

## **Happy New Year Everyone**

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Thank you, lots of them, to all the distributors, contributors and our wonderful Treasurer, Rachel Thompson. Without this team, life for The Ebble would be very different. And, despite my lack of technology and general panic to get the newsletter out in some semblance of order I have really enjoyed being Editor.

## **The Alfiwake Fund**

Do you need help with your bills? Winter is approaching, energy prices remain high, and there will be no government energy bill support scheme to help through the coming months- 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, MOT's, new tyres, washing machine and cooker repairs or replacements, and so much more. Please, do get in touch. [alfiwakefund@gmail.com](mailto:alfiwakefund@gmail.com) Hugh Pelly - 780 258, Janine Hillary - 780 271, Bridget Watts - 780 662, Carly Stainforth - 780 848, or Andrew Boys - 780 835

**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.

## **REPORTS from the VILLAGES**

### **Welcome**

Welcome to Helen Carlyle and Bruce Southey, with son Rufus and 2 cats who have moved into Ebbleside in West End, from Farnham in Surrey. ~

**The Three Bells**, Alvediston's very own pop-up pub, has been very much enjoyed in its winter quarters at Church Barn on the first Wednesday of the last couple of months. Some 16 of us (a different mix each month) have got together in the warm and convivial surroundings of the Macdonalds' garden studio, and at the session in early December donations of £76 were raised for The Trussell Trust. Huge thanks to Claire and Robert for hosting, to Tim and Janet for shopping and to Helen and Chris for bringing it all together.

Our next get-together will be on Weds 3rd January, 6/6.30pm, at Church Barn and we very much hope to see friends and faces old and new - it's lovely to see everyone, all welcome!

## **Ebbesbourne Wake Parish Council Meeting**

The Parish Council met on 30 November 2023. Draft minutes of the meeting will be posted on the Parish Council noticeboard and on the website.

Here are the key points from the meeting:

### **Precept**

The Parish Council agreed the precept (i.e. the amount that is collected through council tax) at £3,675. This is unchanged for the second year running.

### **Village Hall refurbishment**

The Parish Council agreed to give a donation of £1,000 to the help with this work.

### **New Parish Councillor**

The Parish Council has co-opted Liam Stainforth to the Parish Council.

### **Potholes**

Another reminder to please report potholes to Wiltshire County Council using My Wiltshire or email [rightsofway@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:rightsofway@wiltshire.gov.uk) or telephone: 0300 456 0100

### **Next Meeting**

The next Parish Council meeting will be 18/1/2024 in the village hall at 7.30. Members of the public are welcome. Please let the clerk, Sarah Cromwell, know if you'd like to come along by phoning 780558 or emailing [ewfbparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:ewfbparishclerk@gmail.com)

## **VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE EVENTS**

### **Village Hall News**

Our grant application was successful! The Ebbesbourne Wake Village Hall was awarded £3900 from the South West Wiltshire Area Board in the November round. Thank you to all who supported the application and gathered quotes for the works to be done in time for the application deadline! The Parish Council supported the grant, and will also provide £1000 towards refurbishments, which is great news. We are very excited about the support!

Work on bathrooms, lights, floors and more comfortable seating will commence in the new year – a big end of year applause to the committee for taking on/coordinating the various jobs to do. If you want to have a say in what is happening, get in touch – we are happy to have more members on the team.

Angelika Hamilton (Chair)

### **Events**

Thank you to Richard Trahair for the entertaining evening in November, which was a great fundraiser for the hall. More talks are planned for the winter months to help with costs for works as they exceed the grant significantly.

Next event: January Reeling/Scottish Dancing in the Village Hall, Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

### **Carol Singing**

Many thanks to all those who contributed to the collection for the Trussell Trust at the 'Come and Sing Carols' in the village hall on 18th December. We raised £236.75, an amazing result. Huge thanks, too, to Cathy and Helen for putting on this happy event: Cathy's playing inspired us all to sing, and Helen's mulled wine lubricated the tubes nicely.

