News and Notes

For Bodenham, Britford, Charlton All Saints, Nunton and Odstock

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Next Deadline: 14 February for March edition Hooray! After 3 billion 465 million days of January we have finally made it to Feb'. I feel I did rather well this year as I managed to complete January by the 7th, such was my lust for Feb. Big thanks to Anna and Orpheus for helming the ship for the Dec/Jan bumper combo edition, Jonny and I spent our time wisely with approximately zero hours gathering News and Noteworthy offerings. As luck would have it though, the community have been hard at it and have done the grunt work for us, which we have duly collated, and hopefully produced some of the finest News and Notes you'll ever read... until next month.

We've got a double whammy from the WI, like an omnibus edition of Eastenders, The Longford Lowdown, a report from Rev Ruth, a Community Chest so voluptuous you can barely get your arms around it, and so many adverts for things people can do you won't need to leave the villages ever again. There's also early news about Ebblefest, including when it is so you can make sure you're there on the 29th of June, which is when it is. Plus we want to smash your plates.

As ever, we would love your contributions to this ramshackle almanac - if you fancy a stint on one or other of the pages, send us your creations, we are getting very good at making a billion words look like a sentence and five words can easily stretch to a page, apparently they call this editing. Whatever it is, we would love the opportunity to get it in to print, or online, to ensure we don't have to fill pages with our collective nonsense.

We wouldn't want to send this to print without a mention of Nunton's Roger Trubshaw who passed away on the 9th of December. Pam has written a lovely obituary that you can find on page 13. We wish the family well and send our thoughts and prayers out to them all.

It feels strange to, once again, be back in the driving seat of the News and Notes. It's almost been a year since we "took over" from Jeremy - thanks to all of you for your kind feedback and patience, one day we aim to produce an editorial with zero mistakes - eyes peeled.

Community Chest

February 2024

On this page you are sure to find things that illuminate and excite, things that inform and delight, as well as things you might like to get involved in. Here is a snapshot of what's happening in and around our five villages. To the city, and the pond!

Editor's Apology to Enid Alston

At the top of this month's tome is our sincerest apologies to Enid Alston. Enid has rightly informed us of an editing glitch. The last WI report published in the News and Notes (Dec -Jan) was attributed to Hatty Hillier and it was in fact the hard work of Enid. Apologies for this mishap, we try our hardest to keep things as tight as possible but things can slip through the net. No offence was meant and we value all contributions. We hope this goes some way to making amends.

Your Nunton Distribution Team Needs You!

Nunton's Sally Nelson has requested that we inform you all that after several years delivering News and Notes through our letterboxes Emma Stapley needs to stand down from the Nunton News and Notes distribution team. Our huge thanks to Emma for all the time and effort she has given to supporting our community newsletter. We are now looking for a new member (or members) of the Nunton delivery team. Could you spare half an hour or so once a month? Perhaps you'd like an excellent opportunity to get some fresh air and exercise, delivering News and Notes? If you are interested, and one might ask how you could possibly not be, please contact Sally Nelson on 01722 328220.

High Praise for the WI Food Bank Success

Elizabeth Cutter of the WI has written in with news from the Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham WI who in November encouraged members to take part in a Reverse Advent Calendar collection for the Salisbury Food Bank. This involved members putting an item into a box every day for 30 days and then bringing the box to the December meeting. A list of required items was provided and it was suggested that members could get together in twos and threes to make up a box and home collection was available if required. The members really took the idea to heart and produced 23 boxes for the Food Bank which was a fantastic result. A huge thank you to everyone who contributed and made a difference to someone's Christmas.

Village Carol Singing

Money raised singing carols round the villages the week before Christmas; Bodenham £114 Nunton £74 Odstock £96 Amazing. Thank you all singers, people who gave mince pies and mulled wine, and of course the generous gifts of money. The total will be sent, as always, to The Children's Society. (Thank you to Mary Boydcamps for the update).

Community Chest

Ebblefest Save the Date

Daub this across every calendar, tattoo it on your friend's forehead, and shave it onto the dog - Ebblefest this year is Saturday the 29th of June.

