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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. Daphne (Ed)

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.

Email: alfiwakefund@gmail.com

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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

Sheila Collins - We were sorry to hear of Sheila's death on 6th April, after a very long illness which she bore with courage and determination to continue living to the full for as long as she could, ably supported by Ray. Although they lived in Bowerchalke, then Stoke Farthing, she was well known and loved throughout the Valley. She taught many of our children at Broad Chalke School and helped to run summer holiday clubs; was active in art and literary groups, (her cards can be bought at the Hub;) and she supported countless individuals as well as local events. In everything she was a perfectionist, and her cooking was legendary. Her deep faith was lived out practically and it was always a joy to see them in our churches. We send Ray and their daughters our sympathy.

The Three Bells pop-up pub in Alvediston will be open for a May Day drink 6.30-8 on Weds 1st May in the Macdonalds' studio at Church Barn. In aid of the Trussell Trust. All welcome!

Ebbesbourne Wake Parish Council Meeting

The Parish Council met on 18 April 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:

Alfiwake

The PC agreed Janine Hillary to be their representative on the charity.

Burglaries

The PC will be purchasing signs to warn potential burglars that property in the village is marked by SelectaDNA. If you haven't yet marked your property you can see full details of the scheme in November 2022's 'Ebble'

(<http://www.ebbesbournewakeparishcouncil.org.uk/UserFiles/Files/2022%20November.pdf>)

Finger post repair/replacement

The initial quotes for the repair of the sign at the bottom of Handley Street were too high so other options are being looked at.

Village Archive

The cost of a fireproof cabinet for the documents is high. However, the PC agreed that the protection of the documents is important and so agreed to budget up to £2k to buy a suitable cabinet.

Councillor Vacancy

If you are interested, please contact Sarah Cromwell (PC clerk). The vacancy will be formally advertised.

Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting and AGM will be on 4/7/2024 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

SINGING SALON -

A heartfelt thank you to Cathy Long and the remarkable artists of the 'Singing Salon' for delivering an evening of pure magic. It was truly a delight to be treated to the extraordinary talent of classically trained, operatic singers, enchanting us with a diverse repertoire ranging from oratorio and opera to musicals and cabaret. Their performances were both moving and immensely enjoyable. We were particularly impressed by the imaginative staging that ingeniously utilized the hall layout for seamless exits and entries, setting a high bar for future events to come.

It is very impressive that the concert raised £1102. The proceeds will be shared between two worthy causes: Alzheimer's Support Wiltshire and the EW Village Hall – a much appreciated support. Thank you very much for your generosity!
On behalf of the committee - Angelika Hamilton

FUNDRAISER - Saturday, 11th of May 2024: BACK TO THE 80s PARTY -7 pm -12 pm

The Village Hall is almost 40 years old – time to get into the mood for celebrating all that is good from the 80s!

Get ready to step back in time and channel the vibrant spirit of the decade! Join us for an unforgettable 80s-themed bash, where we'll groove to the beats of Madonna, Billy Idol, and A-ha. Get ready to relive the magic of classics like The Breakfast Club, Back to the Future, Dirty Dancing and Top Gun.

Dress to impress in your best 80s attire – whether it's neon and leg warmers, leather, or a simple red hoodie and jeans (E.T. style!). Come as you are, just make sure it's from the right decade!

Indulge in a nostalgic feast with 80s-inspired delights like vol-au-vents, cheese and pineapple skewers, and more. And don't forget to hit the bar for our special concoction, "The Ebby80" cocktail, guaranteed to add an extra kick to your retro experience. Get ready to dance, reminisce, and create new memories that'll last another 40 years

Tickets £20 for adults, £10 for under 18s.

Reserve tickets at EWVH@thehamiltonfamily.org to help plan numbers or pay at the door.

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.

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

This traditional event is for anyone to enter who lives in the villages of Alvediston, Fifield Bavant and Ebbesbourne Wake. It's the time of year to start 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. The schedules of classes to enter will be delivered in July however I have put examples of past schedules on the notice boards in the bus shelters at EW and West End to give everyone an idea of the classes. For more information please contact Sue Cox Martin on 07909774689 or sue.cox-martin@hotmail.co.uk

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

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Open weekdays 9.00am-5pm, until 1.00pm on Saturdays.

Coffee Shop weekdays 10.00am-3.30pm, 12.00pm on Saturdays.

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

Thank you all once again for supporting The Hub. However, please, please continue to support the Post Office

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

Local And Fresh - If you are looking for inspiration & specialty come to the Hub to find the best quality at competitive prices, Tony has been busy enlarging and enriching the range of locally supplied foods. These now include coffee, cheeses, jams, spices and sauces, tray-bakes, pies and meats as well as breads and cakes. We always try and support local businesses.

A Date for your Diary, We will be holding a Sparkling Wine and Chess Tasting Evening with a twist on Friday May 03rd at 6:30pm. Tickets are limited and £20 each. All proceeds go to support towards the Hub. Please call the Hub on 01722 780998 to book your place.

