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Note from soon to be Ex Editor.

Well, what five years it has been, little did I know halfway through my time as editor there would be a global pandemic, many a prime minster and new sovereign.

Thank you to all of you for your support and courage, time for me to hang up my hat now as I say everytime I leave work always a chore never a pleasure!!!!!!

Daphne Stead has agreed to take over from me, without her The Ebble would cease to exist so please continue with your support and content. Please note the new email address to send content too.

Many thanks to Sue Elder for all her hard work with the distribution of The Ebble she has decided to retire with myself, and I will take over the role for the time being. Thanks again and have a lovely summer.

CORONATION.

8th of May: Coronation Garden Trail and Royal Tea Party.

To honour the King's passion for countryside, gardens, and community the Village Hall committee has organised a trail of a dozen open gardens across Alvediston, Ebbesbourne Wake and Fifield Bavant followed by a royal-themed tea party in the village hall.

Thank you to all who have very kindly offered to open their garden. It is definitely not a competition for most perfect garden, but covering anything from very small to large, flower/veg and in gardens in different settings. A lovely chance to meet neighbours, chat, explore new corners of the village, pick up some ideas and exchange tips for common gardening challenges - but most of all it is just to have a bit of fun on a historic occasion!

The trail is open for anyone from the three villages and their family/friends between 9:30 am and 4 pm. To keep this local and secure there will be no online list of gardens, and the event is only advertised in the villages. Each garden will be open for a 2-2.5-hour slot across the day, starting in Alvediston. The list of gardens with time slots across the different villages is only available as a printed map at two pick locations.

Pick up locations for the map:

- a. Ebbesbourne Wake village hall porch (Sunday from 10 am for those wanting to plan ahead)
- b. Alvediston Church (during opening hours of the Coronation exhibition in the church, Monday 9:30 – 3pm)

- There will be a donation box for the village hall, please bring some change.
- Please do not post the map/listing online.
- Please come without your dogs, but maybe wellies for river side gardens.
- The trail map will include a "I spy" challenge for all ages!
- Suggested parking places will be indicated in the map and visitors are encouraged to walk between gardens.

The Royal Tea Party at the Village Hall will start at 4 pm. The committee is welcoming cake/scones/biscuits donations which can be brought dropped off at the Village Hall from 12 pm or brought along at 4 pm. Tea and soft drinks will be provided.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone there!

Village exhibition in St Mary's, Alvediston, Monday 8th May.

We hope that many residents of Alvediston of all ages will contribute to our exhibition of: art, crafts, gardening, needlework, photography, work, hobbies, interests, information about charities you support, collections etc. etc. to celebrate the talent in our community. Setting up: Sunday, 3.30 - 5.30pm or, if you can't come then, Monday, 8.30 - 9.30am. Tables and boards over the pews provided for you to arrange your displays. To fit in with the plans for all 3 villages on the Monday, we will open from 10am to 3pm, leaving plenty of time to clear up and get to the village hall for tea. Visitors from all the villages and beyond are very welcome. Please contact Bidy if you plan to take part: 01722 780666, biddytrahair@gmail.com.

Rogation Service in St. Mary's Alvediston, Sunday 14th May, 11am.

After Easter and the celebrations of Coronation weekend, this 'All Age' service will reflect the country tradition of asking God's blessing on the crops at this time of year, ('rogare' being Latin for 'to ask.')

It has also been extended to asking blessing on communities, so it's an opportunity to invite you all to come along for a short, simple service followed by coffee and biscuits. Whether you are new to the area or have been here for ages, it's a good way to meet people. Services in all 3 churches in our parish are open to all in the villages and beyond. More details from Bidy Trahair, 01722 780666, email: biddytrahair@gmail.com.

The Alfi Wake Fund- Supporting our community.

Please contact us if you are finding the current cost of living difficult. We have previously been able to help people by making contributions towards the cost of utility bills, logs, heating oil, car repairs, household appliances, driving lessons and so much more. Your request, as always, will remain confidential.

