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The Alvediston, Ebbesbourne Wake and Fifield Bavant Newsletter

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Sue, Jess and Charlie Cox Martin would like to say a big thank you to all friends and neighbours for their cards, gifts, food, messages of sympathy and love following the sudden death of Bill. We are very touched and enormously grateful. It is a comfort to know that we are surrounded by such a caring community.

Village Hall Committee

The pavilion floor work should be completed by the beginning of November and table tennis can commence after Fireworks Night on 5 November (more info below).

Talk at the Hall - Finding the Silk Road: Independent Travel in Uzbekistan - Tuesday 18 November 6.30-8pm
An Illustrated Talk by Angelika Hamilton (more info below).

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 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 Tel: Hugh Pelly- 780 258, Janine Hillary- 780 271, Bridget Watts - 780 662, Andrew Boys -780 835 or Carly Stainforth- 780 848.

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.

Annual Village Hall Car Park Closure – Sunday 30 November – Please remove all cars by 8pm on Saturday until 8pm on Sunday (30 November)

Ebbesbourne Wake and Fyfield Bavant Parish Council

Next Parish Council Meeting on Thursday 20 November at 7.30pm

FORTHCOMING EVENTS (in chronological order)

The Alfiwake Film Club – Monday 3 November – Derek Jarman's The Tempest

Doors open at 7, Film starts at 7.30 prompt, £5 (or £20 for the season of 6 films)

Drinks available to buy - please bring cash! Film suggestions welcome!

Hugh Pelly ☎ 780258 hjwpelly@gmail.com

Fireworks Night – Wednesday 5 November – 6.30pm onwards - The Village Hall

Please come and celebrate Fireworks Night in Ebbesbourne Wake. Free entry but please bring cash for delicious hot food and drinks from the bar (and donations!). See you there! Please feel free to add clean and dry wood to the bonfire (any metal removed please).

Friends of Bishopstone Church in aid of the Church Roof Appeal -

It's Not Rocket Science (Well, it is actually . . .) - on Friday 7 November at 7 for 7.30pm

Come and join me, Toby Mills, a real Rocket Scientist and learn about: The history of rockets; How rockets work; Getting into orbit; Travelling the cosmos; The future of rocketry and much more

No mathematical knowledge required! Never again will you wonder how a rocket works

Amaze your friends with your new found knowledge. Bishopstone Village Hall.

Tickets from Sarah Seal – theseal1@outlook.com and Anne Stutchbury – annewheelwright@gmail.com

Finding the Silk Road: Independent Travel in Uzbekistan - Tuesday 18 November 6.30-8pm

An Illustrated Talk by Angelika Hamilton

Plov, Tea, blue tiles and Plenty of Surprises... Discover what it's like to explore the Silk Road in modern times. Perfect for anyone curious about how to travel there themselves, or simply keen to enjoy stories and images from beautiful and welcoming land. £10 and cash bar.

St Mary's Church, Alvediston – Saturday 22 November – 6.30 for 7pm – Wessex Folk Music

Cheery songs, seasonal tales and toe-tapping tunes by candlelight. More info in the flyer attached.

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

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

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 (1pm on Saturdays)

Cafe weekdays 10am – 2.30pm, 11.30am on Saturdays

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

New Winter menu serving warming soups, traditional breakfasts and comforting puddings. This month's featured maker and supplier to the shop is Kate's Sourdough, offering hand-made sourdough bread and cereals from Rockbourne. We're looking forward to helping hands in the shop and café – if you have time to spare, please contact Tony Patel (tony@chalkevalleystores.co.uk), Liz Wiltshire

(bizzielizzie505@yahoo.co.uk) for the shop or Hilary Brown (hilary.brown780@gmail.com) for the café.

Chalke Valley Sports Centre

Chairman: chris.rothwell@chalkevalleysportscentre.co.uk Tel: 07552 159369

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

Secretary: Vacant

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

Parish Council Rep: John Fry

Sports Centre general email: Info@chalkevalleysportscentre.co.uk. Hall available for private hire.

