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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 a variety of things: whether that be a household appliance, laptop, logs, nursery fees, an unexpected bill such as a boiler or car repair, or perhaps you have been looking for a course for career development or employment. Grants are not limited to the examples listed so please do contact us if there is anything we may be able to help with; your request will remain confidential.

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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.

News from the Villages

Pat Scrivens. Pat lived in Alvediston for almost all her life. Her parents, Wilfred and Dolly Lodge, lived in 1 The Street, now Quince Tree Cottage, where she grew up with George, Betty and Tony. Dolly's parents, George and Jane Compton, ran the Crown inn, bringing up 10 children there. Pat married Michael Scrivens in St. Mary's church in 1976, and they remained in Alvediston until 2016, when they moved to Nadder Close in Tisbury. She worked for the Congleton and later the Sykes families, and was very kind to children, liking to keep up with their news as they grew up. She was always on hand to help with the teas at the fêtes and, with George and Mary Kellow, made a very efficient church cleaning team. Pat settled well in Tisbury and made the most of friendships and the facilities there. She died on 11th March, aged 82, and, after a funeral at the Crematorium on 8th April at 11am, her ashes will be buried with Mike's in St. Mary's Churchyard.

Ebbesbourne Wake with Fifield Bavant and Alvediston PCC – our APCM will be held at St. Mary's Church, Alvediston on Sunday 14th April at 12:00 midday following the 11am All-Age Service. All welcome

Ebbesbourne Wake Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be 18/4/2024 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

EVENTS in the VILLAGE HALL

Thank you to the Hambledon Hopstep Band for a wonderful barn dance/Ceilidh! Teams Bar and Chili con Carne well done! It was great fun and the money raised will go towards the much-needed ongoing repairs and maintenance of the hall. Angelika

Thank you to all those who came to support the **Lent talk on Friday 22nd** raising money for Rise 61. A wonderful local charity.

Robin Imeson spoke movingly about the work Rise 61 does for the young growing up in Bemerton Heath, and some of the challenges they face in an area of need.

The aim is to create a hub where the young can go and get support -and in particular they want to build a kitchen to be able to teach some of them the life skill of cooking.

John Glen was in conversation with Jonathan Hill and spoke interestedly and honestly about his life - combining a Christian faith, alongside being in the thick of a political career with a seat in the Cabinet.

The talk was really well attended - thank you for helping raise the amazing total of £1420 for the charity.

Thank you to John Glen for giving his time to come and make such an interesting evening possible.

Next fundraising events:

BACK TO THE 80's PARTY - Saturday, 11 May 2024, 7-12 pm. Date confirmed!

80s nibbles and cash bar

Thank you to all the volunteers who have stepped forward – we have a fab crew.

It's going to be wild - expect leg warmers, Madonna and vol au vents.....

Book your tickets now from EWVH@thehamiltonfamily.org – tickets are limited, and we have had quite a lot of people keen to come.

Pay in advance details to follow.

£20, £10 for under 18

THE EBBESBOURNE WINE CLUB

Thank you to everyone who has come to my wine club so far, I hope you have found it educational and fun! Our next two dates are Thursday 25 April and Thursday 30 May from 18.30- 20.00.

Each month we will explore a different region/country, and you'll be invited to bring a bottle from a specific area to share and taste with the group.

There will be a £4 charge per person to cover hire of the hall and snacks.

Please message me on 07930 398 432 if you would like to join us and I'll give you further details.

SINGING SALON - Saturday April 13th at 6pm

www.singingsalon.co.uk present an entertaining and magical evening of opera, operetta and much-loved songs. with proceeds going to Alzheimer's support Wiltshire and Ebbesbourne Wake Village Hall.

Tickets; £15 on the door, no charge for under 16yrs.

£12.50 in advance from Cathy Long 07881 940828.

ALVEWAKE FLOWER and VEGETABLE SHOW – Save the Date - Saturday August 10th, 2024

This traditional event is open to anyone living in the three villages of Alvediston, Fifield Bavant and Ebbesbourne Wake. It's time start to think about growing flowers and vegetables for your exhibits.

The show is an opportunity for anyone to have a go at entering as we do need exhibits on the tables to make a good show.

Interested in booking the village hall for events? Get in touch with Fran: ebbesbournewakevillagehall@hotmail.com

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Thank you all once again for supporting The Hub. However, please, please continue to support the Post Office. We would hate to lose such a valuable asset.

The café goes from strength to strength with a great base of volunteer support. We are, however, always looking for new ones! The menu is varied, and food is made to order. All great value for money. Jayne continues to provide a variety of fresh homemade soups and new cakes.

A variety of groups regularly visit the café, including cycling clubs, walkers, Knit & Natter, carers, and parent support. Of course, new groups are always welcome.

April Wine and Cheese Evening. We will be having a spring wine and cheese tasting evening in April, so please keep an eye on the website for details.

Home deliveries: If you need a delivery, please call the Shop on **01722 780998**.

