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From the Editor's desk

*New year, same weather. But a lot more of it. I know a lot of you have helped neighbours with flooding over the past month or so, but we all need to do a little bit more. There is a meeting on the 10th of February, and as many as possible of us should attend as we could all play a small part in help **OUR** village in an emergency.*

Its at this time of year that I always ask for donation for the magazine, please remember when giving donations you must state it is for STaB. On the subject of funds, I'm currently looking at some other print options and formats if any you have an idea you think I should look at please say.

I recently found out I had upset a reader, my discovery was a complete accident and I was horrified and for the upset I'm sorry. But as I have said many times if there is ever anything that you the readers are not happy with please say, this magazine is for all of us.

As we say goodbye to Rev David Henley, let us spare a thought and say a prayer for the busier work load of Rev Jenny Taylor and Rev Rick Williams as they take over the valley, and for the supporting clergy that will be helping out over the coming months.

Until next time.

Nick

Do remember that Alan and Anne Stutchbury keep the Village Archives for anyone to see at any time.

Please just ask!

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The Bishopstone Carol Service in the village hall was very well attended on Sunday 22nd December. The 140 people were treated to a warm and beautifully decorated hall. The Rev. Jenny Taylor lead the service and many well known carols were sung. Olive Moody, despite a bad throat, smilingly directed the wind quintet and the Bishopstone Singers. Four readings were read from the gospel of Luke telling of Jesus's birth. It was nice to see a good few children in the congregation.

Many thanks to Pip and Roger Stockton and their team for providing mulled wine and mince pies.

Several people commented afterwards that their Christmas is made by this service and the singing of carols.

On Christmas Eve Bishopstone Church held a lovely crib service. About 70 people attended this



service taken by Rick Williams.

As the children entered they were asked to chose a crib figure. As the story was told they went up to the crib and placed the figure they had chosen. Many children had also brought presents to put under the Christmas tree. Many thanks to Richard on the organ and to those who ensured the church was warm and cosy.

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*Hello from the
Revd Jenny Taylor*

February is starting off on rather a sad note for the Chalke Valley Ministry Team as we say farewell to the Revd Canon David Henley and his wife Margaret as they start their retirement in Somerset. I know they both thoroughly enjoyed their send-off from Bishopstone in January but they will both leave a gaping hole in the life of the Valley.

I am personally extremely sad to lose the support, friendship and leadership of David and I will miss him beyond measure but we would do an enormous disservice to all his achievements if we collapsed in a heap and did not continue to build on his ministry amongst us. Thus the Revd Rick Williams and I, with the able administration of Helen Atkinson, will continue all that we are doing anyway and share as much of the Rector's duties as possible.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you are concerned about anything but do remember that we are all in this together and none of us can be at our best without each other. As we move through these next months these words of Julian of Norwich (15th Century) will remind us of the great work in which we are engaged and of the great support we will all be given by the God who loves each and every one of us:

'All shall be well, and all shall be well and all manner of thing shall be well.'

BISHOPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council met on Thursday 9th January. Sixteen villagers attended. The full minutes of the meeting are available on the village website (www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk). The main issues considered were:

flooding. A number of houses in the village were badly affected by flooding over Christmas and the New Year. Criticisms were raised about the preparedness of the Parish Council to deal with the problem. It was pointed out that the primary responsibility for preventing damage to property lay with homeowners. The Parish Council had co-ordinated the provision of sand and sandbags for use by those unable to help themselves and had pressed Wiltshire Council for roads to be closed where the flooding was worst. However, it was agreed that a formal Emergency Plan needed to be put in place and a meeting held to discuss this (see separate notice in this STaB).

the White Hart pub. The application had been submitted for the pub to be included on the list of "assets of community value" under the Localism Act. This would mean that should the owners wish to dispose of the building for a use other than as a pub the community in Bishopstone would have 6 months to mount a bid to buy it. A decision by Wiltshire Council on whether to list the pub will be made by 7th February.

basketball on the Recreation Field. Funding has now been secured for a practice basketball court to be provided on the Recreation Field. This follows a request from a number of young people in the village. There will be a small area of hard surfacing together with a single basketball post, backboard, ring and net.

Mac's Meadow. The field in Church Lane/Mill Lane has been acquired by Mr Robert Jones, who lives in the village. He has indicated that the riverside will be reserved for fishing, but the rest of the meadow will remain available, as previously, to be enjoyed by the village. He hoped to encourage the wildflower content of the meadow. New guidelines on the use of the meadow are being agreed and will be available on the village website.

the Bishopstone Housing Needs Survey. The draft report of the HNS had been received. There was a very high response rate - with half the village returning forms. This is much more than such surveys usually achieve. The Parish Council wishes to thank all those who took the time to respond. 73% of respondents considered that additional housing was necessary in the village and Wiltshire Council's analysis of the data indicated that 10 new homes for rent or low cost/shared ownership are required for people with a local connection. The report will be made available on the village website (if you don't have access to the internet a copy can be obtained by contacting me). The Parish Council agreed to remit the report to the Bishopstone Plan group to be taken into account in drafting the plan.

the "garden extensions" in The Styles. A draft lease has been received from Wiltshire Council for the leasing of this land to the Parish Council so that it can be sub-let as garden plots to villagers. Some points remained

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to be negotiated but it was hoped to resolve matters quickly. Those who had expressed an interest in renting a plot were being contacted.

council tax. A budget for 2014/15 was agreed, with a precept similar to that in 2013/14. This should mean no increase in Council Tax so far as spending by Bishopstone Parish Council is concerned.

