



# The Ebble

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The Alvediston, Ebbesbourne Wake and Fifield Bavant Newsletter

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If you would like an email copy of The Ebble instead of a paper one, please could you let me know. *Ed*

## **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 & Farewell**

Edd Higgs and partner Emily Storey Walker have moved into Vine Cottage. Edd has come from Winchester and Emily from East Knoyle.

Newly married Jason and Dana Lind have recently moved to Bourne Cottage, from Kent.

And welcome, too, to Mark and Lorraine Ruttledge who have recently moved into Buntings Cottage.

### **Ian Morton 1938 -2023**

Ian who lived at Wavertree in Pound Street, Ebbesbourne Wake, for the last 30 years died on 14 October 2023 two days before his 86th birthday. Born in Cardiff to Scottish parents he went to school in Cheltenham. At Southampton University he started to study chemistry but discovered this was not to his liking so transferred to their new course in pharmacology – the study of how chemicals act in the body, usually as drugs. It was to become his life-long preoccupation.

At university he met and married Mary who had grown up in Stratford sub Castle. They went on to have three children Helen, James and Lucy which must have been quite a challenge as Ian studied for a PhD at University College London for three years. Subsequently he became a lecturer at Kings College, London with which he was associated for the rest of his professional life.

Collaborating with one of his ex-students, Judith Hall, Ian wrote a number of books about prescription drugs such as "Antibiotics" and "Tranquilisers" but by far and away their most successful was "Medicines: Over 5,000 Over-the-counter and Prescription Drugs" which has sold an astonishing 1.8 million copies. Ian took early retirement and soon after arriving in the village accepted the important rôle of parish clerk; he and Mary used to enjoy walking all the area's footpaths and as a keen amateur acted as judge of the photography entries for the flower show. His other main interests were music and film about which he was very happy to talk, preferably accompanied by his other favourite topic: wine.

In the days when The Ebbles was run by a triumvirate of Dennis Gates, Peter Meers and Keith Attenborough Ian would join them for lunch in the Horseshoe every Tuesday. He far out-lived them all.

### **Come and Sing Carols! Monday 18th December 6.30-8.00pm. Ebbesbourne Wake Village Hall.**

Mulled Wine and Mince pies. Donations to; Trussell Trust. Contact; Helen Lodge 07889 743033. Cathy Long 07881 940828

### **St Mary's Alvediston Christmas**

Our Carols and Candles Service will be in the church on **Saturday 23rd December at 6pm** (no procession this year as sadly no pub). If you or anyone you know (plus dogs) would like to take part in our still and silent Nativity Play, which will accompany the carols and readings, please let me know - all welcome! We're hoping for a sheep but would also love a bomb-proof donkey/pony. Please BYO mulled wine/mincepies for afterwards.

Having sung our hearts out, the following day, on Christmas Eve, there will be a quiet and quick service of Holy Communion with the beautiful old words at 11am for anyone who would like to come - this is our Christmas Communion.

Hope to see you there!

### **VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE EVENTS**

**Friday 1st December 2023, 7pm.** *Ebbesbourne Wake Village Hall Fund Raiser*

**Wine, bites and entertaining stories.**

COPING WITH THE CLERGY -A reading and talk by Richard Trahair

Richard has kindly agreed to give a talk on his thirty years' experience working alongside an astonishing range of characters; a heady mix of the delightful, the dedicated, the pastoral, the curious and the downright eccentric, together with the diverse buildings and land for which he was responsible.

Enjoy his encounters that range from wacky and hilarious to thought-provoking, emotional and historical.

Taken from his recently published book "Parsonage & Parson"

Pay at door £10

Next **Village Hall Committee Meeting: 7 December, 6.30 pm.** If you are interested in joining the committee, come along!

We are still looking for Yoga and Tai Chi teachers etc. so please spread the word.

Contact Angelika Hamilton

### **FILM CLUB- Monday 13 December, 7.30**

*Untouchable* with François Cluzet will be this month's film. in the Village Hall £5.

Described by critics as "Joyous", "Terrific", "Irresistible" and "The hype is justified" so we look forward to seeing you there.

Last month a select few enjoyed *My Week with Marilyn* as *The Dig* had failed to arrive but we are now planning it as January's feature.

