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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 - 780 848, or Andrew Boys - 780835

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NEWS FROM THE VILLAGES

Ebbesbourne Wake

Ebbesbourne Wake Parish Council met on 17th October 2024.

Parish Councillor co-opted; Alex Hill was unanimously co-opted as a councillor.

Police Community Support Officer – Charlotte King.

Our new PCSO came to the meeting to introduce herself. Her report is below. She emphasised the importance of reporting suspicious vehicles straight away by phoning 999 with as many details as possible (reg no., number of occupants etc) and location (ideally using what3words).

Wilts County Councillor

Nabil Najjar came to the meeting and talked about some of the work that WCC is doing. Please let the council know of problems using the MyWilts app. Nadir also mentioned <https://one.network/> that shows live updates on road closures.

Flooding in Pound Street

This was discussed again. In addition to landowners keeping waterways clear, Nabil suggested a further site visit to see what else can be done.

Donation

The PC agreed to make a £60 donation to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

West End Bus shelter

Peter Trickett was thanked for his work refurbishing the shelter.

Village Hall donations

Last year the PC agreed to donate £1,000 to help with the hall refurbishment. This still stands. The PC will consider an additional donation to help VH with cost of maintenance/tree felling. This decision will be taken at the next PC meeting when the 2024/25 finances will be discussed.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on 5th December 2024 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. Members of the public are welcome. If you'd like to come along, please contact Sarah Cromwell (PC clerk) by phoning 780558 or emailing ewfbparishclerk@gmail.com

WILTSHIRE POLICE PARISH COUNCIL REPORT, 1st August to 16th October 2024 – Ebbesbourne Wake
The team: PC Matt Boon and PCSO Charlotte King

Crimes and Incidents

Wiltshire Police record crimes and incidents in accordance with the National Crime and incident recording standards. Not all incidents that one would consider a crime are necessarily classified as a crime for recording purposes.

NB - The statistics do not account for incidents that police respond to but do not need any follow up (Road traffic incidents, minor incidents of Anti-social behaviour).

'Storm' is simply the 'Call Recording' system used to create a running Log of an occurrence as it happens. Some Storm can be turned into Niche post closure. 'Niche': The recording of a crime or incident requiring some form of investigation either minor or major.

STORM: 26/09 – Poaching/Hare Coursing – White Panel Van with chevrons on the rear doors was sighted driving through the village, 2 males in there 20s, no animals sighted in the vehicle – Officers made aware, no further calls received.

15/10 – Poaching/Hare Coursing – A Silver Land Cruiser with two males sighted, possible hare coursing as stopping at farm gates and looking around, seen on previous evening – Officers attended, vehicle not sighted. Poaching and hare coursing are one of Wiltshire Police's force priorities, please continue to report incidents of this nature. Please also report details of any vehicles you suspect may be involved in poaching and hare coursing.

NICHE: No crimes have been reported/recorded for this period. 18/08 – Vehicle theft – Motorbike was taken from secured back garden at 4 Manor Farm Cottages, Fifield Bavant – Closed due to no lines of enquiry.

Community Consultations

If there are any local events ongoing, please do let the team know on our e-mail address, salisburyareanpt@wiltshire.police.uk and we will try our best to attend.

NOTE: Please report crime through **999** for an emergency or **101** after the event / risk has passed. Please consider an online report where possible: [Report a crime | Wiltshire Police](#)

ALVEDISTON

Harvest thanks: Thank you to everyone who contributed tins, packets and jars of food, fresh fruit and vegetables at the Harvest Thanksgiving services in Alvediston and Fifield. We were very sorry to discover that The Foyer, (where fresh goods were used to help young people learn to cook and cater for themselves,) was closed in the Spring, due to lack of funds. Fortunately, Andrew Boys, our 'delivery man', was able to give them to the Bemerton Community Fridge via the Trussell Trust, so they will be much appreciated, and that is where we hope to send such goods next year. The total weight for the Trussell Trust was 71 kilos.

VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall is currently being refurbished and therefore walls of the following rooms require painting: Kitchen, Gents toilet, Ladies toilet, Hallway, Disabled toilet, and the Entrance lobby.