The next meeting of Bishopstone Parish Council will be in the Village Hall on:

Thursday 13th March 2014 at 8.00pm

It will be preceded by the Annual Village Meeting at 7.00pm. The village meeting provides an annual opportunity for anyone in the village to come along and raise, for discussion, any issue they like concerning the village.

Mike Ash
Clerk

BISHOPSTONE VILLAGE HALL EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY – MARCH 2014

MOVIOLA FILMS

Friday 28th February: “Le Weekend” (12A)

Friday 28th March: “Captain Phillips” (12A)

Friday 25th April: “Philomena” (12A)

Tickets for all films £6. Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm. Licensed cash bar available, snacks and ices on sale. Phone 781044, 780002, or book online at bvhticketoffice@btinternet.com

LUNCH CLUB

WEDNESDAY 5TH FEBRUARY: Speaker Francis Taylor - “A Passage through India”.

WEDNESDAY 5TH MARCH: Speaker Michael Lee - “Moondials and Sundials”

Phone Caroline (781044) or Pat (780002). Please book a place or arrange transport in advance, (phone or email as above). All are very welcome, especially newcomers. Time: 12.30 for 1pm. Cost: £6, including first glass of wine.

BEER AND SKITTLES NIGHT, 7th FEBRUARY, **doors open 6.30 for 7pm skittles start.**

Whatever the weather, Ali Thorne is going to run another fantastic beer and skittles evening in the village hall. Loads of fun for the kids and lots of beer and bangers as well. If you would like to enter a team of 4, please email Ali ali.thorne@btinternet.com as soon as you can, so he can work out detail of the competition. (Or phone Pat on 780002). Cost £2 per head, families welcome, and also non-players just wanting a beer and a good laugh. If you are not a 4 don't worry, Ali will put people together to make up additional teams on the night. Cash bar (not just beer), burgers, hot dogs, soft drinks, crisps, ices and sweets on sale. There will be a Charity Raffle in aid of Riding for the Disabled. Any nice raffle prizes you could donate would be very welcome.

RURAL ARTS PRESENTS “BUFFALO GALS” NIGHT, SATURDAY 8TH MARCH,

Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start. “Buffalo Gals” are a really entertaining group of musicians, whose music is derived from traditional roots music of Southern USA. The ensemble of fiddle, banjo, guitar, ukulele, bass and “stepatune” uses lively and soulful tunes, delicious harmonies, flamboyant percussive step-dance and warm engaging humour to entertain and delight audiences of all ages. Don't miss this one, it will be a lively evening. An optional hot supper of chilli and baked potatoes (or veggie alternative) will be served in the interval, for £5 per meal. Licenced cash bar available. Tickets available from bvhticketoffice@btinternet.com or phone Pat on 01722 780002. **Ticket prices for Buffalo Gals** are as follows: Adults £7, Concessions £6, Children £4.50, Family (2+2) £20. **When booking please state what food is required.**

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“DRAWING FOR THE NERVOUS BEGINNER”

Everyone can draw! EVERYONE! Remember how exciting it was to draw and paint as a child? We all just created pictures for the sheer fun of it. Forget experiences that put you off at school; you drew as a child and can still draw now. Just believe you can. Come along and learn some basic skills on this course and build up your confidence. Get back to the FUN! You will experiment with exercises to get you thinking about drawing in different ways; try out various media; learn about elements of drawing, (composition, proportion, tone, perspective, line etc.) and have fun in the process. You will also have some suggestions for “homework” each week to build on what you have tried out in class, (but no marking). The class starts Monday 10th March, 2 - 4.30pm, for 6 weeks till 14th April. Cost £60, payable in advance. For a booking form or more information, please contact Chris Brantingham on 714493 or Pat on 780002. (All cheques to be made payable to Chris Brantingham). Some artists’ supplies will be provided and some drawing paper etc. will be available at cost price if you do not happen to bring your own. Early booking is recommended, as there are a limited number of places.

CHALKE VALLEY PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

This will be open to anyone living in the Chalke Valley with different classes, including ones for young photographers. More about all of this in future issues, but we suggest you might start thinking now about the possible brilliant entries you will be submitting. There will be an exhibition of photos in summer, and winners will be judged by a professional.

CEILIDH CLUB: 7.30 – 9.30pm and every Tuesday evening, £2 per person, no partner needed, no experience needed, refreshments provided. Great fun and keeps you fit. Telephone Heather and Des for more information, 01722 718463.

YOGA: Every Thursday, 1.30 – 3pm, A stretchy relaxing way to keep fit, no matter how old and decrepit, or how young you are. Exercises tailored to every ability or lack of! £8 per session. Bring a mat, cushion and blanket. Telephone Jane for more information – 01722 330305

PILATES: Wednesdays, various sessions with Claudine. Contact Claudine on 07788 587937.

