

Copy for the May edition of The Ebble to [ebbleeditor@hotmail.com](mailto:ebbleeditor@hotmail.com) no later than 24 June 2025 please.

Congratulations to Max and Molly Turney (nee Grant) on the birth of Poppy Patience, born on the 13 May weighing 8lb 4oz.

Also congratulations to Hugo and Chloe Le Breton in Alvediston on the birth of their son (as yet unnamed) also born on 13 May, a brother for a very excited Otfolie.

Welcome to Andy & Jane Reed, who have moved into Owl Cottage, Castle Hill, Alvediston with 3 very handsome ginger dogs. We also wish Elaine Longstaffe all the best in her new home in Salisbury.

Welcome to the Grant family who have moved to Chalkway House in Ebbesbourne - after 7 years in Tisbury. Welcome to Andrew, Olivia, Cecil, Fergus and Laurella.

**The Alfiwake Fund - Can we help?** - This Fund is available to the residents of Alvediston, Ebbesbourne Wake and Fifield Bavant who are finding the cost of living difficult.

We are able to offer our support by making grants towards items such as a new cooker, washing machine, school uniform or sports equipment. Perhaps you need support with nursery fees or an unexpected bill such as a car repair. You may be looking for a course for career development or employment but don't have the disposable income to do this. Please do get in touch if there is anything we may be able to help you with. Grants are not limited to the examples listed and any application made will remain strictly confidential.

Email: [alfiwakefund@gmail.com](mailto:alfiwakefund@gmail.com) Tel: Hugh Pelly- 780 258, Janine Hillary- 780 271, Bridget Watts - 780 662, Andrew Boys -780 835 or Carly Stainforth- 780 848.

## **Recycling**

I wanted to remind everyone about the charity recycling collection point to support the work of Salisbury Medic to Medic who fund training scheme in healthcare overseas through the collection of specific household waste which would otherwise go to landfill. I am still collecting while the pavilion is under renovation. Please contact me to drop off items.

Posters of items which are collected are in bus shelters at EW and West End. Although no longer collected for the charity I am still collecting blister packs and writing instruments as these can be taken to Boots and Rymans. However, I am not collecting other general soft plastic as this can be taken to the large supermarkets or given to your delivery driver. Many thanks Sue Cox-Martin 07909 774689.

## **Village Hall Committee – Update and New Scheme planned**

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for the incredible support shown for this year's Village Fete! We're thrilled to announce that the Silent Auction will feature an amazing selection of prizes—including B&B stays, dinners for eight, singing lessons, homemade cakes, and luxury hampers. A huge thank you to all the generous donors who have contributed so far! If you have additional ideas or would like to donate a prize, please get in touch with me.

Our village hall is a much-loved community hub—but it comes with costs that many may not be aware of. Keeping the hall running—along with the playpark, pavilion, car park, and field—requires £6,000 to £8,000 annually, covering essentials such as heating, electricity, insurance, licenses, and general upkeep. In addition there are major repairs works, such as the urgent replacement of the pavilion floor—a vital space for the young people in our village.

The committee is working hard to arrange fundraisers like the fete and to keep the hall open and welcoming for hires. However, the loss of the nursery—and the stable income it provided—three years ago continues to be deeply felt.

To build long-term sustainability, we're excited to launch a "Friends of the Village Hall" scheme. This will offer a more structured way for residents and supporters to contribute. More than just a fundraising tool, this initiative represents a commitment to the future of our shared spaces. By becoming a Friend, you'll be helping to ensure the hall and its surrounding facilities remain open, safe, and accessible for everyone in our community—now and in the years to come.

More details on how to join the scheme and take part in the Silent Auction will be shared very soon.

Thank you once again—your continued enthusiasm and generosity are truly invaluable. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with any questions or suggestions! Angelika – [ewvh@thehamiltonfamily.org](mailto:ewvh@thehamiltonfamily.org)

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](mailto:ebbesbournewakevillagehall@hotmail.com)

**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 8 May in the Village Hall. Following the Local Council Elections on 1 May, the following were uncontested and form your Parish Council; Cathy Long (Chair), Alex Hill, Liam Stainforth and James Hamilton. Sarah Cromwell continues as Parish Clerk. A warm and grateful thank you to Paul Sampson who has Chaired the Parish Council for the past 3 years but felt it time to step down.

Pot Holes. The ongoing issue of Pot Holes on our roads were discussed. This is a Highways responsibility and as such, should be repairing them. Please report any encounters with dodgy Pot Holes on the MyWilts app. sending a photo as evidence and a W3W location, if possible. And keep reporting!

The Parish Archives are now safely housed in a robust fireproof Cabinet in the Village Hall.

VE Day Commemorative Mugs. 80 years Anniversary. 1945-2025. The PC has again purchased Commemorative Mugs for any child living in Fifield Bavant and Ebbesbourne Wake who are 16 years and under. This gift from the Parish Council marks a notable milestone in our History.