Grafters for Rafters

It is with some sadness that we have been asked to announce that Odstock's Stewart Ford, of rafting fame, shall be stepping down as Master of Rafts after this year's Ebblefest Raft Race and he would like to pass the baton to anyone who feels they would like to take up this super important post. The idea is that the incoming hero shadows the incumbent host at this year's (Sunday 30th June) Ebblefest Raft Race, so that in 2025 they can take the reins as a fully fledged rafteur. Should you be interested in this superbly Titanic role please contact Stewart directly on stewartdford@gmail.com

Donate your Imperfect Crockery Stash - for the Ebblefest Smash

I know as you read this, many of you are looking at a smattering of "imperfect" crockery. You know! The stuff you want to fix, can't quite get rid of it as it's only "a little chip"! Well, here's your seriously gracious get out of "gluing it" free card. The Gardener's of Nunton have asked for people to drop off the culprits of this cluttersome conundrum to Oakdene, opposite the recreation ground in Nunton. Here you will find a wood stack and store on your right as you go up their drive. This, praise be, is where your crockery can lie to eventually be used at the crockery smash at this year's Ebblefest, and you need never think of it again. How glorious!

Five Villages South of Salisbury BBCON Facebook page

Are you on Facebook? Apparently the kids aren't, they're on Snaptok, but if you are, did you know about the group that exists solely for the blither and blather of residents of these five, fine villages? If you aren't already there, why not search for it using the name above and get involved - there's often news about upcoming road works, and other council info, lost dogs, runaway circus animals, and mole hills, plus even more than that, if you can imagine such unbridled excitement.

Answers for Plant 'seurs

Alys Hunter of Nunton, has written in to ask if we might be able to pick the brains of News and Notes's very own Orpheus of the Undergrowth, with issues of the common or not garden, house plant. Like some sort of Pontif he has agreed to share his knowledge wealth with us all. Therefore, should you have a Calathea in crisis or a terrible Tradescantia or perhaps even a fiddley Ficus, please send us in your questions (editor@newsndnotes.co.uk) for next month's edition, deadline 14th March ish.

Swings and Roundabouts

Mrs Hazel Docherty of Odstock would like to offer to the wider community their climbing frame and slide as well as a trampoline for free as Peter just isn't using it anymore. For anyone willing to collect from Odstock please contact <u>Hazeldoc@btopenworld.com</u>.

More Community News

Are you interested in family history in Wiltshire?

N ever heard of the Wiltshire Online Parish Clerks? Then, let me enlighten you. The concept of Online Parish Clerks was originally the idea of family historians in Cornwall who initially launched the project, followed by those in Devon and Dorset. The Wiltshire project started in 2006 and there are now eight counties taking part mainly in the South. At present there are about 50 volunteer Online Parish Clerks covering some of the Wiltshire parishes.

The idea is to assist those who are researching their family history within a specific parish, free of charge. Information available from this online site includes transcriptions of baptism, marriage and burial records, census records from 1851 to 1911, photographic galleries, and other historical facts. To use the site, you just need to register with your email address.

The online parish clerks will consider undertaking any historical project, the largest currently being developed is a database of Wiltshire Regiment casualties with over 14,000 entries. There are webpages for Nunton and Bodenham, Britford and Odstock as well as many other parishes throughout Wiltshire. They can be accessed at https://wiltshire-opc.ork.uk/genealogy

The webpage for Nunton and Bodenham includes much of the above information together with details of a recent project undertaken at St Andrew's church. This involved recording headstone inscriptions and photographs plus the creation of an online churchyard map and associated burial document, a copy of the latter will be held by the church. This has been undertaken by me with the kind help of the Churchwarden, Stephanie Elcock. For those interested, you can follow us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/groups/wiltsopc, or look at all the information available at the above web address.

Susan Martin, Online Parish Clerk for Nunton and Bodenham

CRESS achieves Big Give Christmas Challenge

RESS, a Broad Chalke based charity, has been successful in its first Big Give Christmas Challenge which took place at the beginning of December, raising **£14,150.25**.



CRESS works in rural northern Uganda supporting the refugee and poor local population, most of whom live on under \$2 a day. The funds raised are for our 76 Savings Groups with 2,292 registered members, 75% of whom are women. We support their learning and training in business and agriculture so that they can support their businesses and their families. Specifically the funds will go towards their savings conferences, where they gather together and share learning and inspiration.

Caroline Lamb, CRESS' Founder said "The response to our Big Give has been amazing and we are so thankful to everyone who has chosen to donate to CRESS this Christmas. Having just visited Uganda, I have seen first-hand the improvement in members' ability to afford to build weather-proof homes, pay for medical aid and education for their children. Most importantly for them, their mental health has improved as their hope and prospects have increased. Thank you all".

