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The first half of September was wall to wall sun and very hot. You could tell the children had gone back to school. However, we are now back to another wet spell!

Emma Haworth is our new headteacher at Coombe Bissett CE VA Primary School. She has been teaching for over 25 years and is married with 2 daughters. The School is also to host new Community coffee mornings on 6th October, 3rd November and 1st December from 9.30 - 10.30, you are more than welcome to attend.

We welcome James and Clare Jordan, their two girls, Ellie-May and Sophie-Rose plus their doggie Dottie, to “Happy Valley”, Coombe Bissett. James and Clare are Estate Agents and have moved from Salisbury. We hope they will be very happy living in our community.

We also have a new community Police Officer, PC Harry Murphy, who hopes to provide a regular update. See page 15,

Sadly, Barbara Carter and Eric Macey have both recently died. Barbara was born at Cross Farm in Coombe Bissett. She was married in St Michael’s and All Angels and after a short spell away returned to live at Meadens, Coombe Bissett for over 25 years before moving to Downton. However, she maintained strong ties with village and was Chairperson of the Phoenix Club for many years until it ceased on the 12th March 2020. Our thoughts are with her family. Her Eulogy can be found on pages 8 and 9.

Eric had a distinguished career in the R.A.F. And following his retirement and back home with Brenda in Homington, he immersed himself in village life; the church, bell ringing and playing the piano in the F&G on St Georges Day, to name but a few. A very popular figure with a great sense of humour, who had his serious side, but loved to have fun. Our thoughts are with Brenda, Sharon, Julian and their families. Julian’s reflection on his father can be found on pages 10 to 13.

You can also find a tribute to Mary Voce, who passed away on the 20th of July, on page 14.

This year the house-to-house collections for the Royal British Legion will begin on 22nd October 2023 and all contributions will be very gratefully received, see the notice on page 5.

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Chalke Valley Benefice



**Parish of Coombe Bissett
with Homington**

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The Harvest season is upon us in the Chalke Valley and there have been and continue to be celebrations, both large and small, in all our churches. Thank you to everyone who contributed to our very special service in Homington last month and Coombe Bissett on 1st October. The school are coming to church on 2nd October for their Harvest Festival too. I know how gratefully received all our donations will be and thank you too to those who will deliver all our gifts to the right place.

The last couple of months have certainly seen plenty of new beginnings – thank you to everyone who has responded to my appeal in the last issue. It is never too late to help keep our church running!

Our services are going to be changing slightly in November – The 4th Sunday of the month in Homington will see a Morning Service return and the 1st Sunday of the month in Coombe Bissett will see a short Family Communion service so all you families out there PLEASE JOIN US!!

Coombe Bissett School welcomed Mrs Emma Haworth as the new Head Teacher and we are so glad she has settled in happily. If any of you would like to join the new Community coffee mornings in school on 6th October, 3rd November and 1st December from 9.30-10.30 you are more than welcome.

At the end of September the Revd Dr Ruth Howlett-Shiple was instituted as our new Team Rector – having been the Team Vicar for Nunton, Odstock and Bodenham, Britford and Charlton All Saints for a year, we are absolutely delighted that she has decided to stay and take on her new role! We are advertising for a Team Vicar to have responsibility for Broad Chalke, Bowerchalke, Ebbesbourne Wake, Fifield and Alvediston and Berwick St John and hopefully will conduct interviews at the beginning of December.

So, lots happening but your churches remain steadfast and open for all visitors – do take time to drop in – we would love to see you especially at any of our services. You will have a warm welcome!

As the Psalmist says:

O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

and I say:

especially in Coombe Bissett and Homington churches!

Revd Canon Jenny Taylor

**Our love and condolences go to
the families of**

Barbara Carter and Eric Macey.

**May Barbara and Eric Rest in
Peace and Rise in Glory.**

Jenny Taylor



This year the house-to-house collections will begin on 22nd October 2023 and all contributions will very greatly received. We can only take cash in the tins, please save your pennies (and pounds) for us!

The gift aid envelopes will allow the Legion to reclaim 25% from the Government with cash and cheques welcome.

Please join us for the church service on Remembrance Sunday 12th Novemeber. 'Less we Forget'


Angela will be stepping away from organising the poppy collections are 10 years, massive thanks goes to her and all the collectors. I'm taking over, PLEASE PLEASE support us, from Caroline Welfare



Services in Chalke Valley Benefice - October 2023



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

1 October 17th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am	Harvest Festival	Broad Chalke	Kate Woolven
	9.30am	Harvest Festival	Britford	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	Harvest Festival	Ebbesbourne Wake	Ruth H-S
	11.00am	Harvest Festival	Coombe Bissett	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	Family Service	Odstock	Adrian Taylor
	11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Berwick St John	Lay Led
8 October 18th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bowerchalke	Jenny Taylor
	9.30am	Family Communion (CW)	Nunton	Ruth H-S
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Coombe Bissett	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Charlton All Saints	Rhoderick
	11.00am	Harvest Festival	Alvediston	Voremberg
	11.00am	Harvest Festival	Berwick St John	Biddy Trahair
	3.00pm	Harvest Festival (BCP)	Fifield Bavant	Lay Led Biddy Trahair
15 October 19th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bishopstone	Jenny Taylor
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Odstock	Ruth H-S
	11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Ebbesbourne Wake	Biddy Trahair
	11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Homington	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am 12.30pm	Parish Communion (CW)	Berwick St John	Ruth H-S
	6.00pm	Harvest Festival (CW)	Knowle Farm Barn	Ruth H-S
22 October 20th Sunday after Trinity	9.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Berwick St John	Kate Rosslyn Smith
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Charlton All Saints	Jenny Taylor
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Broad Chalke	Ruth H-S
	11.00am	Family Service	Nunton	Adrian Taylor
	11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bishopstone	Tony Monds
	11.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Alvediston	Ruth H-S
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)	Bowerchalke	Lay Led
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)	Homington	Jenny Taylor
29 October Bible Sunday Clocks go back 1 Hour 	10.00am	Benefice Communion (CW)	Ebbesbourne Wake	Ruth H-S
	10.00am	Benefice Communion (CW)	Britford	Jenny Taylor
5 November ALL SAINTS	9.30am	Family Communion (CW)	Broad Chalke	Kate Woolven
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Britford	Ruth H-S
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Ebbesbourne Wake	Jenny Taylor
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12 November REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 	9.00am 10.45am 10.45am 10.45am 10.50am 10.50am 10.50am 11.20am	Benefice Communion (CW) Remembrance Service Remembrance Service Remembrance Service Remembrance Service Remembrance Service Remembrance Service Remembrance Service	Bishopstone Berwick St John Bowerchalke Broad Chalke Bishopstone Coombe Bissett Charlton All Saints Ebbesbourne Wake	Ruth H-S Barney Hopkinson Tony Monds Kate Woolven Jenny Taylor Katharine Robinson Ruth H-S Vernon White
19 November 2nd Sunday before Advent	9.30am 9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Morning Prayer (BCP) Parish Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW)	Bowerchalke Bishopstone Odstock Ebbesbourne Wake Homington Berwick St John	Ruth H-S Jenny Taylor Paul Mellor Biddy Trahair Jenny Taylor Ruth H-S
26 November CHRIST THE KING	9.00am 9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Family Service Parish Communion (CW) Holy Communion (BCP) Morning Prayer (BCP) Evening Prayer (BCP)	Berwick St John Charlton All Saints Broad Chalke Nunton Bishopstone Alvediston Homington Bowerchalke	Kate Rosslyn Smith Ruth H-S Jenny Taylor Adrian Taylor Jenny Taylor Tony Monds Ruth H-S Lay Led
3 December 1st Sunday of Advent	9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 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) Advent 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

