

The Alvediston, Ebbesbourne Wake and Fifield Bavant Newsletter.

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Happy New Year!

Please can any copy for the March edition of the Ebble be sent to [ellen1983sailor@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ellen1983sailor@hotmail.co.uk) no later than 24<sup>th</sup> of the month.

### **Thank you.**

Richard Trahair wishes to thank the anonymous person who has kindly left by his gate an excellent spiral hazel stem that he will make into a classic Thumb stick.

If the donor would like him to make the stick for him or her, do let Richard know the required length from thumb position to foot, and he will be delighted to return the finished stick with his compliments.

### **Ride and Stride 2022 for Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust.**

Congratulations to all those from this parish who supported the 2022 Ride and Stride raising over £500 towards the overall total of £48,000 for the whole of Wiltshire.

The Trust generously supports the restoration and repairs of churches in Wiltshire, the Ride and Stride event being its major fundraiser.

Very many thanks to you all for your generosity.

### **Film Club, Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February, Ebbesbourne Wake Village Hall:**

Top Gun, thanks to the Feltham family.

7 o'clock with a plate of something to share for supper or 7.30 prompt for the start of the film. £5 each.

### **Learn to ring Church Bells.**

The Salisbury Guild of Bellringers are planning to run a course for complete beginners in the New Year.

*If you are interested or know someone who is, please contact me for more information. [Judithsampson@btinternet.com](mailto:Judithsampson@btinternet.com)*

### **Village Hall Committee events.**

Friday 24 February - informal Reeling in the Village Hall for families. Please see noticeboards and WhatsApp Group for more details nearer the time.

King's Coronation - Event in the late afternoon evening of Saturday 6 May - what this space for updates!

Saturday 15 July - Alfiwake Fete

If you want to get involved in planning these community events, please contact Kate Lavan on [lavankate@gmail.com](mailto:lavankate@gmail.com).

### **Hiring of Village Hall**

Just a reminder that the Village Hall is available for hire, as well as tables, chairs, cutlery, and crockery. Fran deals with enquiries and bookings and her details are always available in the Ebble.

### **Notes from a church warden – David Walsh.**

Emanuel Kant said that the two things that filled him with awe were “the starry heaven above me and the moral law within me “

Fine sentiments, the first beyond doubt, the second requires continually reviewing given our imperfect natures ...

### **The Crown Inn, Alvediston**

Opening Times

Monday & Tuesday - Closed all day.

Weds- Sat - 12pm-2.30pm and from 6pm

Sun- 12pm- 3pm

Sunday Roasts now being served - Booking advisable to avoid disappointment.

## **The Chalke Valley Hub.**

The Hub has been trading since June 2013, and until relatively recently has managed to hold its own but the current economic climate, the impact of the Covid pandemic and manpower issues have led to some significant financial problems and this is the reason for my letter to you all.

The closure of the coffee shop/café for long periods during the pandemic reduced our income and profitability for two years.

The model on which the Hub operates, to ensure that it can trade and make a small profit, which would of course be ploughed back into the business, is to have a mix of paid staff and a volunteer team to cover the opening hours. Ordinarily, to meet our existing 6 day opening, we would require a total of about 40 volunteers each week. We currently only have 27. This is due to “retirements” but also to the after-effects of the pandemic.

Consequently we have only been able to maintain the current opening times only by asking the paid part time staff to work additional hours. As a result, our staff costs have increased hugely during the last three years. The situation is exacerbated by increasing running costs, but equally, our sales levels have not grown sufficiently to cover these cost increases. To survive in the long term, the shop needs your custom, even if only for a few basics to top up weekly shopping elsewhere.

**In short, we need more of your business and more volunteers to help in the Hub, a valuable community asset, to succeed.**

To reduce our losses, we are reluctantly and with great regret, have to make a change to our opening hours. **From 4 February the Hub will be closed at 1pm on Saturdays.** If, as we would hope, more volunteers can be recruited and the Shop and Coffee Shop/Cafe sales increase to cover the costs we incur, then we will of course reverse this decision.

If you can find even two hours each week to volunteer in the shop or café, we would be very grateful. Adequate training would be provided and there would be flexibility so you would not feel tied to the commitment.

Please contact Tony Patel by phone on 01722 780998 or by email at [tony@chalkevalleystores.co.uk](mailto:tony@chalkevalleystores.co.uk) if you can help.

## **The Alfiwake Fund.**

The history of the Alfiwake Fund In 1792 Ebbesbourne Wake and the surrounding parishes lost their rights over the common lands and woods as a result of enclosure.

Common Land traditionally sustained the poorest people in rural communities, providing them with a source of wood for fuel, bracken for bedding and pasture for livestock.