NEEDLES AND PINS CRAFT GROUP: Thursday 13th February 3 – 5pm, then every other Thursday. £2.50 including tea. All very welcome to come for a stitch and natter, and a relaxing afternoon. Call Caroline on 01722 781044 for more information, or if you would like help getting here.

COFFEE MORNING OPEN TO ALL: Thursday 6th February, 10 – 11.30am and every other Thursday morning. Coffee and biscuits only 50p. There is also a book and jigsaw exchange. Contact any committee member for more information, or if you need transport.

MOTHERS AND TODDLERS COFFEE MORNINGS: every Friday morning, 9.30 – 11.30am. Contact Sarah Brough for up to date information (07825 442110)

BIG SCREEN COVERAGE OF MAJOR SPORTING EVENTS IN THE VILLAGE HALL

See the separate notice or phone 780346 for info.

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BISHOPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

EMERGENCY PLANNING MEETING

Monday 10th February at 7.30pm in the Village Hall



A meeting will be held on Monday 10th February at 7.30pm in the Village Hall to consider lessons to be learned from flooding and other recent emergency events that have affected the village and to discuss Emergency Planning for the future.

If you have been affected by power cuts, flooding, storm damage, icy conditions etc please come to the meeting.

A key element of any Emergency Plan will be communication arrangements within the village and the availability of people to help those who cannot help themselves. If you are prepared to volunteer please come to the meeting, or, if you cannot make it, please let Mike Ash (01722 781044 or bishopstoneclerk@btinternet.com) know in advance.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

THE BISHOPSTONE PLAN

Have your say about the future of the village

HIGHWAYS, TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT

Very briefly, the Bishopstone Plan is a vision of the village in 5 or 10 years from now, as seen by the community. The output will be a series of realistic actions to achieve what you, the people, want to see. Because your view will include things you wish to remain untouched and things you expect to be conserved as well as areas of improvement or development then the output will include some "inaction" too.

Every month we are asking for your views on a particular set of issues. This month it is "highways, traffic and transport" that deserves your attention. What should be included in our plan in order to ensure that we have safe, efficient and convenient means of transport, that highways in the village are properly maintained and that villagers and visitors continue to enjoy ready access to the area's many footpaths and bridleways?

- What policies do we want in our plan to influence the various bodies responsible for the maintenance of highways and verges? What arrangements might be set up in the village to deal with the effects of extreme weather on accessibility?
- Steps are already being taken to persuade Wiltshire Council to reduce speed limits on the High Road/Broad Chalke Road. What further evidence can the plan set out to reinforce the message? Should more be done to enforce speed limits? Should we set up a Community Speedwatch?
- What changes should the plan seek to the bus service in the village? Should there be more effort to promote "community transport" for the elderly or the young? Could there be an equivalent of the "Chalke Valley Link" scheme but for other purposes?
- What policies do we want on the maintenance and improvement of footpaths and bridleways? Information is available on the village website on walks around the village. Should these be promoted more? Should we seek to establish an "Ebble Way" route through the Chalke Valley?

Is there a need for cycleways? How can the High Road be made safer for cyclists?

Thank you in advance for giving these subjects some thought. If you have something to say then there are several channels. An email to bishopstoneplan@btinternet.com or a sheet of paper posted in the collection box at the Church, Village Hall or The White Hart; or pop it through the front door of 18 The Croft, Harvest Lane. Your postcode is very helpful to us, your name adds weight to our analysis and we group the responses by age group - [0-15] [16-25] [26-40] [41-65] [65+] – but your reply is the most important.

Footnote : if you have already responded but now have more to say then please write again, there is no limit to the submissions.

Mike Ash

BISHOPSTONE PLAN

Several new pages have been added to the village website (www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk) covering the work that is being done to develop a community led plan for Bishopstone (see Bishopstone Plan page and sub pages). These provide information on the plan making process, who is involved and provides background information on many of the issues being raised in the articles in STaB. For example relevant pages explain local planning policy, show where the Conservation Area boundaries are and which buildings are "listed" as of historic importance.



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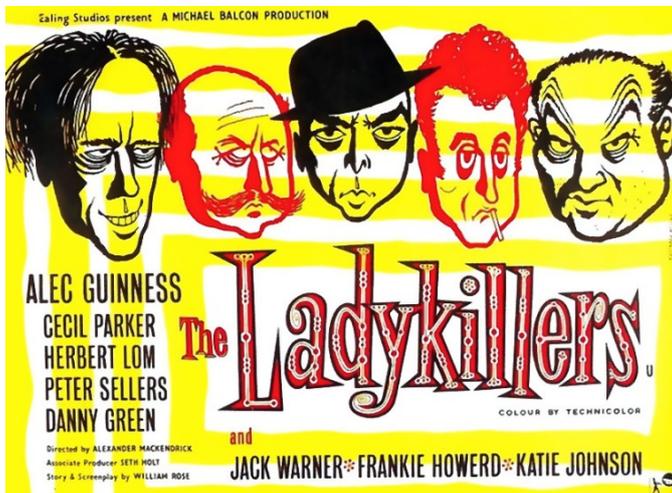
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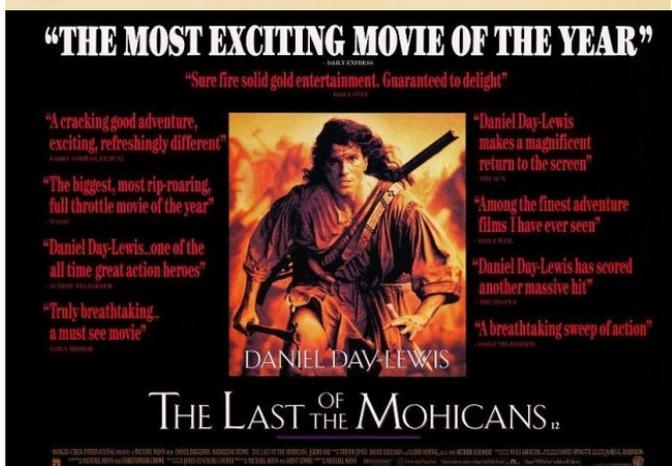
Friday 14th February

