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Firstly a huge thank you to Daffy, who did such a wonderful job particularly given the challenges of emails, cutting and pasting, etc. These things are never straightforward and she leaves me with huge shoes to fill. This is obviously my first Ebble so please bear with me. Thank you, Kate Lavan (07795 436709).

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.

Village Hall - Booking Details and Renovation Update

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

The renovations to the Village Hall are moving forward. We are delighted to share that we have secured a grant to refurbish the hall floor, which has seen 25 years of wear and tear from nursery play. This, together with another generous contribution from the Parish Council, means that we can restore the floor to its former glory and make it more suitable for external hires. The hall will thus be closed for a week from 10 March. Keep fingers crossed that all progresses as planned as it was a bit of a race against time to secure the money before the end of the financial year! Thanks to Angelika Hamilton for all this work.

Welcome

Welcome to Cath and Rocky Rockett who have moved to No 3 Thatch Cottage, Fifield Bavant from Cornwall, to be closer to their expanding family in Wiltshire.

Philip Filmer – died 13 February, aged 96

Philip Filmer's funeral will be held Tuesday 25 March 2025 at 1pm at St Nicholas Church in Ashmore and a celebration afterwards at the village hall, also in Ashmore. The family would be delighted to welcome everyone who knew dad, so if you are able to attend please would you be kind enough to text or email James Filmer on 07940 273981 or jamesmatthewfilmer@yahoo.co.uk

Ebbesbourne Wake Parish Council

Thank you to Alex Hill for organising and co-ordinating Seeds 4 Success with some village volunteers to do some footpath clearing in January.

The Parish Council will have met on 27 February by the time you're reading this and so too late for an update for this edition of the Ebble. If you would like to help your community by joining the Parish Council, nominations open on 12 March. Forms are available from the Wiltshire County Council website.

If more than 5 people are nominated to be Parish Councillors, an election will be held on 1 May 2025 to coincide with the County Council elections.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS (in chronological order)

Scottish Dancing in the Village Hall – Saturday 1 March

Please come along to an informal evening of Scottish Dancing for adults and teens. £5/10 to include a bowl of hearty food. Cash bar and cash on the door. 6.30 for a 7pm start. Please email ew@thehamiltonfamily.org.

The Alfiwake Film Club - Monday 3 March at 7pm for 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Tunes of Glory! https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tunes_of_Glory. Running Time 106 mins. Doors open at 7pm, 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

Art Club in the Village Hall, starting on Wednesday 5 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 5 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 (£5). Contact Amanda Baird at 07968 868860

Book Sale-cum-Coffee Morning - Saturday 22 March 10am-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, the week before, or leave them with Bidy Trahair, tel. 780666. Then come along on the Saturday for coffee and cake. All proceeds will go to the project (for more information or if you would like to donate, please visit <https://chalkevalleychurches.org/cueibet>).

Alvewake Fete - Save the Date - Saturday 14 June 2025 – 2.30pm

Please contact Kate Lavan on lavankate@gmail.com if you would like to get involved. We would love new ideas so please don't be afraid to volunteer.

Alvewake Flower and Vegetable Show - Save the date - Saturday 2 August 2025 🦋

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

What's on @NewVic in Tisbury in March – have a look at www.newvictisbury.com or call 0300 302 3090.

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Coffee Shop weekdays 10am - 3pm, 12pm on Saturdays

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

On 14 February a ceremony was held at the Hub at which the King's Award for Voluntary Service was presented by Dame Sarah Rose Troughton DCVO, the current Lord Lieutenant of Wiltshire to Derek Brown on behalf of Chalke Valley Community Hub Limited and its team of volunteers. All volunteers were invited to join the celebrations and many were able to attend which was very nice to see as the award would not have been possible without their hard work and commitment. We were also lucky enough to have Sven Hocking, the Mayor of Salisbury, John Glen MP and Dr Olivia Chapple, OBE, the High Sheriff of Wiltshire at the event. John Glen MP spoke and proposed a toast to all the volunteers, and flowers were presented to Susie Hatt-Cook who recently stood down as a volunteer having supported the Hub in that role since day one.

On another subject, for those of you who are members of Chalke Valley Community Hub Limited, our AGM is being held at the Hub on Tuesday 4 March at 7.30pm. All welcome.

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

Chalke Valley Sports Centre

Chairman: chris.rothwell@chalkevalleysportscentre.co.uk Tel: 07552159369

Treasurer: Michaela.johns@chalkevalleysportscentre.co.uk Tel: 01722 780915

Secretary: Vacant

Social Media: tim.moss@chalkevalleysportscentre.co.uk

Sports Centre general email: Info@chalkevalleysportscentre.co.uk

Our website is www.chalkevalleysportscentre.co.uk

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

Broad Chalke Parish Council – Invitations for expressions of interest

GRASS CUTTING AND RELATED GROUNDS MAINTENANCE WORKS - Broad Chalke Parish Council, is inviting suitably qualified, experienced, and resourced contractors to be considered to undertake the above and similar work. Any interested party should in the first instance request a copy of the Specification to: clerkbroadchalke@gmail.com For and on behalf of Broad Chalke Parish Council

BOWERCHALKE

Bowerchalke Market Saturday 8 March, 9.30 to 12 noon in the Village Hall.

