

The Alvediston, Ebbesbourne Wake and Fifield Bavant Newsletter.

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Welcome to Fifield Bavant.

A warm welcome to two new households in Fifield, Dan Judkins and Harriet Bilton who have moved to 3 Thatched Cottage, and Russell West and Melissa Berisford who have moved to Springfield. Welcome to all!

Welcome to Alvediston.

Our Ukrainian family, Volodymyr, Tetina, Vladyslav, Stanislav and Mark who joined the Grant family on 18th May.

A tribute to former Alvediston resident, Diana Farrow.

Diana Farrow, a dear friend to many in Alvediston and far beyond, died on 5th May in St Denis Care Home (where she had received wonderful care for a long time, including all through covid). She first met Miss 'Mick' Hoole of Samways in 1959, before she was married, and maintained a close link throughout Mick's life and after her daughter, Claire, inherited Samways from her godmother in 1986. For many years she lived in the converted Stallion Yard there until the McVeigh's bought Samways in 2009, when Claire, William and Kitty moved to Ridge Farmhouse and Diana joined them, in another converted barn, soon afterwards.

Diana was very intelligent, wise, kind and hospitable. She served on the Parochial Church Council, was our first clerk to the Parish Meeting, edited the 'Ebble' and brought us her extensive professional knowledge of rural housing needs. She will be remembered for her delicious meals, her original presents, notes, books and especially for her unselfish interest in others despite experiencing many tragedies in her own life. We send our sympathy to Claire and Virginia and to all her extended family, especially her grandchildren, whom she loved so much. Biddy Trahair.

Diana's funeral will be held in St, Mary's, Alvediston, on Wednesday, 1st June at 2.30pm.

St John the Baptist, Ebbesbourne Wake Flower Festival for the Jubilee Celebrations:

We would like to decorate the church on June 2nd in the morning for the Jubilee weekend. We would like as many floral decorations as possible so if there were any budding florists of any age who would like to contribute to the floral decorations whether it be in a decorated jam jar or any other receptacle, please do come on June 2nd and arrange it in the church. There is a service on Sunday 5th June so it would be wonderful to be sitting amongst floral decorations to celebrate the Queen's Platinum jubilee.

3 Village Jubilee Celebrations Update:

Thank you for all those who have confirmed that they can come along to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. **(If you still would like to come along, please contact Kate on 07795 436709.)** As of writing the weather looks great.

Thursday 2 June – BBQ and Beacon Lighting.

Jo Grant has very kindly offered a perfect location for our bonfire beacon – head towards the A30 from Alvediston, up the hill and past Jo's farm, turn right at Crockerton and along the drove road on the right (look out for the balloons). The field has fabulous views to the north, east and south. Come at 8.30pm for a (free!) bbq, bringing warm outer layers, your own refreshments, a torch and something to sit on if you need. There will be parking in the field or alternatively you can park on the road but it's quite a long walk. The Beacon will be lit at 9.45pm and hopefully we will be able to see other local Beacons. No dogs please.

Sunday 5 June – Village Procession, Lunch, Tea and Fun.

The fancy dress procession, will leave the Church car park at 12 noon, processing through the village to the field. Flags will be provided. Please dress in any era of the Queen's reign – prizes will be awarded! Young children can ride in the open truck if they like (at their own risk but it will be going very slowly!).

We will then enjoy drinks and lunch of Coronation Chicken, vegetarian option, rice salad, potato salad, green salad and Jubilee Pudding (you may want to bring separate food for young children). We will then have a singsong, play games (Tug of War, British Bulldog, Rounders to name a few), tea, scones and cake....

3 Village Jubilee Celebrations Update:

Competitions:

Fancy Dress – Adult

Fancy Dress – Child (16 and younger)

Cake/Biscuits (any) – Adult

Cake/Biscuits (any) – Child (16 and younger)

Please drop off your cake entries in the VH in the morning at the designated area with your name (and age if you are under 16!).

There will be an area on the field with children's activities as well as children's craft activities and competitions and an area of Royal memorabilia. If you would like to bring anything of relevant interest, please let Kate know so that we can allocate you an area.

As many as can, please come at **9am to help set up the field**. Please bring colourful tablecloths and bunting and anything else.... Can you also bring any appropriate outdoor games – badminton, boules etc.

Before the parade:

Please drop off your lunch contributions at the village hall in the allocated area (suggest that you keep your food in a cooler or iced if the weather is hot). Please also bring your own serving spoons, plates, cutlery and glasses. When you get back to the hall, grab your bag and head to the decorated tables. Beer, lager and a selection of soft drinks will be available for purchase after a first free drink however and please bring your own wine or anything else you would prefer to drink. If you would like, please also bring along scones, cream and jam for tea to enjoy along with the cakes from the competition.

If you have young children, you might want to bring rugs for them to sit on.

Parking courtesy of the Warders (the field opposite the Village Hall).

Well behaved dogs are welcome but need to be kept on a lead.

CHALKE VALLEY HISTORY FESTIVAL, 20 – 26th June, Broadchalke.

The Chalke Valley History Festival is going to be entertaining visitors with its "most varied" programme yet as the full line-up has now been revealed. It features talks and panel discussions given by leading thinkers and speakers, and the best historians in the land, as well as living history displays, historical performances and interactive experiences. An Iron Age round house and settlement has been built specifically for this year's festival and using the very tools and materials that would have been used.

There will also be a speakers' corner, vintage fairground, historic fast-food outlets, two bars, street food and shopping! The weekend's Restoration Pageant - the return of the monarchy and King Charles II in 1660 - will also feature Restoration-era horse racing over a specially developed racecourse.