The classic Ealing comedy starring Alec Guinness as the leader of a gang of incompetent criminals that include Cecil Parker, Herbert Lom and Peter Sellers.



Friday 14th March

One of the great all time films, though at the time it was not thought to be anything more than a run-of-the mill melodrama like many others being put together on the Warner Bros back-lot.
Stars: Humphrey Bogart, Ingrid Bergman, Paul Henreid



Friday 11th April

Adapted from James Fenimore Cooper's novel that is based on the true story of the massacre of an English Regiment (34th of Foot) by Indians after the fall of Fort William Henry in the French Indian war of 1750's.

Stars: Daniel Day-Lewis, Madeleine Stowe, Russell Means

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Caroline Ash 01722 781044 bvhticketoffice@btinternet.com

All films, unless otherwise stated will be in high definition Blu-ray format.

Bish Bash Christmas Extravaganza 15th December , The White Hart

The weather for this now annual event was against us (no change there!) not the normal snow this year but lashings and lashings of rain and big puddles.

We decided early on in the day that creating a Christmas grotto outside in the garden would only end in tears, how right we were and were so pleased to set up a magical alternative in the alcove of the pub. Green, red and white felt a plenty, Sarah, Linda, Jo, Angie and myself made an, even if I say so myself an excellent Santa's Grotto within two hours...howz that!

Whilst we were busy grotto making, Ali, John, Lee, Andy and John F were busy battening down the hatches outside, covered the barbeque with a gazebo, preparing the chestnuts, lighting up the pub car park with fairy lights and generally getting all the outside space ready , Bill was on hand to supply bacon rolls and coffee , thanks Bill, well received.

As the afternoon drew in, the indoor stall holders arrived and set up. Graham did a wonderful job as a 'first timer' taking charge of the tombola, Madeline and Sarah were busy organizing and selling tickets.. Thanks to both of you for all your hard work collecting so many wonderful prizes before hand and to everyone for donating such generous gifts..

4.30pm. Now it really started to lash it down So much so that for the first half hour we were left wondering if people were going to venture out to the event at all. Chris and the Carnival Club were their usual enthusiastic selves and were going on a Santa walk regardless! The children and their parents were not quite as sure, however at 5.45pm with coats, brollies, hats and anything else we could find, 20 plus children set off behind the wonderful carnival parade for a very soggy walk to the end of Netton Street and back. I don't think I have ever got as wet as I did in such a short time, but by the time we got back to the pub it was so crazy that most of us were laughing (some hysterically) about what we had just done.

Santa by this time was sitting, in the dry (I will get you back, Ali) warm, cosy grotto waiting for the children to join our merry elves of Chloe, Becky and Henry, thank you all, you all looked so elfish.

All the children were given a free present and sweets paid for out of the Bish Bash funds from the summer event.

The carol singing was certainly up to scratch and some beautiful voices were heard resonating across the pub and beyond. The song sheets distributed, I think we had more people singing this year than any past event I can remember, lovely.

How nice it is to see so many people from different parts of the village come together again, thank you all for continuing to support the Bish Bash events.....whatever the weather!

High points of the evening

Ian winning the Fitness First voucher in the raffle!

Chris coming back into the pub, post soggy Santa parade or was it Halloween.....

Johns chestnut brazier making friends with Bills wooden gazebo!

Children's faces after they had seen Santa

Ali loosing his voice, post raffle. And I thought it was only me!

Finally, a big cheer to Ali and all the team for making this another very successful event for the village, all proceeds will be held over to organize another top notch event in the Summer 2014.

As usual, watch this space...

Marion

Helen Holdsworth arranged a Christmas drinks party in the village hall on Fri 20th December in aid of Prostate Cancer UK and Breakthrough Breast Cancer. A total of £764 was raised which was fantastic. Around 60 people attended a very jolly occasion catching up with friends, sipping wine and eating canapés that people had provided. It was a very good evening and more importantly it was for such a good cause that could affect any of us at any time!

