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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 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.

Ebbesbourne Wake Parish Council Meeting

The Parish Council met on 18 January 2024. Draft minutes of the meeting will be posted on the Parish Council noticeboard and on the website. Here are some points from the meeting:

Burglaries

Here's another reminder about deterrence. Mark your property using SelectaDNA kits and then display signs to show that this has been done.

The SelectaDNA Home Kits are £25 inc. VAT & Delivery This is only available via www.selectadna.co.uk/NHW using code HWAWILTSHIRE.

Full details of this scheme were in November 2022's 'Ebble' (see

http://www.ebbesbournewakeparishcouncil.org.uk/_UserFiles/Files/2022%20November.pdf)

Finger post repair/replacement

The PC are arranging the repair of the sign at the bottom of Handley Street.

The Ebble costs- The PC agreed to make a donation of £300 towards the costs of printing 'The Ebble'

Postscript: On behalf of The Ebble, we would like to express our grateful thanks for the very generous contribution to our funds, which is so needed for your printing costs.

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

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

On Saturday 3rd February the Village Hall and car park are booked for an event. Please remove all vehicles from the car park by 5pm. Many thanks. JS

Ebbesbourne Wake & Alvediston & Fifield Bavant Village Hall News

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE EVENTS

We are grateful for the grant we've received from Wiltshire Council and the Parish Council and upgrade works are the process of being commissioned.

A big thank you to Anna for connecting us with a yoga teacher. It's truly delightful to have a yoga class right here in the village (Tuesday 11:30-1pm). Your efforts are greatly appreciated, and it's wonderful to see the space being used for such positive and health-oriented activities. In addition to the yoga class, the prospect of a wine club taking shape adds another exciting dimension to community events. It's fantastic to witness our hall becoming a hub for various interests and bringing neighbours together.

While the recent funding has been instrumental, the ongoing maintenance of these community spaces - which also include the pavilion and playground - requires substantial funds. To ensure the continued upkeep of our facilities, we are actively engaging in fundraising through regular events such as those below. Please share the details with friends and come and support!

Moreover, we welcome your ideas! If you have suggestions for talks or events that would benefit our community, we encourage you to share them with us. Your input is invaluable, and we are eager to collaborate on initiatives that resonate with the diverse interests of our community.

On behalf of the committee *Angelika Hamilton*

UPCOMING EVENTS in the VILLAGE HALL

Friday, 16 February 2024 7:30pm-9pm Talk by Jonathan Cavendish

Ebbesbourne Wake Village Hall Fundraiser

Jonathan Cavendish is an independent British film producer, well known for his work on Elizabeth: The Golden Age (2007), the Bridget Jones films and Breathe (2017).

Jonathan co-founded the film production company, The Imaginarium, alongside actor and director Andy Serkis. The studio is notable for its focus on performance capture technology and has been involved in the production of both film and television projects.

Jonathan has kindly agreed to give a talk for the benefit of the village hall, taking us behind the scenes of the film industry, sharing anecdotes from his experiences and shedding light on the challenges faced in bringing a vision to life.

£10 for adults, children up to 16 free, students £5. RSVP Angelika Hamilton a-j@thehamiltonfamily.org to reserve a seat or buy tickets at the door on the night. Bar will be open!

Friday, 8 March 2024 - Barn Dance with the Hambleton Hopstep Band, Ebbesbourne Wake Village Hall Fundraiser

The next Village Hall Committee meeting is on 7th of February, 7 pm.

THE EBBESBOURNE WAKE WINE CLUB

I am currently studying for my Diploma in Wine, and I thought that one good way to revise might be to start a little wine club.

So, I would like to invite any other wine enthusiasts to join me for a monthly tasting and chat in the Village Hall.

It will take place on the last Thursday of the month from 18.30 – 20.00, starting 29 February.

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.

I will also present some facts and figures on each region (which might get quite geeky, but hopefully still interesting!)

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

Anna Hayward

FILM CLUB: **An Education** will be this month's film. Once again with Carey Mulligan. 7.30. £5

For those of you who remember Dick & Bobby Barber from Westbourne Cottage in West End this is the coming-of-age story of their daughter Lynne, who went on to become a newspaper columnist. And girlfriend, along the way, of Peter Rachman & Howard Marks

"An innocent, a scoundrel, a great film, and a star is born."

