

I cannot believe that it is already December, how? Where has the time gone? It only seems like yesterday we were basking in 30-degree heat now it feels like minus 30.

Please can any copy for the January Ebble be sent no later than the **31st of December**. (The printers close for two weeks so a later fuller Ebble is better than an earlier empty one)!

If you would still like to continue advertising in the Ebble in 2023 at a bargain price of £24 for the year, please could you let me know otherwise your advert will be *removed* in the January's edition.

On that note, wishing everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Thank you.

Thank you to all the distributors, regular Ebble contributors and our treasurer for all your hard work to help keep The Ebble going, (giving myself a pat on the back as well).

Thank you to everyone who came to Inspector Pete Sparrow's talk about Wiltshire Police's Operation Siege. There was information about this burglary prevention project in last month's Ebble and you should also get a card through your door about it.

Here's the information about how to get a SelectaDNA Home Kit to help prevent burglary. Wiltshire Police have negotiated a significant discount to Wiltshire Residents who wish to purchase a kit for £25. This is only available via the Neighbourhood Watch Association link and not via the general website:

www.selectadna.co.uk/NHW using code NHWAWILTSHIRE

Thank you to everyone who donated to The Trussell Trust, I dropped off a whopping 81kgs of donations in the middle of November, please keep them in mind when doing your Christmas shopping. - Ellen Editor.

STOP PRESS!

This year's Berwick St John Country Fayre raised the largest amount of money in its 30-year history.

The organisers announced the total raised and presented the funds at a special presentation event. A whopping £63,117.18 had been raised for the Salisbury District Hospital Stars Appeal. Congratulations to all involved.

Car Park Closure.

The annual Car Park closure will take place on Sunday 4 December. This is a legal requirement.

Please clear cars from the village hall car park from 9pm on Saturday for 24 hours.

Tiz The Season, Sunday 4th December, Tisbury High Street, 10-4pm.

Christmas Market, Music, Food and Drink.

Ebbesbourne Wake Parish Council.

The next meeting of Ebbesbourne Wake Parish Council will be on Thursday 8 December at 7.30. Everyone is welcome but please let the Parish Clerk, Sarah Cromwell, know by Tuesday 6th so we can put out the right number of chairs. Her phone number is 780558 or email ewfbparishclerk@gmail.com

Bowerchalke Market Saturday 10th December, 9:30-12

(Now the second Saturday of each month)

This particular Saturday (10th Dec.) being the last market before Christmas as well as all the normal "yumminess on offer" there will be some extra stalls with gift ideas and Christmas fare, puddings, cakes, mince pies wreaths cards etc.

Please do come and enjoy just a coffee or a delicious "full English" at the cafe whilst doing your shopping.

Oh, I mustn't forget to tell you the "Truckle Truck" is always there too with a fabulous range of cheeses to sell.

See you there For further information: lauraloncar.cvp@gmail.com

'Breathe' film 2017, 11th December, Tisbury.

If anyone hasn't seen or would like to re-see Jonathan Cavendish's amazing film, it's showing at the New Vic Tisbury 7pm 11th December. Directed by Andy Serkis, it stars Andrew Garfield, Claire Foy, Tom Hollander, and Hugh Bonneville and tells the true story of Robin Cavendish who became paralysed from the neck down by polio at the age of 28. His son Jonathan has very kindly agreed to answer questions after the screening. For more details go to newvictisbury.com

Christingle service in Alvediston, 11th December, at 11 am.

This short service will take place in St. Mary's church, a month earlier than usual. Come along for a short service, find out what Christingles are (and are for, if you don't already know,) enjoy lighting your Christingle, stay for coffee, squash, and biscuits and please, donate to the Children's Society, which is fighting 'for the hope and happiness of young people when it's threatened by abuse, exploitation and neglect.'

Contact: Bidy Trahair, 780666, biddytrahair@gmail.com

Alfiwake Film Club

"Where the Crawdags Sing" will feature on Monday 12 Dec 7.30 pm at EW Village Hall. £5 admission.

Do join us. Hugh Pelly hjwpelly@gmail.com

Carol Procession – Alvediston 23rd December.

Meet outside the Crown at 5pm for mulled wine and mince pies (generously supplied by Gloria and Steve Nottage), with 5.30pm procession to St Mary's for a Christmas service plus fire pits and drinks, (torch a good idea).

Any /all fancy dress to be applauded, whether pirates, princesses, kings, or shepherds!

Notes from a church warden – David Walsh.

"In understanding freedom, one understands also what discipline is. Freedom cannot exist without discipline.

It means a mind that sees 'what is' and learns from 'what is'.

Such a mind has to be extraordinarily alert, aware." Krishnamurti

The Alfiwake Fund.

It can be a worrying time as winter approaches and the cost of living continues to rise. If you need help with your costs this winter or perhaps need a little support this Christmas time, please contact the Alfiwake Fund. The fund may be able to make contributions towards the cost of food, logs, coal, heating oil, boilers, boiler repairs, electricity bills and so much more. All requests will remain strictly confidential. Please contact Hugh

- hjwpelly@gmail.com 780 258, Janine Hillary- janinehillary1@gmail.com 780 271, Bridget Watts

- kbbjwatts@btinternet.com 780 662 or Carly Stainforth - carlystainforth@gmail.com 780 848.

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.