Chalke Valley Link Scheme Annual General Meeting:

This will be held at Coombe Bissett Village Hall on Thursday 27 March at 7.30pm. The Scheme is a registered charity serving the communities of the Chalke Valley by providing voluntary transport and other good neighbour support. The Scheme's Members (its Committee and registered volunteers) and its users are invited to attend the AGM, as are any other members of the public who are interested in the Scheme. Members of the public wishing to attend should please contact the Secretary, John Lace, at Bingham's Farmhouse, Bowerchalke SP5 5BN Tel: 01722 780214. Any nominations for election to the Executive Committee should please be sent to him by 20 March.

BISHOPSTONE ARCHIVE

The Bishopstone Archive comprises a collection of photographs, maps, drawings and written notes illustrating the history of the village.

THE REVEREND GEORGE AUGUSTUS MONTGOMERY 1793-1842

George Montgomery was rector to St John the Baptist, Bishopstone 1821-1842. He had a colourful past history, as the illegitimate grandson of 10th Earl of Pembroke. The Earl had a relationship with Kitty Hunter, an MP's daughter. They eloped together, he disguised himself dressed up in a sailor's habit and black wig, and the couple fled the country. Kitty's father refused to take her back, so the couple wandered around the continent. After Kitty's baby was born in 1762, Lady Pembroke took her husband back, although he continued his profligate lifestyle. The baby, named Augustus, had to contend with the surname Reebkomp (an anagram of Pembroke) and a second Christian name Retnuh (his mother's name spelled backwards). This was our Rev Montgomery's father. Reebkomp lived with the Pembrokes at Wilton House. Kitty and Pembroke split up soon afterwards and she went off to live with the 3rd Earl of Bristol.

Meanwhile Augustus Retnuh Reebkomp was packed off to Eton aged 5. He must have been teased about his ridiculous names, but not about his illegitimacy which was quite common at Eton. The Pembroke family were fond of Augustus and he was happy at Wilton. At the age of 10 he joined the Navy as a 'captain's servant'.

He had long been promised by his father that he could drop his absurd surname, but Lady Pembroke was adamant that her husband's illegitimate children wouldn't share the name Pembroke. After much dispute they settled on Montgomery, another of Lord Pembroke's titles.

In 1791 Augustus married Susan Maltass who came from Smyrna. The Pembrokes despised her and called her 'Miss Smyrna'. Our rector, George Augustus Montgomery, was born in 1793. His father died when he was only 4. Little is known about their mother, and it is assumed that he and his younger sister, Elizabeth, were mainly brought up at Wilton by their half-uncle George, 11th Earl of Pembroke. We don't know where he was educated, but he was at Oriel College, Oxford.

George Montgomery was ordained and destined for the rich living of Bishopstone, which was in the Earl's gift. His annual income from the church averaged £806 a year in 1824, which was apart from his personal wealth. His wife, Cecilia, daughter of Dr George Markham, Dean of York, so Montgomery seemed set for a successful career in the church. Pembroke wrote to Montgomery's sister Elizabeth in 1822:

I must say George has a great deal of merit and promises to make a very good parish priest. He has an unhappy flock to deal with, an ill-built house, and like everybody else a diminishing income, but I perceive in him qualities which I think will enable him to cope with all difficulties and to enjoy all advantages.

His fatal expedition occurred on 1 December 1842 when Montgomery went to look over the church being built at East Grafton near Great Bedwyn. As he walked from the chancel to the nave to look at the new vaulting, a mass of stonework fell on him and he was killed instantly.

He was a benevolent rector, donating many items to the church, notably the pulpit, lectern, reredos and backs of pews in the chancel. He also set up the Montgomery Coal Fund to help the poor.

Pugin was commissioned to design and erect Montgomery's tomb in our church in the South Transept.

I hope the current clergy don't think of us as *an unhappy flock to deal with!*

If you have any old photos or cuttings that you feel you would like to contribute to the collection, perhaps you could either email them to me, or I can arrange to copy them. With your agreement the archive photos could also be added to the Village website.

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Wiltshire's rivers need your help

Around England, rivers are under attack from invasive plants which are not native to these islands. Locally, rivers such as the Wylye, Nadder, Ebbles and Avon suffer due to species such as Himalayan balsam, Japanese knotweed and giant hogweed. The impact on our native plants and animals, such as water vole, can be devastating.

Wiltshire Wildlife Trust, in partnership with Dorset and Hampshire Wildlife Trusts, tackle the fight against invasive species with the Source to Sea project. Funded by the Environment Agency, the team works with volunteers along the river Avon and its tributaries to eradicate these destructive species so that the wildlife that lives along our waterways can thrive.

This spring, the team will be coming to your area. Headed by project manager, Sam Stork, the team will work with local landowners, farmers, angling clubs and other interested parties to identify affected areas and, with the help of an army of volunteers, they will help to ensure that your part of the river is protected.

And that's where you come in - Source to Sea needs your help:

Can you help identify areas where invasive species are threatening local wildlife? To find out what to look for visit www.wiltshirewildlife.org and click on *What We Do – Protecting Wiltshire's Rivers*. Report your sightings using the feedback form.

Can you volunteer your time to help clean up the river? Tackling invasive species along our rivers is a massive task and we need your help! We provide everything you need to participate in a volunteer day on the river.

Contact us for more information on volunteering by email at sourcetosea@wiltshirewildlife.org or telephone on 01380 736066 or contact the team on Twitter @wiltsrivers.

