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

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Next Deadline: 14 June for July/August edition And so it is that it is June! A month by any other name would smell as sweet. GCSEs, A-Levels and SATs are well and truly underway and indeed, soon to be finished!!! For some, this marks the end of their school career, for others - this marks but one more step along the way. Whatever your poison, we wish you all every success and triumph. These are your exams, this is your life, do not let piffle floor you or anything but you define you. As Tiny Tim would have it "God bless us, every one!". I know this, because we watched Christmas Carol the night before the English Literature GCSE exam and those words came right out of his mouth, Mr Dickens I am sure had a lot to do with it too, but for the sake of this paragraph, let's stick with Tiny Tim.

What's happening this month? Thanks for asking. Open Farm Sunday on 9th June up at Nunton Farm, an absolutely classic day for all the family, quite simply – miss it, miss out! There's an Ebblefest on the 29th June. This year stands to be one of the greatest years of all time, no jokes. On that note, should you find yourselves restless and or footloose on the 27th June, helpers (big and small) would be welcomed, open armed, down the beautiful Nunton Recreation Ground from 6pm to help set up this extreme shindig. On June 30th June Landlubbers beware, about 11,000 villagers wrecklessly (geddit?) take to the open rivers to try their hand at rafting. The Black Knight features heavily on all trophies, should you fancy rivalling this watery fiend, gather your bits and bobs and get yourself in the running for the race of the century.

Beyond that, if perchance you can imagine that far, this here News and Notes holds treasures abound, don't just take our word for it, please read on. Jonny and I, as well as the rest of the News and Notes team wish you the most pleasant summer and we'll be back in September with another blockbuster, following Anna and Orpheus's supreme coverage of July and August. Stop saying months... TTFN!!

Thanks for reading Marelka & Jonny

EbbleFest tickets - Eventbrite.co.uk - search EbbleFest

Community News

Goodbye Neil Guttridge

It is with great sadness that we have been asked to announce the passing of Neil Guttridge, who slipped away in the early hours of 14th May, after a short stay in Salisbury Hospital. Neil was treasurer for the News and Notes for a number of years and shall be missed by his son Damien, wife Jackie and the whole family. We send our thoughts and prayers to all those who knew and loved him. The funeral will take place at Charlton-All-Saints church on Thursday 20th June at 2pm (family flowers only, donations to the Stars Appeal).

Hankeys at the Raddy

Last month Nunton Lane received some super new neighbours to add to the fold - we would all like to welcome Jonathan and Anna Hankey and their children Millie and Tobin who have taken up residence in the Johnson's old house at the end of the lane. A few of you might recognise Jonathan from his JCB Garden Landscape business and the family have been in and around Salisbury far longer than me. We wish them well and would like to congratulate them heartily on their excellent taste in neighbours, that's us, we are their neighbours!

Open Farm Delights 9th June

Without wishing to bang on, we simply insist that you grab everyone you know and head down to Nunton farm on the 9th of June for the much celebrated Open Farm Sunday. If you imagine quintessential British farming, Nunton farm would be it. I should imagine Clarkson's Farm pales into insignificance if a comparison were to be made. There's to be tractor rides, calves, cake and all sorts of jollery for every single person who attends. I know it has been said before, but miss it, miss out, that's a fact. I am guaranteeing the weather, suncream and hats essential. If you want more information, like the times that it's on (11am to 4pm), please have a look at the advert on page 11, although you now know the times, but still have a look at the ad, it's very pretty.

WI Call to Arms!

The WI will be holding court under the cover of one of the traditional fete stands at Ebblefest - could you help them? If you have any freshly made cakes or garden produce lying around the place, could you either bring them along to the stall on the morning of the 29th of June, or otherwise contact Debby on 01722 329769 to arrange collection.

Community News

Ebblefest 29th June

Right! Can someone please tell us where on earth this year is going please? It's that time – praise be! The time you have all been wating for. The time when you can dust off your winter blues, slip on your dancing shoes and head out to Nunton Recreation Ground for the day of days. This hubbub of community flourish is something quite magical. The Fete lives on triumphantly during the day and bands, BBQ and bar whisk you seamlessly into a night that people have described as the best of their lives! The team who have worked on this have done so thanklessly for the last hundred years and their reward is your shiny face, participating with glee in all that there is to offer. Smash some crockery, support the WI stall, grab yourself a pizza or a Giggling Gourmet offering, lose your children on a bouncy castle (please don't), visit a gin soaked local at the bar, throw yourself across a dance floor, whatever takes your fancy, just don't not go, why would you? I'll answer that, you wouldn't!