### **Recycling 4 Wiltshire Air Ambulance**

This is to inform anyone who collects and takes their 'hard to recycle items' to support fund-raising for 'Recycle 4 Wiltshire Air Ambulance' that the collection hub at the Phoenix Emporium in Salisbury is closing on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023.

The collection hub in the pavilion at Ebbesbourne Wake will stay open at present however I need to establish the level of local support in order to establish if continuing to raise funds for Wiltshire Air Ambulance in this way is viable. I'd be really grateful to anyone who currently drops off their recycling at the pavilion or The Phoenix Emporium or anyone interested would contact me by 15th December on 07909 774689, many thanks. Sue Cox Martin

### **EBBESBOURNE WAKE PARISH COUNCIL**

#### **Next Meeting**

The next Parish Council meeting will be 30/11/2023 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)

### **CHALKE VALLEY STORES. Christmas and New Year Opening and Closing Times**

Before you go racing off to town to do your Christmas shopping, pause a moment to come and have a look at the range of Christmas goodies we now have in stock. We have many treats to make your Christmas go with a swing. and all sorts of stocking fillers. Most importantly, we can make up Gift Hampers for you, and we are happy to take fruit and veg orders to ensure absolute freshness for the big day. We will be stocking fresh meat and delicious cheeses, as well as all our usual lines. Do come in and see us. You will receive a warm, seasonal welcome from us all.

The Hub will be OPEN at all normal times on Wednesday 27; Thursday 28; Friday 29; and Saturday 30 December The Hub will be CLOSED on: Sunday 24; Monday 25; Tuesday 26; Sunday 31 December and Monday 1 January 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 in need.

### **THE BOWERCHALKE MARKET & CAFE on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December, from 9.30 to 12 noon**

The December Market comes with extra tinsel.

As well as all the usual fare - we have some of our rather creative neighbours selling their wares.

There will be Christmas cakes and puddings from Helen and Lesley will be making a mountain of mince pies.

You can order these in advance via me -

All this plus a Christmas Cafe and Raffle on behalf of the Church.

Laura. Tel 01725 552 651 mob 07445 743014

### **BISHOPSTONE VILLAGE HALL.**

**CHRISTMAS FAYRE Friday 1st December** from 6.00pm until 7.30pm. The ever-popular Christmas Fayre will have all the usual stalls and refreshments. Donations for the book, tombola and cake stalls will be most welcome. Books (not magazines or part-works please) can be collected by arrangement - contact Ian Smith on 780425. The Village Christmas Card this year will support "SERV Wessex - The Blood Runners" (Volunteers who deliver blood and urgent medical supplies for the NHS, using their own vehicles).

## **CHALKE VALLEY FETE 2023**

Thanks to all of our volunteers that helped on the day and to everyone who turned up to support us we raised over £3000 which we have now distributed to local good causes. If you know of any good causes that need some extra support, please contact us to be considered next year. (Treasurer.cvfete@gmail.com ) The Ebble was one of the many good causes who have benefitted from the Fete's success, for which, many thanks *Ed*

## **CHALKE VALLEY SPORTS CENTRE**

### **SPORTS SCENE – October 2023**

#### **Facilities for all the Chalke Valley**

The hall is available for private hire so if you have a family celebration in the coming weeks, why not see what we can offer?

All our sports activities are promoted through the website. [www.chalkevalleysportscentre.co.uk](http://www.chalkevalleysportscentre.co.uk).

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

email ([newvictisbury@gmail.com](mailto:newvictisbury@gmail.com)) or by phone (0300 302 3090).

##### **Tis the Season on the 9th of December**

Café, Santas Grotto, A Christmas Carol story reading and live music from Cable street.

