

The Alvediston, Ebbesbourne Wake and Fifield Bavant Newsletter.

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If you would like to be added to the Ebble mailing list, please let me know, it might mean you get it sooner!

## **St Marys Alvediston Church Tower Appeal.**

St Mary's Church Tower Appeal were privileged to be able to invite our fund patron Hugo Vickers to give a fabulous once-only talk on the life of Clarissa Avon, wife of Prime Minister Sir Anthony Eden on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July. The fundraising event was filled to capacity in Clarissa's former Manor House Garden, Alvediston, very kindly hosted by Sue and Rodney Heath. A wonderful evening was had by all, huge thanks to all those involved. A remarkable £3,000+ (and counting) was raised for the Church Tower Appeal, a wonderful result! Follow us on Facebook – Alvediston Church Tower Appeal, or go to [www.alvedistonappeal.co.uk](http://www.alvedistonappeal.co.uk)



## **Music practise venue.**

St Mary's, Alvediston would like to invite any local budding musicians young and old to practice your musical instruments in the comfort of the church, away from more sensitive ears if needs be! Whether your musical instrument is violin, recorder, drums etc. etc. you are very welcome to use the church for your free practice space.

Do contact Pen Milburn, 01722 780263 for information if/as required.

### **Alvewake Flower and Vegetable show.**

We hope you are all planning your exhibits for the Flower and Vegetable show on Saturday **13th** August. The entry forms, schedules and advice sheets were distributed with last month's Ebble. There will be spare copies in EW bus shelter. You can put your completed forms through the letterbox **ANYTIME** from **NOW until 6.00pm** on **Tuesday 9th August** at the **latest** at **Green Door** opposite the bus shelter in Ebbesbourne. I'm sorry but we will not be able to accept late entries to make it fair for everyone and to make sure all preparations for the day are completed in time.

Please bring your exhibits to the hall between **8.00am** and **10.00am** on the morning of the show. We would ask that you leave the hall by 10.00am ready for judging to start. We are aiming to use a similar layout to last year with most of the exhibits in the hall apart from photography which will be in the pavilion. Please make sure you have read all of the instructions on the schedule particularly that domestic entries should be on a plate and covered in cling film only, no plastic boxes as we don't have the space. For children's classes please make sure it is easy to see your age on the exhibit.

We are hoping to serve refreshments in the pavilion and have seating areas and prize giving on the field. If anyone has gazebos, they would be willing for us to use please contact Sue.

We would also be grateful for volunteers to put up the gazebos at 9.00am on the morning of the show, although plans may have to change depending on the weather.

We hope you will all feel able to support the show in some way either by entering or coming to the show in the afternoon. The show starts at 2.30pm and there will be a raffle, refreshments and prize giving.

If anyone has any queries about entries on the show, please contact Sue on 01722 780005, or sue.cox-martin@hotmail.co.uk or message via WhatsApp

If anyone has not returned their cups, please could they get them to Carole Trickett at Meadow Bank (780963) as soon as possible.

### **Ride and Stride, Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September.**

Ride and Stride taking place on Saturday 10th September, in aid of the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust. The Trust gives grants towards the restoration of local churches and has been very supportive of our parish churches in the past.

For information [www.wiltshirehistoricchurchestrust.org.uk/ride-stride/](http://www.wiltshirehistoricchurchestrust.org.uk/ride-stride/)

### **Notes from a church warden – David Walsh.**

"Silence is like white: not an absence of colour, but the sum of all the colours, assembled and unified...

Not an absence of words, but the essence of the Word, God is silence, but this silence is called the Word"

"Silence and solitude are spaces of reflective pause necessary to make a community a communion"

Adrianna Zarri 1919-2010 was a theologian, writer and hermit near Ivrea, Italy.

### **Verve Festival - Volunteers Needed.**

We are looking for people to help us out on 17 September at VERVE.

In return for a 4-hour shift, you will get a free ticket to the festival, and we will provide sandwiches for lunch.

Jobs include welcoming guests on reception, making sure our teachers, speakers and VIP's have everything they need and general tidying of the festival site.

This year's festival will be our biggest and best yet, with 5 stages of yoga, meditation, breathwork, talks, fitness & dance classes, plus a spa, garden market and amazing local food & drink. There's also a stellar DJ line up in the evening, with Huey Morgan of Fun-Lovin' Criminals and Radio 6 headlining.