I would like to have some volunteers to do the work please. Paint, rollers and brushes will be provided.

If you wish to help, please let me know. Thank you in anticipation.

Peter Trickett. Tel : (01722) 780963.

COMMITTEE NEWS

A heartfelt thank you to everyone from the three villages and beyond who joined us for our Harvest Supper! Whether you helped with the cooking (superb food by Helen), brought crumbles, so generously sponsored the raffle, tidied up - your support made it a truly memorable event. Thanks to your generosity, we raised over £1,000!

A special shout-out goes to Bill and Hugh for the quiz that was equal part local knowledge and sheet mystery (we still do not know who owns the chapel) and Richard for his ever-entertaining readings. This year we also had our own poet laureate (John Parnell) crafting a special tribute to the valley and even, the committee:

*Across our Chalke valley, autumn whispers near
as underground springs awaken, their waters crystal clear.
The Ebbles quickly rises, a soft flowing song,
and leaves still cling to branches, yet the changes feel quite strong.
A mole breaks through the surface, a sign of seasonal shift,
fresh flocks of sheep are roaming, in pastures new they drift.
Up at Sleepy Hollow the steep banks stand so tall,
where Hoopers cattle gently graze, heedless of us all,
With coats shining bright, they hug the green slopes,
and in the crisp air, embody our hopes.
The bright harvest moon shines on fields so fair,
showing each golden grain, nature's gift laid bare.
Back in this hall, where laughter fills the air,
we gather close, friends and host, a village feast to share.
With every dish a memory raised, some from days of yore,
we celebrate our bounty, and countless blessings more.
For in every season there is a reason to thank our hall committee,
not only for their help tonight, captured here in ditty,
But also, for their tireless work in making all so pretty!
So, cheers, Hall Committee, all eighteen in line,
each shall be named and thanked, in good time.
You've saved my bacon, on this occasion, and not to mention the time,
because you see, you've given to me, a list of names that rhyme!
So, to Hamilton, Rose, Lodge and Lavan,
to Trickett and Hicks, Isard and Garran,
To Welch and Cleary, Whitfield and Marsh,
to leave anyone out would be too harsh,
To David, Bill, Leslie and Hugh,
and Chloe W-W from Alvediston too!
We raise our glasses, in this warm, lively place,
together we'll cherish each smile on each face. John Parnell*

All the contributions brought smiles to everyone's faces.

Looking ahead to November, we've some exciting events in store. Not only do we have our traditional fireworks evening, but we're also hosting a special talk for the Remembrance season, featuring local author Stuart Tootle. Additionally, we'll be completing the first phase of renovations with fresh updates to the bathroom areas, including a new coat of paint. If you'd like to lend a hand, check out Peter's call for volunteers below. As always, the village hall committee is organizing and funding the fireworks on November 5th. This family-friendly event will remain free of charge, as we want it to be accessible to all. However, we encourage everyone to bring cash to enjoy sausages, soup, and a drink from the bar. Any donations on the night will be greatly appreciated, as they help us keep events like these going while also supporting the upkeep of the hall. Once again, thank you for your continued support of the village hall. We look forward to seeing you at the upcoming events!

Warm regards and many thanks for the amazing committee team below that makes all of this possible!
Angelika

Village Hall Trustees and Committee 2024, bookings at: ebbesbournewakevillagehall@hotmail.com

Tom Parnell (Trustee), Andrew Reis (Trustee), Richard Trahair (trustee), Paul Cleary, Lesley Cullen, Astrid Garran, Angelika Hamilton (Chair), Sarah Isard, David Joyce (deputy), Kate Lavan, Helen Lodge, Alana Marsh, Lee Marsh (caretaker), Hugh Pelly, Fran Rose (treasurer and bookings), Bill Stacey, Peter Trickett (maintenance oversight), Laura Welch (events marketing), Chloe Williams-Wynne, Ben White, Rose Whitfield
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.

DATES for the DIARY

The Alfiwake Film Club's Monday November 4th . Breakfast at Tiffany's starring Audrey Hepburn
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Breakfast_at_Tiffany's_\(film\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Breakfast_at_Tiffany's_(film)).