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Eulogy

Barbara Jean Menzies Carter would have enjoyed a little historical fact to begin, which is that Ancient Greeks were the first to write eulogies and it is something that has been adopted by many cultures and countries around the world.

Following this, I am sure she would have wanted us to thank everyone for being here and she would have been grateful that so many of her family and friends have travelled, some great distances, to come together to remember and celebrate a very full and influential life.

Barbara was born on March 20th 1930 to Charlotte and Charles Morris in what is now known as 'Cross Farm' in Coombe Bissett. Coombe Bissett was a special location for herself and the rest of the family, which included siblings, Brian, Robin, and Shirley and many extended family members. Love of nature and a very hands-on village life was developed here in Coombe Bissett. Even at an early age there was a sense of independence becoming a central characteristic of her life. At 4 or 5 years of age she caught a service bus to school in Salisbury from Coombe Bissett every day by herself. In 1939, the world was shaken by the eruption of the 2nd World War. During a solo rail trip to York at age 9 to visit her grandmother, war was declared. At some point during the war Barbara also spent time in Slough during the infamous doodle-bug raids. She attended church and Sunday School here and went to the Baptist Chapel with her paternal grandfather. The family lived in several places in Coombe Bissett, and she returned again later for another lengthy period. Her heart was always in Coombe Bissett.

Following the war but whilst still at school, Barbara began working in Eldridge & Young, a smart outfitter in Salisbury. Her starting role was to learn how to tie parcels in brown paper and with string in a very particular manner. That skill proved very useful throughout life! Care of and for others was another characteristic and she chose to pursue a career in healthcare and achieved the State Registered Nurse qualification at Salisbury Infirmary. After qualification and following some 'negotiations' with Matron she took up a nursing post specialising in the 'new' burns and plastic unit at Odstock.

It was whilst nursing in that unit, that she met 'Rikki' Carter, who after discharge from hospital courted Barbara. Boxes of 'Black Magic' chocolates and flowers were even sent to follow her whilst on holiday. Barbara and Rikki married here in this church on 21st March 1954. Married life started in Pimpern, near Blandford but before the birth of Sandra, home was once again in Wiltshire. Lynden, a sister for Sandra arrived and the family by this time were living at Standlynch. Family members still lived in Coombe Bissett and in 1960, Barbara, Rikki and the girls moved to 'The Meadens' in Coombe Bissett. By this time, Barbara's mother was trading in Salisbury and had shops where she made and sold custom fashion and knitwear. Both Barbara and Grampy knitted garments for the shop.

Village life suited Barbara. She became involved with the WI, Drama Group, supported the Cricket team and learned to drive and then delivered goods for the local shop, which is still in existence. The headteacher at the local school, Mrs Lindsey and Mrs Betty Scammell recognised that Barbara had qualities that would indicate she would make a good teacher and she was encouraged to undertake primary teacher training in Sarum St Michael training college in the Cathedral close in Salisbury. Her first teaching post was in Andover but the following year, she gained a post at Morgansvale and Woodfalls school and subsequently in primary schools in, Laverstock, Figheldean and lastly as headteacher at Winterslow. Barbara became an early pioneer within the new

'computer' education. We remember the old BBC computers that were no longer required at school and grandchildren Gawen and Daniel especially spent many long hours learning coding using the discarded BBC computers.

Outdoor education was considered an important experience in education. Barbara and Rikki, with the girls, had always taken camping holidays to Scotland and Wales, apparently cramming full ridge tents and all the gear, plus food and petrol in hired 'Mini' cars. It became necessary for Mountain Leadership qualifications to lead any children's activity away, so Barbara undertook that too and she gleefully reported that she was the oldest on the course by far! Rikki often accompanied these trips and we have heard that he was very useful on occasion at holding tents from blowing away in extreme high winds, so the camping bug was maintained.

The thirst for activity and challenge remained prevalent. Barbara went up in a micro-light, drove a jeep, went white-water rafting, undertook horse-riding lessons on a regular basis, studied with the Open University to obtain a degree, and at times, this entailed taking a television on those camping holidays, as the Open University programmes in the early days were transmitted late at night. Barbara was often also up late writing up her assignments and preparing for school or another promised deadline.

Leadership roles were another strength of Barbara's. She was Vice-chair of the Parish Council in Coombe Bissett and became Chair of the Parish Council in Downton, where she and Rikki moved in 1990. She also became the Co-ordinator for the Downton Link scheme and for 17 years ran a U3A group every other Friday morning at her house with a focus of 'Current Affairs'. She religiously researched topics to prepare for these sessions. Copies of the latest Manifesto were not unusual to be found at her home.

Grandchildren arrived, the first Gawen, arriving to share her birthday. Daniel, Bethany, Siobhan, and Ross followed. All remember staying with 'Nana', since all lived either in Cornwall or Wales, and being taught well about nature, painting and using her knitting machine with her as well as visiting relatives.