Please contact [charlotte@feeltheverve.com](mailto:charlotte@feeltheverve.com) if you would like to join our team.

### **The Alfiwake Fund**

The Alfiwake Fund, formerly known as the Ebbesbourne Wake King's Fund, is available to the residents of Alvediston, Fifield Bavant and Ebbesbourne Wake, who may be finding it difficult as the cost of living continues to rise. The fund is able to make contributions towards the cost of energy bills, appliances, car repairs and much more. It is now the summer holidays and preparation for the return to school, college or university will soon begin. This can be an expensive time as there is often a long list of essentials - uniform, school shoes, stationery, textbooks, laptops and bus passes to name a few. Should you need any help with your return to school, college or university, or with anything else, please contact Hugh Pelly-780 258, Janine Hillary-780 271, Bridget Watts - 780 662, or Carly Stainforth-780 848; all requests will remain strictly confidential.

## **The Crown Inn, Alvediston**

Opening Times

Monday - Closed all day

Tuesday - Closed Lunchtime & Open Evening from 6pm

Wednesday - Saturday - Lunchtime: Open 12pm - 2.30pm, & Evenings from 6pm

Sunday: Open 12pm - 3pm

Meals served lunchtimes and evening

Quiz Night Wednesday 17th August 7.30pm, Prizes and free refreshments and a chance to answer the jackpot question

Thanks to all our customers, friends and guests for helping us provide another donation to SSAFA Wiltshire of £191.86

Enjoy our large Garden where you can have a go at the ancient game of Aunt Sally

Our well stocked **Vintage & Various Room** has bargains galore including many items by local crafts people, including Wendy's Workshop & Sonia Brickell Arts and Crafts

**Stop Press: The Crown Inn Traditional Garden Fete (Postponed from Jubilee Weekend) will take place on Sunday 21st August 2pm - 6pm**

**Plant stall, cake stall, book stall, lots of traditional fete games and cream teas, everybody welcome,**

Proceeds to Alvediston Church Tower Appeal and SSAFA.

### **Save the Date:**

#### **Harvest Supper and Fireworks**

Very early everyone, but just for your diaries - Saturday 8 October and Saturday 5 November! More details to follow.

### **Cucumber recipes:**

Would anyone have any secret cucumber recipes they would be willing to share? I wasn't quite expecting them to produce as much as they are, and I am getting a bit fed up with cucumber sandwiches!

### **Chalke Valley Stores:**

The hub is still looking for volunteers to help.

If you can't serve in the shop or cafe, we also need volunteers to help with marketing, administration, shelf stacking and cleaning, coordinating local deliveries, or several other possible tasks. We can find a role which suits you, your time & your skills. We are also keen to add to the list of locally produced goods wherever possible and support local suppliers and individuals who would like an outlet for their own crafts or produce. Cakes and Scones especially! Pop in and see Tony or give him a call on 780998.

### **Trussell Trust:**

Talks are in place to get the ball rolling again to collect for the Trussell Trust as the cost-of-living crisis lingers on, more information next month.

### **Church Cleaning and Flowers:**

Alvediston – Elaine Longstaffe and Ann Turner.

Ebbesbourne Wake – Carole Trickett.

Fifield Bavant – Pip Reis.

### **Church Services for August:**

Due to the harvest and the summer holidays evening song at St Martins Fifield on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August has been cancelled. We hope to see you all in September.

7<sup>th</sup> August: 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity – 11am – Family Communion – Ebbesbourne Wake – Catherine Blundell.

14<sup>th</sup> August: 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity – 11am – All Age Service – Alvediston – Bidy Trahair.

21<sup>st</sup> August: 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity – 11am – Morning Prayer – Ebbesbourne Wake – Bidy Trahair.

28<sup>th</sup> August: 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity – 11am – Holy Communion – Alvediston – David Blundell.

4<sup>th</sup> September: 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity – 11am – Family Communion – Ebbesbourne Wake – Catherine Blundell.

Please be covid-aware and follow any safety recommendations in church. Please note services are subject to change.

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**Bowerchalke Village Hall Market and Café** Every Saturday 9.30 – 12noon.  
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Enjoy a coffee, bacon sandwich or home baked cake at our café. Laura Loncare 01725 552651

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