Fiona Dunster
Project Officer

THE BISHOPSTONE CHRISTMAS DRINKS PARTY

The village hall hosted the First Bishopstone Christmas Drinks Party on Friday 20th December. Some seventy people had a thoroughly enjoyable evening drinking wine and devouring the most spectacular array of canapés in aid of Prostate Cancer UK and Breakthrough Breast Cancer. In total we raised an impressive £769 for the two charities.

Thank you to all who attended and to those who couldn't be there but sent donations. Thank you to Michael Ricketts and Chris Sexton for providing an ultra- efficient bar service; to Alix Ricketts for manning the charity stand; to David Dunwell for the putting up of posters; to Norman Barter for composing and delivering an impressively succinct speech with only hours' notice; to all who contributed canapes and to all who cleared and cleaned at the end. Special thanks to George Brutton for remaining long after everyone else to sweep and scrub the floors.

As the event was a resounding success, and because the imbibing of wine and consuming of canapes with friends and neighbours is a particularly pleasurable way to raise funds for worthy causes, THE BISHOPSTONE CHRISTMAS DRINKS PARTY is to be an annual event. It will take place on the last Friday before Christmas in the village hall.

Please put **Friday 19th December 6.30 – 8.30pm** in your diary. Full details will be in STAB and on the village website in the autumn.

Helen Holdsworth

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Feb-14	Mrs M Barter	R Colwill	G Brutton
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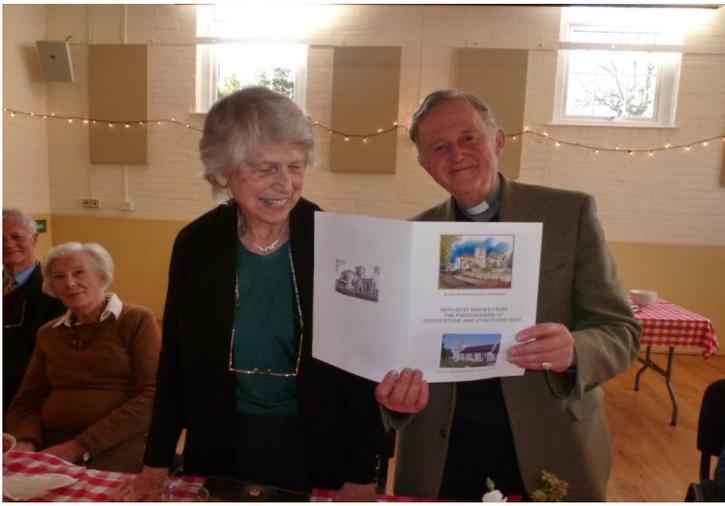
Bishopstone -

Btn 11th and 20th Dec pond dwellers stole a holly wreath from a grave at St John the Baptist's. I wonder why that was??

Broadchalke -

As per above entry at Bishopstone – same thing happened at All Saints.....





Farewell to The Rev David Henley

On Saturday 11th January Bishopstone and Stratford Tony said farewell to The Rev David Henley and his wife Margaret. 52 people gathered in the Village Hall for a delicious meal cooked by Margaret and Sally and their merry band of helpers. Various friends brought along yummy desserts.

Alan Willis made a very clever and slightly emotional speech thanking David for all he has done for us all over the past eleven years and wishing him from all of us a happy retirement. Alan presented David a card signed by all present. David replied with his usual humour and optimism for the future.

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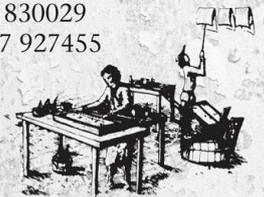
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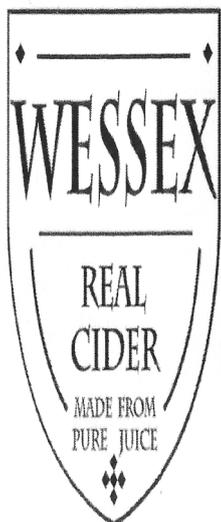