To find out more about CRESS's projects visit https://cressuk.org

Naomi Booth - CRESS UK UK Office Manager

Focus on Food

Bookshelf Re-boot

Happy new year to one and all, albeit it was a months ago. January wasn't particularly dry at the Bread and Flowers household, nor was it remotely vegan but here we are, February already. Time for a spring clean, a cull on my part, thinning out the bookshelves of cookbooks from back in the day, Constance Spry, Elizabeth David, a host of Jamies, a couple of River Cottage and some I'm too embarrassed to mention in public. They're great books, but I just never connected with them, they never became friends.

Of course, they make way for a new influx of inspirational authors and an opportunity to follow a slightly different path. I went on a four-day writing course last autumn, over in East Sussex, run by a charming gal, Gilly Smith. It was truly uplifting to be in the company of like-minded individuals, all passionate about food, but also passionate about writing. I thought I might pick up a few tips, I picked up a few new friends for sure.

A couple of books I would recommend, picked up over the four days. 'The Farm Table' by Julius Roberts. It's a seriously well written story, his story of a move away from a successful career in London restaurant land, along with the crushing hours, lack of sleep and stress. And the move back to his parents' cottage in Suffolk to start a smallholding of sorts. I was drawn to the story, the photography is wonderful and the recipes fulfilling.

Then there's 'These Delicious Things' by Jane Hodson, in collaboration with my old mucker Lucas Hollweg and Clerkenwell Boy. 'Collected amongst the pages are evocative personal stories and recipes from over 100 of Britain's leading chefs, cooks and food writers'. Really heartfelt, moving and often amusing stories, sales of which support 'Magic Breakfast', a charity whose aim is to feed children living with food insecurity so they're not too hungry to learn. Indulgent family recipes, some handed down for generations, innocent times.

My favourite so far though is Clare Finney, 'The Hungry Heart'. To quote the sleeve notes, 'At a time when our relationship towards what, where and when we eat has become increasingly complicated, Hungry Heart is an honest, heartwarming account of humans breaking bread together and what that really means'. I can only second that. I think it's the book I would like to have written, so I'm glad I found it, it's saved me about two years of hard labour.

It's a series of chapters about the people in her life and stories from her life, revolving around food but without being particularly about food. Each chapter is punctuated by a recipe, so in a way a classic cookbook template, except the recipes aren't particularly good and sometimes excel in their badness. In that way, it's not about the food, but in life, mine anyway, it's always about the food.

Talking of which, keep an eye out for the next Bread and Flowers POP UP over at Longford Farmhouse next month, who knows which dishes we'll be featuring, we look forward to welcoming some of you and will keep you posted on the date.

Martin Simcock - Bread and Flowers

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We're excited to introduce our new head chef, Alicia Storey. She will be curating and cooking the next Bread and Flowers

Pop Up supper on the **12th and 13th April 2024** here at Longford Farmhouse. She's worked in restaurants and hotels across the New Forest, but she also has a love of cooking over fire, so expect to see a little of this. The menu isn't finalised yet, but in the mix are fantastic local, seasonal produce along with some dishes we are particularly excited about. Think influences from Sabrina Ghayour, Genevieve Taylor, Lennox Hastie.

In her short time here, we've already started to use and showcase more local produce including, Lyburn cheese, Chalk stream Trout and already firm favourites, Kenson's Farm who Alicia is keen to work with more closely this year, where menus allow. We can't wait to see and taste what she comes up with for this next event, we hope you'll come and join us, meet her and enjoy a fabulous evening.

7pm – 11pm. Cocktails, canapes, four courses, BYO booze, no corkage, £70 per head.

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Longford Lowdown

February 2024

T he weather is a constant topic of conversation for the rural community and this year is no different, the Rivers Avon and Ebble have both burst their banks slightly earlier than last year as a result of the sheer volume of rain. The rivers have behaved differently to last year, possibly because the rain fell onto saturated rather than frozen ground.

Harvest was not as easy as the summer of 2022 but the team got 99% of the crops harvested to their credit and managed to get all of our planned winter crops drilled which proved a challenge with the wet autumn. Oilseed rape is a crop we may see disappear from our countryside due to the pressures of Cabbage Stem Flea Beetle which ate 97% of our crop this autumn! Oilseed rape has long been an important break crop and its oil is used for a huge range of products from commercial to domestic situations. It is an expensive crop to grow with much of the cost incurred at the beginning of the growing season and if farmers are uncertain that a financial return will be made they simply won't grow it.

