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If you would like an email copy of The Ebble instead of a paper one, please could you let me know.

We have a new treasurer for The Ebble. Rachel Thomson from Alvediston has very kindly offered to take on the role. rachel.thomson@argosgeorgia.com .

Many thanks to Lucy Hooper for all her involvement with The Ebble and in keeping the finances and advertising up to date.

Daphne , Editor

The Alfiwake 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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Comings and Goings

IMMY SEGRAVE and GEORGIA BURLEIGH, have moved into 1 The Knapp, Alvediston recently. They both cook for local shoots, so are familiar with the area.

THE CROWN INN

We would like to offer our heartfelt thanks to all that have so very generously supported us by way of donations, help, friendship, and incredible kindness following the recent devastating fire, we are genuinely very moved.

We have thoroughly enjoyed our time in Alvediston, we were really made very welcome and hope we helped to contribute something to this beautiful village and community.

Your generosity will be a great help as we move on from what has been a very difficult time but we leave with wonderful memories of the area and all the people that we were so lucky to be able to welcome to The Crown Inn.

Thank you all so very, very much.

Gloria and Steve

St Mary's Alvediston

We would like to thank everyone who cleaned, polished and flower arranged to make the church look so beautiful for the lovely wedding in early July. Despite the wet weather we had a wonderful amount of flowers from everyone's gardens.

The following week we had a visit from members of Dorset and Wiltshire Wildlife to look at the many species of wild flowers, butterflies and grasses we have in the churchyard. They gave us a lot of good advice as to how to manage the different areas to help the wildlife whilst also keeping access to the most visited areas open and tidy. Even the wild bits have to be managed, so we aim to set up an appropriate mowing schedule and working parties to tackle the tricky bits!

The Three Bells @ St Mary's will be open again on Wednesday August 2nd from 6.30pm

The Alvediston Hop

in aid of our Church Tower Appeal

will be held again on

Saturday 26th August, 6.00 – 10pm

Church Field SP5 5LE



Tickets £15 🍷 8–15yrs £5 🍷 under-8s free

BBQ Supper & Country Dancing

to the irresistible

Hambledon Hopstep Band

Everyone Welcome 🍷 The More the Merrier

Cash Bar 🍷 Raffle

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All major credit cards accepted 🍷 Cheques payable to St Mary's PCC
Or BACS – sort code 30-97-41 acc no 00391193 ref HOP

www.alvedistonappeal.co.uk

Ebbesbourne Village Wedding Thanks

Following the wedding of Bryony and James in the village last weekend (15th July), we would like to pass on our heartfelt thanks and gratitude to everyone who made the event such a lovely, happy and successful occasion. We were fortunate that the weather did all the right things in all the right places, in the end, and we had a simply joyful time. This goes out to all those who helped tidy and organise the church and grounds, who rang bells, provided car parking, helped us with supplies, lined the route from our home to the church as we walked through the village, who made a special detour possible, who turned up at the church door, who dropped off flowers, gifts and cards, and who helped us celebrate afterwards to push back the post-wedding blues. We feel extremely fortunate to live in such a special place and community. Thank you all for helping make our family occasion so fabulous!

With our love and thanks,

Bridget, Kevin, Bryony & James, Jess & Chris

Ebbesbourne Wake Parish Council Meeting

The Parish Council met on 6 July 2023. Draft minutes of the meeting will be posted on the Parish Council noticeboard and on the website. Here are the key points from the meeting:

Archives

The Parish Council have agreed that the Parish Archives will be stored in the Village Hall. The clerk is investigating the purchase of suitable storage to ensure that the documents are safely stored.

Chalke Valley Sports Centre.

The Parish Council agreed to give a donation of £150 to the Chalke Valley Sports Centre.

Alfiwake Fund

The Parish Council nominated Dr Hugh Pelly as their representative on the Alfiwake Fund (aka the Kings Charity)

Rights of way

Some comments have been posted on social media alleging that the Parish Council have failed to clear a bridleway. Several emails were also sent to the PC on the same topic. However, Parish Councils have no responsibility for rights of way. The duty to maintain the public rights of way network is shared between Wiltshire Council, as the highway authority, and the landowners or occupiers. So please report any maintenance issues using My Wiltshire, or email rightsofway@wiltshire.gov.uk or telephone: 0300 456 0100

Potholes

Please report potholes to Wiltshire County Council using the via MyWilts online reporting system.

Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be 14/9/2023 in the village hall at 7.30. Members of the public are welcome.