Barbara lost the love of her life 'Rikki' in January 1995, only a month after retiring from teaching, and her youngest daughter, Lynden, in 2010. Both were a tremendous shock, but they helped lead to another phase of her life which involved membership to many different organisations, the engagement with interests, meeting many new people who became close friends, and undertaking travel in a way she had never done before. Trips included those to Ireland (Waterford), Scotland, Russia, Malta, France, Portugal, Canada, USA, and Egypt, to name just a few. She was still travelling and walking when she was 89 years old! Archaeology and Natural History trips were also undertaken locally and further afield.

Covid lock-down put paid to a 90th birthday celebration and had a real impact on Barbara's well-being and health. Like many, she suffered the isolation markedly after living such a busy and engaged life. Recently, the family held a belated 90th party at her nephew's home and she met all the great grandchildren from Scotland, Arthur, Edith and Elowen and Xander from Cornwall. It was a tremendously positive day and in which, following her usual form, she made a short speech. Barbara had reportedly said on that last occasion that 'the river of life flows on and sometimes it flows on without us'. It certainly does flow and for many, the richer for knowing, loving, and sharing Barbara's long life.

Eric Macey 9th April 1936 to 27th August 2023

A REFLECTION

On behalf of Brenda, Sharon and I, together with our families, thank you for coming today to say a final farewell to Eric.

I know that Brenda would like to thank all those who have either sent messages or joined us today representing the Royal Air Force in recognition of service given. Thank you also to everyone who has decorated the church beautifully with such lovely flowers. It's also wonderful to see so many people here from the local villages and a special thankyou to those that have travelled long distances to pay respect to a colleague and friend. From the many cards, letters and emails received I know there are others unable to attend but will be thinking of Eric, sharing memories and drinking a toast to him today.

It's a privilege to have been included in some of the messages exchanged between past colleagues and members of associations when the news of Eric's death was passed on. In one, General Sir Peter de la Billiere, an alumni of the 1983 Royal College of Defence Studies said **"Eric has brought us together again and that would be his wish"**.

I truly believe that he is right and today we have come together to celebrate his life, to shed a tear, to smile and to reminisce.

Eric participated fully in every community in which he lived and worked whether it be the RAF stations and villages of Lincolnshire where we spent so much of our lives, the bases in Germany during an overseas posting or the MOD in London. But most of all, in retirement, when he was happy and content to be back at home in the Chalke Valley.

Many will know that Eric was born and grew up about half an hour's drive away in Tisbury, the only child of modest parents - before marriage his mother was in service and his father spent much of his life as a baker before working at RAF Chilmark - they never owned a house or a car. Eric received a scholarship to Shaftesbury Grammar School, just across the border in Dorset, and it was on those bus rides to school that his love for Brenda, who attended the High School, was kindled. They married in Fovant in June 1957 and celebrated their Diamond wedding anniversary in the village hall along the road in 2017.

In October 1954, Eric joined the Royal Air Force as a Direct Entrant graduating as a Pilot Officer and retiring on his 55th birthday after 37 years of service as an Air Vice-Marshal having often been one of the youngest officers within each rank throughout much of his career.

A rank undoubtedly attained through merit but one that he was perhaps surprised to have achieved - given his first passion for flying and possibly because of his occasional boisterous approach life.

He was a modest man who once said to me “most of the time I really thought of myself as a senior Squadron Leader”.

On retirement in 1991, and after so much time spent away from Brenda and home, it was an easy decision to return permanently to Homington, despite offers to work in industry and consultancy. Back in Wiltshire, Eric took an active role in village life be it with the Church; helping to support a community owned village shop; as a VP of Salisbury Rugby Club; providing holiday cover at the Radnor; bell ringing and the Steak & Kidney Pudding Club to name a few activities. However, in retirement he also remained firmly committed to the RAF and its charities and memorials, to Squadron and college associations and above all to friendships.

This is of course a sad occasion but it need not be solemn. Our Dad loved to have fun and while committed to duty he also believed in the adage of work hard and play hard and I’m sure stories will be recounted later over tea or a glass of wine.

Memories shared are of kindness, good advice offered, fellowship and enduring friendship.

Dad was a man of many talents. I mention a few here:

A fine voice. Joining Tisbury choir at the age of 8 Dad spent a life time singing whenever given the chance, including evening song in this church where the vicar has kindly recalled his voice leading the congregation. There will also be some here today that will remember the Christmas Eve carol services at The Radnor, initially impromptu and then becoming a seasonal event where unsuspecting individuals would have a song sheet thrust into their hand and possibly even encouraged to sing a solo! When we ran out of carols it wasn’t unknown for ‘Roll Out The Barrel’ and “Lilly Marlene” to be added to the repertoire during the lock in!

I encourage everyone to sing out in the service today - Dad would like that.

A competent bell ringer. As a schoolboy he joined his father in the bell tower at Tisbury church and in later years was so happy to play his part at St. Michael & All Angels. This afternoon bellringers from Coombe Bisset and Fovant will be ringing in his memory.

Part time organist. Again, following an early start at Tisbury, Dad was happy to be asked to stand in from time to time and play both here and in Coombe Bissett. Never to the standard of Ben Maton who is playing for us today but he did master the art of feet and hands playing along together.

Good time piano player. From youth clubs shows at Fovant Village Hall to providing the accompaniment to The Mikado at school plays in his youth, to mess parties and University Air Squadron dining in nights and quite possibly Ambassadors’ residences, “Fingers Macey” was known to do a turn with requests which were never turned down providing you could hum the tune.

A thinking sportsman. Known in Lincolnshire village pubs for his skills in dominos and mess bars for his liar dice technique and then in more recent times a passion for playing snooker.

Perhaps more importantly Dad was a natural leader who encouraged anyone and everyone to perform to their best ability.

There have been numerous kind comments from many that served with Dad.

One that means a great deal is from Jon Tye when he said,

“I want you and Sharon to know that he was the best boss I ever had. He undoubtedly knew enough about me to have me court marshalled for various incidents with my Vulcan, but he chose not to and allowed me get on with my own style of Vulcan display. I'm very grateful for that”.