For children and families, The History Tellers will be back, and Foreign Field will also be putting on a range of shows, demonstrations and re-enacting dark tales throughout the week; and the Acro chaps Edwardian jugglers, acrobats and jesters will also be entertaining festivalgoers.

The Trench is back by popular demand. This time the scene is Cassel, in late May 1940, and it will feature the heroic defence by a small detachment of British infantry who were trying to stem the German advance.

The extended music line-up features seven different acts playing music from the jazz age of the twenties all the way through to contemporary music. Tickets are now on sale visit: www.cvhf.org.uk

Chalke Valley residents are allowed **free** access on Monday 20th June afternoon and evening.

Tickets **must** be pre-booked via the box office 01722 781133.

Salisbury Cathedral Choir Concert Alvediston.

On May 9th St Mary's Church resounded to the most wonderful music. 14 boys and six men of the Cathedral choir sang their way through the centuries, unaccompanied and clear as crystal. Their conductor and Director of Music at Salisbury, David Halls put our organ through its paces as he wove the four movements of JS Bach's Pastorella through the choral pieces.

We heard such a varied programme, from the 16th century composers Tallis, Byrd and Gibbons, continuing right up to a piece by Pablo Casals, the famous Catalan cellist working in the 20th century, by way of the charming 'Drop, drop slow tears' by the fourteen-year-old William Walton.

The full-capacity audience responded enthusiastically and generously – the evening raised a magnificent £1,900 for St Mary's Tower Appeal. Thank you hugely to everyone who worked very hard to make it all go so beautifully, Pen Milburn.

Ebbesbourne Wake Parish Council.

The Parish Council met on Thursday 12th May 2022. When the minutes of the meeting are available, you'll be able to see them on the website www.ebbesbournewakeparishcouncil.org.uk and on the Parish Council noticeboard in the bus shelter.

The Parish Council agreed to fund a tree to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee along with a plaque for that tree and another for the tree planted at the last Jubilee.

As mentioned in last month's Ebble, the Parish Council are buying special commemorative mugs for all children in the Parish to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. If you have given the Parish Clerk your children's names, the mugs will be available at the celebration at the village hall on Sunday 5 June.

If you're reading this after 5 June and live in Ebbesbourne Wake and Fifield Bavant and you have children aged 16 or under, please contact the Parish Clerk with your children's names so we can make sure no-one misses out.

The Parish Clerk, Sarah Cromwell is the Parish Clerk, and her phone number is 780558 or email

ewfbparishclerk@gmail.com

Come and meet our new Police Community Support Office, 21st June 10-11:30am, The Crown Inn.

Jonathan Rose Email: jonathan.rose@wiltshire.police.uk Non-emergency – Dial 101 Work mobile 07468340131.

Diary of a Church Warden – David Walsh.

Freya Matthews 'Reinhabiting Reality' points out that the reality of the world is not just bound up with the 'public' dimension, but is inexorably tied to our private, intimate world. The aim is not to theorise the world but to relate to it. For this we need invocation and response, ritual practices recovered from traditional religious forms.

If we want to call the entire cosmos 'God', then God cannot be less than personal, it would be an unthinkable lack.

What an interesting and arresting thought to ponder.

Stars Appeal Update – Petra Trek.

Thank you for all your support and generous sponsor money, I'm pleased to say that I have raised around £3,300 at the time of going to press.

All 35 trekkers are getting together in June and then we will find out the collective amount.

Jordan was an amazing adventure, with very basic tents, no showers or running water and one porta loo. We were hiking in average temperatures between 38 and 40 degrees and completed roughly around nine hours of walking most days, up and down rocky terrain with beautiful and varied scenery.

We crossed the finish line in Petra with lots of tear and hugs. In total we walked around 106 kilometres in just over 50 hours, once again thank you for everyone's support in generous sponsorship. Viv Grant.

The Horseshoe Inn.

Please call 01722 780474 for more information

The Crown Inn:

Monday - Closed all day

Tuesday - Closed Lunchtime & Open Evening from 6pm

Wednesday - Saturday - Lunchtime: Open 12pm - 2.30pm, & Evenings from 6pm

Sunday: Open 12pm - 3pm

Meals served lunchtimes and evening

Quiz Night Wednesday 15th June 7.30pm - Prizes and free refreshment and a chance to answer the jackpot question which, this month, is worth **£110**

Enjoy our large Garden where you can have a go at the ancient game of Aunt Sally

Our well stocked **Vintage & Various Room** has bargains galore including many items by local crafts people.

Unfortunately, our traditional garden fete planned for Jubilee Saturday, has been postponed due to circumstances beyond our control and will now take place in August

Three Parishes Flower and Vegetable show:

The date for the show is Saturday 13th August.

More details will follow next month, please contact sue.cox-martin@hotmail.co.uk

Church Cleaning and Flowers:

Alvediston – Vicki Brown and Jenny McVeigh.

Ebbesbourne Wake – Mary Fleck and Annie Congleton.

Fifield Bavant – Pip Reis.

Church Services for June:

5th June: Pentecost ~ 11am ~ Family Communion ~ Ebbesbourne Wake ~ Catherine Blundell.

12th June: Trinity Sunday ~ 11am ~ All Age Service ~ Alvediston ~ Biddy Trahair.

12th June: Trinity Sunday ~ 3pm ~ Evening Prayer ~ Fifield Bavant ~ Biddy Trahair.

19th June: 1st Sunday after Trinity ~ 11am ~ Morning Prayer ~ Ebbesbourne Wake ~ Biddy Trahair.

26th June: 2nd Sunday after Trinity ~ 11am ~ Holy Communion ~ Alvediston ~ Catherine Blundell.

3rd July: 3rd Sunday after Trinity ~ 11am ~ Family Communion ~ Ebbesbourne Wake ~ Catherine Blundell.

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