**Film Club** Monday 8 January 2024. Village Hall £5

You missed a gem if you didn't join us to see *Untouchable* with François Cluzet. If you would like to borrow the DVD let Hugh Pelly know: £5.

And in January we really do hope to be able to watch *The Dig* so we look forward to seeing you then.

### **NEW YOGA CLASS IN EBBESBOURNE VILLAGE HALL**

I am delighted to let you know that from 16<sup>th</sup> Jan we will have a weekly yoga class in our village hall!  
Some details:

Starts on Tuesday 16 January at 11.30 (1.5 hours)

Then 23/1, 30/1 and 6/2.

Hatha Yoga (postures, breathing, relaxation, mindfulness) – all levels

£10 per class for a block of 4, or £12 pay as you go (one free class for anyone that is new to yoga)

Please contact Caroline Wilkinson to book:

[cj@wilkinsonyoga.co.uk](mailto:cj@wilkinsonyoga.co.uk) 01725 552209 [www.wilkinsonyoga.co.uk](http://www.wilkinsonyoga.co.uk)

If it works, we will continue with 6-week blocks of classes from 20/2.

It will be such a treat to have a yoga class in the village again, so please support if you can!

Any questions WhatsApp Anna Hayward on 07930 398 432

### **Bowerchalke Market**

The first of 2024 markets will be on Saturday 13th January, 9.30 in the Village Hall. Hopefully by then you will have eaten up all the Festive leftovers and be ready to come and stock up on all the locally reared, grown, and prepared produce available. We look forward to seeing you there. For further information please contact Laura on 01725 552 651 or email [lauraloncar.cvp@gmail.com](mailto:lauraloncar.cvp@gmail.com)

### **CHALKE VALLEY STORES**

#### **OPENING HOURS**

Shop: Weekdays 9.00am - 5pm (until 1pm on Saturdays)

Coffee Shop: Weekdays 10am - 3.30pm (until Midday 12pm on Saturdays)

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

We wish our Customers, Volunteers, and our Staff a Very Happy New Year. Thank you all for your tremendous support in 2023, both those from The Chalke Valley and beyond during the difficult times we've all faced in 2023. We look forward to serving you soon. Our new Website is now up and running, as some of you may have seen. It will be enhanced with more pictures and more news on a regular basis and your comments will be most gratefully received. On behalf of all our customers in the Villages we serve, we offer our thanks to all our Volunteers for their help during 2023 and especially over the Festive period. You all play a most important part in the Shop's success. Home deliveries: Whilst we're not operating a major delivery operation like we did during Covid, will be pleased to deliver shopping, especially to vulnerable customers. If you need anything, please call the Shop on 01722 780998. What's New in the Shop: Fresh

locally produced Meat will be supplied by Clark's The Butcher of Sixpenny Handley from January. Our regular favourites will continue: • Henderson's superb Bread, Shop Baked croissants & pastries – fresh in on Saturdays • Delicious baked cakes everyday • Fresh Fruit & Veg which are delivered daily from Arthur David. There will be a New Menu in the Café/Coffee Shop so do come and try Jayne's new dishes, on offer from January.

Finally, Tony wants to know: "Who ate all the pies?" The answer, we found, was that you did! We hit a record for sales of our luxury mince pies, with sales of 605 being the highest we've ever had over any festive period since the Shop opened. Brilliant.

If you wish to have more information on how to become a volunteer, please contact Tony Patel, our Shop Manager, on 01722 780998. He will be very pleased to help you with the simple process of joining the Team.

NB There is a Trussell Trust Collection Point in the Hub for any donations of foodstuffs you may wish to make. Your generosity, especially at this time, will help those most in need.

### **STAR GAZING EVENING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CRANBORNE CHASE AONB Friday 9 February 2024.**

Learn more about the sky at night and our wonderful dark sky environment at this **free** event. Ahead of stargazing in the evening visit our pop-up planetarium in the Sports Centre Hall for a sky tour, the planetarium sessions will operate on a drop-in basis between 4pm and 6.30pm. If a session is full, or has already started, please be patient and wait for the next session - there will be other information/activities to do whilst you wait.