Doors open at 7.00 pm. Film starts at 7.30 pm prompt.

£20 gets you a film on the first Monday of each month until early April: less than £3 a film.

If you are not sure you would like to join but would like to come to this film, you will be most welcome. Each individual film is £5

Drinks available to buy. Please bring cash! And suggestions for future films.

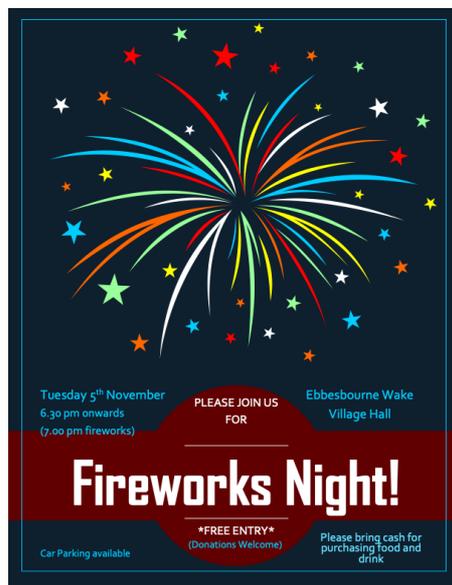
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REMEMBER REMEMBER....

Fireworks and Bonfire Night, Tuesday 5th November 2024 6.30pm onwards (7.00pm fireworks)

Ebbsbourne Wake Village Hall Field. Car Parking available.

FREE ENTRY (Donations Welcome). Please bring cash for purchasing food and drink.



THE BOWERCHALKE MARKET & CAFÉ Saturday 9th November, 9.30am to 12 noon in the Village Hall.

Lots of local produce including lamb, beef, venison, pheasant and partridge. Seasonal valley grown vegetables, homemade soups, pies, preserves and cakes. And an excellent cafe serving breakfast to start the weekend off properly. For further information contact Laura on 07445 743014 or lauraloncar.cvp@gmail.com.

BATTLE OF ARNHEM ANNIVERSARY CHARITY TALK, 13th November 2024 7.00 pm until 8.00pm

The book cover for 'The Last Para' features a photograph of a man in a military uniform and a red beret. The title 'THE LAST PARA' is written in large, bold letters. Text on the cover includes: 'Gripping, visceral and immensely moving' DAMIEN LEWIS, 'THE FINAL FIRSTHAND ACCOUNT OF THE BATTLE AT ARNHEM BRIDGE', and 'JOHN HUMPHREYS WITH STUART TOOTAL'.

In Commemoration of The 80th Anniversary of the Battle of Arnhem
Titus Mills in Conversation with Sunday Times best selling author
Colonel Stuart Tootal
About his latest book – 'The Last Para'
Ebbsbourne Wake Village Hall, Wiltshire SP55JD
On Wednesday 13th November
Talk starts at 7pm until 8pm
Cash bar opens at 6.30pm
Tickets - £10 (£5 for under 18s) – Contact lavankate@gmail.com
All proceeds to the Village Hall Committee and the Parachute Regiment Charity

Wounded in action, decorated for gallantry, and captured at Tobruk in 1942, John Humphreys escaped from a POW camp in Italy. Volunteering for the Paras, he jumped into Arnhem in 1944. where he was again decorated for gallantry, captured, and then escaped from a POW camp in Germany. Passing away in March 2024, aged 102 as the last living veteran to actually fight at the infamous 'Bridge, Too Far', Stuart Tootal spent last year working with John to capture his remarkable WW2 story in 'The Last Para.'

BOWERCHALKE VILLAGE HALL - POP UP PUB Saturday 16th November 6.30pm - 11pm.

The night you have all been waiting for..... is back. Put the date in your diary and bring some friends with you to enjoy a drink or two and a hearty winter stew with us. Vegetarian option is available. Free entry or £7 if you'd like food. For fun and raising funds for the Village Hall. Please book food in advance by contacting Laura Loncar: lauraloncar.cvp@gmail.com or Amanda Maxwell: amandamaxwell126@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you there!