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EW Village Hall - Are you interested in a paid Caretaker job - a flexible 2 hours a week?

We are looking to recruit a self-employed "Caretaker" for the Village Hall and Pavilion. We would offer £14-15/hour for around 2 hours/week for 40 weeks/year and attend (approx. 5/year) VH Committee meetings.

For more information, please call Peter Trickett on 780963. Thank you!

If any young musicians would like to practise in a church with excellent acoustics St Mary's Alvediston is available. Do please contact Pen Millburn on 01722 780263 to arrange.

Can you help?

Chalke Valley Community hub are looking for a volunteer to deal with their communication activities for roughly one hour a week, please contact Katie Whitmore on katie.whitmore@btinternet.com for more information.

Ebbesbourne Wake Parish Council Meeting.

The next regular Parish Council meeting will be 8/6/2023 in the village hall at 7.30. Members of the public are welcome to attend. Please let Sarah Cromwell, the Parish Clerk, know if you'd like to come along.

Phil Beer in concert Saturday 24 June 2023

Phil Beer is the multi-instrumental half of the west country's award-winning acoustic duo, Show of Hands. With a professional career of over 36 years, Phil has a great deal of material to draw on for his solo appearances, which are an eclectic mix of traditional tunes, covers of Springsteen or The Hollies, together with his own compositions and songs from his contemporaries.

All are songs and music of memory and significance sung in the subtle and melodic Phil Beer style and interjected with musings.

It is a treat of past and current favourites from one of the most popular musicians on the acoustic circuit.

Phil is appearing at Ebbesbourne Wake Village Hall on Saturday 24 June. Tickets are £16 from ewmusic@btinternet.com or www.wegotickets.com/Ebbesbourne or phone 780717.

White Horse Morris Dancers.

Wednesday 24th May - The Crown Inn, Wednesday 5th July - Ebbesbourne Wake.

Alfiwake Fete - 15 July 2023 – 2pm

Our bi-annual fete (including traditional stalls and refreshments) will take place on Saturday 15 July at 2pm. Please let Kate Lavan (lavankate@gmail.com) know if you would like to help and haven't before, would like to help in the same capacity as previously or have any fabulous new ideas for stalls or events! If you would like to be involved, please come to a planning meeting at 6.30pm at the Village Hall on Thursday 25 May (the VH Committee meeting will take place afterwards at 7pm). Thank you very much in anticipation.

Alvewake Flower and Vegetable show.

The date for the annual Flower and Vegetable show is Saturday August 12th, 2023. This traditional event is open to anyone living in the three villages of Alvediston, Fifield Bavant and Ebbesbourne Wake. We hope you will all save the date and start to plan your exhibits. The show is an opportunity for anyone to have a go at entering as we need exhibits on the tables to make a show. The schedules of classes will be similar to last year and will be delivered with the entry forms in the July Ebble. To give some ideas there is a copy of last years schedule in bus shelters at EW and West End as we really hope you support the show by entering if you can. If anyone has any queries about entering or anything else to do with the show, please contact any of the committee members - Carla Walsh, Carole Trickett, John Parnell, Victoria Spendlove, Deborah Boys, Grace and Alan Witcomb or Sue Cox Martin.

Chalke Valley Fete and Produce Show 19th August 2023.

We now have a couple of ways for you to find out what's coming up, such as what seeds to plant and photographs to take for the produce show.

Website: <https://www.chalkevalleyfete.co.uk>

Libby Dineley has sent us details on her new book.

The Groves lived at Ferne House between 1563 and 1897. Charlotte Grove kept a diary from 1811 until 1858. She married the Rector of Berwick St John at the age of forty-four and then lived in the very Rectory you may glimpse, after passing the Talbot and taking the bend towards the A 30, high on your left.