NEW YOGA CLASS IN EBBESBOURNE VILLAGE HALL

I am delighted to let you know that from 16th 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 01725 552209 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

MESSAGE sent by PHIL MACKIE (WILTSHIRE POLICE, COMMUNICATIONS & ENGAGEMENT OFFICER)

Keep your dogs on a lead around livestock:

On average Wiltshire Police receives two reports each month of dogs chasing, injuring or killing sheep and other livestock. We believe this to be under-reported and national figures show that attacks are on the increase. Only last week, a flock of 24 sheep were chased around a field near to Marlborough by a dog that was out of control and, according to an eyewitness, the owner was nowhere in sight. Fortunately, there were no physical injuries to the sheep on this occasion but there is a concern that some will abort their lambs from being chased.

A survey by the NFU Mutual with 1100 dog owners showed that 66% allow their pets to roam freely off-lead in the countryside, yet 39% admit their dogs do not come back to them when called, and 64% admit their pets chase livestock. These are shocking statistics and of great concern to the farming community.

Wiltshire Police would like to remind people who may be out and about enjoying the wonderful Wiltshire countryside with dogs, it is a sensible precaution to keep them on a lead when livestock are nearby. Almost half (46%) of dog owners in the survey think that their dog would not attack or chase livestock until it happens, and by then it is too late. Livestock worrying is when a dog attacks or chases livestock on agricultural land or is at large in a field with sheep or other livestock. This can result in significant injury or suffering, and, in the worst cases, death of the animals involved. Having devastating consequences for livestock keepers and causing personal distress as well as significant financial costs. It is a criminal offence and can mean the dog owner could face prosecution and a fine of up to £1000, in the most serious case. The NFU Mutual survey puts the south-west region as having the second highest cost to livestock owners in England at an estimated £273,000 in 2022. With the national rise in the number of cases Chief Constable Catherine Roper said: "I am asking dog owners to please be considerate of those farming the land by making sure that they keep their pets securely on a lead when they are walking anywhere near farm animals." As we move towards the main lambing and calving periods, we will be supporting our farming communities with a social media and public engagement campaign to highlight the problem, encourage reporting and ask dog walkers to respect the Countryside Code. Find out more about livestock worrying and how to report it on the Wiltshire Police website: [Livestock Worrying](#)

If you see a dog worrying or attacking livestock please call 999 or report online at <https://www.wiltshire.police.uk/ro/report/rwc/rural/report-rural-crime/> or call 101 after an occurrence.

Join us for [CRANBOURNE CHASE NATIONAL LANDSCAPE'S 2024 ANNUAL](#) and find out more about conserving, enhancing, and enjoying this nationally important landscape. Come along to find out what we have been getting up to and our plans for the future. Learn more about our name change to 'National Landscape' and what this means, find out about the final year of the National Lottery Heritage funded [Chase & Chalke Landscape Partnership](#) scheme and help us to shape our Management Plan which is under review in 2024.

[Book your FREE ticket here.](#) This event is for anyone who has an interest in the activities of Cranborne Chase National Landscape, including community and interest groups, volunteers, farmers and parish councillors.

This event is FREE but [booking on Eventbrite](#) is essential.

Arrival and registration is from 10:00 am, programme starts at 10:30 am.

Lunch and refreshments are provided. Please notify us of any specific dietary or access requirements at the time of booking.

Ample parking is available at the venue Dinton Village Hall, Bratch Lane, Dinton, Wiltshire, SP3 5EB. [///plea.piglets.prove](#)

BOWERCHALKE MARKET

Saturday 10 February is Market day at Bowerchalke Village Hall. We open the doors at 9.30 to welcome you in. The tables will be laden with the usual fare - local lamb, beef, and game - venison, pheasant and partridge. Seasonal and locally grown vegetables. Homemade soups, pies, cakes and bread. Delicious preserves and honey. And once you have shopped take a seat at the cafe for a coffee and cake or start the weekend with a Full English Breakfast. Look forward to seeing you there.

Further information lauraloncar.cvp@gmail.com or tel 01725 552 651

CHALKE VALLEY STORES

This month's newsletter has been inspired by Tony, who wanted to make sure that everyone knows what a terrific job our many volunteers do in offering a wonderful service to us all in the Villages who use the Hub. They are essential to him and his small team of staff; he could not manage without you all.

In Tony's own words, here are his feelings, as well as some News:

"We wanted to mark the occasion of this month's letter by recognising all of our incredible volunteers and thanking them for their unwavering support to the community.

For the last 10 years, volunteers have been at the heart of our Community Shop and Café (THE HUB) by supporting both me and the staff and most especially you, our customers, to ensure the shop remained open whatever the weather, adapting during the challenging Covid lockdowns and the operation of our cafe, embracing change and learning new skills.

