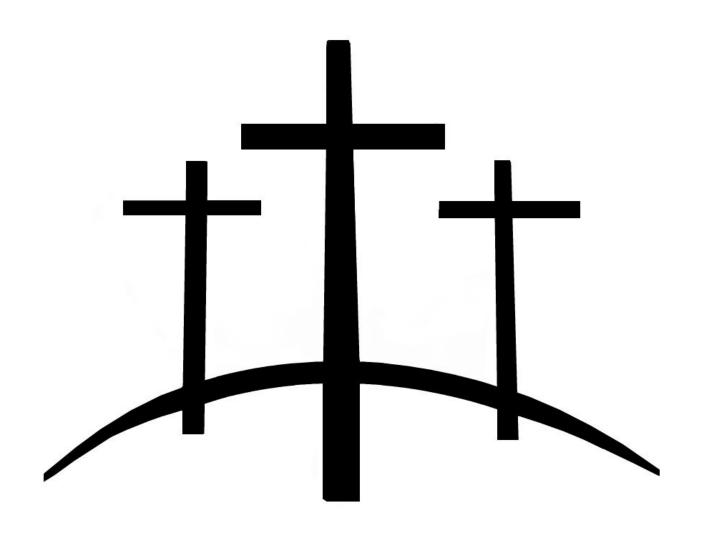
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#### CHALKE VALLEY LINK SCHEME

The CVLS provides good neighbour support with transport and practical help for residents

For Transport Requests Phone: Anna Mynott 718780 For Care and Support Phone: Debby Underhill 421270

There is no set charge, but you are invited to

make a donation

towards our administrative costs.

Our co-ordinators and drivers are all volunteers and there may be times when we do not have a volunteer available. Please give as much notice as possible.

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## Hello from the Revd Jenny Taylor

So we are now halfway through Lent and it was good to see some of you at our Lent Lunch in the Radnor Hall! We have a mid-week communion on 2<sup>nd</sup> March in Bishopstone and, if Sundays are difficult for you it would be lovely to see you

there.

We had a lovely Christingle service in the church last month – the children seemed to love their Christingles which were topped by glow sticks! I wonder how long they lasted; well into the night if mine was anything to go by!

We hope to welcome many of you to our Mothering Sunday service on 6<sup>th</sup> March at 11.00 and on Maundy Thursday we have a special service commemorating Jesus' Last Supper at 7.30 pm followed by a glorious service on Easter Sunday with Bishop John Kirkham.

Lent is such an important time in our Church's year. A time when we can do something extra for our world, a time to catch up with ourselves and our relationship with God, a time to look around and marvel at the beginnings of Spring emerging around us. I hope you all become more aware in these weeks leading to Easter of God's love for you so that we can all truly celebrate the gift of new life given to us in Jesus Christ.



There was some very sad news in February.

Jo Sexton, the wife of Chris, finally lost her battle with cancer and died very peacefully on 10<sup>th</sup> February. The Church was packed for her funeral service which shows just how much she and Chris and their whole family are loved. Our heartfelt condolences go to Chris and his family and may Jo Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.



# A Chalke Valley Service for the whole family 9:30 Sunday 21st March

#### **Broad Chalke Primary School**

Want to know more? Visit our website: www.chalkevalley.org.uk/R3vive



#### BISHOPSTONE VILLAGE MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting – at which any resident of the village can raise any matter for discussion – will take place on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2016 from 7.00pm to 8.00pm in the Village Hall. This is your opportunity to come along and have your say!

#### BISHOPSTONÉ PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2016 in the Village Hall as soon as the Annual Parish Meeting closes (see above).

Tea and coffee will be available from 6.45pm.

#### VANDALISM AND THEFT.

It came as quite a surprise when we discovered that a security camera on the children's playground had been stolen, just one week after being installed. Yes .... that is how long the camera was in place. It appears that some clown climbed the basketball pole and stole the camera. This is sheer vandalism, and simple theft of publicly owned property. This is a serious crime and the Police are aware. We have our suspicions as to the perpetrator.