Workers Wanted, Your Ebblefest Needs you!

Thursday 27th June, if you can spare muscle or brain power, the Ebblefest Team need both, to get the field ready for Saturday. Please come to Nunton Field for 6pm or any time after and get involved in set up. Sometimes there's beer, sometimes there's food, but there is always good cheer and bucket loads of that old chestnut, camaraderie! Staple guns are an excellent shout and those things that no one has but keeps anyway, for a time such as this, bring that too. Also, any BOTTLES YOU WANT TO DONATE - please deliver to Laura McGregor, Nim Martin, or Paula Gribben

Thanks in Advance!

The Greatest Pothole in the history of Potholes

A recent article in The Telegraph paid homage to Charlton All Saints' magnificent pothole. Apparently now recognised as the biggest in the UK, using the standard unit of measurement of a double decker bus (longer than a single decker? Ed.), the correspondent passed on the frustrations of the villagers, some of whom haven't been seen for a while, presumed lost in the gaping chasm. The highway-bound ravine, now thought to be comparable in size to Manchester, had seen attempted repairs, although the council had evidently used dog biscuits and yoghurt, which had proved not to be all that durable. "When you paper over the cracks it doesn't last long", had been the infuriated response of Mr Bennett, fearing that the Warren Lane Mega Crater would soon engulf the entire Northern Hemisphere, and alluding to the technique first used to mask what some are certain is the Gateway to Hades, or Coombe Bissett. The authorities, notified of the ongoing issue with the hole, have confirmed that they are not going to look into it as they're not falling for that old one thank you very much.

Focus on Food

Partie Time

If y mum was chief chef de partie in our house, bashing out the daily meals, day after day. She had a rota system which worked for her, so if it was Thursday, it was probably going to be pigs liver, Tuesday was belly pork, with chips, everything came with chips. Egg and chips was a popular Monday dish, a kind of can't quite be bothered dish after the extravagance of the Sunday roast, which came with roast potatoes, but finished off in the chip pan.

It's hard graft thinking what to cook week in week out, especially when you're working and dashing home to welcome the kids back from school at 4pm and get the tea on for everyone to eat at 5.30pm. There wasn't a cookbook in the house, all recipes were handed down from parents and grandparents, so the scope was somewhat restricted. This was the time before Ottolenghi, can you imagine, before Jamie even, and Moro, Delia, Diana.

There was Elizabeth David of course, 'A book of Mediterranean food' published in 1950, but this was in the days before the Spanish package tours and the idea of anything foreign entering the culinary cannon chez Simcock, was one not to be contemplated. Blimey, post war rationing was still going on until the year of my birth 1954, so I don't think anchovies, olives or capsicum were even on the shelves, leaving little hope of a pasta puttanesca being served up on, say, a Wednesday.

My dad was more chef de party, rising to the challenge when the occasion merited it. Stealing the glory as it's otherwise known. Whereas my mum had about 45 minutes to get tea on the table every weekday, my dad would spend Saturday morning food shopping down the Quick Save in Ellesmere Port, ending up at the cheese stall on the market savouring the strongest cheddar he could find. 'What are you looking for today Bill' they would ask, 'Something that bites you back', would always be his response.

His was the realm of the occasional Sunday roast, Christmas Dinner and his legendary Lamb Bone Soup, which he would dedicate most of Saturday afternoon to cooking, perfecting over the years and serving up to hungry locals, invited back from the village pub after a Saturday night session on the 'Brown over Best' or 14 pints pint of Greenall's Mild'. I never got the recipe for that soup from him, and my sister is still trying to work it out 26 years after he died. I did get the recipe for how to throw a party from him though and it's served me well over the years.

It would be safe to say that in our current household, my daughters could be considered fussy eaters, especially when they were very young, that age when children first learn to say no, or NO. Most parents remember those days vividly. Games around that time were great fun with the children in hysterics shouting 'Again Daddy, again' as I jumped feet first into yet another puddle on the lane outside our house, splashing their watertight jump suits.

And it was the same with food I recall, 'What would you like to eat today', I know I should never have asked as their response was always the same, 'Chicken and Broccoli'. Legend has it we ate it every day for eight years. I think if Bread and Flowers hadn't come along, I would have gone completely mad. Of course, they would say that had Bread and Flowers not come along, they would have been driven completely round the bend by my suggestions of octopus, sweetbreads, mallard or woodcock as alternatives to chicken.