Our calves were weaned in the middle of January and once again they have grown well. The tightening of the calving pattern over the past three years has proved successful in terms of managing them and the uniformity of the group. Bull selection is important to confirmation and growth rates, normally we replace one or two bulls per year for a variety of reasons including age, fertility and lameness but this year we are in a position where we don't need to replace any.

Our conservation work on the Grims Ditch in conjunction with Wiltshire Wildlife Conservation Volunteers has continued this winter and is having a positive impact on this historic feature. Sheep continue to be a part of our conservation management strategy on the grass downland and water meadows, they offer a different grazing habit to the cattle and the benefits in the success of wild flower growth has been seen each spring and summer.

The hatchery has improved its hatch survival rate of Rainbow Trout which means greater numbers of fry can be transferred to the Barford site for growing on into portion fish. The 2023 summer was perfect for trout production and we saw some excellent growth rates as a result.

The woods team have been as busy as ever during the log delivery season and have sold out of logs for this season. Orders for next year will open in the summer. Willows have been harvested for making into cricket bats and a new crop of trees have been planted for future years.

The maintenance team have had a frantic year with 18 properties coming back to the Estate since March due to tenant changeovers. The standard that the properties are refurbished to is a credit to the team along with keeping up with the constantly changing legislation that the rental sector must adhere to.

We hosted a parish walk at the beginning of November, members of parishes surrounding the Estate along with three of the Estate team walked part of the in-hand farm where we explained what we were doing and why from cropping to conservation. We also met with our archaeologist who had found several interesting artefacts that morning which we were able to see and hear a bit of their history.

David Canty - Longford Estate Manager

Reverend Ruth's Roving Report

Advent to Lent

T ime seems to be going by very quickly at the moment – not helped by the quirks of the Church year! Advent started late and the fourth Sunday of Advent was on Christmas Eve. To add to this feeling of time being short, Easter is very early this year – Easter Sunday is on 31st March and Lent starts on Ash Wednesday which this year is on Feb 14th.

Lent lasts for the forty days (not including Sundays!) leading up to Easter and is traditionally a time for reflection, self-denial and study in preparation for Easter.

Since the Middle Ages it has been the custom to begin Lent by being marked in ash with the sign of the cross and we will be continuing this tradition in the Benefice by holding services in Broad Chalke at 12 noon and Coombe Bissett at 6pm – so you may see me walking around with a smudge on my forehead on the 14th.

It has become traditional to give up something for Lent, whether that is cakes, chocolate or alcohol, as we remember the deprivation and testing that Jesus felt as he spent 40 days in the wilderness just before the start of his earthly ministry. But maybe this year you might want to do something new or different this Lent, whether that be donating to the food bank, volunteering to help others or making time in your busy life for some space to reflect or study. Look out for details of events to raise money for this year's Lent Project where we are supporting 'Rise 61' a local charity which supports young people on the Bemerton Heath estate.

With best wishes

Ruth

The Reverend Ruth Howlett-Shipley: Rector

Highway Matters

Hosted by Southern Wilts Area Board

An opportunity for updates and questions so come and have your say - Discussing: speeding, traffic, maintenance, community transport and congestion in Southern Wiltshire

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Please submit your questions by 12 February with the subject line 'Southern Wilts Highways Matters' to areaboards@wiltshire.gov.uk

Thursday 22nd of Feb 2024 7-9pm - Alderbury Village Hall, Rectory Road, Alderbury SP5 3AD

WI Reports (Dec 2023)

Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham W.I. Dec 2023

A busy Festive meeting chaired by Mary Boyd Camps. Boxes arrived and a raffle for the Salisbury Foodbank were successfully achieved. Gifts for Alabare were bought as well. Members were updated on events happening after Christmas followed by a chatty coffee break.

We then had an entertaining talk about the history and a Punch and Judy puppet show by Alex Booth. Punch and Judy shows started in 1668 and were never designed for children in this country but for entertaining men on the street. Judy was a terrifying fish wife and Punch was terrified of her. Shows were shown to children in Italy.

The enjoyable morning ended with Mulled wine and mince pies and thanks to the Committee and helpers.