To compensate for this loss Ebbesbourne villagers were awarded access to 9 acres of furze at the very top of Prescombe Farm; this later became Poor's Allotment. It was the proceeds from the sale of Poor's Allotment, in 1989, which formed the basis of what became the Ebbesbourne Wake Poor's Charity.

In 1994 the charity became the Ebbesbourne Wake King's Charity when it was combined with the Alvediston Thomas King Charity; a charity founded in 1826, when the third Thomas King of Samways Alvediston bequeathed £500 to provide poor parishioners with an annual payment. It remained the Ebbesbourne Wake King's Charity until 2022, when it was renamed The Alvediston, Ebbesbourne Wake and Fifield Bavant Fund, in order to highlight that the Fund was not only available to the residents of Ebbesbourne Wake, but also to the residents of Alvediston and Fifield Bavant.

The Fund is colloquially referred to as the Alfiwake Fund- an amalgamation of the three villages' names: Alvediston, Fifield Bavant and Ebbesbourne WAKE- ALFIWAKE.

Although the name of the charity has changed over the years, as have people's needs, its aim remains the same: to provide help to those who are in need or suffering hardship.

Please do get in touch, your request will remain confidential. Hugh Pellyhjpelly@gmail.com 780 258, Janine Hillary-janinehillary1@gmail.com 780 271, Bridget Watts - kbbjwatts@btinternet.com 780 662 or Carly Stainforthcarlystainforth@gmail.com 780

## **Broadchalke WI.**

The speaker for our 15th February meeting will be Marion Dale, a garden designer on 'Designing an RHS garden'. Her talk should be most interesting and helpful to the gardeners among you and those who enjoy visiting beautiful gardens.

We meet at the Broad Chalke Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of every month. I know there are several relatively new ladies in the village who might welcome the opportunity to make new friends and take part in the many activities available and we invite you all to join us at a meeting. A first visit is free but of course we hope you will enjoy it enough to want to come again. It's a new year and Covid no longer poses such a threat so please come along and give us a go! For more info, please contact [sue@fryfilm.com](mailto:sue@fryfilm.com)

## **Cress, Knitting for babies. (Please email or call Daphne Stead to obtain a copy of the pattern).**

Knitting for Fish and Chip Babies in Refugee Camps in Northern Uganda.

Fish and Chip babies are so called as often so poor they are sent home from a hospital or clinic wrapped in newspaper the mothers have nothing to wrap or dress them in. The jumpers are very easy to knit in one complete piece. For some knitters they take an afternoon or evening to complete.

They are so needed and important because in Africa the nights can be very cold, and these babies have no other clothes. The only real stipulation is that the jumpers are knitted, where possible, in bright, dark colours rather than the pastel shades we might use for babies. Bright stripes look good and use up any small bits of wool. These small garments may never be washed. Please give any completed jumpers and hats to either:

Caroline Lamb of CRESS ( This, our local charity in the Chalke Valley which is the prime supporter of maternity services in the Southern Sudanese Refugee Camp in Northern Uganda. Daphne Stead in Ebbesborne Wake  
[daphnestead@gmail.com](mailto:daphnestead@gmail.com) 01722 780314.

**Village Hall Bookings - please contact Fran Rose on [ewvillagehall@btinternet.com](mailto:ewvillagehall@btinternet.com)**

## **Church Flowers and Cleaning:**

Alvediston – Elaine Longstaffe – Ann Turner.

Ebbesbourne Wake – Fiona Stacey - Jane Pelly and Carla Walsh.

Fifield Bavant – Janine Hilary.

## **Church Services for February:**

5<sup>th</sup> February: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Lent – 11am – Family Communion – Ebbesbourne Wake – Ruth H-S.

12<sup>th</sup> February: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent - 11am – All Age Service – Alvediston – Bidy Trahair.

12<sup>th</sup> February: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent – 3pm – Evening Prayer – Fifield Bavant – Bidy Trahair.

19<sup>th</sup> February: Sunday next before Lent – 11am – Morning Prayer – Ebbesbourne Wake – Bidy Trahair.

26<sup>th</sup> February: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent - 11am – Holy Communion – Alvediston – Ruth H-S.

5<sup>th</sup> March: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent – 11am – Family Communion – Ebbesbourne Wake – Ruth H-S.

## **Time to get walking again!**

With Spring on its way, we start to think about getting out to walk in the beautiful English countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks? Walking in Wiltshire <https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/wiltshire> has loads of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place. John Harris (who maintains the website) said 'There is so much walking information on the web, but it is difficult to find. Walking in Wiltshire (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'. With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So, home, or away, check out the websites and get walking! John Harris

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