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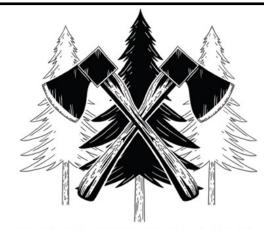
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June

Variegated Monstera Deliciosas



A wee while ago, like say, 4 years, around the merry month of March, one of my oldest and dearest friends was asking me for intel on what might pass muster for a grand old birthday present. Once I had got past the "nothing, honestly, I need less!" "Give the money to charity", "come round and take your pick of anything from my house, that would be present enough." rigmarole, I happened upon a website that promised, with one mere click of the purchase button beneath my fingers, I could transform the semi organised cesspit of my house, to an absolute oasis of jungle-like tranquillity. Without a moments blink of an eye, I sent the link to said friend and upon the day of my birth on the doorstep arrived a very small and very happy looking Monstera. This unassuming chain of events, in turn, set off another chain of events the like of which we could never have imagined. Our functional cesspit of a house has now been transformed into a botanist hoarder's paradise. The very small and very happy looking Monstera is now about 6ft tall and dominates every room it spreads itself into, and that is after a cull that turned it into 8 or so plants that dominate all other rooms of the house. But where are we going with this tale?

Nevermind the monstera, that has now become some sort of looming ancestorial relic, our eldest daughter eclipsed everything when she bought home a cutting of a variegated monstera. This is the jewel in the crown of the botanical septic tank. Despite being nothing in stature, this little beauty will set you back all the pocket money you have plus all the pocket money anyone else has. We have fretted over this imp in photosynthesising garb for a good while. The pride of place it takes on the kitchen island is non-negotiable. If that plant dies, we're all gonners. I can highly recommend a variegated monstera, if not to raise your blood pressure, then certainly something to gather momentum about.

Thank goodness Orpheus is back next month with real plants and real months, as opposed to anxious babble about indoor nonsense.



Gardening jobs for June

Just don't, ignore the outside - take your eye off the variegated monstera for more than a second and everything will die. Go outside, maybe, but keep your back to the garden and your gaze fixed on this dappled despot. This may or may not be true, who knows.

Happy Gardening! Maronny - Co-Editors



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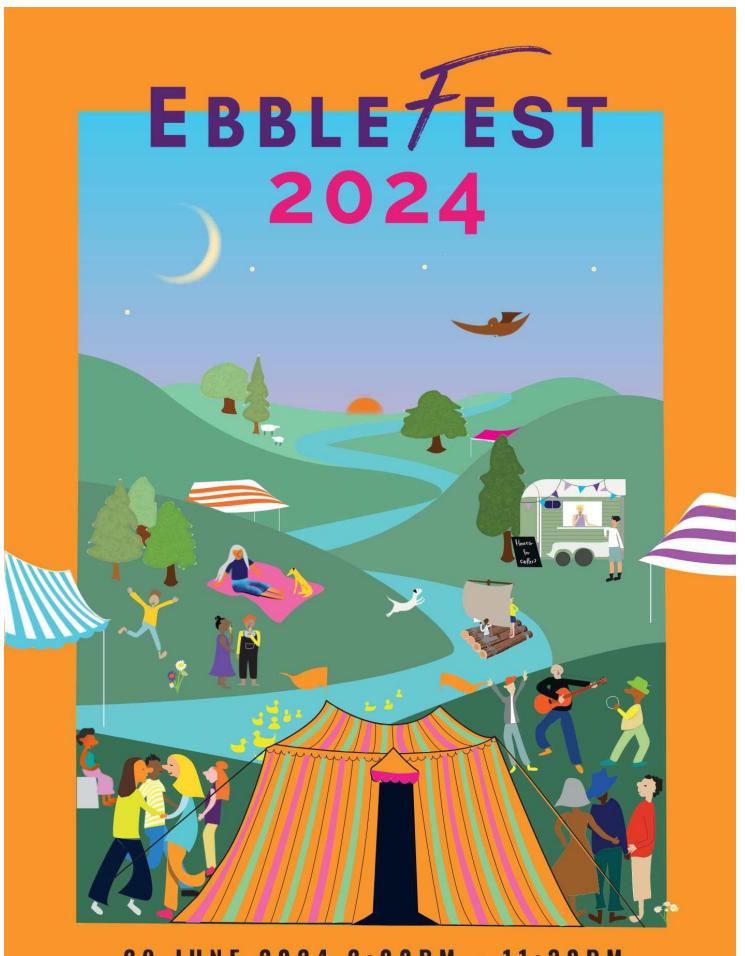




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EBBLE TEST 2024
Ways to get involved!
Saturday 29th June.