Towards the end of his career, Dad was proud to be Air Officer Commanding the University Air Squadron when he enjoyed nothing better than encouraging young men and women to pursue careers in the RAF before showing them that he was still capable of flying a Bulldog trainer.

Along with others here today, Dad was a talented and highly regarded aviator. With over 3400 hours flown on 60 aircraft types including, his closest association is with the Vulcan where he shared his career and established enduring friendships with so many.

Dad accepted a bit of pomp but particularly enjoyed and valued ceremony which I guess is reflected to some extent in today's Order of Service which, it won't surprise you, he wrote. Laced throughout the service are references to his belief and commitment to duty.

To be clear, he was not a complete stickler for order (although he did like shiny shoes and a crease in his trousers) or necessarily following every rule in the book but he did believe in fairness in all walks of life and the fulfilment of obligations and yes, doing your duty to the best of your ability.

Alongside colleagues, and with our mother at his side, Dad was entirely committed to fulfilling his duty as an RAF officer. Notably during the darker days of the Cold War, this might well have meant family coming second from time to time but we never noticed.

He believed in the benefits derived through good community spirit and with that in mind supported village activities and local charities.

Dad was committed to his faith which, for him, included a duty to attending church wherever he lived and in particular here in Homington and Coombe Bissett.

As again recalled in so many messages, Dad saw it as a pleasure when maintaining friendships and he and Mum have been repaid time and again from a tremendous network of friends, locally and throughout the world.

Dad always provided a supportive and guiding hand for Sharon and myself from childhood onwards and when we each married, Sue and Bill, were welcomed with enthusiasm and love. Dad was also

terribly fond of and shared so much of life with all members of the wider family. Many here with us today.

As Grandf'r he took great pleasure from his 5 grandchildren as they have grown into adulthood and more recently had been so pleased to meet their partners and newest members of the family. I believe Dad was happy and content that all would be well with the growing Macey family.

Most of all Dad was completely and lovingly committed to Mum throughout their long and happy marriage. Never shy to show affection, they looked after each other for so many years.

As many will know, in recent years Mum has required more care and selflessly Dad stepped up. His greatest concern was that he might lose his ability to care for Mum but I'm confident that he knows we will follow his example and I promise Mum will always be well looked after.

Mercifully Dad's illness was relatively short and he suffered no pain. He took an almost academic approach to diagnosis and treatment, engaged with the doctors and medical staff, all of whom he held in the highest regard, and took such a positive approach when trying to get better. In some of the more challenging days in hospital whenever asked by anyone, all of whom seemed to know him by name, "how he was doing" the response was always the same - thumbs up followed by the announcement that all was "tickety boo".

Dad closely followed the planning for Harry and Hannah's recent wedding choosing from the menu, selecting the wines he would drink and even requesting *Moonlight Serenade* as his music for the dance floor. Sadly, despite his best endeavours he wasn't well enough to attend. A disappointment that we all felt but he accepted with characteristic good grace and humour.

This determination to show a positive face to others was also demonstrated one afternoon when, after returning home from a stay in hospital I made it clear to him that as he was a bit wobbly, he should sit down and rest for the evening. He gave me the thumbs up sign; told me he was "tickety boo" and I said goodbye. As soon as I was off the drive, he, with the help of a walking stick or Zimmer frame, was on his way to the pop-up pub next door!

Let us please remember Dad in this way, as someone who never wanted to miss a party.

Throughout a life well lived, Eric, Dad, did his duty and his enthusiastic approach, combined with fun and good humour touched the lives of many.

In conclusion, may I simply say that he was a wonderful husband, father, uncle and Grandf'r and will always be my exemplar, my hero and my Dad. Thank you.

Tribute Edith Mary Voce 1923 -2023

Edith was born in the village of Homington and lived in the Salisbury area all her life. Her parents Fred and Ethel Waite had 5 children – Mary, as she was always called, was their only daughter. When she was a young girl, her father was a church warden at the church in Homington and her mum did the flowers for special occasions. Maybe Mary got her love of bright colours and flowers from her mother?

Mary went to school at Coombe Bissett and on leaving school worked for Lipton's on Salisbury. Mary grew to be a loving woman, although she was a quiet person, she had a cheerful and happy nature. She always had a smile on her face, a fact that was commented upon by the staff at Salisbury hospital at the very end of Mary's life.

Mary met her husband Stanley when she was still a young woman, she was by then a conductress – and they worked together on the same bus. They married in Homington church and were delighted with the arrival of their two sons, Michael in 1944 and Brian six years later. They have always remained a close and loving family.

Mary helped Staley in the family business – the well-known Salisbury Coal Merchants. She used to do all the book work, wages and paper work right up until she was in her 80's. Sadly, Mary's husband Stanley died in February 1986, so she was on her own a long time. However, Mary was a brave woman and continued to find happiness in life in the love of her family and friends and in working in her garden. Mary was a very loving Mum and proud grandmother.

Mary was always very independent and she used to go into town all the time where she would enjoy her visits to M&S and the Tuesday and Saturday markets.

For the last 35 years of her life Mary suffered cruelly from ulcers on her legs. Despite the pain, (she called herself Mrs Pain), and discomfort, she had her legs bandaged, she didn't complain and was very brave in facing this trouble. Toward the very end of her long-life Mary's ill health increased and so there is comfort to be found in knowing that she is now at peace and out of pain.

Everyone who knew Mary will remember how much she loved her garden. Gardening was her very favourite thing to do, she wasn't much of a reader or a knotter, she loved her home and her garden. In 1959, Stanley bought the land in, Blandford Road, Coombe Bissett and had the house built, so Mary lived in her home for 64 years. She never felt the need to get away on holiday, or to travel, she was perfectly happy spending her free time out in the garden,

When Stanley was alive, they both worked in the garden together and grew fruit and vegetable as well as flowers. Mary was a wonderful plant woman; she had a big greenhouse and grew all her bedding plants. She would save the seeds and nurture the seedling, often growing up to 2,000 bedding plants a year, which filled her garden with colour. Mary used to get up early in the morning, go outside and stay, happily working in the garden until evening.

In later years both Michael and Brian used to help in the garden, yet her sons remember that even when their Mother was 90 years old, she would still be happy and busy, out in the garden with her hoe, getting rid of weeds!