After the unnecessary and wanton vandalism of the children's play-train, this theft of the camera has come as a real shock and is an awful stain on the character of the village and the people who live here.

I can only appeal to those concerned to please cease this destruction, and ask that everyone else is vigilant to protect village property. The Parish Council attempts to provide facilities for the village which you, the villagers, have asked for. Please respect what we do, and leave other's property alone. Remember, the damage you do is to public property, paid for out of public funds which YOU have paid for in your Council Tax.

Anyone with information about this theft, should contact the Parish Clerk immediately.

Major James Thompson (Parish Council Chairman)

#### THE TRUSSELL TRUST

The amount delivered on the  $15^{th}$  of this month was 6.5 kgs ,once again thank you to those who have donated and please – keep your donations coming.



We are now in the season of Lent, if you have not already decided what you would like to do for this special time, how about trying to give something each week to the Trussell Trust? They will be very grateful for anything you feel you can donate.

Please keep your donations coming in, the cold weather is beginning to be felt and any item you can give will be gratefully received.

Everything with a long life is welcomed, but please still no Baked Beans, they always have a surplus of these.

Tinned Vegs
Tinned meat
Tinned sponge puddings to steam
Soups Tinned or packet
Long Life Milk
Long Life Juices

As usual donations can be left at The Old Post Office, The Cross, or in the box in the Church porch.

Regards

Reg & Judy Barrett

#### FROM THE PC CHAIRMAN ... MARCH 2016:

#### H M THE QUEEN'S 90™ BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Our Queen Elizabeth 11 is ninety years old this year, and will have been on the throne for longer than any other British monarch. Quite a feat, and yet she continues to lead from the front, setting an unimpeachable example of duty to us all.

To celebrate this great year of 2016, our Bish-Bash Team will once again organise a magnificent Country Fair and Street Party for the weekend of Saturday 11th June in the Jubilee Field. We hope that the whole village will support this great effort and come to enjoy all that is laid on, including taking part in the Street Party – more details to follow!

On Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June, the Church will hold a special service of celebration and congratulation at 6.0 pm, to be followed by a small libation with snacks in the graveyard! Again, we hope that as many as possible will come and enjoy another event to celebrate this great Royal occasion.

In preparation for this celebration, there will be a Clean for the Queen weekend on 4 to 6 March, when we will try a bit of litter recovery/picking. Mike Ash has the full details in a separate announcement. If you have time, please come and help. Many hands make light work!!

Full details of the Celebration Weekend in June will be published in STAB by the B-B Team.

#### THE WHITE HART INN

Sadly, I have been informed that our pub is under notice from the owners. It is likely that Greg and Tom and Zara will be obliged to move on by mid-summer, and the future of the premises is uncertain. The pub is owned by Enterprise Inns, who require a hefty rent every month, which Greg and his Team have found hard to pay.

When they arrived in November 2014, Greg arranged a large programme of renovation, and he and Tom paid a lot from their own savings to the repairs necessary. The pub is much improved and now has a cleanliness rating of 4/5, missing the 5/5 by some cracked tiles in the kitchen. Not bad, EH? If the White Hart is to stay, it must be used by villagers and visitors more frequently. Greg and Tom are trying hard to produce special evenings, and flyers have been left in every house in the village. Why not take up the offer of a 10% reduction on a meal this month?

A village without a pub is only a half-cock village! It lacks something essential. The Village Hall caters for other more specialised needs, but the pub remains a centre of meeting, relaxing and chatter, open at regular times to suit the villagers. Please think about the future of the pub, and come and support it.

What about some of the regulars and the retired meeting on Wednesdays? What about going for a meal in the pub once every two weeks? Could Mums and Toddlers meet here sometimes? Can we host a football team again? What about a cricket team? If we did some of this, then we will ensure the continuation of the pub, and perhaps Greg and Tom and Zara might stay a bit longer.