Car Parking

Can you spare an hour or so on the day, between 12 noon & 7pm? The team need helpers to oversee car parking and safe access / departure of on-site traffic.



Gate Keepers
Or could you volunteer for an hour or so to be part of EbbleFest's welcome team? We'll need a crew on the day from 1.30pm to 7.30pm.



Stall host

Another fun way to get involved is to help run a stall... that could be overseeing tickets sales for things like "Barrow of Booze" or "Plot the Plop". We would be thrilled if you're able to help.



XX Raft Race

Stewart Ford has been captain of the raft race for 20 years but 2024 will be his final voyage. Could you join Stewart in steering this year's race on **Sunday 30 June?** And then be "ship-shape & Bristol fashion" to take the helm in 2025?!

Evening of 27th June from 6pm

At the gate from 1.30-7.30pm

RAFI RACE

Sunday June 30th morning

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WI Report

ONB May 24

A good meeting opened by our President, who thanked all the helpers. Arrangements were made for our Ebblefest Stall and the July outing to Winchester.

We then had an interesting talk by Ruth Newman about The History of Salisbury Asylums. Laverstock Asylum. A kindly tradition, 175 years of mental health care. Laverstock House on Laverstock Estate opened in 1791 and closed in 1954.

It was a Private mad house run by Dr William Finch who had 14 children. He took Private patients and it was a family business, some patients came from the workhouse and were paid for by Laverstock Community. He took 43 patients and 24 staff. In 1816 everything was done to keep the patients happy, and none were put in strait jackets.

Dr Finch died in 1848 and Dr Henry Manning and Mr Gibb ran it until 1930 when it went into special measures. The only evidence of the Estate is a Marina Ash tree and the White cottage.

There was then Fisherton Asylum that became The Old Manor, who took the patients when Laverstock Asylum closed in 1954.

Our next meeting is on June 10th at 2.30pm The Summer Party 60s theme in The Radnor Hall, Bodenham. ONB WI would also like to thank Jeremy Metcalfe for swooping in with some "have you tried turning it off and on again" IT skills for the May meeting.

Debbie Underhill - ONB WI

CREATIVITEA

Thursday 20th June 2-4pm The Orchard, Nunton

Do you want to learn to crochet? Having a struggle with some knitting? Or just fancy a game of scrabble? Join us for tea, cake and a chat in the Barker room for a Creative Tea!

Bring your ideas of how we can be more creative.

News from the Pews

June 2024

Hello everyone, here we are in June already. The church has now passed from Easter, through Ascension and Pentecost, when we review and renew spirituality. Jesus commanded that we spread the good news from the Easter story. This can be translated nowadays probably, by being a good neighbour.

There was a very happy wedding at St Andrews in May, and we had a marvellous licensing service in All Saints church Broadchalke to welcome Alison to the Benefice as Team Vicar. 10 days later, a few of our parishioners joined with others from the Benefice at Lee Abbey in Devon, for an uplifting weekend of teaching and good fellowship. At the end of June, we look forward to the Riverside service, which is held the day after Ebblefest at the Jubilee Gardens in Odstock, before the duck race and the raft race.

Take care and be kind to each other

Mary Boydcamps & Stephanie Elcock - Churchwardens

Trubbers Plays PC!

The Man from the Council

Just a cautionary piece this time around following recent incidents and a visit to the Public Council meeting by our Community Police Officer Marc Evans. Crime is fortunately low but never victimless; whether it's physical or cyber, the down stream effects of crime are sometimes immeasurable. The latest crimes involve those of nefarious intent posing as Police Officers and requiring unsuspecting victims to hand over cash and/or details of finances to be protected as part of an investigation or actions by non existent criminals. Real Police Officers will never ask for this so be wary as this activity is still happening all along the valley.

There are simple steps to protect yourselves which quite often fly in the face of community. Don't answer your door to anyone you don't know and if there is a story attached to an unexpected visit, keep the persons out of the house, closing the door while you seek assistance. Report suspicious activity and whilst people carry phones etc, only take photos if safe to do so. Direct challenging is not recommended. If the activity comes on line (of which there are many well crafted cons/scams), double check internet addresses and never reveal your details or pay fines/fees without checking further.

