.0
Church Lane	962	18.6	23.9
Faulston Lane	897	16.0	20.8

These results were discussed at the meeting of the Parish Council on 9th September.

It was pointed out that as 85% of all vehicles were travelling at under 30mph there is no case, under the criteria set by the Department for Transport, for 30mph speed limits to be introduced.

Almost all of the research into 20 mph limits indicates that they generally lead to relatively small reductions in average speed (1-2mph); as such they are most appropriate for roads where the average traffic speeds are already low. Wiltshire Council's policy is therefore that they should only be considered for use on roads where mean speeds are already 24mph or less. Against that criteria all the surveyed roads qualify. However, average speeds are already below 20mph and even the 85th percentile level was only marginally above, with Harvest Lane slightly higher. The benefits of introducing speed limits are therefore uncertain and enforcement by the police is unlikely given their resource constraints.

If 20mph limits were to be introduced it would necessitate the erection of signs at the start and end of the zone and of smaller repeater signs at 200m intervals along the roads. The impact of this signage on the appearance of the village has been registered previously as a matter of concern to residents. The Parish Council would also be expected to meet 25% of the cost of the signs and of the legal Traffic Order that would need to be made. Any such proposal would have to be submitted to Wiltshire Council's Community Area Transport Group (CATG) and would only be implemented once it became one of their top five priority schemes

in the South West Wiltshire area.

It was agreed to consult Wiltshire Council's Traffic Engineer on the possible extent of any restriction area and the costs of implementation, with a view to taking a final decision on whether to pursue the introduction of 20mph limits at the meeting of the Parish Council in November.

Mike Ash, Clerk

Time to Clear the River

Property owners with watercourses on their land are reminded that now is the time to make sure that the bed and banks of those watercourses are kept clear of obstructions which may increase flood risk. Watercourses are the River Ebbles and its many branches, but also "every stream, ditch, drain, cut, dyke, sluice and passage through which water flows" (Environment Agency definition). If you own land with a watercourse running through it or if your land borders a watercourse - in which case it is assumed you own the land up to the centre line of the watercourse - you are responsible for maintaining the bed and banks and the trees and shrubs growing on the banks. Anything that impedes water flow should be removed but it is important to ensure that cut material does not flow downstream and cause obstruction.



Please help us reduce flood risk in the village this winter by ensuring that all channels are clear of obstruction.

Bishopstone Parish Council

Wiltshire Council Climate Strategy

Wiltshire Council is consulting on two draft inter-related strategies. One concerns climate change and the other covers the natural environment. The Climate Strategy covers transport, built environment, waste, green economy, energy generation, natural environment, food and farming and carbon neutrality. The Green and Blue Infrastructure Strategy considers the future of Wiltshire's natural environmental assets and how the council can protect and enhance them for the benefit of people and biodiversity.

Consultation on these two documents began on 1st Sept and any comments need to be submitted by 17 October. Full details are available at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/climate.



Remembrance Sunday



Remembrance Sunday falls on the 14th of November this year, and we will hold our annual Service of Remembrance in the church, starting at **1050 hrs (10.50 am)**, to ensure we hold the silence at 1100hrs exact!

The service will be taken by The Revd Canon Tony Monds, a recent arrival in the village.

The Menin Gate at Ypres, Belgium

The service will follow the normal sequence of events, starting with the Silence, Wreath Laying and the reading of the Names of the Fallen. We look forward to a good attendance and support from the village, and plenty of lusty singing.

Collections for the RBL Poppy Appeal will begin on Saturday 30th October on the house-to-house basis, once again as normal, and tins will also be available in the White Hart and in the Village Hall.

After the service, a curry lunch will be served in the White Hart Inn, for anyone interested, under the current Covid-19 rules! Call Tom or Zara direct to reserve your place: Tel (01722) 780244. See also November STAB.

Any queries should be addressed to me, James Thompson; Tel 780683.





CHALKE VALLEY
SPORTS CENTRE
sport for all

**SPORTS SCENE –
October 2021**

**The Chalke Valley Sports
Centre**

**Facilities for all of the
Chalke Valley**

The Sports Centre is in full operation as we move into the Autumn, and we keep everything crossed that the near 'normal' service will continue. So, now is the time to get fit ahead of Christmas with so many different sports and activities to try.