Via Charlotte's diaries you may enter the world of early 19th century village life, not any village, but the village of Berwick St John and its neighbouring villages. Charlotte's uncle was Rector of Donhead St Mary, then known as Upper Donhead. She was on visiting terms with the occupants of all the larger Donhead houses, including the MP, John Benett of Pythouse. She talks of the famous 'Chace Cause' when Thomas King of Samways took on the might of Lord Rivers, to be allowed to kill the deer or discourage them from grazing the crops of the valley farmers.

When Charlotte starts her diaries, she is twenty-seven, her life social, the races at Blandford and Salisbury and visits to her aunts at Netherhampton and Zeals. It took a day get to Bath in a private carriage but there she danced quadrilles in the Upper Rooms, much like the heroine of Northanger Abbey. She follows the romances of her five brothers and the ups and downs of their careers. When she marries her concerns are those of a clergyman's wife. They centre round the Church, the village, and the farmers. She runs penny clubs to help provide the poor with sufficient coal and clothing. Nearly everyone was poor. Her husband builds a school. You still pass the building on the corner of Luke Street and Church Street. It was mostly run by the more able children teaching the others, but the boys were out at work by the age of twelve.

Always active, she walks everywhere. Once she marries her excursions take her to Norrington and Samways. She likes to play chess with the second Thomas King's father-in-law, but, highly competitive, very much dislikes the fact he usually wins.

In my two books, 'Talking of Charlotte' and 'Charlotte as Mrs Downes', I have endeavoured to explain the events of her life, liberally quoting from her own words. When she bothers to mention matters of national significance, such as the death of Percival, our only prime minister to have been assassinated, and the various battles of the Napoleonic Wars, I enlarge on them.

The books are available on Amazon as a paperback, a hardback, or an eBook, as written by EA Dineley. The Ludwell Stores will be stocking them.

Notes from a church warden – David Walsh.

Beatriz Flamini recently emerged from five hundred days in a cave, a strange thing to do by choice. However she did come to an important realisation of discipline saying "The most important thing is being very clear and consistent about what you think and what you feel and what you say , and that they are all joined up "

The Crown Inn, Alvediston

Spring/Summer Opening Times

Monday: Closed all day.

Tuesday: Closed lunchtime and open from 6pm

Wednesday: Saturday: 12pm - 2:30pm and from 6pm

Sunday: 12pm - 3pm

**Open Coronation Bank Holiday Monday 12pm - 4pm for food, drinks and
CORONATION CREAM TEAS**

Quiz Night Wednesday 17th May 7:30pm - Prizes, free refreshments and £50 jackpot.

Many thanks to all those that have supported our quiz nights you have helped us raise another £127 for SSAFA Wiltshire

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 24th May 8pm - Whitehorse Morris Men will be performing.

Sunday 3rd September - The Crown Inn Charity Fete (Further details coming soon)

Village Hall Bookings - please contact Fran Rose on ewvillagehall@btinternet.com

Church Flowers and Cleaning:

Alvediston – Deborah and Andrew Boys

Ebbesbourne Wake – Bridget Watts and Daphne Stead

Fifield Bavant – Pip Reis

Church Services for May:

7th May: 5th Sunday of Easter 'Coronation Celebration Weekend' – 10am – Benefice Communion – Ebbesbourne Wake – The Revd Dr Ruth Howlett-Shipley.

14th May: 6th Sunday of Easter – 11am – All Age Service – Alvediston – Biddy Trahair.

14th May: 6th Sunday of Easter – 3pm – Evening Prayer – Fifield Bavant – Biddy Trahair.

18th May: ASCENSION DAY – 12 noon - Parish Communion – Fifield Bavant - The Revd Dr Ruth Howlett-Shipley.

21st May: Sunday after Ascension – 11am – Morning Prayer – Ebbesbourne Wake – Biddy Trahair.

28th May: PENTECOST - 11am – Holy Communion – Alvediston – The Revd Dr Ruth Howlett-Shipley.

4th June: TRINITY SUNDAY – 11am – Family Communion – Ebbesbourne Wake – The Revd Dr Ruth Howlett-Shipley.

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