The Gardener's Morning – Howard Duff

The robin's song at daybreak, Is a clarion call to me, Get up and get out in the garden, For the morning hours flee.	I cannot resist the summons, What earnest gardener could? For the golden hours of morning Get into the gardener's blood.
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The magic spell is upon me,
I'm glad that I did not wait:
For life's at its best in the morning,
As you pass through the garden gate.

Police - Update

Hello residents of Coombe Bissett and Homington!

I am writing to you as the new neighbourhood police officer for the village and to start a new era, whereby I will hopefully be writing to you all on a more regular basis, in the hope that those who are interested can be better kept informed about what has been happening in our village periodically throughout the year. I hope this helps from a neighbourhood watch perspective and you all find these articles from me useful. Here is the report for the past 60 days on incidents that I can share:

- On 4th AUGUST on STRATFORD TONY ROAD there was an 2 vehicle road traffic collision. Fortunately there were no injuries reported.
- On 3rd SEPTEMBER on ROCKBOURNE ROAD there was a report of 2 persons with catapults targeting pheasants and partridges. They were in a blue Suzuki Vitara and travelled in the direction of the Hampshire border. Those involved have not yet been identified.
- On 8th SEPTEMBER there was a theft at the FOX & GOOSE whereby 1 person left the premises without paying for their meal. Enquiries are ongoing.
- On 11th SEPTEMBER on SALISBURY ROAD there was a non-dwelling burglary whereby tools and a vehicle was stolen. The vehicle was described as being a Ford Transit in White registration HN62 NUU. If this vehicle is sighted please call 999.

It has been a busy time of year, as it always is over the summer period of course, but I would still please encourage everyone to call 101/999 and not hesitate to do so if you believe something suspicious or a crime is occurring where you live.

Please take care over the next couple of months and take care of each other. If you see me in the village on my patrols then please say hello! (I usually am *very* lucky to be able to drive our marked Ford Ranger police truck so you won't miss me!)

Until next time...

PC Harry MURPHY

Tennis Club Report

Janet Finniss 718346

geo.jan@btinternet.com

A successful ladies tournament took place recently with 8 ladies taking part. Many thanks to Shirley for organising this, the eventual winner was Ruth Morgan with Shirley Antoine runner up, congratulations to them. In the time honoured tradition, everyone made their way to the Antoine's for Pierre's delicious Pimms.

It's good to see the courts being used over the summer months, if you are interested in joining the club, please contact me.

Club Sessions:

Wednesday	5.30pm	Mixed
Friday	9.30am	Ladies
Sunday	10am	Mixed



She Said – Thursday, 26th October

In 2017, New York Times reporters Megan Twohey and Jodi Kantor broke one of the most important stories in a generation. A story that helped propel the #MeToo movement and shattered decades of silence around the subject of sexual assault in Hollywood, altering global culture forever. *Rated 15 for sexual violence references, sexual threat and strong language. Run time 128 mins*

The Old Oak – Thursday, 23rd November

What is the future for the last remaining pub, The Old Oak, in a North East English village people are leaving as the mines close? Houses are cheap and available, making it an ideal location for Syrian refugees. Local tensions arise in this gritty drama in which anti-immigrant discrimination is balanced by criticism and challenge. *Rated 15 for very strong language and racism. Run time 113 mins*



CHALKE VALLEY LINK SCHEME



The CVLS provides good neighbour support with transport and practical help for residents.

For Transport Requests Phone: 718780
(Roger Brown, Anna Mynott or Debby Underhill in rotation)

For Care and Support Phone: 421270 Debby Underhill

There is no set charge, but you are invited to make a donation towards our administrative costs.

Our co-ordinators and drivers are all volunteers and there may be times when you will be asked to leave a message which will be answered as soon as possible. Please give our co-ordinators as much notice as you can.

Queen's Award for Voluntary Service

Registered Charity No 1076335

Welcome to our lovely school!

The school year has begun with the arrival of our new Year R in Oak. Elsewhere in the school, Robyn has joined Fir class as well as a brand-new head teacher!

A message from Mrs Haworth:

My name is Emma Haworth and I am fortunate enough to be able to say that I am the new headteacher of Coombe Bissett CE VA Primary School. It is such a privilege to be able to join such a family-centred school which just emanates warmth and compassion. It is definitely a small school with a big heart!

I have been teaching for over twenty-five years and have been a head for the past twelve. My passion in life is teaching! I am at my happiest, during a school day, when I am in a classroom with the children. I love to learn and I love nurturing that love in others. Watching children thrive and flourish is a privilege that I do not take lightly. It is my aim that children should come to school every day with a smile and leave with an even bigger one!

Outside of school, my family is incredibly important. My husband and I have two daughters who are both now at secondary school and family time is very special. The four of us especially enjoy walking the newest addition to our family, our Romanian rescue puppy!

I am blessed to be the headteacher at Coombe Bissett. The view from my office window, but more importantly the buzz from the classroom around me and the family feel of the school and its community remind me of this every day. I would love to be able to share what makes our school so special with as many people as possible, so please do make an appointment to visit - we would love to see you!

News from our classes

Oak



Our youngest children have been settling in and making lots of new friends. They have also enjoyed planting pansies in their lovely outside space.



Elm

So many exciting things to learn: building bigger numbers in maths, drawing spirals in art, using an atlas in geography and matching animals and their offspring in science!



Fir



Ash

Our oldest pupils have...

captains and vice-captains activities;

chair, vice-chair and secretary of our School Council; class ambassadors to introduce our school to visitors; chair and representatives in the Collective Worship Group to work alongside Canon Jenny.... We know that they can be entrusted with the care of our wonderful school. Among their curriculum highlights has been designing nature-inspired typography in art:



As well as learning about Divali and making Rangoli patterns, Fir are enjoying their new class reading book: The Hobbit.

July

July was typical of an English summer month, when the high-pressure systems from the Azores didn't arrive, upon which we rely to bring settled conditions and the potential for spells of continental weather. Instead, the whole month was dominated by low pressure systems off the Atlantic bringing plentiful rain and cool temperatures and all too little sunshine.

The best of the July weather came in two shortish spells. The first spell between 7th and 9th saw the temperature reach the month's not very impressive "high" of 27C (on 7th) and the second spell between 17th and 21st saw 5 days without rain and temperatures around 23C with some sunshine, though by no means blue sky days.