> S., O., P Please help to **Save Our Pub!!**

> > Remember .. Use it, or Lose it!

Cheers! James Thompson.

#### DOG MESS

The continuing deposits of dog excreta throughout the Village is a disgrace to dogs, to dog owners, and a nuisance to Villagers. Once again, the PC has received reports of dog mess on footpaths, and byways near to habitation which is causing distress to youngsters and their mothers. Only the other day, a young chap, of 2 years old, tripped and fell into a pile of dog

Please .. please .. will ALL DOG OWNERS pick up any mess deposited in public places, and remove it in a plastic bag to their Household refuse bin. Also, please do not throw the bagged dog mess into the hedge. Who's going to remove it from there? Will the bag ever rot away?

Remember .. all deposits in public to be removed by the owner!

Please help us to keep a vibrant, happy and clean village, with a real welcome to visitors, and a place we are proud of.

James Thompson

#### **Chalke Valley Community Hub Ltd**



#### **Opening Hours:**

Shop: 8.30am - 6pm weekdays (and to 4pm on Saturdays)

Coffee & Cakes: Served 9am - 4.30 (4pm on Saturdays) with soup or panini lunch 12.00 - 2.30 pm daily

Meeting Rooms: Open all day (as above) can be booked for relaxation and meetings

Post Office: Open 9am-1pm, Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri Village Archives: open first Sat morning of each month

www.chalkevalleystores.co.uk / info@chalkevalleystores.co.uk /

Tel: 01722 780998

# The ANNUAL MEMBERS' MEETING of The CHALKE VALLEY COMMUNITY HUB LTD

Will be held on Thursday 3rd March 2016
7.30pm at Broad Chalke Village Hall
Agenda

- 1. Apologies
- 2. Declaration of quorum
- 3. To receive the IPS accounts for the year to 30th September 2015
- 4. To receive the Management Committee's Report and the Membership Strategy
- 5. To appoint Financial Auditors
- 6. To elect four Management Committee members\* following the retirement by rotation of four members.
- 7. Any Other Business
- \*Any shareholder who wishes to stand for election should notify the IPS Secretary (Michael Roe) by 31/02/16 A detailed agenda will be published shortly

# Children bring your Mothers and Grandmothers to our Mothering Sunday Service! On Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 11.00 am in Bishopstone Church.



## CHURCH RECORDING ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, BISHOPSTONE

The church of St John the Baptist, Bishopstone, like most parish churches, contains a wealth of memorials, stained glass and other decorative items. The National Association of Decorative and Fine Arts (NADFAS) has a national campaign to get all of these recorded for posterity. A group of 13 (including a photographer and an illustrator), working under the umbrella of the Sarum Society of NADFAS, has been meeting in our church twice a month since 2012, making detailed descriptions, measurements and dates of each item in the church and producing a comprehensive photographic record.

All memorials and items of metalwork, stonework, woodwork etc have to be researched and recorded by written description and photograph, and occasionally illustrated by line drawings. When the record is finally edited, it will be collated and published, and presented to the Church. Further illustrated copies of the report, and all the photographs, are given to the V&A Museum, Historic England, Churchcare Library and the County Record Office at Chippenham.

An indication of what is involved can be seen from our research to identify the subject of one of our oldest memorials (right), which is in the North Transept of the church. The tablet below the memorial is mostly illegible, apart from the date of 1612.

In January 2016 we had a huge breakthrough when a church historian and lecturer told us that the type of ruff the figure is wearing shows that he is a divine (religious man) and that it was very likely that he had been a rector.

We then linked him with the Roll of Rectors in the church and Abraham Conham was rector 1584-1612. We had previously discounted the figure being a Rector as he appeared to be a lawyer.

Next we discovered that Abraham's widow, Hester Conham, had moved to Durrington where her daughter had married Edward Poore. In the chancel at All Saints' Durrington there is a memorial to Hester Conham with the same bird standing on a serpent as on our memorial in Bishopstone.