The Chalke Valley Sports Centre is a Members Club but that doesn't mean that it is exclusive! We welcome everyone and, at the moment, there is no membership cost for children and under 21's in full time education.

If you have not been to the Centre or taken part in a sport or an event, then you will be given a warm welcome when you do. The Centre is run by a small Team of volunteers and is home to a number of Affiliated Sports Clubs. We are wholly funded through Member's subscriptions and grants that we apply for.

Our website contains all the information you need to know about the sports and activities and the times they take place.

If you are looking for a venue for a family event or a children's party, then the hall is an ideal venue. We are licensed for the sale of alcohol and for music and dancing.

On Sunday September 19th, we hosted the Keystone Brewery Petanque League Finals Day. The Chalke Valley Sports Centre Petanque Club was well represented in the Finals and came out victorious with Simon Dawes, Damon Johns and Terry Jolly winning the triples. The weather stayed fine and more than 40 people enjoyed the BBQ and Sports Bar as well as the excellent finals to the Petanque season.

Friday Night Social Petanque moves indoors from 1 October 6.30pm- 8.00pm. The Sports Bar will be open as normal and the newly established Club will continue through the autumn and winter.

Weekly yoga classes in term times at Chalke Valley Sports Centre on Tuesdays 9.15 - 10.45am. An opportunity to practice various aspects of yoga including the postures, the breathing practices, concentration/mindfulness and relaxation with a little yoga philosophy added here and there. All abilities welcome. To find out more or to book a place, contact Caroline on 01725 552209 or cj@wilkinsonyoga.co.uk Website wilkinsonyoga.co.uk

CHALKE VALLEY CHALLENGE

We are pleased to be hosting this event again at the Sports Centre on Sunday 17 October. Entries are now open for the 10k Run and the 3K Fun Run.

See information on the following page.

Do you need a venue for meetings or family celebrations: If you are looking for a great venue get in touch through our general email.

Chalke Valley Sports Centre Contacts:

Chris Rothwell: Interim Chairman: chrisrothwell@hotmail.co.uk

[Tel 07552159369](tel:07552159369)

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

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

Simon Dawes: Secretary: simon@dawesfamily.co.uk

Sports Centre general email: Info@chalkevalleysportscentre.co.uk

Our website is www.chalkevalleysportscentre.co.uk. Or find us on Facebook.

CHALKE VALLEY CHALLENGE



3km fun run
£8 per entry (UKA £7)



10km race
£18 per entry (UKA £16)

Sunday 17th October 2021
10.30 am
Broad Chalke

Come and enjoy a beautiful, undulating course on quiet country roads. Start and finish at Broad Chalke Sports Field, SP5 5DS.

Register at:

www.letsdothis.com/gb/e/189385

No registration on the day

 [@ChalkeValleyChallenge](https://www.facebook.com/ChalkeValleyChallenge)

 [Chalke Valley Challenge](https://www.instagram.com/ChalkeValleyChallenge)

All proceeds towards Broad Chalke Primary School
(Friends of Broad Chalke Primary School registered charity 1106909)
No dogs allowed.

Salisbury Museum - The Art of the British Wood Engraver

Starting on October 16th, and running until January, Salisbury Museum has a new exhibition featuring local artist Howard Phipps (based in Coombe Bissett). The exhibition includes many of his exquisite wood engravings, together with lectures and demonstrations. Look out for a profile of Howard in next month's STaB.

Olympics 2021 (and 2004)

Having always been a sports fanatic I really, really enjoyed watching this summer's Olympics. What with repeats and catch ups I don't think I missed any action.

One particular emotion I felt was seeing the families and friends of the competitors here in UK and how proud they all were. It was then that I realised what a big deal it is to be parents of an Olympian.

My daughter Julie qualified for the Sydney Olympics in 2000 which was the first time Triathlon had been included. Unfortunately whilst in the camp she suffered an injury and had to withdraw! She qualified again in 2004 in Athens. Her husband Mike and Michael and I travelled out to Greece to support her. We sat in the transition area and saw her passing through and could watch the action on a giant screen. She finished in 30th position after falling back dramatically on the run. We met up with her directly after the race sitting under a tree with the Team doctor trying to put a dislocated toe back in! To be honest as a parent the whole experience was stressful for us all.

