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The Alfiwake Fund - Can we help? - This Fund is available to the residents of Alvediston, Ebbesbourne Wake and Fifield Bavant who are finding the cost of living difficult.

April brings price increases for energy, water, broadband, phones and TV licences amongst other things, and we understand that this can be a worrying time. We are able to offer our support by making grants towards items such as a new cooker, washing machine, laptop or a delivery of logs. Perhaps you need support with nursery fees or an unexpected bill such as a boiler or car repair. You may be looking for a course for career development or employment but don't have the disposable income to do this. Please do get in touch if there is anything we may be able to help you with. Grants are not limited to the examples listed and any application made will remain strictly confidential. Email: alfiwakefund@gmail.com
Tel: Hugh Pelly- 780 258, Janine Hillary- 780 271, Bridget Watts - 780 662, Andrew Boys -780 835 or Carly Stainforth- 780 848.

Village Hall - Booking Details and Renovation Update

To book the village hall for events get in touch with Fran. Please note that there is a small charge for hiring the hall car park, to help with the maintenance of the hall and pavilion.

Bookings at: ebbesbournewakevillagehall@hotmail.com

Robin Garran

With much sadness we have to record the death of Robin Garran on the 13 March, peacefully in hospital after a period of ill-health.

Twenty years ago, Robin and Astrid moved into the newly converted and extended Elcombe Barn in Alvediston, and established a model garden in which Robin was a vegetable grower of distinction. He was a talented cook with a speciality in curries, which he had discovered during his service as an officer in the Gurkhas.

For more than five years he was Chairman of the Alvediston Parish Meeting, succeeding (against all odds and austerity cuts) in persuading the Council to resurface the entire length of Elcombe Lane to highway standard.

Robin nobly accepted the role of fundraiser for the major programme of re-roofing, re-plastering and new lighting and electrics for St Mary's church in 2009, achieving a six figure sum of astonishing proportions for such a small community, engaging in regular consultation with village residents at well-attended hospitable meetings in his home.

We offer Astrid, Julien and Olivia and their families every sympathy in their loss of husband, father and grandfather.

Richard Trahair

There will be a Celebration of Robin's Life at St Mary's Church, Donhead St Mary, SP7 9DQ at 1.30 on Friday 25 April. Everyone is welcome afterwards, at the Village Hall next door.

Astrid Garran

Volunteer Emergency Telephone System - V.E.T.S. In the event of an emergency please dial 999, followed by 01722 581001; this will summon a local volunteer who will assist whilst waiting for the emergency services to arrive.

Easter Day – Easter Egg Hunt

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt around the churchyard at St John the Baptist church, Ebbesbourne Wake on Easter Day (20 April, about 12.15pm) after the church service which commences at 11am. All very welcome.

Carla Walsh

Coffee Morning and Book Sale

Huge thanks to everyone who delivered flyers, contributed books (there were masses of them!) and cakes, (a wonderful variety,) donated money, helped to set up and clear up after the sale on Saturday 22 March, and especially to Rachel Thomson and the Rev. Alison Waterhouse who spent the afternoon sorting leftover books. We will have made over £1,000 towards the Lent project restoration of a storm-damaged primary school in war-torn Cueibet, South Sudan.

Biddy Trahair

Ebbesbourne Wake Parish Council

The Parish Council met on 27 February. Paul Cleary updated the PC on Wessex Broadband plans and David Wardour told the PC the latest news about the chapel.

Thanks to Liam Stainforth for repairing the broken sign at the corner of Handley Street and May Lane.

There was an extensive discussion on the flooding in Pound Street. The clerk is contacting Wiltshire County Council to arrange a site meeting with their flooding expert.

The PC discussed the state of the trees alongside Ebbesbourne Hollow and will be looking into this.

The PC agreed a donation of £200 to Seeds 4 Success in recognition of the work they did clearing footpaths.

The PC Agreed to a further donation of £500 to help the Village Hall. The Parish Council will consider future contributions to the Hall after the new Parish Council is elected.

If you would like to help your community by joining the Parish Council, nominations close on 2 April. Forms are available from the Wiltshire County Council website. If more than five people are nominated to be Parish Councillors, an election will be held on 1 May 2025 to coincide with the County Council elections.

The next PC meeting will be on 5 May 2025.

Join the Village Hall Committee – Your Help Makes a Difference!

Our Village Hall is at the heart of our community, providing a space for events, gatherings, and activities that bring us all together. Thanks to the generous support of villagers over the years, we've been able to keep it running – but we need your help to ensure it stays that way!