NEW VIC TISBURY November 2024

Sunday 10 November, 7pm Magic Lantern: Sink or Swim

Saturday 16 November, 7.30pm The phantom of the Opera at the Royal Albert Hall

Sunday 17 November, 7pm Exhibitions on Screen: Van Gough: Poets and Lovers

Saturday 23rd November 7.30 pm. TCC Film Night: Bob Marley One Love

Friday 29th November 7.30 pm Friday Night Jazz : Sarah and Friends

Saturday 30 November, 7 - 10.30pm. St Andrew's Day Ceilidh - Dancing from 8pm 'til 10.30pm.

Tickets available from www.newvictisbury.com, email newvictisbury@gmail.com or call 0300 302 3090.



THE BISHOPSTONE COMMUNITY CAFÉ

The Moviola film for November on Friday 29th November 2024 will be “Vindication Swim”.

Doors open at 7.00pm and the film will begin at 7.30pm. Entry for the film is £6.00. 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.

Salisbury Big Band Christmas Concert
Nadder Centre, Tisbury
Tuesday 10th December, 1.30 - 3.30pm

Celebrate Christmas with the Salisbury Big Band.
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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.

An unusual token

Peter Booth, of Sunset on Top Road, came across this token among his possessions and is wondering for what it was used. The token is of an age. If we assume this token is possibly from late 19th century or early 20th century, perhaps been around 1900, £1 in 1900 is equivalent in purchasing power of about £154.04 today, an increase of £153.04 over 124 years. It appears co-operatives started in the UK in 1844. however older members of the village don't believe the shop, here in Ebbesbourne Wake, ever used co-operative tokens like these. After some investigation it is thought they may have been produced for a special Ebbesbourne Wake savings scheme.

Any suggestions of its provenance would be welcome, and of interest. Please contact Ebbleeditor@hotmail.com



Ebbesbourne Wake Co-operative Society Ltd

November, by Thomas Hood - with thanks to Claire Macdonald for her contribution.

*No sun — no moon!
No morn — no noon —
No dawn — no dusk — no proper time of day.*

*No warmth, no cheerfulness, no healthful ease,
No comfortable feel in any member —
No shade, no shine, no butterflies, no bees,
No fruits, no flowers, no leaves, no birds! —
November!*

CHURCH MATTERS-

Notes from a Churchwarden – David Walsh

“ Painting is an art of time and space, and you make space through time. A photograph can’t do that, it sees it all at once.” Hockney.

Monet made us see the world a bit more clearly.

St Mary’s, Alvediston

We are delighted that Nigel Jaggard was able to start work at the beginning of October on the internal tower works at St Mary’s, Alvediston with completion date expected at the beginning of November. Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust offered a grant of £5,500 which has been an enormous help in this venture, and for which we are very grateful.

Church Flowers and cleaning – November 2024

Alvediston -	Cleaning & Flowers	Deborah & Andrew Boys
Ebbesbourne Wake -	Cleaning & Flowers	Carla Walsh & Sam Lanyon
Fifield Bavant -	Cleaning & Flowers	Pip Reis

CHURCH SERVICES for November 2024

3rd November - 11.00am - Morning Prayer (BCP) - St. John’s, Ebbesbourne Wake - Bidy Trahair
10th November - **11.20am** - Remembrance Service - St. Mary’s, Alvediston - Vernon White

*Monday, 11th November at 5.30pm - Compline - St. Martin’s Church, Fifield Bavant - Bidy Trahair
17th November - 11.00am - Family Communion (CW) - St. John’s, Ebbesbourne Wake - Alison Waterhouse
24th November - 11.00am - Holy Communion - (BCP) - St. Mary’s, Alvediston - Ruth H-S
1st December - 11.00am - Morning Prayer-(BCP) - St. John’s Ebbesbourne Wake - Bidy Trahair

**Compline on St. Martin's Day. Do join us for a service of Compline in the traditional language. Within the service there will be a time of silent prayer with an invitation to light a candle, if you wish.*

Please note that there will be no Evensong on Remembrance Sunday, as there will be acts of remembrance at the crosses in Alvediston and Ebbesbourne, followed by a service in St. Mary's, Alvediston at about 11.20am.

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

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Team Administrator ~ Mrs Emily Broomhead: 07890 262376

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