Listening to the commentary from Tokyo it made me realise how proud we should have felt.

Julie competed in the Melbourne Commonwealth Games and when it was in Manchester we travelled up with Mike, some friends and Justin. I remember that Harrison's the Butchers had a small tv in the shop showing it and also the nursing home where my parents were also got a big tv for the day.

Now I am being a proud parent as Julie went on to be X-Terra World Champion three years running and was 70.3 World Ironman Champion and then placed 3rd

place in Ironman World Championships in Kona. Since then Julie's injuries to her foot have forced her to retire. She now has a successful coaching business and is happy to still be connected with Triathlon.



Alix Ricketts



Rambling with Jazzie again...

Well, Jazzie has been waiting for the next STaB with impatience, to tell her news! She has been for a haircut and can see everything much better! She is now



confined to home for a week, for the first time!! Meanwhile we have enjoyed many good walks and met so many new dogs that she forgets all the names. She really enjoys being off the lead whenever possible to run free in the larger fields, but never too far from me!

We had a wasp's nest in the garden, and Jo was badly stung, the nest was destroyed thanks to a pest controller found in StaB.

We have had a new drive laid by Patrick from Warminster, and his nefarious band. A good job and improvement to our garden. He made a killing in the Croft as so many of us had work done by his troop! It is good to see the new house coming along well at Crouchston Mill. More fencing has appeared in the village recently, and I hope it is not a warning of something terrible coming!

We enjoyed the Salisbury Group of Artists Summer Exhibition in August which was a success for them, despite lower visitor numbers and lower sales this year. The standard was very good and very mixed.

The Ride and Stride in September was on a lovely day, and I spent about 2 hours meeting some very interesting folk on bikes and on foot supporting the Historic Churches trust. Sadly, no riders from Bishopstone this year, but perhaps in 2022? It was great to tell them about our church, and its interesting history. It was wonderful to see a full church again on 19th September, and to sing all four hymns and the Gloria again! We made a good



noise unto the Lord, and the Harvest Festival is yet to come. *(It will have happened by the time you read this! - Ed)*

The Village Hall is getting really well used, with the very successful Parkinson's Disease Coffee Morning on 18th September, and the Lockdown Arts and Crafts Exhibition on 25th, with a Moviola film on 24th! All good for Village life and thanks to the organisers. I am most grateful to all the 20 exhibitors for the Lockdown Arts, and just hope they enjoy the experience. After all, the aim is to show and enjoy what Villagers have achieved during the 18 months of Lockdown and Covid restrictions.

Well, Summer is now over, the harvest is in, and the barns are bursting with grain! Autumn is on us, and we can still enjoy some good weather and lots of good times.

Keep walking and we hope to see some of you soon!

James Thompson

Fundraising for Afghanistan

Seeing the desperate need of people in Afghanistan and wanting to do something to help, we are holding a number of fund raising events in the valley over the next few months to support Afghan Aid (Afghanaid.org.uk). This is a charity which has been working on the ground in Afghanistan for over 40 years and for whom our daughter, Sophie, has worked in the past.

The two events in October are

Bowerchalke Village Market on Saturday 23 October from 9.30-12 noon.

Bowerchalke PopUp pub on Saturday 30 October from 7pm.

We should be very grateful for any home made produce to sell at the market, bottles of any sort for a tombola, and small prizes for a children's tombola. We hope to have a really good raffle at the pop-up pub and would welcome any suitable prizes.

We hope that as many people as possible will feel this is a cause they would like to support and will come to one or both events. We should also be very glad of a few helpers!

We are happy to collect any contributions, or if you prefer, drop them off to us, Sharon and John Ibbotson, Pembroke Cottage, Bowerchalke.

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Horatio's Garden BBC Lifeline Appeal

Horatio's Garden has announced that it is the beneficiary charity of this month's BBC Lifeline Appeal. Presented by their ambassador, Alan Titchmarsh MBE, the appeal brings Horatio's Garden to life by telling the stories of three inspirational people.

The short appeal film was broadcast on BBC One on Sunday 26th September at 14:05 whilst the film is also available to watch on BBC iPlayer.