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 & CAFE Saturday 14th May 9.30 to 12 noon

The Spring seems to have arrived properly now and there should be a good selection of plants available to join all the other good things on sale at the market. Fresh local lamb, beef and venison. Locally grown vegetables, home-made soups, pies, cakes and preserves. Plus of course the excellent cafe. Look forward to seeing you all there. For further information contact Laura at lauraloncar.cvp@gmail.com

CHALKE VALLEY SPORTS CENTRE – Facilities for all the Chalke Valley, info@chalkevalleysportscentre.co.uk

Zumba. Anyone interested in the class on Wednesday mornings at 0930 please contact Victoria Pickford on 07909 820365 or Victoria.pickford1@gmail.com

Outdoor Petanque. Friday night outdoor Petanque from 2 May. Everyone is welcome, £2 per session. Bar open. 6.30-8.00pm

BISHOPSTONE VILLAGE HALL

Saturday 4th May Ben Sword will give his One Man Musical Comedy Variety Show. Free entry with an optional £5 ploughman's supper. Bar opens at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start. Book via the Barters 01722 780471 or Sue 01722 780316 or email bvhticketoffice@btinternet.com.

MOVIOLA at Bishopstone Friday 31st May is 'Wonka'.

ANNUAL SPRING FAYRE The ever-popular Spring Fayre will be held on Saturday 18th May between 10.30am and 12.00noon. There will be a variety of stalls including plants, cakes, books, local crafts and a tombola. There will also be a Bring and Buy in aid of the RNLI, for cakes, produce and gifts. Refreshments will be available.

THE CINNAMON TRUST

The Cinnamon Trust is a national charity for older people, the terminally ill and their pets. We have 20,000 kind-hearted, animal loving volunteers who offer their time and support to help others. We assist with dog walking, fostering, if an owner is in hospital and taking pets to the vets. The goal is to make sure that an owner has all the help they need to stay together with their pet and to know that their furry, feathered or any beloved animal is in safe hands.

Lesley Grayson

Contact - 01736 757900, admin@cinnamon.org.uk , cinnamon.org.uk

Dates for the NEW VIC in Tisbury in April.

Saturday 4th May	ROH Opera	Carmen	7.00pm
Saturday 11th May	NLive	NYE	7.30pm
Sunday 12th May	Film	Magic Lantern-The Well Diggers Daughter	7.00pm
Saturday 18th May	Film	Wonka	2.30pm & 7.30pm
Sunday 19th May	Exhibitions on Screen	Leonardo: The Works	4.00pm & 7.00pm
Wed. 22nd May	ROH Ballet	The Winter's Tale	7.15pm
Thurs. 30th May	Sadler's Wells Ballet	Message in a Bottle	7.20pm

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

OPEN GARDENS

OLD FONTHILL ABBEY GROUNDS - SUNDAYS 5th & 19th MAY 10.30-4.30, SP3 6SP, Hindon Newtown Lane
Bluebell woods and rhododendrons, lakeside walks and Abbey views, barbecue and homemade refreshments.
Entry Donation-suggest £10 adult. Polite dogs welcome. In aid of Cure Parkinson's and local charities.

NATIONAL GARDEN SCHEME

We are opening our garden at Winkelbury House, Berwick St John for the NGS for the second time on Saturday 18th May from 2.00 – 5.00 pm. Homemade teas and a plant stall in aid of the Church and Village Hall.
Do please come and support us if you are around.

RINGING OUT FOR PEACE 6TH JUNE 2024

6th June 2024 marks the 80th Anniversary of D-Day when Allied Forces mounted the largest amphibious invasion the world has ever witnessed.

In 1944, Operation Overlord saw more than 5,000 ships and landing craft set down more than 130,000 troops on five Normandy beaches in an action that would bring about the liberation of North-West Europe.

To mark the occasion Church Bells will ring out in the Chalke Valley after 6.30 pm.

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: courgettes, runner, and French beans (including longest bean), onions/shallots, tomatoes, salad veg., dahlias, sweet peas and herbs. The full list of classes will be available on the website in April. <https://chalkevalleyfete.co.uk>

If you are out and about taking photos this year's subjects will be: Dawn to dusk; River or Pond; Happy Day.

MAY DAY 1985, W.S Sidford 1911-1997. a renowned and remarkable Broad Chalke resident.

At last is come the leaden-footed spring,
The hedgerows now are flecked with snowy white
of scentless blackthorn, not the fragrant may
There still is frost on nearly every night
And chilly North-East wind that blows by day.
And no one yet has heard the cuckoo sing .
No twittering swallows "neath the cottage eaves,
No dark winged swifts to skim the glittering stream,
No bats come flickering out at close of day,
In all the woods there's hardly any green.
The tender ash trees still stand bare and grey,
Only the hardy oak has any leaves.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, EBBESBOURNE WAKE



The first church in Ebbesbourne Wake dated from Saxon times. A stone church first appeared after the Norman Conquest. The west tower in the perpendicular style was added in the fifteenth century. In 1520 Edmond Audley, Bishop of Salisbury dedicated the fine oak rood screen. The earliest known incumbent was appointed in 1239 and diocesan records have a complete list of holders of the living from 1325 to the present day.