Please let the clerk, Sarah Cromwell, know if you'd like to come along by phoning 780558 or emailing ewfbparishclerk@gmail.com

NEWS from the VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

Despite wind and rain forecasts, the Alvewake Village Fete went ahead on the 15th of July, albeit somewhat downscaled to ensure everyone's safety and stop us chasing after wayward gazebos. But we are glad we persevered! The rain held off and thank you to all who made it such a fun Alvewake event:

The dog show remained a highlight of the fete, drawing numerous participants and four-legged companions. The traditional tug of war contest between Landrover vs The People added an exciting twist to the event after the more traditional warm ups. We had plenty of delicious homemade cakes contributed by talented bakers from the village and garden enthusiasts could choose from a variety of offerings at the plant stall. Books, toys, cds and bric a brac found a new home. There was splat the rat, coconut shy and skittles to test your reflexes and aims and tea, coffee, sweets and a bar to recover. The raffle was a grand finale thanks to the generous donations. But mostly it was just really nice to see everyone turn out, chat and have a good time. Thank you to all who organized, baked, donated, set up, tidied up, served tea, manned stalls, directed parking and dogs, entertained children and adults and came, supported and enjoyed it all! Here is to the next one in 2025!

Village Hall events in the somewhat closer future:

6th September, 7 pm – Open Village Hall meeting to talk about ideas and plans for the village hall after the nursery has moved out. Please come! The board put up at the fete asking "What would you like the village hall you be used for?" included the following at the end of the day: *Yoga, movies, board games nights, gym, wine tasting, family parties, skittles, darts, nursery, team games, harvest supper, Christmas meal, Christmas carols, art&craft sessions, cards and reeling.* We are not so sure about the Taylor Swift

day and table dancing, but the rest all seem viable options to explore, we just need to set priorities for investments needed. Come with ideas, connections or just good questions!!

Recycle 4 Wiltshire Air Ambulance from Sue

I wanted to remind everyone about the recycling collection point to support 'Recycle 4 Wiltshire Air Ambulance' at Ebbesbourne Wake pavilion.

The scheme involves collecting specific household packaging and waste which would otherwise go to landfill. It is sent to TerraCycle uk who sponsor specific schemes and exchange the 'hard to recycle waste' into donations for the charity.

All items sent TerraCycle are processed in the uk and recycled to make other items. Recycling through TerraCycle is a great way to raise vital funds for the charity and to save waste from landfill.

It includes collecting any empty chocolate or sweet wrappers, bread bags, snack packets, biscuit wrappers, coffee packaging, reusable plastic drinks bottles and food containers, Pringle tubes, cheese packaging, Lavazza coffee eco caps, Marigold gloves, Pens, felt tips and highlighters, any brand of toothbrush/ head, toothpaste tubes and makeup containers.

For a full list of items collected see the posters in the pavilion or Recycle 4 Wiltshire air ambulance Facebook page or TerraCycle uk website. The Wiltshire Air Ambulance clothing bank in the car park at Ebbesbourne Wake is also able to take shoes handbags, towels and linen

If anyone has any queries please contact sue.cox-martin@hotmail.co.uk

Dates for the diary

ALVEWAKE FLOWER and VEGETABLE SHOW Saturday 12th August 2.30pm

We hope you are all planning your exhibits for the Flower and Vegetable show . The entry forms, schedules and advice sheets were delivered to every house last month. There are spare copies in EW bus shelter. You can put your completed forms through the letterbox ANYTIME from NOW until 6.00pm on Tuesday 8th August at the latest at Green Door opposite the bus shelter in Ebbesbourne. I'm sorry but we will not be able to accept late entries to make it fair for everyone and to make sure all preparations for the day are completed in time.

Please bring your exhibits to the hall between 8.00am and 10.00am on the morning of the show. We would ask that you leave the hall by 10.00am ready for judging to start. We are aiming to use a similar layout to last year with most of the exhibits in the hall apart from photography which will be in the pavilion. Please make sure you have read all of the instructions on the schedule particularly that domestic entries should be on a plate and covered in cling film only, no plastic boxes as we don't have the space. For children's classes please make sure it is easy to see your age on the exhibit.

We are hoping to serve refreshments in the pavilion and have seating areas and prize giving on the field. If anyone has gazebos, they would be willing for us to use please contact Sue. If anyone is willing to help to put up the gazebos on the morning of the show, we would be grateful for any help, although plans may have to change at the last minute depending on the weather.

We hope you will all feel able to support the show in some way either by entering or coming to the show in the afternoon. The show starts at 2.30pm and there will be a raffle, refreshments and prize giving.

If anyone has any queries about entries or the show please contact Sue on 07909 774689 or sue.cox-martin@hotmail.co.uk or message via WhatsApp.