The next meeting is on January 8th at 10am and the speaker is Kelvin Mason from Sparsholt College on "How Climate Change is affecting gardening", in the Radnor Hall Bodenham

Debby Underhill ONB WI member

Obituary

Roger Trubshaw 17-02-1932 - 09-12-2023

R oger died on the 9th December 2023. He and his wife Pam lived happily in Nunton for 25 years and appreciated and joined in the community life of the Village. There was a large congregation at his funeral on the 4th January and his family were very moved by the warmth and care shown to them on that day and during Roger's illness. Many people helped to get the Church ready and they would like to take this opportunity to express their thanks and gratitude to all of them for making that day a true thanksgiving of Roger's life.

Pam Trubshaw

WI Report (Jan 2024)

Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham W.I. Jan 2024

A fter months of rain, and having to drive through a flood to get there, the talk at the W.I. meeting on January 8th was very appropriate. Kelvin Mason, from Sparsholt College, talked about how climate change is affecting gardening.

Clearly plant choices will be affected by hot dry summers and long wet winter months as few plants can cope with these extremes. He gave advice on how to mitigate climate change and its impact on the garden and wildlife. Making compost, mulching, using peat free compost, utilising water butts and recycling domestic household water, growing climbers on house walls to provide habitats and improve insulation, minimising hard landscaping and creating hedge boundaries are all ways to help.

Planting in four layers - trees, shrubs, herbaceous and annuals and not having any soil visible also help to lessen the impact. Caring for the soil and not walking on it when wet or frozen is important but very difficult at the moment, or maybe it is a good excuse to leave the garden alone until the spring!

His closing comment - that one person can make a difference so if all the millions of gardeners in the U.K. heeded this advice things could improve - was certainly worth passing on and taking seriously.

Earlier in the meeting dates for group meetings and county events were given and plans for the coming year were discussed. Members were invited to put forward designs for our WI Christmas card, ideas for the May meeting and proposed summer outing were asked for and there was a reminder to fill a bag for the Easter food bank collection and bring it to the March meeting. Two of the proposed four NFWI resolutions were discussed - Dental Health Matters and The Impacts of Poor Housing Conditions. The other two will be presented at the next meeting and a vote taken. There is also a new WI Learning Hub available on line from the end of January.

It looks as though 2024 is going to be a busy year with lots of opportunities for learning and experiencing new things. The next meeting will be on February 11th when Ruth Newman will talk on 'The History of the Salisbury Asylum'. New members are always welcome.

Elizabeth Cutter ONB WI member

News from the Pews

News from the Pews

Hello all, it seems impossible, after all the build up for Christmas, that it is now behind us. We had a lovely candlelit Carol Service in St Mary's, gentle light creating a truly magical experience. There was a well attended Christmas Day communion service at St Andrews, and our grateful thanks to the Martin family for once again hosting a Cowshed Nativity, which is becoming an event which we look forward to as it draws so many folk who dress up to take part. Also during the week before Christmas, hardy groups walked round the villages singing carols to their neighbours.

Easter is early this year. Lent begins on St Valentine's Day There will be midweek services of Holy Communion up and down the Benefice. These will be advertised.

Exciting news now. We have been speaking for a few months about the search for a new Team Vicar. I can tell you that The Reverend Alison Waterhouse has been appointed. She will start some time in April and will live in the Rectory at Broadchalke. We are also lucky to have Kate Woolven appointed as well. Kate lives in Coombe Bissett. She was licenced on January 29 -welcome to you both.

Creativity continues on the 3rd Thursday of the month 2-4 pm in the Barker Room in Nunton. Come along and have a cup of tea and a chat.

Take care all and be kind to each other.

Mary Boydcamps & Stephanie Elcock Churchwardens for Odstock with Nunton and Bodenham

Alabaré

Local charity Alabaré provides support and accommodation for people who are vulnerable, homeless or at risk of becoming homeless across Wiltshire and the South West. We have two very different events coming up:

Starting on Wednesday 14th February, why not Walk 40 Miles for Lent in aid of Alabaré? By walking a mile a day on a route you choose, either on your own or with others, you will be walking in solidarity with those who are homeless, whilst raising vital funds for Alabaré's work. There is no cost to join, and you can find more details here <u>https://alabare.co.uk/events/walk-40-miles-for-lent/</u>

