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The Alvediston, Ebbesbourne Wake and Fifield Bavant Newsletter

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Please could any copy for the February edition of The Ebble be sent to ebbleeditor@hotmail.com no later than February 24th 2025 (and any time earlier is even better!) Anything received after this date cannot be guaranteed to be included.

My last Ebble. I am sad to be leaving the position as editor of The Ebble, it has been an enjoyable and a great honour to have been trusted with the village newsletter. If at times a stressful position and responsibility, this has been caused mostly by my lack of knowledge of modern technology. Daphne Stead.

Thank you to Kate Lavan who has agreed to take on the editorship of The Ebble, so it will be in very safe hands and Rachel Thomson will continue as Treasurer.

There are many unacknowledged people to whom many thanks are due, who keep the production of this worthwhile village missive possible. Sue Elder, who quietly and oh! so efficiently, delivers all the hard copy editions to the wonderful delivery team. She undertakes so much more that this appears as, should there be an extra number of pages to an edition of The Ebble, it is she (and Graham) who insert all the single pages, as well as efficiently managing the delivery to the team of deliverers immediately the printer produces The Ebble, however busy she is.

Thank you also to the stalwart delivery team of Pip Reis, Francis Turner, Deborah Boys, Vicky Brown, Sue Heath, Bidy Trahair, Laura Welch, Angela Stacey, Mike and Sylvia Clark, Fiona Stacey, Anna Hayward, Grace Witcombe and, for many years, until just recently, Janet Emm.

The Alfiwake Fund - Supporting our community. Do you need help with your bills? Winter is approaching, energy prices remain high and the Winter Fuel Payment for pensioners has been cut. Can we help? We are able to make contributions towards electricity bills, logs, coal, heating oil, portable heaters, dehumidifiers and 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 get in touch if there is anything we may be able to help you with. Your request will remain confidential. Email: alfiwakefund@gmail.com Tel: Hugh Pelly - 780258, Janine Hillary - 780271, Bridget Watts - 780662, Carly Stainforth - 780848, or Andrew Boys - 780835.

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.

EBBESBOURNE WAKE PARISH COUNCIL The Parish Council met on 5th December 2024 and agreed that there will be no increase the precept for 2025/26. The next meeting is on 27th February 2025.

VILLAGE HALL NEWS for EBBESBOURNE WAKE / ALVEDISTON / FIFIELD BAVANT

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

FORTHCOMING EVENTS (in chronological order)

JANUARY'S TALK

On the evening January 22nd, Martin Shallcross delivered an illustrative talk on the Abbesses of Shaftesbury and their farmhouses, shedding light on their historical significance and influence on the rural architecture. It was wonderful to see the hall packed to its limit, raising over £900! Thank you to all who came from across the valley and further afield.

THE ALFIWAKE FILM CLUB Monday February 3rd 7.00pm for 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

The Pirates! In an Adventure with Misfits! An Aardman classic you may have missed. Suitable for Children of all ages. Running Time 88 mins. Doors open at 7.00pm, film starts at 7.30pm prompt, £5. Please bring cash! Drinks available to buy. Suggestions for future films welcome. Hugh Pelly 01722 780258 hjwpelly@gmail.com

THE EBBESBOURNE WINE CLUB is back! 18.30-20.00 in Ebbesbourne Wake Village Hall

Banish those winter blues and brush up on your wine knowledge in one fell swoop!

Each month we will visit a different region/style of wine. We'll learn about each country's winemaking history, climatic influences and grape varieties as well as the all-important tasting, plus offering tips on how to navigate the confusing and sometimes intimidating world of wine.

Our programme is:

February 27th Austria & Hungary; March 27th Australia & New Zealand; April 24th Sparkling Wine; May 29th Fortified Wines.

£5 donation towards hall hire and snacks, plus bring a bottle of wine (£15-20 price range).

Text/WhatsApp: Anna Hayward on 07930 398432 to book your place.

SCOTTISH DANCING EVENING Saturday February 28th 2025 6:30 pm

Join us for an informal evening of Scottish dancing for adults and teens, no matter your experience level! Enjoy easy-to-follow steps, a welcoming atmosphere, and a bowl of hearty food to keep you going. Come along — laughter guaranteed! £5/under 18 - £10 adults.