If anyone has not returned their cups please could they get them to Carole Trickett at Meadow Bank (780963) as soon as possible.

CHALKE VALLEY FETE and PRODUCE SHOW - 19th August 1-4pm FREE ENTRY at the Sports Centre Broad Chalke

We are really looking forward to welcoming everybody to the Chalke Valley Sports Centre.

8am to 10am bring your entries along to the marquee for judging.

1pm come back for a bbq lunch and a drink from the bar and check out if you have won a prize in the produce tent.

Try your hand at dog agility (special 1 day permission to bring your dog on to the sports field). Meet the birds of prey, play some traditional games, wang a welly or roll a penny. Wander round the classic cars before enjoying an ice cream or tea and cake. There will still be time to get round the nature trail. Finally, visit the craft-stalls, see some rural crafts in action, buy a raffle ticket or a plant and try your luck on the bottle stall. It really is the place to be for a fun afternoon for all the family. Don't forget to checkout our Facebook page or website www.chalkevalleyfete.co.uk for all the latest updates. > Don't forget to checkout our Facebook page or website www.chalkevalleyfete.co.uk for all the latest updates.

CHALKE VALLEY SPORTS CENTRE. Facilities for all the Chalke Valley SPORTS SCENE – August 2023

Saturday 19 August 1.00-4.00pm at the Sports Centre. We are all keeping our fingers crossed for good weather before, during and immediately afterwards. Come along to enjoy all the fun at the Fete. This year for one afternoon only, the Sports Centre Committee has relaxed its rules on dogs on the grounds. All well behaved dogs ...and owners...welcome. Why not have a go on the dog agility course...it's just for fun and to raise money for Chalke Valley Good Causes. Dog facilities will be available.

At the AGM in June, it was agreed that replacement of the artificial cricket wicket is one of the priorities at the end of this season and the Sports Centre Committee is working with the Cricket Club to raise funds. It is anticipated that costs for the work will be in the region of £5,000. If you would like to donate towards the project, please contact either David Cooper or Chris Rothwell.

Also agreed at the AGM was starting to plan replacement of the Table Tennis Club's tables and starting the process of what action is best to refurbish the Multi Use Sports Area in the next 12-24 months. This cost could be £30,000-£40,000 for which the Committee has been preparing for over recent years with funds being set aside in deposit account as matched funding towards grant applications.

These projects are in addition to the daily work managing the centre and keeping it maintained and open. With costs ever increasing, the Committee has agreed to raise the Membership fees from the current £37/year to £40/year and, for the first time, to introduce a junior membership fee of £11/yr. From 1st September 2023.

We are always looking for volunteers to help so if you are interested in investing some time back into our wonderful community, please contact one of the Committee.

All our sports clubs have information on the website and new members always welcomed.

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Sports Centre general email: Info@chalkevalleysportscentre.co.uk Our website is

www.chalkevalleysportscentre.co.uk. Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Chalke-Valley>

Gurston Down Speed Hill Climb – near Broad Chalke

In 1967 Gurston Down Speed Hill Climb ran its first event at Gurston Farm on the outskirts of Broad Chalke. The tight and twisty course was designed by multiple British Hill Climb champion Tony Marsh. It holds events throughout the spring and summer months. Gurston Down has two championships, the Turbo Dynamics Championship and the Online Cleaning Technologies Top Ten Challenge, both of which are fiercely contested. With the season's finale taking place on **Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th August**. For more information please visit website www.gurstondown.org

If the villagers bring proof of address, they will get free entry into the August meeting. A bill or driving licence or anything with the village name on it, or your copy of The Ebbles in hard copy or on your mobile

National Garden Scheme . Castle Rings in Donhead St: Mary will be open on August 20th 14:00-17:00

The Bishopstone Community Coffee Mornings are normally held on alternate Thursdays. Dates for the coming period are the 3rd, 17th and 31st August at 10.30am until 12.00noon. Everyone is welcome to look in for a coffee and chat. There is presently no charge for refreshments.

The Bowerchalke Market and Cafe is taking place on Saturday 12 August. 9.30am in the Village Hall. All the usual excellent local and home-cooked produce. We are so lucky to be able to buy both essentials and treats grown and raised in the fields around us. Lots of fresh local produce including Helen's lamb and Knowle Fare beef and pork. Excellent pies, soups, and teatime treats. Plus of course Lesley's Full English Cafe to begin the weekend properly. . For further information Laura Loncar tel 01725 552651 lauraloncar.cvp@gmail.com.

