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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.

April brought price increases for energy, water, broadband, phones and TV licences amongst other things, and we understand that this can be a worrying time. We are able to offer our support by making grants towards items such as a new cooker, washing machine, laptop or a delivery of logs. Perhaps you need support with nursery fees or an unexpected bill such as a boiler or 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
Tel: Hugh Pelly- 780 258, Janine Hillary- 780 271, Bridget Watts - 780 662, Andrew Boys -780 835 or Carly Stainforth- 780 848.

Village Hall - Booking Details and Update

Village Hall Committee – Election of Trustees and Officers

At the recent committee meeting, the following trustees were unanimously re-elected: **Richard Trahair, Andrew Reis, and Tom Parnell**. Warm thanks were extended to all three for their ongoing commitment and support.

Committee Officer Roles – Elected/Confirmed

- **Chair** – Angelika Hamilton
- **Vice-Chair** – David Joyce
- **Treasurer & Bookings** – Fran Rose
- **Publicity** – Laura Welsh
- **Safeguarding Officer** – Hugh Pelley
- **Maintenance Overview** – Peter Trickett
- **Secretary – Vacant** This important role remains open. If you or someone you know may be interested, please do get in touch—we would love to hear from you!

A heartfelt thank you to all trustees and committee members who continue to dedicate their time and energy. Your involvement keeps this vital village asset running smoothly for the benefit of the whole community.

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

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

VE Day – 80th Anniversary – Together we honour the past and celebrate a future built on unity, hope, love and peace. The Parish Council are marking the 80th Anniversary of Victory in Europe by presenting mugs to all children in the parish. If you live in Ebbesbourne Wake or Fifield Bavant and have children under the age of 16, please contact Sarah Cromwell on ewfbparishclerk@gmail.com or 780558 to arrange collection.

The following four people were nominated for the Parish Council by the deadline of 2 April:

James Hamilton, Alex Hill, Cathy Long and Liam Stainforth. As there are five seats, all four become councillors without the need for an election. The new PC will consider filling the fifth seat by co-option.

If you would like to help your community by joining the Parish Council, please contact the clerk, Sarah Cromwell on ewfbparishclerk@gmail.com or 780558.

The first meeting of the new PC will be on Thursday 8 May 2025.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS (in chronological order)

Farm Visit & Walk – Explore Farming with the Environment in the Chalke Valley – Friday 6 June at 5pm

In support of the Ebbesbourne Wake Village Hall

Join us for a unique and inspiring evening at Fifield Bavant, where you'll explore how farming and environmental care go hand-in-hand in our stunning Chalke Valley. Hosted by Andrew Reis, this guided visit offers a rare opportunity to experience the landscape up close and learn about the pioneering work of the Chalke Valley Farmer Cluster (CVFC). We're thrilled to be joined by Simon Smart, CVFC Facilitator and expert ecologist, who will share insights into conservation efforts. Two trailers will be available to comfortably transport participants during the walk.

Limited to 30 participants £15pp – book early to avoid disappointment (but by 5 June) 1st come 1st served. Please book with Helen Lodge: hellen.lodge780@btinternet.com who will give you payment details.

As this will be a popular event with limited spaces, we kindly ask for payment from anyone who cancels at short notice or does not attend. Thank you for understanding.

Weekly Yoga at Ebbesbourne Wake Village Hall Tuesdays 11.30am-1pm. Summer Term begins 29 April.

All ages and abilities welcome so hope to see you there. Please contact Caroline Wilkinson on 01725 552209 or cj@wilkinsonyoga.co.uk www.wilkinsonyoga.co.uk

Chalke Valley Watercress – Talk and Tour – Wednesday 11 June - 10am

CV Watercress are supporting the Stars Appeal by hosting the above event at the Watercress beds in Broad Chalke, to include a short walk and a cup of watercress soup. Booking and more information - Karen Hitchings (07789 628680) or Viv Grant (07481 404644). Suggestion donation of £20pp and sorry no dogs.

Alvewake Fete - Save the Date - 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. Whether you're full of ideas, happy to lend a hand on the day, or just curious about what's involved – come along to our **Fete Planning Meeting on Wednesday 7 May at 6.30pm at the Village Hall**. Please contact Kate Lavan on lavankate@gmail.com with any queries.

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 May – have a look at www.newvictisbury.com or call 0300 302 3090.

BROAD CHALKE

Chalke Valley Stores - www.chalkevalleystores.co.uk, email: info@chalkevalleystores.co.uk.

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

Open weekdays 9.00am - 5pm, until 1pm on Saturdays

Cafe weekdays 10am - 3pm, 12pm on Saturdays

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

We are now selling bunches of seasonal garden flowers from Ashmore Farm.

Update on drainage works – the work starts on 28 April for 2-3 weeks leading to a restriction in parking bays.

VE Day Celebrations – come along to the 80th Anniversary celebration at the Hub. Embrace the charms of a 1940s classic tea party with a touch of nostalgia. Enjoy big band and classic sounds of the era, share your stories and reflect with a moment of silence to honour the significance of the day. Come if you can and dress in 40s style. The party will take place on Thursday 8 May, 2-4pm. Tickets £15 available from the shop. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

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: 07552 159369

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Secretary: Vacant

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Parish Council Rep: John Fry

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>

AGM – 3 June at 7pm at the Sports Centre

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 – Currently 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

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 or phone Sara on 07711562384

BOWERCHALKE

Bowerchalke Market Saturday 10 May, 9.30 to 12 noon in the Village Hall

Hoping for a lovely Spring Day but whatever the weather the Hall will be full of the usual great local produce. Lamb, beef and venison, seasonal vegetables, home-made pies, soups, cakes and other lunchtime and teatime treats. Carolyn will be outside in the Cheese Truckle Truck and Lesley will be in the kitchen cooking breakfast for the café. We look forward to seeing you there. For further information please contact Laura at lauraloncar.cvp@gmail.com.

BISHOPSTONE

Bishopstone Community Café - The Village Hall Café is normally open on alternate Thursdays throughout the year. Dates for the late winter period are 8 & 22 May and 5 & 19 June from 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 30 May – “A Complete Unknown” (biographical musical drama about Bob Dylan) 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.

Annual Spring Fayre – Saturday 17 May from 10am with all the usual attractions. Norman, from the plant stall, will very much appreciate donations (hall open the day before).

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

“We are all just people who are flawed like everyone else, we are all the same in front of God.

And we will not be judged for who we are, but for what we contributed.”

Brother Franz, Stams Cistercian Monastery, Austria .

In the light of our reflections on Pope Francis this seems appropriate. Her was a man of action, may we be.

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

Biddy Trahair

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 or chat with anyone on the team.

Church Flowers and Cleaning – May 2025

Alvediston -	Sheila Sykes & Sue Heath
Ebbesbourne Wake -	Bridget Watts & Daffy Stead
Fifield Bavant -	Pip Reis

Church Services - May 2025

4 May	11.00am	Ebbesbourne Wake	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Biddy Trahair
11 May	10.30am	Bishopstone	Benefice Communion to mark Jenny Taylor’s retirement	
18 May	11.00am	Ebbesbourne Wake	Parish Communion	Kate Woolven
25 May	11.00am	Alvediston	Holy Communion (BCP)	Kate Woolven

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
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contact Emily on thechalkevalleychurches@gmail.com

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