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

THE BOWERCHALKE MARKET Saturday 13 April, 9.30 to 12 noon

The monthly Bowerchalke Market will be taking place in the Village Hall. Will the sun be shining? Who knows. But inside the Hall is warm and dry and a respite from the endless mud! All the usual excellent local produce. Helen's Lamb, Knowle Farm beef and locally shot venison. There will be plenty of healthy green veg and not so healthy but extremely delicious cakes and other tea-time treats. Lesley's marvellous pies, home-made soups, sausage rolls and pate. Outside is Carolyn in her Cheese Truckle Truck and inside the best café in the valley. Do come and join us. For more information, please contact Laura Loncar, 01725 552 651, mob 07445 743 014.

CHALKE VALLEY SPORTS CENTRE— April 2024 Facilities for all the Chalke Valley

Multi Use Games Area resurfacing. After a long period of time investigating options, undertaking site meetings, and receiving quotations, we have concluded that the best option is to resurface with porous macadam. This is easier to maintain, is hard wearing and can be used for different activities and is at a lower cost. We now have the challenge of raising over £25,000-£30,000 to achieve this. The Sports Centre has around £10,000 to raise. Our target is to achieve this by the summer and plan the works in the early autumn.

Zumba class. Anyone interested in the class on Wednesday mornings at 09.30- 10.30. Please contact Victoria Pickford with any questions on 07909 820365 or Victoria.pickford1@gmail.com. Open for everyone.

Tennis Club News. The Club are taking part in the Sarum summer league again, so we are calling for members (particularly women) to join, and in due course to join the Shaftesbury Sarum league pool of available players.

Cricket Club News. The new season starts this month with mid-week games on Wednesday evenings and Saturday matches.

Sports Centre email: Info@chalkevalleysportscentre.co.uk

BISHOPSTONE VILLAGE HALL

Our Annual Spring Fayre Saturday 18th May between 10.30am and 12.00noon

MOVIOLA film - Friday 26th April is 'Napoleon'. Doors open at 7pm with the film commencing at 7.30pm
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Dates for the NEW VIC in Tisbury in April.

Saturday 13 th April	ROH- MacMillan Triple	7.15 pm. Doors open 6.45 pm
Friday 12 th April	Through the Looking Glass, Doors open 30 mins before.	2.30 pm and 7 pm
Sunday 14 th April	Magic Lantern Three Colours Blue	7.00. Doors open 6.30 pm
Sunday 21 st April	John Singer Sergeant	7pm. Doors open 6.30 pm.
Friday 26 th April	Oppenheimer Doors open 30 mins before.	2pm Matinee and 7pm evening.
Sunday 28 th April	ROH – Swan Lake	5pm. Doors open 4.30 pm

Tickets available from www.newvictisbury.com, email newvictisbury@gmail.com or call 0300 302 3090

CHALKE VALLEY FETE AND PRODUCE 17th August 2024

We are starting to organise this year's fete - hoping it's going to be bigger and better than last year! We will have a brass band, birds of prey and a fun dog show just for starters.

For all you keen gardeners here is a list of seeds you need to buy and start growing. The full list of classes will be available on the website in April. <https://chalkevalleyfete.co.uk>

Courgettes, runner, and French beans (including longest bean), onions/shallots, tomatoes, salad veg., dahlias, sweet peas and herbs. If you are out and about taking photos this year's subjects will be:
Dawn to dusk; River or Pond; Happy Day.

TISBURY DOWNS and CROQUET CLUB

We will soon be welcoming representatives from Croquet England at the ground for an all-day coaching session for all members which will include shot techniques, strategy, and handicapping. Later in the month a group of members will be going to a club in Bath for a morning session on skills, tips, and rules before having a competition in the afternoon. This will prepare us well for our Open Days on Saturday 30th and Sunday 31st March - and then again on the 13th and 27th April - all days from 11.00 am to 3.00pm. We welcome all comers to join us free of charge to find out about this fun, sociable game where everyone can compete on an equal footing.

We hope that the Open Days will encourage many to join the club - we need more members to keep us healthy - but there's no need to wait - email info@tisburybowlsandcroquet.com at any time if you would like to know how to join or go to our website www.tisburybowlsandcroquet.com for more information. Membership fees are very reasonable, and we offer options for family memberships.

The Merry Spring W.S Sidford 1911-1997. a renowned and remarkable Broad Chalke resident.

Now comes at last the glorious spring
Of all the seasons he is king.
When winter winds no longer sting,
The fair maids dance in a ring.
When lambs do skip and wee birds sing
And swallows come on eager wing,
And in the steeples gay bells swing
And o'er the land their wild notes fling
In memory of Christ's rising,
This blessed morning in the spring.