The two worst days were quite awful. On 14th July it rained steadily throughout the day, giving a total rainfall of 1.2 inches which, incidentally, was pretty much all the rain we received in the whole of June and July last year! On 22nd July, which was a Saturday, it rained all day and all evening with a maximum temperature of only 17C! I did feel for all the brides up and down the country who had imagined their July summer wedding would be somewhat different!

July's stats make bleak reading. We had rain on 19 days, totalling 5.6 inches, making it the second wettest July in my records. The wettest July was in 2007 when we had 6.2 inches. On average we expect to receive 2.4 inches in July. The mean temperature was 17.2C (manual thermometer) and 16.6C (weather station) It was the coldest July since 2012. The average mean for July is 17.7C.

My rough estimate of sunshine hours produced a miserly total of 121, making it the least sunny July since 2009 (110hrs) and the second dullest in my records. On average, I have estimated a mean of 200 hours for the month of July since 1987.

August

The first week of August saw a continuation of cool, unsettled conditions with little by way of sunshine. At long last, on 6th August, the weather improved significantly with some clear blue skies and much warmer temperatures. Maxima on 9th to 11th were a decent 25C to 27C and my weather notes say that at long last we sat outside for dinner on 10th! The middle of the month saw reasonable daytime maxima in the range 22C to 26C, with the occasional day where the sun dominated the sky (15th and 16th)

The last week of the month, however, turned much cooler with maxima in the late teens centigrade and the very end of the month saw an awful day of cold and rain with a maximum of only 17C!

August's stats for temperature and rainfall place it around the norm. The mean temperature of 17.5C (manual thermometer) and 17.2C (weather station) was almost spot on the average for the month which is 17.4C. Rainfall totalled 2.66 inches which is very close to the August average of 2.47 inches. My estimate for sunshine hours, however, gave another miserly total of 127 hours for the month which is 1/3 below my estimate, over the years, for August of 182 hours. It was the 6th dullest August following the second dullest July! Although my estimates are just that, I have been making them since 1987 and it is noteworthy that in the last 16 years only three Augusts have had sunshine hours above the 37- year average of 182 hours and two of those years were only a couple of hours over. In fact, there has been a marked contrast

between the sunshine hours between 1987 and 2007 when the August average was 209 hours and between 2008 and 2023 when the average has been only 147 hours. I must

have a look at official sunshine hours for Bournemouth to see if my half-baked attempts to record sunshine hours bear any resemblance to reality. I am sure you can hardly wait, those few of you still reading that is!

Summer 2023

This summer was saved from notoriety by the sunny, warm and dry weather which prevailed throughout June and our sanity saved by the wonderful weather in the first half of September which behaved very much like a summer month rather than an autumnal one. Mind you, at the time of writing (16/9) Autumn has certainly arrived!

These are the stats for Summer 2023

The mean temperature for the three summer months was 17.6C (manual) and 17.3C (weather station). The 37-year average for summer is 17.0C and this places it 8th warmest. Measured by daily maxima, however, it was only the 13th warmest whereas by night-time minima it was the 4th warmest thus continuing the trend for global warming to be expressing itself by a lack of cold temperatures rather than an increase in maximum temperatures.

Rainfall totalled 9.67 inches compared with an average for summer of 7 inches making it the fifth wettest summer.

My estimate for sunshine was 506 hours compared with an average of 566 hours which ranks it as the 15th dullest summer.

It is a measure of our disappointing July and August that the top temperature for the summer was as early as 13 June when my manual thermometer recorded a max of 27.3C and the weather station peaked at 30.1C. For the first time in my recording, June was the warmest of the three summer months. Also most unusually, (but I haven't time before editorial deadline to check how unusual) the maximum temperature for 2023 to date occurred on 6 September (manual) with 27.8C and 9 September (weather station) with 31.7C. More about September's temperatures in next edition.

Correction (Issue no 270)

I missed two words out of the first sentence in my paragraph describing May's weather which completely invalidated the sentence.

I said that "May had a mean temperature of 18.2C which is 0.8C above the 37-year average for May of 17.4C." I should have said that "May had a mean **daily maximum** temperature of 18.2C which is 0.8C above the 37-year average for May of 17.4C."

I am grateful that at least one reader spotted it! Well done Richard McGregor. (One retired Accountant out gunning another!!)

Davis Weather Station Readings July 2023.

24 hours to midnight

	Max Deg C	Min Deg C	Mean Deg C	Pressure Mbs	Rain inches	Wind max mph
1	21.8	13.9	17.9	1001		19.0
2	21.3	10.1	15.7	1005		14.0
3	19.4	12.2	15.8	1005	0.05	16.0
4	17.4	11.4	14.4	1003	1.12	8.0
5	19.7	10.1	14.9	1005	0.02	13.0
6	21.6	9.9	15.8	1008		10.0
7	27.9	6.8	17.4	1007		11.0
8	24.1	15.2	19.7	1007	0.36	10.0
9	23.4	10.8	17.1	1011	0.01	11.0
10	21.6	11.3	16.5	1011	0.08	11.0
11	20.3	14.2	17.3	1003	0.25	13.0
12	21.8	11.6	16.7	1005	0.01	12.0
13	21.5	10.3	15.9	1009	0.02	11.0
14	17.9	13.8	15.9	1000	1.14	14.0
15	19.5	14.4	17.0	994	0.46	20.0
16	20.4	12.1	16.3	1003		17.0
17	22.3	10.4	16.4	1011		14.0
18	23.1	9.2	16.2	1011		12.0
19	24.3	14.1	19.2	1009		12.0
20	24.7	8.6	16.7	1009		9.0
21	21.4	7.4	14.4	1008		11.0
22	17.3	9.7	13.5	1003	1.06	17.0
23	22.5	14.4	18.5	997	0.04	13.0
24	18.9	13.1	16.0	999	0.01	10.0
25	20.2	10.9	15.6	1004		9.0
26	20.7	6.6	13.7	1005	0.39	14.0
27	21.4	15.7	18.6	997	0.12	11.0
28	21.6	14.4	18.0	999		12.0
29	22.8	15.2	19.0	1000	0.02	13.0
30	18.8	13.8	16.3	1004	0.14	16.0
31	20.1	14.8	17.5	998	0.13	13.0
Average Total	21.3	11.8	16.6	1004.2	5.43	inches