On the evening of Wednesday 28th February, why not test your general knowledge by joining us at 7pm at Chafyn Grove School for the next of our very popular quizzes. Teams of up to 6, £7 per person. Cash bar and raffle. <u>https://alabare.co.uk/events/the-alabare-quiz/</u>

Thank you so much for your support! Helen Inglis h.inglis@alabare.co.uk



Church Services

For Britford, Charlton All Saints, Odstock and Nunton with Bodenham



February 2024

Please check the weekly e-Bulletin or e-N&N for all Benefice Services

During Lent, a short service of Communion is held each Wednesday at 12 noon: 21st February - Bishopstone; 28th February - Fifield Bavant; 6th March - Alvediston

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4 February	9.30am	Parish Communion	Britford	Jenny Taylor
2 nd Sunday	11.00am	Family Service	Odstock	Adrian Taylor
before Lent				
11 February	9.30 am	Family Communion	Nunton	Ruth H-S
Sunday next	11.00am	Morning Prayer	Charlton All Saints	Rhoderick
before Lent				Voremberg
14 February	6.00pm	Communion with	Coombe Bissett	Jenny Taylor
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WEDNESDAY				
18 February	9.30am	Parish Communion	Odstock	Katharine
1 st Sunday				Robinson
of Lent				
25 February	9.30am	Parish Communion	Charlton All Saints	Jenny Taylor
2 nd Sunday	11.00am	Family Service	Nunton	Adrian Taylor
of Lent				
3 March	9.30am	Parish Communion	Britford	Jenny Taylor
3 rd Sunday	11.00am	Family Service	Odstock	Adrian Taylor
of Lent				

Clergy Team:				
Team Rector ~ The Revd Dr Ruth Howlett-Shipley:	01722 697 022			
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Services in Chalke Valley Benefice – February 2024 BCP = Book of Common Prayer (Traditional Language), CW = Common Worship (Contemporary Language)

During Lent, a short service of Communion is held each Wednesday at 12noon: 21 st February - St John the Baptist, Bishopstone 28 th February - St Martin's, Fifield Bavant 6 th March - St Mary's, Alvediston				
4 February 2 nd Sunday before Lent	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am	Family Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Family Communion (CW) Family Communion (CW) Family Service Morning Prayer (BCP) Morning Service	Broad Chalke Britford Ebbesbourne Wake Coombe Bissett Odstock Berwick St John Bishopstone	Kate Woolven Jenny Taylor Ruth H-S Jenny Taylor Adrian Taylor Lay Led Sally Leaver
11 February Sunday next before Lent	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am	Parish Communion (CW) Family Communion (CW) Morning Prayer (BCP) Parish Communion (CW) All Age Service Evening Prayer (BCP)	Bowerchalke Nunton Charlton All Saints Coombe Bissett Alvediston Fifield Bavant	Kate Woolvern Ruth H-S Rhoderick Voremberg Jenny Taylor Biddy Trahair Biddy Trahair
14 February ASH WEDNESDAY		Communion with Ashing Communion with Ashing	Broad Chalke Coombe Bissett	Ruth H-S Jenny Taylor
18 February 1 st Sunday of Lent	9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Morning Prayer (BCP) Parish Communion (CW) Holy Communion (BCP)	Bowerchalke Bishopstone Odstock Ebbesbourne Wake Homington Berwick St John	Ruth H-S Jenny Taylor Katharine Robinson Biddy Trahair Jenny Taylor Ruth H-S
25 February 2 nd Sunday of Lent	9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am	Parish Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Family Service Parish Communion (CW) Holy Communion (BCP) Morning Prayer (BCP)	Berwick St John Charlton All Saints Broad Chalke Nunton Bishopstone Alvediston Homington	Ruth H-S Jenny Taylor Kate Woolven Adrian Taylor Jenny Taylor Ruth H-S Rhoderick Voremberg
3 March 3 rd Sunday of Lent	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am	Family Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Family Communion (CW) Family Communion (CW) Family Service Morning Prayer (BCP)	Broad Chalke Britford Ebbesbourne Wake Coombe Bissett Odstock Berwick St John	Tony Monds Jenny Taylor Tony Monds Jenny Taylor Adrian Taylor Lay Led
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OPCC Wiltshire

Delivering a police service which meets the needs of its communities has never been more important – or challenging. I know residents want greater public engagement with officers, more public access to officers and an increased officer presence at community level.