Our website is www.chalkevalleysportscentre.co.uk

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 8 November, 9.30 to 12 noon in the Village Hall

All the usual excellent fare including a welcome return to fresh lamb from Helen Lodge, as well as Knowle Farm beef. Plenty of Lesley's Valley-famous pies, Autumnal soups, pate, pizzas, home-made cakes, excellent bread, local honey, preserves and a table heaving with seasonal veg grown in a field on the top of the hill. The Cheese Truckle Truck will be outside and the Cafe inside serving coffees, teas and of course the best breakfast in the valley. Do come and join us. For further information contact laura on 07445 743014 or email lauraloncar@gmail.com

BISHOPSTONE

Bishopstone Community Café - The Village Hall Café is normally open on alternate Thursdays throughout the year. Dates are 6 and 20 November and 4 and 18 December from 10.30am until noon. Everyone is welcome to look in for a coffee and chat. There is presently no charge for refreshments.

Moviola – Friday 28 November. The film will be “Four Letters of Love”. 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.

Saturday 15 November - ‘The Sunset Café Stompers’ – Jazz group. Tickets are £17.50 each with an optional supper available at an additional £7.50 per person.

Doors and bar open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Please book in advance with Caroline Ash on (781044, or Sue Taylor on 780316, stating any dietary requirements if taking the supper.

Bishopstone Community Lunches – Wednesday 5 November and the speaker will be Mike Ash, with a talk entitled “Stop Press – Bishopstone in Print”. 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. The special Christmas lunch will be on Wednesday 3 December.

The Christmas Fayre – Friday 5 December – 6-7pm – A variety of stalls. Donations please (for books, tombola and cake stalls) in the hall between 2.30-3.30 on the day.

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 or 07968 797168.

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

Notes from a Churchwarden - David Walsh

THE PILGRIM'S PRAYER

O God
Be our companion on the walk,
Our guide at the crossroads,
Our breath in weariness,
Our protection in danger,
Our refuge on the Way
Our shade in the heat,
Our light in the darkness,
Our consolation in our discouragements,
And our strength in our intentions.

So that with your guidance
we may arrive safe and sound
at the end of the Road
enriched with grace and virtue
may we return safely to our homes
filled with joy.

In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen

A prayer seen in St Faith's Church, Dorstone, Golden Valley, Herefordshire

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 – November 2025

Alvediston -	Sheila Sykes and Sue Heath
Ebbesbourne Wake -	Carla Walsh and Sam Lanyon
Fifield Bavant -	Pip Reis

Church Services - November 2025

2 November	11.00am	Ebbesbourne Wake	Morning Prayer (BCP) All Saints Day	Pen Milburn
9 November	11.20am	Ebbesbourne Wake	Remembrance Service	Jenny Taylor
16 November	11.00am	Ebbesbourne Wake	Family Communion	Kate Woolven
16 November	3.00pm	Fifield Bavant	Evening Prayer	Biddy Trahair
23 November	11.00am	Alvediston	Holy Communion Christ the King	Alison Waterhouse
30 November	10.00am	Bowerchalke	Benefice Communion (BCP)	Alison Waterhouse

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

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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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Vehicle paint and body repair. Contact Joe on 07980 350484 or jdvehicleservices@hotmail.co.uk

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Filthy Squirrels Woodland Nursery, Manor Farm Fifield Bavant. Ofsted rated Outstanding. For all information, please visit www.filthysquirrels.co.uk

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ST MARY'S CHURCH, ALVEDISTON SP5 5LE
Saturday 22nd November, 6.30 for 7pm

Tim Laycock

concertina and melodeon

Colin Thompson

fiddle, viola & guitar

present traditional folk music from Wessex

TO DRIVE THE COLD WINTER AWAY

Cheery songs, seasonal tales and toe-tapping tunes by candlelight

Tickets in aid of St Mary's Tower Appeal
£15 / under-16s £7.50

from pen.teamtower@gmail.com in advance please

BACS payments - St Mary's PCC
sort code 30-97-41 a/c no 00391193 ref FOLK
CC payments - 07836 647330

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