Notes from a Church Warden

"Love thy neighbour as thyself. And if one wishes, one can turn it to its Hindu side and give it the meaning : Love your neighbour, for he is yourself! A Christian translation of tat tvam asi (that art thou). "
Hermann Hesse

Church Flowers and cleaning April 2024

Alvediston Bidy Trahair & Pen Milburn
Ebbesbourne Wake: Daffy Stead & James & Anna Haywood
Fifield Bavant Pip Reis

CHURCH SERVICES in April

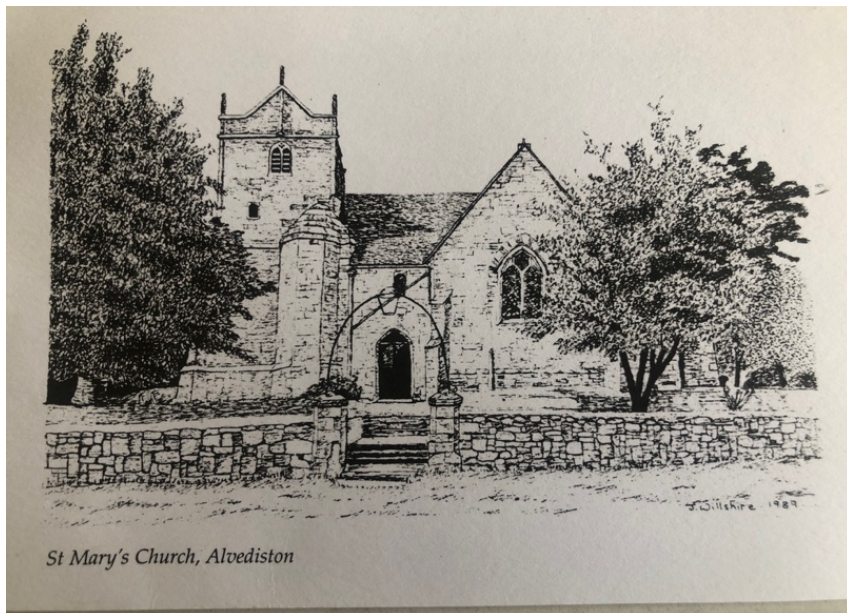
7th April -EASTER-10am-Benefice Communion (CW) -Broad Chalke- Kate Woolven
14th APRIL - 11am - All Age Service+ ACPM – St Mary's Alvediston – Bidy Trahair
14th April - 3:00pm – Evening Prayer – St Martin's Fifield Bavant – Bidy Trahair
21st April -11am – Family Communion–(CW) St John's Ebbesbourne Wake – Tony Monds
28th April -11am – Holy Communion – (BCP) St Mary's Alvediston – Kate Woolven
1st May- 7pm - Licencing of Revd Alison Waterhouse as Team Vicar -Broad Chalke-Bishop of Ramsbury
5th May -11am -Morning Prayer-(BCP) -St John's Ebbesbourne Wake-Bidy Trahair

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Ministry Team: Team Rector ~ The Revd Dr Ruth Howlett-Shiplee: 01722 697022
Team Vicars ~ The Revd Canon Jenny Taylor: 01722 503081, Vacancy
Associate Priest ~ The Revd Kate Woolven: 07754 582395
Team Administrator ~ Mrs Emily Broomhead: 07890 262376
Lay Worship Leader: Bidy Trahair, 01722 780666

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St. Mary's Church Alvediston



St. Mary's church has changed a great deal over the centuries. The nave is thought to be 12th. century, the chancel 13th. and the transepts 14th. However, in 1585 the church was described as 'down' and was largely rebuilt in the following century, when the ruined vicarage was demolished. Some materials were reused, e.g. the 'piecrust' ridge tiles on the tower roof.

In 1866 T.H. Wyatt made great changes: the north transept was rebuilt, a choir vestry (north) and vestry (south) were built, the chancel was given 13th century features and Victorian tiles, and the pews and furnishings replaced.

The east window was erected in memory of Sidney, Lord Herbert of Lea. Alvediston manor, on the west boundary of the Pembroke's Wilton Estate, (formerly Wilton Abbey) was sold in 1918. The west window was erected by public subscription in memory of the Rev. Philip Soulieu Desprez, the first resident vicar for nearly 300 years, who oversaw the restoration of the church and the building of both vicarage and school



There are memorials to owners of Norrington in the south transept: Gawens from 1377 and Wyndhams from 1658. The recumbent knight may be of John Gawen who bought Norrington, and the right-hand memorial on the south wall is by Rysbrack. The King family of Samways and some tenants of the manor are remembered in the north transept. In the choir vestry are 2 brasses in memory of Quakers Francis and Jane Fry, Norrington tenants. The memorial to Sir Anthony Eden, Earl of Avon, whose grave is in the churchyard, was commissioned from the sculptor Martin Jennings in 2008 and unveiled by his widow Clarissa, who was buried next to him in 2021.

A major restoration, especially of the roof, took place in 2009 and funds are now being raised for work on the tower and bells, (1630, 1640 and 1811,) and to improve facilities for the variety of village events which take place in our much-loved church.

(Many more details in 'Alvediston, a history' by Biddy Trahair!)

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