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The Alvediston, Ebbesbourne Wake and Fifield Bavant Newsletter

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We say a very fond farewell to Chris and Sarah Isard who have moved the short distance to Broadchalke after 15 years living at the top of the village in Cleeves House. They will be missed very much, having brought up their children Holly, Katie and George here (and who could forget George's amazing lockdown takeaways!), and have given lots to the village in so many ways (particularly their fabulous fete raffles and fireworks bars). It is lucky for us that they remain local and we wish them a happy future in their new home.

Welcome to the Marshes who have moved into Cleeves House from Bowerchalke - Nick and Emily and their children Billy, Alexia and Patrick. They are very much looking forward to settling in Ebbesbourne Wake.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS (in chronological order)

The Village Hall Film Club – Monday 13 April – The Salt Path. Doors open at 7, Film starts at 7.30 prompt, £5, Drinks available to buy - please bring cash! This is a week later than usual. Next meeting Monday 5 October. Hugh Pelly started the Film Club. This is the last meeting under his stewardship. Clare Parsloe has very kind agreed to take over starting with the next meeting after summer – watch this space!

The Life of the Swift - Tuesday 14 April – 6.30 for 7pm – Bowerchalke Village Hall

The first flash of a swift, house martin or swallow across the sky is always a thrill – it means that summer is coming and that all is still right with the world. Come and hear more about the remarkable life of the swift with Richard Reed of the Salisbury and Wilton Swift Society. And find out the ways in which we can help reverse the decline in their numbers. £5 on the door with the half going to the Swift Society. For further information please contact Laura on 07445 743014 or email lauraloncar.cvp@gmail.com

Alvediston Parish Meeting – Thursday 16 April – St Mary's Church – 6.30pm

The meeting will open with a brief AGM followed by a general meeting. All are welcome. Suggestions for agenda items to the Parish Meeting Clerk at Alvediston@gmail.com. Henry Gibson

Broad Chalke Sports Centre – Race Night – Saturday 18 April – 7pm

Tickets (£18 to include a meal) from the Village Stores or email Michaela Johns (michaela.johns@chalkevalleysportscentre.co.uk). We would also welcome raffle prizes.

Bowerchalke Annual Spring Fayre – Saturday 9 May - 10-12 noon

The plant stall will once again be a highlight, and we would be very grateful for any donations of spare plants, or seedlings of vegetables or flowers. These can be brought to the hall, which will be open to receive them on Friday 8 May, 2-4pm. We hope you can join us!

Broad Chalke Open Gardens - Sunday 7 June – noon-5.30pm

Save the Date - Alvewake Flower and Vegetable Show – Saturday 1 August

This traditional event is open to anyone to enter living in the three villages of Alvediston, Fifield Bavant and Ebbesbourne Wake. We hope you will start to think about growing flowers and vegetables for your exhibits. Some of you may have used the winter months to be creative and this will be an opportunity to

share your pictures, photos and handicrafts. There will be details of the classes over the next few months. The show is an opportunity for anyone to have a go at entering and we would be delighted to welcome you all to visit in the afternoon to meet up with friends and neighbours and see the display of exhibits. Sue Cox Martin

Save the Date – Chalke Valley Fete and Produce Show – Saturday 25 August

Please see www.chalkevalleyfete.co.uk if you would like more info or get involved.

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

Chalke History Festival- 22-28 June. Local laundry support needed. Would you like to wash and dry volunteer t-shirts during the Festival? Collect dirty shirts each afternoon, wash and dry overnight, return clean the following afternoon. Remuneration negotiable. If interested please contact Chris Rothwell on chris.rothwell@chalkefestival.com

NEWS

Church Lent Appeal

Thank you to all those who came and supported the Church Lent Appeal coffee morning with furniture and phone sales in aid of The Bridge. A special thank you for all the help in the kitchen providing coffee and delicious cakes for us all. We raised (with gift aid) an amazing £1,250 for The Bridge. The aim is to raise enough to get a Bridge Chaplain in to support the children at Odstock School between all the churches in the Chalke valley.

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Pilates Instructor

Our very own Sasha Bailey has just qualified as a Pilates Instructor. Please see her new Ad for 1:1 Pilates sessions at the back of the Ebble.

