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Welcome to Olly and Georgie Thomas, who have moved into 1 The Knapp, Alvediston, from Bridport.

111 Places in Dorset That You Shouldn't Miss

This fascinating book was written by Jeni Bell and Karen Heaney. Jeni used to contribute nature notes to the Ebble and, until recently, lived in Alvediston. They have found extraordinary gems of landmarks, eco-businesses, art galleries, food producers and many other surprises throughout Dorset, each illustrated by a beautiful photo. The book is part of a series, and you can get it from the award-winning bookshop at the top of Gold Hill, Shaftesbury, called "Folde" for £13.95. Bidy Trahair

Harvest Thanksgiving in our churches: All are welcome to help decorate our churches on the Saturday before these special services; see the list of services to find out when each will happen. Also the Trussell Trust welcomes donations of fresh fruit and vegetables as well as tins and packets, (with a long sell-by date,) so do bring gifts to the services or leave them in the church porch. Bidy Trahair

Village Hall Committee – Update

Thank you all for the fantastic result from the Alfiwake Fete! A special shout-out goes to Kate Lavan for her incredible effort in pulling the event together, and sincere thanks to everyone who volunteered their time to run the stalls and support the day. It's always a brilliant community occasion—bringing our villages together while raising essential funds for the upkeep of the hall. Takings for Fete Raffle and Silent Auction - £1,100, Refreshments £240, Dog Show and Agility £43, Bag stall £39, Plants £316, Bar £109, Cakes/Produce £181, Clothes/Bric a Brac/Books £122, Clothes £130, Skittles £40, Tractor Rides £49, Splat the Rat £36.

To give you some context, here's a snapshot of the hall's maintenance cost and fundraising efforts in 2024:

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| Total revenue raised: | £1,0229.4 |
| Total expenditure: | £15 619.2 |
| Deficit: | -£5,389.8 |

Given that the hall has lost the regular income from the playschool that used the hall for over 25 years, the Committee has been very pleased with the funds raised last year. On average, the basic running and maintenance costs of the hall range average around £7k per year and there are increasingly large repairs needed to the aging building. This year, we're facing an additional £4,000 expense for the repairs to the pavilion floor.

Thank you once again to everyone contributing your time, energy, and support—it truly makes a difference. Next regular committee meeting Tuesday 14 October at 7pm. Angelika Hamilton

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 Fyfield 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.

Chalke Valley Link Scheme – Volunteer community transport for anyone who doesn't have access to a car or is unable to drive – 01722 780800.

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 and Fyfield Bavant Parish Council

Next Parish Council Meeting; Thursday 20 November at 7.30pm

FORTHCOMING EVENTS (in chronological order)

The Alfiwake Film Club 2025/26 season will start on Monday 6 October

As we have not decided on what to watch I suggest you bring 3 of your favourite DVDS (if you still have any) and we can choose on the day. Doors open at 7, Film starts at 7.30 prompt.

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

Each individual film is £5, you are most welcome. Drinks available to buy. Please bring cash! And any film suggestions Hugh Pelly ☎ 780258 hjwpelly@gmail.com

Harvest Supper, Saturday 11 October, 7 for 7.30pm

A great annual village celebration. Tickets please from Kate Lavan on 07795 436709. £13/£5 (under 18) including a fabulous 3 course supper, entertainment and a glass of wine. Pay bar.

The History of Gin and the British Empire - Thursday 16 October, 6.30-8pm - A talk by Amyas Godfrey

The history of Gin and the British Army are inextricably linked. From Dutch Courage and the Gin Craze to the invention of tonic water and cocktails - gin has been a constant companion of the British since the taste was brought to England during the Glorious Revolution.

Illustrated through vignettes and tales, poetry and facts, this evening of storytelling is the perfect balance of gin for those that don't like history and history for those that don't like gin!

Historic G&Ts available to buy from the bar. £10pp and cash bar. Doors open 6.15pm

Book: vh@thehamiltonfamily.org or buy a ticket at the door.

Remember Remember the (Sunday) 5 November – Fireworks at the Village Hall playing field!!

Open 6.30pm, fireworks start at 7pm. Hot dogs, refreshments and bar! Donations please.

What's on @NewVic in Tisbury in October – 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 9am - 5pm (1pm on Saturdays), Cafe weekdays 10am - 3pm, 12pm on Saturdays

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

As the leaves turn and Autumn settles in, we're embracing the season with gratitude and a touch of excitement. September was a whirlwind of activity, and we couldn't have done it without our incredible volunteers—thank you for keeping the shop and the café buzzing with warmth and energy!

A message from our manager, Tony Patel – “As we move into another season, I just want to say how proud I am of what we've built together. Chalke Valley Stores isn't just a place to pick up groceries—it's a place where friendships grow, ideas are shared, and everyone feels welcome. Whether you volunteer once a week or simply pop in for a chat, you're part of something special. Thank you for making this shop a true reflection of our community spirit.”

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 11 October, 9.30 to 12 noon in the Village Hall

The first Autumn market of the year is bound to feature Apples in cakes, chutneys, juice and jellies plus of course fresh ones! There will be all the usual local fare, fresh lamb, beef, pork and soon pheasant and partridge. Lots of excellent seasonal and valley grown vegetables, Lesley's top pies, artisan bread, home-made cakes and preserves and local honey. All this, Carolyn's Cheese Truckle Truck outside and a cosy café inside serving coffees, teas and breakfast. See you there.

For further information contact Laura on 07445 743014 or email lauraloncar.cvp@gmail.com

BISHOPSTONE

Bishopstone Community Café - The Village Hall Café is normally open on alternate Thursdays throughout the year. Dates are 9 and 23 October and 6 and 20 November 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 13 October. The film will be “Mr Burton”. Doors open at 7.00pm 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 (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 1 October and the speaker will be Olivia Chapple talking about her year as High Sheriff of Wiltshire. Times as usual: 12 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.

Saturday 4 October - The Pocket Choral Society – a talented quartet delivering a unique blend of A cappella singing and comedy. Enjoy an entertaining evening of witty, topical songs and light-hearted storytelling.

Tickets: £12.50. Add a delicious Ploughman's supper for just £7.50 extra (optional). It promises to be a fun and memorable night!

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 for both events. Please book in advance with Caroline Ash on (01722) 781044, or Sue Taylor on 01722 780316, stating any dietary requirements if taking the supper.

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 greatest discovery in life is to discover that our essential nature does not share the limits nor the destiny of the body" Spira

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 – October 2025

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| Alvediston - | Deborah & Andrew Boys |
| Ebbesbourne Wake - | Harvest Festival Team |
| Fifield Bavant - | Pip Reis |

Church Services - October 2025

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| 5 October | 11.00am | Ebbesbourne Wake | Harvest Festival in Matins | Biddy Trahair |
| 12 October | 11.00am | Alvediston | Harvest Festival | Alison Waterhouse |
| 12 October | 3.00pm | Fifield Bavant | Harvest Festival in Evensong | Biddy Trahair |
| 19 October | 11.00am | Ebbesbourne Wake | Family Communion | Tony Monds |
| 26 October | 11.00am | Alvediston | Holy Communion (BCP) | Ruth H-S |

The Chalke Valley Churches invite you to one of the Services for All Souls:

30 October 6pm St Michael & All Angels, Coombe Bissett or 31 October 6pm Holy Trinity, Bowerchalke or 2 November 9.30am St John the Baptist, Berwick St John or 6pm St John the Baptist, Bishopstone

These will be short services of words and music to remember and give thanks for the lives of family members and friends who are no longer with us.

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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