To support the appeal, all you must do is watch the film, share the film, and encourage as many other people as possible to support.

Over the past month, the BBC Lifeline team have travelled the country to introduce the stunning sanctuaries to the small screen. They've also been getting to know Craig, Pip and Scarlett, three incredible people who generously offered to share their stories and memories of times spent in Horatio's Garden to help them continue supporting people facing extraordinarily difficult times across the UK.

The crew also filmed Horatio's Garden Ambassador, Alan Titchmarsh, in Horatio's Garden South West, at Salisbury District Hospital, with Alan sharing:

"It is a tremendous honour to be able to support the Horatio's Garden BBC Lifeline Appeal. For me, this is a chance to demonstrate what I have always believed; that gardens and gardening are great healers. The charity truly deserves the support of every one of us."



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Get ready to Shop the Rock! The long-awaited Rockbourne Fair returns this Autumn.

The annual boutique shopping experience, the Rockbourne Fair will be held once more over 3 days at Salisbury Racecourse from Wednesday 13th until Friday 15th October with extending opening times for late night shopping on Thursday 14th.

Being mindful of social distancing, this year's Fair has been revamped with a new layout, and over 90 boutique suppliers. 40% of which are new to the Fair, for an unrivalled, fresh boutique shopping experience for Salisbury and surrounding areas. Stalls will cover fashion, cosmetics and jewellery, to luxury homeware, gourmet food and toys - with products that you simply won't find on the high street.

Bev Moulding, chair of the organising committee, said: *"After what's been a very difficult year for so many, we are thrilled to be hosting the Fair again. We have listened carefully to our stallholders and customers about their concerns and have worked hard, sourcing the very best stalls to create a unique shopping experience in the safest possible environment. The fair prides itself on the breadth of the offering, with something for all ages and for those with pocket money spend through to those looking for that special gift. We look forward to raising some much-needed funds for Salisbury Hospital. Come with friends, enjoy lunch in the restaurant - and Shop the Rock!"*

The Fair raises vital funds in support of the Stars Appeal, Salisbury District Hospital's charity and in 2019 managed to raise a fantastic £53,400! Every day, work funded by the charity helps hundreds of patients at Salisbury District Hospital and supports the NHS staff who care for them. The Stars Appeal aims to raise over £1million each year to fund projects which offer direct, practical support to patients, their families and the Hospital's staff.

When: Wednesday 13th October 10am - 5.30pm, Thursday 14th October 10am - 8pm, Friday 15th October 10am - 3pm

Where: Salisbury Racecourse - Salisbury, Wiltshire SP2 8PN - Free Parking

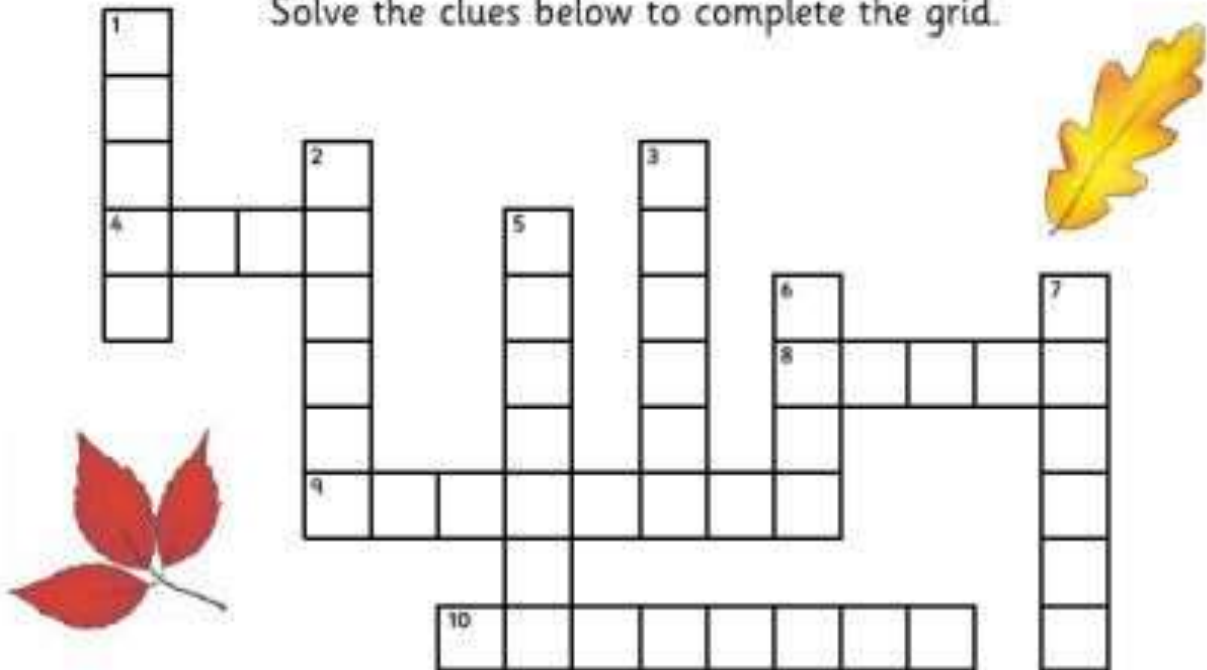
Entry: £5 (£3 after 6pm on Thursday).