The hall costs around £6,000 a year to run, not including major maintenance. We rely on volunteers to keep things going and costs down. Whether you have skills in building maintenance, enjoy organising fundraisers, can lend a hand behind the bar, or just help keep things tidy, any time you can offer – big or small – is hugely appreciated.

The committee meets just 4–5 times a year, and there's no obligation to attend every meeting. A larger group means the workload is shared, making it manageable for everyone.

If you'd like to get involved, please come along to our next meeting on Wednesday 23 April at 7pm in the Village Hall. We'd love to see you there! Please also see the item below about the Fete, which this year is more important than ever!

We're delighted to announce that the renovation work on the Village Hall floor is now complete! Thanks to funding from the Wiltshire Rural Hubs grants and a generous £1,000 contribution from the Parish Council, we've been able to give the hall a much-needed refresh after 25 years of nursery use. The new floor looks fantastic and really enhances the space – a huge thank you to everyone involved in making this happen. The hall is now back open for classes, events, and private hire, so if you'd like to book, get in touch!

FORTHCOMING EVENTS (in chronological order)

The Alfiwake Film Club - Monday 7 April at 7pm for 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Those Magnificent Men in their Flying Machines. Doors open at 7pm, film starts at 7.30pm prompt, £5. Please bring cash! Drinks available to buy. Suggestions for future films welcome. Next meeting Monday 8 September. Hugh Pelly 01722 780258 hjwpelly@gmail.com

Art Club in the Pavilion - Wednesdays – 1-3pm

Positive results have been achieved at the Art Club where students come for a contemplative two hours of drawing and painting a still life set. We now meet in the Pavilion by popular request as the doors open up onto the field. Bring your preferred art supplies and an open mind! Please do feel free to come along and join us in the serene surroundings of the Pavilion to indulge in the Art Club. Choose your medium - oil, acrylics, watercolour, charcoal, pastels, or pencil and let your imagination flow. We offer creative freedom, skill exchange to share tips, tricks, and techniques with fellow artists in a supportive environment. Learn and experiment with new styles and methods under light guidance from experienced members. Engaging still life setups each week to spark your creativity. Whether you're a seasoned artist or just starting out, our Art Club is the perfect space to relax, learn, and grow. Introductory offer until the Easter Holidays. £5 cash on the day. Contact Amanda Baird at 07968 868860

Chalke Valley Watercress – Talk and Tour – Wednesday 11 June at 10am

CV Watercress are supporting the Stars Appeal by hosting the above event at the Watercress beds in Broad Chalke, to include a short walk and a cup of watercress soup. Booking and more information - Karen Hitchings (07789 628680) or Viv Grant (07481 404644). Suggestion donation of £20pp and sorry no dogs.

Alvewake Fete - Save the Date - Saturday 14 June 2025 – 2.30pm

Please contact Kate Lavan on lavankate@gmail.com if you would like to get involved. We would love new ideas so please don't be afraid to volunteer. We also needs funds now more than ever!

Alvewake Flower and Vegetable Show - Save the Date - Saturday 2 August 2025 🌻

We want to let you all know that we are planning to hold the annual Flower and Vegetable show on Saturday 2 August 2025. 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 in your diaries and calendars. We hope you will start to think about growing flowers and vegetables and start planning your handicrafts and photographs for your exhibits. The show is an opportunity for anyone to have a go and get involved. For queries, please contact Sue at sue.cox-martin@hotmail.co.uk.

The Ebble team are very grateful to the Flower Club Committee for their kind donation towards the production of the Newsletter.

What's on @NewVic in Tisbury in April – have a look at www.newvictisbury.com or call 0300 302 3090.

Practical Help with Technology – Free support with your digital device. Tuesday 15 April, 1-4pm at the Nadder Centre, Tisbury. Bring your device. More info and booking – Karlene.jammeh@wiltshire.gov.uk or catherine.pearcey@wiltshire.gov.uk.

BROAD CHALKE

Chalke Valley Stores - www.chalkevalleystores.co.uk, email: info@chalkevalleystores.co.uk.

Home deliveries: If you need a delivery, please call the shop on 01722 780998.

Open weekdays 9.00am - 5pm, until 1pm on Saturdays

Coffee Shop weekdays 10am - 3pm, 12pm on Saturdays

Post Office: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 9.30am to 1pm

We need to give notice that there will be some work carried out on the drains serving the building which will take a couple of weeks (exact start date and time frame is not known yet).