DO GO AND HAVE A LOOK AT ABRAHAM CONHAM RECTOR 1584-1612 IN THE NORTH TRANSEPT!

So we consulted a Heraldry expert and found that the Conham arms consisted of a small bird standing on a serpent (which is depicted left of his head in our memorial), so we were then sure that this was our man!

He was also a Prebendary at Salisbury, Lincoln and Wells Cathedrals as well as Rector at Gussage St Michael. Not sure how much pastoral care he devoted to Bishopstone!

Although detailed and exacting work, it is very rewarding and we have fun working on the project. We hope to finish this recording by the end of 2016 and I would like to thank all the recorders for their dedication, enthusiasm, and hopefully their enjoyment of this project.

The Church Recording Team: Mike Ash (photographer), James Bell, Colin Colston, Edith Colston, Valerie Everard, Jane Garnett (artist), Liz Hardman, Brenda Hunt, Jill Makepeace Warne, Robert Morgan, Alan Stutchbury, Anne Stutchbury (Group Leader), Angela Wheeler.

Anne Stutchbury February 2016

Dear Editor,

I have thought about writing a letter on this subject for sometime but after a few recent experiences I feel now is really the time!

I have lived with my family in the valley for many years now and over those years we have eaten at most of the valley pubs at one time or another many have changed hands numerous times over the years and the

experiences have changed along with the landlords! I have to say I have had excellent meals at all the local pubs and also a fair few that have been disappointing BUT over the past year or so the White Hart in Bishopstone has never failed to impress, either eating as a couple or as the whole family the food is always

excellent and beautifully presented and they are always willing to try and adapt the meals to suit allergies and personal preferences, nothing seems too much trouble.... it does however sadden me that despite this amazing food and lovely family friendly atmosphere it is quiet often very quiet. I hope this letter might

inspire some locals who have yet to try out this lovely pub to give it a go!

They have recently produced a take away menu that has burgers and pizzas as well as fish and chips on it and as a family we decided to try the pizzas the other week as a treat and they were so much tastier than the ones available from well known take away pizza places in town!

Like many of our local resources if we don't use them we will lose them eventually so please spread the word and go and treat your taste buds!

From a very happy local customer and her family!



# TEDDY BEARS IN BROAD CHALKE!

Calling all parents and carers of pre-school children! If you want to come along and make new friends whilst your children play with lots of exciting toys, enjoy craft activities and singing games, you are very welcome at

Broad Chalke Village Hall Wednesday afternoons (during term time) 2pm to 4pm

It is an ideal setting for the children to socialise with other children, learn new skills and let off steam while the parents/carers have tea and coffee! One of the helpers will read a story while the children enjoy a drink and a biscuit. Charges: £2 for one child per session or £2.50 for more than one child in a family.

# STORY TIME FOR TODDLERS

free, every MONDAY at 9.30am in The Coffee Shop Broad Chalke

children must be accompanied by an adult

#### BISHOPSTONE LADIES GROUP

The meeting on Wednesday, 16th March is at the home of Dot Walker when the title of Linda Dowsett's talk is "My Journey to the Weakest Link". SHIRLEY COOKE 780436

#### BISHOPSTONE VILLAGE HALL EVENTS FOR EARLY 2016 PLEASE NOTE: VILLAGE HALL AGM ON 17<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 7.30PM. MOVIOLA FILMS IN BISHOPSTONE

(Supported by the British Film Industry Neighbourhood Project)

Friday 1st April: "The Lady in the Van" (12A)

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April: "Everest" (12A)

Doors open 7 for 7.30pm start. Tickets for all films £6, phone 781044, 780002 or book online at

<u>bvhticketoffice@btinternet.com</u> Licenced cash bar available, snacks and ices on sale.