USEFUL INFO

The Alfiwake Fund - Can we help? - The Alfiwake Fund is available to the residents of Alvediston, Ebbesbourne Wake and Fifield Bavant who are suffering financial hardship. We are able to contribute towards items such as logs, coal, heating oil, portable heaters, dehumidifiers, boiler services or repairs. We are not only here for seasonal support but for all of those unexpected bills too, whether that be car repairs, MOTs, washing machine repairs or replacements, or perhaps a new cooker. Our contributions are not limited to the examples listed, so please do contact the Fund via telephone, email or in person if there is anything we may be able to help you with. We will endeavour to deal with your request promptly however there may be occasions when responses take a little longer due to the availability of trustees. Any request made will remain strictly confidential. [Email:alfiwakefund@gmail.com](mailto:alfiwakefund@gmail.com) Tel: Hugh Pelly - 780258, Janine Hillary - 780271, Bridget Watts - 780662, Carly Stainforth - 780848, or Andrew Boys - 780835

Recycling for charity

Now the new floor of the pavilion is complete the collection point for recycling to support the work of Medic to Medic will return from the beginning of April. Medic to Medic is a national charity collecting items to recycle through TerraCycle to raise funds for training for health workers in Malawi, Uganda and Zambia. I will collect any of the items on the poster except car batteries. More information on the back page. All plastic crisp, popcorn, confectionary, coffee, tea and clean cheese packaging can now go to the soft plastic collection points in larger supermarkets or given to your delivery driver.

I will continue to collect blister packs which I drop off at Boots/Superdrug.
For more details please contact Sue Cox Martin on 07909 774689.

EBBESBOURNE WAKE, FIFIELD BAVANT AND ALVEDISTON VILLAGE HALL

The **Village Hall Committee** will be holding its **next meeting and AGM on 15 April at 7pm in the Village Hall**. We are always keen to welcome new members—whether you bring fresh skills, new ideas, or simply a willingness to lend a helping hand. Your support helps us maintain hall for Ebbesbourne Wake, Fifield, and Alvediston and create fun events for all.

We will be discussing plans for new events over the summer, so it's a great opportunity to get involved and share your ideas. For those interested in playing a more active role, there is also an opportunity to assist with the Secretary position and to stand as a trustee. Come along or get in touch with Angelika on 07818565246.

Film Club – See above.

Following the success of our recent local history event, which was so well attended, we're pleased to say that another talk—this time focusing on local archaeology—is in the works. Keep an eye out for more details soon. We hope to see you there!

To **book the Village Hall** for events contact Fran Rose. There is a small charge for hiring the hall car park, to help with the maintenance of the hall and pavilion. Bookings: ebbesbournewakevillagehall@hotmail.com

Friends of the Village Hall

We continue to receive kind donations through the Friends of the Village Hall scheme — thank you so much. These donations are literally *added value*, as they enable us to reclaim Gift Aid. Thank you to all our generous donors; your support makes our work much easier and helps keep events affordable.

EBBESBOURNE WAKE AND FYFIELD BAVANT PARISH COUNCIL

BROAD CHALKE

Urgent Appeal from the Chalke Valley Community Hub

Due to the retirement of Derek Brown, who has given us six years of valued service, we are looking for an exceptional person to take on the role of Chair of the committee which runs Chalke Valley Community Hub Limited. Whilst the Hub is of course a trading organisation, it has become the beating heart of the Chalke Valley community – it is run by the community, for the community and is an award-winning organisation. We are now casting our net valley-wide to find a “people-person” to take on the role of Chair. He or she will already hold a stake in the local community and will have the personality to empathise with and enthuse, our large band of Hub volunteers. He or she will ideally have experience of being involved in a charitable or commercial organisation through a period of change and development and who could, with the existing committee, develop a strategic business plan accordingly (work on this has already begun). Operational experience of running a retail business would be a distinct advantage, but this is something which has found to be best delegated to the excellent professional Hub Manager and his team. Therefore this need not be a time-consuming role for an experienced person who knows how to delegate - for in addition to the professional staff, he/she will be supported by an experienced Hub Committee including an Executive Group (Secretary, Treasurer, HR/Legal rep), other members with specific functional responsibilities and representatives from each village in the Valley. If you can help us with any names or suggestions in our search, please contact us on mail@broadchalke.net or ring 01722-780858.

We also seek new members of our Management Committee so if this appeals to you please get in touch for more information.

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

Open weekdays 9.00am - 5pm (1pm on Saturdays)

Cafe weekdays 9am – 2.30pm, 11.30am on Saturdays

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

Chalke Valley Sports Centre

First though, an appeal. Our children's portable football posts have broken beyond repair and we are replacing them. Costs are £300-£400 depending on whether we just replace one and which type we go for. We want to replace ASAP so they are available for children for the longer evenings. We are seeking small donations that can be made direct to the Sports Centre's bank account:

Lloyds Bank. Sort Code 30-97-42. Account 01351926. Help would be greatly appreciated.

Multi Use Games Area: Last month we had the scheduled annual professional clean of the 'new' courts. This cost nearly £900 but is money we need to invest in the facility to help maintain drainage and keep the area safe to play on.

Tennis Update. The Chalke Valley Tennis Club has entered a new coaching and tennis development programme with local business, FAR Sports and Rory Smith. Rory and his Team have developed a varied midweek programme for both junior and adult players. See the advert elsewhere in the newsletter. The programme is set to begin after the Easter break. E: info@farsports.co.uk

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

Sports Centre general email: Info@chalkevalleysportscentre.co.uk. Hall available for private hire.