##### **Magic Lantern Film Club - The Barefoot Contessa Sunday 10 December, 7pm**

Christmas Music event from the Semley Summer Music team on December 16th, 5-7pm. Tickets (£25, children free) are available at <https://www.semleysummermusic.com/pop-up-christmas>

**ROH Royal Ballet Encore - The Nutcracker Sunday 17 December, 2pm (Doors open 1.30pm; bar available)** Running time: 165 minutes (tbc one interval)

**Ali Baba and the 40 thieves January 25th to 27th** at 7.30 pm (and 2.30 pm on the 27th)

Tickets on sale at [tisburyartsgroup.co.uk](http://tisburyartsgroup.co.uk) or call 0300 302 3090. Adult £12, Child £7.00 (half price Thursday)

**Van Gogh Exhibition** on Screen in January

**'The Organist and The Magistrate'** – 'The Organist and The Magistrate' The latest paperback by Richard Trahair offers an insider's view of the British criminal justice system and the workings of a Church pipe organ and its organist, in two entertaining short stories of misadventure and crime. Neither profession in the book's title are well understood, and Richard attempts to explain them in the form of documentary novel. In 'The Organist', the plot sweeps from a country town in England to the Rock of Gibraltar, involving a mysterious young lady organist and a highly unusual murder weapon. 'The Magistrate' is an adventure of kidnap and revenge, and demonstrates the avenues open to Justices of the Peace to exercise common-sense justice while at the same time coping with the sorry state of the criminal justice system today. "At times", writes Richard in the press release, "government neglect and incompetence continue to undermine the steadfast service of unpaid lay magistrates in our towns and cities, and it is important that wider society gains a better understanding of what we try to do on its behalf". Book release date 28th November 2023. Available in print and as an ebook through all bookshops, online or at [www.bookguild.co.uk](http://www.bookguild.co.uk) £8.99 ISBN 9781915853622 For local purchase, please phone and order from The Rocketship Bookshop at 5 Bridge Street Salisbury. Tel 01722 237172 . They are expecting to hear from you now!

**Early Morning** with thanks to Claire Macdonald for her monthly contribution

The garden  
rising  
from its bed  
of frost  
is green  
as a raw glass  
swilled  
with faint colour, crude sparkle.  
I run my eyes  
around its rim  
and hear it ring. **Maura Dooley**

### Notes from a Church Warden

Words of a prayer on view in Drummin Church , County Mayo , Ireland

" Lord , may this candle be a light for you to enlighten me in my difficulties and decisions  
May it be a fire to burn out of me all pride , selfishness and impurity .  
May it be a flame for you to bring warmth into my heart towards my family , my neighbours and all those  
who meet me "

### Church Flowers and Cleaning December 2023

Alvediston - Vicki Brown & Jenny McVeigh  
Ebbesbourne Wake - Advent (altar flowers) Carla Walsh and Angelika Hamilton  
Christmas - Team  
Fifield Bavant - Pip Reis

### Church Services for December

3<sup>rd</sup> December- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent-11am-Family Communion-Ebbesbourne Wake Ruth H-S  
10<sup>th</sup> December-2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent-11am-All Age Service-Alvediston-Biddy Trahair  
3pm-Advent Service-Fifield Bavant-Biddy Trahair  
17<sup>th</sup> December-3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent-11am-Morning Prayer(BCP)-Ebbesbourne Wake -Biddy Trahair  
23<sup>rd</sup> December-6.00pm-Carol Service-Alvediston-Biddy Trahair  
24<sup>th</sup> December-Christmas Eve-11.00am-Holy Communion (BCP)-Alvediston-Ruth H-S  
25<sup>th</sup> December-Christmas Day-11.00am-Family Communion (CW)-Ebbesbourne Wake-Kate Woolven  
31<sup>st</sup> December-1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas-11am-Benefice Communion-Bishopstone-Jenny Taylor  
7<sup>th</sup> January-Baptism of Christ-11am-Family Communion (CW)-Ebbesbourne Wake-Jenny Taylor

Special service in **St. Martin's, Fifield Bavant**: do join us for a reflective service of poems, readings, music, hymns and prayers for the Advent season on Sunday, 10th December at 3p

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### **WANTED:Yard /Grazing for 15.1hh Thoroughbred X Warmblood Mare**

I have recently moved into Ebbesbourne Wake and am looking for a space to keep my un-ridden mare locally. Would consider:

- Joining a pre-existing herd of un-ridden equines
- Acting as a companion of a retired horse
- Sole renting grazing (minimum 5 acres, no need of any amenities)
- Sole renting equestrian property

If you have anything that might be suitable or want to discuss things further please email.  
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