#### **BISHOPSTONE LUNCH CLUB:**

This is a gathering of people who enjoy a sociable lunch, not a club as such. Anyone is welcome to come along, so if you haven't been before, phone us and book. (It isn't just for Bishopstone residents). Cost £6 to include 2 courses and a glass of wine or soft drink.

Please book early. Phone Caroline (01722 781044), or Pat (780002). Time 12.30 for 1pm.

WEDNESDAY 2nd MARCH, Speaker: Les Smith, "Confessions of a Tower Guide" WEDNESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, Speaker: Dr David Stratton, "History and Work of Salisbury Hospital League of Friends"

# MAGIC SHOW with Magic Duo Morgan and West – "PARLOUR TRICKS" Bishopstone Village Hall, FRIDAY 11<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 7.30pm.

This is a Rural Arts performance that will amaze and entertain anyone young or old, who likes a fun evening of illusions and magic. The dashing duo elegantly and effortlessly perform all sorts of entertaining tricks and illusions, are versatile, funny and highly skilled. Tickets from 01722 781044, or online from byhticketoffice@btinternet.com Prices as follows: Adults £7, Concessions £6, Children £4.50, Family of 4 £18.50. Supper tickets £4.00. Please state at time of booking if supper is required, and if you have any specific dietary requirements.

"FINDING THE WILL": "A cracking evening's entertainment" with supper in the interval.

"Bard Heads", in association with The Everyman Theatre Cheltenham, and Rural Arts Wiltshire, present "Finding the Will", on Saturday April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7 for7.30pm. This Rural Arts show in Bishopstone Village Hall is exactly on the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Shakespeare's birth and death, and is two playlets about Meg the Witch from "Macbeth" and Malvolio from "Twelfth Night".

(April 23<sup>rd</sup> coincidentally is the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Shakespeare's birth and death). For info and tickets phone 01722 781044 or go online <a href="mailto:bvhticketoffice@btinternet.com">bvhticketoffice@btinternet.com</a> If having supper, please state any dietary requirements at time of booking. Licenced cash bar available.

**BİSHOPSTONE VILLAGE HALL SPRING FAYRE** ON SATURDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 10AM – 12 NOON.

**NEEDLES AND PINS CRAFT GROUP**: Every other Thursday from March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2 - 4pm, £2.00, including tea. All very welcome to come for a chat while doing knitting, quilting, tapestry or any other hobby needlework. Please call Caroline on 01722 781044 for more information or for help with transport. **BISHOPSTONE VILLAGE HALL COMMUNITY CAFE**:

Every other Thursday morning from  $3^{rd}$  March, 10 - 11.30am. Coffee and biscuits 50p.

Well-supplied recreational library corner with 50p book exchange, also local produce for sale. Bring along paperbacks, plants and produce you might wish to sell or donate to the hall. Contact 01722 780002, for more information, or if transport is an issue.

BABY AND TODDLER GROUP: This is EVERY FRIDAY MORNING in Bishopstone Village Hall from 9.30 – 11.00am. Telephone Sarah Brough for up to date information, (07825 442110).

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

#### **COURSES in BISHOPSTONE VILLAGE HALL:**

CANVAS AND CAMERAS: Every Monday afternoon in Bishopstone Village Hall, 2 – 4pm, there is a gathering of people who are keen on painting, drawing, digital photography or both. For 2 hours everyone does their own thing with their own kit, and/or listens to others sharing tips etc. Cost £2, including refreshments. For more info please contact Les (780761) or Roger (780346) (No session on Easter Monday) IPAD and IPHONE USERS' COURSE:

If, like many others, you have one or both of these, know you don't use it to the full or hardly know how to use it at all, Bill Imeson is running run a  $3^{rd}$  very helpful 3-week course in Bishopstone Village Hall. This course really helps you to understand your equipment better, gives you more confidence and enables you do more. The course runs on Thursdays  $3^{rd}$ ,  $10^{th}$  and  $17^{th}$  March, 10am - 12noon.