More information can be found at https://nbcc.police.uk/crime-prevention/cyber-and-fraud/little-book-of-big-scams-fifth-edition.

Ultimately call 999 if it's an emergency or 191 to report information or get advice. Your local Police Liaison is PC Marc Evans 70162 who can contacted through the Bourne Hill Police Post.

Stay safe



Church Services

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



June 2024

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

2 June 1 st Sunday after Trinity	9.30am 11.00am	Parish Communion Family Service	Britford Odstock	Jenny Taylor Adrian Taylor
9 June 2 nd Sunday after Trinity	9.30am 11.00am	Family Communion Morning Prayer	Nunton Charlton All Saints	Ruth H-S & Alison Waterhouse Rhoderick Voremberg
16 June 3 rd Sunday after Trinity	9.30am	Parish Communion	Odstock	Alison Waterhouse
23 June 4 th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am 11.00am	Parish Communion Family Service	Charlton All Saints Nunton	Jenny Taylor Adrian Taylor
30 June 5 th Sunday after Trinity	11.00am	Ebblefest Riverside Service	Odstock Jubilee Gardens	Ruth H-S
7 July 6 th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am 11.00am	Parish Communion Family Service	Britford Odstock	Ruth H-S Adrian Taylor

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Services in Chalke Valley Benefice – June 2024

BCP = Book of Common Prayer (Traditional Language), CW = Common Worship (Contemporary Language)



		Holy Communion (BCP)	Berwick St John	Ruth H-S	
2 June		Family Communion (CW)	Broad Chalke	Alison Waterhouse	
1 st Sunday	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Britford	Jenny Taylor	
after Trinity	11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Ebbesbourne Wake	Biddy Trahair	
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	11.00am	Family Service	Odstock	Adrian Taylor	
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	Bishopstone	Sally Leaver	
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bowerchalke	Kate Woolven	
9 June	9.30am	Family Communion (CW)	Nunton	R H-S/A Waterhouse	
2 nd Sunday	10.30am	Worship Together	Broad Chalke Hub	Lay Led	
after Trinity	11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Charlton All Saints	Rhoderick Voremberg	
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Coombe Bissett	Jenny Taylor	
		All Age Service	Alvediston	Biddy Trahair	
		Evening Prayer	Fifield Bavant	Biddy Trahair	
	9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Bowerchalke	Ruth H-S	
40.1		Parish Communion (CW)	Bishopstone	Jenny Taylor	
16 June		Parish Communion (CW)	Odstock	Alison Waterhouse	
3 rd Sunday	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Ebbesbourne Wake	Alison Waterhouse	
after Trinity		Parish Communion (CW)	Homington	Ruth H-S	
	6.00pm	Songs of Praise	Berwick St John	Alison Waterhouse	
		Parish Communion (CW)	Charlton All Saints	Jenny Taylor	
	9.30am	Parish Communion	Broad Chalke	Ruth H-S	
23 June	11.00am	Family Service	Nunton	Adrian Taylor	
4 th Sunday	11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bishopstone	Jenny Taylor	
after Trinity		Baptism	Berwick St John	Ruth H-S	
		Holy Communion (BCP)	Alvediston	Alison Waterhouse	
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)	Homington	Rhoderick Voremberg	
30 June		Benefice Communion	Alvediston	Kate Woolven	
5 th Sunday	10.00am	Benefice Communion	Homington	Alison Waterhouse	
after Trinity	11.00am	Ebblefest Riverside Service	Odstock Jubilee Garden	Ruth H-S	
	9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Berwick St John	Alison Waterhouse	
7 July		Family Communion (CW)	Broad Chalke	Kate Woolven	
6 th Sunday		Parish Communion (CW)	Britford	Ruth H-S	
after Trinity	11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Ebbesbourne Wake	Biddy Trahair	
	11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Coombe Bissett	Jenny Taylor	
	11.00am	Family Service	Odstock	Adrian Taylor	
	3.00pm	Choral Evensong & Tea	Stratford Tony	Jenny Taylor	
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BISHOPSTONE VILLAGE HALL



June 2024

The BISHOPSTONE COMMUNITY CAFE

Coffee Mornings are normally held on alternate **Thursdays**. Dates for the coming period are 13th and 27th **June** and the 11th and 25th **July**. 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 28th **June.** The Moviola film for June is **"The Lesson"**. *Liam, an aspiring and ambitious young writer, eagerly accepts a tutoring position at the family estate of his idol, renowned author JM Sinclair. But soon, Liam realizes that he is ensnared in a web of family secrets, resentment, and retribution. Starring Daryl McCormack, Julie Delpy, Stephen McMillan and Richard E. Grant.*

Doors open at 7pm with the film commencing at 7.30pm

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, Nigel Peasley on 07761 463737 or Sue Taylor on 01722 780316.