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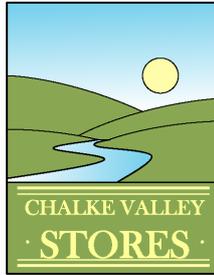
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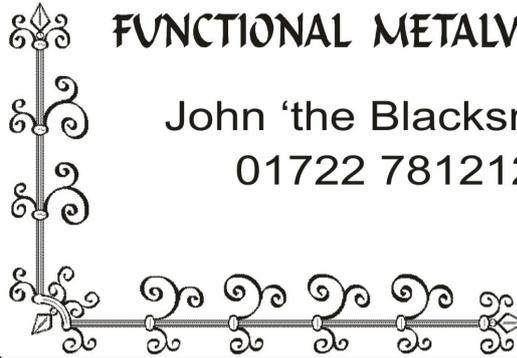
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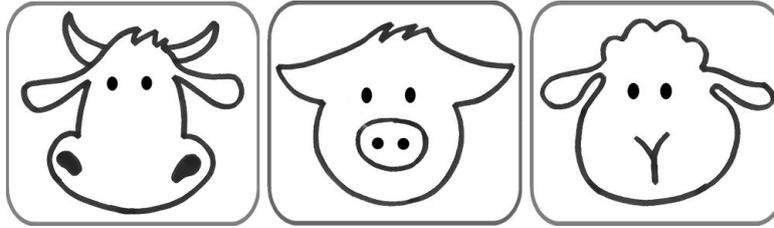
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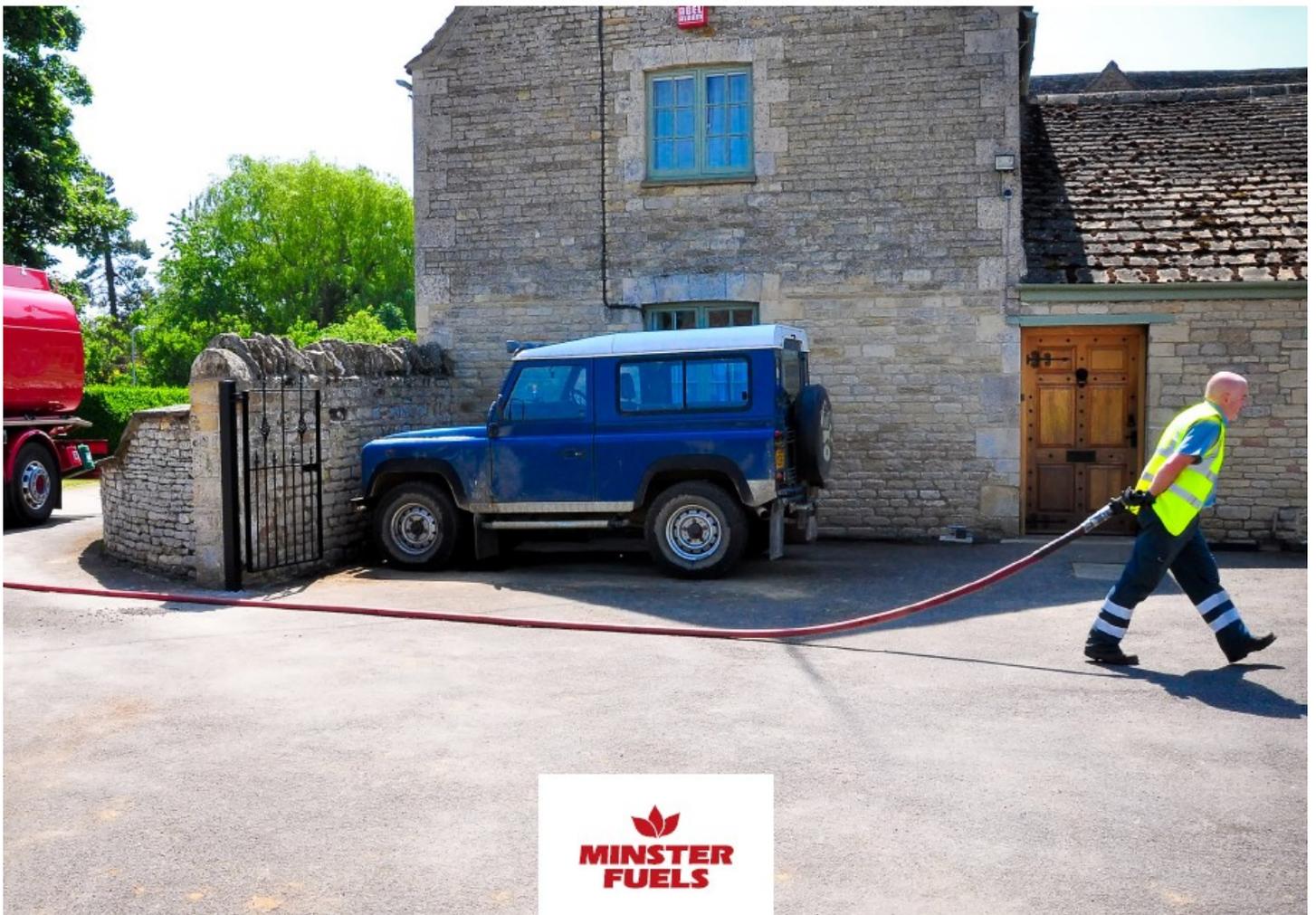
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The Village Hall Committee

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Bishopstone Village Hall Rental Rates

Bishopstone Village Hall has 2 rooms that you can hire for a wide range of functions. The larger room is ideal for children's parties, with lots of space for them to run around. It can also accommodate wedding receptions, charity functions and other such occasions. The smaller room is good size for celebration meals and other similar events. The modern kitchen is spacious and fully equipped with a catering range, 4minute dishwasher, hot cupboard, microwave, fridges and freezer and is suitable for use by professional caterers.

The hire charges includes use of the heating and electricity.

The rates are currently:

	Villagers (and close relatives)	Non Villagers
Hire of both halls (a) (including tea making facilities but no other electrical kitchen equipment)	£8 p/h	£12 p/h
Hire of both halls (b) (including full use of all electrical kitchen equipment)	£12 p/h	£15 p/h
Full kitchen use only	£8 p/h	£12 p/h
Weddings	£100	£200

Broadband **£5 p/h for both villagers and non villagers. £10 flat rate available for longer use.**

These charges include time taken to set up the event.