We have the internet connection and a huge screen; you bring your own IPad or IPhone. For information on cost, or to book a place, email Bill on bill@imeson.co.uk

"THE WEST AND THE REST" This is a new course by the popular WEA lecturer Roy Doughty, who last year gave six very interesting lectures on "The History of the USA". This set of lectures will deal, amongst other things, with the market economy, democratic government, property ownership and legal title,

#### **BISHOPSTONE VILLAGE HALL EVENTS FOR EARLY 2016 cont**

and how these things are as relevant today for successfully emerging sovereign nations as they were for creating the West's hegemony between 1500 and 2000.

Dates: Tuesdays 12<sup>th</sup> April till 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2 – 4.15pm. To enrol in this 6 week set of illustrated lectures, or make enquiries, please contact WEA on 0845 458 2758, stating the name of the course and course number (C3526667). Cost £50, payable at time of booking. You are requested to pre-book at least 2 weeks before start date to secure a place.

# BISHOPSTONE VILLAGE HALL

IS DELIGHTED TO PRESENT
"PARLOUR TRICKS",
A FABULOUS MAGIC SHOW WITH



Enter a world of time travelling magicians. Allow yourself to be transported back in time to a Victorian Parlour where two rather 'spiffing' chaps are going to entertain you with some tricks. Magic duo Morgan & West present a brand new show chock full of jaw dropping, brain bursting, gasp eliciting feats of magic. The dashing chaps offer up a plateful of illusion and impossibility, all served with wit, charm and no small amount of panache. This promises to be a wonderful evening for young and old.

# FRIDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH AT 7.30PM

Doors open at 7.00pm
Supper available during the interval

Adults: £7, Concessions: £6, Children: £4.50, Family of 4: £18.50

Supper tickets: £4

For tickets call 01722 781044 or book online from byhticketoffice@btinternet.com

Please state at time of booking if supper is required, and if you have any specific dietary requirements.

#### Upcoming events -----Save these dates

MoonWalk London 2016

On May 14th I am taking part in an overnight marathon distance walk to raise funds for the fight against breast cancer and am opening a

Pop Up Coffee Shop

Saturday 9th April 2016

9.30am - noon

The Old Malthouse, Bishopstone

Please come and have some coffee and cake, browse a few stalls and make a donation.

If you would like to bake a cake, have a stall or find out anything more, please call Madeline on 781258

# The BishBash Summer Extravaganza

to celebrate the Queen's official 90th birthday



on Saturday 11th June 2016
The Recreation Field

1.30pm Village Street Party3pm FeteEvening Live music and disco

#### **Chris Brown Day Centre**

Enquiries concerning new members and volunteer helpers/drivers should be directed to the organiser, Jill Stevens on 01722 781040.

#### Programme for March 2016

3<sup>rd</sup> - Flower arranging with Ena Kingston and Shirley Andrews

10<sup>th</sup> - Helper dogs - talk by Catherine Ridgeway; exercises with Ann Beckly

17<sup>th</sup> - Music with Emma Codrington

24<sup>th</sup> - Memories

31<sup>st</sup> - Members day; games



# TREASURE HUNTERS EASTER EVENT 2016 GOOD FRIDAY 25<sup>th</sup> March 9:30am – 12:30pm at Broad Chalke School

**For Ages 5 - 15** 



ALSO:

Pre-school group to Age 4
(children under 4 must be accompanied)
10:00am – 12:00pm

followed by Coffee for parents from 12:00

Donations towards costs for both events

For booking details:

Email James on <a href="mailto:cv.treasurehunters@gmail.com">cv.treasurehunters@gmail.com</a>
or call 01722 781144



Following on from the very successful televising of the Rugby World Cup on the big screen in the Village Hall we are hoping to show most of the games in the 6 Nations Rugby series starting in February 2016.

The usual format with beer and butties throughout the game.

