

Copy for the March edition of The Ebble to [ebbleeditor@hotmail.com](mailto:ebbleeditor@hotmail.com) no later than 24 February 2026 please.

Congratulations to Lucinda Rouse and Charles Harvey, who were married on a wet and windy 24 January in St Mary's, Alvediston. We wish them, and their families, well.

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](mailto:ebbesbournewakevillagehall@hotmail.com)

**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

**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.

**Think you know your Chardonnay from your Sauvignon Blanc? Join us for Wine Call my Bluff on Saturday 21 February – 7 for 7.30pm at The Village Hall!**

£20 per person which includes tasting wines and half time cheese boards, plus cash bar and fine wine raffle (all proceeds to the village hall). Teams of 2-8 people (and no experience necessary, it's all just a bit of fun). Pre-book by emailing [annahayward55@gmail.com](mailto:annahayward55@gmail.com) (we need a minimum number to break even on the wines, so if you are keen please commit to it early).

**Ebbesbourne Wake, Fifield Bavant and Alvediston Village Hall**

**Step back in time: Local History Afternoon – Saturday 14 February 2026**

**2.30–5.30pm, Village Hall – Community Exhibition and Talks, £3 entry per person**

Ever wondered what our villages used to look like? Come and discover the stories that shaped Ebbesbourne Wake, Fifield Bavant and Alvediston!

The Village Hall Committee is hosting a Local History Afternoon with a community exhibition, short talks, and a chance for everyone to join in, reminisce, and maybe even uncover a few surprises from the past. For the community exhibition, everyone is invited to take part by bringing along photographs, documents, or small items linked to village life past and present. Do you have a photograph, story, or curious object tucked away at home? These might relate to your house, farming, family life, childhood memories, wartime experiences, churches and chapels, or village celebrations — and no doubt there is much more you can think of!

## Garden Finds Welcome!

Found something interesting in your garden or on your land? Old tools, pottery fragments, metal finds, or other curiosities are all welcome — and there will be a prize!

## Short Talks & Stage Events (between 3- 5pm)

- Tony Bath – Four mysterious traditional farming implements from the pub collection. Can you guess what they were used for? Small prize for the winner!
- Bidy Trahair – *Off to school we go!* School life in years gone by in Alvediston and Ebbesbourne Wake.
- Russell Emm – *Can you identify the spot?* Old photographs of village buildings (including some long gone) and a chance to chat about the people who shaped the village.

Before and after the talks, there will be plenty of time to browse the exhibition and chat about the memories it brings. For all newcomers, this will be a fascinating glimpse into how our villages have changed over time.

If you have anything that might be of interest, please get in touch with Angelika at [vh@thehamiltonfamily.org](mailto:vh@thehamiltonfamily.org) by 10 February, so that we can organise tables or reserve one for you. Even if you are not sure — do get in touch!

Exhibit drop-off:

Friday 13 February, 4–6pm, at the Village Hall.

Please label items clearly or bring them in plastic sleeves. We are happy to help with the presentation of photographs or items.

## 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

Next Parish Council Meeting; Thursday 19 February 2026 at 7.30pm

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS (in chronological order)

**The Village Hall Film Club – Monday 2 February** will dedicate its February meeting to screening 3 short films that feature local life and rural communities: a) I Like here, b) A BBC farming documentary break then the Secret Valley. Doors open at 7, Film starts at 7.30 prompt, £5, Drinks available to buy - please bring cash!

Film suggestions welcome! Hugh Pelly ☎ 780258 [hjwpelly@gmail.com](mailto:hjwpelly@gmail.com)

## **Comedy – Bishopstone Village Hall – Friday 13 February at 7 for 7.30pm**

We are pleased to present a show by Rob Barratt “a Dudley-born, brain-tickling, word-mangling comic poet and singer from North Cornwall”. A combination of clever word play and song with satire, parody and audience participation (see <https://robbarratt.wixsite.com/robbarratt> £10 with an optional light supper for £7.50. Please book in advance with Caroline Ash on 781044 or Sue Taylor on 780316.

**Village History Day – Saturday 14 February – See details above**

**Wine Call My Bluff – Saturday 21 February (see previous item)**

**What’s on @NewVic in Tisbury in February** – look at [www.newvictisbury.com](http://www.newvictisbury.com) or call 0300 302 3090.

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

Tickets from the Village Stores or email Michaela Johns ([michaela.johns@chalkevalleysportscentre.co.uk](mailto:michaela.johns@chalkevalleysportscentre.co.uk)).

We would also welcome raffle prizes.

## **Save the Date - Alvewake Flower and Vegetable Show - 1 August 2026**

### **BROAD CHALKE**

People that moved to the Chalke Valley over 13 years ago might not know that you can buy shares in the shop (information is now included in the Broad Chalke Welcome Pack). You can buy as many or as few as you want, £10 being the cost of one share.

There is no dividend for the individual but you are investing in a priceless Community project, to help the shop, keep up with running repairs and buy new equipment.

You will be kept informed of any major changes and it entitles you to vote at the AGM. Anyone in the Chalke Valley can be these, we even have one or two who live further afield.

If you are interested there are forms in the shop or contact me, Terry Jolly on [terry.jolly23@gmail.com](mailto:terry.jolly23@gmail.com)

We are delighted to welcome Ali Blackwell to the Hub team. Ali joins us as our new cook in the café and she will be providing delicious hot and cold food to our customers. Ali lives on the outskirts of Salisbury and is mum to a 13 year old daughter, Izzy. Ali will also be helping run the shop on some Saturdays in due course. Ali likes to interact with people in her work so she will be a great asset to the team and she looks forward to meeting you and getting to know you. She will be joining us on 2 February. We know that you will make her very welcome.