ART CLUB in the Village Hall, starting on Wednesday 5th March 2025

Join our Informal art club where like-minded enthusiasts gather to work on still life in any medium of your choice! Weekly on Wednesdays from 1pm till 4pm, starting on Wednesday 5th March 2025. Bring your preferred art supplies and an open mind! 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. Come along to be inspired to connect, create, and cultivate your artistic passion! £45 per term or pay in cash weekly. Contact Amanda Baird at 07968 868860

BOOK SALE-cum-COFFEE MORNING - Saturday, 22nd March 10 - 12 noon - Village Hall

This will be in aid of the Lent Project for the Valley churches, to repair and improve classrooms in a Church Primary School which has suffered storm damage in Cuibet, South Sudan, and to add more furniture. The aim is to raise £10,000 to 'Save Our School'. Our deanery has long links with the diocese of Cuibet as part of the Salisbury Diocese Sudan and South Sudan Link, first set up in 1972.

Please bring books, (in a good state of repair!) to the pavilion behind the hall, leaving them on tables, during the week before the 22nd, or leave them with Biddy Trahair, tel. 780666. Then come along on the Saturday for coffee and cake. All proceeds will go to the project.

ALVEWAKE FETE - Save the Date - Saturday 14 June 2025

ALVEWAKE FLOWER and VEGETABLE SHOW - Save the date - Saturday August 2nd 2025

We want to let you all know that we are planning to hold the annual Flower and Vegetable show on Saturday August 2nd 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.

CHALKE VALLEY STORES www.chalkevalleystores.co.uk, email: info@chalkevalleystores.co.uk.

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

Open weekdays 9.00am - 5pm, until 1.00pm on Saturdays.

Coffee Shop weekdays 10.00am - 3.30pm, 12.00pm on Saturdays.

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

We would like to say a huge and heart-felt thank you to one of our volunteers and local resident Susie Hatt-Cook who has been with us through thick and thin from the date the Hub opened for business in 2013. It has been an absolute pleasure to work alongside her and we are very grateful to her for giving so much of her time to the Hub over the last eleven years. Her positive and sunny attitude and dedication to working with us has been invaluable. Susie has decided to hang up her apron to concentrate on other things and we wish her well.

After many years of service to our Hub management committee, Terry Jolly is looking to step down as Secretary. Terry has contributed a huge amount of work and we would like to thank him for his tireless efforts on behalf of the Hub. We wish Terry well in the future. We are looking for someone to fill his role. This requires someone who would work to ensure the smooth running of our organisation, in particular, preparing compliance documents for filing online, preparing agendas and minutes of meetings, processing share applications, maintaining the share register, dealing with insurance and ensuring compliance with our Rules. Terry is happy to be involved in providing some training. We're looking for someone who is happy to work on a voluntary basis as part of a team, share knowledge and help to arrive at consensus decisions. Please contact Derek Brown (derek.brown45@btinternet.com) if you are interested or contact Terry Jolly (terry.jolly23@gmail.com) if you wish to know more.

Moving on to shop news, please come and see our extended range of own label products which have just arrived on the shelves. We are excited about the variety of items on offer – biscuits, chocolates, sweets, cakes, jams, and pickles to name just a few. A new range of wines labelled for us will be in stock soon. Come and take a look.

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

BOWERCHALKE MARKET Saturday 8th February 9.30 to 12 noon in the Village Hall.

The Bowerchalke Market will be taking place on Saturday 8th February. 9.30 - 12 noon in the Village Hall. All the usual excellent local produce. Fresh lamb from Helen Lodge, Knowle Farm Dexter beef and pheasant, partridge and venison on offer. Seasonal and some non-seasonable organic vegetables. Possibly the world's best home-cooked pies from Lesley, hearty winter soups plus many other lunch and teatime treats. Carolyn will be back with her Cheese Truckle Truck outside and inside the cafe will have a full English breakfast on offer. Do join us. For any information please contact Laura on 07445 743014 or email lauraloncar.cvp@gmail.com.

CHALKE VALLEY SPORTS CENTRE -

Chalke Valley Sports Centre Contacts:

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Secretary: Vacant

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Our website is www.chalkevalleysportscentre.co.uk

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

RACE NIGHT- SATURDAY 8 FEBRUARY- 7.00pm Last few tickets. Email Michaela. £18 including meal. Bar, Raffle and prizes.