Follow: @rockbournefair on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter for Fair news and competitions or visit rockbournefair.org.uk to join their mailing list.



Autumn Crossword

Solve the clues below to complete the grid.



Across

4. Use one of these to tidy up fallen leaves.
8. Orchard fruit.
9. Furry animal with a bushy tail.
10. Spiky animal who can roll into a prickly ball.

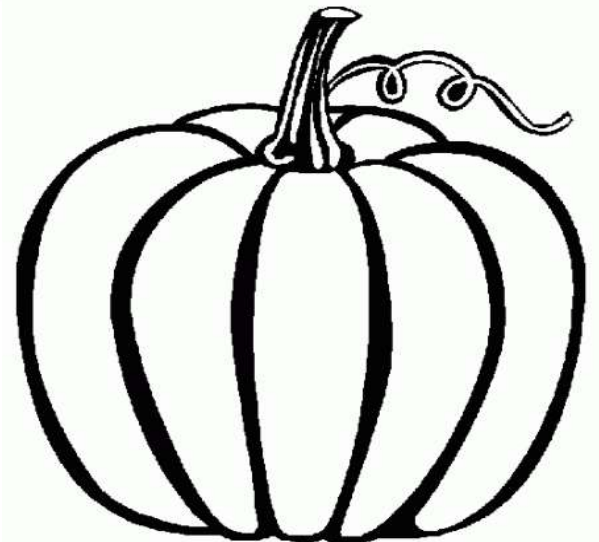
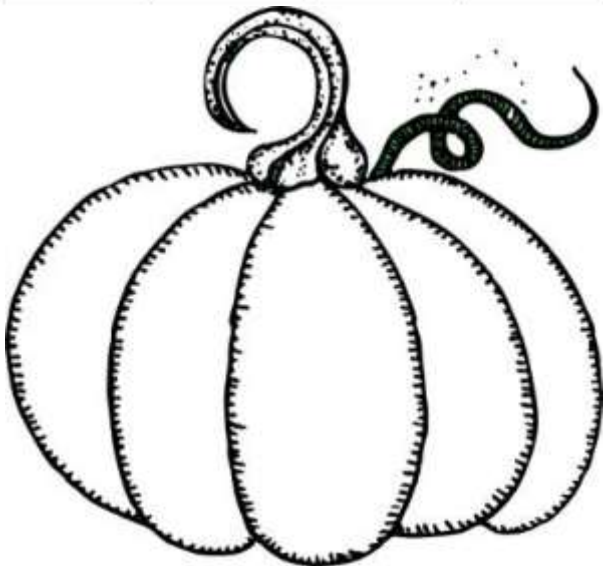


Down

1. The seeds of oak trees.
2. They fall from the trees in autumn.
3. They fall from horse chestnut trees and are fun for games.
5. You might light one of these to burn leaves and twigs.
6. Another name for autumn.
7. One of the colours you might see autumn leaves change to.