Please contact Sarah Cromwell by 7 June 7 to register names. The Mugs will be handed out at the Village Fete on 14 June. The next PC meeting will be on Thursday 21 August at 7.30pm.

### **Viv Grant summits Himalayan peak to celebrate forgotten female climber**

Joining an all-woman team of 15 Viv Grant, summited Yala Peak in Nepal to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the first female ascent of Mount Everest by Japanese climber Junko Tabi. Tabi reached Everest's summit at 8,849m/29,030ft on the 16th May 1975 two years later she climbed Yala Peak, 5,500m/18,045ft. While many know of Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay's 1953 first ascent of Everest; few have ever heard of Junko Tabei's success.

By following in Tabei's footsteps on Yala Peak in Nepal's Langtang Valley, the British team shined a spotlight on her achievements to inspire others to reach their own 'Everests' - whatever they may be.

Using Ropes and crampons, the team braved steep slopes, rocky ridges and oxygen levels of 50 percent to reach the top of Yala Peak, surrounded by a panorama of jagged snow-capped Himalayan giants and

colourful symbolic prayer flags. The team also commemorated the 10-year anniversary of the earthquake which devastated many areas of Nepal including the Langtang Valley.

The Yala expedition running 14-27 April was led by Everest and Seven Summit summiteer Jo Bradshaw and joined by Tori James, the first Welsh woman to scale Everest. It was organised by Adventurous Ewe.

If you like podcast Please listen to Tough Girl podcast with Tori James, Jo Bradshaw & Rosemary Brown First Females with Tori James (The series celebrate pioneering women in mountaineering).

### **FORTHCOMING EVENTS (in chronological order)**

#### **Broadchalke Primary School - Car Boot Sale - Saturday 7 June – 10-1pm**

Broadchalke goes 'Vinted'! Please join us at Broadchalke Primary School (SP5 5DS) for our car boot sale! There will also be a plant sale, tombola, refreshments etc.

Sellers: Cars £10 - pre-booking essential, please contact: [FOBS@broadchalke.dsat.org.uk](mailto:FOBS@broadchalke.dsat.org.uk), entry 8.30am.

Buyers entry: £1 for adults, free for children, entry 10.00 - 13.00.

#### **Chalke Valley Watercress Talk & Tour In aid of the 'Stars Appeal' – Wednesday 11 June - 10am – Last spaces**

To include a short village walk to the cress beds and a cup of watercress soup. Suggested donation £20. To book please contact either Karen Hitchings 07789 628680 or Viv Grant 07481404644. Sorry no dogs

#### **Alvewake Fete - Saturday 14 June 2025 – 2.30pm**

The bi-annual event is the main fundraiser for the Village Hall and a much-loved day of fun for all ages, featuring traditional English country fair games, stalls, homemade treats, and a wonderful community spirit. We are asking for the following donations: **plants and seedlings** (if you can't look after them till 14 June please contact Astrid Garran 781165), **cakes and any sweet/savoury treats/homemade produce** for the cake stall and the refreshments (lease drop donations off into the Village Hall during the morning), children's books, games, good bric a brac, clothes (clean please), DVDs etc (please leave in the pavilion on the tables), **Silent Auction and Raffle prizes** (please contact Angelika on [ewvh@thehamiltonfamily.org](mailto:ewvh@thehamiltonfamily.org)) – I think that's it for now.

The next Fete Planning Meeting is on **Monday 2 June at 6pm at the Village Hall**. Please contact Kate Lavan on [lavankate@gmail.com](mailto:lavankate@gmail.com) with any queries.

#### **Beer Festival at the Horseshoe – Friday 20 June (6-11), Saturday 21 June – all day**

#### **Alvewake Flower and Vegetable Show - Save the Date - Saturday 2 August 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 and be planning your exhibits. The show is an opportunity for anyone to have a go at entering as we need exhibits on the tables to make a show. The schedules of classes will be similar to last year and will be delivered in July. To give you some idea I will put a copy of last year's schedule in bus shelters at EW and West End as we really hope you support the show by entering if you can. If anyone has any queries about entering or anything else to do with the show please contact Sue Cox-Martin on 07909 774689.

#### **Alvediston Hop – Saturday 30 August – 6-10pm - Church Field, Alvediston SP5 5LE**

BBQ Supper & Country Dancing to the one and only Hambleton Hopstep Band

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

Everyone Welcome | The More the Merrier | Cash Bar | Raffle

Tickets in advance please: Pen Milburn 07836 647 330, All major credit cards accepted | Cheques payable to St Mary's PCC Or BACS – Sort Code 30-97-41; Acc No 00391193; Ref HOP 25

## **Weekly Yoga at Ebbesbourne Wake Village Hall Tuesdays 11.30am-1pm.**

All ages and abilities welcome so hope to see you there. Please contact Caroline Wilkinson on 01725 552209 or [cj@wilkinsonyoga.co.uk](mailto:cj@wilkinsonyoga.co.uk) [www.wilkinsonyoga.co.uk](http://www.wilkinsonyoga.co.uk)

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

## **BROAD CHALKE**

**Chalke Valley Stores** - [www.chalkevalleystores.co.uk](http://www.chalkevalleystores.co.uk), email: [info@chalkevalleystores.co.uk](mailto:info@chalkevalleystores.co.uk).