Wiltshire Police is addressing this with the introduction of a new operating model with neighbourhood teams providing visible, neighbourhood-focused, policing and delivering a recent improvement programme to provide a better-quality service 999 and 101 callers.

My commitment has been to invest in mobile police stations so our rural communities receive the same level of service, improve Melksham Custody so it is fit-for-purpose and the future, invest in training facilities to provide an exemplary environment to equip our police officers to keep you safe and to challenge the force to consistently provide a quality service to residents – regardless of location.

All of this is underpinned by the importance of investment in police 'estate' to support the delivery of a policing service I know our residents want - and deserve.

My newly-launched Estates Strategy sets out this vision. I believe Wiltshire Police will be better equipped to provide the policing service our communities want if they have the infrastructure which supports them to respond more effectively and efficiently.

The strategy ensures we have well-placed police stations and hubs providing a base for our staff to work smarter, adapt to changing crime and, more importantly, ensuring that not only will communities be safer but they will start to feel safer too.

You can read the full strategy on my website.

Amy Pantall—Campaigns and Communications Manager

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QUIZ EVENING

February 2024

On Saturday 2nd March there will be another classic Quiz evening! The cost is £12.50 per head or £50.00 for a table of four.

This includes supper and a bar will be available. Guests booking individually will be joined with others to make up a team.

Early booking is strongly advised as these events are popular and numbers are limited. To make a booking, please contact Caroline Ash on (01722) 781044 and advise of any dietary requirements for yourself or any quests.

The BISHOPSTONE COMMUNITY CAFE

Coffee Mornings are normally held on alternate **Thursdays**. Dates for the coming period are the 8th and 22nd of **February** and the 7th and 21st of March. 10.30am until 12.00noon.

Everyone is welcome to look in for a coffee and chat. There is presently no charge for refreshments.

MOVIOLA at Bishopstone Friday 23rd February. The Moviola film for February is 'Scrapper'. *Produced jointly by the BBC and BFI, this* highly acclaimed independent film stars Lola Campbell, Harris Dickinson and Alin Uzun.

A trailer for the film can be seen in the Events section of the village website at www.bishopstonesalisburv.co.uk.

Entry for the film is £6.00. A cash bar with ices and snacks will be available.

If possible, please book in advance with Caroline Ash on (01722) 781044.

The following Moviola show will be on **Friday 15th March** with the film 'The Great Escaper'. (This date is earlier in the month than usual due to hall availability)

BISHOPSTONE COMMUNITY LUNCHES

The February lunch will be on Wednesday 7th with speaker Amber Cotton on the subject of nutrition.

Times as usual: 12.00 noon for 12.30 pm. Advance booking is essential.

Please telephone Caroline Ash on (01722) 781044 and advise her of any dietary requirements. The cost is £7.50 for a two-course lunch and a drink.

The March lunch will be on Wednesday the 6th with Francis Taylor talking about "Angkor, The Capital of the Khmer Empire".

The last lunch of the season will be on **April the 3rd** when speaker Naomi Oosthuizen will be talking about 'Decluttering'.

FUTURE EVENTS

The Spring Fayre this year will be on Saturday 18th May between 10.30am and 12.00noon. The Village Hall Annual General Meeting will be on Monday 20th May at 7.30pm HALL BOOKINGS FOR SOCIAL EVENTS AND WORKSHOPS

Both halls are available for hire. To enquire or make a booking, please contact the bookings secretary Margaret Barter (01722) 780471

BISHOPSTONE PLAYGROUP

The playgroup meets on Friday mornings during term time from 9.30 - 11.00 am. Breastfeeding support is available from gualified breastfeeding counsellor Cally Edwards and trained peer supporters. Find further information on our Facebook page Bishopstone Playgroup or contact Cally on callyedwards@me.com or 07968 797 168.

"EXTEND" EXERCISE CLASSES

For further information about these exercise classes contact Jenny on 01722 780863, email: jennyberwynjones@yahoo.co.uk

PILATES AT BISHOPSTONE

For further information contact Claudine on 07788 587937 or email: claudineblake@aol.com

New Adverts

BURROW

Septic Tank Owners: register your interest in a fully-funded upgrade to a treatment plant.

Due to the Phosphate pollution in your local river catchment we are operating a septic tank replacement scheme using private funding.

We install wastewater treatment plants that remove almost all pollutants, with funding secured from planning applicants who need to create a positive impact on the environment.

Register on our website today.

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