Sudoku

1	5		2		9			4
	4				6			
				4			6	3
	7					8		6
6								5
2		8					1	
4	6			8				
			6				7	
8			5		1		4	9



Nature Notes - Sunflowers as Cover Crops

I walked up Crouchston Drove in early September and was delighted to see strips of sunflowers lining the edges of the fields. They are so visually striking and seem to contain a lovely variety of wildflowers. They were also alive with bees. All told, they seem a great improvement on the strips of maize which normally surround the fields.

I was curious to know the reasoning behind this type of planting so contacted the landowner, Nadine Cobham. She indicated that Cobham Farms are part of a conservation scheme subsidised by the Government. When the corn was sown in the Spring, a sunflower and flower mix was drilled in strips in the margins. While it provides pheasant cover for the shoot, it is probably less effective than maize because it is much less dense and flowers die back in the autumn. However, the upside, and the main reason for its use, is that it attracts many more insects and butterflies and so has much greater utility for conservation and diversity. Cobham Farms also have similar wild flower strips at Homington which are equally lovely.

Cobham Farms have plans to revert some of their arable land to downland during the next three years which is good news for residents of Bishopstone and the Chalke Valley.

Rob Pendleton



Recipe of the Month - Pumpkin Spice Scones

By Kate Pendlenton, adapted from BBC Good Food Magazine

I seem to have a garden full of pumpkins this year! Fabulous for Hallowe'en of course, but some have ripened too early to carve so I've been on a mission to find ways to use them. Soup is an obvious answer, and I've made a couple of batches already, but I wanted to try something sweet too. This recipe, adapted from BBC Good Food, has proved very popular with everyone in my family.

Ingredients

450g self-raising flour, plus extra for rolling

100g cold butter

50g golden caster sugar

2-3 tsp pumpkin spice (or mix 1 tsp cinnamon, 1 tsp ginger, a good grind of nutmeg and a pinch of allspice)

200g cooked pumpkin

80-100ml milk

Method

Heat oven to 220C/200C fan/gas 7.

Put the flour in a bowl and coarsely grate in the butter (dipping the butter into the flour can make it easier to grate; do this as often as you need). Use a butter knife to stir the butter into the flour, then mix in the sugar and spice. You can also do this using a food processor which is much easier and faster!

Add the pumpkin and 80ml milk to the flour mixture and quickly stir everything together. Add a splash more milk if you need to until the dough comes together without being too sticky to handle.

Tip the mixture onto a floured surface and lightly bring together with your hands a couple of times. Roll out until 2cm thick and stamp out rounds with a 7cm cutter. Re-shape the trimmings until all the dough has been used.

Place the scones onto a lightly floured baking sheet and brush the tops with any remaining milk. Bake for 10-12 mins until risen and lightly browned.

Serve warm with butter or cream cheese.



Sarah's Gardening Tips for October

1. Lift Dahlia and Begonia tubers to store and dry over the winter months.
2. Plant hedges, move trees and shrubs as required.
3. If you plan to grow beans next year, start to prepare the site by digging a trench and filling with manure or kitchen waste.
4. Harvest pumpkins and squashes before the first frost as they will quickly go mushy.
5. Cut back yellowing asparagus foliage to within 5cm of the ground.
6. Move citrus trees indoors to a bright frost free position away from cold draughts.
7. Wrap grease bands around the trunks of apple trees to trap winter moth females whose caterpillars shred spring flowers.
8. Reuse spent compost from annual containers as mulch on the garden.
9. Lift and divide any herbaceous perennials while the soil is still warm.

The greatest fine art of the future will be the making of a comfortable living from a small piece of land.

Abraham Lincoln



Question: What name is given to the downy, hanging flowering spikes of trees such as willow and hazel?

(Answer on p48)

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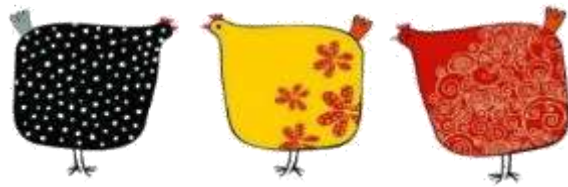
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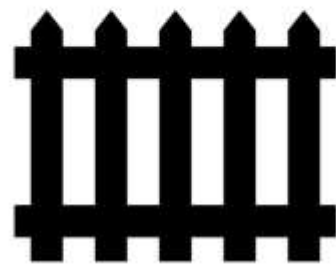
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Bishopstone Village Website

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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Services in Chalke Valley Benefice - October 2021

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



Pattern of services during Lockdown restrictions.