Our website is www.chalkevalleysportscentre.co.uk, lots of clubs and groups listed (a few listed below)

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

Petanque – Friday evening, 6-8pm. All welcome, £2 per session.

Tennis Club nights – Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Sunday mornings.

Tennis Coaching – Adult and Junior, Tuesdays. More info from the Tennis Club.

Table Tennis – Sunday evenings, **Short Mat Bowls** – Monday evenings

BOWERCHALKE

Bowerchalke Market Saturday 11 April, 9.30 to 12 noon in the Village Hall

A warm spring welcome awaits along with all the usual market good things. Plenty of local lamb and beef. Seasonal Vegetables, Home made pies, cakes and soups. All this plus the best Full English Breakfast in the Valley courtesy of the Café. Looking forward to seeing you there. For further information please contact Laura Loncar on 07445 743014 or lauraloncar.cvp@gmail.com

BISHOPSTONE

Bishopstone Community Café - The Village Hall Café is normally open on alternate Thursdays throughout the year. Dates are 9 and 23 April and a 7 and 21 May, 10.30-12. Everyone is welcome to look in for a coffee and chat. There is presently no charge for refreshments.

Moviola – Friday 21 April – The Choir Doors open at 7pm and the film will begin at 7.30pm. Entry for the film is £7. A cash bar with ices and snacks will be available. If possible, please book in advance with Caroline Ash on 781044 or Sue Taylor on 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 1 April

The last lunch of the season when Tara Slater, Adviser Team Manager of 'Beyond Dementia', will talk about the support they provide for people living with dementia. She will be accompanied by her colleague Veronica Prichard, who is a Dementia Adviser. Booking is essential. Please telephone Caroline Ash on (01722) 781044 and advise her of any dietary requirements. The cost is £8.50 for a two-course lunch and a drink. The time will be as usual: 12 noon for a 12.30pm start.

Village Hall AGM - Monday 18 May - 7 for 7.30pm. All welcome

Bishopstone Playgroup – Friday mornings during term time from 9.30 – 11am. Breastfeeding support is available from qualified breastfeeding counsellor Cally Edwards and trained peer supporters. Find further information on our Facebook page or contact Cally callyedwards@me.com or 07968 797168.

CHURCH MATTERS - Parish of Ebbesbourne Wake with Fifield Bavant and Alvediston

Notes from a Churchwarden - David Walsh

“A poet’s intuition lead him to understand that man cannot live by bread alone, that dreams and raptures were part of his legitimate portion, and that the inevitable daily stress should never be allowed to hound man towards the oblivion of beauty.” Francis of Assisi - E M Almendingen

I have walked by that place by the River Topino, near Bevagna, Umbria where Saint Francis of Assisi preached to the birds. In a world where the leaders are warmongers and the young are phone gazers, perhaps we need to let the birds preach to us now ...

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 revmaggiem@gmail.com or chat with anyone on the team.

Church Flowers and Cleaning – April 2026

Alvediston -	Deborah and Andrew Boys
Ebbesbourne Wake -	Easter Flower Team and Anna Hayward
Fifield Bavant -	Pip Reis

Church Services – April 2026

3 April	11.00am	Alvediston	St John’s Passion	Lay Led
5 April	11.00am	Ebbesbourne Wake	Easter Day	Kate Woolven
12 April	11.00am	Alvediston	All Age Service	Biddy Trahair
12 April	3.00pm	Fifield Bavant	Evening Prayer	Biddy Trahair
19 April	11.00am	Ebbesbourne Wake	Family Communion	Alison Waterhouse
26 April	11.00am	Alvediston	Holy Communion	Alison Waterhouse
3 May	11.00am	Ebbesbourne Wake	Morning Prayer	Biddy Trahair

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

Team Vicar ~ The Revd. Alison Waterhouse: 07904 034221/01722 697404

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

For the weekly email bulletin with details of services and activities throughout the Chalke Valley, contact Emily on thechalkevalleychurches@gmail.com

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- **Jewellery:** Both broken and functioning of all types including beads.
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- **Electrical cables, chargers and plugs:**
- **Car batteries:** please contact us

Important: All items must be empty of crumbs, flat (not knotted/scrunched), and sorted as per the categories.

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Please do drop us an email for the details of your local drop off point.
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MINI CHALKE VALLEY CHALLENGE

26 APRIL 2026

Obstacle fun run in aid of FOBS!



Race entry £5

Races (around the MUGA field)

- Pre-school / reception – 200m
- Yr 1 & 2 – 500m
- Yr 3 & 4 – 1000m
- Yr 5 & 6 – 1500m
- Older children – 2000m

Registration 9:30am

**Chalke Valley Sports Centre
Broad Chalke, SP5 5HX**

Tea, coffee and cake available - please
bring cash. Stalls and games on the field!



Register on Classlist or email FOBS@broadchalke.dsat.org.uk