Davis Weather Station Readings August 2023

24 hours to midnight

	Max Deg C	Min Deg C	Mean Deg C	Pressure Mbs	Rain inches	Wind max mph
1	21.4	14.2	17.8	995	0.15	10.0
2	19.1	14.5	16.8	982	0.60	13.0
3	22.4	13.4	17.9	999	0.16	12.0
4	19.6	12.1	15.9	1011		8.0
5	19.3	12.5	15.9	1001	0.45	17.0
6	20.9	8.4	14.7	1011	0.05	11.0
7	22.0	8.9	15.0	1013		12.0
8	18.6	9.1	13.9	1008		12.0
9	27.7	13.2	20.5	1011		8.0
10	25.9	12.2	19.1	1011		10.0
11	25.3	15.2	20.3	1010		10.0
12	21.7	14.6	18.2	1007	0.03	13.0
13	21.3	15.4	18.4	1007	0.02	15.0
14	22.0	13.8	17.9	1003	0.43	11.0
15	25.7	9.4	17.6	1009		8.0
16	26.8	9.6	18.2	1013		7.0
17	24.3	10.3	17.3	1011		10.0
18	23.1	16.3	19.7	1004	0.19	12.0
19	22.4	15.3	18.9	1007	0.03	13.0
20	24.0	14.5	19.3	1015		9.0
21	22.2	13.6	17.9	1016		10.0
22	26.2	15.0	20.6	1014		10.0
23	27.4	12.2	19.8	1012		6.0
24	24.1	13.6	18.9	1005	0.03	7.0
25	20.1	7.6	13.9	1003	0.17	11.0
26	19.4	9.4	14.4	1002		12.0
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30	20.6	8.0	14.3	1002	0.01	11.0
31	17.1	9.6	13.4	1002	0.32	6.0
Average Total	22.3	12.1	17.2	1006.4	2.66	inches

Coombe Bissett Parish Council
Minutes for Ordinary Parish Council Meeting (Unconfirmed)
Jay McGowan – Parish Clerk

Minutes of Coombe Bissett Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held at Coombe Bissett Village Hall on Tuesday 12th September 2023. The meeting started at 7pm.

Present: Cllrs Simon Boxall (Vice-Chair), Michelle King, Stephen Gledhill, Des Hobson

Also present: Jay McGowan (Clerk), Councillor Richard Clewer, PC H Murphy, 1 member of the public.

Public Session

PC H Murphy.

PC Murphy gave a brief crime report, within the last 30 days there were no reports of any road traffic incidents.

Agenda

56.23 To receive and consider acceptance of apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllr A Bird, Cllr Byatt and Cllr Reed.

Resolved: Council members considered and accepted their apologies.

Cllr Boxall Chaired the meeting.

57.23 Vacancies in Parish Council Office: None.

58.23 Declaration of Interest: Councillors to disclose their interests in matters to be discussed and to decide requests for dispensation.

Cllr Reed declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning application PL/2023/04937 and did not take part in the discussions.

59.23 To consider any urgent matters raised in the public session, and any other urgent matters or items from Councillors. (For discussion only, no decisions can be taken) None.

60.23 To agree any items on the agenda that are to be dealt with following the exclusions of the press & public. None.

61.23 Minutes. To approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held 11th July 2023.

Resolved: The Minutes were approved as a true record of the meeting. Cllr Boxall signed the Minutes.

62.23 River Opposite Fox & Goose: Gabion Bags in the River Ebble. The location of the gabion bags is not on a designated Main River, so it falls outside the Environment Agencies jurisdiction.

Resolved: The Parish Council will contact Wiltshire Council Planning Enforcement for further advice.

63.23 Pennings Drove Cemetery.

a) To consider installing a water supply to the Cemetery. The Tennis club will be considering our request to use the waterline running from the Club at their next committee meeting. It was proposed to approve a budget of up to £500 for the necessary works.

Resolved: Cllrs agreed to proceed with the installation with a limit of costs of up to £500.

b) To consider the repairs required to the gate. *Repairs to the gates will be looked at shortly and necessary repairs will be completed.*

Cllrs discussed and agreed the need to recruit new volunteers from the Parish to help with minor repairs around both Villages.

Resolved: It was agreed to host a public meeting to encourage residents volunteer to help with minor works within the Parish. A budget of £75 was agreed to host this event.

c) To consider and adopt the Memorial Safety Policy. *To be deferred to the next meeting.*

64.23 Clerk's Report/Items carried forward from previous meeting:

a) Playpark. Works still to be completed:

Litter Bin: to be secured.

Corrosion: on the combination goal.

Paintwork: Some areas are in poor condition and need repainting.

Swing: shackles need oiling.

The works will be assessed shortly, and necessary works will be completed.

b) Shutts Lane Lighting. Only one of the three street lights works currently. No residents have complained about the broken lights. Cranborne Chase Area Of Outstanding Natural Beauty is a Dark Skies Area.

A survey to ascertain if residents would like the street lighting or to have it removed was carried out. The results of the survey were collated and considered. Eight members of the public contacted the Clerk to ask for retention of the street lights, seven asked for its removal. Wiltshire Council have offered to remove the lights free of charge if the parish council wishes.

Resolved: A proposal to remove the street lighting on Shutts Lane was put forward, Cllrs voted in favour of this: 3 in favour, 1 against. The Village Hall will be asked if they wish to take on responsibility for the street light in the car park. If they do not, Wiltshire Council will be asked to remove this light as well.

c) War Memorial. *The plaque for the War Memorial is due to be installed shortly.*

The Parish Council would like to thank Roger Brown, Cllr Simon Boxall and David Parson for all their time and perseverance to get this plaque installed.

d) Parish Steward. Visits will take place:

28th September 2023

26th October 2023

65.23 Highways.

a) Fox & Goose. Lying water continues to damage the splash onto the property cause

damage. *Works are scheduled to start at the end of October 2023.*

b) Salisbury Road Sign. To consider replacing the missing sign. Cllrs considered the need and costs involved in replacing this road sign which has been missing since 2011.

Resolved: All Cllrs agreed not to proceed with replacing the sign due to the implicated costs, and the fact that its absence had not been noticed for over a decade.

c) A354 Blandford Road, works were carried out to the footpath and surrounding area. The Parish Council were not notified of these works and Wiltshire Council have apologised for this error. **Resolved:** Cllr Boxall is to follow up with Highways regarding the need for these works and the repairs to the surrounding area.