A trailer for the film can be seen in the <u>Events</u> section of the village website at <u>www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk</u>.

The last film of the season will be "Wicked Little Letters" on the 26th July. There will be an optional summer buffet supper starting at 6.00pm for an additional £6.00. Please book in advance for the supper, stating any dietary requirements.

BISHOPSTONE COMMUNITY LUNCHES

A home-cooked lunch is served monthly from October until April. Lunches will resume on Wednesday 2nd October.

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 qualified 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 YOGA WITH HANNAH

For more details please contact Hannah Stocker at 0773 856 1888 or by email: yo-ga_with_hannah@outlook.com.

SARUM SPINNERS AND WEAVERS

For more detail about the group please contact Les Smith on 01722 780761.

Extra Adverts

Britford Memorial & Community Hall

Ideal venue for children's parties, social gatherings, family occasions, meetings and presentations, workshops, classes, private functions and community events Competitive rates — convenient location

Holds up to 60 people For bookings or enquiries: Britford@live.co.uk

The Radnor Hall

Your village hall at Bodenham for private functions, meetings & community events

Capacity: 80 standing, 60 seated
Special hire rates for residents of Bodenham,
Britford, Charlton All Saints, Nunton and
Odstock and for regular users
For bookings and enquiries, please contact the
Hall Manager on 01722 329 760

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Yoga Classes

Tuesday: 6.30pm-8pm Vinyasa

Wednesday 12.30pm-1.30pm Gentle Yoga

Thursday: 6.30pm-8pm Vinyasa Friday: 9am -10am Power Yoga

The Studio is light with underfloor heating and there is plenty of off street parking.

Mats, bolsters, straps and blocks are supplied.

The Wednesday class is best for those who are relatively new to yoga. For more information please email: studiobritfordyoga@gmail.com



The Big Help Out!

A second year for the Big Help Out – 'Lend a Hand' to our City's food projects!

A fter the success of the Big Help out as part of the 2023 Coronation Celebrations, the "Lend a Hand" theme this year asks us not to be afraid of the word 'volunteer' and to remember that just one small act of kindness can make a huge difference. So, if you are in town do your good deed for the day, by donating some food on the Guildhall Square!

Donations will be accepted by friendly volunteers between 10 am and 3pm on Saturday 8 June.

There are often big food drives for foodbanks, pantry projects and community fridges around key events such as Easter and Christmas, but the months in-between can be a huge challenge for these projects and charities to meet demand.

Salisbury Pantry, run by Salisbury City Council, now serves 120 households per week with nearly 400 households currently registered. At the Pantry, a basic shop contains a minimum of 15 items of tinned or packaged food, which means they need to get a minimum of 7200 on their shelves every month, this gives an idea of the challenge faces by these local food projects to say open!

Foodbank use nationally increased 4% from the previous year according to the Trussel Trust recent year end statistics and locally, whilst Maria Stevenson, manager at Salisbury Foodbank, has seen a slight reduction in demand by 2% during the same period, Salisbury demand over the last 5 years has increased by 96%!

Old Sarum and Longhedge Pantry, has been open for 1 year this month. This volunteer run Pantry is also seeing more people each month, with 150 households registered for shopping and accessing their much-needed space for a cup of tea and some support.

Cllr Victoria Charleston, leader of Salisbury City Council, said, "I volunteered at last year's Big Help Out and worked alongside a committed and enthusiastic team. I believe over 60 crates of food were collected, a testament to our generous residents. A year later, families across Salisbury still need support and I know our community will be generous enough to donate to the big help out again."

This year the three food projects will be joined on the square by Acorn Community Bank, offering information about financial inclusion and the credit union service they provide and the F3 growing project, who provide fresh produce for the Salisbury Pantry, will be there to provide information on how you can volunteer to help them get the freshest food imaginable, to those who need it most!

This Big Help Out event is coordinated by Salisbury City Council Communities Team who can be reached at bhc@salisburycitycouncil.gov.uk

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