Please use your hall

Booking Clerk: Margaret Barter 780471

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Bishopstone Ladies	Chalke Valley Flower Club	Chalke Valley Ladies Fellowship
Meet third Wednesday in month 7.30pm Mrs Shirley Cooke Tel:780436	Meets forth Wednesday in the month - 7.30pm Broadchalke Village Hall Mrs Liz Long 780448	This group meets regularly on Tuesday mornings and visitors are welcome Caroline Lamb 780789
Coombe Bissett & Homington Badminton Club	Coombe Bissett & Homington Gardening Club	Teddy Bears
Every Wednesday September to April Coombe Bissett Village Hall Contact Sue Dyer 718514 or Pete Johnson 780303	Meets third Monday in the month Chris Baughan 718330	This group is for parents and carers with their babies and young children meet Broadchalke Village Hall - Wednesday afternoon 2 - 4pm
Bishopstone Village Website		Neighbourhood Watch
www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk The village website carries a wealth of information about the village. There are pages devoted to the church, the business of the Parish Council, what's on in the Village Hall, on meetings of clubs and other organisa- tions and on village walks If you want to have information included on this site please contact either: Mike Ash bishopstoneclerk@btinternet.com or: Roger Stockton stocktons710@btinternet.com	The Friends of Bishopstone Church	Needles and Pins
	If you would like to help the Friends of Bishopstone Church with their work of preserving the fabric of Bishopstone Church, please contact the Treasurer: Norman Barter 780471	Bishopstone's sewing and craft group. Bring your knitting, sewing or other craft project and join us for tea, cake and a chat. VILLAGE HALL 3.00 - 5.00pm Thursday every fortnight. Further information from Caroline 781044
	Ceilidh Club	
	Every Tuesday, 7.30pm until 9.30pm The Village Hall September - April Bishopstone Village Hall Des and Heather Adeley 718463	

Ministry Team		Assisting Ministers
Team Rector: The Revd Canon David Henley	01722 780262	The Rev Kate Rosslyn-Smith
Team Vicar: The Revd Jenny Taylor	01722 503081	The Rev Terry Snkey
Team Vicar: The Revd Rick Williams	01722 330628	The Revd Jonathan Plows
URC: The Revd Julian Thomas	01722 503251	The Revd Iori Price
LLM: Mrs Lavender Buckland	01722 780488	The Rev Michael Turner
The Revd Nigel Cumming	01725 518248	The Revd Sally Wells
		Mrs Sylvia Parrett (LLM)

Services in the Chalke Valley – February 2014

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

2 February Candlemas	10.00am	Benefice Communion – Farewell to David and Margaret Henley	Broad Chalke	David Henley
	10.30am	URC Service	Bowerchalke Baptist	
9 February 4th Sunday before Lent	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Broad Chalke	Jenny Taylor
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bowerchalke	Rick Williams
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Nunton	Ann Philp
	11.00am	URC Communion	Broad Chalke Chapel	Tom Grant
	11.00am	Morning Service	Alvediston	Lay Led
	11.00am	Family Service (CW)	Coombe Bissett	Rick Williams
	11.00am	Choral Mattins (BCP)	Charlton All Saints	Denis Blake
	6.00pm	Evensong (BCP)	Berwick St John	Jenny Taylor
16 February 3rd Sunday before Lent	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Bowerchalke	Rick Williams
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bishopstone	Jenny Taylor
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Odstock	Bishop John Kirkham
	9.30am	Revive	Broad Chalke School	Lay Led/Rick Williams
	10.00am	URC Morning Service	Broad Chalke Chapel	Peter White
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Homington	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	Mattins (BCP)	Ebbesbourne Wake	Lay Led
	11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Berwick St John	Kate Rosslyn Smith
	3.00pm	Evensong (BCP)	Fifield Bavant	Sylvia Parrett
23 February 2nd Sunday before Lent	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Berwick St John	Kate Rosslyn Smith
	9.30am	Family Communion (CW)	Broad Chalke	Rick Williams
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Charlton All Saints	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	Family Service	Nunton	Adrian Taylor
	11.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Alvediston	Jonathan Plows
	11.00am	Choral Mattins (BCP)	Coombe Bissett	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bishopstone	Ann Philp
	4.00pm	Holy Communion (BCP)	Bowerchalke	Rick Williams
2 March Sunday next before Lent	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Britford	Jenny Taylor
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Broad Chalke	Ann Philp
	10.30am	URC Service	Bowerchalke Baptist	
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Ebbesbourne Wake	Rick Williams
	11.00am	Mattins (BCP)	Berwick St John	Lay Led
	11.00am	Morning Service	Bishopstone	Terry Sankey
	11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Coombe Bissett	Anthony Hawley
	11.00am	Family Service	Odstock	Jenny Taylor
	6.00pm	Evensong (BCP)	Homington	Rick Williams
5 March ASH WEDNESDAY	12 noon	Holy Communion with Ashing	Broad Chalke	Rick Williams
	7.00pm	Holy Communion with Ashing	Coombe Bissett	Jenny Taylor

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