

Copy for the October edition of The Ebble to ebbleeditor@hotmail.com no later than 24 September 2025 please.

Welcome Ian and Paula, who have recently moved into the Thatched Cottages in Fifield, we hope you will be very happy here. Pip Reis

Welcome to brothers Jack and Josh Cooper, tree surgeons, who have moved into Twenty Acres, Alvediston, from Broad Chalke. They lived at The Knapp some years ago, so know the area well. We send Lucy Hooper best wishes as she moves to the Wimborne area. Bidy Trahair

Alvewake Flower and Vegetable Show 2025

The Flower and Vegetable show committee would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to everyone who supported the show by entering their exhibits and coming to see the show. We had fabulous displays of colourful exhibits across all classes however it was especially nice to see such a lot of produce from the garden after such a dry season. Lots of people were delighted to get certificates and receive recognition for their hard work. Cups are awarded to the person who gets the most points in each category and sometimes the results are very close. First place is awarded 3 points, second place two points and third place 1 point. If you enter lots of classes in each category it increases the chance of gaining points however all exhibits are judged anonymously.

The winners for the various cups are:-

Flower Cup - Carla Walsh and Peter Trickett were joint winners with 13 points, joint second was Grace Witcomb and Bidy Trahair with 9 points each, third was Sue Cox Martin with 6 points.

Best Flower Exhibit Cup to Bidy Trahair for her arrangement of herbs.

Vegetable Cup - Carla Walsh won with 21 points, second was Alan Witcomb with 17 points, third was Chloe Smith with 9 points.

Best Vegetable Exhibit Cup - Paul Sampson for his onions.

Percy Carter Cup for the Collection Of Vegetables - Carla Walsh

Domestic Cup - Helen Lodge won with 12 points, second was Lesley Cullen with 10 points and third place shared by four people Annie Parnell, Fiona Stacey, Vicky Spendlove and Sue Cox Martin each with 6 points.

Photograph Cup - Caroline Gibson won with 15 points, second was Rachel Thomson with 12 points, third was Deborah Boys with 2 points.

Handicraft Cup - Judith Sampson won with 4 points, joint second Annie Parnell, Sarah Isard and Richard Trahair with 3 points and third was Holly Turner with 2 points.

Children's Shield age 8-14 years - Freddie Stainforth won with 30 points, second was Harry Stainforth with 6 points, third Johnny Hooper with 3 points.

Children's Shield under 8 years - Arthur Stainforth won with 31 points, joint second was Rafe Hooper and Laurella Grant with 3 points each.

Congleton Cup for the most points achieved in the show - Carla Walsh

Many congratulations to the cup winners and to everyone who contributed their exhibits.

Many thanks to everyone, it is through your support that this village event continues and it is never too early to plan for next year!! Sue Cox-Martin

Village Hall Committee – Update and New Scheme planned

Takings for the Village Fete will be presented in October's Ebble.

The Hall Pavillion had time to dry out over the summer and we are looking to install new flooring in the next month so that the building can be used again over the winter for table tennis and pool. This work will cost around £4K.

Very timely, HMRC has also confirmed their recognition of the VH as a charity, we can therefore recover gift aid on donations. That clears the way to launch our Friends of the Village Hall scheme for supportive villagers and others! Letters will go out soon! It is a scheme, needed more than ever to keep the hall going and the donations will help us with the costs for the new Pavillion flooring.

Welcome to the Village or Welcome back after the summer holidays! All are invited to a community coffee morning at the Village Hall on Saturday 20 September, 10-12. We had a number of new arrivals in the three parishes and this will be a chance to get to know the wider community, the Hall Committee and Parish Council while enjoying some delicious cakes for a good cause.

Cake donations are welcome, please let Angelika at Angelikja@thehamiltonfamily.org

Harvest Supper, Saturday 11 October – Our traditional a traditional community meal to celebrate this year's harvest and the countryside we live in.

Next Committee Meeting is on 4 August at 7pm.

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.

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

The Parish Council met on Thursday 21 August, and are pleased to report that the SelectaDNA signs are now up in Fyfield Bavant and at West End, Ebbesbourne Wake. These will hopefully deter any "Low life" from nicking your belongings! More info at <https://www.selectadna.co.uk/dna-asset-marking>

It was also good to see some local support at the meeting, thank you!

Potholes; Please continue to report dodgy Potholes on the MyWilts app. It seems that multiple reporting produces results, but it requires everyone to do so - even if it appears that someone else has already reported it, multiple reports raise the priority for repairs.

Trees up Ebbesbourne Wake Hollow; Following the reporting of these trees, which are clearly in need of felling and/or cutting back, Wiltshire Council responded by stating that these trees are the Landowners' responsibility, and that they have been informed. However, if anyone has concerns regarding trees near the

roadside, please report them on the MyWilts app. Provide photographic evidence, just as you would with potholes.

Flood Warden; Your Parish needs you! Anyone out there willing to volunteer and help in times of flooding, please contact the Parish Clerk; Sarah Cromwell; ewfbparishclerk@gmail.com Your help really will make a difference to your community.

Next Parish Council Meeting; Thursday 20 November at 7.30pm

FORTHCOMING EVENTS (in chronological order)

Don't forget the Annual Ride and Stride Event – Saturday 13 September

This occurs every September, organised and in aid of Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust.

It is open to anyone to run/walk/cycle/ride a pony/ disability buggy between as many churches as they feel able, raising sponsorship money to help maintain the fabric of our local churches. Most of the churches in the Chalke Valley have benefitted from this charity over the years. It can be a wonderful day out amongst our beautiful surroundings. Jane Rouse

More information and sponsorship forms from: whct.rs@btinternet.com

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Display of Christening Gowns – Weekend of 27 and 28 September, 11am-4pm, Bishopstone Village Hall

A private collection of Christening Gowns including Vintage Ephemera, Tea and Cakes available, Proceeds to The Friends of Bishopstone Church Roof Appeal.

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

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

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Chalke Valley Sports Centre

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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 13 September, 9.30 to 12 noon in the Village Hall

The tables will be full of local produce, lamb, beef and vegetables. Plus home-cooked excellent pies, cakes and preserves. 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 11 and 25 September from 10.30am until noon. Everyone is welcome to look in for a coffee and chat. There is presently no charge for refreshments.

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

“Be yourself; everyone else is already taken” Oscar Wilde

As long as it is your enlightened unegotistical self

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 – September 2025

Alvediston -	Pen Milburn & Victoria Walford
Ebbesbourne Wake -	Sylvia Clark
Fifield Bavant -	Pip Reis

Church Services - September 2025

7 September	11.00am	Ebbesbourne Wake	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Biddy Trahair
14 September	11.00am	Alvediston	All Age Service	Biddy Trahair
14 September	3.00pm	Fifield Bavant	Evening Prayer	Biddy Trahair
21 September	11.00am	Ebbesbourne Wake	Family Communion	Vernon White
28 September	11.00am	Alvediston	Holy Communion (BCP)	Kate Woolven

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

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www.gurstondown.org or follow us on Facebook.

Weekly Yoga at Ebbesbourne Wake Village Hall Tuesdays 11.30am-1pm
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