66.23 Flooding.

The snow and flood plans will be reviewed and updated.

No flooding issues reported.

67.23 Planning.

a) To consider any new planning applications received. None.

b) To consider any new planning applications received between publication of agenda and meeting.

PL/2023/07449: Coombe Down Farm, Blandford Road, Coombe Bissett, SP5 4LJ. Full Planning Permission – Formation of a balcony with external stairs and 2 new windows.

Resolved: Due to insufficient time in between this application being received and the meeting the Coombe Bissett sub committee will review this application.

c) To confirm any planning application responses determined by email for

applications received since last meeting: (Comments can be viewed on the Wiltshire Council Planning Portal).

PL/2023/03919: Land at Coombe Down Farm, Blandford Road, Coombe Bissett, SP5 4LJ. Full Planning Permission – Erection of a bungalow. *No comment was submitted but additional information was supplied.*

PL/2023/04937: Adjacent Braemar, Shaston Drove, Coombe Bissett, SP5 4JS. Full Planning Permission – construction of a permanent single storey dwelling replacing previous mobile home. *No comment.*

PL/2023/04212: Beechcroft, Homington, SP5 4NG. Householder planning permission. Proposal: Creation of independent vehicle access to property. *No Comment.*

PL/2023/06142: Graylings, Salisbury Road, Coombe Bissett, SP5 4LE. Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area. *No comment submitted.*

PL/2023/06850: The Glebe, Homington Road, Coombe Bissett, SP5 4LR. Notification of proposed works to trees in a Conservation Area. *No comment submitted.*

d) To note any planning application decisions made by Wiltshire Council.

PL/2023/00705 & PL/2023/01815: Frampton Cottage, Shepherds Close, Coombe Bissett, SP5 4LX. *Approved with conditions.*

PL/2023/06142: Graylings, Salisbury Road, Coombe Bissett, SP5 4LE. Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area. *No objection.*

e) Notification of Planning Appeal.

PL/2022/05629: 2 Orchard House, Rockbourne Road, Coombe Bissett, SP5 4LP

68.23 Neighbourhood Plan. *No further update, due to the high number of responses information is still being collated.*

69.23 Finance.

a) To note bank accounts.

Current Account: £8,840.21

Savings Account: £32,449.02

b) To approve Schedule of Payments. *No payments to be approved.*

70.23 Parking Requests.

Resolved: All parking requests approved.

See Minutes Published on the Parish Council website for the full list.

71.23 Forthcoming Meetings.

- Southern Wiltshire Area Board Meeting: 7th September 2023 – TBN
- Wiltshire Council Town & Parish Council Clerks Meeting: 22nd September 2023 - TEAMS
- Southern Wiltshire LHFIG Meeting – 14th November 2023 –Bourne Hill, Salisbury

72.23 Correspondence Received. (Circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting)

- Briefing Note 23-20 – 23-2
- Wiltshire Local Plan Consultations run 27th September to 22 November 2023. Cllr Clewer reminded Cllrs Regulation 19 Consultations will start soon. Sites 8 & 9 are in the vicinity of the Parish boundary.
- Invitation to Wiltshire Neighbourhood Watch AGM: 7th October 2023, Wiltshire Police HQ
- WALC: July & August Newsletters
- Notification of Proposed Seismic Survey within the Parish boundaries
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73.23 Items to be carried forward to the next Parish Council Meeting.

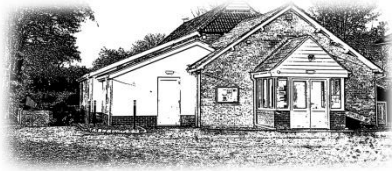
- To consider a Highways Improvement list within the Parish.
- To confirm a date for a Village event to recruit volunteers to help with minor maintenance within the Parish.

74.23 Date of next meeting.

- Tuesday 14th November 2023

75.23 To close the meeting.

With no further business to discuss Cllr Boxall closed the meeting at 8.15pm



BISHOPSTONE VILLAGE HALL

October 2023

KEY AUTUMN EVENTS

Saturday 14th October 'Mitchell and Vincent'

A Rural Arts show, Mitchell and Vincent are a duo playing folk music on guitar and fiddle. Tickets are priced at: Adults £15, Concessions £12.50, Children £8.00.

There will be an optional supper available for an additional £5 per person.

Doors and bar open at 7pm for 7.30pm start

Saturday 18th November 'The Sunset Café Stompers'

By popular request, the Sunset Café Stompers are returning to Bishopstone. Tickets are £15 each with an optional supper available for an additional £5 per person.

Doors and bar open at 7pm for 7.30pm start

Early booking for these events is strongly advised as numbers are limited. To make a booking, please contact Caroline Ash on (01722) 781044 or Sue Taylor on (01722) 780316.

The BISHOPSTONE COMMUNITY CAFE

Coffee Mornings are normally held on alternate **Thursdays**. Dates for the coming period are the **12th** and **26th** of **October** and the **9th** and **23rd** of **November**. **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 27th October. The Moviola film for October is 'Allelujah'. *'Allelujah'* is a 2022 British drama film directed by Richard Eyre and written by Heidi Thomas. It is based on Alan Bennett's play of the same name. The film stars Jennifer Saunders, Bally Gill, Russell Tovey, David Bradley, Derek Jacobi, and Judi Dench. When the geriatric ward in a small Yorkshire hospital is threatened with closure, it fights back by galvanizing the local community. The hospital invites a news crew to film the preparations for a concert honouring its most distinguished nurse.

A trailer for the film can be seen in the Event section of the village website at www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk.

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

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

The following Moviola show will be on **Friday 24th November** with the film 'Oppenheimer'.

BISHOPSTONE COMMUNITY LUNCHES

Monthly community lunches resume for the season on **Wednesday 4th October** with a talk by Dawn Lawrence on the Born Free Foundation.

The **November** lunch will be on **Wednesday the 1st** with Rosemary Pemberton talking about "Eight Hundred Years of the Salisbury Friary and its Garden".

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.

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: yoga_with_hannah@outlook.com.

SARUM SPINNERS AND WEAVERS

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