Many of you have been wondering which two lucky people from the Hub will, following the Kings Award for Voluntary Service announcement, represent the Hub at a garden party at Buckingham Palace. We decided that the first ticket should go to Tony Patel who gives so much time, effort and funds to the Hub. We held a ballot with names of volunteers for the second ticket, and the winning name which came out of the hat was Karen Hitchings who volunteers in the shop on a regular basis and has done for several years. We wish it were possible for all volunteers to enjoy this huge privilege but sadly it is not possible. We look forward to hearing all about the event which will take place in May.

We have two events to announce which will be held at the Hub:

Wine tasting – we are holding another of our popular wine tasting evenings at the Hub on 25 April at 6pm. As before, the evening will be a light-hearted test of your wine knowledge and your palate; whilst tasting, you will be given three different descriptions of the wine from our panel of three people, and the challenge will be to identify which description is correct. There will be some delicious cheeses to try provided by the Salisbury-based Diligent Frog Company. Amongst other wines, we will feature wines which have recently been labelled for us which will soon be on sale at the Hub. There will be special offers for orders taken for purchases during the evening. Tickets now available at £20 per person from the Hub. Our wine tasting evenings have been very popular in the past so buy your tickets whilst they are available.

Story telling morning - Our second event is a story telling morning for adults which should be entertaining. Storyteller Hannah Moore will be at the Hub on Thursday 10 April between 12 noon and 1pm when she will be offering an hour of enchanting folk tales and captivating stories for all ages. This is a free event; no need to book, just turn up. The café will be open as usual.

NB There is a Trussell Trust Collection Point in the Hub for foodstuffs you may wish to donate. Your generosity will help those most in need.

Chalke Valley Sports Centre

Chairman: chris.rothwell@chalkevalleysportscentre.co.uk Tel: 07552 159369

Treasurer: Michaela.johns@chalkevalleysportscentre.co.uk Tel: 01722 780915

Secretary: Vacant

Social Media: tim.moss@chalkevalleysportscentre.co.uk

Parish Council Rep: John Fry

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

Our website is www.chalkevalleysportscentre.co.uk

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Chalke-Valley-Sports-Centre-110944004548798>

Broad Chalke Parish Council – Invitations for expressions of interest

GRASS CUTTING AND RELATED GROUNDS MAINTENANCE WORKS - Broad Chalke Parish Council, is inviting suitably qualified, experienced, and resourced contractors to be considered to undertake the above and similar work. Any interested party should in the first instance request a copy of the Specification to:

clerkbroadchalke@gmail.com For and on behalf of Broad Chalke Parish Council

Chalke Valley Fete and Produce Show – Sunday 16 August 1-4pm at the Sports Centre, Volunteers please!

BOWERCHALKE

Bowerchalke Market Saturday 12 April, 9.30 to 12 noon in the Village Hall.

We hope for some spring Sunshine at this pre-Easter market where all the usual good things will be on sale. Fresh lamb, Knowle Farm beef and local venison. A good spread of veg, magnificent pies and quiches, soups, pate, sausage rolls, bread and cakes. The café will be open for everything from a coffee to a Full English. Outside will be the first plants of the year. And Sarah Jordan will have a stall selling fabulous items from her African trip. See you there! For further information contact Laura Loncar on 07445 743014 or email lauraloncar.cvp@gmail.com

The Bowerchalke Village Hall Quiz will be taking place on Saturday 26 April, doors open at 6.30pm. Please join us for a fun evening of quizzing – with a paying bar and a meal on offer . Tables of 6. Tickets £6 for the quiz, £6 for the meal. Funds raised go towards keeping the Village Hall up and running in good order. To book your place please call Laura on 07445 743014 or email lauraloncar.cvp@gmail.com

BISHOPSTONE

Bishopstone Community Café - The Village Hall Café is normally open on alternate Thursdays throughout the year. Dates for the late winter period are 10 and 24 April, and 8 and 22 May from 10.30am until 12 noon. Everyone is welcome to look in for a coffee and chat. There is presently no charge for refreshments.

Moviola - Friday 25 April. The film will be “Paddington in Peru”. Doors open at 7.00pm and the film will begin at 7.30pm. Entry for the film is £7.00. A cash bar with ices and snacks will be available. If possible, please book in advance with Caroline Ash on (01722) 781044, Nigel Peasley on 07761 463737 or Sue Taylor on 01722 780316. A trailer for the film can be seen in the Events section of the village website at www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk.