Fresh lamb is back this month from Helen plus Knowle Farm Dexter Beef and locally shot venison. Home made cooked items include Lesley's famous pies, a range of hearty winter soups, excellent cakes, lunchtime treats, delicious preserves sweet and savoury plus local honey. A table full of seasonal and not so seasonal veg. Carolyn and her Cheese Truckle Truck outside and a café serving a full English breakfast. Do come and join us. For further information contact Laura Loncar on 07445 743 014

BISHOPSTONE

Quiz Night - The ever-popular Quiz Night at the Village Hall will return on Friday 28 March. 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 Thursdays 13 and 27 March and 10 and 24 April, 10.30am until 12 noon. Everyone is welcome to look in for a coffee and chat. There is presently no charge for refreshments.

Moviola - Friday 28 March. The film will be "Conclave". 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.

Bishopstone Community Lunches - Wednesday 5 March and the speaker will be Linda Nunn from Cranbourne Chase National Landscapes. Times as usual: 12 noon for 12.30pm. 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 final lunch of the season will be on Wednesday 9 April and the speaker will be from Wilton Men's Shed.

Annual Spring Fayre – Saturday 17 May from 10am with all the usual attractions

CHURCH MATTERS

Notes from a Churchwarden - David Walsh

"People forget what you said, people forget what you did, but people never forget about how you made them feel" Maya Angelou

Parish of Ebbesbourne Wake with Fifield Bavant and Alvediston

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held in St. John's Church, Ebbesbourne Wake on Sunday 16 March 2025 at 12 noon following the Family Communion service at 11am. All are very welcome!

Electoral Roll Reminder

If you are still to complete your Electoral Roll form please do so as soon as possible and return to Olivia Jones by email or by printed copy dropped into her in Ebbesbourne Wake. Your inclusion on the roll is important. Many thanks

Compline Service at Fifield

Compline for Lent at Fifield There will be a said service of Compline with a time for quiet prayer on Monday, 31 March at 5.30pm. Do join us.

Chalke Valley Pilgrimage - Friday 28 and Saturday 29 March 2025

To celebrate Mothering Sunday weekend, a pilgrimage is being organised to walk through the Chalke Valley from Berwick St John to Salisbury Cathedral. It is open to everyone in the Chalke Valley. A pilgrimage invites each of us to step outside our daily life and enter a space of reflection, discovery and transformation. It is not a competition, nor an organised group walk!

Day One (Fri 28 Mar) will be from Berwick St John to Coombe Bissett (approx. 20 kms), calling at the churches in between. There will be an optional overnight stay at Coombe Bissett Village Hall on Friday night. Day Two (Sat 29 Mar) will be from Coombe Bissett to Salisbury Cathedral, via the east end of the Chalke Valley (approx. 20 kms). The intention is to arrive at Salisbury Cathedral in time for Choral Evensong at 5.30pm for those that wish to attend.

Come and join us - whether for the whole journey, one day, for an hour or two or just to meet the pilgrims as they pass through the route. We hope to walk via most churches along the valley, enjoying refreshments en route. If you are unable to walk but would like to support this event, we really need volunteers to welcome pilgrims along their way, provide refreshments or transporting weary pilgrims back to their cars etc.

If you are interested in taking part in the pilgrimage in any way, please contact Ruth Howlett-Shipley on 01722 697022 or by email: revdruth@outlook.com to receive more information.

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 revmaggiem@gmail.com or chat with anyone on the team.

Church Flowers and Cleaning – March 2025

Alvediston -	Pen Milburn & Victoria Walford
Ebbesbourne Wake -	Carla Walsh & Sam Lanyon
Fifield Bavant -	Pip Reis

Church Services - March 2025

2 March	11.00am	Ebbesbourne Wake	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Biddy Trahair
9 March	11.00am	Alvediston	All Age Service	Biddy Trahair
9 March	3.00pm	Fifield Bavant	Evening Prayer	Biddy Trahair
16 March	11.00am	Ebbesbourne Wake	Family Communion (CW)	Kate Woolven
23 March	11.00am	Alvediston	Holy Communion (BCP)	Alison Waterhouse
30 March	10.00am	Broadchalke	Benefice Communion	Alison Waterhouse
6 April	10.00am	Ebbesbourne Wake	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Biddy Trahair

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

Ministry Team: Team Rector ~ The Revd. Dr Ruth Howlett-Shipley: 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, contact Emily on thechalkevalleychurches@gmail.com

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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

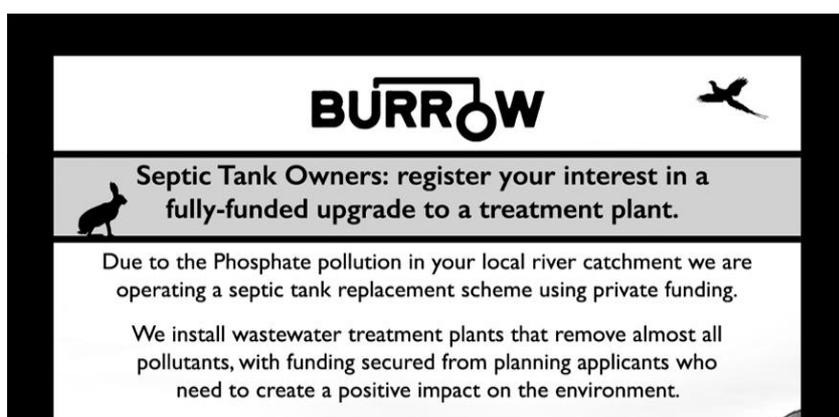
Charlotte Steel (Dip. Couns. MBACP), Qualified Counsellor and Complementary Therapist
The Chapel, Church Street, Bowerchalke, SP5 5AY, 07811 944328, cjsteel92@gmail.com, www.charlottesteel.org. Counselling: £50, Hot Stone Massage: Full Body (90 minutes) £65, Back (1 hour) £50, Massage: Full Body (90 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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