Many of you have heard already that we will soon be stocking the Cook range of frozen meals and we are very happy to confirm that this is indeed the case. The Cook representative visited the Hub in early January and she was happy that our shop is just the type of retail outlet they welcome to stock their products. You will find the Cook freezers just inside the door from the shop to the café. Cook frozen meals will be available for purchase from 2 February. We will be stocking one and two portion sized main courses. We anticipate that these will be very popular and we are excited about this great addition to our product range.

Once again we are appealing for a community minded adult to get involved with the running of the Hub by becoming our secretary. 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. The secretary does not just carry out administrative tasks but can actively take part in the running of the Hub so it is a rewarding post. Please contact Derek Brown ([derek.brown45@btinternet.com](mailto:derek.brown45@btinternet.com)) if you are interested or contact Terry Jolly ([terry.jolly23@gmail.com](mailto:terry.jolly23@gmail.com)) if you wish to know more.

The Annual Members' Meeting of Chalke Valley Community Hub Limited will be held at the Hub at 7pm on Wednesday 11 March. This is open to all shareholders to attend. Further details will be provided nearer the time.

**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**

Do you have a couple of hours a month that you could spare to help with the running of the Sports Centre, showing potential hirers around, helping on a fundraising activity or putting together a grant application? The Centre is managed by a small Team of 3 people who could really do with a few more on the Team to assist. Please contact anyone on the Committee if you are interested. Thank you.

We have been fortunate to have received a lot of investment over the last 5 years. We would now like to replace the water services and showers (22 years old). We are applying for a grant and are looking to raise around £15k in 2026.

Race Night – Saturday 18 April at 7pm (see details above)

Chairman: [chris.rothwell@chalkevalleysportscentre.co.uk](mailto:chris.rothwell@chalkevalleysportscentre.co.uk) Tel: 07552 159369

Treasurer: [Michaela.johns@chalkevalleysportscentre.co.uk](mailto:Michaela.johns@chalkevalleysportscentre.co.uk) Tel: 01722 780915

Secretary: Vacant

Social Media: [tim.moss@chalkevalleysportscentre.co.uk](mailto:tim.moss@chalkevalleysportscentre.co.uk)

Sports Centre general email: [info@chalkevalleysportscentre.co.uk](mailto:info@chalkevalleysportscentre.co.uk). Hall available for private hire.

Our website is [www.chalkevalleysportscentre.co.uk](http://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 14 February, 9.30 to 12 noon in the Village Hall**

All the usual market good things including fresh lamb, Knowle Farm beef and local game. Plenty of pies, cakes and vegetables. Carolyn will be back with the Cheese Truckle Truck and of course there will be a Valentine's Day Full English Breakfast on offer in the café. For further information please contact Laura on 07445 743014 or email [lauraloncar.cvp@gmail.com](mailto:lauraloncar.cvp@gmail.com).

## **BISHOPSTONE**

**Bishopstone Community Café** - The Village Hall Café is normally open on alternate Thursdays throughout the year. Dates are 12 and 26 February and 12 and 26 March 10.30-12. Everyone is welcome to look in for a coffee and chat. There is presently no charge for refreshments.

**Moviola – Friday 27 February - "The Roses"**. Benedict Cumberbatch and Olivia Coleman in a satirical black comedy. 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](http://www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk).

**Bishopstone Community Lunches – Wednesday 7 February. Alan Crossley talking about "Mason Bees".**

Times as usual: 12 for 12.30pm. Advance booking is essential. Please telephone Caroline Ash on 781044 and advise her of any dietary requirements. The cost is £8.50 and includes a drink.

**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](mailto:callyedwards@me.com) or 07968 797168.

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

**Notes from a Churchwarden - David Walsh**

"Every silence is different and distinctive. Silence has no opposite and is the ground of both sound and the absence of sound. It is the ambassador between the mundane and the sublime, solving tensions and miseries which words cannot touch."

Silence – A Christian History – Diamond MacCulloch

I always think the silence on a country walk is perfection; one senses the very near and the very far be it in birdsong, the breeze through the trees, a distant tractor interspersed with the absence of these. But always with a sense of our unity with all we can see. We walk not to be separate but to affirm our part in the grand architecture of being.

**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](mailto:revmaggie@gmail.com) or chat with anyone on the team.

### Church Flowers and Cleaning – February 2026

Alvediston -	Biddy Trahair & Chloe Le Breton
Ebbesbourne Wake -	Fiona Stacey (Flowers), Alex Hill & Anna Hayward
Fifield Bavant -	Pip Reis

### Church Services – February 2026

1 February	11.00am	Ebbesbourne Wake	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Biddy Trahair
8 February	11.00am	Alvediston	All Age Service	Biddy Trahair
8 February	3.00pm	Fifield Bavant	Evening Prayer	Biddy Trahair
15 February	11.00am	Ebbesbourne Wake	Family Communion	Maggie Metcalfe
18 February	6.00pm	Bowerchalke	Communion with Ashing	Alison Waterhouse
22 February	11.00am	Alvediston	Holy Communion	Ruth H-S
1 March	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

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](mailto:thechalkevalleychurches@gmail.com)

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The Chapel, Church Street, Bowerchalke, SP5 5AY, 07811 944328, [cjsteel92@gmail.com](mailto:cjsteel92@gmail.com),  
[www.charlottesteel.org](http://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](http://www.bacp.co.uk) for more information.

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