The schedule of games is as follows:

12 March 4.00 pm England v Wales

19 March 8.00 pm France v England

It is hoped to raise money for The Friends of Salisbury Hospital at these events.

Any queries please ring Roger on 780346

#### Chalke Valley Sports Centre

Where does the time go? Your Chalke Valley Sports Centre is now approaching its thirteenth birthday! Over the years the committee of volunteers that have managed, maintained and supported the centre has changed, but the enthusiasm to see the centre remain a valuable resource for the Chalke Valley is the same. The 2016 team now have a few challenges to manage, club membership numbers are slowly falling and the building is in need of some TLC. We want to encourage more people to be active, increase income and attract more usage of all the facilities; there is work to be done.

We have produced a small information leaflet for circulation and have begun a program of maintenance and refurbishment. New carpets have already been fitted. The hall floor will be repaired and resurfaced, the floodlights are undergoing repair and updating, a team of volunteers will be painting the walls and plans are being prepared to expand the storage areas.

All of this is needed to ensure the centre is a safe and enjoyable facility. We would like to do more; add an internet connection, update the kitchen and replace the chairs and tables. But just doing the essentials will be costly. We are planning some fund raising activities and while remaining sympathetic to regular users we are reviewing the charges.

We want everyone in the Chalke Valley to tell us what we can do to attract more use of our facilities and we ask you all to send your suggestions to any of our committee members. There will be a suggestion box in the Broad Chalke Hub and a section added to our website to allow comments to be collated.

Nigel Tinkler

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Chairman CVSC

## March news from the Chalke Valley Stores Shop News:

The Valentine's table was a great success, filled with fantastic local produce from scented candles to body lotion, chocolates and hand made gifts. Thank you to all who came and purchased.

We've got a wonderful new selection of cakes from the Lavender Blue bakery in Gillingham. With Easter on its way we are also stocking delicious goodies from our regular supplier, New Forest Chocolate.

On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March, Andrea, our supplier from Yummy Days will be in the shop. Come and sample her delicious wares such as granola, tomato pesto and pesto made with Broad Chalke watercress.

#### Coffee shop news:

The overhaul of the heating system in the shop was undertaken by local company Warm Response with minimal disruption: both the shop and coffee shop continued service.

The boiler is part of Chalke Valley Community Hub's strategy to improve the hub environment and has been jointly funded, with the URC funding one third and CVCH two thirds. During cold weather, the coffee shop had struggled to come up to comfortable temperature and had suffered from cool down drafts.

But now the coffee shop will be warm, cosy and even more inviting! We would be really grateful for feedback as to whether customers notice an improvement. Please let us know via the suggestions box in the shop.

Emergency Lighting: following a review of the existing system improvements were recommended and these have now been implemented with all the current units replaced. This ensures lighting should at any time there be a loss of power as the units have a battery backup. Further improvements are planned and the cost of these works will be funded by the URC.

Our thanks to the URC and to Chris Rothwell, facilities manager, for overseeing both these projects, which were time-consuming but essential for the wellbeing and comfort of our customers.

#### **Annual Members Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

The Annual Members' Meeting (AMM) of the Chalke Valley Community Hub shareholders takes place on 3rd March. According to the constitution of the Hub, the committee members retire by rotation on a three year cycle in order to keep new blood coming in and maintain a freshness of approach.

Therefore Ashley Truluck, who has managed the project for five years (2 years in planning and 3 years as chairman of the committee) will be standing down. Now that we have moved from 'launch' to established business, we have cast around for someone with commercial retail experience to take over.

Fortunately William Hillary, from Fifield Bavant, who possesses these qualities and more in abundance, has offered to stand for election at the AMM and, if elected, would be prepared to accept appointment by the Management Committee as Chairman.

Other places on the committee will similarly become vacant and available to members and volunteers. Please come along to the meeting - it will be an opportunity to hear more about what has been happening at the Hub over the last year, to participate in the election and re-election of members, and to show our appreciation for the outgoing chairman and all that has been achieved over the last three years.