The evening stargazing session will start at 7.30pm. Our astronomers will set up a number of telescopes to show a selection of planets, star clusters, galaxies, and nebulae. Do bring your own binoculars or telescope if you have them.

Hot drink and hot sausages will be available to purchase.

This is a free event, but booking is essential. Please book on

Eventbrite. <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/stargazing-event-at-broad-chalke-tickets-758978905337>

The event is being held at the Chalke Valley Sports Centre, the ground will be damp in the evening so please bring a chair and dress warmly. We advise you to dress for a temperature approximately 5° lower than the forecast temperature. For safety reasons there are strictly no dogs at this event. It is a condition of attendance that attendees do not use laser pointers.

*This event has been organised by the Cranborne Chase AONB International Dark Sky Reserve and Chalke Valley Sports Centre.*

### **Dates for the NEW VIC in Tisbury**

Email ([newvictisbury@gmail.com](mailto:newvictisbury@gmail.com)) or by phone (0300 320 3090)

Magic Lantern: The Old Oak: Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January 7pm. Doors open 6:30pm.

The Old Oak is a 2023 drama film directed by Ken Loach and written by Paul Laverty.

CEZANNE – PORTRAITS OF A LIFE: Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January, 7pm Running time:85 mins

DVORAK. RUSALKA , ENCORE The Royal Opera: Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2pm Running time 225minutes (tbc), one interval. Sung in Czech with English subtitles.

National Theatre Live: DEAR ENGLAND

A new play by James Graham directed by Rupert Goold

Wednesday 31 January 2024, 7:30pm Running time 170 minutes (with one interval)

Ali Baba and the 40 thieves. January 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm (and 2.30pm on the 27<sup>th</sup>)

Tickets on sale at [tisburyartsgroup.co.uk](http://tisburyartsgroup.co.uk) or call 0300 302 3090. Adult £12, Child £7 (half price Thursday)

The Twelve Months with thanks to Claire Macdonald for her monthly contribution

Snowy, Flowy, Blowy  
Showery, Flowery, Bowery  
Hoppy, Croppy, Droppy  
Breezy, Sneezzy, Freezy

George Ellis

### Notes from a Church Warden

“Not only is the universe stranger than we think, it is stranger than we can think”

Deepak Chopra

Also, an invitation to the **Christingle Service**: from Bidy

There will be a Christingle Service in St. Mary's, Alvediston on Sunday 14th January at 11am, when we will hope to find out more about the Wise Men who visited during the Carol Service on 23rd December. As usual, there will be coffee and biscuits afterwards and all are very welcome to join us.

A big thank you for supporting Salisbury food bank, part of the Trussell Trust's UK wide food bank network. Our three villages donated 63.3 kg. which will make a big difference to local people in crisis.

### CHALKE VALLEY TEAM MINISTRY

The Bishop of Ramsbury is pleased to announce that, subject to statutory checks, he has appointed The Rev'd Alison Waterhouse to the post of Team Vicar in the Chalke Valley Team Ministry and The Rev'd Kate Woolven to the post of Associate Priest. We are delighted with this news and look forward to them both joining the Chalke Valley Ministry Team in due course.

### Church Flowers and cleaning January 2024

Alvediston	Sheila Sykes & Sue Heath
Ebbesbourne Wake	Flowers Cathy Long Cleaning Carla Walsh & Sam Lanyon
Fifield Bavant	Pip Reis

### Church Services for January

7<sup>th</sup> January: 11am - Family Communion - St John's Ebbesbourne Wake - Jenny Taylor  
14<sup>th</sup> January: 11am - All Age Service – St Mary's Alvediston – Bidy Trahair  
14<sup>th</sup> January: 3:00pm – Evening Prayer – St Martin's Fifield Bavant – Bidy Trahair  
21<sup>st</sup> January: 11am – Morning Prayer – St John's Ebbesbourne Wake – Bidy Trahair  
28<sup>th</sup> January: 11am – Holy Communion – St Mary's Alvediston – Ruth H-S  
4<sup>th</sup> February: 11am – Family Communion – St John's Ebbesbourne Wake – Ruth H-S

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