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As part of the valley celebrations and marking of 80 years since Victory in Europe Day, a tea party was held at the Hub during the afternoon of 8 May. It was well attended and a great success. More than 40 people filled the café and enjoyed a traditional tea of sandwiches, cake and scones with cups of tea, and plenty of chat. Music from the 1940s accompanied the festivities which made for a great atmosphere. There were lively conversations and recollections about wartime experiences and Tony Patel compiled a quiz covering aspects of war time events which was of interest to everybody there.

The solemnity of the anniversary was not overlooked and Derek Brown said a few words to honour those who gave their lives during World War II, and two minutes silence was held. Many thanks to Jay Baker for putting together a delicious tea, (and for appearing in full army fatigues) and to the volunteers who helped make the afternoon a great experience for all the guests.

## **Chalke Valley Sports Centre**

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

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Parish Council Rep: John Fry

Sports Centre general email: [Info@chalkevalleysportscentre.co.uk](mailto:Info@chalkevalleysportscentre.co.uk)

Our website is [www.chalkevalleysportscentre.co.uk](http://www.chalkevalleysportscentre.co.uk)

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

**AGM – 3 June at 7pm at the Sports Centre** - We would love some new volunteers to assist in running the Sports Centre, organising fund raisers, applying for grants for equipment and new facilities, and just generally helping out. It only needs an hour or two a month.

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

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

**Chase and Chalke Walking Festival** - Sunday 8 June with walks and activities starting from the Sports Centre.

## **Chalke Valley Fete and Produce Show – Sunday 16 August - 1-4pm at the Sports Centre, Volunteers please!**

We have been busy booking lots of fun for this year's event on 16th August.

Free entry, lots of games for all ages, gun dog display as well as a fun dog show for all our four-legged friends. There is live music, food, drink, craft stalls, bottle stall, classic cars and so much more.

Now is the time to start planting those seeds ready for the produce show. We have some more classes this year so please have a look on our website [www.chalkevalleyfete.co.uk](http://www.chalkevalleyfete.co.uk)

We are looking for a few more helpers. If you could give up 1.5-2 hours of your time on the day it will allow us to let each set of helpers have some time looking around and enjoying the fete. No experience needed

and we give you free refreshments. The fete is run entirely by volunteers and all the money goes to local charities so this could be your bit for the year!

Please contact [chalkevalleyfete@gmail.com](mailto:chalkevalleyfete@gmail.com) or phone Sara on 07711562384

## **BOWERCHALKE**

### **Bowerchalke Market Saturday 14 June, 9.30 to 12 noon in the Village Hall**

Look forward to welcoming everyone to the mid-summer market. All the usual goodies plus the Cheese Truckle Truck and the Full English cafe inside. For further information contact Laura on

[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 5 & 19 June and 3, 17 and 31 July from 10.30am until noon. Everyone is welcome to look in for a coffee and chat. There is presently no charge for refreshments.

**Moviola** - 27 June – The film for June will be “Maria”, a 2024 biographical psychological drama film directed by Pablo Larraín and written by Steven Knight. The film stars Angelina Jolie as opera singer Maria Callas, and follows the seven days before her 1977 death in Paris, as she reflects on her life and career. 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](http://www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk).

The last film of the season on Friday 25 July will be ‘Bridget Jones: Mad About the Boy’. There will be an optional summer buffet supper starting at 6pm for an additional £6. Please book in advance for the supper, stating any dietary requirements.

**Bishopstone Playgroup** – Friday term times 9.30-11am. For more information contact Cally on 07968 797168.

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

### **Notes from a Churchwarden - David Walsh**

“ La fretta è nemicà di ogni cosa” “Hurry is the enemy of everything.”

So said an Italian contadino working in the fields and how right he is.

The balance of how we spend our time is vital, in order to really see and live.

“ The world is full of magical things , waiting for our senses to grow shaper “ WB Yeats

**Sung Compline in St. Martin's Church, Fifield Bavant.** The Manor Singers will once again sing Compline at the slightly early time of 4pm on Sunday 20 July, followed by tea. All are very welcome.

**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 – June 2025**

Alvediston -	Vicki Brown & Jenny McVeigh
Ebbesbourne Wake -	Mary Fleck & Annie Congleton
Fifield Bavant -	Pip Reis

## Church Services - June 2025

1 June	11.00am	Ebbesbourne Wake	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Biddy Trahair
8 June	11.00am	Alvediston	All Age Service	Biddy Trahair
15 June	11.00am	Ebbesbourne Wake	Family Communion	Kate Woolven
22 June	11.00am	Alvediston	Holy Communion (BCP)	Ruth H-S
29 June	9.30am	Ebbesbourne Wake	Benefice Communion	Alison Waterhouse

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

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