'A 'STARRY, STARRY NIGHT' FRIDAY 28TH FEBRUARY AT THE SPORTS CENTRE - 6.15pm-8.30pm. The Friends of Broad Chalke School (FoBS) presents a Stargazing Evening, welcoming astronomers from the 'Chasing Stars' team to educate us on our beautiful International Dark Sky Reserve and its celestial activity. £8ppn or £30 for a family of 4, inclusive of hot dog and hot drink. Limited spaces available- Pre booking essential. For more information email: FOBS@broadchalke.dsat.org.uk

CRANBORNE CHASE NATIONAL LANDSCAPE STARGAZING EVENT

The Hart of Martin, Fordingbridge, SP6 3LR Saturday, 15th February 2025 7.30-9.30pm. Organised by Jeff Bailey, the Martin Parish Dark Sky Custodian. Supported by Steve Tonkin, astronomer and Dark Sky Advisor for Cranborne Chase National Landscape. For more information see [Cranborne Chase International Dark Sky Reserve](#) .

BISHOPSTONE VILLAGE HALL February 2025

QUIZ NIGHT The ever-popular Quiz Night will return on Saturday, February 22nd. Doors open at 7pm for prompt start at 7.30pm. Tickets are £12.50 each or teams of 4 for £50 and this includes supper. A bar will be available. Booking is essential. Call Caroline Ash on (01722) 781044 advising her of any dietary requirements.

BISHOPSTONE COMMUNITY CAFÉ - The Village Hall Café is normally open on alternate Thursdays throughout the year. Dates for the late winter period are Thursday the 30th of January, the 13th and 27th of February and the 13th and 27th of March. 10.30am until 12.00noon. Everyone is welcome to look in for a coffee and chat. There is presently no charge for refreshments.

MOVIOLA at Bishopstone, Friday 28th February 2025. The film will be "The Critic". 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.

The film on March 28th will be "Conclave" and on April 25th, "Paddington in Peru".

BISHOPSTONE COMMUNITY LUNCHES The February lunch will be on Wednesday 5th and the speaker will be from the charity Rise61. Times as usual: 12.00 noon for 12.30 pm. 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. The March lunch will be on the 5th when the speaker will be Linda Nunn from Cranborne Chase National Landscapes.

CHURCH MATTERS

NOTES from a CHURCHWARDEN David Walsh

“We don’t have a life, we are life. People don’t realise how much unhappiness is derived from what they are telling themselves in the head, they need to come out of that if they want to be free. We are a temporary expression of the one life and consciousness that pervades the entire universe. If you don’t have a life you can’t lose a life “ Eckhart Tolle

Church Flowers and cleaning – February 2025

Alvediston -	Biddy Trahair & Chloe Le Breton
Ebbesbourne Wake	Alex Hill & Anna Haywood
Fifield Bavant -	Pip Reis

CHURCH SERVICES for FEBRUARY 2025

2 nd February	11.00am	Ebbesbourne Wake	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Biddy Trahair
9 th February	11.00am	Alvediston	All Age Service	Biddy Trahair
9 th February	3.00pm	Fifield Bavant	Evening Prayer	Biddy Trahair
16 th February	11.00am	Ebbesbourne Wake	Family Communion (CW)	Alison Waterhouse
23 rd February	11.00am	Alvediston	Holy Communion (BCP)	Alison Waterhouse
2 nd March	11.00am	Ebbesbourne Wake	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Biddy Trahair

Compline at Fifield Bavant: Monday, 31st March, 5.30 pm. to include a time of quiet prayer.

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

Team Vicars ~ The Revd. Canon Jenny Taylor: 01722 503081, The Revd. Alison Waterhouse: 01722 679404

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

Charlotte Steel (Dip. Couns. MBACP), Qualified Counsellor and Complementary Therapist
The Chapel, Church Street, Bowerchalke, SP5 5AY, 07811 944328, cjsteel92@gmail.com, www.charlottesteel.org. Counselling: £50, Hot Stone Massage: Full Body (90 minutes) £65, Back (1 hour) £50, Massage: Full Body (90 mins) £60, Back (1 hour) £45, Reflexology: Initial Consultation £38, Further Treatments £35. Peaceful therapy room with plenty of parking, Gift Vouchers Available, please see www.bacp.co.uk for more information.

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