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

Please check your church noticeboard and weekly e-bulletin.

3 October 18th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am	Parish Communion (CW) Harvest Festival PC (CW) Harvest Festival FC (CW) Family Communion (CW) Morning Service (CW) Morning Prayer (BCP)	Broad Chalke Britford Ebbesbourne Wake Coombe Bissett Odstock Berwick St John	Roger Leake Jenny Taylor Roger Leake Jenny Taylor Adrian Taylor Lay Led
10 October 19th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 3.00pm	Parish Communion (CW) Family Communion (CW) Morning Prayer (BCP) Harvest Festival Harvest Festival Harvest Festival	Bowerchalke Nunton Charlton All Saints Coombe Bissett Alvediston Fifield Bavant	Catherine Blundell Roger Leake Rhoderick Voremberg Jenny Taylor Biddy Trahair Catherine Blundell
17 October 20th Sunday after Trinity	8.00am 9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Morning Prayer (BCP) Parish Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW)	Bowerchalke Bishopstone Odstock Ebbesbourne Wake Homington Berwick St John	Catherine Blundell Ann Philp Roger Leake Biddy Trahair Jenny Taylor Catherine Blundell
24 October Last Sunday after Trinity	9.00am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm 6.00pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion (CW) Family Service Parish Communion (CW) Holy Communion (BCP) Evening Prayer (BCP) Evening Prayer (BCP)	Berwick St John Charlton All Saints Nunton Bishopstone Alvediston Bowerchalke Homington	Kate Rosslyn Smith Roger Leake Adrian Taylor Jenny Taylor Catherine Blundell Lay Led Roger Leake
31 October ALL SAINTS DAY	10.00am 10.00am	Benefice Communion (CW) Benefice Communion (CW)	Charlton All Saints Bishopstone	Jenny Taylor Catherine Blundell
7 November 3rd Sunday before Advent	9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am	Parish Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Family Communion (CW) Family Communion (CW) Morning Service (CW) Morning Prayer (BCP)	Broad Chalke Britford Ebbesbourne Wake Coombe Bissett Odstock Berwick St John	Catherine Blundell Jenny Taylor Catherine Blundell Jenny Taylor Adrian Taylor Lay Led

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Letters to the Editor

Letters to STaB are very welcome, but the views expressed may not be those of the editorial team or the Parish Church Council.

Many congratulations to Shirley and Adrian Stevens who recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. *From an anonymous friend.*

Herewith a picture of Chris Sexton on his capacity of Chairman of Friends of Bishopstone Church presenting Shirley Cooke with a bouquet as she is retiring as Secretary after 7 years volunteering for the Friends. She has been a brilliant secretary but has now passed the baton to Jilly Ford.

The Friends are very grateful. Thanks from all of us.

Jax Horswill, on behalf of the Friends of Bishopstone Church



Thank you to the hard-working committee for the excellent BBQ on Friday, 23rd July prior to the Moviola film. All the tables had been set up in the village hall car park, and various committee members were busy cooking, with the result that we were served a delicious BBQ followed by strawberries and cream. At last it felt we were back to normal after lock down. Lovely evening.

Shirley Cooke



As reported in the last edition of STaB, the old SID which was shared with Broadchalke was in need of repair or replacement. Broadchalke decided to go it alone and buy a new one for their sole use and so our parish council decided in July to replace the existing one with a slightly smaller unit for the sole use of Bishopstone.

Thanks are due to Piers Edwards for moving swiftly on this. On 13 August the new unit was duly erected on the 30mph limit of the High Road by the father and son team of Piers and Caspar, while I stood by making helpful suggestions! *Rob Pendleton*



Congratulations to 10 year old Beth Sainsbury whose lovely poppy photo was chosen to be on the cover of this month's STaB.

Here are some other beautiful photos that we have been sent this month:

Sunrise over the Ebble at Stratford Tony, by Lara Catchpole (left)

Brimstone Butterfly, by Ron Abbott (below).

Many thanks to all the photographers.



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