CHALKE VALLEY BENEFICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Following an interview with the Chalke Valley Patronage and Appointment Panel on Wednesday last week, the Bishop has offered the post of Team Rector to The Rev'd Dr Ruth Howlett-Shiple, and we are delighted that Ruth has accepted the post. A date for Ruth's Licensing as Team Rector will be determined in due course. This also means that the recruitment of a Team Vicar to join the team will also begin. Please pray for Ruth, Jenny, and the other members of the ministry team, as they continue to minister within the Chalke Valley'.

Notes from a Church Warden

' Silence has no opposite and is the ground of both sound and the absence of sound. ' M Laird

'Stillness maybe the goal ; but on the way , there is much toil. Beyond the labour are to be found light; water; silence - metaphors for which Platoniam and Eastern religions as well as Christianity use out of the constant human striving to describe the indescribable .'

Silence - A Christian History Diarmond MacCulloch

Come To The Edge. Christopher Logue. Contributed by Claire MacdonaldCome to the edge.

We might fall.

Come to the edge.

It's too high!

COME TO THE EDGE!

And they came,

and he pushed,

And they flew.

Come To The Edge:

Christopher Logue (1926-2011) was a pacifist, and prepared to go to prison for his anti-war and CND views. He acted, wrote poetry, did a retelling of the Iliad and worked with both Ken Russell the filmmaker and Bertrand Russell the mathematician and philosopher. He believed in the power of poetry as a form of experience independent of other knowledge.

'Shakespeare never went to Venice, Homer never went to Troy, Dante never went to Hell.'

Most people are scared of something, whether it be spiders (no problem), public speaking (please don't make me), towing a horse trailer (help!). We frequently find reasons to avoid things we fear or dislike. In "Come To The Edge" the poet exhorts a person, or a crowd, to take a leap. They need a little shove.....don't we all? But they fly!

Church Flowers and Cleaning – August

Alvediston – Elaine Longstaffe & Ann Turner

Ebbesbourne Wake – Carole Trickett

Fifield Bavant - Pip Reis

 Services in Chalke Valley Benefice – August 2023 				
BCP = Book of Common Prayer (Traditional Language), CW = Common Worship (Contemporary Language)				
6 August TRANSFIGURATION	9.30am	Family Communion (CW)	Broad Chalke	Kate Woolven
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Britford	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Ebbesbourne Wake	Ruth H-S
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Coombe Bissett	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	Family Service	Odstock	Adrian Taylor
	11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Berwick St John	Lay Led
	11.00am	Morning Service (CW)	Bishopstone	Sally Leaver
13 August 10th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bowerchalke	Tony Monds
	9.30am	Family Communion (CW)	Nunton	Vernon White
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Coombe Bissett	Tony Monds
	11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Charlton All Saints	Rhoderick Voremberg
	3.00pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)	Alvediston Fifield Bavant	Biddy Trahair Biddy Trahair
20 August 11th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Bowerchalke	Kate Rosslyn Smith
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bishopstone	Katharine Robinson
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Odstock	Kate Woolven
	11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Ebbesbourne Wake	Biddy Trahair
	11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Homington	Anthony Hawley
	11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Berwick St John	Barney Hopkinson
27 August 12th Sunday after Trinity	9.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Berwick St John	Kate Rosslyn Smith
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Charlton All Saints	Barney Hopkinson
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Broad Chalke	Ruth H-S
	11.00am	Family Service	Nunton	Adrian Taylor
	11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bishopstone	Katharine Rumens
	11.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Alvediston	Ruth H-S
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)	Bowerchalke	Lay Led
3 September 13th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am	Family Communion (CW)	Broad Chalke	Kate Woolven
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Britford	Katharine Robinson
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Ebbesbourne Wake	Kate Woolven
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Coombe Bissett	Ruth H-S
	11.00am	Family Service	Odstock	Adrian Taylor
	11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Berwick St John	Lay Led
	6.00pm	Songs & Sausages	Britford	Ruth H-S
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Assisting Clergy: The Revd Canon Anthony Hawley: 01794 390607, The Revd Canon Tony Monds: 01722 420942 The Revd Kate Rosslyn Smith: 01722 780011, The Revd Kate Woolven: 07754 582395				
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Wiltshire Council: Do You Look After Someone Living with Dementia? Wiltshire Council are seeking your views on the support for unpaid carers of someone living with dementia. Join us at the free event below to share your experiences. You can also hear from Wiltshire Police about a pilot coming to Wiltshire, implementing safety wristbands for someone living with dementia to support them in the community. Salisbury: Church Foyer, St Paul's Church, Fisherton Street, Salisbury, SP2 7QR 26th July – 11:00am - 1:00pm. To book this free event, Email: admin@carersupportwiltshire.co.uk or call us free on 0800 181 4118.

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