Quiz Night & Christmas Draw

Our next quiz night will be on Wednesday 21st December at 7:30

Prizes and Free Refreshments - everybody welcome

We will also be making our Christmas Draw for a luxury hamper and many other prizes - entry available during opening hours

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our friends and customers for their continued, and much appreciated, support and we wish you all a very happy Christmas.

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

Wiltshire Air Ambulance

A reminder that the collection point to support 'Recycle 4 Wiltshire Ambulance' is set up in the Ebbesbourne Wake pavilion to raise funds for Wiltshire Air Ambulance. The clothing bank at Ebbesbourne Wake car park is also able to take shoes, handbags, towels, and linen.

“ALVEDISTON ALERT”.

The Alert Scheme agreed to be established at the recent Parish Meeting is now live.
PLEASE DO SIGN UP. THE MORE WHO JOIN THE MORE EFFECTIVE THE SCHEME.

Volunteer Coordinator : Steve Nottage (telephone 01722 780203)

WhatsApp group name: Alvediston Alert

Dedicated email: Alvedistonalert@gmail.com

TO SIGN UP PLEASE EMAIL Alvedistonalert@gmail.com with -

Name, Address (optional), Mobile number for the Administrator to send you an invitation to join the WhatsApp Group (* see note),
Preferred contact channel: WhatsApp/email/telephone

* NOTE: Andrew Boys is the Administrator for the new Alvediston Alert Group and the, already established, Village WhatsApp group. If you are a member of the village group, send a simple message there, “count me in to Alert”, and no further action will be needed to sign up.

Our alert scheme outline -

- The scheme’s purpose is to provide all members of the scheme with real-time alerts of potential or actual incidents that could or should give rise to a report to the police.
- So that all who sign up can know what is of immediate concern, the scheme’s primary reporting will be achieved by any member’s notification to the ‘one purpose’ WhatsApp Group. Reporting will also be available through email or a landline telephone, where confidentiality is wanted or for those without WhatsApp access. The Group Coordinator will filter the reports and notify our dedicated PCSO (NB see “IMPORTANT” below).
- The immediacy of reporting - cruising of suspicious vehicles; road blockages; etc - through the scheme should aide prevention - most incidents reported to the Police are ‘after the event’.
- We are promised that we will receive feedback on incidents reported to our PCSO by the Group Coordinator (unlike 101)
- The scheme will be most effective if all Parish residents sign up through WhatsApp, by providing their telephone number to the Group Administrator or their email address to the coordinator. Residents of adjoining Parishes will be welcome to register.
- Reporting: “Don’t hold back” but “Information rather than conversation”, please.

IMPORTANT

- Our Alert Scheme is intended to be a support system additional to the normal reporting of incidents to the police
- Incidents requiring immediate police action, such as suspected burglaries in progress or accidents, should be reported by 999
- Incidents not requiring immediate action by the police should still be reported through 101 so that the Police centralised data record can have integrity (Note: as it is known that the 101 telephone line can require long waiting times it would probably be better to log an incident through its website: <https://www.police.uk/pu/contact-the-police/report-a-crime-incident/>).

If you have questions, please do contact any one of: Steve Nottage – as above
Andrew Boys (WhatsApp Administrator) - 07768890572 or afrboys@gmail.com
Robert Macdonald – 07811330616 or alvediston@gmail.com

Church Flowers and Cleaning:

Alvediston – Vicki Brown and Jenny McVeigh

Ebbesbourne Wake – Christmas Team - Carla Walsh and Angelika Hamilton

Fifield Bavant – Janine Hilary

Church Services for December

4th December: 2nd Sunday of Advent – 11am – Family Communion – Ebbesbourne Wake – Ruth H-S.

11th December: 3rd Sunday of Advent – 11pm – Christingle Service – Alvediston – Bidy Trahair.

11th December: 3rd Sunday of Advent – 3pm – Advent Service – Fifield Bavant – Bidy Trahair.

18th December: 4th Sunday of Advent – 11am – Morning Prayer – Ebbesbourne Wake – Bidy Trahair.

23rd December: Carol Procession – Alvediston – Catherine Blundell. Meet outside the Crown at 5pm for mulled wine and mince pies (generously supplied by Gloria and Steve Nottage), with 5.30pm procession to St Mary’s for a Christmas service plus fire pits and drinks, (torch a good idea). Any/all fancy dress to be applauded, whether pirates, princesses, kings, or shepherds!

24th December: CHRISTMAS EVE – 10pm – Holy Communion – Fifield Bavant – Catherine Blundell.

25th December: CHRISTMAS DAY – 11am – Family Communion – Ebbesbourne Wake – David Blundell.
1st January: 2nd Sunday of Christmas – 11am – Benefice Communion – Alvediston – Catherine Blundell, followed by “thank you” to Catherine Blundell, her final service in our parish.

Regrettably, the Revd Catherine Blundell has decided to retire after 7 ½ years as the Team Rector, with effect from 31st January 2023. Catherine’s last Sunday service in our Parish will be the 1st of January 2023 in St Mary’s, Alvediston. We will miss Catherine immensely and wish her the fondest of farewells. This may be unsettling news for some people but our wonderful churchwardens will lead us all if there are any concerns.

Following the St Mary’s Benefice Communion service in Alvediston on New Year’s Day, we will take the opportunity to celebrate Catherine and David’s seven years with us in the valley and will toast their new life in Devon. Do join us to raise a glass to their next adventure!

Farewell Catherine.

From us all at Ebbesbourne Wake with Fifield Bavant and Alvediston PCC, we hope you all have a very merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year!

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