#### Chalke Valley House & Garden Directory

Every household in the Chalke Valley has their own copy of this most useful Directory. Originally created in 2010 as a garden directory by Jennifer Baxter, it has evolved into its existing publication over 5 Years. The last print run consisted of 3000 copies all of which have found their way into every home, shop and village hall in the Chalke Valley.

To remain an accurate and indispensable document it needs regularly updating. This year a small team of volunteers guided by us will be doing that update. The Directory provides a unique opportunity for Chalke Valley residents to recommend companies and individuals who provide a genuinely good service. Without your recommendations the Directory cannot exist. The simplest way to add your recommended company, tradesperson or service provider is to email their details to our team using this email address <a href="mailto:chalkevalleydirectory@gmail.com">chalkevalleydirectory@gmail.com</a>

Please provide the following information; the name and contact details of the person / company and one small paragraph explaining why you want to recommend them. We will make contact with them and encourage them to be included in this year's publication. If you provide a service to the Chalke Valley and would like a full or half page advertisement within the directory please use the same email address to make contact.

Any and all profits will be given to locally based charities, community groups and facilities. Thank you

Nicki & Nigel Tinkler

"The 4th annual Beer and Skittles evening was again brilliantly run by Ali Thorne in the village hall on Saturday 20th February, and an excellent total of £404 was raised for Riding for the Disabled.

56 folk came along, played skittles, ate hot dogs, and managed to drink the bar almost

dry. Chloe Thorne won first prize in the raffle (not a fix...) and helped keep tally of scores along with Ali's Mum. Thanks to everyone who came along to help, and to the Village hall committee cooks and bar staff. Can we do the same again next year Ali?"





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But don't just take his word for it, the company's own figures prove it is working. When he launched All the Sevens last April it took 40 phone calls in the first week, by December it had increased to 5,000 calls per month.

Not that Gary is resting on his laurels. The hard-working boss, who regularly turns his hand to all aspects of the business from driving to bookings, marketing and finance, says: "We continue to improve our service continuously, we have recently relaunched our website to raise our company profile as well as being an active presence on the social media networks. Our customers are important to us and we believe in the personal approach."

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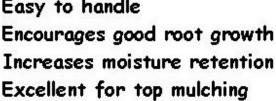


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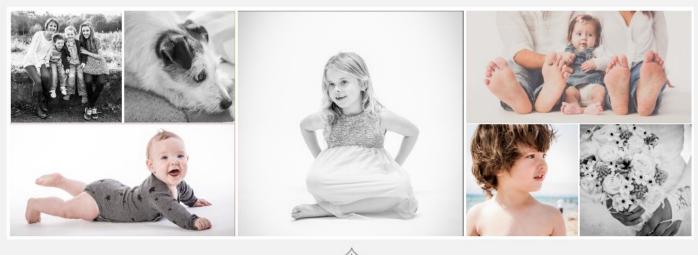
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Monday	19:00	MM	Bishopstone Village Hall
Tuesday	09:15	Pilates	Coombe Bissett Village Hall
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Tuesday	19:00	Pilates	Britford Memorial Hall
Wednesday	09:30	Pilates	Bishopstone Village Hall
Wednesday	18:00	Pilates	Bishopstone Village Hall
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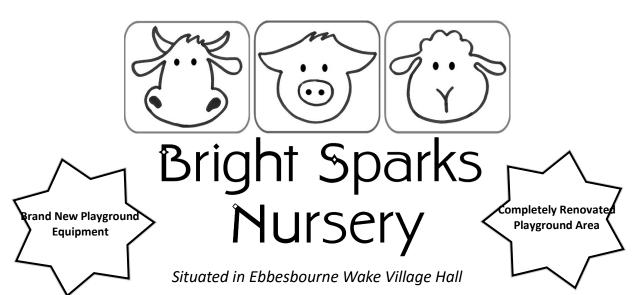


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