The Purbeck Norman marble font (1224) is the oldest feature. The bowl stands on a broad circular column surrounded by four shafts, as if in imitation of piers in Salisbury Cathedral.



The Sidilla and Aumbry on the south wall

The present wood screen was erected in 1889 much improved by stripping back the Victorian paint to reveal the wood in our restoration four years ago, and also when the magnificent blue and red paint frescos were revealed around the nave windows. The stained glass at the east end depicts Christ crucified and Christ in splendour and in the 'contre-jour' morning light bestows quite marvellous colour and luminosity.

The beautiful sonorous five bells, from treble to tenor, were restored and rehung in 1997 having not been rung since 1945 due to decay in the bell-frame. In 2017 there was extensive renovation of the interior with repairs to the exterior of the church, a photograph album showing the works is at the back of the church. The Church is numinous and lends itself very well to visits of quiet contemplation in addition to the joyous services.

Notes from a Church Warden

“ Sin , as St Paul sees it seems to be very much about uninhabited flesh , our humanity experienced in a meaningless, destructive or isolating way .Who was it who said (alarmingly) that by forty you have the face you deserve ? When I think of the people I have known in my life who are most obviously holy , what I think of is faces that look - in the best sense - lived in “.The Christian tradition for today - Rowan Williams As he essentially says this is an observation about how we are with one another .

Church Flowers and cleaning May 2024

Alvediston	Cleaning & Flowers:	Andrew & Deborah Boys
**Ebbesbourne Wake	Flowers & Cleaning	Bridget Watts and Daffy Stead.
Fifield Bavant	Flowers & Cleaning	Pip Reis

**Carla would be delighted to hear from anyone who would be interested in joining the cleaning and flower arranging team for St John’s Ebbesbourne Wake. Anyone volunteering need not be a member of the congregation but one who may enjoy and treasure the church building. 01722780097.

CHURCH SERVICES in May

1 st May - 7.00pm - Licencing of Revd Alison Waterhouse as Team Vicar -Broad Chalke - Bishop of Ramsbury	
5 th May 11.00am - Morning Prayer (BCP) – St: John’s Ebbesbourne Wake – Bidy Trahair	
9 th May - Ascension Day -12 noon-Parish Communion - St. Martin’s Fifield Bavant - Ruth H-S	
12 th May - 11.00am – All Age Service – St: Mary’s Alvediston – Bidy Trahair	
12 th May - 3:00pm – Evening Prayer – St Martin’s Fifield Bavant – Bidy Trahair	
19 th May - 11.00am – Family Communion (CW) - St: John’s Ebbesbourne Wake – Kate Woolven	
26 th May. - 11.00am – Holy Communion – (BCP) St Mary’s Alvediston – Tony Monds	
2nd June - 11.00am -- Morning Prayer-(BCP) -St John’s Ebbesbourne Wake-Bidy Trahair	

Ministry Team: Team Rector ~ The Revd Dr Ruth Howlett-Shiple: 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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Your continuing support helps to keep The Ebble running, thank you.

TISBURY FIRE STATION NEEDS YOUR HELP - *Can you Respond?* For info. www.dwfire.org.uk

Tisbury fire station is looking for new recruits to join their team. We've got a great team here at Tisbury, but we don't have enough people to provide cover all the time. We have had occasions where our neighbouring stations at Shaftesbury and Mere have had to come into Tisbury and surrounding villages to deal with incidents because we've not had enough crew available. We have particular challenges on weekdays and at weekends, and more recruits would fill those gaps.

Our new Station Commander Sarah is really keen that we get the word out to encourage people to consider becoming an On-call Firefighter. Providing cover doesn't mean sitting at the fire station, it's about having a pager and being able to respond when it goes off. You do need to be within a reasonable distance from the station, but you know when you are on-call and can manage your time accordingly. We have Firefighters currently responding from Teffont and Hindon so you don't have to live just in Tisbury to respond.

Many on-call firefighters respond from work during the day. We'd urge anyone interested in joining the Service to have a chat with their employer to see if they would support this. We are more than happy to speak to your employer as well and explain how it all works. As well as giving the local community their help, they would benefit from all the training that's provided. As Firefighters, we learn advanced first aid, leadership skills, health & safety knowledge and sometimes even gain an LGV licence.



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Weekly Yoga Classes at Ebbesbourne Wake Village Hall Tuesdays 11.30am-1pm. Join the Summer Term of yoga for improved flexibility, strength and stability in body, mind and emotions, with different postures, a range of breathing practices, some quiet time and a deep relaxation for harmony within. All ages and abilities are welcome. If interested, please contact Caroline Wilkinson on 01725 552209 or [email cj@wilkinsonyoga.co.uk](mailto:cj@wilkinsonyoga.co.uk). www.wilkinsonyoga.co.uk