With opportunities for Duke of Edinburgh volunteering and work experience students, there's something for everyone behind the counter, in the cafe or in the back office. If you're interested to join as a volunteer, just send us a message or pop into the shop for a chat with Tony, we'd love to hear from you.

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.

CHALKE VALLEY SPORTS CENTRE – FREE Zumba and Conditioning Class Taster. 9.30-10.30am

We are hoping to get a group of at least 8 together to run a regular Zumba class on a Wednesday morning. Future sessions will be £10 to pay by the class and £46 for 6 classes. All levels of fitness welcome. Children welcome. Bring them some toys and they can join in if they want or play on the side lines. Please contact Victoria Pickford on 07909 820365 or Victoria.pickford1@gmail.com for more information and to book your free place.

CHALKE VALLEY FETE AND PRODUCE SHOW DATE FOR YOUR DIARY AUGUST 17th 1 till 4 pm

There will be loads of activities including a fun dog show, birds of prey, music, games and lots of good things to eat!

We are looking for volunteers who could give us a couple of hours on the day to help in this fun event that raises money for local good causes.

We are also looking for people who would like a stall on the day, handmade crafts etc it's just £20 for your plot (early bird offer before May) or £25 after that. We had around 1000 people attending last year.

Please contact Treasurer.cvfete@gmail.com

Dates for the NEW VIC in Tisbury in February

The Royal Ballet MANON LIVE: Wednesday 7 February, 7.15pm

National Theatre Live VANYA: Friday 23 February 2024, 7.30pm

DEFIBRILLATORS

An Automated External Defibrillator (AED) or defibrillator is a life saving device that can help save the life of someone experiencing a sudden cardiac arrest. They are easy to use, portable, with clear step-by-step instructions so anyone can use them, from a bystander to a trained professional.

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Bowerchalke:	Village Hall, Church Street, Bowerchalke, SP5 5BE
Broad Chalke:	Old telephone box next to the Hub and bus stop
Bishopstone:	Village Hall Butts Lane, SP5 4AJ
Combe Bissett:	Village Hall, Shutts Lane, Coombe Bissett, SP5 4LU
Fovant:	Village Hall, Tisbury Road, SP3 5JT
Sixpenny Handley:	On Village Shop wall

Betty at the Party Anon. with thanks to Claire Macdonald for her monthly contribution

Said Betty, aged just four,
"A little girl fell off her chair
Right down upon the floor;
And all the other little girls
Began to laugh, but me -
I didn't laugh a single bit,"
Said Betty seriously.

"Why not?" her mother asked her,
Full of delight to find
That Betty – bless her little heart! -
Had been so sweetly kind.
"Why didn't you laugh, my darling?
Or don't you like to tell?"
"I didn't laugh," said Betty
"Cause it was me that fell".

Notes from a Church Warden

Alexander Scriabin , the Russian composer , was born on Christmas Day 1871 and died on Easter Day 1915 and parallels have often been drawn between him and Christ .He attempted to walk on water on Lake Geneva and then made do with preaching to fishermen from a boat .Friends described his manner of walking as if he was 'flying' : he would hop, race, skip and jump . He even carried out flying experiments and the concept of flight / upsurge can often be found in his music.

While Scriabin may have envisioned himself as a kind of Messiah bequeathing spiritual liberation ,his objective was to show mankind will itself become God .The way to achieve this was through art as art was above everything and everyone .

While some composers explored mysticism and symbolism in their works , Scriabin was the first actually to invoke mysticism rather than portray it ."

Yevgeny Sudbin

David suggests two CDs which he says are excellent piano collections.

Yevgeny Sudbin plays Scriabin

The Early Scriabin - Stephen Coombs

One has to rather like the eccentric ebullience of the man! DW

Church Flowers and cleaning February 2024

Alvediston Elaine Longstaffe & Ann Turner

Ebbesbourne Wake: Flowers - Fiona Stacey

Cleaning - Anna Hayward & Daphne Stead

Fifield Bavant: Pip Reis

CHURCH SERVICES in FEBRUARY

4th February: 11am - Family Communion - St John's Ebbesbourne Wake – Ruth H-S

11th February: 11am - All Age Service – St Mary's Alvediston – Bidy Trahair

11th February: 3:00pm – Evening Prayer – St Martin's Fifield Bavant – Bidy Trahair

25th February: 11am – Morning Prayer – St John's Ebbesbourne Wake – Bidy Trahair

28th January: 11am – Holy Communion – St Mary's Alvediston – Ruth H-S

3rd March: 11am – Family Communion – St John's Ebbesbourne Wake – Tony Monds

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