Bishopstone Community Lunches - Wednesday 9 April and the speaker will be from Wilton Men’s Shed. Times as usual: 12noon for 12.30pm. Advance booking is essential. Please telephone Caroline Ash on (01722) 781044 and advise her of any dietary requirements. The cost is £8.50 and includes a drink. Monthly Community Lunches will resume in October.

Annual Spring Fayre – Saturday 17 May from 10am with all the usual attractions. Norman, from the plant stall, will very much appreciate donations (hall open the day before).

Bishopstone Playgroup – Friday term times 9.30-11am. For more information contact Cally on 07968 797168.

CHURCH MATTERS

Notes from a Churchwarden - David Walsh

Faith - “There is something good about faith, it is appealing and necessary” Robert Harris, author of Conclave.

Siena ‘The Rise of Painting 1300-1350’ at the National Gallery London has been curated by Caroline Campbell who observes “You can’t be scared of the faith bit, because these objects were made for that purpose. Frankly, the faith is what animated so many people in that time”.

We owe it to ourselves and to those we share our existence with to really think about and work at what is important in non temporal matters, and not dismiss religion and faith lightly. And interestingly most people who think and act on such matters today are ‘animated’.

Parish of Ebbesbourne Wake with Fifield Bavant and Alvediston

Electoral Roll Reminder

If you are still to complete your Electoral Roll form please do so as soon as possible and return to Olivia Jones by email or by printed copy dropped into her in Ebbesbourne Wake. Your inclusion on the roll is important. Many thanks

Lay Pastoral Assistants (LPAs) are trained and authorised by the church to visit and/or offer pastoral care to anyone in our parishes. Whether you are sick, recently bereaved, new to the area, or know someone who might like a visit from the church community, please contact the clergy (see below). If you would like to explore this ministry yourself, for more information please contact Maggie on revmaggie@gmail.com or chat with anyone on the team.

Church Flowers and Cleaning – April 2025

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| Alvediston - | Deborah & Andrew Boys |
| Ebbesbourne Wake - | Daffy Stead & Anna Hayward |
| Fifield Bavant - | Pip Reis |

Church Services - April 2025

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| 6 April | 11.00am | Ebbesbourne Wake | Morning Prayer (BCP) | Biddy Trahair |
| 13 April | 11.00am | Alvediston | All Age Service - PALM SUNDAY | Biddy Trahair |
| 20 April | 11.00am | Ebbesbourne Wake | Parish Communion – EASTER DAY | Kate Woolven |
| 27 April | 11.00am | Alvediston | Holy Communion (BCP) | Alison Waterhouse |

Easter Week

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| 14, 15, 16 April | 8pm | Coombe Bissett | Holy Week Compline | Clergy |
| 17 April | 5pm | Commemoration of the Last Supper | Bishopstone | Jenny Taylor |
| | 7pm | Passover Supper | Bodenham Radnor Hall | Ruth H-S |
| | 7pm | Agape Meal | Broad Chalke Hub | Alison Waterhouse |
| | 10pm | Night Vigil | Nunton | Ruth H-S |
| 18 April | 11am | St John's Passion | Alvediston | Lay Led |
| | 12noon | Words of the Cross | Berwick St John | Alison Waterhouse |
| | 12noon | The Passion Devotions | Bishopstone | Lay Led |
| | 1pm | Reflections on Good Friday | Broad Chalke | Lay Led |
| | 2pm | The Passion Devotions | Odstock | Maggie Metcalfe |
| 19 April | 6pm | Easter Fire & Communion | Homington | Jenny Taylor |
| 19 April | 7pm | Easter Eve Service | Charlton All Saints | Ruth H-S |

Ministry Team: Team Rector ~ The Revd. Dr Ruth Howlett-Shiple: 01722 697022

Team Vicars ~ The Revd. Canon Jenny Taylor: 01722 503081, The Revd. Alison Waterhouse: 07904 034221

Associate Priests ~ The Revd. Kate Woolven: 07754 582395, The Revd. Maggie Metcalfe: 01722 325825

Team Administrator ~ Mrs Emily Broomhead: 07890 262376

Lay Worship Leader ~ Biddy Trahair: 01722 780666

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Weekly Yoga at Ebbesbourne Wake Village Hall Tuesdays 11.30am-1pm. Experience postures, breathing practices, mindfulness and deep relaxation for inner harmony, improved strength and flexibility. All ages and abilities welcome. Please contact Caroline Wilkinson on 01725 552209 or cj@wilkinsonyoga.co.uk www.wilkinsonyoga.co.uk

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